

Church of Saint Alban, in the town and borough of Saint Albans in the county of Hertford was assigned (subject to the rights of the incumbent of the same church) to the Bishoprick of Saint Albans as a cathedral church.

"And whereas by the same Order the Bishop of the Bishoprick of Saint Albans was constituted a body corporate, and was invested with all such rights privileges and jurisdictions as are possessed by any other bishop in England and was subjected to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"And whereas the Right Reverend Thomas Legh Claughton, being the person who at the passing of the said Act of the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth years of your Majesty chapter thirty-four was Bishop of Rochester, has by letters patent under your Majesty's great seal been translated to the Bishoprick of Saint Albans and was on the twelfth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven enthroned as Bishop of Saint Albans accordingly and is now Bishop of Saint Albans.

"And whereas by the ninth section of the said Act of the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth years of your Majesty chapter thirty-four it is enacted that whenever a certain certificate therein mentioned shall have been given to your Majesty by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, we shall lay before your Majesty a scheme for doing certain things which in the same section are specified and for otherwise carrying into complete effect the same Act or any Order in Council made thereunder.

"And whereas the said certificate has been given as by the said Order of your Majesty in Council of the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven appears.

"Now therefore we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England humbly recommend and propose that :

"(1.) The Bishop for the time being of the diocese of Saint Albans shall have all such courts and officers and all such jurisdiction as were and was at the time of the passing of the said Order of your Majesty in Council possessed by the Bishop of the diocese of Rochester within the limits as defined by the same Order of the diocese of Saint Albans : and all tenements, tithes apportionments, maps, plans, and other documents relating exclusively to any parish or parishes situate in the said diocese of Saint Albans or otherwise relating exclusively to the same diocese (that is to say) to the area or any part of the area thereof shall be transferred from the custody of the Registrar or other officer of the diocese of Rochester in whose custody the same now are, and shall become and be in the custody of such Registrar or other officer or officers of the diocese of Saint Albans as the Bishop of Saint Albans shall appoint in that behalf.

"(2.) All parishes and places churches and chapels and all the clergy and others your Majesty's subjects within the limits of the diocese of Saint Albans as the same diocese is defined by the said Order of your Majesty in Council of the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven shall be exempted and released from all jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of Rochester and shall be under and subject to the episcopal jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of Saint Albans and his successors.

"(3.) Until a Dean and Chapter of and for the said Cathedral Church of Saint Alban shall have been created, the Bishop of the diocese of Saint Albans may, as to any and every matter with

respect to which the confirmation or other agency of a Dean and Chapter is by law required for rendering effectual the action of a Bishop take action in such matter without any such confirmation or agency, and his action so taken shall not be thereby made ineffectual or invalid.

"(4.) During any and every vacancy in the see of Saint Albans, whether such vacancy shall happen before or after the creation of a Dean and Chapter of and for the said Cathedral Church of Saint Alban, the Archbishop of Canterbury shall have the custody and be the guardian of the spiritualities of the see of Saint Albans.

"(5.) The archidiaconal supervision of the parishes and churches included within the diocese of Saint Albans shall for the present be provided for by the Archdeacons of the existing Archdeacons of Rochester and Saint Albans, Colchester, and Essex, respectively as follows that is to say :

"The Archdeacon of the existing Archdeaconry of Rochester and Saint Albans shall have archidiaconal jurisdiction over the whole of that part of the diocese of Saint Albans which is situate in the county of Herts and the Archdeacons of the Archdeacons of Colchester and Essex respectively shall continue to have the same jurisdiction within their respective archdeacons as they have heretofore possessed and exercised ; and the two archdeacons lastly mentioned shall no longer be subject to the episcopal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rochester, but shall be subject to the episcopal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Saint Albans, and the archidiaconal dignities of the some two archdeacons shall be transferred from the Cathedral Church of Rochester to the Cathedral Church of Saint Albans ; and the said Archdeacon of Rochester and Saint Albans so far as regards that portion of his archdeaconry the territory of which is co-extensive with the county of Herts shall no longer be subject to the episcopal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rochester, but shall be subject to the episcopal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Saint Albans.

"(6.) The patronage of every ecclesiastical dignity and benefice being within the diocese of Saint Albans of which dignity and benefice the patronage is now vested for any estate or interest in the Bishop of Rochester shall to the extent of such estate or interest be, without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than this scheme and any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same, and upon and from the day of the date of the publication of any such Order in the London Gazette transferred from the Bishop of Rochester and from his successors and shall become and be vested in the Bishop of Saint Albans and his successors.

"And whereas by a certain deed bearing date the eleventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven and made between the Right Reverend Thomas Legh then Bishop of Rochester of the one part and us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of the other part, the said Thomas Legh Bishop of Rochester (being the person who was at the passing of the said Act Bishop of Rochester) did surrender all rights and interests reserved to him by the sixth section of the same Act ; to the intent that the portion of the endowment or income of the Bishoprick of Rochester which in the same section is mentioned (being such portion of the same as will yield a net annual sum of five hundred pounds) should form part of the Saint Albans Bishoprick Endowment Fund created by the second section of the said Act.