

thirteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, 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 making additional provision for the cure of souls in the parish of Curry Rivell, in the county of Somerset, and in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

“ 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 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, under the authority of the said Act, 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, on the sixth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, we found it necessary to suspend, until further notice, our recommendations of further grants, with certain specified exceptions :

“ And whereas the benefice or church of Saint James the Less, Hambridge, in the said parish of Curry Rivell, is in the private patronage of Richard Thomas Combe, of Earnshill, in the county of Somerset, Esq. and the incumbent thereof had, prior to the said sixth day of August, received a specific promise from us that we would recommend the grant hereinafter proposed, upon

the said benefice or church being brought within the first of the classes above referred to, by being placed in public patronage :

“ And whereas the said Richard Thomas Combe, in order to comply with such condition, is willing to transfer his right of patronage in such benefice or church in manner hereinafter mentioned :

“ Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Honourable and Right Reverend Richard Bishop of Bath and Wells and of the said Richard Thomas Combe (testified by their having respectively signed and sealed this scheme) that the patronage of and right of nomination to the said benefice or church shall become and be transferred to, and absolutely vested in, the said Richard Bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors Bishops of Bath and Wells, for ever.

“ And we further recommend and propose, that there shall be paid by us, in each and every year, to the incumbent for the time being of the said benefice or church, the fixed annual sum of sixty-four pounds, 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 be made on the first day of May next.

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

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Bath and Wells.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*