

twentieth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the words and figures following, that is to say :

“ 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 newly arranging the rural deaneries within the archdeaconry of Bath, and for abolishing peculiar and exempt jurisdictions in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

“ Whereas it was by the first recited Act provided, that the limits of the then existing deaneries and archdeaconries should be newly arranged, so that every parish and extra parochial place should be within a rural deanry, and every deanry within an archdeaconry:

“ And whereas it was by the same Act enacted, that it should be competent to us to propose, in any scheme prepared and laid before your Majesty in Council under the provisions thereof, that all parishes, churches or chapelries locally situate in any diocese, but subject to any peculiar jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese in which the same were locally situate, should be only subject to the jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese in which the same were locally situate:

“ And whereas it was by the secondly recited Act enacted, that in any case in which it should appear, upon the representation of the bishop of the diocese, to be proper to divide any rural deanry on account of the magnitude thereof, or of any other peculiar circumstances connected therewith, such rural deanry might, by the authority therein provided, be divided into two or more

portions, and each of such portions might be constituted a separate rural deanry, as the case might be, and a district assigned thereto; provided always, that no such division should be made without the consent of the bishop of the diocese, under his hand and seal:

“ And whereas it has been represented to us by the Honourable and Right Reverend Richard Bishop of Bath and Wells, that the rural deaneries of Bath and Redcliffe and Bedminster, comprising the whole of the said archdeaconry of Bath, are now inconveniently arranged; and it appears to the said bishop, and to us, to be expedient and proper that such rural deaneries should be newly arranged and divided as hereinafter mentioned; and that by reason of the parish of Bedminster having been transferred and united to the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, the name and title of the rural deanry of Redcliffe and Bedminster should be changed, and that such rural deanry should hereafter be named the Rural Deanry of Chew:

“ We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said Richard Bishop of Bath and Wells, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that the said rural deanry of Bath and the rural deanry now styled the Rural Deanry of Redcliffe and Bedminster, which we recommend and propose shall be hereafter named the Rural Deanry of Chew, shall be respectively newly arranged and divided, and that each of such rural deaneries shall respectively henceforth comprise and consist of the several parishes and districts mentioned and set under or against the name of each of such rural deaneries, as the same are respectively set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed.

“ And we further recommend and propose, that upon and after the twenty-first day next following the day upon which any Order of your Majesty in Council, ratifying this scheme, shall be published in the London Gazette, all parishes and places then locally situate within the limits of the said diocese of Bath and Wells, and of the several archdeaconries thereof respectively, and all churches and chapels, and the whole clergy and others your Majesty’s subjects locally situate within the limits of such parishes and places respectively, shall, notwithstanding any peculiar or other ecclesiastical jurisdiction or exemption from