

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 to be taken out of the new parish of Saint Luke Heywood out of the new parish of Saint James Heywood, out of the new parish of Birkle otherwise Bircle or Birile, and out of the parish of Middleton all in the county of Lancaster and in the diocese of Manchester.

"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 Luke Heywood of the said new parish of Saint James Heywood, of the said new parish of Birkle otherwise Bircle or Birile and of the said parish of Middleton which are hereinafter mentioned and described should be constituted a separate district in the manner hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"And whereas there is not at present within the limits of the said proposed district any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of Divine worship.

"And whereas by a certain deed or indenture bearing date on or about the twelfth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and made or expressed to be made under the provisions of 'The New Parishes Acts 1843, 1844, and 1856' or some or one of them between the Reverend John Spittal rector of the rectory of the said new parish of Saint Luke Heywood, of the first part, the Reverend Edward James Geoffrey Hornby, rector of the rectory of the parish of Bury in the said county of Lancaster and diocese of Manchester and as such rector the patron of the said rectory of Saint Luke Heywood of the second part, the Right Reverend James Bishop of the said diocese of Manchester of the third part, and us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners of the fourth part (which deed or indenture is intended to be enrolled in the Chancery Division of your Majesty's High Court of Justice) the said John Spittal did grant unto the minister of the said proposed district (intended as is mentioned in the said deed or indenture to be named 'The District of Saint Michael Bamford') so soon as a minister shall have been appointed and licensed in accordance with the provisions of the secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act and so soon as the said district shall have become a new parish under the provisions of the same Act then to the incumbent of such new parish and his successors certain rectorial tithe rents-charge amounting together to the sum of twenty-four pounds eleven shillings and eight pence which by the tithe commutation award for the township of Heap in the said parish of Bury were awarded and appointed in lieu of rectorial tithes arising from lands in the said township as the same rectorial tithe rents-charge are more particularly set forth in the schedule of the said deed or indenture.

"And whereas for the purpose of providing an additional endowment for the said proposed district or (as the case may be) new parish a capital sum of two thousand three hundred and seventy pounds sterling has been contributed and paid over to the credit of the account of us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at the Bank of England by certain persons and we have in respect of such sum undertaken to pay to the minister or incumbent of the said proposed district or (as the case may be) new parish the annual sum of seventy-nine pounds:

"And whereas the said John Spittal as the person granting the rectorial tithe rents-charge as aforesaid and the persons who have contributed and paid the capital sum aforesaid towards providing the additional endowment above mentioned have nominated the Bishop of the diocese of Manchester for the time being as the patron to whom they desire that the whole right of patronage of the said proposed district or (as the case may be) new parish and the nomination of the minister or incumbent thereof should be assigned.

"And whereas the said rectorial tithe rents-charge have been so granted as aforesaid and the said capital sum of two thousand three hundred and seventy pounds has also been so contributed and paid as aforesaid upon the understanding that we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England should out of the common fund created by the hereinbefore firstly mentioned Act pay to the minister or incumbent for the time being of the said proposed district or new parish when duly licensed as aforesaid a grant of fifty pounds per annum and upon the further understanding that (such arrangement appearing to us to be expedient) we should recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council that the whole right of patronage of the said proposed district or (as the case may be) new parish and of the nomination of the minister or incumbent thereto should be assigned to the Bishop of the said diocese of Manchester for the time being as hereinbefore mentioned.

"And whereas the said annual grant of fifty pounds will be made and secured by an instrument to be executed by us the said Commissioners 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 said James, Bishop of the diocese of Manchester aforesaid (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners humbly recommend and propose that all those portions of the said new parish of Saint Luke Heywood, of the said new parish of Saint James Heywood, of the said new parish of Birkle, otherwise Bircle or Birile, and of the said parish of Middleton all which said portions are more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written and 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 Michael Bamford.'

"And we further recommend and propose that the whole right of patronage of the said proposed district and when the said district shall have become a new parish as aforesaid then of the said new parish and of the nomination of the minister or 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 become absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said James, Bishop of the said diocese of Manchester and by his successors Bishops of the same diocese 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 to any of them in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts