

Rochdale from the chapelry of Oldham to where the chapelry of Saddleworth, in the county of York, joins the parish of Rochdale, in the county of Lancaster; thence southward, and continuing along the boundary which separates the counties of York and Lancaster, and likewise the chapelries of Saddleworth and Oldham, to where the township of Oldham joins the township of Crompton, at Grains; thence westward, and continuing along the boundary which separates the townships of Oldham and Crompton to where the township of Royton joins the township of Oldham, near Old bank; thence westward, and continuing along the boundary which separates the townships of Crompton and Royton to where the parish of Middleton joins the chapelry of Oldham, at the junction of the townships of Thornham, Royton, and Crompton, at Dogfort's-brook, where the boundary commenced, as the same is delineated in the plan thereunto annexed, and therein coloured brown.

That marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials shall be performed in each of the above mentioned chapels, and that the fees for the same should, from and after the next avoidance of the rectory of the said parish of Prestwich cum Oldham, belong to, and be received by, the ministers of the said six chapels respectively.

That the consent of the Lord Bishop of Chester has been obtained thereto, as required by the above-mentioned section of the said Act passed in the 59th year of the reign of His said Majesty King George the Third; and that in testimony thereof the said Lord Bishop has signed and sealed the said representation; and humbly praying, that His Majesty would be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to make such order in respect thereto, as to His Majesty might seem meet:

His Majesty, having taken the said representation, and the plan thereunto annexed, into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the districts described in the said representation be respectively assigned to the said six several chapels accordingly, agreeably to the provisions of the said Acts.

C. C. Greville.

*Church Commissioners'-Office,
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THE following is a copy of an Order of His Majesty in Council, dividing the parish of Portsea into ecclesiastical districts, under the 16th section of 9 Geo. 3, c. 134:

At the Court at St. James's, the 4th of March 1835, present, the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the 58th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "that in every case in which the Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution the purposes of the said Act, shall be of opinion that it will be expedient to divide any parish into two or

more distinct and separate parishes, for all ecclesiastical purposes whatever, if shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, with the consent of the Bishop of the diocese in which such parish is locally situated, signified under his hand and seal, to apply to the patron or patrons of the church of such parish for his or their consent to make such division, and for such patron or patrons to signify his or their consent thereto, under his or their hand and seal; and the said Commissioners shall, upon the consent of the said patron or patrons so signified, represent the whole matter to His Majesty in Council, and shall state in such representation the bounds by which it is proposed, with such consent as aforesaid, to divide such parish, together with the relative and respective proportions of glebe land, tithes, moduses, or other endowments, which will by such division arise and accrue, and remain, and be within each of such respective divisions, and also the relative proportions of the estimated amount of the value or produce of fees, oblations, offerings, or other ecclesiastical dues or profits which may arise and accrue within each of such respective divisions; 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; provided always that no such division of any parish into distinct parishes shall completely take effect until after the death, resignation, or other avoidance of the existing incumbent of the parish to be divided; And whereas by the said Act it is further enacted "that in any case in which the said Commissioners shall be of opinion that it is not expedient to divide any populous parish or extra parochial place into such complete, separate, and distinct parishes as aforesaid, 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 or 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 superintendence 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 by an Act, passed in the 19th year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and by another Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act