

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 have no immediate claim to any greater sum than the residue of such 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 authorised and bound to divide the surplus, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, rateably among the bishops from whose payments such deductions shall have been so made, or their representatives, 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 whereas we have, in conjunction with the said George Bishop of Rochester, contracted for the purchase, at and for the price or sum of

twenty-four thousand seven hundred pounds, of an estate situate partly in the parish of Danbury and partly in the parish of Sandon, in the county of Essex, with a house, offices, and out-buildings thereon and forming part of the said estate, which will, according to our foregoing recommendations, be within the diocese of Rochester, and will afford a fit and convenient residence for the bishops of the said see: we, therefore, further recommend and propose, that the said George Bishop of Rochester, or his successor bishop of Rochester, may be authorised and empowered to purchase and take a conveyance of the said estate to him and his successors bishops of Rochester for ever, at and for the price or sum aforesaid, and that the said amount of purchase money, and also such further sum of money, if any, as may be deemed necessary by us for putting the said house and premises in complete tenantable condition, shall be raised and paid in manner hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas the house of residence heretofore and now occupied by the said bishop of Rochester, in the parish of Bromley, in the said county of Kent, will no longer be situate within the limits of the said diocese of Rochester, and it will therefore be necessary to dispose thereof; and in order to complete the purchase aforesaid, it will be necessary at the same time to dispose of other property belonging to the same see in the same parish; we therefore further recommend and propose, that the said bishop or his successors may be authorised and empowered, with our consent signified under our common seal in the case of each particular sale, to sell and dispose of, in such manner and for such prices and sums respectively as shall upon due inquiry appear to us to be just and reasonable, and duly to convey to the purchaser or respective purchasers thereof, all the right, title, and interest of him the said bishop and his successors bishops of Rochester in and to all or any of the manors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments belonging to the said see of Rochester, situate within the said parish of Bromley; and that the proceeds of every such sale shall from time to time be paid by each purchaser into the Bank of England, to our credit, to an account intituled “Account with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,” to be by us applied as hereinafter recommended and proposed; and that any such purchaser, taking a conveyance with our consent signified as aforesaid, after paying his purchase money to our credit as aforesaid, shall not be responsible for, or be bound to look to, the due application of such money; and that the proceeds of every such sale shall and may, from time to time, be applied by us, at such times and in such manner as we shall deem expedient, in or towards payment of the purchase money for the estate so contracted for as aforesaid, and of the cost of so putting the house and premises thereon in tenantable condition, and of the costs, charges, and expenses of and attending such purchase and such sales as aforesaid respectively; and that the balance, if any, shall be vested in and applied by us for the purposes, or