

At the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the
23d day of *May* 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;" 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 fourteenth day of May 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;" 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, respecting the mode of appointing honorary canons in certain cathedral churches, and the regulations to which they shall be subject.

"Whereas it was by the first-recited Act enacted, that honorary canonries should be thereby founded in every cathedral church in England in which there were not already founded any non-residuary prebends, dignities, or offices; and that the holders of such canonries should be styled honorary canons, and should be entitled to stalls, and to take rank in the cathedral church next after the canons, and should be subject to such regulations respecting the mode of their appointment, and otherwise, as should be determined on by the authority thereafter provided, with the consent of the chapters of the said cathedral churches respectively; and that the number of such honorary canonries thereby founded in each cathedral church should be twenty-four; and it should be lawful for the archbishops and bishops, respectively, if they should think fit, from time to time, to appoint spiritual persons to such honorary canonries; provided that not more than eight of such honorary canons should be appointed in any diocese within the year next after the passing of the said Act, nor more than two in any subsequent year, except in the case of the vacancy of any honorary canonry by death, resignation, or otherwise; and it was

provided, that no emolument whatever, nor any place in the chapter of any cathedral church, should be taken or held by any honorary canon in virtue of his appointment as such canon; and it was by the secondly-recited Act declared and enacted, that such honorary canonries were and should be founded forthwith in the cathedral churches of Canterbury, Bristol, Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Ely, Gloucester, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Ripon, Rochester, Winchester, and Worcester; and that the provisions of the first herein-before recited Act should apply to the honorary canonries so founded:

"And whereas the chapters of the several cathedral churches hereinafter enumerated have respectively signified to us their consent to the following regulations, in accordance with the provisions of the said first-recited Act; we, therefore, humbly recommend and propose,

"1. That it shall be lawful for each of the Bishops of Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Ely, Gloucester and Bristol, Norwich, Peterborough, Ripon, Rochester, Winchester, and Worcester, for the time being, forthwith, by instrument under his hand and episcopal seal, to collate any spiritual person, not holding any canonry, honorary canonry, or prebend in any cathedral or collegiate church, to any honorary canonry founded by the said recited Acts, or either of them, in the cathedral churches of Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Ely, Gloucester, Bristol, Norwich, Peterborough, Ripon, Rochester, Winchester, and Worcester, respectively; provided that not more than two such honorary canons shall be appointed in any diocese before the eleventh day of August next, nor more than two in any future year, calculated from that day, except in the case of the vacancy of any such honorary canonry by death, resignation, or otherwise, and that the total number of such honorary canons in any such church shall never exceed twenty-four:

"2. That every honorary canon when so collated shall be admitted into the cathedral with the same formalities, so far as may be found practicable, as have been heretofore by the practice of such church observed in the admission of a canon or prebendary thereof; and shall, in all processions of the dean and chapter from or to the cathedral church or elsewhere, walk in the order of his seniority determined by the date of his collation, the senior honorary canon taking rank next to the junior canon:

"3. That no fee whatever shall be paid by any such honorary canon, except a fee of ten shillings to the bishop's secretary, upon his collation, and a like fee to the chapter clerk, upon his first admission to the cathedral:

"4. That every such honorary canon shall, when present in the cathedral church, wear the same habit as a canon; and that when neither the dean, sub-dean, nor any canon shall be present during the performance of divine service, the senior honorary canon who shall be present shall perform the same duty as would be performed by the canon in residence, if present: