

Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to The Queen; and, on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 29th day of *March*, 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 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 fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the law relating to Ecclesiastical houses of residence," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-third day of March, 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 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 fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifth and sixth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to alter and amend the law relating to Ecclesiastical houses of residence,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for substituting a money payment for certain property belonging to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Peterborough.

"Whereas it was by the said recited Acts enacted and declared, that, by the authority of a scheme prepared by us and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions of the said first recited Act any sum of money which should have been invested in the public funds or in other security or securities, in trust, for any ecclesiastical body corporate, aggregate or sole, might, upon application in writing to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, under the hand and seal of such body corporate, and in the case of any chapter, with the consent of the visitor thereof, be directed to be sold, and the same should be sold accordingly, and that the produce of such sale should be applied to such purpose and in such manner as should appear most conducive to the permanent benefit of such body corporate; and also that for any like purpose any arrangement might be made, with the consent, in writing, under

the corporate seal of any chapter, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to such chapter, or for the purchase of other lands, tithes, or other hereditaments in lieu thereof, or for substituting in any case any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments for any money payment, or any money payment for any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments, and that the aforesaid provisions relating to the sale and application of any sum of money invested in trust, for any ecclesiastical body corporate, did and should include and apply to all moneys and securities for money, and to all stock in the Government Funds, or elsewhere, standing in the name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, or in the name or names of any other public officer or of any individual or individuals, for or to the credit of or in trust for any bishop, dean and chapter, dean or canon, whether for the purpose of being laid out in land or otherwise.

And whereas the said dean and chapter are now seized in fee of divers manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, the whole or the greater part of which have been heretofore demised on leases for years or lives at small annual reserved rents, and upon payment of fines, and they are also beneficially interested in or otherwise entitled to certain sums of stock or cash invested or held in trust as aforesaid, and particularly described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked A.

"And whereas by an Order and Decree of the said dean and chapter, bearing date the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and duly confirmed as a statute by their visitor and registered in the registry of the diocese, it was provided that there should be appropriated out of the revenues of the said dean and chapter to or for the several persons or objects connected with the said dean and chapter, and enumerated and set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, the several yearly sums of money specified in the same Schedule, opposite to the names or descriptions of such persons or objects respectively.

"And whereas one of the purposes of the said Acts is to provide a fund for making better provision for the cure of souls, and the said dean and chapter have proposed to us, with the consent of their visitor, that the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments (except as hereinafter excepted) should be dealt with in manner hereinafter mentioned; and we are of opinion that it would ultimately conduce as well to the improvement of the said fund as to the permanent benefit of the said dean and chapter, that the same should be dealt with accordingly.

"Now therefore, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Peterborough, and of the Right Reverend George, Bishop of Peterborough, as Visitor of the said dean and chapter, testified by their having hereunto affixed their respective corporate seals, we humbly recommend and propose that in consideration of the money payments hereinafter mentioned, to be paid by us to or on account of the said dean and chapter, all the manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments which now belong, either in possession or reversion, to the said dean and chapter (excepting any right of Ecclesiastical patronage, and excepting also the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked C), and all the estate and interest therein of the said dean and chapter, shall upon and from the day on which any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be duly published in the London Gazette, and without any other conveyance or assurance in