

Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," and of another Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the thirty-first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, 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 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;' and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' and of another Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme relating to the endowment of the deaneries of the cathedral churches of Wells, Salisbury, and Hereford:

"Whereas it is by the herein first recited Act enacted, that so soon as conveniently may be, and by the authority thereafter provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying the same), such annual sums shall be determined on to be paid, and shall be accordingly paid by us, as after due inquiry and calculation shall give to the dean of every cathedral and collegiate church in England an average annual income of one thousand pounds:

"And whereas, it is by the herein secondly recited Act declared and enacted that, notwithstanding anything in the said first recited Act contained, it shall be lawful, by the authority aforesaid, to carry the said purposes, or any of them, into effect by any other mode of payment, contribution, augmentation, or endowment which may be deemed fit, as well as by the mode in the same Acts specified:

"And whereas, it is by the herein lastly recited Act enacted that it shall be lawful, by the authority aforesaid, and by any of the modes in the said firstly and secondly recited Acts provided, to provide for the present Dean of Wells, as from his acceptance of such deanery, and so long as he shall continue to hold the same, an average yearly income not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds, and to pay to the personal representatives of the late Dean of Salisbury such sum as with the income received in respect of his deanery may make up an annual income of one thousand five hundred pounds for the period during which he held the same:

"And whereas, it has been made to appear to us that the incomes derived by the deans of the said cathedral churches of Wells, Salisbury, and Hereford, from the divisible corporate revenues of the chapters of such churches respectively, are subject to great fluctuation and uncertainty; and we have satisfied ourselves, after due inquiry and consideration, that it is expedient that the augmentation of the incomes of the said deaneries, as contemplated by the said recited Acts, should be effected in the mode hereinafter proposed:

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose that we shall be authorized and em-

powered forthwith, and from time to time, to pay to the several parties hereinafter mentioned, such sums of money as, together with the moneys which, upon inquiry and calculation, shall appear to us to have become due in each year to the respective deans of the said several cathedral churches out of the divisible corporate revenues of such churches, will make up the following annual amounts; that is to say: to the Very Reverend Richard Jenkyns, Doctor in Divinity, the present Dean of Wells, as from his acceptance of, and so long as he shall continue to hold the deanery of Wells, and to the representatives of the Very Reverend Francis Lear, Bachelor of Divinity, deceased, the late Dean of Salisbury, as from his acceptance of the deanery of Salisbury to the day of his death inclusive, one thousand five hundred pounds; and to the Very Reverend Henry Parr Hamilton, Master of Arts, the present Dean of Salisbury, and the Very Reverend Richard Dawes, Master of Arts, the present Dean of Hereford, and to all future deans of the said several cathedral churches of Wells, Salisbury, and Hereford, as from the last avoidance, in each case, one thousand pounds; and that on all moneys so to be paid by us to the said Richard Jenkyns and to the representatives of the said Francis Lear, in respect of any period antecedent to the passing of the said last recited Act, interest after the rate of four per cent. per annum shall be calculated and allowed:

"And we further recommend and propose, that in every year, so soon as conveniently may be after the annual audit of the accounts of the chapter of each of the said cathedral churches, an account showing the moneys which shall have become due and payable to the dean thereof out of the revenues of such chapter for the year ending on the day up to which such accounts shall have been so audited as aforesaid, shall be rendered to us, verified in such manner as we may require, and that thereupon the amount (if any) which may be necessary to make up the income of such dean for the same year to the amount hereinbefore specified in his case shall be calculated and ascertained, and the sum so ascertained shall thereupon forthwith be paid by us to the said dean accordingly:

"Provided always, and we further recommend and propose, that if in any case the amount of the moneys so payable as aforesaid out of the corporate revenues of either of the said chapters to the dean thereof, in respect of any such year, shall exceed the annual income hereinbefore specified, in such case the amount of the surplus shall be retained by the treasurer of such chapter and be carried by him to our credit in the account for the next succeeding year, and so on from time to time until the average income of the said dean shall again be below the amount so hereinbefore specified.

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other mode of augmenting or endowing the said several deaneries, or any or either of them, or any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any or either of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall be effectual in law im-