

which are all free; the chapel, at Briercliffe, to five hundred and thirty-six persons, including three hundred free seats appropriated to the use of the poor; the chapel, at Worsthorne, to six hundred persons, including three hundred and fifty free seats appropriated to the use of the poor; and the chapel, at Bacup, to nine hundred and fifty-six persons, in which last-mentioned chapel there are no free seats appropriated to the use of the poor :

“ 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 a particular district should be assigned to each of the said five first-mentioned chapels, under the provisions of the sixteenth section of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His 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 that such districts should be named respectively, “The Chapelry District of the Holy Trinity, in Habergham Eaves;” “The Chapelry District of St. John, Holme;” “The Chapelry District of St. James, Briercliffe;” “The Chapelry District of Christ Church, Chatburn;” and “The Chapelry District of St. John, Worsthorne,” with boundaries as follow :

“The chapelry district of the Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves, is bounded on the north by the extra-parochial township of Ightonhill-park ; on the north east by the township of Burnley ; on the east by the township of Cliviger ; on the south by the township of New Church ; on the south west and west by the township of Hapton ; and on the north west by the township of Padiham, as shewn on the map hereunto annexed, tinted red :

“The chapelry district of Saint John, Holme, is bounded on the north by the township of Worsthorne with Hurstwood ; on the east by an extremity of the parish of Halifax, in the county of York ; on the south east by the township of Todmorden, in the parish of Rochdale ; on the south and south west by the township of New Church ; on the west by the township of Habergham Eaves ; and on the north west by the township of Burnley, as shewn on the said map, tinted green :

“The chapelry district of Saint James, Briercliffe, comprises that part of the township of Briercliffe with Extwistle which is called Briercliffe, and a part of the northern extremity of the township of Burnley, and is bounded on the north and north west by the townships of Great Marsden and Little Marsden ; on the east by the southern part of the township of Trawden ; on the south by that part of the township of Briercliffe with Extwistle which is called Extwistle ; on the south west by the township of Burnley ; and on the west by a foot road leading from Reedly Hollows to Burnley-lane ; thence down Burnley-lane, and by an occupation road called Hall-lane, to its junction

with the boundary line of Briercliffe above Pheasant-ford, as shewn on the said map, tinted purple :

“The chapelry district of Christ Church, Chatburn, comprises the townships of Chatburn and Warstow, and is bounded on the north by the river Ribble, which bounds the counties of Lancaster and Yorkshire ; on the east by the townships of Downham and Barley Booth ; on the south by the township of Great Mearly ; and on the west by the township of Clitheroe, as shewn on the said map, tinted yellow :

“The chapelry district of Saint John, Worsthorne, is to consist of the township of Worsthorne with Hurstwood, and that part of the township of Briercliffe with Extwistle which is called Extwistle, and is bounded on the north and north west by the township of Briercliffe with Extwistle ; on the north east by the township of Trawdon ; on the east by an extremity of the parish of Halifax, in the county of York ; and on the south and south west by the townships of Cliviger and Burnley, as shewn on the said map, tinted blue :

“Your Majesty’s Commissioners beg leave further to represent to your Majesty, that the said chapel of St. John, at Bacup, is distant from New Church about three miles, and from the church of Whitworth, in Spotland, about four miles, which are the places nearest to the said chapel at Bacup, appropriated to the celebration of divine service according to the rites of the Church of England ; that the extremities of the said parish of Whalley, and of the parish of Rochdale, which lie contiguous to each other, at Bacup, are delineated in the accompanying map, and contain a population of six thousand four hundred and ten persons :

“That your Majesty’s Commissioners, having taken into consideration all the circumstances above-mentioned, it appears to them to be expedient to unite and consolidate the said contiguous parts of the said parishes of Whalley and Rochdale into a separate and distinct district, to be assigned to the said chapel at Bacup, called St. John’s, for all ecclesiastical purposes, under the sixth section of the said Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, 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 such chapel to perform all ecclesiastical duties within the said district attached to such 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 named “The Consolidated District Chapelry of St. John, Bacup ;” and that the boundaries thereof should be as follow :

“The consolidated district of Saint John, Bacup, is to consist of that part of the township of New Church which is called Bacup Booth, in the parish of Whalley, and that part of the township of Spotland which is called Higher Brandwood, being a tripart of the hamlet of Whitworth and