

'missioners 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 Durham 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 Edward, Bishop of Durham, is seized, in right of his see, of the manor or lordship, lands, and hereditaments, described in the schedule hereunto annexed, subject to the several leases in such schedule mentioned.

"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 manor, or lordship, lands, and hereditaments, should be transferred from the said see of Durham to us, and that an annual money payment to the said Edward, Bishop of Durham, and his successors, should forthwith be substituted for the same.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said Edward, Bishop of Durham, testified by his having signed this scheme and sealed the same with his corporate seal, that from and after the day of the due publication in the London Gazette, of an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the manor or lordship, lands, and hereditaments, so described or referred to in the said schedule hereunto annexed (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage), and all the estate, right, title, and interest therein and thereto of the said Edward, Bishop of Durham, and of his successors, Bishops of Durham, shall be and become conveyed and transferred from the said bishop and his successors, Bishops of Durham, and shall be absolutely vested in us (subject to any legally subsisting leases or grants thereof), as from the first day of August now last past, for the purposes of the said Acts.

"And we further recommend and propose, that in consideration of and for such conveyance and transfer, and in substitution for the said manor or lordship, lands, and hereditaments, there shall be paid by us to the said Edward, Bishop of Durham, and his successors, Bishops of Durham, the annual sum of one thousand and fifty-eight pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the first day of February, and the first day of August in every year, and that the first of such payments shall be deemed to have accrued due on the first day of February now last past.

"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, in conformity

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

"The SCHEDULE to which the above written Scheme has reference.

"All that the manor or lordship, town, and borough of Gateside, otherwise Gateshead, with the appurtenances, in the said county of Durham; and also all manner of houses, edifices, buildings, barns, stables, orchards, gardens, woods, underwoods, mills, mines, quarries, moors, marshes, waste grounds, waters, fishings, watercourses, borough courts, profits and perquisites of courts, commons, furze, heaths, grounds, copyhold lands, and lands demised and demisable by copy of court roll, and all the rents fines and services of the copyholders and copyhold lands, and also of the freeholders and freehold lands, tenements, rents, and services, which were holden by the said bishop and belonging to him within the said manor, town, borough, and lordship aforesaid, or in any of them; and also all goods, chattels of felons and fugitives, felons of themselves, goods of persons outlawed and put in exigent, goods, waifs, strays, deodands, and forfeitures which should happen, chance, or fall within the said manor, lordship, town, and place aforesaid, or in any of them; and also all fines, issues, and amerçiements from time to time taxed, estreated, set or assessed of or upon any person or persons, for or by reason of, touching or concerning, any offence or offences whatsoever which should thereafter be had, committed, suffered, or done within the said manor, town, lordship, and place aforesaid; and all the mines of coal, as well opened as not opened, or then already found or thereafter to be sought for and found; and also all rents or sums of money whatsoever, theretofore reserved or agreed to be paid to the said bishop or his predecessors, for wayleave in or upon the said premises, or any part thereof; and all easements, profits, ways, wayleaves, right, prerogative, privilege, and liberty whatsoever of wayleave over and along the premises or any part thereof, or so claimed or enjoyed commodities, advantages, and hereditaments whatsoever of the said bishop, of what nature, kind, or quality soever, the same be situate, lying, and being, or which theretofore had been used and had or enjoyed within the said manor, lordship, town, borough, fields, hamlets, precincts, or circuits of Gateside, otherwise Gateshead aforesaid, or any of them; all which said hereditaments, and the appurtenances thereto belonging are or reputed to be (with certain exceptions) now in the tenure or occupation of Cuthbert Ellison, Adam Washington, and James Pulleine, Richard Carnaby Forster and Robert Wheatley, their respective executors, administrators, assigns, or undertenants, or of some or one of them, by virtue of four several indentures of lease, dated respectively the nineteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the ninth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, granted by the said bishop to the said Cuthbert Ellison, to the said Adam Washington and James Pulleine, to the said Richard Carnaby Forster, and to the said Robert Wheatley respectively, and their several executors, administrators, and assigns, for terms of twenty-one years each."

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