

substitution to be effected by us under the statute in that case made and provided become and be the parish church of the said parish of Saint Oswald in lieu of the said south transept of the said Cathedral Church at Chester now so accustomedly used as such parish church as aforesaid, which desire of them the said parishioners has been expressed to us by a resolution passed at a vestry meeting of the said parish held on the twenty-first day of April in this present year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one of which meeting the Reverend William Henry Lawrence Cogswell, Clerk in Holy Orders, Vicar of the same parish, was the chairman.

"And whereas the parishioners of the said parish of Saint Oswald Chester are also desirous that after the said substitution shall have been effected a certain part of the same parish (to wit, so much of the same parish as is within the walls of the said city of Chester) shall be annexed to the parish of Saint Peter within the same city to which last-named parish it is also proposed that portions of two other parishes within the said city of Chester shall at the same time be annexed.

"And whereas after such annexation as aforesaid, the parish church of the said parish of Saint Peter Chester will be the parish church of so much of the said parish of Saint Oswald Chester as is within the walls of the said city of Chester.

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us that in order adequately to accommodate both the parishioners of the present parish of Saint Peter Chester and also the parishioners of that part of the parish of Saint Oswald Chester and of those portions of the two other parishes at Chester before-mentioned which are to be annexed to the said parish of Saint Peter the fabric of the said present parish church of Saint Peter should be either re-arranged and improved or enlarged or rebuilt, or that a new church should be substituted for the existing church of Saint Peter.

"And whereas the resolution of the parishioners of the said parish of Saint Oswald at Chester, which was passed on the twenty-first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one as aforesaid was passed upon an understanding inter alia that we should provide first, a sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds for or towards meeting the cost of enlarging and otherwise improving to our satisfaction the said church of Saint Thomas, when the same church shall have become the parish church of the said parish of Saint Oswald Chester as aforesaid and secondly a further sum of two thousand pounds for or towards meeting the cost either (1) of enlarging or re-arranging and improving to our satisfaction the said present church of Saint Peter Chester or (2) of rebuilding the same church of Saint Peter to our satisfaction on a new site.

"And whereas when the south transept of the said Cathedral Church shall have ceased to be used as the parish church of the parish of Saint Oswald aforesaid and shall by such cesser have become available wholly and solely for the services of the said Cathedral Church it will become necessary or expedient that certain works of repair and improvement should be executed in and about the same south transept and it has been made to appear to us by the said Dean and Chapter that a sum of one thousand pounds at the least will be required for the purpose of executing such works to our satisfaction.

"And whereas under the circumstances aforesaid it appears to us proper and expedient that we should be enabled to provide the three several sums of money aforesaid that is to say one thousand and five hundred pounds, two thousand

pounds and one thousand pounds which said several sums amount together to four thousand and five hundred pounds, and should be enabled to apply the same in the manner and for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned and hereinafter specified.

"Now therefore we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England humbly recommend and propose that in pursuance of the hereinbefore mentioned Acts or one of them and upon or at any time after the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme we shall be authorized to pay and apply without interest thereon out of our common fund monies amounting in the whole to the capital sum of four thousand and five hundred pounds for or towards the several objects and in the several proportions next hereinafter specified that is to say :—

"I. A sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds part of the said sum of four thousand and five hundred pounds, to be applied in or towards the enlargement or improvement to our satisfaction of the fabric of the said church of Saint Thomas in the said parish of Saint Oswald at Chester when the same shall have become by a legal substitution as aforesaid the parish church of the said parish of Saint Oswald.

"II. A sum of two thousand pounds other part of the same sum of four thousand and five hundred pounds to be applied as and when we shall see fit either (1) in or towards the cost of enlarging or re-arranging and improving to our satisfaction the fabric of the said present church of Saint Peter Chester or (2) in or towards the cost of re-building to our satisfaction the same church of Saint Peter upon some site duly approved by and conveyed to us or of building and providing a new church to be substituted for the existing church of Saint Peter.

III. A sum of one thousand pounds, being the residue of the said sum of four thousand and five hundred pounds to be applied in or towards the repair or improvement to our satisfaction of the said south transept of the said Cathedral Church at Chester.

"Provided always and we further recommend and propose that the time or times and the mode or modes at and in which the said three several sums of one thousand and five hundred pounds, and two thousand pounds, and one thousand pounds, and each of them and every part of each of them shall be payable and paid by us for the purposes hereinbefore specified respectively, shall be wholly in the discretion of us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other matters or things relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them under the hereinbefore mentioned Acts or either of them or under any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme 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 scheme, 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 diocese of Chester.

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