

in England an average annual income of five hundred pounds; and as shall also enable the respective Chapters of Chester and Ripon to provide for the efficient performance of all the duties of the said churches, and the maintenance of the fabrics thereof:

" And whereas, by the said secondly recited Act, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful to carry such last-mentioned purposes, or any of them, into effect, by any mode of payment, contribution, augmentation, or endowment which may be deemed fit, as well as by the modes in the said first recited Act specified:

" And whereas, in pursuance of the said recited provisions, an Order was issued by your Majesty in Council, on the eleventh day of August last, and has since been duly gazetted, whereby the incomes of the dean of the cathedral church of Durham and the canons of the same church, appointed after the passing of the said first recited Act, are charged with the yearly payment to us of certain proportions of such respective incomes; and other Orders may hereafter be made by your Majesty in Council for charging the incomes of other deans and canons under the same provisions:

" And whereas it is also by the said first recited Act enacted, that, so soon as conveniently may be, and by the authority therein provided, regulations shall be made for fixing the number and emoluments of the minor canons in each cathedral church; and it is provided, that there shall not in any case be more than six nor less than two; and that the stipend of each such minor canon thereafter to be appointed shall not be less than one hundred and fifty pounds per annum; and that arrangements may, from time to time, be made by the like authority for securing to any minor canon, not otherwise competently provided for, such annual sum as shall make up to him an income as minor canon not exceeding, in any case, the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds:

" And whereas it is by the said first recited Act also enacted, that the chapters of the several cathedral and collegiate churches shall, from time to time, propose to their respective visitors such alterations in the existing statutes and rules as shall make them consistent with the constitution and duties of the chapters respectively, as altered under the authority of the same Act; and that all such

alterations may be confirmed by the authority of the visitor; and that all such statutes and rules when so altered shall be submitted to us, and may be confirmed by the authority in the same Act provided:

" And whereas the Dean and Chapter of the said cathedral church of Ripon have proposed to the Right Reverend Charles Thomas Bishop of Ripon, as their visitor, certain alterations in the statutes of their said church, which have been confirmed by such visitor, as statutes and rules of the said church, and have been submitted to us, and are set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed; and it appears to us to be proper that the same should be confirmed:

" We therefore humbly recommend and propose, that the said statutes and rules so contained in the said schedule shall be confirmed, and shall become and be statutes and rules of the said cathedral church of Ripon; but not so as to affect any law now in force relating to the licences of curates.

" And whereas the said statutes and rules, amongst other things, make immediate provision for the due keeping of residence in the said cathedral church of Ripon; and it has been made to appear to us, that the existing statutes and rules of the said cathedral church of Chester already make provision for the due keeping of residence by the dean and canons thereof, and that such last-mentioned statutes and rules do not require any immediate alteration under the provisions of the said Acts:

" And whereas, upon making the inquiry and calculation required by the said first recited Act, it appears to us, that the fabric of the said cathedral church of Ripon is in a very dilapidated and unsafe condition; and that the Dean and Chapter of the said church have already done as much towards the repair thereof as their limited resources enable them to effect; but that it will still require the outlay of a considerable sum of money to place the said fabric in such a state of security as will enable the said Dean and Chapter hereafter to maintain the same, from year to year, out of their future annual revenues, when such revenues shall be augmented as hereinafter recommended and proposed:

" And whereas, upon like inquiry, it also appears to us, that the organ now belonging to the said cathedral church of Chester is in so decayed and imperfect a state as to render the choir inefficient for the proper