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Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 7, 1852.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room, at St. James's-Palace, on Thursday, 13th May next, at two o'clock, to celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-day.

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars.

The Ladies who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Room, are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names legibly written thereon, one to be left with the Queen's Page in Attendance in the Presence-chamber, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to Her Majesty.

It is particularly requested that *written cards only* be delivered.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 5th day of *April* 1852,

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 thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, 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 first day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, in the words and figures 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 thirteenth and fourteenth years of your Majesty's reign, 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 episcopal income of the Bishop of Ripon.

"Whereas the Right Reverend Charles Thomas, Bishop of Ripon hath, with a view to the regulation of his episcopal income, according to the provisions of the said Act, entered into an agree-

ment with us, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"Agreement made this eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, between the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, of the one part, and the Right Reverend Charles Thomas, Bishop of Ripon, of the other part.

"Whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," after reciting that Her Majesty had issued a Commission to certain persons therein named to inquire, amongst other things, whether any and what improvement could be made in the existing law and practice relating to the incomes of archbishops and bishops, so as to secure to them respectively fixed instead of fluctuating annual incomes, and that it was expedient that until the said Commissioners should have made their report and Parliament should have determined upon some permanent mode of effecting the object last aforesaid, temporary arrangements should be made for that purpose; it was enacted that, notwithstanding the provisions of the therein first-recited Act, and any Order or Orders of Her Majesty in Council founded thereon relating to or providing for the payment to or by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of fixed annual sums, it should be lawful, by the authority and in the manner by and in which the arrangements for carrying into effect the recommendations in the said Act recited might then be made (that is to say, by a scheme of the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, confirmed and ratified by an Order of Her Majesty in Council), so to regulate from time to time the amounts, times, modes and conditions of payments to be made to or by the said Commissioners as the case might be, by or to any archbishop or bishop who should have succeeded to a see upon any avoidance thereof happening after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, or any other archbishop or bishop who might signify his willingness to accept such annual income as thereafter mentioned in lieu of his present income, as to secure to every such archbishop or bishop the annual income named for the archbishop or bishop of his see, in the same or any other Act then in force, or in any Order of Her Majesty in Council duly made and published, and no more: