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AT the Court at Windsor, the 7th day of September 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 the sees of Saint Asaph and Bangor should be united; and that the bishops of the see of Saint Asaph and Bangor should be elected alternately by the dean and chapter of Saint Asaph and by the dean and chapter of Bangor; and that power should be given to determine the future mode of confirming such acts of the bishop of the united see as might require confirmation by a dean and chapter; and that upon the first avoidance of either of the sees of Saint Asaph or Bangor, the bishop of the other of the sees proposed to be united should become, *ipso facto*, bishop of the two sees, and thereupon become seized and possessed of all the property, advowsons, and patronage belonging to the see so avoided; and that two new sees should be erected in the province of York, one at Manchester, and the other at Ripon; and that the diocese of Manchester should consist of the whole county of Lancaster, except the deanery of Furness and Cartmel; and that the bishops of the two newly erected sees should be made bodies corporate, and be invested with all the same rights and privileges as were then possessed by the other bishops of England and Wales; and that they should be made subject to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of York; and that the collegiate churches of Manchester and Ripon should be made the cathedrals, and that the chapters thereof should be the chapters of the respective sees of Manchester and Ripon, and should be invested with all the rights and powers of other cathedral chapters, and that the