

of the rectory or benefice of the said parish of Rotherfield, and the patronage of the vicarage of the said parish of Frant is vested in the rector or incumbent for the time being of the rectory of Rotherfield aforesaid: and whereas the said parishes 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 proposed to us on behalf of such patrons, and it has been made to appear to us, that it would promote the interests of religion that the particular parts of such parishes hereinafter mentioned and described, such parts not at present containing within their limits any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of divine worship, should be constituted a separate district in the manner hereinafter set forth:

And whereas an annual sum of one hundred and fifty pounds has been provided by the patrons and incumbents of the said rectory of Rotherfield and vicarage of Frant respectively, by means of a rentcharge issuing out of the tithes or rentcharges in lieu of tithes belonging to the said rectory and vicarage respectively, and made payable to us towards the permanent endowment of the minister of the district herein recommended to be constituted, and so soon as such district shall have become, according to the provisions of the said thirdly mentioned Act, a new parish for ecclesiastical purposes, of the perpetual curate thereof:

“And whereas the said William Earl of Abergavenny hath provided a church, to be consecrated as the church of the said district and new parish, and for the use and service of the minister or perpetual curate and inhabitants thereof, together with a convenient burial ground for the same, and has agreed to provide a suitable house of residence for the minister or perpetual curate of the said district or new parish; and it has been proposed to us, and it appears to us to be expedient, that, in consideration of the benefactions aforesaid, the whole right of patronage of and nomination of the minister or perpetual curate to the said district and new parish should be assigned in manner hereinafter recommended and proposed:

“And whereas the vicarage of the said parish of Frant is charged with the payment of a pension or annual stipend of ten pounds and ten shillings to the rectory or benefice of the said parish of Rotherfield, and the last-named rectory possesses certain glebe lands situate within the parish of Frant, which are more particularly described and set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, and it has been proposed to us, and it appears to us to be desirable that the arrangements hereinafter recommended should be made for transferring such last-named glebe lands belonging to the said rectory to the vicarage of Frant, and for releasing the said vicarage from the payment of the aforesaid pension or stipend:

“And whereas the said William Earl of Abergavenny hath signified his assent, as patron of the rectory of Rotherfield, to the intended arrangements last mentioned for apportioning the income of the said rectory, and the said Earl and William Neville, Esquire, commonly called the Right Honourable William Viscount Neville, eldest son and heir apparent of the said Earl, have also, by their covenant in writing, bearing date the twentieth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, undertaken to compensate the present incumbents of the said rectory of Rotherfield and vicarage of Frant for any loss which they may sustain respectively by reason of the charge created upon their respective

benefices for the purpose of endowing the new district and parish, herein recommended to be constituted, and it has been further proposed to us, and it appears to us to be expedient, that, in consideration of such assent and undertaking as aforesaid, the whole right of patronage of and nomination to the said vicarage of Frant should likewise be assigned in manner hereinafter mentioned and proposed:

“Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Ashurst Turner, Bishop of Chichester, and of the Right Honourable and Reverend William Earl of Abergavenny, testified by their having respectively signed and sealed this scheme, that all that part of the said parish of Frant and also all that part of the said parish of Rotherfield described in the schedule hereunto annexed marked A (all which parts, together with the boundaries thereof, are delineated and set forth on 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 Eridge Green.”

“And we further recommend and propose, that there shall be paid by us in each and every year, by equal half yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November, to the minister for the time being of the district so recommended to be constituted, when duly licensed according to the provisions of the said thirdly-mentioned Act, and so soon as such district shall have become, according to the provisions of the same Act, a new parish for ecclesiastical purposes, to the perpetual curate thereof, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds; 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 license of such minister or of such perpetual curate 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; provided always, that if it shall appear to us to be expedient at any future time, that instead of the annual sum then in course of payment by us to the minister or perpetual curate of the said district or new parish, or instead of any part of such annual sum, any land, tithe, or other hereditament should be conveyed to such district or new parish in fee, in substitution for the same, nothing herein or in any other scheme contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing such a substitution.

“And we further recommend and propose, that the whole right of patronage of the said district and new parish herein recommended to be constituted, and the nomination of the minister or perpetual curate thereof, shall be assigned to and be permanently vested in the said William Earl of Abergavenny and his heirs male, to be held and enjoyed by him and them in the same manner as the patronage of the said rectory or benefice of the parish of Rotherfield is at present held and enjoyed; and that the whole right of patronage of the said vicarage of the parish of Frant, and the nomination of the vicar or incumbent thereof, 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