

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, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, 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 an 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 Melksham, in the county of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury, contained a population of six thousand two hundred and thirty-four persons :

“That, besides the parish church, which affords accommodation to seven hundred and fifty persons, there are three consecrated chapels in the said parish, in which divine service is regularly performed, namely, the chapel of Seend, Erle Stoke Chapel, and Shaw Chapel; and that the said last-mentioned chapel will accommodate

four hundred and fifty persons, including three hundred and twenty 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 chapel, called Shaw Chapel, 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 Shaw,” with boundaries as follow :

“This district is to consist of part of the hamlet of Shaw and the hamlet of Whitley, the same being bounded on the north by the parish of Corsham; on the west and south west by the parishes of Bradford and Broughton Gifford; on the north east by the tything of Beanacre; and on the south east by Shernold-brook and the said tything of Beanacre; and on the south by Shernold-brook, which divides it from the remaining part of the hamlet of Shaw, in the said parish of Melksham, as is more particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, and thereon coloured yellow :

“That marriages, churchings, baptisms, 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 Salisbury has been obtained thereto, as required by the above-mentioned section of the said Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year 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, together with the plan thereunto annexed, into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the proposed assignment be accordingly made, and that the recommendation of the said Commissioners in respect of marriages, churchings, baptisms, and burials, and the fees arising therefrom, be carried into effect, agreeably to the provisions of the said Acts.

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