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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 28th day of *November*, 1856.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act, of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, section sixty-eight, and of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, section twenty-one, and of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty, chapter twenty-six, section eight, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council, a scheme, bearing date the thirteenth day of *November*, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the words following, that is to say :

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, section sixty-eight, and of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, section twenty-one, and of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of your Majesty, chapter twenty-six, section eight, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme relating to the Bishoprick of Gloucester and Bristol.

"Whereas the Right Reverend Charles, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, is seised in right of his bishoprick of divers manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, the whole or the greater part of which have been demised on leases for lives or years for small annual reserved rents and upon payment of fines, and the said bishop is also in right of his said bishoprick, beneficially interested in or otherwise entitled to certain sums of stock or cash invested or held in trust in the manner mentioned in the said Acts, and particularly described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked B.

"And whereas one of the purposes of the said recited Acts is to provide a fund for making better provision for the cure of souls, and the said bishop has agreed with us that the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments (except as hereinafter excepted), stock and cash, should be dealt with in the 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 bishoprick, to deal with the same accordingly.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and

propose with the consent of the Right Reverend Charles, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, testified by his having hereunto affixed his hand and episcopal seal, that in consideration of the money payment hereinafter mentioned to be paid by us to the said bishop and his successors, in the said bishoprick, all the manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments which now belong, either in possession or reversion, to the said Charles, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, in right of his bishoprick (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage, and the palaces or episcopal houses of residence and demesnes respectively, situate in the city of Gloucester, and at Stapleton, in the county of Gloucester, and excepting also the lands, tenements, and hereditaments mentioned and described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked A), and all the estate and interest therein of the said bishop 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 the law become and be transferred to and vested in us and our successors, and that we and they shall thereupon become and be absolutely seised or possessed of the same in fee, and shall be entitled to the rents, profits, and proceeds thereof, as from the sixth day of *June* now last past, and that in consideration of and for such transfer and conveyance there shall, on the first day of *May*, and the first day of *November*, in every year, be paid by us to the said Charles, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and his successors, Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, a proportionate part of the first such payment, calculated from the said sixth day of *June*, to the first day of *November* now instant, to be made on the day on which such Order shall be so published as aforesaid.

"And we further recommend and propose, that none of the moneys or estates to be received or acquired under the provisions of this scheme shall be applicable to the purposes of our common fund (except only so far as it may be necessary to reimburse such fund any advances made under the provisions of this scheme), until or unless by and under the like authority the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol for the time being, and his successors, shall have been put into possession in fee simple of real estates sufficient to secure to such bishop a clear annual income (after deducting rates, taxes, and other outgoings including costs of management), of five thousand pounds :