

At the Court at Windsor, the 19th October 1824, present, the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the 58th year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for building and promoting the building of additional churches in populous parishes," it is amongst other things enacted, that in any case in which the Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution the purposes of the said Act, shall be of opinion that it is not expedient to divide any populous parish, or extra parochial place, into complete, separate, and distinct parishes, for all ecclesiastical purposes whatever, but that it is expedient to divide the same into such ecclesiastical districts, as they with the consent of the Bishop, signified under his hand and seal, may deem necessary, for the purpose of affording accommodation for the attending divine service according to the rites of the United Church of England and Ireland, to persons residing therein, in the churches and parochial chapels already built, or in additional churches and chapels to be built therein, and as may appear to such Commissioners to be convenient, for the enabling the spiritual person or persons who may serve such churches or chapels, to perform all ecclesiastical duties within the districts attached to such respective churches and chapels, and for the due ecclesiastical superintendance of such district, and the preservation and improvement of the religious and moral habits of the persons residing therein, the said Commissioners shall represent such opinion to His Majesty in Council, and shall state in such representation the bounds by which such districts are proposed to be described, and if thereupon, His Majesty in Council shall think fit to direct such division to be made, such Order of His Majesty in Council shall be valid and good in law, for the purpose of effecting such division:

And whereas a representation has been made by the said Commissioners to His Majesty in Council, stating that in the month of November 1818, a petition of the Ministers in behalf of the inhabitants of the parish of Saint Giles, Camberwell, in the county of Surrey, and diocese of Winchester, was presented to the said Commissioners, and that amongst other things the said petition set forth that the parish of St. Giles, Camberwell, is a large and populous parish, containing in circumference nearly twenty-two miles, with a population of about sixteen thousand persons; that the parish is divided into three hamlets, or liberties, viz. Camberwell, Peckham, and Dulwich; that the spiritual wants of the inhabitants of the latter district or liberty, which is the smallest of the three, are provided for by the chapel at Dulwich College, that the district of Peckham is the next in extent and population, and where a chapel has lately been erected on the principals of the established Church; that the district or liberty of Camberwell is by far the largest in extent and population, containing not less than eight thousand souls, and affording comparatively the smallest church accommodation of the three districts or liberties. That the parish church will not accommodate more than one thousand three hundred persons, and the parish church and consecrated chapels within the parish

will not accommodate more than one thousand eight hundred persons; that the said Commissioners having taken the petition and all the circumstances of the parish, with reference to its spiritual wants, into consideration, deemed it expedient, for the accommodation of a very large and populous portion of the district of Camberwell, which lies at a considerable distance from the parish church, that a new church should be erected therein capable of accommodating nine hundred and seventy-six persons in pews, and seven hundred and fifty-eight poor persons in free seats; that the church has since been so erected according to a plan and estimate approved by the said Commissioners, and the same has been consecrated; that the said Commissioners have granted, in His Majesty's name, out of the Parliamentary Fund, the sum of five thousand pounds towards the expence of erecting such church, and the parish agreed to defray the remainder of the expence, and to provide the site: That it has since been represented to the said Commissioners, that in consequence of the large population of that part of the parish in which the church has been built, and the distance at which a considerable proportion of the inhabitants reside from the parish church, it would be highly advantageous if a part of the parish was divided into an ecclesiastical district, under the provisions of the twenty-first and twenty-second section of the Act of Parliament abovementioned; that the said Commissioners having taken the said representation into consideration, are of opinion that it will be expedient so to divide the parish, for the purpose of affording accommodation for attending divine worship, according to the rites and ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, to persons residing within the proposed district, and for enabling the spiritual person who may serve the new church to perform all ecclesiastical duties which may attach thereto, and for the preservation and improvement of the religious and moral habits of the inhabitants; and the said Commissioners accordingly caused a map, shewing the proposed line of division, to be laid before them, and having approved of the same, they applied to the Lord Bishop of the diocese for his consent, which His Lordship has signified under his hand and seal, as required by the said Act: And the Commissioners beg leave, therefore, to lay before His Majesty the before-mentioned circumstances, and a map (which is hereunto annexed), in which the proposed division is coloured red; and humbly pray, that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into His Royal consideration, and make such order in respect thereto as His Majesty in His wisdom shall seem meet: His Majesty having taken the said representation of the said Commissioners into consideration is thereupon pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the proposed division be accordingly made and effected, agreeably to the provisions of the said Act.

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A Description of the District attached to the Church of Saint George, in the parish of Saint Giles, Camberwell, in the county of Surrey, as