

England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for confirming certain alterations in the statutes of the cathedral church of Durham :

"Whereas by the said recited Act it is, amongst other things, provided, that the chapters of the several cathedral churches shall, from time to time, propose to their respective visitors, such alterations in the existing statutes and rules as shall make them consistent with the constitution and duties of the chapters respectively, as altered, under the authority of the said Act; and that all such alterations may be confirmed by the authority of the visitor; and that all such statutes and rules, when so altered, shall be submitted to us, and may be confirmed by the authority in the same Act provided :

"And whereas the Dean and Chapter of the said cathedral church of Durham have proposed to Edward Lord Bishop of Durham, as their Visitor, certain alterations in the statutes of their cathedral church, which are set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed :

"And whereas the said alterations have been confirmed by such Visitor, and appear to us to be necessary and proper and consistent with the constitution and duties of the said chapter of Durham as altered under the provisions of the said recited Act :

"We, therefore, recommend and propose, that the said alterations shall become and be statutes and rules of the said cathedral church, and shall be confirmed as such accordingly :

"And we humbly recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing other measures relating to the cathedral church of Durham, in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Act.

SCHEDULE

"We, the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of Durham, do, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to

carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," propose to the Right Reverend Edward Lord Bishop of Durham, the Visitor of the same cathedral church, that the following alterations be made in the statutes of the said cathedral church :

First. — Whereas, in the fourth chapter of the same statutes, intituled "of the entrance and installation of the canons," it is decreed, "that the dean or precentor shall go into the choir before the canon to be installed, and shall induct him into the stall assigned to his prebend;" we, the said Dean and Chapter, propose that these words be altered and extended as followeth, that is to say, "that the dean or precentor shall go into the choir before the canon to be installed, and induct him into such a stall or seat in the choir, as the dean and chapter may, from time to time, see fit to assign to his canonry; and that the dean and chapter may, from time to time, make such regulations with respect to the several stalls, and their occupation by the canons respectively, as may become necessary by reason of the suspension of canons, so as to prevent the continued vacancy of any stall belonging to a suspended canonry not being one of the lower stalls."

Second. — And whereas also in the fifth chapter of the same statutes, intituled "of the whole number of those who are kept in the cathedral church," it is decreed that, amongst others, "there shall be for ever in the said church twelve canons or prebendaries, and twelve minor canons;" we, the said Dean and Chapter, propose that the following alteration be made, that is to say, that for the word "twelve," relating to the number of canons, the words "not less than six" be substituted; and that for the word "twelve," relating to the number of minor canons, the words "not more than six" be substituted; and that the same words be also substituted in every other part of the said statutes relating to the number of canons and minor canons respectively.

Third. — And whereas also by the sixteenth chapter of the same statutes, intituled "of the tables and residences of the canons," the dean and canons are enjoined to entertain, amongst others, "the choir, citizens, and strangers;" and whereas the emoluments of the dean and of one of the canons now are, and those of future canons will be, materially diminished by the severance of their separate