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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1845.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 20th day of
November 1845,

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 sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, in the words 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 sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the

" state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme, for revising the fixed annual payment charged upon the see of Bath and Wells.

" Whereas, under the provisions of the said recited Act, we prepared and laid before His late Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, for charging upon the bishops of Bath and Wells the fixed annual payment to us of one thousand pounds towards the augmentation of the incomes of the smaller bishopricks, so as to leave to the bishop of Bath and Wells the average annual income of five thousand pounds, fixed by the said recited Act ; and the said scheme was ratified by an Order of His said late Majesty in Council, bearing date the twenty-first day of the same month of June, and such Order was duly registered and gazetted.

" And whereas, in pursuance of the further provisions of the said recited Act, we did, at the expiration of the first seven years, reckoning from