

the diocese of Oxford; we now humbly recommend and propose, that 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 seven hundred and fifty pounds, shall be paid by us to the said Richard Bishop of Oxford, during his incumbency of the said see, by equal half-yearly payments, on the tenth day of April and the tenth day of October in every year, and that the first of such payments, to the tenth day of April now last past, shall be made forthwith, and the next of such payments shall be made on the tenth day of October next; and that if a vacancy in the said see of Oxford shall happen on any other day than the tenth day of April, or the tenth day of October, the said bishop, or his representatives, shall receive such proportion only of the then current half-yearly payment as shall have become due from the next preceding tenth day of April, or tenth day of October, as the case may be, to the day of such vacancy.

And we further recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend John Bishop of Lincoln, in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme; that upon the first avoidance of the said see of Oxford, or, before such avoidance, with the consent of the said Richard Bishop of Oxford, duly testified to us under his hand and seal, the whole county of Buckingham, now forming the archdeaconry of Buckingham, and part of the said diocese of Lincoln, shall be absolutely detached and dissevered from the said diocese, and shall be and become permanently annexed and united to, and included in, and form part of, the said diocese of Oxford; and that the said archdeaconry, and all parishes and places, churches and chapels, within the limits thereof, and the present and every future archdeacon thereof, and all rural deans, and the whole clergy, and others your Majesty's subjects within the same, shall be thenceforth exempted and released from all jurisdiction, authority, and control of the said see of Lincoln, and of the said present and every future bishop thereof, and shall be under and subject to the jurisdiction, authority, and control of the Bishop of Oxford for the time being.

And we further recommend and propose, that, from and after the next avoidance of the said see of Oxford, in order to raise the average annual income

of the Bishop of Oxford for the time being to the sum of five thousand pounds, as near as may be, there shall be paid by us, out of the same moneys, to the bishop then succeeding to the said see, and his successors, bishops of Oxford for the time being, the fixed annual sum of three thousand five hundred pounds, by equal half yearly payments, the first of such payments to be made at the end of six calendar months from the day of such avoidance; and that whenever thereafter a vacancy in the said see of Oxford shall happen on any other day than the half-yearly day of payment so calculated as aforesaid, 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 toward 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 in June, and from the first day of July to the last day of December, respectively, it shall appear to us, that there will, in the current half year, be a deficiency in 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 Oxford for the time being, or to the bishops of other smaller sees, who by virtue 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 deductions in proportion to the sums which have been, or may be, named in this or