

“Whereas it is by the said Act enacted, that if at any time it shall be made to appear to us, that it would promote the interests of religion, that any part or parts of any parish or parishes, chapelry or chapelries, district or districts, of great extent, and containing a large population, and wherein, or in parts whereof, the provision for public worship and for pastoral superintendence is insufficient for the spiritual wants of the inhabitants thereof; or any extra-parochial place or places, or any part or parts thereof, should be constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes, it shall be lawful, by the authority in the same Act provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council, ratifying such scheme), with the consent of the bishop of the diocese, under his hand and seal; to set out by metes and bounds, and constitute a separate district accordingly, such district not then containing within its limits any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of divine worship, and to fix and declare the name of such district; and it is by the same Act provided, that the draft of any scheme for constituting any such district shall be delivered or transmitted to the incumbent and to the patron or patrons of the church or chapel of any parish, chapelry, or district, out of which it is recommended that any such district, or any part thereof, should be taken, in order that such incumbent, patron or patrons, may have an opportunity of offering or making to us, or to such bishop, any observations or objections upon or to the constituting of such district; and that such scheme shall not be laid before your Majesty in Council until, after the expiration of one calendar month next after such copy shall have been so delivered or transmitted, unless such incumbent and patron or patrons shall, in the mean time, consent to the same; and it is by the same Act also provided, that in every such scheme for constituting any such district we shall recommend to your Majesty in Council that the minister of such district, when duly licensed according to the same Act, shall be permanently endowed, under the provisions of the same Act, to an amount of not less than the annual value of one hundred pounds; and also, if 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 hereinafter provided:

“And whereas the said parish of Ashton-under-Lyne 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 parts of such parish hereinafter mentioned and described, neither of which parts at present contains within its limits any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of divine worship, should be respectively constituted separate districts in manner hereinafter set forth:

“Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend John Bird Bishop of Chester, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that all those parts of the said parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, described in the schedule hereunto annexed, and therein numbered respectively 1. and 2.,—all which parts, together with the boundaries thereof respectively, are delineated and set forth in the maps or plans hereunto also annexed, and respectively numbered in like manner,—shall be constituted separate districts for spiritual purposes accordingly; and that the same shall be respectively named as follows, that is to say; the district, numbered 1. in the said schedule, shall be named, “The District of Christ Church, Ashton-under-Lyne;” and the district, numbered 2. therein, shall be named, “The District of Hurst.”

“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 each of the districts so recommended to be constituted, when duly licensed according to the said Act, the sum of one hundred pounds; and upon any building within either of such districts, 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 the minister for the time being of such district, 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 either of such districts 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