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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of
December, 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the session of Parliament holden in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter fifty, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the thirteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the words following, that is to say :

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the session of Parliament holden in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter fifty, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for effecting an exchange of the patronage of the perpetual curacy of Saint Paul, Buttershaw, in the county of York, and diocese of Ripon, for the patronage of the perpetual curacy of Saint Michael and All Angels, Shelf, in the same county and diocese ; and for augmenting the income of the minister or incumbent of the said last-mentioned perpetual curacy.

" Whereas it was by the said first-mentioned Act enacted, that, except as therein otherwise specified, all the monies and revenues to be paid to us, and all the rents and profits of the lands, tithes, and other hereditaments vested and to be vested in us, by and under the authority of the same Act, together with all accumulations of interest produced by, and arising therefrom, should be, from time to time, carried over by us to a common fund, and by payments or investments made out of such fund, or, if in any case it be deemed more expedient, by means of an actual conveyance and assignment of such lands, tithes, or other hereditaments, or of a portion thereof, additional provision should be made by the authority in the same Act provided (that is to say, by duly gazetted Orders of your Majesty in Council, ratifying schemes prepared by us), for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance

is most required, in such manner as should, by the like authority, be deemed most conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church; provided always, that in making any such additional provision out of any tithes, or any lands or other hereditaments allotted or assigned in lieu of tithes so vested or to be vested in us, or out of the rents and profits thereof, due consideration should be had of the wants and circumstances of the places in which such tithes now arise or have arisen.

" And whereas it was by the secondly mentioned Act enacted, that it should be lawful for any bishop, by the authority aforesaid, to assign and transfer by way of exchange only, and not otherwise, the patronage of any benefice or benefices of which he should be seised in right of his see to any person for the patronage of any other benefice or benefices, and that from and after the publication of the scheme and Order in Council effecting such transfer, the benefice or benefices and patronage thereby purporting to be transferred and exchanged, should be and remain thereby duly vested in the respective bishop or other person, party to such exchange, without any transfer, conveyance, or assurance in the law other than the said scheme and Order so published in the Gazette as aforesaid; provided that in every such case we should, before submitting such scheme for the consideration and approval of your Majesty in Council, make due inquiry into the circumstances of the proposed exchange, and into the equal or relative value of the benefice or benefices and patronage proposed to be thereby transferred, and should certify the same to your Majesty, with such particulars thereof as might be necessary to show that such exchange was made in conformity with the intentions 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, chapter seventy-seven.

" And whereas the Right Reverend Charles Thomas, Bishop of Ripon, is seised in right of his see, of the patronage of the said perpetual curacy of Saint Paul, Buttershaw, and Charles Hardy, of Odsall House, near Bradford, in the county of York aforesaid, Esquire, is seised in fee simple of, or well entitled to the patronage of, the said perpetual curacy of Saint Michael and All Angels, Shelf.

" And whereas, the said bishop and the said Charles Hardy have signified to us their desire that the patronage of the said benefices may be exchanged as hereinafter recommended and proposed.