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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1845.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *August* 1845,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the fifth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, in the words following, that is to say :

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for constituting a separate district for spiritual purposes out of the parochial chapelry of Colne, in the parish of Whalley, in the county of Lancaster, and in the diocese of Chester.

"Whereas it is by the said Act enacted, that if at any time it shall be made to appear to us, that

it would promote the interests of religion, that any part or parts of any parish or parishes, chapelry or chapelries, district or districts, of great extent, and containing a large population, and wherein, or in parts whereof, the provision for public worship and for pastoral superintendence is insufficient for the spiritual wants of the inhabitants thereof, or any extra-parochial place or places, or any part or parts thereof, should be constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes, it shall be lawful, by the authority in the same Act provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council, ratifying such scheme), with the consent of the bishop of the diocese, under his hand and seal, to set out by metes and bounds, and constitute a separate district accordingly, such district not then containing within its limits any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of divine worship, and to fix and declare the name of such district; and it is by the same Act provided, that the draft of any scheme for constituting any such district shall be delivered or transmitted to the incumbent and to patron or patrons of the church or chapel of any parish, chapelry, or district, out of which it is recommended that any such district, or any part thereof, should be taken, in order that such incumbent, patron or patrons, may have an opportunity of offering or making to us, or to such bishop, any observations or objections upon or to the constituting of such district; and that such scheme shall not be laid before your Majesty in Council until