

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

KENMARE,

Lord Chamberlain.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 6th day of *February*, 1882.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His Majesty King William the fourth chapter seventy-seven, and of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her present Majesty chapter one hundred and thirteen and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eight years of Her present Majesty chapter sixty-three and of the Bishoprick of Saint Albans Act 1875 and of the Bishopricks Act 1878 duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, in the words and figures following, that is to say;—

“We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His Majesty King William the fourth chapter seventy-seven and of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty chapter one hundred and thirteen and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of your Majesty chapter sixty-three and of the Bishoprick of Saint Albans Act 1875 and of the Bishopricks Act 1878 have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for dividing the Archdeaconry of Rochester and Saint Albans and for constituting an Archdeaconry of Rochester and providing a temporary endowment for the same.

“Whereas by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council bearing date the eighth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five and duly published in the London Gazette of the twentieth day of the same month which Order was made partly in pursuance of the provisions of the firstly hereinbefore-mentioned Act the then Archdeaconry of Rochester became on the avoidance of the same by the death of the Venerable Walker King on or about the nineteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine suppressed.

“And whereas by the third section of ‘The London Diocese Act 1863,’ being the Act of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh years of your Majesty chapter thirty-six the provisions of the said Order of your Majesty in Council were repealed so far as respected the archidiaconal jurisdiction over the city and deanery of Rochester and by the same section the full and exclusive jurisdiction of an archdeacon within and over the whole city and deanery of Rochester and all parishes and places situate within the limits of the said city and deanery was vested in and made exerciseable by the then Archdeacon of Saint Albans and his successors and it was by the same Act and section enacted that the same archdeacon should be styled ‘The Archdeacon of Rochester and Saint Albans.’

“And whereas by the second section of the said last-mentioned Act it was provided that on a

contingency which has since happened certain parishes situate in the counties of Kent and Surrey or one of them but not situate within the city or deanery of Rochester aforesaid should be transferred from the diocese of London and become and form part of the diocese of Rochester and should become subject to the same archidiaconal jurisdiction as the other parishes situate in Kent and belonging to the See of Rochester (to wit those parishes which were and are situate within the city and deanery of Rochester aforesaid) were at the passing of the same Act or might thereafter become subject to, that is to say to the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the Archdeacon of Rochester and Saint Albans aforesaid.

“And whereas by the ninth section of the said Bishoprick of Saint Albans Act 1875, sub-section two; power is specifically reserved to us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to divide the Archdeaconry of Rochester and Saint Albans either upon the then next avoidance of the same archdeaconry, or (if the person who at the time of the passing of the same Act was archdeacon of that archdeaconry should consent to such division) before such avoidance.

“And whereas the Venerable Anthony Grant was at the time of the passing of the said last-mentioned Act and is still archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Rochester and Saint Albans.

“And whereas the said Anthony Grant is willing and desirous that the said Archdeaconry of Rochester and Saint Albans shall now be divided in manner hereinafter appearing but so nevertheless that the canonry in the Cathedral Church of Rochester heretofore held by him first as Archdeacon of Saint Albans and thereafter as Archdeacon of Rochester and Saint Albans shall in manner contemplated by ‘The Bishopricks Act 1878’ aforesaid continue hereafter to be so held by him so long as he shall hold the Archdeaconry of Saint Albans and in order that the said division may be effected the said Anthony Grant has tendered in writing to the Bishop of the diocese of Rochester his resignation of the office and place of an archdeacon over that part of the said archdeaconry of Rochester and Saint Albans which now remains within the diocese of Rochester and the said Anthony Grant has also executed this scheme as hereinafter appears.

“And whereas the Right Reverend Anthony Wilson the Bishop of the said diocese of Rochester has accepted such resignation by the said Anthony Grant as is aforesaid and in testimony thereof has executed this scheme as hereinafter appears.

“And whereas the Right Reverend Thomas Legh Bishop of Saint Albans, is consenting to this scheme in respect of so much thereof as affects the diocese of Saint Albans and in testimony of such consent has executed this scheme as hereinafter appears.

“Now therefore with the consent of the said Anthony Grant in testimony whereof he has set his hand and seal to this scheme and with the consent of the said Thomas Legh Bishop of Saint Albans in testimony whereof he has set his hand and his episcopal seal to this scheme and with the consent of the said Anthony Wilson Bishop of Rochester in testimony whereof he has also set his hand and his episcopal seal to this scheme we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England humbly recommend and propose as follows that is to say:

“I. From and after the day on which any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette