

"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, relating to the erection of two new sees, in the province of York, as it appears to us may be forthwith carried into effect.

Whereas by a scheme, bearing even date herewith, we have recommended and proposed that the sees of Gloucester and Bristol shall be united and become one see, and be held by one bishop, to be styled the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol whereby the number of the bishoprics in England and Wales will be reduced.

And whereas the consent of the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Edward Archbishop of York and the Right Reverend John Bird Bishop of Chester, respectively, have been obtained to such arrangements affecting their respective sees, as are necessary to the erection of the proposed new bishopric of Ripon, and as are set forth in this scheme, in testimony whereof they have respectively signed and sealed this scheme; we, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that the collegiate church of Ripon shall be forthwith constituted, and shall become and for ever hereafter be, a cathedral church and the seat of a bishop within the province of York; and that the present dean and prebendaries thereof shall from henceforth be called and styled Dean and Canons; and that the said dean and canons shall be the dean and chapter of the said church, and shall be subject to all such future orders and regulations as may be hereafter made by competent authority, touching the said cathedral church, or the said dean and chapter thereof.

And we further recommend and propose, that the town and borough of Ripon, and all such parts of the deaneries of the Ainsty and of Pontefract, respectively, now forming part of the archdeaconry of York, otherwise called the archdeaconry of the west riding, in the county and present diocese of York, as adjoin to the western boundaries of the liberty of the Ainsty, and of the wapentakes of Barkston Ash, Osgoldcross, and Staincross, respectively, and all that part of the county of York which now forms part of the archdeaconry of Richmond and diocese of Chester; and the whole of the parish of Aldborough, in the said county of York, shall be forthwith

absolutely separated and dis severed from the respective dioceses of York and Chester, and exempted and released from all episcopal jurisdiction, authority, and controul of the archbishop of York and the bishop of Chester, and of their successors archbishops of York and bishops of Chester respectively, and shall be made and constituted, and shall become and be for ever hereafter called and known by the name of, the Diocese of Ripon; and all episcopal jurisdiction, authority, and controul within and over the same, and every part thereof, shall belong to, and be exercised by, the bishop of Ripon, to be duly constituted as hereinafter provided, and to his successors bishops of Ripon.

And we further recommend and propose, that such person as shall be duly elected by the said dean and chapter, in pursuance of a warrant from your Majesty in that behalf, and shall be duly confirmed and consecrated according to law, shall become bishop of the see and diocese of Ripon, and that the said bishop, and his successors bishops of Ripon, shall be invested with all the same and the like rights, privileges, dignities, power, jurisdiction, and authority as have heretofore been and now are possessed by the respective bishops of England and Wales, and shall be subject to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of York, for the time being, as entirely and effectually to all intents and purposes as the other bishops within the province of York now are.

And we further recommend and propose, that the said Bishop of Ripon and his successors shall be one body corporate, by the name of the Bishop of Ripon, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and that he and his successors shall and may by that name sue and be sued, and shall have power and authority to take and hold all lands, tithes, advowsons, tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever and wheresoever, which may be given or granted to him or them by your Majesty, your heirs, and successors, or by any other person or persons whatsoever, and may give or grant the same, and make leases, and enjoy and do all other rights and acts in respect of the same in as full and perfect a manner as other bishops of England and Wales, but no otherwise.

And we further recommend and propose, that the said collegiate church shall become, and shall for ever hereafter be, the cathedral church of the said bishop and of his successors bishops of Ripon, and shall be