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**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,  
the 15th day of *January*, 1878.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-nine; of the Act of the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of your Majesty chapter forty-nine; of the Act of the eleventh and twelfth years of your Majesty chapter thirty-seven and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your Majesty chapter fifty-five have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following representation as to the assignment of a district chapelry to the consecrated church of Saint John situate at Baxenden in the new parish of Christ Church, Accrington in the county of Lancaster, and in the diocese of Manchester.

"Whereas it appears to us to be expedient that a district chapelry should be assigned to the said church of Saint John, situate at Baxenden as aforesaid.

"Now therefore with the consent of the Right Reverend James, Bishop of the said diocese of Manchester (testified by his having signed and sealed this representation) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners humbly represent that it would in our opinion be expedient that all that part of the said new parish of Christ Church, Accrington which is described in the schedule hereunder written, all which part, together with the boundaries thereof is delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto annexed should be assigned as a district chapelry to the said church of Saint John situate at Baxenden as aforesaid and that

the same should be named 'The District Chapelry of Saint John Baxenden.'

"And with the like consent of the said James Bishop of the said diocese of Manchester (testified as aforesaid) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners further represent that it appears to us to be expedient that banns of matrimony should be published and that marriages, baptisms, churchings and burials should be solemnized or performed at the said church of Saint John situate at Baxenden as aforesaid, and that the fees to be received in respect of the publication of such banns and of the solemnization or performance of the said offices should be paid and belong to the minister of the same church for the time being: Provided always that so long as the Reverend Robert Nicholson Featherstone Clerk in Holy Orders, the present vicar or incumbent of the vicarage of the said new parish of Christ Church, Accrington shall continue to be such vicar or incumbent, all the fees which may be received in respect of such publication, solemnization or performance, at the said church of Saint John situate at Baxenden as aforesaid shall be paid over by the minister thereof to the said Robert Nicholson Featherstone; and provided also that nothing 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.

"The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Representation has reference.

"The District Chapelry of Saint John Baxenden being:—

"All that part of the new parish of Christ Church Accrington in the county of Lancaster and in the diocese of Manchester which is bounded on the west partly by the new parish of Saint James Accrington and partly by the particular district of Oswaldtwistle both in the said county and diocese on the south and on the south-east by the parochial chapelry of Haslingden in the same county and diocese and on the remaining sides that is to say on the north and on the north-west by an imaginary line commencing upon the boundary which divides the said parochial chapelry