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These would be very high clerical incomes, but they are to be paid only when the Bishops have to live in London six months every year, performing their duties as Peers of Parliament. For this purpose they must keep more servants than they require in the country; they must live in two houses in London, where rent is dear and are compelled, accordingly, by this London residence, to spend as much in half a year as would support them liberally at home for double the time, and, also, enable them to exercise the hospitality which St. Paul so much commends.

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