

to Her Majesty, representing that the number of polling places for the northern division of the said county is insufficient, and therefore praying, that the towns of Buxton and Tideswell may be polling places for the said northern division:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petitions into consideration, doth, pursuant to the said Act of the seventh year of His late Majesty's reign, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct, that the towns of Buxton and Tideswell shall be polling places for the said northern division; and further, that the justices of the peace for the said county, assembled in quarter sessions or some special sessions, as mentioned in the said Act of the third year of His late Majesty's reign, shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide the said northern division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 4th day of *April* 1838,

PRESENT,

The **QUEEN'S** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, 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," reciting, amongst other things, that His said late Majesty was pleased, on the fourth day of February, and on the sixth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to issue two several commissions to certain persons therein respectively named, directing them to consider the state of the several dioceses in England and Wales, with reference to the amount of their revenues, and the more equal distribution of episcopal duties, and the prevention of the necessity of attaching, by commendam, to bishoprics, benefices with cure of souls; and to consider also the state of the several cathedral

and collegiate churches in England and Wales, with a view to the suggestion of such measures as might render them conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church, and to devise the best mode of providing for the cure of souls, with special reference to the residence of the clergy on their respective benefices; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had, in pursuance of such directions, made four several reports to His said late Majesty, bearing date respectively the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and the fourth day of March, the twentieth day of May, and the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had in their said reports, amongst other things, recommended that commissioners should be appointed by Parliament for the purpose of preparing and laying before His Majesty in Council such schemes as should appear to them to be best adapted for carrying into effect the following, amongst other recommendations; and that His Majesty in Council should be empowered to make Orders ratifying such schemes, and having the full force of law; and that, in order to provide for the augmentation of the incomes of the smaller bishopricks, such fixed annual sums should be paid to the Commissioners, out of the revenues of the larger sees respectively, as should, upon due inquiry and consideration, be determined on, so as to leave, as an average annual income, to the Archbishop of Canterbury fifteen thousand pounds, to the Archbishop of York ten thousand pounds, to the Bishop of London ten thousand pounds, to the Bishop of Durham eight thousand pounds, to the Bishop of Winchester seven thousand pounds, to the Bishop of Ely five thousand five hundred pounds, to the Bishop of Saint Asaph and Bangor five thousand two hundred pounds, and to the Bishops of Worcester, and Bath and Wells, respectively, five thousand pounds; and that out of the fund thus accruing, fixed annual payments should be made by the Commissioners, in such instances and to such amount as should be in like manner determined on, so that the average annual incomes of the other bishops respectively, should be not less than four thousand pounds, nor more than five thousand pounds; and that fit residences should be provided for the Bishops of Lincoln, Llandaff, Rochester, Manchester, and Ripon; and that, for the purpose of providing the bishop of any diocese with a more