

At the Court at *Saint James's*, the 31st day of *May*, 1910.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter sixty-three, duly prepared and laid before His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in Council a scheme bearing date the twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter sixty-three, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for constituting a new archdeaconry within the diocese of Manchester, and for endowing such new archdeaconry, and for altering the boundaries of some of the rural deaneries within the same diocese.

"Whereas the said diocese of Manchester now comprises three archdeaconries and no more, namely, the archdeaconry of Manchester, the archdeaconry of Lancaster, and the archdeaconry of Blackburn.

"And whereas the Right Reverend Edmund Arbutnott, Bishop of Manchester, has represented to us and it appears to us to be expedient that a new archdeaconry should be constituted within the said diocese of Manchester, and should comprise the rural deaneries of Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Prestwich and Middleton, and Rochdale, which are at present within the said archdeaconry of Manchester, and within the said diocese of Manchester, that such new archdeaconry should be endowed in the same manner which is hereinafter recommended and proposed, and that the four parishes or cures or churches of Christ Church, Denton; Saint Lawrence, Denton; Saint Anne, Haughton; and Saint Mary the Virgin, Haughton, shall be dis-severed from the said rural deanery of Ashton-under-Lyne, and shall be annexed to the rural deanery of Ardwick within the said archdeaconry of Manchester.

"And whereas it appears to us to be undesirable that procurations, synodals, visitation fees, and induction fees should be received by the Archdeacon of the said proposed new archdeaconry.

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us that by reason of the discontinuance of the collection of the said fees there will be no annual income available for the said proposed archdeaconry from fees, dues, and emoluments, and that the grant hereinafter recommended and proposed will not be such as to raise the annual income of the said proposed archdeaconry to an amount exceeding two hundred pounds.

"Now therefore we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Edmund Arbutnott, Bishop of Manchester (testified by his having signed and

sealed this scheme), humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day upon which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette and without any assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, one new archdeaconry shall be created within the said diocese of Manchester, and that such archdeaconry shall be named 'the archdeaconry of Rochdale,' and shall comprise and consist of the said rural deaneries of Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Prestwich and Middleton, and Rochdale, and that the areas of the said rural deaneries of Ashton-under-Lyne and Ardwick shall be altered so that the said parishes or cures or churches of Christ Church, Denton; Saint Lawrence, Denton; Saint Anne, Haughton; and Saint Mary the Virgin, Haughton, shall belong to and be part of the said rural deanery of Ardwick, within the said archdeaconry of Manchester, and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Rural Dean of Ardwick and the Archdeacon of Manchester, and shall not belong to, or be part of any other rural deanery, or be subject to the jurisdiction of any other Rural Dean or of any other Archdeacon.

"And we further recommend and propose that the Rural Deans and other the clergy and the inhabitants generally of the said proposed archdeaconry of Rochdale shall be under and subject to the archidiaconal jurisdiction, authority, and control of the Archdeacon of such proposed archdeaconry for the time being, and that such Archdeacon shall have and exercise all the rights, powers, and duties of an Archdeacon within the limits of his archdeaconry.

"And we further recommend and propose that we be authorized to pay by half-yearly instalments on the first day of January and the first day of July in every year out of the common fund created by the secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act to the Archdeacon of the said proposed archdeaconry of Rochdale and to his successors in the same archdeaconry the yearly sum of two hundred pounds, the instalment so first becoming due being an apportioned part only of the said sum of two hundred pounds in respect of the period between the date of the collation of the first Archdeacon of the said proposed archdeaconry of Rochdale and the first half-yearly day of payment next ensuing: Provided always, that every payment in respect of the said yearly sum of two hundred pounds shall be made by us only after we shall have been satisfied that the Archdeacon who applies for the same has during the previous twelve calendar months complied with the conditions as to residence which for the time being are required by law, and that he has not collected procurations, synodals, visitation fees, or induction fees during the same period.

"And we further recommend and propose that whenever any Archdeacon who may be entitled to receive the said yearly sum of two hundred pounds shall resign or otherwise avoid his archdeaconry, such yearly sum shall be apportionable between such Archdeacon or his representatives (as the case may be) and the Archdeacon who shall next be collated to the same archdeaconry.

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

And whereas a draft of the said scheme has been transmitted to the Archdeacon affected