

day, destroyed the whole of the Nystad shipping (probably upwards of 20,000 tons) I trust these proceedings will meet with your approval.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY STOREY,
Commander.

*Captain Warden, Senior Officer,
Her Majesty's Ship Ajax.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *June*, 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues, so far as they relate to Episcopal Dioceses, Revenues, and Patronage," and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her 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 fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the fourteenth day of June, 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 sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues, so far as they relate to Episcopal Dioceses, Revenues, and Patronage,' and of another 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 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,' have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for substituting a money payment to the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol for certain estates belonging to his see.

"Whereas it was by the secondly and thirdly recited Acts enacted, that, by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same), and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions of the same Acts, or of the said first recited Act, any arrangement might from time to time be

made, with the consent in writing under the corporate seal of any bishop, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to the see of such bishop, 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 the Right Reverend James Henry, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, is seised, in right of his see, of the hereditaments and premises particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, subject, nevertheless, to the subsisting leases thereof.

"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 we are of opinion that it would ultimately conduce to the improvement of the said fund, that the said hereditaments and premises should be transferred from the said See of Gloucester and Bristol to us, and that an annual money payment to the said James Henry, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and to his successors, should forthwith be substituted for the same.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said James Henry, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, testified by his having signed this scheme and sealed the same with his corporate seal, that 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, and upon and after the day of such gazetting, the hereditaments and premises so described and referred to in the said schedule hereunder written, and all the estate, right, title, and interest therein of the said James Henry, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and of his successors, Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, shall be and become transferred and conveyed from the said bishop and his successors, Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, to us, and shall then and thereupon become and be, for the purposes of the said Acts, absolutely vested in us, subject only to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof, as from the twenty-fifth day of December last past.

"And we further recommend and propose, that in consideration of and for such conveyance and transfer, and in substitution for the said hereditaments and premises, there shall be paid by us to the said James Henry, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and to his successors, Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, the annual sum of three hundred and sixty-five pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, and that the first of such payments shall be payable on the twenty-fifth day of June now next ensuing.

"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 either of them, or of any other Act of Parliament."

"The SCHEDULE to which the above Scheme refers.

"All that and those the rectories of Glasbury, Wentworth, and Talgarth, and the chapel of Peperton, in the counties of Brecon and Radnor, or either of them, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, all which are now (with certain exceptions), in the tenure or occupation of Walter de Winton and William Richard Stretton, their heirs,