

purposes to the Parishes of Keele, Saint Thomas Butterson and Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme respectively in the Diocese of Lichfield and to which the said Districts or portions of land are contiguous as the Spiritual care of the Inhabitants thereof will thereby be more conveniently and effectually provided for, more especially so as the above mentioned portions of land parts of the Parishes of Stoke-upon-Trent and Hanford are detached portions and the suggested alterations will make as far as possible convenient boundaries for the said Parishes of Keele, Whitmore, Saint Thomas Butterson and Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme respectively.

"That pursuant to the directions of the 26th Section of the Act 1 and 2 Vict. Cap. 106, as amended by the Pluralities Act, 1887, I have drawn up in writing a Scheme appended to this Representation describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations above proposed may be best effected and how the changes consequent upon such alterations in respect to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Glebe Lands, Tithes, Rentcharges and other Ecclesiastical dues, rates and payments and in respect to Patronage and rights to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested and I submit the same to your Grace together with the consents in writing of the respective Patrons and Incumbents of the Benefices of the said Parishes of Keele, Whitmore, Saint Thomas Butterson, Trent Vale, Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme, Swynnerton, Knutton, Stoke-upon-Trent and Hanford to the intent that your Grace, if you shall be satisfied with the said Scheme, certify the same and such consents to His Majesty in Council."

And whereas the said Scheme drawn up by the said Bishop and the Consents referred to in the said Representation are as follows:—

"SCHEME.

"It is proposed:—

"1. That the Districts or portions of land at present part of the Parishes of Whitmore, Knutton, Stoke-upon-Trent (detached) and Saint Thomas Butterson respectively which are shown on the accompanying plan 'A' within the thin red lines and the edged line coloured mauve shall be separated from those respective Parishes and be annexed to and united with the Parish of Keele shown on the accompanying plan 'B' and coloured mauve thereon.

"2. That the District or portion of land at present part of the Parish of Swynnerton which is shown on the said plan 'A' within the thin red line and the edged line coloured blue shall be separated from that Parish and be annexed to and united with the Parish of Saint Thomas Butterson shown on the said plan 'B' and coloured blue thereon.

"3. That the Districts or portions of land at present part of the Parishes of Trent Vale, Hanford (detached), Stoke-upon-Trent (detached), Knutton and Saint Thomas Butterson respectively which are shown on the said plan 'A' within the thin red lines and the edged line coloured light green shall be separated from those respective parishes and be annexed to and united with the Parish of Saint Giles

Newcastle-under-Lyme shown on the said plan 'B' and coloured light green thereon.

"4. That the Boundaries of the Parishes of Trent Vale, Swynnerton and Knutton coloured respectively pink, dark brown and light brown on the said plan 'B' shall now be altered as so coloured thereon.

"5. That all Ecclesiastical Offices shall be performed for the Inhabitants of the said Districts or portions of land referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme in the Parish Church of Keele, those for the Inhabitants of the said District or portion of land referred to in Clause 2 in the Parish Church of Saint Thomas Butterson and those for the Inhabitants of the said Districts or portions of land referred to in Clause 3 in the Parish Church of Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme and that the fees for all such offices and all other such Ecclesiastical dues offerings and Emoluments usually payable to the Incumbent of a Benefice as shall arise or become payable within or in respect of the said respective Districts or portions of land shall belong to the Incumbent of the said Parishes of Keele, Saint Thomas Butterson, and Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme respectively.

"6. That no other change shall be made in regard to Glebe lands, Tithes, or Tithe Rentcharges compositions in lieu of Tithes, Emoluments or other annual payments of or belonging to the Benefices of the Parishes herein referred to nor in respect to Patronage.

"7. That the Inhabitants of the said Districts or portions of land shall be respectively entitled to accommodation in the respective Churches of the Parishes of Keele, Whitmore, Saint Thomas Butterson and Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme, to which it is proposed that the said Districts or portions of land shall be respectively annexed and in common with the Parishioners of those respective Parishes and shall not henceforth be entitled to any accommodation in the Churches of the said Parishes from which they shall be separated except nevertheless any person or persons (if any) possessing a legal right by Faculty or otherwise to the exclusive use of any pews or sittings in such last mentioned Churches and who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

"J. A. LICHFIELD."

"CONSENTS.

"We, John Augustine, Lord Bishop of Lichfield within whose Diocese the said Parishes of Keele, Whitmore, Saint Thomas Butterson, Saint Giles Newcastle-under-Lyme, Trent Vale, Swynnerton, Knutton, Stoke-upon-Trent and Hanford are situate and as Patron of the Benefice or Rectory of Stoke-upon-Trent and also Patron of the Benefice or Vicarage of Hanford, Colonel Ralph Sneyd Patron of the Benefice or Rectory of Keele and also Patron of the Benefice or Vicarage of Knutton, James Gordon Cavenagh Mainwaring Patron of the Benefice or Rectory of Whitmore, Captain Arthur William Pilkington Patron of the Benefice or Vicarage of Saint Thomas Butterson, the Reverend Ernest Augustus Eardley-Wilmot M.A. of Carn Brea, Britton Avenue St. Albans Herts as Chairman of Simeon's Trustees Patrons of the Benefice or