

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.*

We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated by an Act of Parliament, passed in this present year of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have, in pursuance thereof, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for carrying into effect so much of the recommendations in the said Act contained, respecting the bishoprics of Oxford and Salisbury, as relates to the county and archdeaconry of Berks.

We humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Thomas Bishop of Salisbury and Richard Bishop of Oxford, respectively, to such parts of this scheme as relate to their respective bishoprics, in testimony whereof they have respectively signed and sealed this scheme, that the whole county of Berks, and those parts of the county of Wilts which are insulated therein, forming together the archdeaconry of Berks and part of the diocese of Salisbury, shall be forthwith absolutely detached and dis severed from the said diocese, and shall be and become permanently annexed and united to and included in and form part of the diocese of Oxford; and that the said archdeaconry, and all parishes and places, churches and chapels, within the limits thereof, and the present and every future archdeacon thereof, and all rural deans, and the whole clergy, and others your Majesty's subjects within the same, shall be forthwith exempted and released from all jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the see of Salisbury, and of the present and every future bishop thereof, and shall be under and subject to the episcopal jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the present bishop of Oxford and his successors bishops of Oxford for the time being, as entirely and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as the county and archdeaconry of Oxford and the archdeacon thereof now are.

And we further recommend and propose, that the right of appointing the archdeacon of the said archdeaconry of Berks shall be vested in the Bishop of Oxford and his successors bishops of Oxford for ever.

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nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing other measures relating to the bishoprics of Salisbury and Oxford, respectively, in conformity to the provisions of the said Act.

All which we humbly recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our common seal, this fourth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the said scheme into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, hereby to approve thereof and to ratify the same; and it is hereby, by and with the advice aforesaid, ordered and directed, that this Order shall be forthwith registerered by the registrars of the dioceses of Oxford and Salisbury respectively in the registries of their respective dioceses; and that the said registrars do forthwith respectively certify to His Majesty in Council, that they have complied with these commands; and it is hereby further ordered and directed, by and with the advice aforesaid, that this Order shall be forthwith inserted and published in the London Gazette, and that the same, together with the said scheme and every part thereof, shall have full and perfect effect from and immediately after such registration and insertion and publication as aforesaid.

*C. C. Greville.*

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 5th day of October 1836,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in and by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," reciting, that His Majesty was pleased, on the fourth day of February, and on the sixth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to issue two