

therein, in the churches and parochial chapels already built, or in additional churches or 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 superintendence 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 by an Act, passed in the 59th year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled “An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;” and by another Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled “An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;” and by another Act, made and passed in the 1st and 2d year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled “An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled ‘An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;’” and also by another Act, made and passed in the 2d and 3d year of His said late Majesty, intituled “An Act to render more effectual an Act, passed in the 59th year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled ‘An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;’” further provisions are made for carrying such divisions into effect:

And whereas the said Commissioners have made a representation to Her Majesty in Council in the words following, viz.

“Your Majesty’s Commissioners for building new churches, appointed by virtue of an Act, passed in the 58th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled “An Act for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes,” and continued by an Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled “An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes,” and further continued by an Act, passed in the first year of your Majesty’s reign, intituled “An Act to prolong for ten years Her Majesty’s Commission for building new churches,” beg leave to represent to your Majesty, that, when the last census was taken, the Hampstead Norris, in the county

of Berks and diocese of Oxford, contained a population of 1179 persons:

“That, besides the parish church, which affords accommodation to 380 persons, there is one chapel, recently erected in the said parish, called Trinity Chapel Hermitage, which affords accommodation to 250 persons, including 222 free seats appropriated to the use of the poor:

“That the said chapel has been consecrated, and divine service is regularly performed therein:

“Your Majesty’s said Commissioners beg leave further to represent to your Majesty that, having taken into consideration all the circumstances attending this parish, it appears to them to be expedient, that the said parish should be divided into ecclesiastical districts, under the 21st section of the said Act, passed in the 58th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and that one of the said districts should be assigned to the said chapel, called Trinity Chapel Hermitage; for the purpose of affording accommodation for attending divine service to the persons residing in the said district, and for enabling the spiritual person serving the said chapel to perform all ecclesiastical duties within the district attached to the said chapel, and for the due ecclesiastical superintendence of such district, and the preservation and improvement of the moral habits of the persons residing therein; and that such district should be called the Hermitage District Parish, with boundaries as follows:—

“The district consists of the southern part of the parish of Hampstead Norris, and is bounded on or towards the east by the parishes of Bucklebury and Frilsham, on the south by the parish of Bucklebury, on the west by the parishes of Thatcham and Chieveley, and on the north east by the Four Elms-road, and on the north west by the road leading from Hermitage to Yattendon, as the same is more particularly delineated on the map hereunto annexed, and therein coloured pink:

“That the consent of the Lord Bishop of Oxford has been obtained thereto, as required by the above-mentioned section of the said Act of the 58th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and in testimony of such approbation the said Lord Bishop has signed and sealed this present instrument:—

“Your Majesty’s Commissioners beg leave, therefore, to lay before your Majesty the above-stated circumstances, and humbly to pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into your royal consideration, and to make such order in respect thereto, as to your Majesty’s royal wisdom shall seem meet.”

Her Majesty, having taken the said representation, together with the map thereunto annexed, into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the proposed assignment be accordingly made and effected, agreeably to the provisions of the said Acts.

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