

" Commissioners for England," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for making additional provision for the cure of souls, in certain parishes where such assistance is most required.

" Whereas under the authority of the said recited Acts, we prepared and laid before your Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the nineteenth day of April last, in which we recommended and proposed, that certain grants should be made, in augmentation of the incomes of certain benefices and churches, in certain classes, and subject to certain limitations, therein mentioned, and the said scheme was ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of the same month of April, which Order has been duly gazetted :

" And whereas we have satisfied ourselves, after due inquiry, that the benefices and churches described in the schedule hereunto annexed marked A. fall within the first of such classes, as limited by the said Order, and are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented, by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the said schedule ; and previously to our laying before your Majesty in Council the said scheme, application had been made to us, on behalf of the thirteen of the said churches hereinafter particularly named, then coming within the same class, in all respects, except that the proceedings for legally assigning districts thereto were not fully completed, and such proceedings are now completed :

" And whereas from the source set opposite to the name of each of the benefices and churches described in the schedule hereunto annexed marked B., in the sixth column of such schedule, there has either been paid to us on account of such benefice or church, or permanently secured to the incumbent thereof, the benefaction stated in the seventh column of the same schedule ; and we have satisfied ourselves that the said benefices and churches fall within the second of such classes, as limited by the said Order, and are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented, by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the same schedule :

" And whereas the benefices and churches described in the schedule hereunto annexed marked C., are situate within the places set opposite to the names thereof respectively in the fifth column of the same schedule ; and certain tithes, now vested in us, or tithes, in lieu of which certain lands so vested were heretofore allotted, arise or have arisen in such places respectively ; and after due inquiry and consideration, we have satisfied ourselves, that the same benefices and churches fall within the third of such classes, and are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented, by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the same schedule :

" We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that there shall be paid by us, in each and every year, to the incumbent for the time being of each of the benefices and churches so described in the said three several schedules, the fixed annual sum set opposite to the name thereof in the last column of the said schedules respectively ; by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of May and the first day of November, in each year ; and that the first such half-yearly payment shall be made on the first day of November next ; except in the cases of the churches of Adlington, St. Saviour Bamber Bridge, St. John Blackburn, Trinity over Darwen, St. James Lower Darwen, St. John Dewsbury Moor, St. Peter Earls Heaton, St. Paul Hanging Heaton, St. Paul Foleshill, Trinity Habergham Eaves, St. Mary Mellor, Holy Trinity Portsea, and Tonge, and that the incumbents of churches last-named shall on such last-mentioned day receive two such half-yearly payments ; and that whenever a vacancy, in any of the benefices or churches contained in the said schedules, shall happen on any other day than the first day of May or the first day of November, the next half-yearly payment shall in every such case be duly apportioned, between the incumbent making the vacancy or his representatives, and the incumbent succeeding to the benefice or church so becoming vacant.

" And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measure for making better provision for the cure of souls, in conformity with the provisions of said recited Acts, or either of them."