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PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty chapter one hundred and thirteen and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of Her Majesty chapter sixtythree duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, in the words and

England acting in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late M jesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, of the Act of the third and fourth years of Your Majesty chapter one hundred and thur ee and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of Your Majesty chapter sixty-three have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme with respect to the archdeaconries and rural deaneries or some of them which are within the diocese of Lichfield.

"Whereas there are at present three archdeaconries within the said diocese of Lichfield to wit, the archdeaconry of Salop, the archdeacoury of Stafford and the archdeaconry of Stoke-upon-Trent.

And whereas a statutory schedule (prepared under the provisions of the hereinbefore lastlymentioned Act) of the rural deaneries within the said two archdeaconries of Salop and Stafford respectively, and also of the rural deaneries with-in the archdeaconry of Desby, then in the said diocese of Lichtield, but at present comprised within the diocese of Southwell, was dank deposited in the diocesan registry at Lichfield.

"And whereas by the authority of an Order of Your Majesty in Council, dated the eleventh day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and published in the London Gazette on the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the said archdeaconry of Stokeupon-Trent was formed out of the said Archdeaconry of Stafford.

"And whereas under the provisions of another

T the Court at Windsor, the 20th day of Order of Your Majesty in Council, dated the second day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and published in the London Gazette on the fifth day of the same month, the diocese of Southwell was created and comprised (inter alia) a portion of the said diocese of Lichfield.

"And whereas it has been represented to us by the Honourable and Right Reverend Augustus Bishop of the said diocese of Lichfield, that the arrangements which are hereinafter recommended and proposed with respect to the said archdeaconries and rural deaneries or some of them within the said diocese are desirable and should. be carried into effect, and we are of opinion that. the same may properly be carried into effect.

"And whereas the said arrangements involve the transfer in certain cases of certain parishes or cures or churches from one archdeaconry to another archdeaconry, that is to say, they involve the transfer of one parish or cure (that is to say, the parish of Sheriff Hales with Woodcote) from the said archdeaconry of Stafford to the said archdeconry of Salop, and the transfer of three parishes or cures (that is to say the parish of Ranton, the parish of Fradswell, and the parish of Stowe-by-Chartley) from the said archdeaconry of Stafford to the said archdeaconry of Stokeupon-Trent, and also the transfer of certain parishes or cures or churches from certain rural deaneries to certain other rural deaneries.

"And whereas the same arrangements also involve among other alterations of the areas of certain of the rural deaneries within the said archdeaconries, the extinction or absorption of one rural deanery as such, to wit, the rural deanery of Brewood, in the said archdeaconry of Stafford, and they involve the formation of two new rural deaneries in the same archdeaconry of Stafford,and one new rural deanery in the said archdeaconry of Stoke-upon-Trent.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Augustus, Bishop of the said Diocese of Lichtield (in testimony whereof he hath set his hand and his episcopal seal to this scheme) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day on which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette and without any assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order the said archdeaconry of Salop, the said archdeaconry of Stafford, and the said archdeaconry of Stokeupon-Trent respectively, shall comprise and con-