



**Salisbury Cathedral from the Bishop's Grounds - *John Constable* (1823)**  
*Victoria and Albert Museum*

# Ecclesiastical Commission



- ⌘ Set up in 1835 by the Tory Prime Minister (Robert Peel)
- ⌘ first legislation: Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act of 1836
  - ☑ abolished practice of holding livings (with an income but no duties) and sees
  - ☑ created new Bishoprics and Archdeaconries
  - ☑ equalised Episcopal incomes

# Reform of Episcopal Income



⌘ 1835 incomes

⌘ Durham £19,000

⌘ Llandaff £924

⌘ 2002 equivalent

⌘ £1,150,000

⌘ £56,000

Reform provided £4,500 - £5,000 per Bishopric  
(between £270,000 and £300,000 today)

# Further Reforms



## ⌘ Pluralities Act of 1838

- ☑ limiting number of livings

## ⌘ Dean and Chapter Act of 1840

- ☑ limiting number of Canons

- ☑ and recommendation for number of minor canons, or vicars choral, to be reduced

## ⌘ Surveys & Recommendations of 1854 and 1882 and revision of Cathedrals' statutes



# Lichfield Cathedral



- ⌘ Shrine of St Chad since 672
- ⌘ Current building dates from 1195
- ⌘ One of nine secular Cathedrals
- ⌘ "Old Foundation" Cathedral

# Old Foundation Cathedrals



⌘ St Paul's

⌘ Chichester

⌘ Salisbury

⌘ Wells

⌘ Exeter

⌘ Hereford

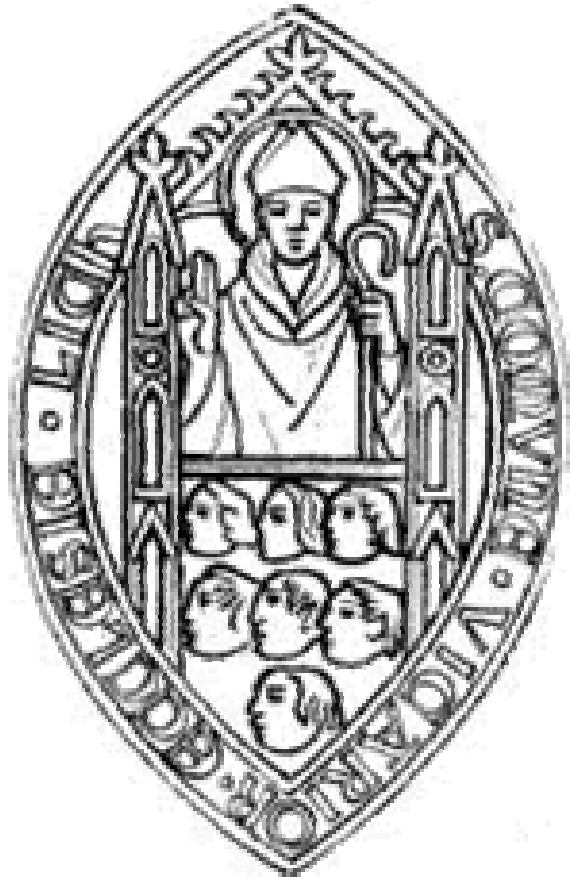
⌘ Lichfield

⌘ Lincoln

⌘ York

Junior clergy incorporated into  
colleges of Vicars Choral

# College of Vicars Choral



- ⌘ property, endowments, rights and privileges
- ⌘ distinct corporation within Cathedral life, and often in dispute with the Dean and Chapter
- ⌘ disbanded 1934 after recommendation in 1840

# Choral Foundation 2004

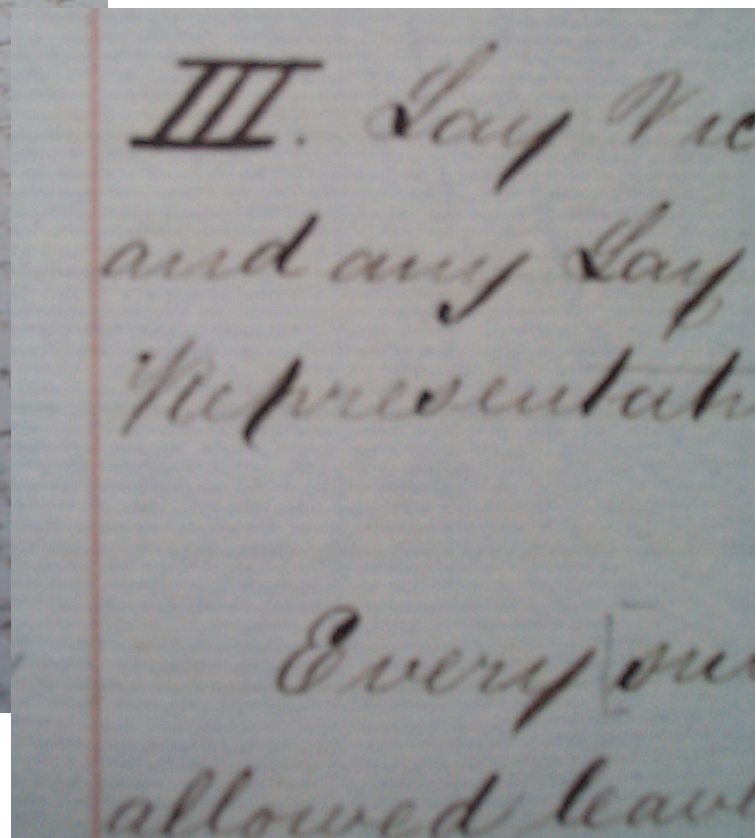
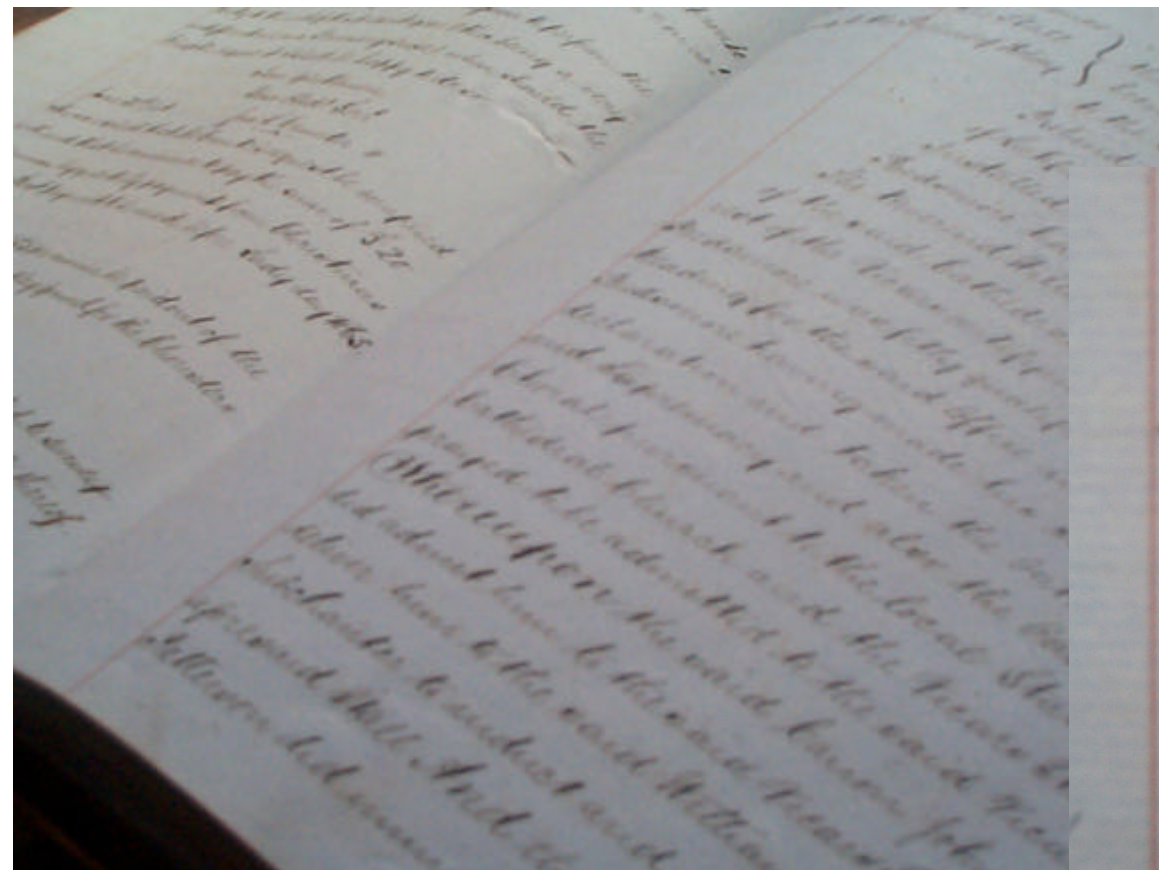




# Library and Chapter Act Books



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# Questions?

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