

wich aforesaid) to the centre of the bridge which carries the same road over the Birmingham Canal and extending thence first northward and then north-eastward along the middle of of the said canal for a distance of one mile and sixteen chains or thereabouts (thereby crossing the boundary which divides the said new parish of Saint Peter West Bromwich from the new parish of Saint James, Hill Top aforesaid) to the point near the southern side of the line of the Great Bridge Branch of the said Great Western Railway where the same Canal is joined by the Ridgeacre Branch of the said Birmingham Canal, and extending thence first north-eastward and then south-eastward along the middle of the last-named branch canal for a distance of seventy-seven and a half chains or thereabouts (thereby following in part the boundary which divides the said new parish of Saint James Hill Top from the parish or parochial chapelry of West Bromwich aforesaid) to the centre of Ridgeacre Bridge which carries Church-lane over the same branch canal and extending thence north-eastward along the middle of the last-named lane for a distance of six chains or thereabouts to its junction with the public footpath leading into Hargate-lane and extending thence that is from Church-lane aforesaid first southward and then south-eastward, along the middle of the said footpath for a distance of forty chains or thereabouts to its junction with Hargate-lane aforesaid and extending thence south-westward along the middle of the last-named lane for a distance of twenty-one chains or thereabouts to its junction with Mill-street and with Sandwell-road and continuing thence still south-westward along the middle of the last-named road for a distance of fourteen chains or thereabouts (thereby following the boundary which divides the said parish or parochial chapelry of West Bromwich from the district parish of Christ Church West Bromwich aforesaid) to the point where the same road joins High-street aforesaid and extending thence north-westward along the middle of the last-named street for a distance of fourteen chains or thereabouts (thereby continuing to follow the last-mentioned boundary) to the first-described point at or near to Carter's Green aforesaid, where the said imaginary line commenced."

And whereas the said representation has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said representation, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of Lichfield.

*C. L. Peel:*

**A**T the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of February, 1879.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of the Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding

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"of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when, with respect to his own diocese, it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing, (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration), describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration, in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent-charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates, and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to Her Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas by another Act of Parliament passed in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Assignment of Ecclesiastical Districts to Churches or Chapels augmented by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen; and for other purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That any such scheme or modification may be drawn up according to the regulations and directions in such Act contained, subject to the consent, in writing, of the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected thereby, under his or their hands, notwithstanding the vacancy of such benefice or benefices, and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council thereupon to make an Order for carrying such scheme or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect, and such Order being registered in the registry of the diocese, as directed by the said Act, shall come into operation, and shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever, notwithstanding such vacancy or vacancies;" and it is, by the same