CAP. CXV.

An Act to provide for the Retirement of the present Bishops of *London* and *Durham*. [29th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to make Provision for certain annual Sums to be paid in 'case of the Resignation of the Right Honourable and Right Reverend *Charles* 'James Lord Bishop of *London* and the Right Reverend *Edward* Lord Bishop of *Durham* 'respectively:' Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

When Archbishops signify that they have accepted the Resignation of the Bishops of London and Durham, their Sees shall be declared vacant.

I. Whensoever it shall be represented to Her Majesty by the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury* that he has duly and canonically accepted the Resignation of his See by the said *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London*, or by the Lord Archbishop of *York* that he has in like Manner accepted the Resignation of the said *Edward* Lord Bishop of *Durham*, the said Sees shall respectively be deemed to be vacant, and all Rights of such present Bishops in respect of their Sees, including their Right to sit as Lords of Parliament, shall cease, and such Proceedings shall and may be had for filling up such respective Vacancies as are by Law provided in the Case of an Avoidance of a Bishopric.

The Bishop of London to continue to hold during his Life the Episcopal Residence at Fulham.

II. Provided always, That it shall be lawful for the said Bishop of *London* to continue to hold during his Life the Episcopal Palace or Residence at *Fulham*, with the Grounds and Appurtenances now occupied by him therewith, but subject to the like Obligation to maintain the same, and the like Liability in respect of the Dilapidations therewith, as if he had continued Holder of his said See.

Annual Pensions to be payable to the said Bishops.

III. There shall be paid to the said Bishop of *London* an annual Pension of Six thousand Pounds during his Life, and to the said Bishop of *Durham* an annual Pension of Four thousand five hundred Pounds during his Life; and each such Pension shall commence from the Day on which the Resignation of the said Bishops shall have been accepted as aforesaid by his Metropolitan, and shall be payable by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, out of the Common Fund of the said Commissioners, by half-yearly Payments, the First half-yearly Payment to be made on the Day on which Six Months shall have expired from the Day of the Acceptance of the Resignation; each such Pension nevertheless to grow due from Day to Day and to be subject to Apportionment accordingly at the Termination thereof.

Provisions as to Power of conferring Holy Orders by the said Bishops after their Retirement.

IV. After the said Sees of *London* and *Durham* respectively shall have become vacant as aforesaid the present Bishops of such Sees, during their Lives, in respect of the Exercise of any of their Episcopal Functions and the Persons admitted into Holy Orders by them, shall respectively be subject to the Provisions to which by Law Bishops who have exercised the Office of Bishop in Her Majesty's Colonies or Foreign Possessions, and are not Bishops of any Sees in *England* or *Ireland*, are now subject under the Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of King *George* the Third, Chapter Sixty, and the Acts of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifty-two, and the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Forty-nine, or under any other Acts of Parliament.

New Bishops to hold the Sees subject to future Arrangements as to Limits, &c. of Diocese.

V. Every Bishop who shall succeed to the Sees and Bishopricks of *London* and *Durham* respectively shall take and hold his See and Bishoprick, and all the Property, Patronage, and Rights belonging thereto, subject to any Provisions respecting any Alteration of the Limits of the Diocese, and any Arrangements consequent thereon, which shall be made by or under the Authority of Parliament within the Space of Three Years next after the passing of this Act.