

chapter thirty-seven; duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the second day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen; and of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-seven; have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for constituting a separate district for spiritual purposes out of the new parish of Saint Mary, Bilston (sometime part of the parish of Wolverhampton), in the county of Stafford, and in the diocese of Lichfield, and out of the district parish of Christ Church, Coseley (sometime part of the parish of Sedgley), in the same county and diocese.

"Whereas it has been made to appear to us that it would promote the interests of religion that the particular portions of the said new parish of Saint Mary, Bilston, and of the said district parish of Christ Church, Coseley, hereinafter-mentioned and described (such portions 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 William Baldwin, late of The Ellowes, in the parish of Sedgley, in the said county of Stafford, Esquire, deceased, in and by his last will and testament in writing, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, did, *inter alia*, give and bequeath unto certain persons therein named and described, and whom he appointed to be executors and trustees of his said will, a sum of eight thousand pounds sterling (which sum is therein and hereinafter referred to as the said church fund), upon trust that the same should be applied by his said executors and trustees in and towards the providing a proper site for erecting and the erection and completion of a church in that part of the township of Bilston, in the parish of Wolverhampton, in the said county of Stafford, which is called or known as 'Bradley,' with proper schools attached thereto, and for or towards the endowment of such church or the benefice thereof; and with the further direction, that if at any time within twenty-one years next after the decease of the said William Baldwin, and under or pursuant to the provisions of the herein secondly-mentioned Act or other legal authority, that part of the said township of Bilston, called 'Bradley,' or any portion thereof, should be duly constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes, it should be lawful for the said trustees for the time being of the said church fund to transfer unto or vest in us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, or any other commissioners, corporation, or public body legally authorized in that behalf, the same church fund, or such portion thereof as to the trustees thereof should, under the circumstances of the case, appear sufficient or proper for or towards the providing a church or chapel for such district, and for or towards the endowment or augmentation of the income of the minister or perpetual curate thereof, or for either of such purposes, and if for both, then in such proportions as the same trustees should think most beneficial.

"And whereas, in pursuance of a decree of the High Court of Chancery, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and made in a suit wherein John Baldwin and another were Plaintiffs

and Martin Baldwin and others were Defendants, the sum of three thousand nine hundred pounds, (being part of a sum of eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-two pounds four shillings and fourpence three pence per centum Consolidated Bank Annuities mentioned in the aforesaid decree, and being also part of the produce of the investment in such stock of the monies bequeathed by the said William Baldwin as aforesaid.) was ordered to be and has since been transferred by the Accountant General of the said Court of Chancery to our account and into our name in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to be applied in and towards the maintenance of the minister to be appointed to the district hereinafter recommended to be constituted, when duly licensed according to the provisions of the secondly herein mentioned Act, and we have in respect of such transfer agreed, and have undertaken to provide and pay by equal half-yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in each and every year to such minister as aforesaid, when duly licensed, the yearly sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds.

"And whereas the said sum of three thousand nine hundred pounds, three pence per centum consolidated bank annuities was so transferred to us as aforesaid, upon the understanding that we should pay out of the common fund created by the firstly herein-named Act to the minister for the time being of the said district, when duly licensed as before-mentioned, the annual sum of thirty-three pounds six shillings and eightpence; and upon the further understanding that (such arrangement appearing to us to be expedient) the whole right of patronage of the said district and of the nomination of the minister thereof should be assigned in the manner hereinafter-mentioned.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend John, Bishop of the said diocese of Lichfield (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme), we humbly recommend and propose that all that portion of the said new parish of Saint Mary, Bilston (comprising the said place called or known as 'Bradley,' or some part thereof), and also all those portions of the said district parish of Christ Church, Coseley, which are mentioned and described in the schedule hereunder written, and which are delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto 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 Saint Martin, Bradley.'

"And we further recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered to pay out of the common fund before referred to, to the minister for the time being of the district so recommended to be constituted when duly licensed according to the provisions of the herein secondly mentioned Act, the sum of thirty-three pounds six shillings and eightpence in each and every year, by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of May and the first day of November, 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 as aforesaid, and that in case a vacancy in the ministry of such district shall happen on any other day than the first day of May or the first day of November, the amount then next thereafter payable shall be duly apportioned between and paid to the minister making the vacancy, or his personal representative