

said Commissioners had, in pursuance of such directions, made four several reports to His said late Majesty, bearing date respectively the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the fourth day of March, the twentieth day of May, and the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had in their said reports, amongst other things, recommended that commissioners should be appointed by Parliament for the purpose of preparing and laying before His Majesty in Council, such schemes as should appear to them to be best adapted for carrying into effect, amongst other things, the following recommendations; and that His Majesty in Council should be empowered to make Orders ratifying such schemes and having the full force of law; and that the Bishop of Durham should in future hold the Castle of Durham, in trust, for the University of Durham, and that all expences of maintaining and repairing the same should be defrayed by the University of Durham:

It is enacted, amongst other things, that the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Lord Bishop of London for the time being, John Lord Bishop of Lincoln, James Henry Lord Bishop of Gloucester, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord High Treasurer or the First Lord of the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being respectively, and such one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as shall be for that purpose nominated by His Majesty under His royal sign manual (such Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord High Treasurer or First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State being respectively members of the United Church of Great Britain and Ireland), the Right Honourable Dudley, Earl of Harrowby, the Right Honourable Henry Hobhouse, and the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Jenner, Knight, should, for the purposes of the said Act, be one body politic and corporate, by the name of "the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," and by that name should have perpetual succession and a common seal:

And it is further enacted, that the said Commissioners should, from time to time, prepare and lay before His Majesty in Council such schemes as should appear to the said Commissioners to be best adapted for carrying into effect the thereinbefore recited recommendations, and should in such schemes recommend and propose such measures as might, upon further inquiry, which the said Commissioners are thereby authorised to make, appear to them to be necessary for carrying such recommendations into full and perfect effect; provided always, that nothing therein contained should be construed to prevent the said Commissioners from proposing, in any such scheme, such modifications or variations, as to matters of detail and regulation, as should not be substantially repugnant to any or either of the said recommendations:

And it is further enacted, that when any scheme, prepared under the authority of the said Act, should be approved by His Majesty in Council, it should

be lawful for His Majesty in Council to issue an Order or Orders ratifying the same, and specifying the time or times when such scheme, or the several parts thereof, should take effect, and to direct in every such Order that the same should be registered by the registrar of each of the dioceses the bishops whereof might or should be in any respect affected thereby:

And it is further enacted, that every such Order should, as soon as may be after the making and issuing thereof by His Majesty in Council, should be inserted and published in the London Gazette:

And it is further enacted, that, so soon as any such Order in Council should be so registered and gazetted, it should in all respects, and as to all things therein contained, have and be of the same force and effect as if all and every part thereof were included in the said Act, any law, statute, canon, letters patent, grant, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

And whereas the said Commissioners, pursuant to the authority vested in them by the said Act, have duly prepared and laid before His late Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

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

We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated 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," have, in pursuance thereof, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act, relative to the Castle of Durham.

We humbly recommend and propose, that the Right Reverend Edward now Bishop of Durham, and his successors bishops of Durham, for the time being, shall hold the Castle of Durham, including all the precincts of the said castle, and all houses, buildings, lands, tenements, and hereditaments heretofore known or accepted as parcel of the said precincts, and all rights, privileges, ways easements, and advantages thereto belonging, in trust, for the University of Durham, which has lately been incorporated, by the name and stile of the Warden, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Durham; but subject, nevertheless, to such right of access as the clergy of the diocese of Durham now have to the library founded by John Cosin, heretofore Bishop of Durham, and now remaining within the said precincts, and to all right of way and other easements to which the same premises have heretofore been legally subject while in the possession of bishops of Durham; and also subject to the enjoyment by all such officers of the see or diocese or Durham, and by all such officers of the palatinate of Durham as have performed, for thirty years now last