

Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Lord Bishop of London for the time being, John Lord Bishop of Lincoln, James Henry Lord Bishop of Gloucester, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord High Treasurer or the First Lord of the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being respectively, and such one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as shall be for that purpose nominated by His Majesty under His royal sign manual (such Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord High Treasurer or First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State being respectively members of the United Church of Great Britain and Ireland), the Right Honourable Dudley Earl of Harrowby, the Right Honourable Henry Hobhouse, and the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Jenner, Knight, should, for the purposes of the said Act, be one body politic and corporate, by the name of "the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," and by that name should have perpetual succession and a common seal:

And it is further enacted, that the said Commissioners should, from time to time, prepare and lay before His Majesty in Council such schemes as should appear to the said Commissioners to be best adapted for carrying into effect the thereinbefore recited recommendations, and should in such schemes recommend and propose such measures as might, upon further inquiry, which the said Commissioners are thereby authorised to make, appear to them to be necessary for carrying such recommendations into full and perfect effect; provided always, that nothing therein contained should be construed to prevent the said Commissioners from proposing, in any such scheme, such modifications or variations, as to matters of detail and regulation, as should not be substantially repugnant to any or either of the said recommendations; and, in particular, that it should be competent to the said Commissioners to propose in any such scheme that all parishes, churches, or chapelries which are locally situate in any diocese, but subject to any peculiar jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese in which the same are locally situate, shall be only subject to the jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese within which such parishes, churches, or chapelries are locally situate:

And it is further enacted, that when any scheme, prepared under the authority of the said Act, should be approved by His Majesty in Council, it should be lawful for His Majesty in Council to issue an Order or Orders ratifying the same, and specifying the time or times when such scheme, or the several parts thereof, should take effect, and to direct in every such Order that the same should be registered by the registrar of each of the dioceses the bishops whereof might or should be in any respect affected thereby:

And it is further enacted, that every such Order should, as soon as might be after the making and issuing thereof by His Majesty in Council, be inserted and published in the London Gazette:

And it is further enacted, that, so soon as any such Order in Council should be so registered and gazetted, it should in all respects, and as to all things therein contained, have and be of the same force and effect

as if all and every part thereof were included in the said Act, any law, statute, canon, letters patent, grant, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

And whereas the said Commissioners, pursuant to the authority vested in them by the said Act, have duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.*

We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated by an Act of Parliament, passed in this present year of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have, in pursuance thereof, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for carrying into effect so much of the recommendations in the said Act contained, respecting the bishoprics of Oxford and Salisbury, as relates to the county and archdeaconry of Berks.

We humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Thomas Bishop of Salisbury and Richard Bishop of Oxford, respectively, to such parts of this scheme as relate to their respective bishoprics, in testimony whereof they have respectively signed and sealed this scheme, that the whole county of Berks, and those parts of the county of Wilts which are insolated therein, forming together the archdeaconry of Berks and part of the diocese of Salisbury, shall be forthwith absolutely detached and dis severed from the said diocese, and shall be and become permanently annexed and united to and included in and form part of the diocese of Oxford; and that the said archdeaconry, and all parishes and places, churches and chapels, within the limits thereof, and the present and every future archdeacon thereof, and all rural deans, and the whole clergy, and others your Majesty's subjects within the same, shall be forthwith exempted and released from all jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the see of Salisbury, and of the present and every future bishop thereof, and shall be under and subject to the episcopal jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the present bishop of Oxford and his successors bishops of Oxford for the time being, as entirely and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as the county and archdeaconry of Oxford and the archdeacon thereof now are.

And we further recommend and propose, that the right of appointing the archdeacon of the said archdeaconry of Berks shall be vested in the Bishop of Oxford and his successors bishops of Oxford for ever.

And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing other measures relating to the bishoprics of Salisbury and Oxford, respectively, in conformity to the provisions of the said Act.