

similar in effect but more advantageous in principle), under an Act of Parliament, to be passed for this specific measure, to purchase these annuities from the parishes. The parishes, therefore, in theory, at least, may be considered as receiving the money so advanced to them for an annuity, and then paying it over to Government, in consideration of the removal of the paupers on the terms, and subject to the qualifications proposed.—Thus, for example: the parish of A. agrees to pay an annuity of 2*l.* 5*s.* for twenty-five years, in consideration of receiving the sum of 35*l.*, which sum the parish immediately pays into the hands of the Government, who undertake to remove B., a pauper, in the manner proposed.

It is proposed, for the simplification of this measure, that the annuity for which each parish is responsible, should be made payable to the County Treasurer, and recoverable in the same manner as the county rate, consequently the annuity due from all the parishes in each county, would be paid in one collective sum by the County Treasurer into the Exchequer. This plan, of course, would not be in any degree compulsory: the arrangement must be made between the parochial authorities and the paupers, before the parish could be in a situation to avail itself of this assistance. That im-