

session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes;" and of a previous Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for authorizing the sale of certain property lately belonging the prebend of Corringham-cum-Stow, in the cathedral church of Lincoln, and for augmenting the vicarage of Gainsborough.

"Whereas it is by the first-recited Act enacted, that all the same, and the like powers and rights of ownership as are possessed and enjoyed respecting and over any lands, tenements, or other hereditaments whatsoever, by any absolute owner thereof, shall be enjoyed by us with respect to and over all or any lands, tithes, rent charges, tenements, and other hereditaments vested in us under or by virtue of the several hereinbefore-recited Acts, and may, subject to the provisions of the same Acts and of the now reciting Act, be exercised by us, by proper instruments, duly executed according to law, with a certain proviso respecting the application of every sum of money received as the consideration or purchase money for the sale, transfer, or conveyance by us of any such lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, or of any estate or interest therein, and with a further proviso, that none of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments should be sold, transferred, or conveyed except by the authority of a scheme prepared by us, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council, ratifying the same:

"And whereas it is by the secondly-recited Act, amongst other things, enacted, that, except as therein otherwise specified, all the monies and revenues to be paid to us, and the rents and profits of the lands, tithes, and other hereditaments vested, and to be vested, in us by and under the authority of the now reciting Act, together with all accumulations of interest produced by and arising therefrom, should be from time to time carried over by us to a common fund, and, by payments or investments made out of such fund, or, if in case it be deemed more expedient, by means of an actual conveyance and assignment of

such lands, tithes, or other hereditaments, or of a portion thereof, additional provision should be made, by the authority thereafter provided, for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance was most required, in such manner as should by the like authority be deemed most conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church:

"And whereas we have entered into an agreement for the sale of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, described in the schedule hereunder written, and formerly belonging to and forming part of the endowment of the prebend of Corringham-cum-Stow, but now vested in us under the provisions of the secondly-recited Act, to the purchaser, and for the price or consideration hereinafter mentioned:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized to sell and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the first-recited Act, to the Right Honourable Sir John Beckett, of Somerby-park, near Gainsborough, in the county of Lincoln, Baronet, for the price or consideration of the surrender and conveyance by him to us of his leasehold interest of other parts of the property lately belonging to the same prebend, and of certain freehold land contiguous thereto, of which he is now the owner in fee simple, all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments described in the schedule hereunder written, the sum of sixty-four pounds being also paid by us to the said Sir John Beckett.

"And whereas the said prebend was, before the passing of the secondly-recited Act, annexed to the vicarage of Gainsborough, in the diocese of Lincoln; and it is in our opinion reasonable and expedient to make better provision for the cure of souls therein in manner hereinafter mentioned:

"We further recommend and propose, that there shall be paid by us to the Vicar of Gainsborough for the time being, the annual sum of fifty pounds, by equal half-yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in every year, the first such half-yearly payment to be made on the first day of May next; and that there shall be forthwith paid by us to the present Vicar an amount calculated, at the same rate by the year, from the date of his induction into the said vicarage to the first day of November last; and that, in case of a vacancy hereafter occurring in the said vicarage on any