

"tical 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 relating to the bishopric of Exeter.

We humbly recommend and propose, that, from and after the next avoidance of the said see of Exeter, in order to raise the average annual income of the Bishop of Exeter for the time being, to the sum of five thousand pounds, as near as may be, there shall be paid by us, 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, to the bishop then succeeding to the said see, and his successors, bishops of Exeter, for the time being, the fixed annual sum of three thousand four hundred pounds, by equal half yearly payments; the first of such payments to be made at the end of six calendar months from the day of such avoidance; and that whenever thereafter a vacancy in the said see of Exeter shall happen on any other day than the half yearly day of payment, so calculated as aforesaid, 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, respec-

tively, it shall appear to us that there will in the current half year be a deficiency of the said moneys to pay the sums then charged thereon, and payable in the same half year, it shall be lawful for us to resolve, that a deduction be made from the sum payable in the same half year to the Bishop of Exeter, for the time being, and from the sums payable to the respective bishops of other smaller sees, who, by virtue of any other scheme prepared or to be prepared by us, and of any Order or Orders of your Majesty in Council for ratifying the same, shall then be entitled to payments in augmentation of their respective incomes, so as to keep the sums to be paid, during the same half year, within the amount of the moneys applicable as aforesaid, during such half year, and to calculate such deduction in proportion to the sums which have been or may be named in this and any such other scheme, as the future annual average income of the said sees respectively; and that upon the amount of every such deduction being certified by us, or by our secretary, to the bishop to be affected thereby, within fourteen days after the commencement of such half year, the said bishop shall have no present claim to any greater sum than the residue of his half yearly payment after such deduction as aforesaid, nor any future claim, except as is hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, that so soon thereafter as the sums to be paid to us in any half year, applicable to the purposes aforesaid, shall exceed the sums to be paid by us for those purposes within the same half year, we shall be authorized and bound to divide the surplus rateably among the bishops from whose payments such deductions shall have been made, or the representatives of such of them as shall be dead, and so from half year to half year, until the whole sums deducted shall be paid; the deductions of one half year to be paid before any payment shall be made on account of the deductions of any subsequent half year.

And we further recommend and propose, that it be declared by this scheme, and any Order which your Majesty in Council may be pleased to make for ratifying the same, that the Scilly Islands are within the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Exeter, and the Archdeacon of Cornwall, for the time being, respectively.

And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing other measures re-