

following scheme for substituting a money payment for certain property belonging to the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of Chester.

"Whereas it was by the said recited Acts enacted and declared, that by the authority of a scheme prepared by us and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions of the said first recited Act, any arrangement might be made with the consent in writing, under the corporate seal of any chapter, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to such chapter, or for the purchase of other lands, tithes, or other hereditaments in lieu thereof, or for substituting in any case any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments for any money payment, or any money payment for any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments.

"And whereas under the provisions of a scheme prepared by us, and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and duly published in the London Gazette, the said dean and chapter are entitled to receive from us, in augmentation of their capitular income, the annual sum of three thousand pounds as therein set forth, and will also be entitled to receive a certain further augmentation of their said income, if and when the annual rents and profits of a certain property in the said scheme and Order, particularly referred to as the 'Chester Bailiwick Estate,' and thereby transferred to us, shall exceed the said yearly sum of three thousand pounds, and after the amount of certain advances, made under the provisions of the said Order out of our common fund, shall have been repaid to such fund out of so much of the said rents and profits as shall exceed the said sum of three thousand pounds.

"And whereas the said dean and chapter are now seised in fee of divers manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, the whole or the greater part of which have been heretofore demised on leases for years at small annual reserved rents and upon payment of fines.

"And whereas one of the purposes of the said Acts is to provide a fund for making better provision for the cure of souls, and the said dean and chapter have proposed to us that the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments should be dealt with in manner hereinafter mentioned, and we are of opinion that it would ultimately conduce as well to the improvement of the said fund as to the permanent benefit of the said dean and chapter, that the same should be dealt with accordingly.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of Chester, testified by their having hereunto affixed their corporate seal, we humbly recommend and propose that, in consideration of the money payments hereinafter mentioned, to be paid by us to or on account of the said dean and chapter, all the manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, which now belong, either in possession or reversion, to the said dean and chapter (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage, with the fabric of the said cathedral church, and the public buildings and consecrated ground appurtenant thereto, and excepting also the lands, tenements, and hereditaments described in the schedule hereunto annexed), and all the estate and interest therein of the said dean and chapter, shall upon and from the day on which any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be duly published in the London Gazette, and without any other con-

veyance or assurance in the law, become and be transferred to and vested in us and our successors; and that we and they shall thereupon become and be absolutely seised or possessed of the same in fee, and shall be entitled to the rents, profits, and proceeds thereof as from the first day of January now last past; and that, in consideration of and for such transfer and conveyance, there shall, on the first day of July, and the first day of January, in every year, be paid by us to the said dean and chapter, in respect of the half year then last past, the sum of two thousand five hundred and thirty-three pounds, the first such payment to be made on the first day of July next; and that the receipt or receipts of the treasurer for the time being of the said dean and chapter shall be a good and valid discharge to us for all or any and every such sum or sums of money as shall therein be expressed to have been paid to him by us, under the authority of this scheme when ratified as aforesaid.

"Provided always, and we further recommend and propose, that the said dean and chapter shall continue liable for the discharge of the stipends of the officers of the said cathedral church, and all other costs, charges, and expenses incident to the maintenance thereof and the performance of services therein; and that the said dean and chapter shall also pay to the chapter clerk for the time being, the annual sum of one hundred and forty pounds, in respect of the profits heretofore accruing to him on account of the management of the estates herein proposed to be transferred to us.

"And we further recommend and propose, that none of the monies or estates to be received or acquired under the provisions of this scheme, shall be applicable to the purposes of our common fund, except only so far as it may be necessary to reimburse such fund any advances made thereout under the provisions of this scheme, until or unless by and under the like authority the said dean and chapter shall have been put into possession in fee simple of real estates, sufficient to secure to the said dean and chapter a clear annual income (after deducting therefrom rates, taxes, and other outgoings, including costs of management), of four thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven pounds, subject, however, as well to the charges and outgoings hereinbefore mentioned, as to all other capitular liabilities, except the hereinbefore mentioned payment of one hundred and forty pounds per annum to the chapter clerk.

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

SCHEDULE.

"The house of residence in the cathedral precincts, commonly called the deanery, with the gardens, land, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or adjoining, and therewith occupied by the Very Reverend Frederick Anson, D.D., the dean; and also the house attached to the said deanery and adjoining thereto, on the east side thereof, now in the occupation of Matthew Dixon.

"Also the house of residence, with the coach-house, stable, garden, and appurtenances adjoining the deanery on the west side thereof, occupied by the four canons in succession.

"And also the house and premises situate in Abbey-court, within the precincts of the said cathedral, now in the occupation of the Reverend Francis Edward Thurland, the precentor.

"And also the house, garden, and premises on the north side of Abbey-street, within the pre-