

channel and containing according to the census of 1871 a population of 249 and known as Canvey Island.

"Canvey Island consists of outlying portions of the following nine parishes viz. North Benfleet, South Benfleet, Bowers Gifford, Hadleigh, Laindon-with-Basildon, Pitsea, Prittlewell, Southchurch and Vange all in the county and diocese aforesaid. The churches of the said parishes are situate at distances varying from two miles to twelve miles from Canvey Island aforesaid.

"There is in Canvey Island a consecrated church or chapel known as Saint Katherine's Church the seats in which are free and unappropriated and to which the inhabitants are accustomed to resort for Divine service and other rites of the Church of England except marriages. There is a consecrated burial-ground which is used for interments and which adjoins the said church or chapel.

"Saint Katherine's Church or Chapel is in the patronage of the Bishop of the diocese and its endowment amounts to £150 per annum or thereabouts. There is a house of residence belonging to the said church or chapel.

"It appears to me that Canvey Island aforesaid may under the provisions of the Act of Parliament of the first and second years of Her present Majesty c. 106 and the second and third years of Her said Majesty c. 49 be advantageously separated from the said several parishes of North Benfleet, South Benfleet, Bowers Gifford, Hadleigh, Laindon-with-Basildon, Pitsea, Prittlewell, South Church and Vange and be constituted a separate parish and perpetual curacy.

"The patronage of the rectory of Southchurch aforesaid is vested in your Grace and your successors Archbishops of Canterbury.

"Pursuant to the direction contained in the 26th section of the said first-mentioned Act of Parliament I the said Bishop have drawn a scheme in writing appended to this representation describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alteration above proposed may be best effected and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction and dues may be made with justice to all parties interested and I do submit the same to your Grace together with the consent in writing of me the Bishop aforesaid as patron in right of my See of the benefices of Laindon-with-Basildon and Prittlewell the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel College in the University of Cambridge the patrons of the rectory of North Benfleet aforesaid the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in Westminster the patrons of the vicarage of South Benfleet aforesaid the Reverend Edward Williams of East Huntspill in the county of Somerset Clerk the patron of the rectory of Bowers Gifford aforesaid Frederic Morehouse Metcalfe of Inglethorpe Hall in the county of Norfolk Esquire and the Reverend George Metcalfe of Christchurch Upwell in the county of Cambridge Clerk the patrons of the rectory of Hadleigh aforesaid the Honourable Lydia Frances Catherine Dawnay and the Reverend George Heathcote of Conington Rectory in the county of Huntingdon being the patrons of the rectory of Pitsea aforesaid, and Thomas Jenner Spitty of Billericay in the county of Essex Esquire the patron of the rectory of Vange aforesaid and the consents of the incumbents of the several benefices to be affected by such scheme to the intent that your Grace may if on full consideration and inquiry you shall be satisfied with the said scheme certify the same scheme and such several consents and also the consent of your Grace as patron of the

rectory of Southchurch aforesaid to Her Majesty in Council.

"Given under my hand this sixteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty.
"T. L. St. Albans."

And whereas the scheme and consents referred to in the said representation are as follows:—

"SCHEME referred to in the foregoing Representation.

"It is proposed to separate from the parishes of North Benfleet, South Benfleet, Bowers Gifford, Hadleigh, Laindon-with-Basildon, Pitsea, Prittlewell, Southchurch, and Vange the outlying portions of such respective parishes which constitute the place or district known as Canvey Island in the county of Essex and diocese of Saint Albans and to constitute the same a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes and a perpetual curacy of which the church or chapel of Saint Katharine's Canvey Island aforesaid shall be the parish church.

"The said perpetual curacy shall be subject to the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction as the benefices of North Benfleet, South Benfleet, Bowers Gifford, Hadleigh, Laindon-with-Basildon, Pitsea, Prittlewell, Southchurch, and Vange.

"Marriages as well as baptisms churchings and burials shall be performed in the church of the benefice so to be constituted and the fees for all such offices performed within the limits of the said benefice and all ecclesiastical dues offerings and other emoluments, other than tithes arising from or in respect of the said benefice and usually payable to the incumbent of a benefice shall belong to the incumbent of the said intended perpetual curacy or benefice of Canvey Island.

"The incumbent of the said intended perpetual curacy shall have cure of souls within the limits thereof.

"The right of nominating a minister to the church of such perpetual curacy and benefice shall be for ever vested and be in the Lord Bishop of the diocese wherein the same is for the time being locally situate.

"The inhabitants of Canvey Island shall be exonerated from all liability to repair the parish churches of the parishes to which they now respectively belong or any other church or chapel now or hereafter to be erected in any of the said parishes but shall be exclusively liable to the repairs of the said church at Canvey Island.

"I the Most Reverend Archibald Campbell Lord Archbishop of Canterbury the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Southchurch in case the same were now vacant do hereby signify my consent to the scheme above proposed.
"A. C. Cantuar."

"We the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel College in the University of Cambridge the patrons or persons entitled to present to the rectory of North Benfleet if the same were now vacant and the Reverend David Jones Davies Clerk rector of the said rectory the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in Westminster the patrons or persons entitled to present to the vicarage of South Benfleet in case the same were now vacant and the Reverend Francis Jinks Burlton Clerk the vicar of the said vicarage the Reverend Edward Williams of East Huntspill vicarage in the county of Somerset the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Bowers Gifford in case the same were now vacant and the Reverend Daniel Rowland Williams Clerk rector of the said rectory Frederic Morehouse Metcalfe of Inglethorpe Hall in the county of Norfolk Esquire and the Reverend George Metcalfe of Christ Church Upwell in