

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *May*, 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the tenth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for assigning the right of patronage of the new parish of Saint James, Wednesbury, in the county of Stafford, and in the diocese of Lichfield, and for augmenting the income of the perpetual curate of the said new parish.

"Whereas it is by the said Act enacted, that it shall be lawful, by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying such scheme), at any time to assign the right of patronage of any district or new parish constituted under the provisions of the said Act, 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 by a scheme duly prepared and laid before your Majesty in Council by us, and an Order ratifying the same made by your Majesty in Council on the twenty-third day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and duly published in the London Gazette, the district of Saint James, Wednesbury, was constituted out of the parish of Wednesbury, in the said county of Stafford and diocese of Lichfield, and such district has since become a new parish for ecclesiastical purposes under the provisions of the said Act:

"And whereas by the said scheme and Order no specific assignment was made of the whole or any part of the right of patronage and nomination of the minister of the said district, or so soon as the same should become a new parish as aforesaid, of the perpetual curate thereof, and such right of patronage and nomination has hitherto continued to be exercised in accordance with the directions of the said Act in such case provided:

"And whereas a sum of one thousand pounds has been contributed by John Nock Bagnall, of

Charlemont Hall, in the parish of West Bromwich, in the county of Stafford aforesaid, Esquire, towards the permanent endowment of the said new parish of Saint James, Wednesbury, and the augmentation of the income of the perpetual curate thereof for the time being, and it has been proposed to us, and it appears to us to be expedient, that in consideration of such contribution, the right of patronage of the said new parish and nomination of the perpetual curate thereto should be assigned in manner hereinafter mentioned:

"And whereas the said sum of one thousand pounds has been paid to us by the said John Nock Bagnall.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that the whole right of patronage of the said new parish of Saint James, Wednesbury, and the nomination of the perpetual curate thereto, shall, without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than this scheme, and any duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same, and upon and from the day upon which such Order shall be published in the London Gazette, be assigned to, and absolutely vested in the said John Nock Bagnall, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose, that in consideration of the said sum of one thousand pounds so paid to us as aforesaid, there shall be paid by us to the perpetual curate for the time being of the said new parish of Saint James Wednesbury, in addition to the payment or stipend of one hundred and fifty pounds now payable to him by us under the provisions of the hereinbefore recited scheme and Order of your Majesty in Council, a further sum of thirty-four pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each and every year, such last-named amount being equivalent to the interest which would have accrued from the said sum of one thousand pounds if the same had been invested in Government stock, according to the current prices thereof upon the day upon which the money was so paid to us as hereinbefore mentioned.

"And we further recommend and propose, that if a vacancy in the perpetual curacy of the said new parish shall happen on any other day than the first day of May or the first day of November, the amount hereby recommended to be made payable shall be duly apportioned between and paid to the perpetual curate making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the perpetual curate succeeding to such 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 recited Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by her Majesty in Council: now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Lichfield.

Wm. L. Bathurst.