

tuting 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 thereafter provided:

“ And whereas the said parochial chapelries of Ebchester and Medomsley are respectively of great extent, and contain 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 each of such parochial chapelries 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 together constituted a separate district in manner hereinafter set forth :

“ Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Edward Bishop of Durham, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that all that part of the said parochial chapelry of Ebchester, and also all that part of the said parochial chapelry of Medomsley, described in the schedule hereunto annexed,—all which parts, together with the boundaries thereof, are delineated and set forth in the map or plan hereunto also annexed,—shall be together constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes accordingly, and that the same shall be named, “ The District of Benfieldside.”

“ 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 we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament.

“ SCHEDULE.

“ The district of BENFIELDSIDE, being—

“ All that part of the parochial chapelry of Medomsley, in the parish of Lanchester, in the county and diocese of Durham, comprised within the township of Benfieldside; and such portion of the township of Conside and Knitsley, in the same chapelry, as is situate on the northern side of the Dean Burn, the Howans Gill, and Knitsley Burn; and also all those small detached portions of the parochial chapelry and township of Ebchester, in the same parish, situate to the south of the high road from Shotley-bridge to Newcastle, by Tinkler-hill.”

And whereas the draft of the said scheme has been transmitted to the incumbent and to the patron of the church of the parish, and the incumbents and patrons of the churches or chapels of the chapelries, out of which it is intended that the district therein recommended to be constituted shall be taken, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act; and one calendar month has expired since such draft was so transmitted, and no objections have been made thereto: