

teen, and the other issued by His late Majesty King George the Fourth, bearing date the sixth of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; and there being reason to believe that due attention is not paid to the weighing of the said gold coin, and the directions given in the Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to the cutting, breaking, or defacing such pieces thereof as are found to be of less weight than those declared by the last of the aforesaid Proclamations to be current, and to pass and be received in payment; We do by this Our Royal Proclamation declare and command that from and after the date hereof every gold sovereign of less weight than five penny-weights two grains and a half, and every gold half sovereign of less weight than two penny-weights thirteen grains and one eighth, be not allowed to be current or pass in any payment whatsoever: and We do hereby strictly require and command all Our loving subjects, and particularly all the officers, collectors, and receivers of Our revenues, strictly to conform to the orders hereby given, and to the directions and regulations enacted and established in the several Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to the cutting, breaking, and defacing such pieces of the said gold coin as shall be found deficient in weight: and We do hereby further ordain, declare, and command, that the said gold sovereigns and half sovereigns of the weights last above described shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, every such sovereign as of the value of twenty shillings, and every such half sovereign as of the value of ten shillings, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham-Palace, this third day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and in the fifth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 3d day of June 1842,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and

fourth years of Her Majesty's reign intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the third day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for relieving the present canons of the cathedral church of Winchester from the performance of additional duty, by reason of the suspension of canonries in the said cathedral church.

"Whereas, it was by the said Act enacted, that out of the proceeds of the suspended canonries, in any chapter, provision might from time to time be made, by the authority therein provided, for relieving the then existing canons of such chapter from the performance of any additional duty by reason of such suspension, by the employment of substitutes, to be approved by the respective bishops:

"And whereas, application has been made to us by the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of Winchester, to make provision for a substitute or substitutes, to be employed and approved according to the said Act, to perform the duties which, by reason of the present suspension of one canonry, and of the future suspension of six other canonries, in the said church, would otherwise be imposed on the remaining canons:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that the said Dean and Chapter be empowered, from time to time, to appoint a substitute or substitutes, to be approved by the Bishop of Winchester for the time being, to perform the duties of a Canon in residence, for such calendar month or months in this present and each succeeding year, as shall remain unprovided for, after the periods of statutable and customary residence by all the existing canons shall have been fixed.

"And we further recommend and propose, that until the said Chapter shall consist exclusively of