

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *June*, 1912.

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 Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-third day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, 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 Chichester, for endowing such new archdeaconry, and for effecting such rearrangements of the boundaries of some of the rural deaneries within the same diocese as are incidental to the constitution of the proposed new archdeaconry.

“Whereas the said diocese of Chichester has heretofore comprised two archdeaconries and no more, namely, the archdeaconry of Chichester and the archdeaconry of Lewes.

“And whereas the Right Reverend Charles John, Bishop of Chichester, has represented to us, and it appears to us to be expedient that a new archdeaconry should be constituted within the said diocese of Chichester, and should comprise the rural deaneries of Pevensy I, Pevensy II, Hastings I, Hastings II, and Dallington and three parishes now in the rural deanery of Pevensy IV, which are at present within the said archdeaconry of Lewes and within the said diocese of Chichester; that such new archdeaconry should be endowed in the manner which is hereinafter recommended and proposed.

“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 Charles John, Bishop of Chichester

(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 Chichester, and that such archdeaconry shall be named ‘The archdeaconry of Hastings’ and shall comprise and consist of the rural deaneries of Pevensy I, Pevensy II, Hastings I, Hastings II, and Dallington, and the parishes of Frant, Tidebrook and Wadhurst heretofore in the rural deanery of Pevensy IV, which have hitherto been situate within the said archdeaconry of Lewes and that the said parishes of Frant, Tidebrook and Wadhurst shall be dis severed from the said rural deanery of Pevensy IV, and shall be annexed to and shall become and be and form part of the said rural deanery of Dallington.

“And we further recommend and propose that the rural deans and other the clergy and inhabitants generally of the said proposed archdeaconry of Hastings 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 Hastings 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 institution of the first archdeacon of the said proposed archdeaconry of Hastings 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 notice of the said scheme has, in accordance with the provisions of the