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“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of two several Acts, namely, an Act, passed in the seventh year 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,” and an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled “ An Act to carry “ into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth “ report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical “ Duties and Revenues,” have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme :

“ Whereas the first recited Act contains a provision for founding a new archdeaconry in the diocese of Canterbury, to be called the archdeaconry of Maidstone; and the secondly recited Act contains provisions, under the authority of which any archdeaconry within the said diocese may be endowed, by the annexation thereto of the canonry in the cathedral church of Canterbury becoming secondly vacant, according to such provisions :

“ And whereas the canonry in the said church, lately held by the Reverend William Wood, is now vacant, and is the canonry so secondly vacant in the said church :

“ We, therefore, recommend and propose, with the consent of the Most Reverend William Archbishop of Canterbury, testified by his having signed and sealed this scheme, that there shall be founded in the said diocese of Canterbury a new archdeaconry, and that the same shall be called and styled the archdeaconry of Maidstone; and that the said archdeaconry shall (subject to such additions thereto, and alterations therein, as may hereafter be duly made) consist of the deanries of Sittingbourne;

Charing, and Sutton, now in the said diocese of Canterbury and in the archdeaconry of Canterbury; and that the said deanries, and all parishes and places, churches and chapels, and the whole clergy, and others your Majesty's subjects within the same, shall be released and discharged from all jurisdiction, authority, and control of the present and every future archdeacon of Canterbury, and shall be under and subject to the jurisdiction, authority, and control of the archdeacon of Maidstone for the time being :

“ And we further recommend and propose, that the said William Archbishop of Canterbury shall and may forthwith collate some fit and proper person to the dignity or office of archdeacon of the said archdeaconry of Maidstone; and that the right of collating the archdeacon of Maidstone shall be vested in the said archbishop and his successors, archbishops of Canterbury, for ever :

“ And we further recommend and propose, that the said canonry in the said cathedral church so lately held by the Reverend William Wood, and now vacant, shall, immediately upon the foundation of the said archdeaconry of Maidstone, become and be permanently annexed and united thereto ; and that the first and every future archdeacon of Maidstone shall, upon being duly collated as such archdeacon, be entitled to installation to the same canonry, and shall be invested with all the rights, privileges, and emoluments of a canon of the same church, and shall hold and enjoy the same so long as he shall remain archdeacon of Maidstone, and no longer :

“ And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the said diocese and archdeaconries, in conformity with the provisions of the said Acts.”

And whereas, previously to laying the said scheme before Her Majesty in Council, notice thereof was given to the Dean and Chapter of the metropolitical church of Christ, Canterbury, and to the Archdeacon of the archdeaconry of Canterbury, and no objection was made thereto :

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof,