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An Act to divide the Forest of *Dean* in the County of *Gloucester* into Ecclesiastical Districts.

[30th *July* 1842.]

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Forest of *Dean* in the Hundred of *Saint Briavel's* in the County of *Gloucester* is extra-parochial, and contains a Population of Ten thousand Persons and upwards, and it is expedient that such Part thereof as is after mentioned should be divided into Ecclesiastical Districts, in order to enable the Spiritual Persons who may serve the Churches or Chapels therein to perform all Ecclesiastical Duties within such Districts, and for the due Ecclesiastical Superintendence of such Districts, and the Preservation and Improvement of the religious and moral Habits of the Persons residing therein: And whereas Three Churches or Chapels have been built within the said Forest, which have been set apart and consecrated for the Performance of Divine Service according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* as by Law established, (that is to say,) *Christchurch* Chapel, *Holy Trinity* Chapel, and *Saint Paul's* Chapel; and it is intended to build a Church or Chapel for the Performance of Divine Service, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the said United Church aforesaid, at or near *Cinderford* in the said Forest, by and out of Funds subscribed or to be subscribed by certain well-disposed Individuals: And whereas *Christchurch* Chapel was built

from Funds voluntarily contributed; and the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne* for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy having granted certain Monies to the said Chapel, Part of the same were invested in Lands by the said Governors for the Augmentation of the Endowment of the said Chapel, and the Remainder was invested by the said Governors, in their Names, in the Purchase of the Sum of One hundred and seventeen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Seven-pence Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, for the Augmentation of the Endowment of the said Chapel: And whereas the annual Income of the said Chapel, after deducting the usual Outgoings, is One hundred and eighteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence, or thereabouts: And whereas the Chapel of the *Holy Trinity* was built from Funds collected by voluntary Contributions, and was augmented by the said Governors with the Sum of Two thousand two hundred Pounds out of the Parliamentary Grant, to which the Sum of One hundred Pounds was added by the Minister of the said Chapel, and the Sum of One hundred Pounds was added by the *Pynecombe* Charity, and the further Sum of Three hundred Pounds was added by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne*, making together the Sum of Two thousand seven hundred Pounds, which was invested in the Purchase of Three thousand and fifty-five Pounds Three Shillings and Two-pence Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, now standing in the Names of the said Governors, producing annually the Sum of Ninety-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings: And whereas *Saint Paul's* Chapel was built from Funds voluntarily contributed, and the Endowment of the Minister thereof consists of the Sum of Two thousand four hundred and eighty-nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Ten-pence Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, standing in the Names of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne*, producing an annual Income of Seventy-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence: And whereas Five Acres of Land, Parcel of the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown, were granted to Trustees for the Purposes of the Sites of each of the said Three Chapels and the Burial Grounds thereof respectively, and for the Sites of the Residences of the Ministers thereof, and otherwise for their Benefit respectively: And whereas in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty the Sum of Eight hundred and forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings Sterling was invested by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, with Consent of the Commissioners of the Treasury, in the Purchase of the Sum of One thousand Pounds Three *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, in the Names of the then First Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods and the Bishop of *Gloucester*, upon Trust for the Purpose for ever thereafter to apply the Dividends of such Stock towards the Repairs of the Fabrics of the said Three Chapels so built as aforesaid: And whereas on the endowing the said Chapel of *Saint Paul* the Right of Presentation of the Minister thereto was reserved to the Bishop of *Gloucester* for the Time being, and the said Chapel is now served by a Minister or Curate appointed by the said Bishop: And whereas the Right of Patronage or Nomination to the said Chapels of *Christchurch* and *Holy Trinity* is now vested in the Right Honourable *Nicholas* Baron *Bexley*, and the Right Honourable

able *George Gough* Baron *Calthorpe*, and the Reverend *Charles Bryan* Clerk, the Majority of whom, in consideration of the Addition to the Endowment to the said Chapels by virtue of this Act, have consented that the Patronage of the said Chapels shall for ever hereafter be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors: And whereas, in order to provide a decent Maintenance for the Ministers of the said Three Chapels so built, and of the said Chapel intended to be built at *Cinderford*, it is expedient that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings for the Time being, for and on behalf of Her Majesty, should be authorized to make such additional Endowments to the said Three Chapels, so as to make up the net annual Income of the Ministers thereof respectively to the annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, as after mentioned, and also to endow the said Chapel to be built at *Cinderford* with the annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, as after mentioned: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches shall, within Two Years from the passing of this Act, with the Consent of the Bishop of *Gloucester* and *Bristol* for the Time being (within whose Diocese the said Forest is), and of any Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, to be signified in Writing under their Hands and Seals, divide all such Part of the said Forest of *Dean* and Hundred of *Saint Briavel's* as is extra-parochial, and bounded on or towards the North by the Parishes of *Ruardean*, *Hope Mansel*, *Weston-under-Penyard*, and *Lea*, on or towards the North-east by the Parishes of *Mitchel Dean* and *Abinghall*, on or towards the East by the Parishes of *Flaxley*, *Westbury*, *Newland*, *Little Dean*, the Hamlet of *Lea*, the said Parish of *Flaxley*, and the said Parish of *Little Dean*, on or towards the East by the Parish of *Newnham*, on or towards the South-east by the Parishes of *Awre* and *Lydney*, on or towards the South, South-west, and Part West by the Parish of *Newland*, and on or towards the West and North-west by the Parish of *English Bicknor*, into separate Districts for Ecclesiastical Purposes; and shall set out such Districts by Metes and Bounds; and one of such Districts shall contain the said Chapel of *Christchurch*, and shall be called the Ecclesiastical District of *Christchurch*; one other of such Districts shall contain the said Chapel of *Holy Trinity*, and shall be called the Ecclesiastical District of *Holy Trinity*; one other of such Districts shall contain the said Chapel of *Saint Paul*, and shall be called the Ecclesiastical District of *Saint Paul*; and one other of such Districts shall contain the said Chapel to be built at *Cinderford* aforesaid, and shall be called the Ecclesiastical District of *Saint John*; and the Instrument ascertaining and setting out the said Districts shall be registered in the Registry of the Bishop of the Diocese of *Gloucester* and *Bristol*, and enrolled in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments; and when such Instrument shall have been so registered and enrolled, the said Districts shall be taken and

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and considered as Ecclesiastical Districts attached to the said Chapels therein respectively, in all respects as if the same Districts had been divided and made by Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches under the Powers vested in them by Law; and all Laws and Provisions applicable or to be made applicable to District Parishes, set out and divided by such Commissioners, shall apply to the Districts so to be set out in pursuance of this Act, save and except as is otherwise provided for by this Act: Provided always, that until the said intended Chapel at *Cinderford* has been built and consecrated, Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches shall not assign an Ecclesiastical District thereto; and if such intended Chapel shall not be built and consecrated within Two Years from the passing of this Act, it shall in that Case be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required, to assign such Ecclesiastical District within Two Years after such intended Chapel has been built and consecrated.

The Chapels to which Districts shall be assigned to be Perpetual Curacies, and Incumbents to have perpetual Succession, and empowered to receive Endowments in Land or Tithes.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Chapels to which the said Districts shall be assigned shall, from and after such Registry and Enrolment, be deemed Perpetual Curacies, and the Ministers of the said Chapels shall be Perpetual Curates of such Districts; and each of such Curacies shall be considered in Law as a Benefice Presentative, so far only as that the Licence thereto shall operate in the same Manner as Institution to any such Benefice, and shall render voidable other Livings in like Manner as Institution to any such Benefice; and the Spiritual Persons now or hereafter serving the same shall be considered as the Incumbents thereof respectively; and such Incumbents thereof, from the Time of such Registry and Enrolment as aforesaid, shall have perpetual Succession, and shall be and are hereby declared to be Bodies Politic and Corporate, and may receive and take Endowments in Land or Tithes, or both, or any such Augmentation as shall be granted to them or their Successors; and all Lands and other Endowments now vested in any Trustees or Trustee for the Ministers of the said Chapels respectively (other than the said Funds in the Names of the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne*), and the said Chapels and Burial Grounds, and the Sites thereof, shall, from and after such Registry and Enrolment as aforesaid, be vested in the Ministers of the said Chapels respectively, and their Successors respectively, for ever, in the same Manner as the same would be vested in the Incumbent of a Parish; and all Laws in force relating to Ecclesiastical Property shall apply to such Premises; and all Persons presenting or appointing any such Incumbents shall respectively be subject to all Jurisdictions and Laws, Ecclesiastical or Common, and to all Provisions, Regulations, Penalties, or Forfeitures contained in any Act of Parliament from Time to Time in force relating thereto; and in case of any Failure in presenting or nominating any such Incumbent for the Space of Six Calendar Months, such Presentation or Appointment shall lapse, as in Cases of actual Benefices; and all the said Chapels shall be subject to the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of *Gloucester* and *Bristol* and the Archdeacon of *Gloucester*, and shall be within the Forest Deanery.

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IV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall, by and out of any Monies which may from Time to Time be at the Disposal of the said Commissioners, purchase, in the Names of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne* for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, such a Sum of the Stock called *Three per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities as will be sufficient when purchased to produce the annual Dividend of Thirty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence, and such Stock shall for ever thereafter form Part of the Endowment of the said Chapel of *Christchurch*, and the Dividends thereof be paid to the Minister or Perpetual Curate of such Chapel or Benefice; and further shall purchase, in the Names of the aforesaid Governors, such a further Sum of the said Stock as will be sufficient when purchased to produce the annual Dividend of Fifty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings, and such Stock shall for ever thereafter form Part of the Endowment of the said Chapel of the *Holy Trinity*, and the Dividends thereof be paid to the Minister or Perpetual Curate of the said Chapel or Benefice; and further shall purchase, in the Names of the said Governors, such a further Sum of the said Stock as will be sufficient when purchased to produce the annual Dividend of Seventy-five Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence, and such Stock shall for ever thereafter form Part of the Endowment of the said Chapel of *Saint Paul*, and the Dividends thereof be paid to the Minister or Perpetual Curate of the said Chapel or Benefice, to the end that the Endowments of the said Three Chapels may be augmented so as to produce the annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds each; and shall (when and after the said Chapel at *Cinderford* shall have been built and consecrated) purchase, in the Names of the aforesaid Governors, such a further Sum of the said Stock as will be sufficient when purchased to produce the annual Dividend of One hundred and fifty Pounds, and the Dividends thereof be paid to the Minister or Perpetual Curate of the said Chapel or Benefice; and all such several Endowments may be sold, and the Produce thereof applied in all respects as the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne* are authorized to dispose of any Funds appropriated by them to the Augmentation of the Endowment of any Benefice; and until such Stocks shall be so purchased the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues,

The Commissioners of Woods, on behalf of Her Majesty, to augment the Endowments of the Three existing Chapels, and to endow an intended new Chapel when built and consecrated.

Works, and Buildings shall, on behalf of Her Majesty, out of any Monies which may be from Time to Time at their Disposal, pay the said annual Sums of Thirty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence, Fifty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings, Seventy-five Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence, and One hundred and fifty Pounds, half-yearly to the said Governors; to be applied in the same Manner as is before directed with respect to the Dividends of the said Sums of Stock so to be purchased as aforesaid; such Payments, as regards the Three existing Chapels of *Christchurch*, *Holy Trinity*, and *Saint Paul*, to commence from the passing of this Act, and as regards the intended Chapel at *Cinderford*, to commence from and after the Time that the same shall have been built and consecrated, and a Minister or Curate presented and inducted thereto, and to continue until the Purchase of such Stock.

Commissioners of Woods to augment the existing Fund set apart for the Maintenance and Repair of the Chapels.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall, out of such Monies as aforesaid, when the said Chapel at *Cinderford* aforesaid shall have been built and consecrated, purchase the Sum of Three hundred and thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence Three *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, in the Names of the First Commissioner of Woods and the Bishop of *Gloucester* and *Bristol* for the Time being, and which said Sum of Three hundred and thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence, and the said Sum of One thousand Pounds, like Stock, so now standing in the Names of the said First Commissioner and the said Bishop, shall be held upon Trust to apply the Dividends thereof as a Fund for the maintaining and repairing the Fabrics of the aforesaid Three Chapels, and the said Chapel at *Cinderford*, when built and consecrated, such Dividends to be applied in equal Shares; and any Part of such Dividends may, at the Discretion of such First Commissioner and Bishop, be applied in insuring the said Chapels, or any of them, from Loss or Damage by Fire.

Commissioners of Woods may make Grants for increasing Sites of existing Burial Grounds, and of intended Chapel and Burial Ground and Parsonage House, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, or any Two of them, on behalf of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to grant to the respective Ministers of the said Chapels, and their Successors respectively, any Part of the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown within the said Forest, to be appropriated for the said Chapels, as after mentioned; (that is to say,) any Part not exceeding One Acre for each of the said Three Chapels already built, to be applied for the Purpose of increasing the Sites of the Burial Grounds thereto belonging, and any Part not exceeding Six Acres as a Site for the intended Chapel at *Cinderford* and the Burial Ground thereof, and the Parsonage House and Garden for the Minister thereof.

Patronage of *Christchurch*, *Holy Trinity*, and intended new Chapel vested in Her Majesty.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Right of Patronage or Nomination of or to the said Chapel of *Christchurch*, and of or to the said Chapel of *Holy Trinity*, and of or to the said new Chapel to be built at *Cinderford*, shall be for ever vested in the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors.

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IX. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Privilege, Prerogative, and Benefit, (other than and except the Rights and Interests hereby expressly varied, barred, destroyed, or extinguished,) as She or they had or enjoyed in, to, or out of or from the said Forest, and every Part thereof, before the passing of this Act, or could or might have held or enjoyed in case this Act had not been passed. Saving Rights of the Crown.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended this Session.

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