

eighteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and thereupon by an Order of Your Majesty in Council of the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, made in pursuance of the said Acts, and reciting that such certificate had been so given as aforesaid, which Order was published in the London Gazette on the twenty-third day of the same month of January, and came into operation on the day of the date of such publication (1) the bishoprick of Chelmsford was founded (2) the diocese of the said bishoprick was declared to consist (subject to the provisions contained in the First Schedule to the Bishopricks of Sheffield, Chelmsford and for the County of Suffolk Act, 1913, as to re-arrangement of boundaries) of the county of Essex and that part of the county of Kent which lies north of the River Thames, (3) the parish church of Chelmsford, in the county of Essex (subject to the rights of the patron and Incumbent thereof), was declared to be the cathedral church of the said bishoprick, and (4) the Bishop of Chelmsford was constituted a body corporate and was invested with all such rights, privileges and jurisdictions as are possessed by any other bishop in England, and was subjected to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"And whereas among the modifications of the said Bishopricks Act, 1878, contained in the said First Schedule to the said Bishopricks of Sheffield, Chelmsford and for the County of Suffolk Act, 1913, it is particularly provided in relation to the said bishoprick of Chelmsford that the scheme made under section seven of the said Bishopricks Act, 1878, in relation to that bishoprick may provide for the transfer of the whole or any part of the county of Bedford from the diocese of Ely to the residue of the diocese of Saint Albans remaining after the founding of the said bishoprick of Chelmsford, and as incidental thereto may provide for the re-arrangement of the patronage of the Bishops of Ely and Saint Albans, and make other necessary provisions therein described.

"And whereas the Right Reverend Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely, the Right Reverend Bertram, Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, the Right Reverend Henry Bernard, Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and the Right Reverend John Edwin, Bishop of Chelmsford, do (so far as their respective consents are necessary) consent to this scheme and the several recommendations hereinafter contained, in testimony whereof they have respectively hereto set their hands and episcopal seals:

"Now therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose as follows, namely:—

"1. The boundaries of the diocese of Chelmsford and of the contiguous dioceses of Ely, Saint Albans, and Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich shall be re-arranged as follows:—

"(i) the whole of the parish of Sturmer (in the archdeaconry of Colchester), of which part is situate in the county of Suffolk, and the whole of the parishes of Hadstock and Helion Bumpstead (also in the archdeaconry of Colchester), of which parts are situate in the county of Cambridge, and the whole of the parishes of Heydon, Little Chishall and Great Chishall (also in the archdeaconry of Colchester), which are situate in the administrative county of Cambridge, shall, so far as

the same are not already included in the diocese of Chelmsford, be severed from the diocese of Saint Albans, and be included in and form part of the diocese of Chelmsford.

"(ii) the part of the parish of Bartlow (in the archdeaconry of Ely), which is situate in the county of Essex, shall be severed from the diocese of Chelmsford, and shall be included in and form part of the diocese of Ely.

"(iii) the parts of the parishes of Bures, All Saints Sudbury with Ballingdon cum Brunton, and Haverhill (all in the archdeaconry of Sudbury), which are situate in the county of Essex, shall be severed from the diocese of Chelmsford, and shall be included in and form part of the diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

"(iv) the rural deaneries of Ampthill, Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Eaton, Felmersham, Fleete, Haynes, Luton, Riseley and Shefford (together constituting the archdeaconry of Bedford), with the exception of the parish of Tilbrook, in the county of Huntingdon, but with the addition of the parish of Swineshead, in the county of Bedford, shall be severed from the diocese of Ely, and shall be included in and form part of the diocese of Saint Albans.

"2. The Bishop of Chelmsford for the time being shall, subject to the provisions herein-after contained, have all such courts and officers and all such jurisdiction as were immediately before the said date of the publication in the London Gazette of the said Order of Your Majesty in Council of the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, or are at present possessed by the Bishop of Saint Albans within the area of the diocese of Chelmsford as hereinbefore defined.

"3. All parishes, ecclesiastical districts, and other cures and places, churches and chapels, and all the clergy and others Your Majesty's subjects within the territories which by virtue of the said Order of Your Majesty in Council of the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, or of any Order of Your Majesty in Council confirming this scheme, have been or shall be severed from any diocese, and do now constitute the diocese of Chelmsford, or shall be included therein or in any of the said dioceses of Ely, Saint Albans, and Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich shall be exempted and released from all episcopal jurisdiction, authority and control of the bishop of the diocese in which the same were situate immediately before such severance, and shall be under and subject to the episcopal jurisdiction, authority and control of the Bishop of Chelmsford or other the bishop of the diocese to which such territories have been or shall be transferred by virtue of such Orders in Council as aforesaid and of the successors of such bishop.

"4. Until a dean and chapter of and for the cathedral church of the bishoprick of Chelmsford shall have been created, the Bishop of Chelmsford may, as to any and every matter with respect to which the confirmation or other agency of a dean and chapter is by law required for rendering effectual the action of a bishop, take action in such matter without such confirmation or agency, and his action so taken shall not for want of such confirmation or agency be ineffectual or invalid.

"5. During any and every vacancy in the See of Chelmsford, whether such vacancy shall happen before or after the creation of a dean