

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the
26th day of *April* 1845,

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-second day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, 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 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 augmenting the income of the archdeaconry of Bedford.

"Whereas by the said recited Act it is enacted, that any archdeaconry may, subject to the consent of the bishop, be endowed, amongst other modes, by augmentation out of the common fund in the said Act mentioned, but not so as to raise the average annual income thereof to an amount exceeding two hundred pounds; provided that no archdeacon shall be entitled to hold any endowment, or augmentation or other emolument, as such archdeacon, under the provisions of the same Act, unless resident for the space of eight months in every year within the diocese in which his archdeaconry shall be situate, or as to any archdeacon then existing within the diocese in which his archdeaconry was situate before the passing of the said Act, but subject to the same provisions as to licence for non-residence as are enacted with respect to incumbents of benefices by the Act relating to pluralities and the residence of the clergy, in the same Act mentioned:

"And whereas the said archdeaconry of Bed-

ford has no fixed endowment, and the average annual income thereof arising from fees and other emoluments does not exceed the sum of fifty pounds:

"And whereas the Venerable Henry Tattam was, on the twelfth day of March last, appointed, and now is Archdeacon of Bedford:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Thomas Bishop of Ely, testified by his having signed and sealed this scheme, that the said archdeaconry of Bedford shall be endowed in manner herein-after mentioned, that is to say, that there shall be paid by us, to the said Venerable Henry Tattam, Archdeacon of Bedford, and to his successors in the said archdeaconry, so long as they shall respectively hold the same, and shall duly reside in the diocese in which the same is or shall be situate, the annual sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, on the first day of January in every year; and every such whole yearly payment shall be made only on production to us of a certificate, under the hand of the bishop for the time being of the diocese in which the said archdeaconry is situate, that such archdeacon has duly resided during the preceding year, and a proportionate part of the first such yearly payment, calculated from the day of the date of his appointment to the first day of January next, shall, on such first day of January next, be paid to such archdeacon; and that whenever a vacancy in the said archdeaconry shall happen on any other day than the first day of January, the then next yearly payment shall be duly apportioned and paid between and to the archdeacon making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the archdeacon succeeding to the archdeaconry so becoming vacant.

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measure relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas notice of the said scheme has been duly given to the said Archdeacon of Bedford, and no objection has been made thereto: