

in possession on the fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, should take effect, until the next avoidance of the see, without the consent of such bishop :

It is enacted, amongst other things, that the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Lord Bishop of London for the time being, John Lord Bishop of Lincoln, James Henry Lord Bishop of Gloucester, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord High Treasurer or the First Lord of the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being respectively, and such one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as shall be for that purpose nominated by His Majesty under His royal sign manual (such Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord High Treasurer or First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State being respectively members of the United Church of Great Britain and Ireland), the Right Honourable Dudley Earl of Harrowby, the Right Honourable Henry Hobhouse, and the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Jenner, Knight, should, for the purposes of the said Act, be one body politic and corporate, by the name of "the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," and by that name should have perpetual succession and a common seal :

And it is further enacted, that when any scheme, prepared under the authority of the said Act, should be approved by His Majesty in Council, it should be lawful for His Majesty in Council to issue an Order or Orders ratifying the same, and specifying the time or times when such scheme, or the several parts thereof, should take effect, and to direct in every such Order that the same should be registered by the registrar of each of the dioceses the bishops whereof might or should be in any respect affected thereby :

And it is further enacted, that every such Order as soon as may be after the making and issuing thereof by His Majesty in Council, be inserted and published in the London Gazette :

And it is further enacted, that, so soon as any such Order in Council should be so registered and gazetted, it should in all respects, and as to all things therein contained, have and be of the same force and effect as if all and every part thereof were included in the said Act, any law, statute, canon, letters patent, grant, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding :

And whereas the said Commissioners, pursuant to the authority vested in them by the said Act, duly prepared, and laid before His late Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and which is in the words and figures following, that is to say :

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.*

We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated by an Act passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports

"of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have, in pursuance thereof, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for fixing the annual sums to be paid to us, out of the revenues of the larger sees, in order to provide for the augmentation of the incomes of the smaller bishoprics.

We humbly recommend and propose, in order to leave to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and to the Bishops of London, Winchester, Bath and Wells, and Worcester, respectively, the average annual incomes specified in the said Act, as near as may be, that upon the first avoidance of the several sees named in the first column of the schedule hereunto annexed (which schedule we recommend and propose shall be considered and taken as part of this scheme), the archbishops and bishops succeeding to the said sees respectively, and their respective successors, shall pay, or cause to be paid, to our credit, into the Bank of England, to an account intituled "Account with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," by equal half-yearly payments, the fixed annual sums set opposite to the names of the said sees respectively in the second column of the said schedule, the first payment in each such case to be made at the end of six calendar months from the day of the avoidance of the respective sees, whether the same shall happen by death, translation, or otherwise; and that when even a vacancy of any of the said sees shall hereafter happen on any other day than the half-yearly day of payment so calculated as aforesaid, then, in each such case, the next half-yearly payment shall be apportioned between the Archbishop or Bishop making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the Archbishop or Bishop succeeding to the see, according to the time which shall have elapsed from the last half-yearly day of payment to the day of the vacancy inclusive, and such proportions shall be paid by the respective parties accordingly: provided, nevertheless, and we further recommend and propose, that if a vacancy of the see of Canterbury shall happen, before the mortgage debt due from the Archbishop of Canterbury, for money borrowed under the provisions of an Act, passed in the tenth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, for repairing, altering, and improving Lambeth palace, and the mansion house at Addington, shall be fully paid off, or if a vacancy of the see of London shall happen, before the mortgage debt due from the Bishop of London, for money borrowed under the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, for rebuilding London house, shall be fully paid off; then in either of the said cases, so long as the annual sums payable by virtue of the said respective Acts shall continue payable, the amount of those sums respectively shall be deducted out of the sums which we hereby recommend and propose to be payable to us by the said archbishop and bishop respectively :

And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from