

William the Fourth, Chapter 77, of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 63, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme with respect to the Archdeaconries of Dudley and Worcester, in the Diocese of Worcester, and to some of the Rural Deaneries within such Archdeaconries:

“Whereas it has been represented to us by the Right Reverend Ernest, Bishop of Worcester, that the arrangements which are hereinafter recommended and proposed with respect to the said Archdeaconries of Dudley and Worcester and with respect to some of the Rural Deaneries within such Archdeaconries are desirable and should be carried into effect and we are of opinion that the same may be properly carried into effect:

“Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Ernest, Bishop of Worcester (in testimony whereof he has set his hand and Episcopal Seal to this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that as 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, first, the Rural Deanery of Bewdley, within the said Archdeaconry of Dudley, and the Rural Deanery of Outer Worcester, within the said Archdeaconry of Worcester, shall cease to exist; secondly, the name of the Rural Deanery of Wich, otherwise Droitwich, in the said Archdeaconry of Dudley, and the name of the Rural Deanery of Inner Worcester, in the said Archdeaconry of Worcester, shall be altered so

that such Rural Deaneries shall henceforth be called respectively ‘The Rural Deanery of Droitwich’ and ‘The Rural Deanery of Worcester’; thirdly, a new Rural Deanery shall be formed within the said Archdeaconry of Dudley, and such new Rural Deanery shall be called ‘The Rural Deanery of Lindridge’; and fourthly, the said Rural Deaneries of Lindridge and Droitwich and the Rural Deaneries of Kidderminster and Mitton, in the said Archdeaconry of Dudley, and the said Rural Deanery of Worcester and the Rural Deaneries of Martley and Pershore, in the said Archdeaconry of Worcester, shall respectively comprise and consist of the Parishes, Cures and Churches, the names of which are set down in numbered order under the names of such Rural Deaneries respectively in the first column of the Schedule to this Scheme annexed, and each of the said Parishes or Cures or Churches shall belong to and be and form part of the Rural Deanery and Archdeaconry under the names of which it is set down as aforesaid, and shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Rural Dean of the Rural Deanery, and of the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry, under which it is so set down as aforesaid, and shall not belong to or be a part of any other Rural Deanery or Archdeaconry, nor be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of any other Rural Dean or of any other Archdeacon.

“And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other matter or thing with respect to the matters aforesaid or any of them by virtue of the said Acts or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament.

“The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Scheme has reference.

“The Archdeaconry of Dudley.

“The Rural Deanery of Droitwich, comprising the following Parishes or Cures or Churches:—

“Parish or Cure or Church.	Archdeaconry within which Parish or Cure or Church has hitherto been situate.	Rural Deanery within which Parish or Cure or Church has hitherto been situate.
1. Broughton Hackett... ..	Worcester	Outer Worcester.
2. Crowle	Dudley	Wich, otherwise Droitwich.
3. Dodderhill	do.	do.
4. Elmbridge	do.	do.
5. Wychbold	do.	do.
6. Droitwich, Saint Andrew, with Witton, Saint Mary.	do.	do.
7. Droitwich, Saint Nicholas... ..	do.	do.
8. Droitwich, Saint Peter	do.	do.
9. Hadzor with Oddingley	do.	do.
10. Hampton Lovett	do.	do.
11. Hanbury	do.	do.
12. Himbleton	do.	do.
13. Hindlip	Worcester	Outer Worcester.
14. Huddington... ..	Dudley	Wich, otherwise Droitwich.
15. Martin Hussingtree	do.	do.
16. Salwarpe	do.	do.
17. Tibberton with Bredicot	do.	do.

“The Rural Deanery of Kidderminster, comprising the following Parishes or Cures or Churches:—

1. Chaddesley Corbett	Dudley	Kidderminster.
2. Churchill in Halfshire (with Saint James, Blakedown).	do.	do.