

of the publication of banns of matrimony and the solemnization or performance of marriages at the said church, situate at Wincle as aforesaid, shall be paid by the minister thereof to **he said Stephen Lea Wilson**: and provided also, that **noth**ing herein contained shall be construed as expressing any intention on the part of us, the said Commissioners, to concur in or approve the taking of any fee for the performance of the said office of baptism, or for the registration thereof.

"We, therefore, humbly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into your Royal consideration, and to make such Order with respect thereto as to your Majesty, in your Royal wisdom, shall seem meet."

And whereas the said representation 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 representation, 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 Acts; 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 said diocese of Chester.

*Arthur Helps.*

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 7th day of *August*, 1869.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen; of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-seven; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and four, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words 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; of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-seven; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and four; 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 parish or parochial chapelry of Strood, and out of the parish of Frindsbury, both in the county of Kent, and in the diocese of Rochester.

"Whereas it has been made to appear to us that it would promote the interests of religion that the particular portions of the said parish or parochial chapelry of Strood and of the said parish of Frindsbury, which are hereinafter mentioned and described (such portions not at present containing within the limits of the same any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of Divine worship), should be constituted into one separate district in the manner hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"And whereas the Reverend John Griffith, canon of the cathedral church of Rochester,

Doctor in Divinity, has contributed and paid to the credit of our account at the Bank of England, the sum of three thousand pounds sterling, in aid of the endowment of the district hereinafter recommended to be constituted, and of the maintenance of the incumbent thereof for the time being, and, we have, in respect of such sum, agreed with the said John Griffith, and have undertaken to provide and pay by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of May and on the first day of November in each and every year to such incumbent as aforesaid, when duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of the herein secondly mentioned Act, and to his successors, the yearly sum of one hundred pounds.

"And whereas the said sum of three thousand pounds sterling has been so contributed and paid as aforesaid, upon the understanding and condition that (such arrangement appearing to us to be expedient), the whole right of patronage of the said district, and of the nomination of the incumbent thereof should be assigned in the manner hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"And whereas we have also determined to make and pay out of the Common Fund created by the firstly herein-mentioned Act, to the incumbent of the said district hereinafter recommended to be constituted when duly licensed as aforesaid, and to his successors, a grant of fifty pounds per annum, which said grant will be secured by an instrument to be executed by us under our common seal in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Thomas Legh, Bishop of the said diocese of Rochester (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme), we humbly recommend and propose, that all those portions of the said parish or parochial chapelry of Strood, and of the said parish of Frindsbury, which are described in the schedule hereunder written, all which portions, together with the boundaries thereof, 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 one separate district for spiritual purposes, and that the same shall be named 'The District of Saint Mary, Strood.'

"And we further recommend and propose, that the right of patronage of the said district so recommended to be constituted, and of the nomination of the incumbent thereof, 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, for the first one turn only be assigned to and be exercised by the said John Griffith and Mary Elizabeth, his present wife, jointly or by the survivor of them, and that from and after the exercise of the said first one turn of patronage or the decease of the said survivor, whichever event shall first happen, then that the whole or remaining right of patronage and nomination aforesaid, shall without any assurance in the law other than this scheme and any duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same, be assigned to and be absolutely vested in, and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the Bishop of the said diocese of Rochester, and by his successors, bishops of the same diocese for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose,