

"to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have, in pursuance of the said Act prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for fixing the annual sum to be paid by us for the augmentation of the income of the bishoprick of Lichfield.

We humbly recommend and propose, that in order to raise the average annual income of the Bishop of Lichfield to the sum of four thousand five hundred pounds, as near as may be, there shall be paid by us to the Right Reverend Samuel now Bishop of Lichfield, and his successors, bishops of Lichfield for the time being, out of such moneys as shall from time to time be standing to our credit and account in the Bank of England, being part of payments from the larger sees respectively, towards the augmentation of the incomes of the bishops of the smaller sees, the fixed annual sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the thirteenth day of February, and the thirteenth day of August in every year; and that the first of such payments, to the thirteenth day of February last, shall be made forthwith, and that the next of such payments shall be made on the thirteenth day of August next; and that whenever a vacancy of the see of Lichfield shall happen, on any other day than the thirteenth day of February, or the thirteenth day of August, the next half-yearly payment shall be apportioned between the bishop making the vacancy or his representatives, and the 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 to the respective parties accordingly.

And whereas the amount of the moneys from time to time applicable to the purposes aforesaid, and to the augmentation of any other of the smaller sees upon vacancies occurring therein respectively, will depend on the contingency of vacancies occurring among the larger sees from which payments are hereafter to be made towards such purposes; and the amount of the demand upon such moneys will depend on the contingency of vacancies occurring among the said smaller sees; and it may therefore happen that the demands upon such moneys may for a time exceed the amount thereof; we further recommend and propose, that if at the commencement of any half year calculated from the first day of January to the last day of June, and from the first day of July to the last day of December respec-

tively, it shall appear to us that there will in the current half year be a deficiency of the said moneys to pay the sums then charged thereon, and payable in the same half year, it shall be lawful for us to resolve that a deduction be made from the sums payable in the same half year to the Bishop of Lichfield for the time being, and from the sums payable to the respective bishops of other smaller sees, who by virtue of any other scheme prepared or to be prepared by us, and of any Order or Orders of your Majesty in Council for ratifying the same, shall then be entitled to payments in augmentation of their respective incomes, so as to keep the sums to be paid during the same half year within the amount of the moneys applicable as aforesaid, during such half year; and to calculate such deduction in proportion to the sums which have been or may be named in this and every such other scheme as the future annual average income of the said sees respectively; and that upon the amount of every such deduction being certified by us or by our secretary, to the bishop to be affected thereby, within fourteen days after the commencement of such half year, the said bishop shall have no present claim to any greater sum than the residue of his half yearly payment after such deduction as aforesaid, nor any future claim, except as is hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, that so soon thereafter as the sums to be paid to us in any half year, applicable to the purposes aforesaid, shall exceed the sums to be paid by us for those purposes within the same half year, we shall be authorized and bound to divide the surplus rateably among the bishops from whose payments such deductions shall have been made, or the representatives of such of them as shall be dead, and so from half year to half year, until the whole sums deducted shall be paid; the deductions of one half year to be paid before any payment shall be made on account of the deductions of any subsequent half year.

And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the said bishopric of Lichfield, in conformity to the provisions of the said Act.

All which we humbly recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our common seal, this seventh day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.