

Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, a plan bearing date the thirtieth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven for consolidating into one benefice the said office or place of first or head minister or chaplain of the said church of Saint Paul Liverpool and the said office or place of second minister of the same church in the manner in the said plan appearing, and for making certain other arrangements which are likely in the opinion of the said Bishop, and in our opinion, to promote the efficient discharge of the pastoral duties in the district which is attached to the said church of Saint Paul Liverpool.

"And whereas the said plan (as by the same appears) has the consent of Howard Douglas Horsfall of the city of Liverpool aforesaid, Esquire, the Right Honourable Charles Lindley Viscount Halifax, Sir Walter George Frank Phillimore, Baronet, Robert Ernest Horsfall, of the said city of Liverpool, Esquire, of Walter Digby Thurnam, of number twenty-three, Old-square, Lincoln's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, the patrons of the said office of first or head minister or chaplain of the said church of Saint Paul Liverpool, and of the said office of second minister of the same church, of the Reverend John Lloyd, Clerk in Holy Orders, the present first or head minister or chaplain of the said church, and of the Reverend David George Fee Smith Clerk in Holy Orders, the present second minister of the same church.

"And whereas the said plan is in the words and figures following, this is to say:—

"To the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.

"I John Charles Lord Bishop of Liverpool under and by virtue of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her present Majesty chapter one hundred and thirteen (that is to say 'The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840') section seventy-two and of the Act of the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her said Majesty chapter ninety-four section nine have with the consent of Howard Douglas Horsfall of the city of Liverpool Esquire the Right Honourable Charles Lindley Viscount Halifax Sir Walter George Frank Phillimore, Baronet, Robert Ernest Horsfall of the said city of Liverpool Esquire and Walter Digby Thurnam of twenty-three Old-square Lincoln's-inn in the county of Middlesex Esquire Barrister-at-Law patrons of the office or benefice of first or head minister or chaplain of the church of Saint Paul in Liverpool in the city and diocese of Liverpool aforesaid and also patrons of the office or benefice of second minister of the same church (testified as hereinafter is mentioned) framed the following plan for effecting the consolidation of the benefice of the said office or place of first or head minister or chaplain and the benefice of the said office or place of second minister of the said church of Saint Paul in Liverpool into one benefice and for making other arrangements such as I judge likely to promote the efficient discharge of pastoral duties in the district attached to the said church in the parish of Liverpool which said plan being a plan framed so as not to prejudice the interest of any existing incumbent I do hereby submit for consideration by you the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and request that the same may be carried into effect as in the said Acts is provided.

"Whereas the said church of Saint Paul in Liverpool formerly situated within the diocese of Chester was erected and endowed by the Mayor Aldermen and citizens of Liverpool aforesaid (hereinafter called the said Corporation) under and by virtue of the provisions of two local

and personal Acts of Parliament being the local and personal Act of the second year of the reign of King George III chapter lxxviii and the local and personal Act of the seventh year of the reign of King George III chapter lxxx and the said church was duly consecrated on the twelfth day of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine by Edmund then Lord Bishop of Chester.

"And whereas by the said Act of the seventh year of the reign of King George III chapter lxxx it was provided that there should be two ministers of the said church, namely, a first or head minister or chaplain and a second minister.

"And whereas by another local and personal Act of Parliament being the local and personal Act of the first and second years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria chapter xxviii certain additional endowments and emoluments were assigned to the first or head minister or chaplain and to the second minister of Saint Paul's aforesaid payable by the said Corporation and by the churchwardens of the parish of Liverpool.

And whereas under and by virtue of the provisions of another local and personal Act of Parliament being the local and personal Act of the tenth year of the reign of King George the Fourth chapter xi a district of the parish of Liverpool was on the twenty-ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one duly assigned by John Bid Lord Bishop of Chester to the said church of Saint Paul for the visitation of the sick and other pastoral duties and the said district varied and modified as declared and directed in and by a certain instrument made and executed by John Lord Bishop of Chester on the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one is now the district attached to the said church of Saint Paul within which the said ministers or incumbents of that church have and exercise cure of souls.

"And whereas under 'The Bishops Act 1878' the bishopric and diocese of Liverpool was founded and constituted in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and thereupon the said two ministers or incumbents of Saint Paul in Liverpool were exempted and released from all episcopal jurisdiction and control of the Bishop of Chester to which they had been theretofore subject and made subject to the episcopal jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of Liverpool and his successors.

"And whereas the said district attached to the said church of Saint Paul contains only one church being the said church of Saint Paul in Liverpool.

"And whereas the respective incumbents of the two benefices of first or head minister or chaplain and second minister of the said church of Saint Paul in Liverpool which are held as perpetual curacies in severalty have since the foundation of the same benefices executed the office of an incumbent within one and the same church, namely, in the said church of Saint Paul in Liverpool and within no other church and the profits and spiritual charge of the said church and district are divided between the said two incumbents.

"And whereas by 'The Liverpool City Churches Act 1897' the several payments and endowments heretofore paid by the said Corporation and by the churchwardens of the parish of Liverpool to churches within the city of Liverpool including therein the payments made by the said Corporation and by the said churchwardens in accordance with the said Acts of the seventh of George the Third chapter lxxx and of the first and second of Victoria chapter xxviii have been