

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the
11th day of *February* 1848,

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 ninth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, 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 parishes of Saint George and Stapleton, in the county of Gloucester, and in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol.

"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 the 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 after the expiration of one calendar month next after such copy shall have been so delivered or transmitted, unless such incumbent and patron or patrons shall, in the meantime, consent to the same ; and it is by the same Act also provided, that in every such scheme for constituting any such district we shall recommend to your Majesty in Council that the minister of such district, when duly licensed according to the same Act, shall be permanently endowed, under the provisions of the same Act, to an amount of not less than the annual value of one hundred pounds; and also, if such endowment be of less than the annual value of one hundred and fifty pounds, that the same shall be increased to such last-mentioned amount at the least, so soon as such district shall have become a new parish as thereafter provided :

"And whereas the said parishes of Saint George and Stapleton are respectively of great extent, and contain a large population, and the provision for public worship and for pastoral superintendence therein is insufficient for the spiritual wants of the inhabitants thereof ; and it has been made to appear to us, that it would promote the interests of religion, that the particular part of each of such parishes hereinafter mentioned and described, neither of which parts at present contains within its limits any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of divine worship, should be together constituted a separate district in manner hereinafter set forth :

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend James Henry Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that all that part of the said parish of Saint George, and also all that part of the said parish of Stapleton, described in the schedule hereunto annexed,—all which parts, together with