

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled " An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues;" and of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled " An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for making better provision for the perpetual curacies of Christ Church, in Birmingham, in the county of Warwick and diocese of Worcester; of Stowe, otherwise St. Chad, in the city and diocese of Lichfield; and of Wolviston, in the county and diocese of Durham:

" Whereas by the first-recited Act it is (amongst other things) enacted, that out of the endowments belonging to the suspended prebends in the cathedral church of Lichfield, such provision as shall be deemed fit shall, by the authority therein provided, be made for the perpetual curate of Christ Church in Birmingham for the time being; and it is by the secondly-recited Act declared and enacted, that the last-recited provisions apply to all the lands and tenements, tithes, and other hereditaments and endowments, vested or to be vested in us by or under the provisions of the said first recited Act, by reason of the vacancy of any canonry residentiary, or of any prebend dignity or office not residentiary, in the said Church:

" And whereas the said perpetual curacy of Christ Church, in Birmingham, was heretofore, in part, endowed with the prebend of Tachbrooke, in the said cathedral church of Lichfield; and the whole property of the said prebend is now vested in us, but the present proceeds thereof are of very small amount; and whereas certain lands tenements and hereditaments, lately belonging to the prebend of Wolvey, in the same church, were, by reason of the vacancy of the said prebend, vested in us by the first-recited Act, and the rents and profits thereof exceed the annual sum required in our opinion as an additional provision for the said perpetual curacy of Christ Church; and, after due inquiry and consideration, we have satisfied ourselves that it is fit and proper, that the said perpetual curacy should be augmented as herein-after specified:

" And whereas by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, issued under the authority of the first-recited Act, we were authorised and directed to make a fixed annual payment of forty-two pounds to the incumbent for the time being of the said perpetual curacy of Stowe otherwise St. Chad, in Lichfield:

" And whereas the Honourable and Very Reverend Henry Edward John Howard, dean of Lichfield, being seised, in right of his deanery, of certain tithes arising within the township of Elmhurst, in the parish of Stowe, otherwise St. Chad, in Lichfield, of the annual value of twenty-five pounds or thereabouts, together with John Haworth of the city of Lichfield esquire, then lessee of the said tithes, did, on the twenty-eighth day of January last, with our consent under the said Acts, join in granting and releasing the said tithes, in immediate augmentation of the said perpetual curacy of Stowe; in consideration of our undertaking to recommend and propose a further augmentation, under the said Acts, of such an amount as, together with our reversionary interest in the said tithes, would be equal to their united then subsisting interest therein; and it appears to us, after due consideration and calculation, to be just and proper, that a further annual grant of twelve pounds should accordingly be made to the said perpetual curacy of Stowe:

" And whereas the said perpetual curacy of Wolviston is situate within the parish of Billingham, in the county of Durham, and is in the patronage of the dean and chapter of Durham; and the said dean and chapter did, previously to the passing of the said first-recited Act, grant and assign, in augmentation of the said perpetual curacy, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments, of the annual value of one hundred and twenty-six pounds or thereabouts, subject however to a lease thereof, which will expire in the month of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine:

" And whereas the tithes of the said parish of Billingham are now vested in us, under the provisions of the said first-recited Act, and the proceeds thereof exceed the last-mentioned annual value; and it appears to us, after due consideration of the wants and circumstances of the said parish, to be expedient, that a temporary annual grant should be made to the said perpetual curacy of Wolviston, of equal amount to the prospective augmentation aforesaid: