

thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, 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, and of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of Your Majesty chapter thirty-seven, 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 partly out of the parish or parochial chapelry of Ipstones partly out of the parish of Checkley and partly out of the parish of Kingsley all in the county of Stafford and in the diocese of Lichfield.

“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 Ipstones of the said parish of Checkley and of the parish of Kingsley aforesaid which are hereinafter mentioned and described should be constituted a separate district in manner hereinafter set forth:

“And whereas we are satisfied that each of the said parishes is a cure wherein, or in parts whereof the provision for public worship and for pastoral superintendence is insufficient for the inhabitants thereof.

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

“And whereas the Reverend Henry Edward Beech the rector or incumbent of the rectory of the said parish of Kingsley has contributed and paid to the credit of our account at the Bank of England a sum of four thousand three hundred pounds sterling in aid of the endowment of the district hereinafter recommended to be constituted and (so soon as the said district shall have become a new parish under the provisions of the secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act then) of the said new parish, and of the maintenance of the minister or incumbent thereof for the time being and we have in respect of such sum agreed and have undertaken to provide and pay by equal half-yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in each and every year to such minister or incumbent as aforesaid when duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of the said secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine pounds per annum, so long as the said capital sum shall remain in our hands.

“And whereas the said capital sum of four thousand three hundred pounds sterling has been so contributed and paid as aforesaid upon the understanding and condition that we should grant out of the common fund created by the firstly herein named Act a capital sum of seven hundred pounds in respect of which there shall be paid by us to the minister or incumbent for the time being of the said proposed district or new parish when duly licensed as before mentioned a yearly sum of twenty-one pounds and upon the further understanding and condition 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 district or new parish and of the nomination of the minister or incumbent thereof should be assigned in the manner hereinafter set forth.

“And whereas the said Henry Edward Beech the donor of the said endowment of four thousand three hundred pounds has nominated to us as the persons in whom he desires that the whole right of patronage of the said proposed district or new

parish and of the nomination of the minister or incumbent thereof should be alternately vested, Rowland John Beech of Shave Hall Cheadle in the said county of Stafford Esquire and Dryden Henry Sneyd of Ashecombe Park in the same county Esquire their heirs and assigns for ever.

“And whereas the said grant of a capital sum of seven hundred pounds will, after the publication in the London Gazette of an Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, 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 Honourable and Right Reverend Augustus Bishop of the said diocese of Lichfield (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 parish or parochial chapelry of Ipstones of the said parish of Checkley and of the said parish of Kingsley 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 as aforesaid become and be constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes and that the same shall be named ‘The District of Foxt with Whiston.’

“And we further recommend and propose that the whole right of patronage of the said district so recommended to be constituted and when such district shall have become a new parish as aforesaid then of the said new parish and of the nomination of the minister or 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 as aforesaid be assigned to and be vested in and shall be exercised alternately by the said Rowland John Beech and the said Dryden Henry Sneyd their heirs and assigns for ever the first turn of appointment to be exercised by the said Rowland John Beech.

“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 any of them in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament.

“The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing scheme has reference.

“The District of Foxt with Whiston comprising all those several contiguous portions of the parish or parochial chapelry of Ipstones, of the parish of Checkley (detached) and of the parish of Kingsley all in the county of Stafford and in the diocese of Lichfield, which said portions, taken together are comprised within and are bounded by an imaginary line commencing upon the boundary which divides the parish of Alton in the said county and diocese from the parish or parochial chapelry of Ipstones aforesaid at a point on Black Heath otherwise Alton Common in the middle of the road leading from Windy Harbour over the said heath or common to Ipstones Edge and extending thence north-westward along the middle of the said road for a distance of sixty-one chains or thereabouts to its junction with the footway or occupation road which leads towards Ipstones Park and extending