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AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *June*, 1855,

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 sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty, 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," and of another 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," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the fourteenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, 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, 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,' and of another 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,' have prepared and now

humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for substituting a money payment to the Bishop of London for an estate belonging to his see.

"Whereas it was by the secondly and thirdly recited Acts enacted, that, by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same), and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions of the same Acts, or of the said first recited Act, any arrangements might from time to time be made, with the consent in writing under the corporate seal of any bishop, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to the see of such bishop, 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 whereas the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Charles James, Bishop of London, is seised, in right of his see, of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, particularly described in the schedule hereto annexed, subject, nevertheless, to a subsisting lease thereof, bearing date the thirty-first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, granted for three lives, of which only one survives, and is now aged sixty-three years or thereabouts, at annual reserved rents, amounting together to seven pounds, thirteen shillings, and sixpence.

"And whereas the said Charles James, Bishop of London, is now entitled to grant a renewal of the said lease by the insertion therein of two additional lives, and it has been represented to us by the said bishop that the lessee is desirous of taking such renewal, but that it is not expedient to grant the same.

"And whereas after full inquiry and calculation we have estimated the fine which ought to be paid for such renewal at the sum of three thousand three hundred pounds, and the sums which after full stating the existing lease the bishop and his successors might have expected to have derived from the before-mentioned annual reserved rents and from future fines upon renewals as equivalent to an annuity of forty-five pounds.

"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 we are of opinion that it would ultimately conduce to the improve-