ANNO DECIMO & UNDECIMO

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C A P. CVIII.

An Act for establishing the Bishoprick of *Manchester*, and amending certain Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*.

[23d *July* 1847.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth intituled *An Act for carrying into effect the Reports of the* 6 & 7 W. 4.
Commissioners appointed to consider the State of the Established Church c. 77.
in England *and* Wales, *with reference to Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues, so far as they relate to Episcopal Dioceses, Revenues, and Patronage;* and another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to carry into effect, with* 3 & 4 Vict.
certain Modifications, the Fourth Report of the Commissioners of c. 113.
Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues; and another Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to* 4 & 5 Vict.
explain and amend Two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical c. 39.
Commissioners for England; and another Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for* 6 & 7 Vict.
regulating the Cathedral Churches of Wales: And whereas Her c. 77.
Majesty was pleased, on the Tenth Day of *February* in this Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, to issue a Commission to certain Persons therein named, directing them to consider the State of the several Bishopricks in *England* and *Wales* with special

reference to the Intention, therein graciously declared by Her Majesty, that a Measure should be submitted to Parliament for continuing the Bishopricks of *Saint Asaph* and *Bangor* as separate Bishopricks, and for establishing forthwith a Bishoprick of *Manchester;* and the said Commissioners have made their First Report to Her Majesty, bearing Date the Twentieth Day of *April* in this present Year, and have in their said Report recommended,

Their First Report.

Recommendations.

That the Diocese of *Saint Asaph* consist of the whole Counties of *Flint* and *Denbigh*, and such Parts of the Counties of *Salop* and *Montgomery* as are now in that Diocese, except the Deanry of *Ceifeiliog* in the last-mentioned County; and

That the Diocese of *Bangor* consist of the whole Counties of *Anglesea*, *Carnarvon*, and *Merioneth*, and the Deanries of *Ceifeiliog* and *Arwstley* in the County of *Montgomery;* and

That the Diocese of *Chester* consist of the County of *Chester* and the Deanry of *Warrington* in the County of *Lancaster*, except the Parish of *Leigh;* and

That the new Bishoprick of *Manchester* be forthwith founded, and endowed out of the Revenues at the Disposal of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* applicable to Episcopal Purposes; and

That the Diocese of *Manchester* consist of such Parts of the Deanries of *Kendal* and *Kirkby Lonsdale* as are in the County of *Lancaster*, and of the Deanries of *Amounderness*, *Blackburn*, *Manchester*, and *Leyland*, and the Parish of *Leigh* in the Deanry of *Warrington*, all in the same County; and

That an Archdeaconry of *Liverpool* be founded in the Diocese of *Chester;* and that such Archdeaconry comprise the Deanry of *Worrall* in the County of *Chester* and the Deanry of *Warrington* (except the Parish of *Leigh*) in the County of *Lancaster:*

And whereas it is expedient that the said Recommendations should be carried into effect, with such Modifications as may be found necessary, and that certain of the Provisions of the said recited Acts should be altered and amended: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much and such Parts of the said recited Acts as provide for or apply to the Union of the Bishopricks, Sees, or Dioceses of *Saint Asaph* and *Bangor*, and also any Orders of Her Majesty in Council relating to the said Union, or to the new See or Diocese of *Manchester*, shall be repealed, and that all the Powers and Authorities vested in Her Majesty in Council, and in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, by the said first and secondly recited Acts, with reference to the Matters therein respectively contained, and all other the Provisions of the same Acts relating to Schemes and Orders prepared, made, and issued for the Purposes thereof, and to Modifications and Variations therein, shall be continued and extended and shall apply to Her Majesty in Council, and to the said Commissioners, and to all Schemes and Orders to be prepared, made, and issued by them respectively, for the Purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing Recommendations, as fully and effectually as if the said Powers, Authorities, and other Provisions were repeated herein.

Repeal of repugnant Enactments; and Powers of former Acts extended to this Act.

II. And

Number of Lords Spiritual not to be increased.

II. And be it enacted, That the Number of Lords Spiritual now sitting and voting as Lords of Parliament shall not be increased by the Creation of the Bishoprick of *Manchester;* and whenever there shall be a Vacancy among the Lords Spiritual by the Avoidance of any one of the Sees of *Canterbury*, *York*, *London*, *Durham*, or *Winchester*, or of any other See which shall be filled by the Translation thereto from any other See of a Bishop at that Time actually sitting as a Lord of Parliament, such Vacancy shall be supplied by the Issue of a Writ of Summons to the Bishop who shall be elected to the same See; but if such Vacancy be caused by Avoidance of any other See in *England* or *Wales*, such Vacancy shall be supplied by the Issue of a Writ of Summons to that Bishop of a See in *England* or *Wales* who shall not have previously become entitled to such Writ; and no Bishop who shall be hereafter elected to any See in *England* or *Wales*, not being one of the Five Sees above named, shall be entitled to have a Writ of Summons, unless in the Order and according to the Conditions above prescribed.

Act may be amended,&c.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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