

such endowment be of less than the annual value of one hundred and fifty pounds, that the same shall be increased to such last-mentioned amount at the least, so soon as such district shall have become a new parish as thereafter provided :

“ And whereas the said parish of Cheltenham is of great extent, and contains a large population, and the provision for public worship and for pastoral superintendence therein is insufficient for the spiritual wants of the inhabitants thereof; and it has been made to appear to us, that it would promote the interests of religion, that the particular part of such parish hereinafter mentioned and described, such part not at present containing within its limits any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of divine worship, should be constituted a separate district in manner hereinafter set forth :

“ Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend James Henry Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that all that part of the said parish of Cheltenham, described in the schedule hereunto annexed,—all which part, together with the boundaries thereof, is delineated and set forth in the map or plan hereunto also annexed,—shall be constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes accordingly; and that the same shall be named, “ The District of Saint Peter, Cheltenham.”

“ And we further recommend and propose, that there shall be paid by us, in each and every year, to the minister for the time being of the district so recommended to be constituted, when duly licensed according to the said Act, the sum of one hundred pounds; and upon any building within such district, being duly licensed by the bishop of the diocese for the performance of divine service, according to the same Act, there shall be paid by us, in like manner, to such minister, the further sum of thirty pounds, making in the whole the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds; and that so soon as any church or chapel within such district shall have been duly approved by us, and consecrated as the church or chapel of such district, for the use and service of the minister and inhabitants thereof, and such district shall have thereupon become, according to the provisions of the same Act, a new parish for ecclesiastical purposes, there shall be paid by us, in each and every year, to the perpetual curate for the time being of such new parish, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds; and that the said sum of one hundred pounds, one hundred and thirty pounds, or one hundred and fifty pounds, as the case may be, shall be paid by equal half-yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in each and every year; and that the first such payment, or a proportionate part thereof, shall be made on the first day of May or of November next after the day of the date of the licence of such minister or of such building, or of the consecration of such church or chapel as aforesaid, as the case may be; and that in case a vacancy in the ministry

or perpetual curacy of such district or new parish shall happen on any other day than the first day of May or the first day of November, the amount payable shall be duly apportioned between and paid to the minister or the perpetual curate making the vacancy, or his personal representative or representatives, and the minister or the perpetual curate succeeding to such district or new parish.

“ And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted, that it shall be lawful, by the authority aforesaid, at any time to assign the right of patronage of any such district or new parish as aforesaid, and the nomination of the minister or perpetual curate thereof respectively either in perpetuity, or for one or more nomination or nominations, to any ecclesiastical corporation, aggregate or sole, or to either of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, or Durham, or to any college therein respectively, or to any person or persons, or the nominee or nominees of such person or persons or body respectively, upon condition of such corporation, university, college, person or persons contributing to the permanent endowment of such minister or perpetual curate, or towards providing a church or chapel for the use of the inhabitants of such district or new parish, in such proportion, and in such manner, as shall be approved by the like authority :

“ And whereas certain persons, being the committee of a fund, called “ The Church Extension Fund,” have contributed and transferred to our account and into our names, in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, a sufficient sum of Three Pounds per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities to produce the annual sum of fifty pounds towards such permanent endowment as aforesaid of the district of Saint Peter, Cheltenham, so herein recommended to be constituted as aforesaid; and such committee have also contributed and have deposited with us a sum of two thousand pounds, upon trust, to be expended upon the building of a church or chapel within the limits of the same district, and it has been agreed by the said committee, that such such church or chapel, when erected and completed, shall be offered for approval by us, and for consecration as the church or chapel of the said district, for the use and service of the minister and inhabitants thereof; and whereas also a sum of two hundred and forty pounds has been deposited with us by the said committee, upon trust, to be applied in such manner as shall appear to us to be expedient, as a permanent fund, towards the repairs and maintenance of the fabric of such church or chapel :

“ And whereas the said committee have, by an instrument in writing under their hands, nominated to us the five several persons, hereinafter named and described, as trustees of the patronage in perpetuity of the said district and contemplated new parish, and of the right of nomination of the minister or perpetual curate thereof; and have, in and by the same instrument, proposed that