

your Majesty chapter sixty-three have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for dividing the Archdeaconry of Stafford within the diocese of Lichfield into two portions and for constituting each of such portions a separate archdeaconry and for assigning a district thereto.

"Whereas the area of the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford is of great extent, and comprises and consists of the whole of the county of Stafford.

"And whereas within the same area twenty rural deaneries are wholly included; being the rural deaneries of Alstonfield, Brewood, Cheadle, Eccleshall, Handsworth, Himley, Leek, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Penkridge, Rugeley, Stafford, Stoke-upon-Trent, Tamworth, Trentham, Trysull, Tutbury, Uttoxeter, Walsall, and Wolverhampton; as appears by the statutory schedule of rural deaneries which has been prepared in pursuance of the lastly hereinbefore mentioned Act.

"And whereas the Right Reverend George Augustus Bishop of the said diocese of Lichfield, has represented to us that it is in his opinion desirable that the said Archdeaconry of Stafford should be divided, and that such division should be made by creating the archdeaconry hereinafter recommended and proposed to be created, and by assigning thereto the district hereinafter recommended and proposed to be assigned thereto.

"And whereas we have considered the matter so represented to us by the said Bishop, and it appears to us to be expedient that the said Archdeaconry of Stafford should be divided, and that the division to be made thereof should be that which as aforesaid is recommended by the said Bishop and which is also hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"And whereas in representing to us and recommending as aforesaid the said Bishop has furnished to us a return whereby it appears that during the seven years ended the thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six the income of the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford from visitation fees and procurations (that is to say, from all sources other than the common fund created by the secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act) was upon an average seventy-three pounds per annum or thereabouts.

"And whereas by the same return it also appears that of the said sum of seventy-three pounds or thereabouts the sum of thirty pounds or thereabouts was derived from the area hereinafter proposed to be assigned as a district to the new archdeaconry, the creation of which is recommended as aforesaid and is hereinafter recommended and proposed, and the remainder namely the sum of forty-three pounds or thereabouts was derived from the residue of the area of the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford.

"And whereas the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford has now no endowment or income other than as aforesaid, a grant of one hundred and thirty-two pounds per annum which was made to the same archdeaconry by us out of the said common fund under the authority of a certain Order of your Majesty in Council made in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, having lapsed on the decease of the last Archdeacon of Stafford, the Venerable Henry Moore.

Now therefore, with the consent of the said George Augustus Bishop of the said diocese of Lichfield in testimony of which consent he has set his hand and his episcopal seal to this scheme we humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day on which any Order of your Majesty

in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford shall by virtue of the same Order be divided and become two separate archdeaconries, and that as from the day aforesaid one of the said two separate archdeaconries shall comprise and consist of and by virtue of the same Order shall have assigned to it as a district all that part of the area of the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford which contains and is co-extensive with the aggregate areas of all the rural deaneries named in the first schedule to this scheme annexed; and that as from the day aforesaid the other of the said two separate archdeaconries shall comprise and consist of and by virtue as well of the said Order as of existing law or custom shall have assigned to it as a district all the residue of the area of the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford; that is to say, all that part of the same area which is not included within the rural deaneries or any of them named in the said first schedule to this scheme annexed and which contains and is co-extensive with the aggregate areas of all the rural deaneries named in the second schedule to this scheme annexed.

"And we further recommend and propose that the new archdeaconry to be created as hereinbefore recommended and proposed, and of which the district or area is set out as aforesaid in the said first schedule to this scheme annexed shall be called 'the Archdeaconry of Stoke-upon-Trent' and the Archdeacon thereof the Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent, and that the other of the said two archdeaconries being in respect of area the residue and remainder of the said present Archdeaconry of Stafford as aforesaid, shall as heretofore be called 'the Archdeaconry of Stafford,' and the Archdeacon thereof the Archdeacon of Stafford.

"And we further recommend and propose that the rural deans and all other the clergy and inhabitants of either of the said two archdeaconries shall be exempted and released from the jurisdiction authority and control of the archdeacon for the time being of the other of the same two archdeaconries and shall be under and subject to the jurisdiction authority and control of the archdeacon for the time being of their own archdeaconry only.

"And we further recommend and propose that we be authorized to pay yearly and every year out of the said common fund to the Archdeacon of Stafford and to the Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent respectively such a sum as will make up to two hundred pounds per annum the income which upon a calculation based on the return aforesaid he will receive from sources other than the same common fund; that is to say, that we be authorized to pay yearly and every year on the first day of January to the Archdeacon of Stafford and his successors a sum of one hundred and fifty-seven pounds in respect of the twelve calendar months ended on that day, and to the Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent and his successors a sum of one hundred and seventy pounds in respect of the twelve calendar months ended on that day. Provided always that the first payment to be made by us as aforesaid to the Archdeacon of Stafford, and the first payment to be made by us as aforesaid to the Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent shall be proportional in amount to the period which shall have elapsed between the date of the institution of the archdeacon receiving the same payment and the first day of January next following the date of such institution: and provided also that every such yearly payment as aforesaid shall be apportionable between an archdeacon (or as the case