

Commissioners appointed to inquire into the needs and resources of the church in the rural deaneries of East Worcester and West Worcester, within my diocese it is recommended, amongst other things, that the alterations of the boundaries of certain parishes hereinafter referred to should be carried out.

"That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament called 'The Pluralities Acts' the several places or districts or portions of land described in the schedule hereto may be advantageously separated from the parishes to which they respectively belong and be annexed to other parishes to which they are contiguous as recommended by the said Commissioners as the spiritual cure of the inhabitants thereof will thereby be more conveniently and effectually provided for.

"That pursuant to the directions of the twenty-sixth section of the Act one and two Victoria chapter one hundred and six, I have drawn up in writing a scheme appended to this representation describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations above proposed may be best effected and how the changes consequent on such alterations 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 I submit the same to your Grace together with the consents in writing of the Patrons of the benefices of the said parishes and of the Incumbents of such benefices, except the benefice of Saint Michael in Bedwardine which is now vacant by the death of the Reverend Richard Thursfield, to the intent that your Grace may if you shall be satisfied with the said scheme certify the same and such consents to His Majesty in Council."

And whereas the said scheme drawn up by the said Bishop and the consents referred to in the said representation are as follows:—

#### "SCHEME.

"It is proposed that the places or districts or portions of land described in the first part of the schedule hereto and delineated in the accompanying map and thereon coloured brown shall be separated from the parishes of Saint Helen and Saint Alban respectively and be annexed to and united with the parish of Saint Andrew for ecclesiastical purposes, being contiguous to the parish of Saint Andrew.

"That the place or district or portion of land described in the second part of the schedule hereto and delineated in the accompanying map and thereon coloured pink shall be separated from the parish of Saint Helen and be annexed to and united with the parish of Saint Swithin for ecclesiastical purposes, being contiguous to the parish of Saint Swithin.

"That the place or district or portion of land described in the third part of the schedule hereto and delineated in the accompanying map and thereon coloured green shall be separated from the parish of Saint Michael in Bedwardine and be annexed to and united with the parish of Saint Peter the Great for ecclesiastical purposes, being contiguous to the parish of Saint Peter the Great.

"That the Incumbents of the several parishes to which such places or districts or portions of land shall be annexed shall have exclusive cure of souls within the limits of such places or districts.

"That all ecclesiastical offices shall be performed for the inhabitants of the said districts in the churches of the parishes to which they

shall be annexed and that the fees for all such offices and all such other ecclesiastical dues offerings and emoluments usually payable to the Incumbent of a benefice as shall arise or become payable within or in respect of the said districts (except tithes, tithe rentcharges, compositions in lieu of tithes, endowments, and other annual payments, if any) shall belong to the Incumbents of the said parishes.

"And it is further proposed that if and when the parish or benefice of Saint Michael in Bedwardine shall become united (as proposed) to Saint Helen with Saint Alban, in the city and diocese of Worcester, but not otherwise, then the income of Saint Michael shall be charged with the payment thereof of an annual sum of two hundred pounds to the benefice of Saint Peter the Great, in the same city and diocese.

"That the inhabitants of the said districts shall be entitled to accommodation in the churches of the parishes to which they shall be respectively annexed and in common with the parishioners of those parishes and shall not henceforth be entitled to any accommodation in the churches of the parishes from which they shall be separated except nevertheless any person or persons, if any, possessing a legal right by faculty or otherwise to the exclusive use of any pews or sittings in the last mentioned churches and who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

"The patronage of the several parishes shall remain unaltered.

#### "SCHEDULE.

##### "FIRST PART.

"To be added to the parish of Saint Andrew, Worcester,

"From the parishes of Saint Helen and Saint Alban.

"That part of the parish of Saint Helen on the east side of Saint Andrew's parish which is situate west of High-street and north of Copenhagen-street and that part of the parish of Saint Alban which is situate north of Warmstry Slip and west of Little Fish-street, such parts being coloured brown on the plan hereto annexed.

##### "SECOND PART.

"To be added to the parish of Saint Swithin, Worcester,

"From the parish of Saint Helen.

"That part of the parish of Saint Helen lying between New-street, Pump-street, and the Shambles and adjoining the parish of Saint Swithin on the north and coloured pink on the aforesaid plan.

##### "THIRD PART.

"To be added to the parish of Saint Peter the Great, Worcester,

"From the parish of Saint Michael in Bedwardine.

"That part of the parish of Saint Michael in Bedwardine which is situate south of the cathedral precincts and adjoins the parish of Saint Peter on the south and east and is coloured green on the aforesaid plan.

"The places or districts or portions of land described in the first part of this schedule are more particularly specified as follows, namely, all that part of the parish of Saint Helen lying to the west of a line commencing at a point in the centre of High-street opposite to the east end of Copenhagen-street and proceeding northward along the centre of High-street till it meets the present boundary between the parishes of Saint