

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," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, in the same manner and with the like consents as are required in case of division into ecclesiastical districts under the said recited Act, or the said Act now in recital, to assign a particular district to any chapel of ease or parochial chapel already existing, or to any chapel built, or which might thereafter be built, or acquired under the powers of the said former Act, or the said Act now in recital; and such district shall be under the immediate care of the Curate appointed to serve such chapel, but subject, nevertheless, to the superintendence and controul of the incumbent of the parish church; and all such Curates shall be nominated by the incumbent of the parish to the Bishop for his licence, except where the right of nomination shall already be legally vested in any other person or persons, and in every such case by the person or persons possessing such right of nomination, subject to all the laws in force relating to Stipendiary Curates, except as to the assigning of salaries to such Curates; provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, with the consent of the Bishop of the diocese, to determine whether any and what part or proportion of the fees or dues for marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials shall be assigned to any such Curate; and whether banns of marriages shall be published, and marriages or baptisms, churchings or burials, shall be solemnized or performed in any such chapel or not; and in any case in which marriages shall be allowed in any such chapel, the Commissioners shall cause the boundaries of the district assigned to such chapel to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery, and in the office of the Registry of the diocese, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and no such chapel shall become a benefice by reason of any augmentation of the maintenance of the Curate, or by any grant or bounty under the provision of any Act or Acts of Parliament, or law or laws for augmenting small livings, any thing in such Act or Acts of Parliament, or law or laws, to the contrary notwithstanding;" and whereas by another Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and by another Act, made and passed in the 1st and 2d year of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;'" and also by another Act, made and passed in the 2d and 3d year of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to render more effectual an Act, passed in the 59th 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;'" further provisions are made for carrying such divisions into effect:

And whereas the said Commissioners have made a representation to His Majesty in Council, stating that, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, when the last census was taken the parish of Chorley, in the county palatine of Lancaster, and diocese of Chester, contained a population of 9282 persons; that there is, besides the parish church, one chapel in the said parish, lately built, and called Saint George's Chapel, which affords accommodation to 2012 persons, including 1590 free seats appropriated to the use of the poor; and that divine service is regularly performed therein:

And whereas the said Commissioners have further represented to His Majesty, that, having taken into consideration all the circumstances attending this parish, it appears to them to be expedient, that a particular district should be assigned to the said chapel, under the provisions of the 16th section of an Act, passed in the 59th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to amend an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and that such district should be named St. George's District, with boundaries as follows:

The boundary to commence in the centre of Market-street, the high road from Preston, to Bolton, opposite High-street; thence proceed eastward, along the centre of High-street, including the south or right side thereof, in a straight line, crossing Eave's-lane on the south end of the work-house, and down a regular foot-path to a bridge over the canal; thence, proceeding northward, along the canal side to the township of Whittle-le-woods, where the parish of Chorley joins the parish of Leyland; thence, eastward, along the boundary which separates the parishes of Chorley and Leyland, crossing the Blackburn-road, to the township of Heapey, in the parish of Leyland; thence along the eastern boundary which separates the parishes of Chorley and Leyland; thence, southward, along the boundary which separates the parishes of Chorley and Standish, crossing Eave's lane, the canal, the road to Bolton, and Carr-lane to the River Yarrow; then along the said river to the end of Gillsbrand-wood; then, northward, on the west side of the said wood, to Dole-lane, and along the west side of Saint Thomas's-street into Market-street, where the boundary commenced, as the same is, in the map annexed to the said representation, more particularly delineated, and therein coloured blue.

That marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials should be performed in the said chapel; and that the fees arising therefrom should, during the present incumbency of the parish of Chorley, be equally divided between the Incumbent of the said parish and the Minister of the said chapel, and from and after the first avoidance of the incumbency of the said parish church, that the whole of the said fees should belong to the Minister of the said chapel:

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 His Majesty King George the Third; in testimony whereof the said Lord Bishop has signed and