

at Her Majesty's Levee, are to deliver a card (having on it their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the persons from whom they come), to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock* two clear days previous to the Levee; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee: one of the two cards to be delivered to the Page in the Corridor, 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.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

HERTFORD,
Lord Chamberlain.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 7th day of *February*, 1877.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the eighteenth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in the words and figures following; that is to say:—

“We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England in pursuance of an Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty's reign chapter one hundred and twenty-four, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for assigning certain lands and hereditaments as the permanent endowment of the see of Oxford.

“Whereas the Right Reverend John Fielder, Bishop of Oxford, succeeded to the said see upon the first avoidance thereof which happened after the passing of the hereinbefore mentioned Act, and all the lands, hereditaments, and emoluments belonging to the said see of Oxford (except all rights of patronage or presentation and the residence of the bishop) became thereupon vested absolutely in us for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

“And whereas the lands and hereditaments particularly described in the schedule hereto annexed which are now vested in us are in the judgment of our Estates Committee convenient to be held as the endowment for the said see, and are approved by the said Bishop as suitable for that purpose, and will secure to the holder of the said see as nearly as may be after deducting costs of management a net annual income of five thousand pounds and no more, being the amount named for the Bishop of the said see by the Order of your Majesty in Council of the twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, which Order is now in force.

“Now therefore, with the consent and approbation of the said John Fielder Lord Bishop of Oxford testified by his having signed this scheme and sealed the same with his episcopal seal, we humbly recommend and propose that upon the

publication in the London Gazette of any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly published Order, the lands and hereditaments particularly described in the schedule hereto annexed, with their appurtenances, and all our right title and interest therein, save only as is hereinafter saved and excepted together with the benefit of the perpetual land tax, if any, charged upon the same premises which has been redeemed, shall be assigned as the endowment of the said Bishoprick of Oxford, and shall, subject always and nevertheless to the liabilities and charges to which the said lands and hereditaments are now specifically liable, become and be absolutely vested in the said Bishop and his successors in as full and ample a manner as if the same had formed part of the ancient possessions of the said see, save and except, and always reserved unto us, our successors and our and their lessees tenants and assigns, all and singular the mines quarries and beds of coal stone clay sand minerals and metalliferous substances of all descriptions therein or thereunder, with full and exclusive authority to sink win work get up and carry away the same in under out of and from the said lands and hereditaments, or any other lands and hereditaments according to the course and practice at present or hereafter to be used or adopted in the counties wherein the said lands and hereditaments are situate, or according to the most approved mode which may from time to time be used or invented, and to enter upon, take, use, and occupy from time to time and for such time and in such manner as we our successors and our and their lessees tenants and assigns shall think fit, so much of the said lands and hereditaments as we or they shall deem necessary proper or convenient for all or any of the aforesaid purposes, making full compensation for any injury thereby occasioned, and save and except and always reserved full and exclusive authority for us, our successors and our and their lessees tenants and assigns or persons acting under our or their authority, and whether in reference or respect to lands held by or under us or any other property, to make grant and use any way or ways upon across under or through the said lands and hereditaments for the purposes aforesaid, provided always and we hereby further recommend and propose that nothing in the foregoing exception and reservation shall operate in any manner to prevent the said John Fielder Bishop of Oxford and his successors from taking and using from off or under the said lands and hereditaments all such stone, clay, sand, and gravel, as may be required hereafter for repairing and amending the buildings, fences, roads, or ways now being in upon or about the said lands and hereditaments or any part thereof, and also for erecting, making and repairing any buildings, fences, roads, or ways which may require hereafter to be erected or made in upon or about the said lands and hereditaments.

“And we further recommend and propose that the said Bishop shall become entitled to the rents profits and proceeds of the lands and hereditaments hereby proposed to be assigned as the endowment of the said see as from the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

“And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them in conformity with the provisions of the said hereinbefore mentioned Act or of any other Act of Parliament.