

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 3d day of *April* 1843.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues;" and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, in the words following, that is to say :

"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 for carrying into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues;" and of another 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 regulating the average annual incomes of the Dean and Canons of the collegiate church of Westminster, appointed, or to be appointed, after the passing of the said first recited Act.

"Whereas it is, by the first recited Act, enacted, that, so soon as conveniently may be, and by the authority therein provided, and subject to the provisions therein contained respecting the canonries in the collegiate church of Westminster annexed to the rectories of St. Margaret and St. John, such fixed annual sums shall be determined on to be paid, and shall accordingly be paid to us, by the Dean and Canons of the said

collegiate church of Westminster as, after due inquiry and a calculation of the present average annual revenues of the Chapter of such church, shall leave to the said Dean an average annual income of two thousand pounds, and to each of the Canons of the same church an average annual income of one thousand pounds; but such provision was not to affect any Dean or Canon in possession at the passing of the same Act :

"And whereas, by the said secondly recited Act, it is declared and enacted, that, notwithstanding such last recited provision, it shall be lawful to carry such purpose into effect by any mode of payment or contribution which may be deemed fit, as well as by the mode in the said first recited Act specified :

"And whereas the present Dean of the said collegiate church of Westminster has been appointed since the passing of the said recited Acts :

"We, therefore, having made the inquiry and calculation required by the said first-recited Act, humbly recommend and propose, that, in order to leave to the Dean and Canons of Westminster, respectively, appointed or to be appointed after the passing thereof, the average annual incomes in the said Act specified, there shall be paid to us, in the manner and at the times hereinafter mentioned, and for the purposes of the said recited Acts, one equal fifth part of all monies at any time accruing and payable to such Dean, and one equal sixth part of all monies at any time accruing and payable to any such Canon; and to this end we recommend and propose, that the Treasurer, or other proper officer or officers of the said collegiate church, shall, from time to time, divide each and every sum of money, from whatsoever source arising, which, according to the statutes or usage of the said Chapter, would be payable to the Dean, or, in case of the vacancy of the deanry, would, if such vacancy had not occurred, have been payable to the Dean making such vacancy, in respect of the deanry of the said church, into five equal parts, and that four of such parts shall be paid to the Dean for the time being, or, in the case of such vacancy, to such uses as shall be in accordance with the statutes or usage of the said Chapter, and the remaining part shall be paid to us or to our order; and that the said present Dean, shall pay to us, or to our order, one fifth part of