

city and county of the city of Bristol partly within the county of Gloucester partly within the county of Somerset and partly within the county of Wilts and was until the reconstitution of the same Bishoprick situate within the Archdeaconry of Bristol which was an Archdeaconry of the then diocese of Gloucester and Bristol aforesaid.

“And whereas the remaining part of the said diocese of Gloucester and Bristol is known as and is hereinafter referred to as the diocese of Gloucester.

“And whereas by the said Order of Your Majesty in Council the Cathedral Church of Bristol was declared to be the Cathedral Church of the Bishoprick of Bristol.

“And whereas by the same Order the Bishop of Bristol 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 by the seventh section of the said firstly hereinbefore mentioned Act it is enacted that whenever a certain certificate shall have been given to Your Majesty by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England with respect to the endowment fund of any new Bishoprick in the said Act mentioned we shall lay before Your Majesty in Council a scheme for all or any of the matters which in the same section are mentioned.

“And whereas by the second section of the said secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act it is enacted that subject to the provisions of that Act the said firstly hereinbefore mentioned Act shall have effect as if the said Bishoprick of Bristol were a new Bishoprick mentioned therein.

“And whereas the said certificate has been given by us in the case of the Bishoprick of Bristol as by the said Order of Your Majesty in Council of the seventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven appears.

“Now therefore we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England humbly recommend and propose as follows, namely:—

“(1.) The Bishop of Bristol for the time being shall subject to the provisions hereinafter contained have all such courts and officers and all such jurisdictions as were immediately before the time of the publication in the London Gazette of the said Order of Your Majesty in Council of the seventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven possessed by the Bishop of the then diocese of Gloucester and Bristol within or in respect of so much of the same diocese as is within the area assigned by the same Order as the diocese of the Bishoprick of Bristol and all tithes, tithes apportionments, maps, plans and other documents relating exclusively to any parish or parishes, ecclesiastical districts, or other cures or places situate within the diocese of Bristol or otherwise relating exclusively to the said diocese (that is to say to the area or any part of the area thereof) shall subject likewise to the provisions hereinafter contained be transferred from the custody of the Registrar or other officer of the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol in whose custody the same may now be and shall become and be in custody of such Registrar or other officer or officers of the diocese of Bristol as the Bishop of Bristol shall approve in that behalf, and similarly any like documents relating exclusively to any parish or parishes ecclesiastical districts or other cures or places situate within the diocese of Gloucester shall be transferred from the custody of the Registrar or other officer of the said diocese of Bristol in whose custody the same may now be

and shall become and be in the custody of the Registrar or such other officer or officers of the said diocese of Gloucester as the Bishop of Gloucester shall approve in that behalf.

“(2.) All parishes, ecclesiastical districts and other cures or places churches and chapels and all the clergy and others, Your Majesty's subjects within the limits of the diocese of Bristol as the same diocese is defined by the said Order of Your Majesty in Council of the seventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven shall be exempted and released from all episcopal jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of Gloucester and shall be under and subject to the episcopal jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of Bristol and his successors.

“(3.) During any and every vacancy in the See of Bristol the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being shall have the custody and be the guardian of the spiritualities of the See of Bristol.

“(4.) The Archidiaconal supervision of the parishes ecclesiastical districts and other cures or places churches and chapels within the limits of the said diocese of Bristol shall be exercised by the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Bristol aforesaid and such Archdeacon shall subject to the provisions hereinafter contained continue to enjoy the same endowments emoluments and rights as were enjoyed by him as such Archdeacon before the reconstitution of the said Bishoprick of Bristol as aforesaid.

“(5.) The Archdeaconry of Bristol shall be comprised within and shall be co-extensive with the limits of the said diocese of Bristol, and shall consist of the following rural deaneries, namely the Rural Deanery of Bristol, the Rural Deanery of Stapleton, the Rural Deanery of Bitton and the Rural Deanery of Chippenham and also the Rural Deanery of Malmesbury and the Rural Deanery of Cricklade as the two lastly-mentioned rural deaneries are limited by the said Order of Your Majesty in Council dated seventh July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

“(6.) Any existing Archdeacon whose Archdeaconry is affected by the foundation of the Bishoprick of Bristol may reside in any place in which he is residing at the date of this scheme.

“And with the consent of the Right Reverend Charles John Bishop of the said diocese of Gloucester in testimony whereof he has to this scheme set his hand and his episcopal seal we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners further recommend and propose all that is hereinafter set forth that is to say:—

“(7.) The Rural Deanery of Hawkesbury hitherto comprised within the said Archdeaconry of Bristol but situate within the present limits of the said diocese of Gloucester shall be transferred from the said Archdeaconry of Bristol and shall be included in and shall form part of the Archdeaconry of Gloucester within the said diocese of Gloucester and shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Archdeacon of the said Archdeaconry of Gloucester and shall not belong to or be a part of any other archdeaconry nor be subject to the jurisdiction or authority of any other Archdeacon.

“(8.) The patronage of every ecclesiastical dignity or benefice being within the diocese of Bristol, together with the patronage of the benefice of Buckland in the county of Berks, which prior to the union of the Bishopricks of Gloucester and Bristol in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six was vested in the then Bishop of Bristol whereof the patronage is now vested for any estate or interest in the Bishop of Gloucester shall forthwith to the extent