

"siasical Houses of Residence," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in council a scheme bearing date the eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, in the words following, that is to say :

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an 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," 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 empowering the Dean and Chapter of Worcester to purchase certain premises within the precincts of the Cathedral Church of Worcester.

" Whereas it is by the first recited Act, amongst other things, enacted, that by the authority therein provided; and for the purpose of carrying into effect any of the provisions thereof, any sum of money which shall have been invested in the public funds, or in other security or securities, in trust for any ecclesiastical body corporate, aggregate, or sole, may, upon an application in writing to us, under the hand and seal of such body corporate, and, in the case of any chapter, with the consent of the Visitor thereof, be directed to be sold, and the same shall be sold accordingly, and the produce of such sale shall be applied to such purpose, and in such manner as shall appear most conducive to the permanent benefit of such body corporate.

" And whereas it is by the secondly recited Act enacted, that it shall be lawful for the dean and chapter of any cathedral church, under the like authority, to purchase any house or site being contiguous or near to such cathedral church, and it is by the same Act declared and enacted, that the said last recited provisions 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, for or to the credit or for the benefit of or in trust for any dean and chapter, dean or canon, whether for the purpose of being laid out in land or otherwise; and that the same provisions shall extend and may be applied to any of the purposes of the now reciting Act:

" And whereas there is now standing in the name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, and to the credit of ex-parte the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Company, in the matter of the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Act (1845), belonging to the said Dean and Chapter of Worcester, in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, a sum of eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds and three shillings:

" And whereas the said dean and chapter are entitled to the fee simple and inheritance in a certain messuage or dwelling-house, particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, contiguous to the said cathedral church, and situate within the precincts thereof, subject to a certain subsisting lease thereof, granted in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven to William Digby, Clerk, since deceased, for a term of forty years, the remaining term of which is now vested in Kenelm Henry Digby, of Tittleshaw, in the county of Norfolk, Clerk:

" And whereas an application has been made to

us in writing, under the seal of the said dean and chapter, for the investment of an adequate portion of the said sum of eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds and three shillings in the purchase of the said remaining term, and such investment appears to us, after due inquiry and consideration, to be most conducive to the permanent benefit of the said dean and chapter:

" We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Henry Bishop of Worcester, as the Visitor of the said cathedral church of Worcester, testified by his having signed and sealed this scheme, that so much of the said sum of eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds and three shillings as shall be required by the said dean and chapter for such purpose, may and shall be applied and invested in the purchase by the said dean and chapter of all that the said outstanding term of the said lease, so granted as aforesaid in the message or dwelling-house particularly described in the said schedule hereunto annexed.

" And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Acts, or of any other Act of Parliament.

" SCHEDULE.

" A messuage or dwelling-house situate and being within the precincts of the cathedral church of Worcester, near adjoining to the Great Tower or Gate House of the said cathedral church, now in the possession of Mistress Slade Nash and the Reverend Henry Hartopp Grove, and bounded on the east by the garden belonging to the tenth Prebendary Hall of the said cathedral church, on the south by a messuage late in the occupation of the said William Digby, but now of the said Henry Hartopp Grove, on the north by the passage leading from the Great Gate-way towards the College Green, on the west by the way leading to the college stables; which said premises contain in length, on the east side, fifty-five feet and eight inches; on the south side, thirty-eight feet and four inches; on the north side, thirty-two feet and two inches; on the west side, forty-seven feet; and on the north-west angle, seven feet, or thereabouts, be the same respectively more or less."

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 be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Acts; 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 Worcester.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 13th day of *February*, 1849.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches have, in pursuance of the ninth section of an Act passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the eighth and ninth