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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1851.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the
7th 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 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 sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the seventh day of August, in the year 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 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 sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for making better provision for the cure of souls in certain parishes where such assistance is most required, and also for compensating certain spiritual persons whose emoluments have been diminished by reason of proceedings under the lastly-recited Act.

"Whereas by the first-recited Act it is enacted, that, except as therein otherwise specified, all the monies and revenues to be paid to us, and all the rents and profits of the lands, tithes, and other hereditaments vested and to be vested in us by and under the authority of the same Act, together with all accumulations of interest produced by and arising therefrom, shall be from time to time carried over by us to a common fund, and by pay-

ments or investments made out of such fund, or, if in any case it be deemed more expedient, by means of an actual conveyance and assignment of such lands, tithes, or other hereditaments, or of a portion thereof, additional provision shall be made by the authority in the same Act provided (that is to say, by Orders of your Majesty in Council, ratifying schemes prepared by us), for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance is most required, in such manner as shall, by the like authority, be deemed most conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church; provided always, that in making any such additional provision out of any tithes, or any lands or other hereditaments allotted or assigned in lieu of tithes, so vested or to be vested in us, or out of the rents and profits thereof, due consideration shall be had of the wants and circumstances of the places in which such tithes now arise or have arisen:

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that out of the said common fund there shall be paid by us, in each and every year, to the incumbent for the time being of each of the benefices or churches described in the schedules hereunto annexed, marked respectively A. and C., the fixed annual sum set opposite to the name of such benefice or church in the last column of the same schedules respectively, by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each year; provided nevertheless that the amount of the first payment on the first day of November next in respect of each of the annual sums specified in the said schedules shall be calculated from such date as, according to the circumstances of each case, shall appear to us to be just and reasonable; provided also, that in the case of the Vicarage of Highworth, mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked C., the payments shall be made only on the production to us of a certificate, under the hand of the bishop of the diocese, that the appointed services have been regularly performed at the chapel of Broad Blunsden by a curate duly licensed thereto.

"And we further recommend and propose, that the land particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked F., now vested in us for the purposes of the said Act, shall, without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than this scheme, and any duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same, and upon and from the day of the gazetting