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ROBERT PEEL.

And, as a further encouragement, a reward of TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS is hereby offered to any person (except as aforesaid) who shall discover the said offender or offenders, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted of the said offence.—Such reward to be paid on conviction by Messrs. Robinson and Hine, Solicitors, Charter-house-square.

Office of Church Commissioners, 13, Great George-
Street, Westminster, September 13, 1825.

THE following is the copy of an Order in Council, approving of a district being assigned to a new chapel built in the parish of Brixham, in the county of Devon :

At the Court at Windsor, the 23d March 1825, present, the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the 58th year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for building and promoting the building of additional churches in populous parishes," it is amongst other things enacted, that in any case in which the Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution the purposes of the said Act, shall be of opinion that it is not expedient to divide any populous parish, or extra parochial place, into complete, separate, and distinct parishes, for all ecclesiastical purposes whatever, but that it is expedient to divide the same into such ecclesiastical districts, as they with the consent of the Bishop, signified under his hand and seal, may deem necessary, for the purpose of affording accommodation for the attending divine service according to the rites of the United Church of England and Ireland, to persons residing therein, in the churches and parochial chapels already built, or in additional churches and chapels to be built therein; and as may appear to such Commissioners to be convenient, for the enabling the spiritual person or persons who may serve such churches or chapels, to perform all ecclesiastical duties within the districts attached to such respective churches and chapels, and for the due ecclesiastical superintendance of such district, and the preservation and improvement of the religious and moral habits of the persons residing therein, the said Commissioners shall represent such opinion to His Majesty in Council, and shall state in such representation the bounds by which such districts are proposed to be described, and if thereupon, His Majesty in Council shall think fit to direct such division to be made, such Order of His Majesty in Council shall be valid and good in law, for the purpose of effecting such division :

And whereas a representation has been made by the said Commissioners to His Majesty in Council, stating that in the month of August 1819, a petition of the Minister, Churchwardens, and several of the inhabitants of the parish of Brixham, in the county of Devon, and diocese of Exeter, was

presented to the said Commissioners; and that amongst other things the petitioners set forth, that the parish of Brixham, contained when the census was taken in the year 1811, a population of about four thousand three hundred and forty-one persons, exclusive of seamen and their families, absent at that time on a fishing voyage for the season, estimated at about five hundred; making in the whole a population of four thousand eight hundred and forty-one persons; that the parish is divided into two divisions, viz the upper town, and the lower or quay town; that the spiritual wants of the inhabitants of the upper town division, which is the smallest of the two, are provided for by the parish church, which is capable of accommodating about eight hundred and fifty persons; that the lower or quay town division, containing a population of about three thousand five hundred persons, and not provided with any church accommodation, save what they can obtain in the parish church, from which they are distant more than a mile; that the said Commissioners having taken the petition and all the circumstances of the parish, with reference to its spiritual wants, into consideration, deemed it expedient, for the accommodation of the inhabitants of the lower or quay town division, that a new chapel should be erected therein capable of accommodating about eight hundred persons in pews, and about three hundred in free seats; that the said Commissioners have granted, in His Majesty's name, out of the Parliamentary Fund, the sum of one thousand two hundred pounds towards the expence of erecting this chapel, and the parish agreed to defray the remainder of the expence, and to find the site: That the chapel has since been erected and consecrated: That it has since been represented to the said Commissioners, that in consequence of the large population of that part of the parish in which the chapel has been built, and the distance at which a considerable proportion of the inhabitants reside from the parish church, it would be highly advantageous if a part of the parish was divided into an ecclesiastical district, under the provisions of the Act of Parliament abovementioned; and that the said Commissioners having taken the representation into consideration, are of opinion that it will be expedient so to divide the parish, for the purpose of affording accommodation for attending divine worship, according to the rites and ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, to persons residing within the proposed district, and for enabling the spiritual person who may serve the new chapel to perform all ecclesiastical duties which may attach thereto, and for the preservation and improvement of the religious and moral habits of the inhabitants; and the said Commissioners accordingly caused a map showing the proposed line of divisions to be laid before them, and having approved of the same they applied to the Lord Bishop of the diocese for his consent, which His Lordship has signified under his hand and seal, as required by the said Act: And the said Commissioners beg leave, therefore, to lay before His Majesty the before-mentioned circumstances, and a map (which is hereunto annexed), in which the proposed division is coloured white; and humbly pray, that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into His