

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 respectively, 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 sum payable in the same half year to the Bishop of Chichester 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 measure relating to the said bishopric of Chichester, 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.

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall take effect immediately from and after the time when the same shall have been registered as hereinafter directed, and shall have been duly

published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Chichester.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 19th day of July 1837.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by 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, 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," reciting, amongst other things, that His said late Majesty was pleased, on the fourth day of February, and on the sixth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to issue two several commissions to certain persons therein respectively named, directing them to consider the state of the several dioceses in England and Wales, with reference to the amount of their revenues, and the more equal distribution of episcopal duties, and the prevention of the necessity of attaching, by commendam, to bishoprics, benefices with cure of souls; and to consider also the state of the several cathedral and collegiate churches in England and Wales, with a view to the suggestion of such measures as might render them conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church, and to devise the best mode of providing for the cure of souls, with special reference to the residence of the clergy on their respective benefices; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had, in pursuance of such directions, made four several reports to His said late Majesty, bearing date respectively the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the fourth day of March, the twentieth day of May, and the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had in their said reports, amongst other things, recommended that commissioners should be appointed by Parliament for the purpose of preparing and laying before His Majesty in Council, such schemes as should appear to them to be best adapted for carrying into effect, amongst other things, the following recommendations; and that His Majesty in Council should be empowered to make Orders ratifying such schemes and having the full force of law; and that the sees of Gloucester and Bristol should be united, and that the diocese should consist of the present diocese of Gloucester, of the city and deanry of Bristol, of the deanries of Cricklade and Malmsbury, in the county of Wilts, and now in the diocese of Salisbury, and of the whole