

money, and to all stock in the Government funds, or elsewhere, standing in the name of the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery, or in the name or names of any other public officer, or of any individual or individuals for or to the credit of or in trust for any bishop, dean and chapter, dean or canon, whether for the purpose of being laid out in land or otherwise.

"And whereas the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Robert John Baron Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, is seized in right of his bishoprick of divers manors, lands, tithes, tenements and hereditaments, the whole or the greater part of which have been demised on leases for lives or years for small annual reserved rents, and upon payment of fines, and the said bishop is also in right of his said bishoprick, beneficially interested in, or otherwise entitled to certain sums of stock or cash invested or held in trust in the manner mentioned, in the said recited Acts, and particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked B.

"And whereas one of the purposes of the said recited Acts is to provide a fund for making better provision for the cure of souls, and the said bishop has agreed with us that the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements and hereditaments (except as hereinafter excepted), stock and cash, should be dealt with in the 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 bishoprick to deal with the same accordingly.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Robert John Baron Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, testified by his having hereunto affixed his hand and episcopal seal, that in consideration of the money payment hereinafter mentioned, to be paid by us to the said bishop and his successors in the said bishoprick, all the manors, lands, tithes, tenements and hereditaments which now belong either in possession or reversion to the said Robert John Baron Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, in right of his bishoprick (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage, and the palace or episcopal house of residence, at Wells, with the grounds thereunto belonging, and excepting also the lands, tenements and hereditaments mentioned and described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked A), and all the estate and interest therein of the said bishop, 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 conveyance 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 seized or possessed of the same in fee, and shall be entitled to the rents, profits, and proceeds thereof, as from the fifteenth day of May now last past, and that in consideration of and for such transfer and conveyance there shall on the first day of May and the first day of November, in every year, be paid by us to the said Robert John Baron Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and his successors, Bishops of Bath and Wells, the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds (a proportionate part of the first such payment, calculated from the said fifteenth day of May to the first day of November last past, to be made on the day on which such order shall be so published as aforesaid) subject, nevertheless, to the deduction by us from each of such half-yearly payments of the amount which for the corresponding half year shall have been paid or payable to the Governors

of the Bounty of Queen Anne, in respect of the mortgage of the estates of the said bishoprick, effected under the provisions of the Orders of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the sixth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, for adding to, altering, and improving the episcopal house of residence of the see of Bath and Wells, and the tenth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, respecting the alteration and improvement of the episcopal house of residence at Wells: provided always that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the right (if any) of the Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being to be reimbursed the deficiency in his income hereby provided occasioned by the said deductions in respect of the said mortgage or the powers of the Commissioners to prevent or supply such deficiency.

"And we further recommend and propose that none of the moneys or estates to be received or required 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 under the provisions of this scheme), until or unless by and under the like authority the Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being, and his successors, shall have been put into possession in fee simple of real estates, sufficient, together with the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, mentioned and described in the said schedule, marked A, to secure to such bishop a clear annual income (after deducting rates, taxes, and other outgoings, including costs of management) of five thousand pounds.

"And we further recommend and propose, with the like consent of the said Robert John Baron Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, that the said sums of stock and cash so described as aforesaid in the said schedule, marked B, shall as soon as conveniently may be, after the gazetting of such Order as aforesaid, be transferred or sold out, and the proceeds thereof paid to our account at the Bank of England, to be applied towards the objects of this scheme, and particularly to investment in the purchase of any interest in the estates herein proposed to be transferred to us or any or either of them, or of any other real estates.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the operation of the provisions of the Orders of your Majesty in Council, bearing date respectively the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the eighteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, for regulating the incomes of the several archbishops and bishops of England and Wales, so far as the same relate to the bishoprick of Bath and Wells.

"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 accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any other Act of Parliament."

SCHEDULE A.

"All that message or tenement and premises, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying on the north side of the present episcopal residence of the said Bishop of Bath and Wells, and situate in the liberty of Saint Andrew, in Wells, in the county of Somerset, which said premises are now in the tenure or occupation of the Misses Parfitt, by virtue of a lease thereof, dated the third day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, granted by the