

PREFACE.

The following report is submitted with the object of affording full and correct information on an issue which has arisen concerning the government of a Cathedral, superimposed by Royal Patent upon a Parish Church existing under a prior Royal Patent.

The question is a novel one, and in this instance is complicated by the creation of an Honorary Dean and Chapter consisting of the Rectors and Incumbents of various other Parish Churches, and by the separation of the offices of Rector and Dean. Claims have been made on behalf of His Lordship the Bishop, as well as of the Chapter, which are fully detailed in the following pages. The issues are not personal but purely official, and as such should be discussed. Sooner or later they must have arisen, and now that they have been brought prominently before the Diocese, in His Lordship's opening address at the last Synod, it is desirable to have them fully set forth in all their bearings:

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