

situate in the said city within the walls was heretofore and for many years past used as the parish church of Saint Oswald aforesaid and in accordance with an arrangement between the Dean and Chapter of the said cathedral church patrons of the said vicarage and parish church of Saint Oswald and the vicar of the said parish and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and myself the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners have with all necessary consents by an instrument under their common seal dated the third day of November one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one made under and by virtue of the powers contained in the statutes 8 and 9 Victoria chapter 70 and of the 19th and 20th Victoria chapter 55 transferred all rights emoluments tithes and other endowments of the parish church of Saint Oswald to the church of Saint Thomas theretofore a consecrated chapel of ease in the said parish of Saint Oswald situate in that portion of the said parish known as Saint Oswalds without the Walls to the intent that the said church of Saint Thomas should be from the date of the said instrument in all respects the sole parish church of the said parish of Saint Oswald.

That in consequence of such transfers aforesaid the said transept of the said cathedral hath ceased to be available as a church for the said parish.

That there is now no consecrated church or chapel belonging to the said parish of Saint Oswald situate in that part or district thereof known as Saint Oswalds within the Walls.

And the said church of Saint Thomas is situate at the distance of six hundred yards at least from any portion of the said last-mentioned district.

That the population of the said parish of Saint Oswald amounts according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one to six thousand two hundred and fifty persons. That it is estimated that the district known as Saint Oswalds within the Walls contains one thousand two hundred and fifty persons and that the population of the district known as Saint Oswalds without the Walls in the said city contains five thousand persons.

That there is also within the said city of Chester the rectory and parish of Saint Martin (now united for ecclesiastical purposes to the rectory and parish of Saint Bridget) the parish whereof comprises a district the boundaries of which are well known and defined and which is also shown on the plan herunto annexed and is thereon coloured red.

That the last-mentioned district contains no church or chapel and is distant from its parish church six hundred and fifty yards or thereabouts and is contiguous to the portion of the parish of Saint Oswald aforesaid situate within the Walls.

That the population of the said united parishes of Saint Bridget and Saint Martin amounts according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one to one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three persons of whom it is estimated that the said district contains one hundred and twenty persons.

That there is also within the said city of Chester the rectory of Holy Trinity the parish whereof comprises a district the boundaries of which are well known and defined and which is also shown on the plan herunto annexed and is thereon coloured green.

That the last-mentioned district contains no church or chapel but adjoins the parish church of Holy Trinity at its south-west corner as by reference to the said plan will more clearly appear.

That the population of the said parish of Holy Trinity amounts according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one to three thousand and twenty persons of whom it is estimated that the last-mentioned district contains four hundred and fifty persons.

That there is also within the said city of Chester the rectory and parish of Saint Peter the population whereof amounts according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one to six hundred and twenty-two persons and such population is and has been for some time past decreasing owing to the fact that most of the houses in the said parish which is situate in the centre of the said city are occupied as shops and other places of business the owners and occupiers of which reside in the suburban parishes.

That the parish church of Saint Peter aforesaid affords accommodation for seven hundred persons.

That the net annual value of the said benefice of Saint Oswald not reckoning the house of residence as an item is three hundred pounds or thereabouts.

That the patronage of the said vicarage of Saint Oswald belongs to the Dean and Chapter of my Cathedral Church of Chester and the Reverend William Henry Lawrence Cogswell Clerk M.A. is now the vicar thereof.

That the net annual value of the said united benefices of Saint Bridget and Saint Martin not reckoning the house of residence as an item is two hundred and forty pounds or thereabouts.

That the patronage of the said united rectories of Saint Bridget and Saint Martin belongs to me as Bishop of the diocese of Chester and the Venerable John Lionel Darby, Clerk M.A. is now the rector thereof.

That the net annual value of the said benefice of Holy Trinity (there being no house of residence) is two hundred and seventy pounds or thereabouts.

That the patronage of the said rectory of Holy Trinity belongs to the Right Honourable Edward Henry Earl of Derby and the Reverend Edward Marston Clerk M.A. is now the rector thereof.

That the net annual value of the said benefice of Saint Peter (not reckoning the interest allowed to the incumbent by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England on the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds granted by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and held by them as a fund wherewith to provide a house of residence for the said benefice of Saint Peter) is one hundred and sixty pounds or thereabouts.

That the patronage of the said rectory of Saint Peter belongs to me as Bishop of the diocese of Chester and the Reverend Johnston Hamilton Acheson Clerk M.A. is now the rector thereof.

That the patrons other than myself of the said benefices of Saint Oswald Saint Bridget with Saint Martin Holy Trinity and Saint Peter respectively and the respective incumbents of the same benefices are all consenting parties to the separation and annexation hereinafter proposed.

That it appears to me that the district part of the said parish of Saint Oswald known as Saint Oswald within the Walls and coloured blue on the said plan the district part of the said parish of Saint Martin coloured red on the said plan and the district part of the said parish of Holy Trinity coloured green on the said plan may under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament of the first and second years of Her present Majesty chapter 106 and the second and third years of Her said Majesty chapter 49 be advantageously separated