# CHAPTER xiv.

An Act to amend the Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen Church Districts Act 1868. [14th May 1895.] A.D. 1895.

WHEREAS by the Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen Church Districts Act 1868 (herein-after called "the Act of 1868") after reciting (among other things) that two contiguous ecclesiastical divisions of the diocese of Chichester (the boundaries whereof were shown on a plan distinguished by the title or heading "plan referred to in the Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen Church Districts Act 1868" and signed in duplicate by Frederick Henry Paul Baron Methuen the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Lords to which the Act of 1868 was referred and one of which was deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and the other in the registry of the said diocese) were commonly known as the parishes of Saint Leonard and of Saint Mary Magdalen and had been reputed as parishes for very many years past but until the erection of Saint Leonard's Chapel therein-after mentioned there was no church or chapel in either of them and it was uncertain when last (if ever) and by whom the right of patronage to the said reputed parishes respectively was exercised And reciting that a disputed claim was made by the patron and by the rector of the neighbouring parish of Hollington that a portion of the said reputed parish of Saint Leonard was part of the said parish of Hollington And reciting that it was expedient that all doubts as to the said claim should be set at rest and that the said patron and rector had consented to the Act of 1868 And also reciting that the Church Building Acts and New Parishes Acts (therein-after and herein-after collectively called "the General Acts") conferred powers upon the Ecclesiastical Commissioners with respect to the division of parishes and other matters but that such Acts for the most part required certain conditions to be performed in regard to the patron and incumbent of a parish to be affected thereby and it was desirable 31 & 32 Vict. c. cxlvi.

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with a view to the allotment of districts and for other purposes that the said reputed parishes should be brought under the operation of the General Acts And after also reciting that a chapel called Saint Leonard's Chapel had been erected and consecrated within the town and reputed parish of Saint Leonard as therein mentioned and a church or chapel of Saint Mary Magdalen had been erected and consecrated in the said reputed parish of Saint Mary Magdalen as therein mentioned and that other chapels or buildings in connexion with the Established Church of England had since been built within the said reputed parishes and were respectively known as Christ Church and the churches of Saint John and of Saint Matthew and a church intended to be called the church of Saint Paul was then in course of erection and that doubts had arisen (among other things) as to whether the said reputed parishes could properly be considered as existing parishes or districts within the meaning of the General Acts and as to the effect of non-compliance with the conditions of the same Acts as regarded patrons and incumbents It was (among other things) enacted that subject as regarded Saint Leonard's Chapel to the provisions in the Act of 1868 contained with respect to the same it should be lawful for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners acting under the powers of the General Acts or of any of them and of the Act of 1868 and with the consent of the bishop of the diocese to submit for ratification or approval by Her Majesty in Council any scheme or representation for constituting any part or parts of the reputed parishes of Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen or either of them a separate district for spiritual purposes or for assigning any separate district for spiritual purposes out of the said parishes or either of them to any consecrated church or chapel whether then already existing or to be thereafter erected or consecrated:

And whereas it was provided by the Act of 1868 that if and so soon as districts should be assigned or constituted as aforesaid in connexion with either of the said churches or chapels of Saint Leonard and of Saint Mary Magdalen the district of the chapel of Saint Leonard should be styled the parish of Saint Leonard's-on-Sea and the district of the church or chapel of Saint Mary Magdalen should be styled the parish of Saint Mary Magdalen:

And whereas it was by the eleventh section of the Act of 1868 enacted that notwithstanding anything in that Act contained the Ecclesiastical Commissioners should submit for ratification or approval by Her Majesty in Council a scheme or representation for assigning to Saint Leonard's Chapel the area coloured pink on the said plan as a separate district for spiritual purposes And it was provided that no part of the said area coloured pink on the said

plan should at any time without the consent of the patron of Saint Leonard's Chapel for the time being be assigned to any church or chapel other than Saint Leonard's Chapel:

And whereas it was by the twelfth section of the Act of 1868 enacted that it should be lawful for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners with the consent of the bishop of the diocese by way of compensation for the said disputed claim of the rector and patron of the parish of Hollington to submit for ratification or approval by Her Majesty in Council a scheme or representation recommending the assignment or annexation to the church and parish of Hollington aforesaid of the area coloured dark green on the said plan or any part thereof and that after the ratification of any such scheme the district so assigned or annexed should thenceforth for all ecclesiastical purposes be deemed to be part of the said parish of Hollington:

And whereas the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have submitted for ratification a scheme or representation assigning to Saint Leonard's Chapel the area coloured pink on the said plan as a separate district for spiritual purposes and an Order in Council dated the seventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine was made ratifying such scheme or representation and such order has come into operation:

And whereas pursuant to the Act of 1868 a district for spiritual purposes has been constituted for or assigned to the said church or chapel of Saint Mary Magdalen:

And whereas the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have not as yet submitted for ratification or approval by Her Majesty in Council a scheme or representation recommending the assignment or annexation to the church and parish of Hollington aforesaid of the area coloured dark green on the said plan or any part thereof and such area is not included in any separate district for spiritual purposes which has been constituted or assigned under the provisions of the Act of 1868:

And whereas the Venerable John Richardson Philip Vernon Smith Henry Nevile Sherbrooke and Charles Douglas Fox the patrons and the Reverend John Awdry Jamieson the rector of Saint Leonard's Chapel and the parish of Saint Leonard's-on-Sea are desirous that so much of the said area coloured dark green on the said plan as lies to the west of the South Eastern Railway should be annexed for all spiritual and ecclesiastical purposes to the chapel of Saint Leonard and the parish of Saint Leonard's-on-Sea and Isabella Eversfield the patron and the Reverend Thomas William Adam the rector of the parish of Hollington are desirous that so much of the said area coloured dark green on the said plan as lies to

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the east of the South Eastern Railway should be annexed for all spiritual and ecclesiastical purposes to the church and rectory of Hollington and the parish of Hollington and the bishop of the diocese of Chichester and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have agreed to such annexation and to the Bill for this Act:

And whereas it is expedient that the Act of 1868 should be amended in manner herein-after appearing:

And whereas the object aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

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 as follows:—

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen Church Districts Amendment Act 1895.

Annexation of districts to St. Leonard's Church and parish and Hollington Church and parish.

**2.** Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1868 contained so much of the area coloured dark green on the said plan referred to in the Act of 1868 as lies to the west of the South Eastern Railway shall from and after the passing of this Act be annexed to the church or chapel of Saint Leonard and form part of the separate district assigned thereto for spiritual purposes and known as the parish of Saint Leonard's-on-Sea in like manner and subject to the same provisions of the Act of 1868 as if the same had formed part of the area coloured pink on the said plan referred to in the Act of 1868 and had been assigned to the church or chapel of Saint Leonard by the said scheme or representation ratified by the said Order in Council of the seventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine and so much of the area coloured dark green on the plan referred to in this Act as lies to the east of the South Eastern Railway shall from and after the passing of this Act be annexed to the church and rectory of Hollington and form part of the separate district assigned thereto for spiritual purposes and known as the parish of Hollington Provided always that such respective annexations of the said area coloured dark green shall not operate to create or impose any tithe tithe rentcharge or other charge not existing in respect of the said area previously to the passing of this Act.

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