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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 16th day of *November*, 1857,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty, chapter seventy-seven; of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen; and of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twelfth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, in the words following; that is to say:

"We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty, chapter seventy-seven; of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen; and of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for substituting a money payment to the Bishop of Exeter for a certain estate belonging to his see.

"Whereas it was by the secondly and thirdly recited Acts enacted, that by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same), and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions of the same Acts, or of the said first recited Act, any arrangements might from time to time be made with the consent, in writing, under the corporate seal of any bishop, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to the see of such bishop, or for the purchase of other lands, tithes, or other hereditaments in lieu thereof, or for substituting, in any case, any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments for any money payment, or any money payment for any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments.

"And whereas, the Right Reverend Henry Bishop of Exeter is seized in right of his see of the hereditaments and premises particularly described in the Schedule hereto annexed, subject, except as to part of the same, to a subsisting lease thereof, bearing date the twenty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred

and seven, granted for three lives, of which only two survive, and are now aged, respectively, seventy-two years, and fifty-eight years, or thereabouts, subject to an annual reserved rent of two pounds and sixteen shillings, and a heriot or seven pounds in lieu thereof, as therein particularly mentioned.

"And whereas the said Henry, Bishop of Exeter, is now entitled to grant a renewal of the said lease, by the insertion therein of an additional life, but it is not expedient that such renewal should be granted:

"And whereas, after full enquiry and calculation, we have estimated the fine which ought to be paid for such renewal at the sum of one thousand and seventy-five pounds, and the sums which, after fully stating the existing lease, the bishop and his successors might have expected to have derived from the before-mentioned annual reserved rent and heriot, and from future fines upon renewals, as equivalent to an annuity of thirty pounds.

"And whereas one of the purposes of the said Acts is to provide a fund for making better provision for the cure of souls; and we are of opinion, that it would ultimately conduce to the improvement of the said fund that the said hereditaments and premises should be transferred from the said see of Exeter to us; and that a money payment to the said Henry, Bishop of Exeter, should forthwith be substituted for his interest in the same.

"And whereas the said bishop has consented to accept a money payment accordingly; and that the same shall be the sum of one thousand and seventy-five pounds, being the amount of such fine as aforesaid, together with an annual payment of thirty pounds to himself and to his successors, in respect of the proceeds which he and they might have expected to have received from future renewals and from the reserved rent and heriot hereinbefore mentioned, and thereupon to relinquish all further benefit by renewal of the said lease or otherwise in respect of the said hereditaments and premises.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose (with the consent of the said Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of Exeter, testified by his having signed this scheme, and sealed the same with his episcopal seal,) that, from and after the day of the due publication in the London Gazette of an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the hereditaments and premises particularly described and set forth in the schedule hereto