

“ lating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for “ England;” and of an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled “ An Act for “ regulating the cathedral churches of Wales,” 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 we have satisfied ourselves, after due inquiry, that the benefices and churches described in the schedules hereunto annexed, marked A. 1, A. 2, A. 3, and A. 4, fall within the first of such classes, subject to the respective limitations in the said Orders mentioned; 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; and are fit and proper to be forthwith augmented, by the respective annual amounts stated in the last column of the same schedule :

“ And whereas by reason of the appropriation of certain fees arising within districts recently assigned to certain new churches, the incumbents of the several benefices mentioned in the schedule

hereunto annexed, marked D., will sustain an annual average loss to the amounts respectively set opposite the names of such benefices in the last column of the same schedule, and it is in our opinion expedient, that compensation to the same amount should be made to such incumbents:

“ And whereas in the case of Paulton, contained in the said schedule marked B., a benefaction was long since paid over to us, for the joint purpose of providing a house of residence for, and augmenting the income of, the said living, but the precise amount available for such augmentation of income could not be ascertained until the completion of such house; and such house is now completed:

“ We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that there shall be paid by us, in each and every year, to the incumbent for the time being of each of the benefices and churches so described in the said schedules, marked respectively A. 1, A. 2, A. 3, A. 4, B. and D. the fixed annual sum set opposite to the name of such benefice or church, in the last column of the said schedules respectively, by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each year; and that the first such half-yearly payment shall, in each case, be made on the first day of November next; except in the case of Paulton aforesaid, the incumbent whereof shall, on such last-mentioned day, receive five such half-yearly payments of the annual sum mentioned in the said schedule B.; and that in case of a vacancy in any of the benefices or churches contained in the said four schedules having already happened during the period over which the payment so recommended and proposed extends, or hereafter happening on any other day than the first day of May or the first day of November, the amount payable shall be duly apportioned between and paid to the incumbent making the vacancy, or his personal representatives, and the incumbent succeeding to the benefice or church so becoming vacant.

“ 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, in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Acts, or either of them.”