

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifth and sixth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the law relating to ecclesiastical houses of residence," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for relieving the bishops of Worcester from one of the houses of residence belonging to the see, and for converting the same into a deanery.

"Whereas there are two houses of residence belonging to the see of Worcester; the one situate at Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester, and the other adjoining the precincts of the cathedral church of Worcester; and it appears to us to be expedient, on account of the reduced income of the see, that the bishops of Worcester should be relieved from one of such houses of residence, and that the said house at Hartlebury, which has for many years past been the usual residence of the bishops of Worcester; should become the sole permanent house of residence of the said see:

"And whereas the house heretofore occupied as the deanery of the said cathedral church of Worcester being a very ancient building partly surrounding the chapter house and adjoining the said cathedral church so as to be injurious thereto and in other respects objectionable as a residence, steps have been taken by the dean and chapter of the said church for taking down the same, and towards providing another deanery house:

"And whereas the said dean and chapter have agreed to purchase the said episcopal house at Worcester, for the consideration and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned; in order that the same may be made the deanery of the said cathedral church:

"And whereas it having been made to appear to us that the said episcopal house at Hartlebury was in need of certain alterations and repairs, and that no money had been received by the Right Reverend Henry Bishop of Worcester for dilapidations in respect of either of the said episcopal houses, and difficulties having occurred in making final arrangements respecting the same, we advanced to the said bishop the sum of seven thousand pounds out of the monies applicable to the purposes of the recited Act, at the same time

entering into an agreement with the said bishop, in which he agreed to consent to any arrangement, being such as would relieve him from the charge of the said house at Worcester, which we should deem it right to recommend and propose respecting the same, and also to consent to the transfer to us of certain sums of cash and stock hereinafter specified, in part liquidation of the sum of money so advanced by us; and such repairs and alterations have since been completed to our satisfaction:

"And whereas we have expended out of the same monies, a sum of nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds eight shillings and six pence in putting the said episcopal house at Worcester in a state fit for occupation:

"And whereas the said recited Act and certain Acts therein mentioned contain provisions for authorizing and carrying into full effect the several arrangements aforesaid and the further measures hereinafter recommended and proposed:

"We, therefore, with the consent of the said Henry Bishop of Worcester and of the Very Reverend John Peel, the present dean of the said cathedral church, testified by their having respectively signed and sealed this scheme, and also with the consent of the dean and chapter of the said cathedral church, testified by their having affixed their chapter seal hereto, recommend and propose, that, upon payment to us, for the purposes of the said Acts, of the sum of three thousand pounds, and upon and from the day on which notice of such payment shall be published in the London Gazette, which notice shall be a valid discharge to the said dean and chapter for such payment to us, the piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and premises, as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, and also the several fixtures, fittings, and other articles as specified in a list to be forthwith made in duplicate and sealed by us, one part whereof shall be registered in the registry of the said diocese of Worcester, and the other part thereof deposited with us, shall be absolutely transferred from the said see of Worcester and the bishops thereof, and shall, for the consideration aforesaid, without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than this scheme, and any duly published Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same, be sold and become absolutely conveyed to and be vested in the dean.