

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 6th day of
November, 1883.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and four, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the ninth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, in the words and figures following, that is to say;

"We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of Your Majesty chapter one hundred and thirteen of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of Your Majesty chapter thirty-seven and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Your Majesty chapter one hundred and four have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for constituting a separate district for spiritual purposes to be taken out of the parish or parochial chapelry of Earsdon in the county of Northumberland, and in the diocese of Newcastle, and out of the parochial chapelry of Horton in the same county and diocese.

"Whereas it has been made to appear to us that it would promote the interests of religion that the particular portions of the said parish or parochial chapelry of Earsdon and of the said parochial chapelry of Horton which are hereinafter mentioned and described should be constituted a separate district in manner hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"And whereas there is not at present within the limits of the said proposed district any consecrated church or chapel in use for the purposes of Divine worship.

"And whereas by a certain deed bearing date on or about the fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three and made or expressed to be made under the authority of the 'New Parishes Acts 1843, 1844 and 1856' or some or one of them and being under the hand and seal of Sir Matthew White Ridley of Blagdon in the said county of Northumberland Baronet and being also under the common seal of us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and being also under the hand and seal of Sir George Pringle of No. 10 Whitehall-place in the city of Westminster, Knight, (which said deed is intended to be enrolled in the Chancery Division of Your Majesty's High Court of Justice) the said Sir Matthew White Ridley granted and secured to the minister of the said proposed district so soon as a minister shall have been appointed and licensed thereto and so soon as such district shall under the provisions of the hereinbefore secondly-mentioned Act have become a new parish then to the incumbent of such new parish and to their successors the ministers or incumbents of the said district or new parish for the time being one clear yearly rent-charge of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling to be issuing and payable out of and charged upon certain pieces or parcels of land and hereditaments situate in the parish of Staunington in the said county of Northumberland which are particularly described in the schedules annexed to the said deed and are also delineated upon a map or plan drawn upon and forming part of the same deed.

"And whereas the said rent-charge or annual sum of one hundred and fifty pounds has been so granted and secured as aforesaid upon the understanding that we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England should out of our common fund created by the firstly hereinbefore mentioned Act pay to the minister or incumbent for the time being of the said proposed district when he shall have been duly licensed as aforesaid or (as the case may be) of the said new parish a grant of fifty pounds per annum and upon the further understanding and condition that (such arrangement appearing to us to be expedient) we should recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council that the whole right of patronage of the said proposed district or (as the case may be) of the said new parish and of the nomination of the minister or incumbent thereto should be assigned to the said Sir Matthew White Ridley in perpetuity.

"And whereas we have agreed and undertaken to make such grant of fifty pounds per annum as aforesaid by an instrument to be executed by us under our common seal in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Your Majesty chapter one hundred and eleven.

"Now therefore with the consent of the Right Reverend Ernest Rowland Bishop of the said diocese of Newcastle (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners humbly recommend and propose that all those portions of the said parish or parochial chapelry of Earsdon and of the said parochial chapelry of Horton which are described in the schedule heretunder written (all which portions together with the boundaries thereof are delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto annexed) shall upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, become and be constituted a separate district for spiritual purposes and that the same shall be named 'The District of Saint Cuthbert Blyth.'

"And we further recommend and propose that the whole right of patronage of the said proposed district and so soon as the said district shall have become a new parish as aforesaid then of the said new parish and of the nomination of the minister or incumbent thereof shall without any assurance in the law other than this scheme and any duly gazetted Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying the same and upon and from the day of the date of the publication of such Order in the London Gazette as aforesaid be assigned to and become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may be exercised by the said Sir Matthew White Ridley his heirs and assigns for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid or to any of them in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts or of either of them or of any other Act of Parliament.

"The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Scheme has reference.

"The District of Saint Cuthbert, Blyth, being:—

"I. All that portion of the parish or parochial chapelry of Earsdon in the county of Northumberland and in the diocese of Newcastle wherein the present incumbent of such parish or parochial chapelry now possesses the exclusive cure of souls which is comprised within and is co-extensive