

Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter fifty, and of the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the nineteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter fifty, and of the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for effecting an exchange of the patronage of the benefice (being a rectory) of Saint Andrew, Droitwich, with Saint Mary, Witton, the benefice (being a rectory) of Saint Nicholas, Droitwich, the benefice (being a vicarage) of All Saints, Evesham, with Saint Lawrence, Evesham, the benefice (being a rectory) of Naunton Beauchamp, which four benefices are situate in the county of Worcester, and in the diocese of Worcester, the benefice (being a rectory) of Exhall with the chapelry of Wixford annexed, and the benefice (being a vicarage) of Fillongley, which two benefices are situate in the county of Warwick and in the said diocese of Worcester, for the patronage of the benefice (being a rectory) of Abenhall otherwise Abinghall, in the county of Gloucester and in the diocese of Gloucester, the benefice (being a vicarage) of Clevedon, the benefice (being a rectory) of Rowberrow, the benefice (being a vicarage) of Tickenham, which three benefices are situate in the county of Somerset and in the diocese of Bath and Wells, the benefice (being a vicarage) of Kilpeck and the benefice (being a vicarage) of Walford on Wye, which last named benefices are situate in the county of Hereford and in the diocese of Hereford.

“Whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said six benefices of Saint Andrew, Droitwich, with Saint Mary, Witton, Saint Nicholas, Droitwich, All Saints, Evesham, with Saint Lawrence, Evesham, Naunton Beauchamp, Exhall with Wixford, and Fillongley (which six benefices are hereinafter called ‘the six first hereinbefore mentioned benefices’) are vested in Your Majesty, Your heirs and successors and such patronage is exercised on behalf of Your Majesty by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for the time being.

“And whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said six benefices of Abenhall otherwise Abinghall, Clevedon, Rowberrow, Tickenham, Kilpeck and Walford on Wye (which six benefices are hereinafter called ‘the six secondly hereinbefore mentioned benefices’) are vested in the Bishop of Worcester for the time being,

“And whereas the Right Honourable Robert Threshie, Baron Loreburn, now Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain and the Right Reverend Huyshe Wolcott, now Bishop of Worcester, have respectively signified to us their desire that the patronage of the said twelve benefices may be rearranged by way of exchange in the manner which is hereinafter recommended and proposed.

“And whereas we have made due inquiry and calculation as to the circumstances and relative value of the said twelve benefices and of the patronage thereof respectively and we do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council that the circumstances and present values of the said twelve benefices and also the value of each of the said twelve benefices in Your Majesty’s books are as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed.

“Now therefore with the consent of the said Robert Threshie, Baron Loreburn, and with the consent of the said Huyshe Wolcott, Bishop of Worcester, acting as such Bishop (in testimony whereof they the said consenting parties have signed and sealed this scheme) we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to each of the six firstly hereinbefore mentioned benefices and the church thereof shall be assigned and transferred from Your Majesty Your heirs and successors and shall become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time and at all times be exercised by the said Huyshe Wolcott, Bishop of Worcester, and his successors in the same Bishoprick for ever, and that in exchange for the same the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to each of the six secondly hereinbefore mentioned benefices and the church thereof shall in like manner and upon and from the same date be assigned and transferred from the said Huyshe Wolcott, Bishop of Worcester, and from his successors and shall become and be absolutely vested in Your Majesty, Your heirs and successors for ever and shall and may from time to time and at all times be exercised on behalf of Your Majesty by the said Robert Threshie, Baron Loreburn, or other the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for the time being.

“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 Acts or of either of them or of any other Act of Parliament.