

date the eighteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the words 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, respecting the diocese of Ripon.

“ Whereas by an Order of His late Majesty in Council, bearing date the fifth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, duly made, registered, and gazetted, under the first recited Act, all that part of the county of York, which then formed part of the archdeaconry of Richmond, was separated from the diocese of Chester, and was included in the diocese of Ripon :

“ And whereas by the said first recited Act it was provided, that the existing deanries 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 that no archdeaconry should extend beyond the limits of one diocese :

“ And whereas by the secondly recited Act it was enacted, that in any case in which it should appear upon the representation of the bishop to be proper to divide any archdeaconry or rural deanry on account of the magnitude thereof or any other peculiar circumstances connected therewith, such archdeaconry or rural deanry might, by the authority in the same Act provided, be divided into two or more portions, and each of such portions might be constituted a separate archdeaconry or rural deanry, as the case might be, and a district might be assigned thereto; provided

always, that no such division should be made without the consent of the bishop, under his hand and seal :

“ And whereas by the said first recited Act it was also 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 a portion of the deanry of Kirkby Lonsdale is within that part of the archdeaconry of Richmond, which was so as aforesaid separated from the said diocese of Chester and included in the said diocese of Ripon, and it has been represented to us by the Right Reverend Charles Thomas Bishop of Ripon that it would be and we deem it to be expedient, that such portion should be constituted a separate deanry, and we further deem it expedient that all peculiar and exempt jurisdictions within the said diocese of Ripon should be abolished :

“ We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said Charles Thomas Bishop of Ripon, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme, that that portion of the deanry of Kirkby Lonsdale, which is included in the diocese of Ripon, shall be constituted a separate deanry, and shall be named the deanry of Clapham, in the archdeaconry of Richmond and diocese of Ripon.

“ And we further recommend and propose, that, upon and after the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, all parishes and places then locally situate within the limits of the said diocese of Ripon, 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 jurisdiction which any of such parishes, places, churches, chapels or clergy may possess or be subject to, or claim to possess or be subject to, be respectively under and subject only to the