

another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England; and of another 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 further improving the house of residence belonging to the see of Exeter:

"Whereas we prepared and laid before your Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, whereby, after reciting that the house of residence then belonging to the see of Exeter was in a very dilapidated condition, and in some parts abutted closely upon the cathedral, and that it appeared to us to be expedient to remove such parts, and in other respects to alter and improve such house; and that there was then, standing in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, in the name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to the credit and account of the bishops and see of Exeter, the sum of nine thousand two hundred and three pounds and four shillings Three Pounds per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, and that it was expedient that three thousand pounds, part thereof, should, upon the conditions mentioned in such scheme, be applied towards the alteration and improvement of such house of residence; and that it had been agreed between us and the said Bishop of Exeter, that such house of residence should be altered and improved according to plans and specifications to be approved by us, and should be completed according to such plans and specifications, and to the satisfaction of an architect to be named by us, within a time to be limited in manner therein prescribed; and that all costs, charges, and expences in and about the completion thereof, over and above the before-mentioned sum, should be defrayed by the said Henry Bishop of Exeter, his executors or administrators:

"We humbly recommend and propose, that, upon the conditions therein set forth, so much of the said sum of nine thousand two hundred, and

three pounds and four shillings Three Pounds per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, as should be sufficient to raise the said sum of three thousand pounds sterling, should be transferred into our names and to our account in the books of the said Governor and Company, and might from time to time be sold by us, and applied and paid for the purposes aforesaid, to such persons and at such times, and in such manner, as by the said scheme is provided:

"And whereas the said scheme was duly ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, on the thirtieth day of the same month of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and the said Order has been duly gazetted:

"And whereas certain alterations and improvements, according to plans and specifications approved by us, are now in progress; and it has been made to appear to us that, upon taking down the portion of the said house abutting on the said cathedral, a greater extent of reparation than was anticipated has been found to be necessary; and that, in consequence of certain of the offices used with the said house having been discovered to be actually under and to form part of the said cathedral, new offices should be provided, and that certain other additional works are essential to the convenient occupation of the said house; and that the cost of the whole of such further additions and works is estimated at the sum of five hundred pounds:

"And whereas it appears to us to be expedient, that so much of the balance, now remaining of the said sum of nine thousand two hundred and three pounds and four shillings Three Pounds per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, as will produce the sum of five hundred pounds sterling should, upon the conditions, and in the manner following, be applied towards the said further additions and works:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said Henry Bishop of Exeter, testified by his having signed and sealed this scheme, that, upon plans and specifications of the said additions and works being approved by us, under our common seal, in like manner and form as by the said scheme and Order was directed with regard to the works now in progress, and an agreement for carrying out such additions and works being in like manner executed by the said Henry Bishop of Exeter and by us, so much of the balance, now remaining of the said