

twenty-second day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the words and figures 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,' have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, respecting the endowment of the University of Durham.

"Whereas it is by the said Act enacted, that so soon as conveniently may be and by the authority therein provided, such arrangements shall be made with respect to the deanery and canonries in the cathedral church of Durham and their revenues as upon due enquiry and consideration of an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act to enable the Dean and Chapter of Durham to appropriate part of the property of their church to the establishment of a University in connexion therewith for the advancement of learning,' and of the engagements entered into by William, late Bishop of Durham, and the Dean and Chapter of Durham, shall be determined on with a view to maintaining the said University in a state of respectability and efficiency.

"And whereas in pursuance of the said in part recited Act, and upon due inquiry and consideration of the Act therein referred to, we have, from time to time prepared and submitted to your Majesty in Council schemes for effecting the arrangements aforesaid; and such schemes have been ratified by your Majesty in Council by Orders, bearing date respectively the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, the eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

"And whereas by virtue of the said secondly-mentioned Order, as modified by the provisions of the said lastly mentioned Order, the said warden, masters, and scholars have become entitled to receive from us a money payment of the sum of four hundred pounds, on the twenty-ninth day of September in every year, until further and other arrangements for endowing the said University shall have been recommended and proposed by us and ratified by your Majesty in Council.

"And whereas it has been represented to us, on behalf of the said warden, masters, and scholars, that it would be advantageous to the said University that our estate and interest in the lands, tenements, and hereditaments described in the schedule hereunto annexed should be transferred to them in lieu of an equivalent portion of the before-mentioned money payment, and we have ascertained, after due inquiry and calculation, that it would be expedient to effect the proposed transfer, and that the sum of eighty-five pounds or thereabouts would be such equivalent portion of such money payment.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said warden, masters, and scholars of the University of Durham, testified by their common seal being hereunto affixed, we humbly recommend and propose that all the estate and interest now vested in us in the lands, tenements, and hereditaments described in the said schedule hereunto annexed shall, without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than this scheme, and any duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the

same be, upon and from the day of the date of such Order, transferred to and permanently vested in the warden, masters, and scholars of the said University of Durham, and their successors, for ever, in full substitution for the said sum of eighty-five pounds, part of the said annual money payment of four hundred pounds.

"And we further recommend and propose that the rents and profits of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments which have accrued to us since the twenty-ninth day of September now last past, shall belong to and be receivable by the said warden, masters, and scholars, and that the said money payment of four hundred pounds shall, as from the said twenty-ninth day of September, cease and determine, and that in lieu thereof a money payment of three hundred and fifteen pounds, and no more, shall be paid by us to the said warden, masters, and scholars on the twenty-ninth day of September in this and every subsequent year:

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the endowment of the said University of Durham in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any other Act of Parliament, and particularly the substitution of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments for the said annual money payment of three hundred and fifteen pounds, or any part thereof:

" SCHEDULE.

"All those five several closes of land lying in the parish of Saint Oswald, Durham, in the county of Durham, and called and known by the name of Howland's Fields, containing together, by estimation, forty-four acres, three roods, and thirty perches, little more or less, now or late in the occupation of John Gowland, which said closes are bounded on or towards the north by a lane called Howling-lane; on or towards the north-east and north by lands formerly part of Elvet Moor, and now or late belonging to Henry Taylor and George Wilkinson respectively; on or towards the south and south-east by lands called Houghall Grounds, now belonging to the warden, masters, and scholars of the said University of Durham; on or towards the west by the lands and grounds of Farewell Hall, now or formerly belonging to B. J. Salvin, Esq.; and on or towards the north-west by lands which became vested in the warden, masters, and scholars of the said University by virtue of the above-mentioned Order in Council of the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one:

"And also all that close of land called Duckett's close, containing by estimation one acre, one rood, and twenty-two perches, little more or less, with the barn, stable, cowhouses, and foldyard thereupon erected, also now or formerly in the occupation of the said John Gowland, which said land and premises are bounded on the north, east, and south sides thereof by lands and buildings which became vested in the warden, masters, and scholars of the said University, by virtue of the said Order in Council of the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and on the west in part by the lands last above referred to, and in other part by waste ground called Hall Garth, together with all rights, ways, easements, and appurtenances, thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, saving and excepting, and always reserving out of the said lands unto the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Durham, their successors and assigns,