

Majesty King William the Fourth, 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 fourth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, 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 King William the Fourth, 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 determining the income of the Bishop of Saint Asaph.

"Whereas it is in the preamble to the said Act recited, that the Commissioners therein mentioned had presented to His late Majesty certain reports, containing amongst others the following recommendations, that is to say, that the sees of Saint Asaph and Bangor should be united, and that, in order to provide for the augmentation of the incomes of the smaller bishopricks such fixed annual sums be paid to the Commissioners, out of the revenues of the larger sees respectively as should upon due inquiry and consideration be determined on so as to leave as an average annual income to the Archbishop of Canterbury fifteen thousand pounds, to the Archbishop of York ten thousand pounds, to the Bishop of London ten thousand pounds, to the Bishop of Durham eight thousand pounds, to the Bishop of Winchester seven thousand pounds, to the Bishop of Ely five thousand five hundred pounds, to the Bishop of Saint Asaph and Bangor five thousand two hundred pounds, and to the Bishop of Worcester and Bath and Wells, respectively, five thousand pounds, and that out of the fund thus accruing fixed annual payments be made by the Commissioners in such

instances and to such amount as should be in like manner determined on, so that the average annual incomes of the other bishops respectively be not less than four thousand pounds, nor more than five thousand pounds :

"And whereas it is by the same Act, amongst other things, enacted, that we shall, from time to time, prepare and lay before your Majesty in Council such schemes as shall appear to us to be best adapted for carrying into effect the therein-before recited recommendations, and shall in such schemes recommend and propose such measures as may upon further inquiry, which we are thereby authorized to make, appear to us to be necessary for carrying such recommendations into full and perfect effect :

"And whereas the see of Saint Asaph became vacant on the thirteenth day of September now last past, and the provision for uniting the said two sees not having yet come into operation, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate a bishop to succeed to the said vacant see, but his appointment thereto is not yet completed :

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us, upon inquiry duly made by us, that the existing average annual income of the said see of Saint Asaph is six thousand pounds, and we are of opinion that the sum of four thousand two hundred pounds would be a suitable average annual income for a bishop of Saint Asaph :

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that the bishop appointed to the said see, and his successors bishops of Saint Asaph, shall pay, or cause to be paid, to our credit into the Bank of England, to an account intituled "Account with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," the fixed annual sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the thirteenth day of March and the thirteenth day of September in every year, the first of such payments to be made on the thirteenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and that upon any vacancy of the same see happening on any other day than one of such half-yearly days then the next half-yearly payment shall be apportioned and paid between and by the bishop making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the bishop succeeding to the said see.