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At the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 19th day of *June* 1844,

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 twenty-first day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, 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 making better provision for the spiritual duties of the parish of Maidstone, in the county of Kent and diocese of Canterbury.

"Whereas it is by the said Act enacted, with an especial view to the better care of populous parishes, that arrangements may, from time to time, be made, by the authority therein provided, for improving the value or making a better provision for the spiritual duties of ill-endowed parishes or districts, by means of such alterations in the exercise of patronage as may be agreed upon by patrons, with the consent of the bishop;

and it is by the same Act further enacted, that arrangements may be made, by the like authority, for the apportionment of the income of two benefices, belonging to the same patron, between the incumbents or ministers of such benefices, or the churches or chapels connected therewith; provided, that no such arrangement shall be made, in any case, so as to prejudice the interests of any existing incumbent, nor without the consent of the bishop of the diocese:

"And whereas the perpetual curacy of Maidstone, in the said county of Kent and diocese of Canterbury, is a populous parish within the meaning of the said Act, and the patronage thereof is vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being; and there is within, and connected with, such parish a certain church or chapel, called "The Holy Trinity, Maidstone," with a chapelry district duly assigned thereto, and the patronage of the said church or chapel is at present vested in the perpetual curate for the time being of Maidstone aforesaid, and the net average annual income of the minister of such last-mentioned church or chapel does not exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, and the population of the said district amounts to nine thousand three hundred at the least:

"And whereas the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the time being, is also patron of the rectory of Cliffe, at Hoo, in the same county, and in the deanery of Shoreham, the peculiar and immediate jurisdiction of the cathedral and metropolitanical Church of Christ, Canterbury; and the net average annual income of the rector thereof exceeds one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, and the population of the parish of Cliffe, at Hoo, is below nine hundred:

"And whereas it has been agreed by the Reverend William Vallance, the present incumbent