

cept 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 marriage 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 chapelry shall become a benefice by reason of any augmentation of the maintenance of the curate, 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 seventh and eighth 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 first and second years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled “An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the seventh and eighth 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 second and third years of His said late Majesty, intituled “An Act to render more effectual an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth 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 Her Majesty in Council, in the words following, viz.

“Your Majesty’s Commissioners for building new churches, appointed by virtue of an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled “An Act for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;” continued by another Act, passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His 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 further continued by an Act, passed in the first year of your Majesty’s reign, intituled “An Act to prolong, for ten years, Her Majesty’s Commission for building new churches;” beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty, that, when the last census was taken, the parish of Prestwich-cum-Oldham, in the county of Lancaster and diocese of Chester, contained a population of seventy-seven thousand five hundred and eighty-two persons; that, besides the parish church, which affords accommodation to one thousand one hundred persons, there are ten consecrated churches and chapels in the said parish, one of which, recently erected (partly by a grant in aid from your Majesty’s said Commissioners) at Tonge, called St. Michael’s Chapel, affords accommodation to five hundred and six persons, including three hundred and forty-eight free seats appropriated to the use of the poor:

“Your Majesty’s said Commissioners beg leave further to represent to your 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 last-mentioned chapel of St. Michael, at Tonge, under the provisions of the sixteenth section of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His 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 that such district should be named, “The Chapelry District of Tonge-cum-Alkington,” and comprize the townships of Tonge and Alkington, in the parish of Prestwich, being bounded on the north by the parish of Middleton; on the east and south east by the township of Chadderton, in the chapelry of Oldham; and on the south and south west by the parish of Manchester, as shewn on the map hereunto annexed and thereon coloured yellow:

“That marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials should be solemnized and performed in the said chapel; and that the fees arising therefrom should be received by and 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 fifty-ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third; in testimony whereof the said Lord Bishop has signed and sealed this present instrument:

“Your Majesty’s Commissioners, therefore, beg leave to lay before your Majesty the before-mentioned circumstances, and humbly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into your royal consideration, and to make such order in respect thereto as to your Majesty, in your royal wisdom, shall seem meet.”

Her Majesty, having taken the said representation,