

to any such house, by the purchase of any land, tenement, or hereditament in the immediate neighbourhood, or within the view thereof:

“ And whereas it is by the same Act declared and enacted, that the provisions of the first-recited Act, relating to the sale and application of any sum of money invested, in trust, for any ecclesiastical body corporate, do and shall include and apply to all monies and securities for money, and to all stock in the Government funds or elsewhere, standing in the name of the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery or in the name or names of any other public officer, or of any individual or individuals, for or to the credit, or for the benefit of or in trust for, any bishop, whether for the purpose of being laid out in land or otherwise, and that the same provisions do and shall extend and may be applied to any of the purposes of the Act now in recital:

“ And whereas certain estates, belonging to or held under the see of Hereford, were sometime since sold and enfranchised under the provisions of certain Acts of Parliament relating to the redemption of the land tax, made and passed in the forty-second and fifty-fourth years respectively of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and the monies arising from such sale and enfranchisement were invested in the purchase of twenty-three thousand three hundred and twelve pounds, seven shillings, and ten pence, Three Pounds per Centum Reduced Annuities, in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, to the account of the sale of the land tax, for the purpose of being applied to the redemption of the land tax charged on the estates and livings belonging to the said see of Hereford:

“ And whereas several sums, amounting altogether to the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and ninety-four pounds, one shilling, and four pence, part of the said sum of twenty-three thousand three hundred and twelve pounds, seven shillings, and ten pence, have been, from time to time, applied in and for the redemption of such land tax, and such land tax has accordingly been redeemed; and there was lately standing in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, in the names of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, ‘the account of the sale of the land tax,’ the sum of seven

thousand and eighteen pounds, six shillings, and six pence, like Annuities, in trust for the said see of Hereford, being the surplus remaining after such redemption, and the dividends thereof have been, from time to time, paid to the Bishop of Hereford for the time being:

And whereas by a certificate, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty three, under the hands and seals of three of the Commissioners of your Majesty’s Treasury, it was certified, in pursuance of the said Act of the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty King George the Third, that it had been satisfactorily made to appear to them the said Commissioners, that so much of the land tax charged on the estates of the see of Hereford, or on livings in the gift or patronage of the see, had been redeemed, as under the circumstances of the case they the said Commissioners thought reasonable:

“ And whereas, in pursuance of the said several Acts of Parliament, passed in the forty-second and fifty-fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and in pursuance of the said certificate, the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt have caused to be transferred to the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery, with his privity, the sum of seven thousand and eighteen pounds, six shillings, and six pence, Three Pounds per Cent. Reduced Annuities, and the same is now standing in his name in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, ‘the account of the Right Reverend Thomas Lord Bishop of Hereford:’

“ And whereas the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, particularly described in the schedule hereto annexed, are situate on the south bank of the river Wye, and within view of the episcopal house of residence belonging to the said see of Hereford, and it appears to us to be expedient, for the purpose of improving the said house and the demesnes adjoining thereto, which come down to the north bank of the said river, opposite the lands described in the said schedule, that the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments should be purchased and added to the demesne lands of the said episcopal house, so as to become the permanent property of the said see of Hereford: