

sioners 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, 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 twelfth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and which is 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 passed in the last session of Parliament, 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 part of the recommendations in the said Act contained, relating to the bishoprics of Lincoln, Norwich, and Ely.

We humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend John Bishop of Lincoln, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that the whole archdeaconry and county of Bedford, and so much of the archdeaconry of Huntingdon as is included in, and co-extensive with, the county of Huntingdon, now forming part of the diocese of Lincoln, shall be 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 Ely; and that the said archdeaconry of Bedford, and such part as aforesaid of the said archdeaconry of Huntingdon, and all parishes and places, churches and chapels, within the limits thereof, respectively, and the present and every future Archdeacon of Bedford, and the present and every future Archdeacon of Huntingdon, as to such part as aforesaid of his said archdeaconry; and all rural deans, and the whole clergy and others your Majesty's subjects within the said archdeaconry of Bedford, and within such parts as aforesaid of the said archdeaconry of Huntingdon, shall be exempted and released from all jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the present and every future bishop of Lincoln, and shall be under and subject to the jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the Right Reverend Joseph, now Bishop of Ely, and of his successors, bishops of Ely, for ever.

And we further recommend and propose, that the parish of Rickingham Inferior, in the deanry of