

"Whereas it has been made to appear to us that it would promote the interests of religion that the portion of the said parish of Bishop's Hatfield 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 the manner hereinafter set forth.

"And whereas by a deed dated the fifth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and made or expressed to be made between the Right Honourable Francis Thomas de Grey Earl Cowper of the first part, the Right Honourable Emily Mary Viscountess Palmerston, the wife of the Right Honourable Henry John Viscount Palmerston, K.G., the First Lord Commissioner of your Majesty's Treasury, of the second part, the Right Honourable Anne Florence Dowager Countess Cowper, widow of the Right Honourable George Augustus Earl Cowper, deceased, of the third part, and us the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of the fourth part, which deed is intended to be forthwith enrolled in your Majesty's High Court of Chancery at Westminster, a clear annual sum of two hundred pounds has been granted and secured to the incumbent of the district hereinafter recommended to be constituted, so soon as one shall be appointed and licensed, and to his successors incumbents thereof for the time being, and so soon as such district shall have become, under the provisions of the said Act, a new parish for ecclesiastical purposes, then of the said new parish, by means of a rent-charge issuing and payable out of and charged upon certain lands and hereditaments situate and being in the parish of Hertingfordbury, in the said county of Hertford.

"And whereas it has been proposed to us by the grantors of the said rent-charge of two hundred pounds, by an instrument in writing under their joint and several hands, and it appears to us to be expedient, that the whole right of patronage of the said district or new parish, and of the nomination of the incumbent thereof, should be assigned to the said Anne Florence Dowager Countess Cowper, her heirs and assigns, in manner hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend George Bishop of Rochester, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, we humbly recommend and propose that all that part of the said parish of Bishop's Hatfield described in the schedule hereunto annexed (all which part, together with the boundaries thereof, is delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto also annexed) shall, upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, become and be constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes, and that the same shall be named 'The District of Lemsford.'

"And we further recommend and propose, that the whole right of patronage of the said district or new parish so recommended to be constituted, and of the nomination of the incumbent thereto, shall, without any 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 of the date of the publication of such Order in the London Gazette as aforesaid, be assigned to and absolutely vested in, and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said Anne Florence Dowager Countess Cowper, her heirs and assigns for ever.

"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 LEMS福德, being —

"All that part of the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, in the county of Hertford and in the diocese of Rochester, comprised within and bounded by an imaginary line commencing at a point upon the boundary between the said parish and the parish of Digsweil, at Sherard's Wood, and opposite to the middle of the fence which divides the enclosure called the Pightle Wood, and numbered 544 on the Tithe Commutation Map of the said parish of Bishop's Hatfield and upon the map hereunto annexed, from the enclosure numbered 536 on the same maps; and thence extending southward and south-westward along the middle of the said fence and along the middle of the road or lane leading by Handside Farm to the road or lane leading from Hatfield Hyde to Lemsford Mills; and thence extending westward in a straight line to a point in the centre of the bridge which carries the high road from Hatfield to Welwyn over the river Lea; and thence extending southward along the middle of the last-named road to a point at Stanborough, opposite to the middle of the lane leading to the road from Lemsford Mills to Saint Alban's; and thence extending westward along the middle of the last-mentioned lane to the middle of the road from Lemsford Mills to Saint Alban's aforesaid; and thence extending northward along the middle of the last-mentioned road by Gosmore Farm to a point opposite to the middle of the fence which divides the enclosure numbered 112 on the maps aforesaid from the enclosure numbered 123 on the same maps; and thence extending westward along the middle of the last-named fence and of the fences which divide the enclosures numbered respectively 113, 43, 41, 40, 38, and 37, on the maps aforesaid, from the enclosure numbered 123 as aforesaid, and the enclosures numbered respectively on the said maps 114, 120, 119, 118, 314, 312, 309, and 307, to the road or lane leading from Symond's Hyde to Cromer Hyde; and thence extending northward along the middle of the last-named lane and towards the north-west along the middle of a lane leading from such last-mentioned lane to an enclosure numbered 17 on the maps aforesaid; and thence extending eastward and northward from the end of such last-named lane along the middle of the fences which divide the said enclosure numbered 17 and the enclosures numbered respectively 18 and 16 on the maps aforesaid from the enclosures numbered respectively 25 and 19 on the same maps to the northern boundary of the said parish of Bishop's Hatfield; and thence continuing eastward along the said last-named boundary to the point at which the said imaginary line commenced."

And whereas the draft of the said scheme has in accordance with the provisions of the said Act been transmitted to the incumbent and to the patron of the church of the parish out of which it is intended that the district therein recommended to be constituted shall be taken, and certain observations and objections offered by the said incumbent and patron respectively, have been laid before Her Majesty in Council, together with the said scheme.

And whereas the said scheme has, notwithstanding such observations and objections 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