

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 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,” it is, amongst other things, enacted, “that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, in the same manner and with the like consents as are required in case of division into ecclesiastical districts under the said hereinbefore recited Act, or the said Act now in recital, to assign a particular district to any chapel of ease or parochial chapel already existing, or to any chapel built, or which might thereafter be built, or acquired under the powers of the said former Act, or the said Act now in recital; and such district shall be under the immediate care of the Curate appointed to serve such chapel, but subject, nevertheless, to the superintendence and controul of the incumbent of the parish church; and all such Curates shall be nominated by the incumbent of the parish to the Bishop for his licence, except where the right of nomination shall already be legally vested in any other person or persons, and in every such case by the person or persons possessing such right of nomination, subject to all the laws in force relating to Stipendiary Curates, except as to the assigning of salaries to such Curates; provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, with the consent of the Bishop of the diocese, to determine whether any and what part or proportion of the fees or dues for marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials shall be assigned to any such Curate; and whether banns of marriage shall be published, and marriages or baptisms, churchings or burials, shall be solemnized or performed in any such chapel or not; and in any case in which marriages shall be allowed in any such chapel, the Commissioners shall cause the boundaries of the district assigned to such chapel to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery, and in the office of the Registry of the diocese, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and no such chapelry

shall become a benefice, by reason of any augmentation of the maintenance of the Curate, by any grant or bounty under the provisions of any Act or Acts of Parliament, or law or laws, for augmenting small livings, any thing in such Act or Acts of Parliament, or law or laws, to the contrary notwithstanding; and whereas 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 1st year of your Majesty’s reign, intituled “An Act to prolong, for ten years, Her Majesty’s commission for building new churches;” beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty, that, when the last census was taken, the parish of Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset and diocese of Bath and Wells, contained a population of 7807 persons:

“That besides the parish church, which affords accommodation to 1000 persons, there is one chapel in the said parish, recently erected by your Majesty’s said Commissioners, called Trinity Chapel, which affords accommodation to 1000 persons, including 573 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 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 a particular district should be assigned to the said chapel called Trinity Chapel, under the