

scheme for confirming an alteration in the statutes of the cathedral church of Lichfield.

"Whereas it is by the said recited Act enacted, that the chapters of the several cathedral and collegiate churches shall from time to time, of their own accord, or upon being required by the visitors of the said churches respectively, propose to such 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 said 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, that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and a duly gazetted Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying the same.

"And whereas the dean and chapter of the said cathedral church of Lichfield acting under the provisions of the said Act have proposed to the Honourable and Right Reverend Augustus Bishop of Lichfield as visitor of the said cathedral church an alteration in the statutes of the said cathedral church with a view to making such statutes consistent with the constitution and duties of the chapter of the said cathedral church as altered under the authority of the said Act which proposed alteration in the statutes of the said cathedral church has been approved and confirmed by the said visitor and submitted to us and is set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed and it appears to us to be expedient that the same should also be confirmed by Your Majesty as contemplated by the said recited provisions of the said Act.

"Now therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that the alteration set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed in the statutes and rules of the said cathedral church be confirmed.

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

"The SCHEDULE.

"We, Herbert Mortimer Luckock, Doctor in Divinity, Dean of the cathedral church of Lichfield, and the chapter of the same church, acting under the provisions of 'The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act, 1840,' do hereby propose to the Honourable and Right Reverend Augustus, by Divine permission, Bishop of Lichfield, as visitor of our cathedral church, that the following alteration be made in the existing statutes of the said cathedral church.

"Whereas the office or dignity of treasurer of the said cathedral church was anciently annexed to the prebend or prebendal stall of Sallow otherwise Sawley founded in the said church and the duties of the said office performed by the canon or prebendary thereof.

"And whereas under the provisions of section eleven of an Act of Parliament seven Anne, chapter thirty-four, intituled 'An Act for the Building of a Parish Church and Parsonage House, and making a New Church Yard and a New Parish Church in Byrmingham, to be called the Parish of Saint Philip, in the county of Warwick,' it was provided for the better maintenance of the rector of the new church of Saint Philip, Birmingham that the said Prebend of Sawley whenever it became void should be conferred by the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield on the rector for the time being of the said

church who was to hold it during his incumbency of the church and no longer.

"And whereas by the sixth section of an Act of Parliament thirty-seven George Third, chapter twenty, intituled 'An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne intituled 'An Act for augmenting the Number of Canons Residentiary in the Cathedral Church of Lichfield and for improving the Deanery and Prebends of the said Cathedral,' and to make further provision for the Canons Residentiary of the said Cathedral Church and an addition to the Fabric Fund thereof' it was enacted that the third residentiaryship should consist of, besides a sixth part of the dividends of the residentiaries thereinbefore mentioned, the house in the close of the said cathedral church therein described and the prebend of Sallow otherwise Sawley founded in the said cathedral church and the treasurership of the said church thereto then annexed with the appurtenances, which said prebend of Sawley with the said treasurership and appurtenances should be and the same was thereby inseparably annexed to the said third residentiaryship.

"And whereas by another Act of Parliament which received the Royal assent on the twenty-sixth day of May in the thirty-eighth year of the said reign to explain and amend the said last-mentioned Act of Parliament, it is provided that from time to time and at all times thereafter the precentor, chancellor, and treasurer of the said cathedral church of Lichfield and their successors for the time being should have precedency in the said church and chapter and priority of choice of residence in gradation according to their respective ranks as dignitaries in preference of all other canons residentiary, except that the canon residentiary in actual residence should have precedency but not priority of choice of residence, unless otherway entitled thereto during the time of his residence.

"And whereas by section thirteenth of 'The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840' it is provided (inter alia) that the canonry annexed to the rectory of the church of Saint Philip Birmingham that is to say the third residentiaryship comprising the prebend of Sawley and the treasurership as aforesaid should immediately upon the first vacancy thereof be detached from the said rectory and suspended, which suspension took effect in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five by the death of the Reverend Lawrence Gardner, Doctor in Divinity, rector of Saint Philip's Birmingham, the last canon thereof and still continues.

"And whereas the said office of treasurer is necessary to the due constitution of the chapter of the said cathedral church and by reason of the suspension of the said canonry consisting of (inter alia) the prebend of Sawley and the treasurership as aforesaid it is desirable that other provision consistent with the altered constitution of the chapter should be made for the performance of the duties of the treasurership and that the statutes of the said church should be altered accordingly.

"And whereas by section forty-seven of 'The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act, 1840' it is enacted that the chapters of the several cathedral and collegiate churches shall from time to time of their own accord or upon being requested by the visitors of the said churches respectively propose to such visitors such alterations in the existing statutes and rules as (inter alia) shall make them consistent with the constitutions and duties of the chapters respectively as altered under the authority of the said Act, and all such