

intituled "An Act to carry into effect with certain modifications the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical duties and revenues," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the fourteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, 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 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 Saint Paul, in London.

"Whereas it is by the said recited Act enacted, that the chapters of the several cathedral and collegiate churches shall from time to time of their own accord, or upon being required by the visitors of the said churches respectively, propose to such visitors such alterations in the existing statutes and rules as shall provide for the disposal of the benefices in their patronage so as to meet the just claims of the minor canons of such churches, 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; that is to say: by a scheme prepared by us, and a duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same:

"And whereas, the dean and chapter of the said cathedral church of Saint Paul, have, in pursuance of the directions in that behalf, of the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Charles James, Bishop of London, as their visitor, prepared a plan for effecting certain alterations in the statutes of their said church, which plan is set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed:

"And whereas the alterations proposed by such plan have been confirmed by such visitor, and it appears to us to be expedient that the same should also be confirmed by your Majesty as contemplated by the said recited provision of the said Act.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose that the alterations in the statutes and rules of the said cathedral church which are set forth in the plan contained in the schedule hereunto annexed as aforesaid, shall be confirmed accordingly.

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

SCHEDULE.

"To the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Charles James Lord Bishop of London, and Visitor of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in London.

"The Representation and Proposal of the very Reverend Henry Hart Milman, D.D., Dean of the said Cathedral Church, and the Chapter of the same church.

"That by an instrument in writing, bearing date the seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, signed by your Lordship, being a sentence, or adjudication, upon an appeal to your Lordship as such Visitor as aforesaid, by

the Reverend Robert Collier Packman, Clerk, and the Reverend James Lupton, Clerk, two of the minor canons of the said cathedral church, your Lordship was pleased to require of us the said Dean and Chapter, to prepare a plan for the disposal of benefices in our gift or patronage, according to the forty-seventh section of the Act of Queen Victoria, entitled 'An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth Report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues.'

"That by the forty-fourth section of the said Act it is enacted as follows:

"And be it enacted, that upon the vacancy of any benefice in the patronage of the chapter of any cathedral or collegiate church, the chapter shall present or nominate thereto either a member of such chapter, or one of the archdeacons of the diocese, or a non-residentiary prebendary, or honorary canon, as the case may be, or any spiritual person who shall have served for five years at the least in the office of minor canon or lecturer of the same church, or of master of the grammar or other school, if any, attached to or connected with such church, or as incumbent or curate in the same diocese, or as public tutor in either of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or who, so far as relates to the cathedral church of Durham, shall have served for the like term in the office of professor, reader, lecturer, or tutor in the said University of Durham, or shall have been educated thereat, and shall be a licentiate or graduate in theology therein, or who shall have served as incumbent or curate within the same diocese for the period aforesaid; and that every such office of minor canon, lecturer, schoolmaster, professor, reader, lecturer, or tutor, shall immediately upon the expiration of one year from the time of his institution to such benefice, if not previously resigned, become and be vacant; and that if neither a member of the chapter, nor an archdeacon of the diocese, nor a minor canon, nor lecturer, nor such schoolmaster, incumbent, or curate, professor, reader, lecturer, tutor, licentiate, or graduate, as the case may be, shall be presented or nominated to such benefice within six calendar months, from the time of the vacancy thereof, the bishop of the diocese in which the same is situate may, within the next six calendar months, collate or license thereto a spiritual person who shall have actually served within such diocese, as incumbent or curate, for five years at the least; and if no such collation or license shall be granted within such time, the right of presentation or nomination to such benefice for that turn shall lapse to the archbishop of the province.'

"That by the forty-sixth section of the said Act it is enacted as follows:

"And be it enacted, that no minor canon hereafter to be appointed in any cathedral or collegiate church shall be allowed to take and hold, together with his minor canonry, any benefice beyond the limit of six miles from such church.'

"That by the forty-seventh section of the said Act it is enacted as follows:

"And be it enacted, that the chapters of the several cathedral and collegiate churches