

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated 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," have, in pursuance of the said Act, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for fixing the annual sums to be paid by us in augmentation of the incomes of the bishopricks of Carlisle and Chester.

We humbly recommend and propose, in order to raise the average annual income of the bishop of each of the sees of Carlisle and Chester to the sum of four thousand five hundred pounds, as near as may be, respectively, 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, there shall be paid by us, upon the next avoidance of the said sees respectively, whether the same shall happen by death, translation, or otherwise, to the bishop next succeeding to the said see of Carlisle, and his successors, the fixed annual sum of two thousand pounds, and to the bishop next succeeding to the said see of Chester, and his successors, the fixed annual sum of one thousand four hundred and fifty pounds, by equal half yearly payments in every year, the first of such payments to be made at the end of six calendar months from the day of such avoidance in each case respectively; and that whenever, after the commencement of such payments respectively, a vacancy of either of the said sees shall 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 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 we further recommend and propose, that if a vacancy of the said see of Carlisle shall happen before the mortgage debt due from the Bishop of Carlisle, 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 and improving Rose Castle, in the county of Cumberland, belonging to the said see of Carlisle, shall be fully paid off, then, so long as the annual sums payable by virtue of the said last recited Act shall continue payable, the amount of such sums shall be also paid by us to the Bishop of Carlisle for the time being, out of the same moneys as aforesaid, and by like half yearly payments, in addition to the fixed annual sum herein specified.

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 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 sums payable in the same half year to each bishop of the sees herein-named and to each of the 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 herein named, and to the sums which may in each such other scheme as aforesaid be named as the amount of the future average annual income of each see respectively; and that, upon the