

His Serene Highness the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.  
 The Mexican Republic.  
 His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.  
 The Republic of New Grenada.  
 His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Oldenburg.  
 His Highness the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire.  
 The Republic of Peru.  
 Her Majesty the Queen of Portugal.  
 His Majesty the King of Prussia and the other States forming the German Commercial Union, viz.: Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Baden, the Electorate of Hesse, the Grand Duchy of Hesse, the States forming the Customs' and Commercial Union of Thuringia, Nassau, and Frankfort.  
 The United Provinces of Rio de la Plata.  
 His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias.  
 His Majesty the King of Sardinia.  
 His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies.  
 His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.  
 His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Tuscany.  
 The United States of America.  
 The Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.  
 The Republic of Venezuela.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

**A**T the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 15th day of *May* 1852,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS 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 sixth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, 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 relating to the episcopal income of the Bishop of Ely.

"Whereas the Right Reverend Thomas, Bishop of Ely, hath, with a view to the regulation of his episcopal income, according to the provisions of the said Act, entered into an agreement with us, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"Agreement made this first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, between the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, of the one part, and the Right Reverend Thomas, Bishop of Ely, of the other part.

"Whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Eccle-

siastical Commissioners for England," after reciting that Her 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 then 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 therein first-recited Act, and any Order or Orders of Her Majesty in Council founded thereon relating to or providing for the payment to or by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England 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 (that is to say, by a scheme of the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, confirmed and ratified by an Order of Her Majesty in Council), so to regulate from time to time the amounts, times, modes and conditions of payments to be made to or by the said Commissioners 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 Her Majesty in Council duly made and published, and no more:

"And whereas by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and duly published in the London Gazette, it was provided that, in order to preserve as nearly as may be to the Bishop of Ely the average annual income of five thousand five hundred pounds, there should be paid to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, by the bishop for the time being, the fixed annual sum of three thousand five hundred pounds, by equal half yearly payments in every year:

"And whereas the said Thomas, Bishop of Ely, is subject to the provisions of the said Order in Council, and hath signified his willingness, in accordance with the provisions of the said herein-recited Act, to accept, as from the first day of January now last past, the said annual income or yearly sum of five thousand five hundred pounds and no more, in lieu of the present and future income arising from his said see, or receivable by him under the provisions of the said recited Order in Council, or of any other ecclesiastical profits or emoluments of any kind or description whatsoever, received or enjoyed by him, and to enter into an agreement with the said Commissioners for regulating the income to be received by him as from the said first day of January now last past, in manner hereinafter mentioned:

"Now, it is hereby agreed by and between the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and the said Thomas, Bishop of Ely, as follows; that is to say:

"1. That the said bishop shall, on the twenty-ninth day of September next, and afterwards half-yearly on the twenty-fifth day of March and the