

for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and also by another Act, made and passed in the second and third years of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to render more effectual an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth 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, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, in the words following, viz.

"Your Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches, appointed by virtue of an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth 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;" continued by an Act, passed in the seventh and eighth 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 humbly to represent to your Majesty, that, when the last census was taken, the parish of Chester-le-Street, in the county and diocese of Durham, contained a population of eighteen thousand and thirty-one persons:

"That, besides the parish church, which affords accommodation to eight hundred persons, there are three consecrated churches or chapels in the said parish, one of which, lately erected at Pelton, partly by a grant in aid from your Majesty's said Commissioners, affords accommodation to four hundred and fifty persons, including two hundred and fifty-one free seats appropriated to the use of the poor, and that divine service is regularly performed in the said chapel:

"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 at Pelton, 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 district should be named, "The Chapelry District of Pelton," with boundaries as follow:

"The district is to consist of the townships of Pelton and Ouston, and parts of the townships of Edmonsley, Urpeth, Lamesley, and Chester-le-Street, and is bounded on the north by Urpeth Burn; on the north east by the Rowledge Burn, which separates the townships of Birtley and Ouston; and on the south east by the boundary line which separates the townships of Harraton and Chester-le-Street from the townships of Ouston and Pelton; on the south by the Chester Burn, which separates the township of Chester-le-Street, and part of the township of Edmonsley, from the township of Pelton, as far its junction with the Chester Coal-road, about half a mile to the east of Craighead, along the centre of which road the boundary proceeds westerly as far as the point where it meets the parish of Lanchester, and then continues in a westerly direction along the boundary line of the said last-mentioned parish and the parish of Chester-le-Street as far as the south western extremity of the township of Edmonsley, near to Shafto-house; and on the west by the boundary line which separates part of the townships of Edmonsley and Urpeth from the chapelry of Tanfield, as shewn on the map, and thereon tinted yellow:

"That marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials should be solemnized and performed in the said chapel; and that the fees arising therefrom should be received by and belong to the Minister of the said chapel, from and after the next avoidance of the parish church:

"That the consent of the Lord Bishop of Durham has been obtained thereto, as required by the above-mentioned section of the said Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third; in testimony whereof the said Lord Bishop has signed and sealed this present instrument:

"Your Majesty's Commissioners, therefore, beg leave to lay before your Majesty the before-mentioned circumstances, and humbly 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 in your royal wisdom shall seem meet."

Her Majesty, having taken the said representation; together with the plan 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 the recommendations of the said Commissioners, in respect to the solemnization of marriages, baptisms; churchings, and burials, and the fees arising therefrom, be carried into effect, agreeably to the provisions of the said Acts.

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