

pared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting certain alterations of the boundaries of the Parishes of the Benefices of Layston with Buntingford; Wyddial; Aspenden and of the Parish of Great Hornead being one of the Parishes of the United Benefice of Great Hornead with Little Hornead all of which Parishes are situate in the County of Hertford and in the Diocese of Saint Albans:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures, to inquire and report (*inter alia*) as to the desirability of some re-arrangement by way of union or alteration of boundaries of the said Benefices of Layston with Buntingford; Wyddial; and Aspenden; duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Saint Albans and therein recommended certain alterations of the boundaries of the Parishes of those Benefices and the said Bishop of Saint Albans signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

"And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said alterations of boundaries which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the assent of the Bishop of Saint Albans contains certain modifications thereof, including provision for altering the boundaries of the said Parish of Great Hornead:

"And whereas all of the said Benefices are now full the Reverend John William Macartney being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford, the Reverend William McClelland Kerr being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wyddial, the Reverend Arthur James Culwick being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Aspenden, and the Reverend William James Crofton Griffiths being the present Incumbent of the said United Benefice of Great Hornead with Little Hornead:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consents of the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, John William Macartney, William McClelland Kerr, Arthur James Culwick and William James Crofton Griffiths (testified by their respectively signing this Scheme) and with the consent also of The Master, Fellows and Scholars of the College of Saint John the Evangelist in the University of Cambridge, being the Patrons of the said United Benefice of Great Hornead with Little Hornead (which consent is testified by their having caused their Common or Corporate Seal to be affixed to this Scheme) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"That upon the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme:—

"(a) All that detached part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford which lies between the Parish of the said Benefice of Aspenden and the Parish of the Benefice of Westmill, in the said County and Diocese, shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Aspenden.

"(b) All those parts of the Parish of the said Benefice of Aspenden which lie to the east of the middle of Bowling Green Lane shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford.

"(c) All that part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Wyddial which lies to the west of the middle of the River Rib shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford.

"(d) All those four detached parts of the Parish of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford which are situate at or near Hare Street shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the said Parish of Great Hornead and to the United Benefice of Great Hornead with Little Hornead.

"(e) All those parts of the Parish of the said Benefice of Wyddial which lie to the south of the imaginary line hereinafter described and which are also delineated and set forth upon the Map or Plan hereto annexed and thereon coloured red shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford; the imaginary line referred to being a line extending generally eastward from the middle of the River Rib and following first the middle of the stream which flows from Brown's Corner, then following the roadway leading towards Saint Bartholomew's Church, then following the boundary between certain closes numbered as follows upon the Ordnance Map (Edition of 1921) upon the scale of twenty-five inches to a mile showing the Civil Parishes of Layston and Wyddial and also upon the said Map or Plan annexed to this Scheme, that is to say, between the closes numbered 150 and 128 and the closes numbered 151, 126a and 172a between the close numbered 126 and the closes numbered 125 and 124, and between the closes numbered 121, 175a, 176 and 177 and the closes numbered 124, 173, 173a, 171 and 170, and then following the middle of the foot-path or roadway leading to the main road from Barkway to Ware; and

"(f) All that part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Layston with Buntingford which lies to the north of the imaginary line hereinbefore referred to shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Wyddial.

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from making any other recommendations and proposals relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or of any Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the said Measures to receive Notice requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Measures: