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At the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the
17th day of *April* 1844,

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;" duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, 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;" have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for making better provision for the cure of souls in certain parishes.

" Whereas it is by the said Act enacted, with an especial view to the better care of populous parishes, that arrangements may, from time to time, be made by the authority therein provided for improving the value or making a better provision for the spiritual duties of ill-endowed

parishes or districts, by means of such alterations in the exercise of patronage as may be agreed upon by patrons, with the consent of the bishop :

" And whereas the benefices or churches, mentioned and described in the schedule hereunto annexed, are all situate in populous parishes; but, being respectively in the patronage of the patron or patrons named in the sixth column of the said schedule, they are not within the provisions of the several Orders of your Majesty in Council respecting grants in augmentation of benefices and churches out of the monies in our hands under the said recited Act, so far as such provisions relate to unconditional grants; and, in order to bring them within such provisions, the said patrons respectively desire to transfer such their patronage as hereinafter mentioned :

" We, therefore, recommend and propose, with the consent of the bishops of the respective dioceses, and of such present patrons respectively, and also with the consent of the proposed patrons respectively named in the seventh column of the same schedule (in testimony whereof all the said consenting parties have signed and sealed this scheme), that the patronage of and right of nomination or presentation to such benefices and churches shall respectively become and be transferred to and absolutely vested in such proposed patrons so named in the said seventh column, and their respective successors for ever :

" And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measure for making better provision for the cure of souls within the said parishes, or otherwise, in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Act."