

At the Court of *Saint James*, the 7th day of August, 1905.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have in pursuance of the Bishopricks Act, 1878, and the Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the twentieth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Bishopricks Act, 1878, and the Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme with respect to the bishoprick of Southwark and for the re-arrangement of the boundaries of the contiguous dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, and of the patronage belonging to the Sees of Canterbury and Rochester.

"Whereas by the seventh section of the said Bishopricks Act, 1878, it is enacted that whenever the certificate therein referred to 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 mentioned in the schedule to the said Act, we shall lay before Your Majesty in Council a scheme for all or any of the matters in relation to such new bishoprick which in the same section are mentioned.

"And whereas by the first section of the said Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904, it is enacted that, subject to the modifications set forth in the first schedule to the same Act the said Bishopricks Act, 1878, including the repealed portions thereof shall have effect for the purpose of the foundation of the new bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham as if the second schedule to the said Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904, were substituted for the schedule to the said Bishopricks Act, 1878, and as if the last-mentioned Act had been passed at the date of the passing of the said Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904.

"And whereas the bishoprick of Southwark is one of the bishopricks mentioned in the said second schedule to the said Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904, and the said certificate was given by us with respect to the endowment fund of the said bishoprick of Southwark on the second day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five and thereupon by an Order of Your Majesty in Council of the twentieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, made in pursuance of the said Acts and reciting that such certificate had been so given as aforesaid which Order was published in the *London Gazette* on the twenty-first day of the same month of March and came into operation on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and five (1) the bishoprick of Southwark was founded (2) the diocese of the said bishoprick was declared to consist of the rural deaneries of Greenwich, Lewisham, Woolwich, Battersea, Camberwell, Clapham, Dulwich (except the parishes within the urban district of Penge), Kennington, Lambeth, Newington, Southwark, Barnes, Beddington, Caterham, Godstone, Kingston, Reigate, Richmond, Streatham and Wandsworth, and of such other parishes as should be transferred to the diocese in pursuance of the said Bishopricks of Southwark and Birmingham Act 1904 (3) the parish church of *Saint Saviour*, Southwark (subject to the rights of the patron

and Incumbent thereof) was declared to be the cathedral church of the said bishoprick and (4) the Bishop of Southwark 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 (so far as their respective consents are necessary) the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Reverend John Reginald Bishop of Rochester, the Right Reverend Edward Stuart Bishop of Southwark, and the Right Reverend Huyshe Wolcott Bishop of Worcester do consent to this scheme and the several recommendations hereinafter contained in testimony whereof the Archbishop has hereto set his hand and archiepiscopal seal, and the said Bishops have respectively hereto set their hands and episcopal seals.

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

"1. The diocese of Southwark shall consist of the rural deaneries of Greenwich Lewisham Woolwich Battersea Camberwell Clapham Dulwich (except the parishes within the urban district of Penge) Kennington Lambeth Newington Southwark Earnes Beddington Caterham Godstone Kingston Reigate Richmond Streatham and Wandsworth without the addition of any other parish or place.

"2. The boundaries of the dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester shall be re-arranged as follows that is to say:—

"The rural deaneries of East Dartford West Dartford North Malling South Malling Shoreham and Tonbridge and the parish of Allington (all now in the archdeaconry of Maidstone) shall be severed from the diocese of Canterbury and shall be included in and form part of the diocese of Rochester.

"3. The Bishop of Southwark for the time being shall, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, have all such courts and officers and all such jurisdiction as were immediately before the said first day of May one thousand nine hundred and five possessed by the Bishop of Rochester within the area of the diocese of Southwark.

"4. All parishes ecclesiastical districts and other cures and places churches and chapels and all the clergy and others Your Majesty's subjects within the territories which by virtue of the said Order of Your Majesty in Council of the twentieth day of March one thousand nine hundred and five or of any Order of Your Majesty in Council confirming this scheme have been or shall be severed from the diocese of Rochester or the diocese of Canterbury and respectively now constitute the diocese of Southwark or shall be included in the diocese of Rochester as aforesaid shall be exempted and released from all episcopal jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of the diocese in which the same were situate immediately before such severance and shall be under and subject to the episcopal jurisdiction authority and control of the Bishop of the diocese in which such territories now are or shall be so included as aforesaid and of the successors of such Bishop.

"5. Until a Dean and Chapter of and for the cathedral church of the bishoprick of Southwark shall have been created, the Bishop of Southwark 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,