

At the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 23d day of *August* 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 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 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-second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, in the words and figures 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 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 additional provision for the cure of souls, in certain parishes where such assistance is most required.

"Whereas, under the authority of the said recited Acts, we have from time to time prepared and laid before your Majesty in Council certain schemes, in which we have recommended and proposed that certain grants should be made in augmentation of the incomes of certain benefices and churches, in certain classes, and subject to certain limitations, therein mentioned, which schemes have been ratified by Orders of your Majesty in Council, and such Orders have been duly Gazetted:

"And whereas it appears to us, upon further considering the amount of the funds now applicable to the purposes of the said recited Acts, to be expedient that the limitations in the said Orders mentioned should be varied, so as forthwith to extend the first class therein mentioned to benefices and churches having a population amounting to five hundred and an average annual net income below one hundred pounds, and to the raising such income as nearly as may be to that amount, and so as forthwith to extend the second class therein mentioned to benefices and churches having a like amount of population and an average annual net

income below one hundred and twenty pounds, and also to benefices and churches having a population below five hundred, and an average annual net income below one hundred pounds:

"And whereas we have satisfied ourselves after due inquiry, that the benefices and churches, described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked A. 1. and A. 2. fall within the first of such classes, subject to the respective limitations in the said Orders mentioned; and that the benefices and churches described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked A. 3. fall within the same class, subject to the same limitations so proposed to be extended as aforesaid; and that all the said benefices and churches are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented, by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the said schedules respectively:

"And whereas from the source set opposite to the name of each of the benefices and churches described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, in the sixth column of such schedule, the benefaction stated in the seventh column of the same schedule has either been paid to us on account of such benefice or church or permanently secured to the incumbent thereof, as therein respectively specified; and we have satisfied ourselves that the said last-mentioned benefices and churches fall within the second of such classes, as limited by the said Orders so proposed to be extended as aforesaid, and are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the same schedule; and the benefactions secured to the perpetual curacies of Saint Leonard and Saint Mary, Bridgnorth, in the same schedule mentioned, were completed previously to our last half-yearly day of payment:

"And whereas the benefices and churches described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked C. fall within the third class in the said Orders mentioned, and are situate within the places set opposite to the names thereof, respectively, in the fifth column of the same schedule; and certain tithes or lands now vested in us arise or are situate in such places respectively; and, after due inquiry and consideration, we have satisfied ourselves that the same benefices and churches are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented, by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the same schedule:

"And whereas your Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches, in proceeding to assign a district to the new church of Saint Alban Heworth, mentioned in the said schedule marked A. 1, have appropriated to the incumbent thereof the fees arising within such district, whereby the emoluments of the incumbent of the mother church, mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked D. will be diminished by the amount of the annual sum set opposite to the name of such church in the last column of the same schedule, and it is in our opinion expedient that compensation should be made to such last-mentioned incumbent for the loss so sustained: