

church, which plan has been duly approved by the Visitor of the said church, and is in the words and figures following, that is to say:

‘Whereas by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled “An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues,” it was enacted, “that, so soon as conveniently might be, measures should be taken by the deans and chapters of the several cathedral and collegiate churches for the disposal of such residence-houses then under their control, and houses attached to any dignity, office, or prebend, in the precincts of the respective cathedral and collegiate churches as might no longer be required, in such way as they should deem fit, according to plans to be, from time to time, prepared by their respective chapters, and, when approved by the Visitors, submitted to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, and confirmed by the authority therein-after provided;” and whereas the house attached to the sixth canonry of the cathedral of Lichfield, in the precincts of the said church, is no longer required, the said canonry being vacant and suspended, under the provisions of the said Act:

‘And whereas the house attached to the fifth canonry of the said cathedral church was, several years ago, deprived of the coach-house belonging thereto, and the site thereof conveyed to trustees for building residences for the widows and orphans of clergymen; and whereas there is no possibility of providing a coach-house on the premises belonging to the said canonry:

‘And whereas formerly the registrar and chapter-clerk of the dean and chapter of the said cathedral church of Lichfield had and enjoyed a house, in the immediate precincts of the cathedral, in right of his said offices, abutting on the north transept thereof; and whereas, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, it was deemed advisable, for the improvement of the close of the said cathedral, as well as for the safety of the said church, to take down the said house, and the same was accordingly taken down but no other residence has ever been provided in lieu thereof, and no pecuniary compensation allowed him, save the sum of eight pounds per annum; and whereas it is highly desirable that the registrar and chapter-clerk of the said church should

be constantly resident within the precincts of the same, and there is no other house within the said precincts which can conveniently be appropriated to the residence of such officer, save the house attached to the vacant canonry above mentioned:

‘We, the Dean and Chapter of the said church, have, in pursuance of the said Act, proceeded to take measures for the disposal of the vacant residentiary-house aforesaid, and have agreed to appropriate, in the first instance, a part of the stable-yard belonging thereto, containing thirty-six feet in depth, and about twenty feet in width, to the house attached to the fifth canonry of the said cathedral, and to be used solely for a coach-house by the incumbent of the said canonry; and, in the next place, to appropriate the house and remainder of the premises, from henceforth, as a residence for the officer who, for the time being, shall hold the offices of registrar and chapter-clerk; and we humbly submit such appropriation as the most convenient plan for the disposal of the said house to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, Visitor of the said church, for the approval of his Lordship, and to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in order that the same may be confirmed, according to the provisions of the Act above mentioned; in witness whereof we have caused our capitular seal to be hereunto affixed this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.’

“We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council, that the said plan should be confirmed and ratified.”

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct, that the same; and every part thereof, shall take effect immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Lichfield.

C. C. Greville.