

subjects of every rank, a bright example of domestic virtue combined with universal performance of public duty.

It is with the most cordial satisfaction that we assure your Majesty of the universal loyalty and devoted attachment of the population of that portion of the United Kingdom to which our ministrations extend, and we have ample opportunities of knowing that these loyal and affectionate feelings have been animated to the highest degree of intensity by your Majesty's annual visits to Scotland, during which all ranks, from the highest to the lowest, have witnessed with delight the countenance and support given by your Majesty to the administration of divine ordinances, and to every wisely concerted measure for advancing the improvement and happiness of the people.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may long preserve your Majesty, enriching you and your Royal Consort, and your Royal Offspring, with the abundant communications of his grace upon earth, and make you meet at last for the inheritance of a heavenly crown, are the humble and fervent prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, loyal and obedient subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in this General Assembly.

Given at Edinburgh this 24th day of May 1852.

In name of the Assembly.

*Lewis W. Forbes, Moderator.*

**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 sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," 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 sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for making certain alterations in the apportionment of episcopal patronage.

"Whereas provision is made by the said Act for effecting, by the authority therein provided (that is to say, a scheme prepared by us and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, and duly gazetted), such alterations in the apportionment or exchange of ecclesiastical patronage among the several bishops as shall be consistent with the relative magnitude and importance of their dioceses when newly arranged, and as shall afford an adequate quantity of patronage to the bishops of the new sees; but that no such alteration belonging to any see, the bishop of which was in possession on the fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, should take effect until the then next avoidance of such see, without the consent of such bishop.

"And whereas the bishops affected by this scheme, who were in possession of their sees on the said fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, have respectively consented as hereinafter mentioned to the arrangements herein recommended.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Charles James, Bishop of London, the Right Reverend James Henry, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, the Right Reverend John, Bishop of Lincoln, and the Right Reverend George, Bishop of Rochester, testified by their having respectively signed and sealed this scheme, that such alterations be made in the apportionment or exchange of the patronage of the several benefices and churches among the several bishops, hereinafter mentioned, as are hereinafter particularly set forth and designated; that is to say:

"1. That the patronage of the several benefices comprised in the Table I., hereinafter set forth, and which said patronage is now vested in the Bishop of Ely, be transferred unto and henceforth be and remain vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors.

"TABLE I.

Name of Benefice.	Quality.	County wherein situate.	Diocese wherein situate.	Present Patron.
Hadstock - - - -	Rectory	Essex - - -	} Rochester -	Bishop of Ely.
Codicote - - - -	Vicarage	} Herts - - -		
King's Langley - - -	Vicarage			

"2. That the patronage of the several benefices comprised in the Table II., hereinafter set forth, and which said patronage is now vested in the bishops respectively whose names are, in the said

Table II. set opposite to the names of the said benefices, be transferred unto and henceforth be and remain vested in the Bishop of London and his successors.