

ratified by your Majesty in Council, so that the same shall remain in force until Parliament shall otherwise direct.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Act, 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 immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the *London Gazette*, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the Diocese of Peterborough.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 8th day of *August*, 1853,

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 third and fourth years of Her 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 Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, 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,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for regulating the incomes of the future deans and canons of the collegiate church of Westminster.

"Whereas it is by the first recited Act enacted, that so soon as conveniently may be, and by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and a duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council, ratifying the same), and subject to the provisions therein contained respecting the canonries in the collegiate church of Westminster, annexed to the rectories of Saint Margaret and Saint John, such fixed annual sums shall be determined on to be paid, and shall accordingly be paid to us by the dean and canons of the collegiate church of Westminster, as, after due inquiry, and a calculation of the present

average annual revenues of the chapter of such church, shall leave to the said dean an average annual income of two thousand pounds, and to each of the canons of the same church the average annual income of one thousand pounds; but such provision is not to affect any dean or canon in possession at the passing of the same Act.

"And whereas by the secondly recited Act, it is declared and enacted, that notwithstanding such last recited provision, it shall be lawful to carry such purpose into effect by any mode of payment or contribution which may be deemed fit, as well as by the mode in the said first recited Act specified, and that the scale of payments and receipts may, from time to time, in any case be revised, and, if need be, varied by the like authority, so as to preserve, as nearly as may be, the intended average annual incomes respectively, but not so as to affect any dean or canon in possession at the time of making any such variation.

"And whereas by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, issued in pursuance of the said Acts, and duly published in the *London Gazette*, it is provided that in order to leave to the dean and canons of Westminster, respectively appointed or to be appointed after the passing of the said first recited Act, the average annual incomes in the said Act specified, there shall be paid to us in the manner and at the times therein mentioned, and for the purposes of the said recited Acts, one equal fifth part of all moneys at any time accruing and payable to such dean, and one equal sixth part of all moneys at any time accruing and payable to any such canon.

"And whereas, upon further inquiry and consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that the scale of payments and receipts under the said Order in Council, should be revised and varied so as to regulate the incomes of future deans and canons, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that with respect to every dean and to every canon of the said collegiate church of Westminster, to be appointed after the date of any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, there shall be delivered to us by the treasurer of such church in every year, so soon as conveniently may be after the annual audit of the accounts of the chapter of the said church, a correct account in writing, in such form, and verified in such manner, as we shall from time to time direct, shewing every sum of money, from whatsoever source arising, which, according to the statutes and usage of the said collegiate church, or the chapter thereof, shall, irrespective of the provisions of the hereinbefore recited Order, and as if such Order had not been made, have become due and payable to any such dean or canon in respect of the deanery, or of any such canonry of the said church for the year ending on the day up to which such accounts shall have been so audited as aforesaid; and that if it shall appear by any such account that the amount which may have so become due and payable to any such dean, shall exceed the sum of two thousand pounds, or to any such canon the sum of one thousand pounds, then, and in every such case the amount of the surplus shall, at the same time, be paid by the said treasurer to our credit, at the Bank of England, and that upon any account so delivered being examined and approved by our treasurers for the time being, their receipt for the amount of any such surplus shall be given to the said treasurer of the said collegiate church, and shall be a good and valid discharge for the same, and also for all payments for which such treasurer may be liable in respect of such deanery or of any