

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, it 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 consent to make such division, and for such patron or patrons to signify his or their consent thereto, under his 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 of 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 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," and 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 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 when the last census was taken, the parish of

Merthyr Tydvil, in the county of Glamorgan, and diocese of Llandaff, contained a population of 22083 persons, which has since considerably increased; that, besides the parish church, which affords accommodation to 1400 persons, there is only one chapel in the said parish, lately erected, at Dowlais, which affords accommodation to 480 persons, including 246 free seats, appropriated to the use of the poor; that the said chapel is consecrated and 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 of this parish, it appears to them to be expedient that the said parish should be divided into two distinct and separate parishes, under the 16th section of the said Act, passed in the 58th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and that the said parishes should be named, respectively, the parish of Merthyr Tydvil, and the parish of Dowlais, and that the said chapel at Dowlais should be the parish church of the said parish of Dowlais, and that the boundaries of the said parish of Dowlais should be as follows:

The boundary to commence at a point on the River Taff, called Pontsarn, thence, to follow the course of the said river, upwards, to a place, called Cerrig Maur, where the boundary between the counties of Glamorgan and Brecon leaves the said river; it then follows the boundary between the two counties to Cwch y Fag wyr Castellnos Morlais Pool, and as far as a certain place, called Llŵch Mare; thence, bearing southward, it follows the boundaries between the parishes of Gelligaer and Merthyr Tydvil to Gaur Gow, Dowlais Pond, Fynon Gwenlli, corner of Twyn y wain House, and between the Tai Carreg, as far as opposite to the south bank of a large pond, made by the Dowlais Iron Company; turning thence, due west, it runs until it meets a line drawn due south from Pwillywhyaidd-gate to the common below Saru Howell Pond, which line it follows to Pwillywhyaidd-gate; thence it follows the boundary between the Pen y Darran and Pwillywhyaidd Farms to the Dowlais Brook, it crosses the brook and ascends the Morlais Brook, until it meets the boundary which divides the Gellyfaillog and Bonmaen Farms; which boundary it follows until it arrives at the road from Merthyr to Pantycodvir; thence it follows the boundary between the Gam and Gallon uchaf and Llwyn Molgoch Farms, until it meets the northern boundary of the Castle Farms; which boundary it follows to Poutsarn, where it commenced, as the same is more particularly described in the map annexed to the said representation, and therein coloured red;

That the whole of the glebe land is locally situate within the said parish of Merthyr Tydvil, and is at present of the annual value of three hundred and seventy-five pounds, but that one fifth part of the rents and profits thereof, amounting now to the sum of seventy-five pounds, should be charged thereon, and paid thereout, annually to the incumbent for the time being of the said new parish of Dowlais; that four fifths of the tithes will belong