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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1851.

AT the Court at *Osborne-House, Isle of Wight*, the 25th day of *August* 1851,

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 thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, 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 thirteenth and fourteenth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for regulating the incomes of the several archbishops and bishops of England and Wales.

"Whereas, after reciting that your Majesty had issued a Commission to certain persons therein named, to inquire, amongst other things, whether any and what improvement could be made in the existing law and practice relating to the incomes of archbishops and bishops, so as to secure to them respectively fixed instead of fluctuating annual incomes; and that it was expedient that until the said Commissioners should have made their report, and Parliament should have determined upon some permanent mode of effecting the object last aforesaid, temporary arrangements should be made for that purpose; it was enacted, that notwithstanding the provisions of the said therein first recited Act, and any Order or Orders of your Majesty in Council founded thereon, relating to or providing for the payment to or by us of fixed annual sums, it should be lawful by the authority and in the manner by and in which the arrangements for carrying into effect the recommendations in the said Act recited might then be made, so to regulate from time to time the amounts, times, modes, and conditions of payments to be made to or by us, as the case might be, by or to any archbishop or bishop who should have succeeded to a see upon any avoidance thereof happening after

the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, or any other archbishop or bishop who might signify his willingness to accept such annual income as thereafter mentioned, in lieu of his present income, as to secure to every such archbishop or bishop the annual income named for the archbishop or bishop of his see in the same or any other Act then in force, or in any Order of your Majesty in Council duly made and published, and no more:

"And whereas the annual incomes named for the said archbishops and bishops in such last-mentioned Acts and Orders are respectively of the amounts set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed:

"And whereas, with a view to effecting the purpose of the herein-recited Act, it appears to us, after due consideration, to be expedient that the following arrangements should be made:

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose that every archbishop or bishop who shall have succeeded to his see upon any avoidance thereof which shall have happened after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, or shall hereafter happen, shall, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March and the twenty-ninth day of September, in every year, deliver to us, in such form as we shall from time to time direct, a correct account in writing, certified under the hand of such archbishop or bishop, of all monies, whether consisting of arrears or otherwise, actually received by him in respect of the revenues of his see during the half year ending on the thirty-first day of December or the thirtieth day of June, as the case may be, then last past; and that in any case in which it shall appear by such account that after allowing all reasonable and customary payments and deductions, the net amount so received has exceeded one half of the amount of the annual income so named as aforesaid for such archbishop or bishop, the surplus shall at the same time be paid by such archbishop or bishop to our credit at the Bank of England, and that upon the account so delivered being examined and approved by our treasurers for the time being, their receipt for the amount of such surplus shall be given to such archbishop or bishop, and shall be a good and valid discharge for all payments or contributions for which such archbishop or bishop may be liable under the provisions of the said Acts or Orders in Council, or any or either of them, and that in any case in which it shall appear, upon due investigation of such account, that after allowing such payments and deductions as afore-