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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 13, 1854.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Levee at St. James's-Palace, on Wednesday, the 8th of March next, at two o'clock.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 18th day of *February*, 1854,

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 ninth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, 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 further regulating the incomes of the several archbishops and bishops of England and Wales.

"Whereas by the said Act, 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 thereinafter 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 a scheme was prepared by us and duly ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date on or about the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, which contained a provision that every archbishop or bishop who should have succeeded to his see upon any avoidance thereof, which should have happened or should happen after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, should in every case in which application should be made to him for the renewal of any lease of any property or estate belonging to his see, when the amount of the fine to be paid for the renewal of such lease should amount to or exceed the sum of one hundred pounds, submit for our approval a statement of such application, together with the amount of the fine which he should propose to take in respect of such renewal, and also an explanation of the principle upon which such fine should have been calculated; and that no such renewal of any such lease should be effected by such archbishop or bishop, until the amount of such fine should have been approved by us.

"And whereas upon further consideration it appears to us to be expedient that the provisions of the said Order should be extended.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that no new lease or grant, nor any renewal of any lease or grant, shall be made or effected by any archbishop or bishop who is or shall be subject to the provisions of the said Order, until the terms of such lease or grant, or of such renewal, shall have been submitted to and approved by us.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from