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"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, 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;" and of another 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 founding a new archdeaconry of Monmouth, in the diocese of Llandaff, and for providing a temporary endowment for the said archdeaconry, and also for the archdeaconry of Llandaff.

"Whereas, by the first-recited Act, power is given to place the whole county of Monmouth, in the diocese of Llandaff (subject to such modifications as shall be deemed necessary), and to found a new archdeaconry in the said diocese, to be called the archdeaconry of Monmouth, and to vest the patronage of such archdeaconry in the bishop of the diocese, and newly to arrange the limits of deaneries and archdeaconries, so that every parish and extra-parochial

place may be within a deanry, and every deanry within an archdeaconry; and it is by the same Act enacted, that all archdeacons throughout England and Wales shall have and exercise full and equal jurisdiction within their respective archdeaconries, any usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and it is by the same Act provided, that none of the proposed alterations affecting the boundaries or jurisdiction of any diocese, the bishop of which was in possession on the fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, should take effect until the avoidance of the see of such bishop, without his consent:

"And whereas since the passing of the same Act, the sees of Hereford and St. David's have both been vacant:

"And whereas it is by the secondly-recited Act enacted, that, subject to the consent of the bishop, any archdeaconry may be endowed, amongst other modes of endowment, by augmentation out of the common fund in the said Act mentioned; provided that such augmentation shall not raise the average annual income of any archdeaconry to an amount exceeding two hundred pounds; and it is also provided, that no archdeacon shall be entitled to hold such endowment unless he shall be resident for the space of eight months in every year within the diocese in which his archdeaconry is situate, or as to any then archdeacon, within the diocese in which his archdeaconry was situate before the passing of the first-recited Act, but subject to the same provisions, as to licences for non-residence, which are enacted with respect to incumbents of benefices by an Act relating to pluralities and the residence of the clergy, passed in the second year of your Majesty's reign:

"And whereas it is by the same Act further enacted, that, upon any such endowment, all lands, tithes, and other hereditaments, except any right of patronage, belonging to such archdeaconry at the time of such endowment, may, with the like consent, and with the consent of any archdeacon in possession at the time of the passing of the same Act, be vested in us for the purposes of such Act:

We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Edward