

vacant before the same first day of January, or before a vacancy shall have occurred in the said deanery of the cathedral church of Rochester, it shall be competent to us to recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council some temporary arrangement, respecting the archidiaconal jurisdiction to be exercised within and over the whole of the existing archdeaconry of Rochester,—or within and over such portion thereof as is herein proposed to be, upon and after the same first day of January, transferred to the said diocese of Canterbury and archdeaconry of Maidstone,—or within and over the said city and deanery of Rochester, as the case may be.

“ And whereas it was by the said first-recited Act provided, that, out of the fund accruing from payments to be made to us from the revenues of the larger sees, fixed annual payments should be made by us, in such instances and to such amount as should upon due inquiry and consideration be determined on, so that the average annual income of the bishops of the smaller bishopricks respectively should be not less than four thousand pounds, nor more than five thousand pounds ;

“ And whereas upon due inquiry and consideration we have satisfied ourselves, that the present average annual income of the said see of Rochester does not exceed the sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds ; and the said George Bishop of Rochester has declared to us his intention, not to continue to hold any other preferment besides the bishoprick of Rochester, after the thirty-first day of December next ; and we are of opinion that the average annual income of the bishops of Rochester ought to be five thousand pounds :

“ We, therefore, further recommend and propose, that, from and after the last-mentioned day and upon the said bishop ceasing to hold any other preferment as aforesaid, the average annual income of the bishop of Rochester for the time being shall be raised to the sum of five thousand pounds, as near as may be ; and that to this end there shall be paid by us to the said George Bishop of Rochester, and his successors bishops of Rochester 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 three thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, by equal half-yearly payments ; the first of such payment to be made on the first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six ; and that whenever thereafter a vacancy in the said see of Rochester shall happen on any other day than the first day of January or the first day of July, the next half-yearly payment shall be duly apportioned and paid between and to the bishop making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the bishop succeeding to the said see :

“ 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, 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 demands 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 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 so payable in the same half year to the Bishop of Rochester for the time being, and from any sums payable to the respective bishops of other smaller sees, by virtue of any other scheme prepared or to be prepared by us, and of any Order or Orders of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same, 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 incomes of the said sees respectively ; and that upon the amount of every such deduction being certified by us or by our treasurer to the bishop to be affected thereby within fourteen days after the commencement of such half year, such bishop shall