

“ amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,” have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for dividing the archdeaconry of Northumberland, in the diocese of Durham, and constituting a new archdeaconry of Lindisfarne; and for endowing both archdeaconries.

“ Whereas by the first recited Act, power is given newly to arrange the limits of deanries and archdeaconries, so that every parish and extra-parochial place be within a rural deanry, and every deanry within an archdeaconry, and to provide that all the archdeaconries of England and Wales be in the gift of the bishops of the respective dioceses in which they are situate; and it is provided that it shall be competent to us to propose 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 whereas by the secondly-recited Act it is enacted, that in any case in which it shall appear, upon the representation of the bishop, to be proper to divide any archdeaconry or rural deanry on account of the magnitude thereof, or any other peculiar circumstances connected therewith, such archdeaconry or rural deanry may be divided into two or more portions, and each of such portions may be constituted a separate archdeaconry or rural deanry, as the case may be, and a district may be assigned thereto; provided that no such division shall be made without the consent of the bishop, under his hand and seal:

“ And whereas it is by the same Act enacted, that any archdeaconry may, subject to the consent of the bishop, be endowed by the annexation of a canonry, or by augmentation out of the common fund in the same Act mentioned, provided that the said augmentation shall not be such as to raise the average annual income of any archdeaconry to an amount exceeding two hundred pounds: provided always, that no archdeacon shall be entitled to hold any endowment or augmentation or other emolument as such

archdeacon, under the provisions of the same Act, unless he shall be resident for the space of eight months in every year within the diocese in which his archdeaconry is situate:

“ And whereas it is by the same Act enacted, that upon the endowment of any archdeaconry by either of the modes of endowment therein provided, and with the consent of the bishop of the diocese, any benefice annexed to such archdeaconry may, by the authority therein provided, be disannexed therefrom; and the patronage of such benefice shall thenceforth revert to the patron to whom it belonged before such annexation:

“ And whereas it is by the thirdly-recited Act enacted, that, notwithstanding any thing in the said secondly-recited Act contained, it shall be lawful, with the consent of the bishop of any diocese, and of the patron of any benefice within the limits of any archdeaconry in such diocese, to endow such archdeaconry, by the annexation thereto of such benefice; such annexation to take effect immediately if the benefice be vacant at the time of such endowment, or otherwise upon the then next vacancy thereof:

“ And whereas it has been represented to us by the Right Reverend Edward Bishop of Durham to be expedient, that the said archdeaconry of Northumberland should, on account of the magnitude thereof, be divided into two archdeaconries; and that the rural deanries therein should be newly arranged, and certain new deanries constituted:

“ We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said Edward Bishop of Durham, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that the said archdeaconry of Northumberland be divided into two portions, by a line drawn from west to east along the northern boundaries of the parishes of Falstone, Thorneyburn, Bellingham, Corsenside, Whelpington, Kirkharle, Stamfordham, Ponteland, and Stannington, in the county of Northumberland, and Bedlington, in the county of Durham; and that the whole portion of the said archdeaconry lying to the south of the said line shall continue to be and be called the archdeaconry of Northumberland; and the said parish of Bedlington shall be included in and form part of the said archdeaconry of Northumberland; and that the whole portion of the said archdeaconry lying