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At the Court of *Saint James*, the 20th day of January, 1954.

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.  
Earl of Harewood.

Lord President.  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.  
Mr. Lennox-Boyd.  
Mr. James Clyde.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And Whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 17th day of December, 1953, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the New Parishes Measure, 1943, have prepared and humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for constituting a new parish to be taken out of the parishes of Saint Peter, Rochester; Saint John, Chatham; and Saint Paul, Chatham; in the diocese of Rochester.

" SCHEME

"Whereas we, the Church Commissioners, are satisfied that the spiritual interests of the area defined in the subjoined Schedule and delineated on the map hereto annexed would be best served by constituting it a new parish:

"And whereas we are satisfied that a suitable endowment therefor will be provided:

"And Whereas we have not approved any consecrated church within the area as suitable to be the parish church of the new parish:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester (in testimony whereof he has set his hand and affixed his episcopal seal to this Scheme), we, the said Church Commissioners, do humbly recommend and propose as follows, that is to say:—

" 1. Constitution.

"(a) As from the day of the date of the licence thereto of a minister, the area defined in the subjoined Schedule and delineated on the map hereto annexed shall be a separate district for spiritual purposes.

"(b) As from the date of the consecration of a church within the area, approved by us, the said Church Commissioners, as suitable to be a parish

church, or if the church is consecrated before such approval, the date of the approval, the said area shall become a new parish.

"(c) The name of the district (or parish as the case may be) shall be 'The District (or Parish) of Saint Stephen, Chatham'.

" 2. Archdeaconry and Rural Deanery.

"The parish shall be in the Archdeaconry of Rochester and in the rural deanery of Rochester.

" THE SCHEDULE

"The area comprising:—

"All those contiguous parts (together coloured pink on the map annexed hereto) of the parishes of Saint Peter, Rochester; Saint John, Chatham; and Saint Paul, Chatham; which are bounded on the west and on part of the south by the parish of Saint Margaret, Rochester, on further part of the south by the parish of Aylesford and on the remaining sides as follows (that is to say) by an imaginary line commencing on the boundary which divides the parish of Saint Margaret, Rochester, from the parish of Saint Peter, Rochester, at the junction of Saint Williams Way and City Way and continuing thence northeastwards along the middle of City Way to a point opposite the middle of the western end of Pattons Lane and continuing thence southeastwards to and along the middle of the last mentioned lane to a point opposite the middle of the southwestern end of Beresford Avenue and continuing thence first northeastwards then southeastwards and again northeastwards to and along the middle of the last mentioned Avenue and along the middle of Wyles Road (thereby crossing Balfour Road) to a point opposite the middle of the northeastern end of Ewart Road and continuing thence southwestwards to and along the middle of the last mentioned Road to a point opposite the middle of the western end of Randall Road and continuing thence southeastwards to and along the middle of the last mentioned Road and in the same straight line in continuation thereof to a point in the middle of Maidstone Road on the boundary which divides the parish of Saint John, Chatham, from the parish of Saint Paul, Chatham, and continuing thence southwards along the middle of the last mentioned Road to a point opposite the middle of the western end of Bournville Avenue (thereby following the boundary which divides the last mentioned parishes) and continuing thence eastwards to and along the middle of the last mentioned Avenue and in the same straight line in continuation thereof to a point in the middle of Palmerston Road and continuing thence northeastwards along the middle of the last mentioned Road to a point opposite the middle of the northwestern end of Kitchener Avenue and continuing thence southeastwards to and along the middle of the last mentioned Avenue to the point where it meets the southwestern corner of the boundary which divides the parish of Saint Paul, Chatham, from the parish of All