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Birmingham

ORDER IN COUNCIL FOUNDING THE BISHOPRIC OF BIRMINGHAM.

1905 No. 7

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of January, 1905.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

41 & 42 Vict.
c. 68.
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Whereas in pursuance of the Bishoprics Act, 1878, and the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England on the 15th day of December, 1904, certified to His Majesty under their Common Seal, that the annual value of the Birmingham Bishopric Endowment Fund, together with the annual sum which will ultimately be derived in pursuance of the last above mentioned Act from the contributory Bishopric of Worcester was not less than three thousand pounds : And that they the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners were satisfied that from the date of the foundation of the said Bishopric there would become and be payable to them under the provisions of the Will of the late Reverend Canon Thomas Henry Freer an annual sum to be used as additional income for the said Birmingham Bishopric Endowment Fund which would be sufficient forthwith to raise the annual value of the said Birmingham Bishopric Endowment Fund to a sum of three thousand five hundred pounds :

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above mentioned Acts, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Most Honourable Privy Council, to order and declare as follows :—

- (1) The Bishopric of Birmingham is hereby founded.
- (2) The diocese of the said Bishopric shall consist of the Arch-deaconry of Birmingham and the rural deanery of Handsworth and of such other parishes as shall be transferred to the diocese in pursuance of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904.

- (3) The Parish Church of St. Philip at Birmingham in the County of Warwick subject to the rights of the patron and incumbent of such church, shall be the Cathedral Church of the said Bishopric.
- (4) The Bishop of Birmingham is constituted a Body Corporate and is hereby invested with all such rights, privileges, and jurisdictions as are possessed by any other bishop in England, and is subjected to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- (5) This Order shall come into operation on the publication of the same in the *London Gazette*.^(a)

A. W. FitzRoy.

(a) This Order was gazetted January 13, 1905.