

Henry Lord Bishop of Gloucester, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord High Treasurer or the First Lord of the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being, respectively, and such one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as should be for that purpose nominated by His Majesty, under His royal sign manual (such Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord High Treasurer or First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State being respectively members of the United Church of Great Britain and Ireland), the Right Honourable Dudley Earl of Harrowby, the Right Honourable Henry Hobhouse, and the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Jenner, Knt. should, for the purposes of this Act, be one body politic and corporate, by the name of "the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," and by that name should have perpetual succession and a common seal:

And it is further enacted, that the said Commissioners should, from time to time, prepare and lay before His Majesty in Council such schemes as should appear to the said Commissioners to be best adapted for carrying into effect the therein-before recited recommendations, and should in such schemes recommend and propose such measures as might upon further inquiry, which the said Commissioners are thereby authorised to make, appear to them to be necessary for carrying such recommendations into full and perfect effect; provided always, that nothing therein contained should be construed to prevent the said Commissioners from proposing in any such scheme such modifications or variations, as to matters of detail and regulation, as should not be substantially repugnant to any or either of the said recommendations:

And it is further enacted, that when any scheme, prepared under the authority of the said Act, should be approved by His Majesty in Council, it should be lawful for His Majesty in Council to issue an Order or Orders ratifying the same, and specifying the time or times when such scheme, or the several parts thereof, should take effect, and to direct in every such Order that the same should be registered by the registrar of each of the dioceses, the bishops whereof might or should be in any respect affected thereby:

And it is further enacted, that every such Order should, as soon as might be after the making and issuing thereof by His Majesty in Council, be inserted and published in the London Gazette:

And it is further enacted, that, so soon as any such Order in Council should be so registered and gazetted, it should in all respects, and as to all things therein contained, have and be of the same force and effect as if all and every part thereof were included in the said Act, any law, statute, canon, letters patent, grant, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

And whereas the said Commissioners, pursuant to the authority vested in them by the said Act, have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-

seven, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.*

We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have, in pursuance of the said Act, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for fixing the annual sum to be paid by us for the augmentation of the income of the bishoprick of Hereford.

We humbly recommend and propose, that in order to raise the average annual income of the Bishop of Hereford for the time being, to the sum of four thousand two hundred pounds, as near as may be, there shall be paid by us to the bishop next succeeding to the see of Hereford, which is now vacant, and his successors, bishops of Hereford, for the time being, out of such moneys as shall from time to time be standing to our credit and account in the Bank of England, being part of payments from the larger sees respectively, towards the augmentation of the incomes of the bishops of the smaller sees, the fixed annual sum of one thousand four hundred pounds, by equal half yearly payments, on the first day of March and the first day of September in every year; the first of such payments to be made on the first day of March next; and that whenever hereafter a vacancy in the said see of Hereford shall happen on any other day than one of the said half yearly days of payment, the next half yearly payment shall be apportioned between the bishop making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the bishop succeeding to the see, according to the time which shall have elapsed from the last half yearly day of payment to the day of the vacancy, inclusive, and such proportions shall be paid to the respective parties accordingly.

And whereas the amount of the moneys from time to time applicable to the purposes aforesaid, and to the augmentation of any other of the smaller sees upon vacancies occurring therein respectively, will depend on the contingency of vacancies occurring among the larger sees from which payments are hereafter to be made towards such purposes; and the amount of the demand upon such moneys will depend on the contingency of vacancies occurring among the said smaller sees; and it may therefore happen that the demands upon such moneys may, for a time, exceed the amount thereof; we further recommend and propose, that if at the commencement of any half year, calculated from the first day of January to the last day of June, and from the first day of July to the last day of December, respectively, it shall appear to us that there will in the