

Frederick by Divine permission Bishop of London To all whom it may concern more especially to the Vicar and church wardens of the Parish of Saint George Old Brentford in the County of Middlesex and within our Diocese and jurisdiction. **Greeting** to Whereas a partition has been filed in the Registry of Our Consistorial and Episcopal Court of London in the words and figures following to wit 'To The Worshipful Thomas Hutchinson Tristram Doctor of Laws vicar General of the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God Frederick by Divine permission Lord Bishop of London and Official Principal of the Consistorial and Episcopal Court of London lawfully constituted. The humble petition of the Vicar and churchwardens of the Parish of Saint George Old Brentford in the County of Middlesex herewith. That it being considered desirable to take down the existing church of the said parish and to rebuild in the same place a larger church a meeting in vestry duly convened for considering the same was held on Thursday the second day of July 1885 at which it was resolved that the said Scheme should be carried out and the new church build after the plan annexed hereto and then produced a Copy of which Resolution is also hereto annexed That the existing Church which it is now proposed to pull down was condemned in the year 1869 by Ewan Christian Esquire Architect In the following words "The present building is in every respect irredeemably bad: irrespective of its ugliness and unsuitability for a church it is throughout structurally unsound. Each one of its Walls is either split or bulged, the roof covering is decayed and needs renewal the floors are rotten and the glazing of the windows is throughout defective. It would be an utter waste of money to spend anything upon it beyond what is needed from time to time to keep it wind and water tight. The Church should be entirely taken down and rebuilt upon a proper plan. There is no necessity for a change of site: there is room upon the present ground without advancing the South Wall for a church of sufficiently ample dimensions to seat 700 on the ground floor and if the School Room were removed and it is most desirable that it should; the Site would really become as good as in the neighbourhood of such great works could reasonably be expected. There would be opportunity for excellent accesses from South North and West and good lighting might be amply provided for" That the annexed plan which has been approved by the Lord Bishop of London the Ven: the Archdeacon of Middlesex and the Reverend the Vicar of Ealing who is the patron of the said Benefice of Saint George Old Brentford has been designed by Arthur W. Blomfield Esq: Architect who within the last few months has written as follows respecting the Site "I shall be able to give upon a church capable of accommodating 700 without at all interfering with the light and air of the (adjoining) School, while at the same time the church itself may be well lighted and made architecturally effective both inside and out" That the proposed New Church will provide additional accommodation by about 210 sittings that the estimated total cost including completion of Tower and Spire Architects Commission will not exceed £7000 of which about £4000 is already invested and promises and grants expected from Societies will it is believed place at the disposal of the Committee additional funds amounting to £1000, a sum in all sufficient, as Mr. Blomfield is ready to certify, to cover the cost of finishing the first stage of building so far as to fit the New Church for the uses of Divine Service **That the proposed re-building will necessitate the removal of Headstones and other Gravestones and the levelling of Vaults in the surrounding Church and which was closed for Burials in the year 1861 and in which the last Interment made by Order of the Home Secretary took place in the year 1868. That it is proposed to place the said Headstones along an against the inside of the Walls of said churchyard and that any human remains which shall be disturbed in the digging of the new foundations will be carefully re-interred in the said churchyard and that ground floor of the new church will consist of a thick layer of concrete.** Three

mural Tablets to be placed in the Vestibule. Finally that this humble petition is made with the consent and approval for a very large majority of the Parishioners of the said Parish of S. George as evidenced by the voting at a Public Meeting held in the parish on May 12. In this year and presided over by the Rt. Hon. Spencer H. Walpole (The minutes and report of said meeting are herewith handed in) and by the result of the Poll demanded at the aforementioned Vestry Meeting which took place on July 3^d and 4th. Instant of which Vestry Meeting the minutes are also handed in herewith-your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to decree a Licence on Faculty to issue authorising such taking down of the existing church and rebuilding - William Templeton King, Vicar - Thomas Burford Vicar's Harden - Richard Goodman Peoples Do. July 28th 1885" - **And whereas** the said Petitioners have humbly besought our said Vicar General to Decree a Licence or Faculty for the purposes aforesaid and whereas by direction of our said Vicar General a Notice or Citation was duly served by fixing the same on the Notice Board at the principal Entrance of the Parish church of Saint George Old Brentford aforesaid citing all persons having or pretending to have any interest in the premises to show cause why a Licence or Faculty should not issue for the purposes aforesaid **And whereas** Our said Vicar General rightly and duly proceeding on the due execution and return of the said Notice or Citation (no appearance or caveat having been entered thereto) on the Court Day of Michaelmas Term to wit Saturday the twelfth day of December Instant having heard the evidence of the Witnesses in support of the Petition Decreed a Licence or Faculty to be granted to the Reverend William Templeton King the Vicar ad Richard Goodman and Thomas Burford the churchwardens of the Parish of Saint George Old Brentford aforesaid and to their successors in office to take down the existing Parish Church of Saint George Old Brentford and to re-build in the same place a larger church in accordance with the Plans filed in the Registry subject to the provisos hereinafter inserted **Therefore We the Bishop of London** aforesaid well weighing and considering the premises to by virtue of our authority ordinary and Episcopal and as far as in Us lies and by Law we may or can ratify and confirm such Decree of our said Vicar General and Do hereby give and grant unto the Reverend William Templeton King the Vicar and Richard Goodman and Thomas Burford and churchwardens of the Parish of Saint George Old Brentford aforesaid and to their successors in office Our **Leave Licence or Faculty** to take down the existing Parish church of Saint George Old Brentford and to re-build in the same place a larger church in accordance with the plans files in our Registry provided that the Three Mural Tablets requiring to be removed in taking down the present Church be carefully removed and be placed in the Vestibule of the new church near to their present position as practicable and **that all Headstones and Gravestones requiring to be removed be also carefully removed and be placed against the inside wall of the said churchyard** and provided further that plans be prepared showing the exact present position and the position after removal of such Headstones and Gravestones requiring to be removed as aforesaid such plans to be lodged in the Vestry of the said Parish Church.

In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of Our said Vicar General which we use in this behalf to be affixed to these Present - Dated at London this twenty ninth day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and eighty five and in the first year of Our Translation. -

Harry W Lee
Registrar