

'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 Oxford for a certain estate 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 arrangements 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 Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, is seised, in right of his see, of the hereditaments and premises particularly described in the Schedule hereto annexed, subject, nevertheless, to a subsisting lease thereof, bearing date the twenty-third day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, granted for three lives, of which only two survive and are now aged respectively eighty and sixty-eight years or thereabouts, subject to an annual reserved rent of thirty pounds.

"And whereas the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, is now entitled to grant a renewal of the said lease by the insertion therein of one additional life, but it is not expedient that such renewal should be granted.

"And whereas, after full inquiry and calculation, we have estimated the fine which ought to be paid for such renewal at the sum of four thousand and one hundred pounds, and the sums which, after fully stating the existing lease, the bishop and his successors might have expected to have derived from the before-mentioned annual reserved rent and from future fines upon renewals, as equivalent to an annuity of one hundred and fifteen pounds.

"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 Oxford to us, and that a money payment to the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, should forthwith be substituted for his interest in the same.

"And whereas the said Bishop has consented to accept a money payment accordingly, and that the same shall be the sum of four thousand and one hundred pounds, being the amount of such fine as aforesaid, together with an annual sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds to himself and to his successors, in respect of the proceeds which he

and they might have expected to have received from future renewals and from the reserved rent hereinbefore mentioned, and thereupon to relinquish all further benefit, by renewal of the said lease or otherwise, in respect of the said hereditaments and premises.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose (with the consent of the said Right Reverend Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, testified by his having signed this scheme, and sealed the same with his episcopal 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 hereditaments and premises particularly described and set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage), and all the right, title, estate, and interest therein of the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, and of his successors, Bishops of Oxford, shall be and become conveyed and transferred from the said bishop and his successors, Bishops of Oxford, and shall be absolutely vested in us for the purposes of the said hereinbefore recited Acts.

"And we further recommend and propose, that as part consideration for the transfer to us of such hereditaments and premises as aforesaid, there shall at the same time be paid by us to the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, his executors, administrators, or assigns, the aforesaid sum of four thousand and one hundred pounds, and that there shall, as a further consideration, be paid by us to the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, and to his successors in the said see, the said annual sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, the first of such half-yearly payments to be made at the expiration of six months from the date of such Order being gazetted as aforesaid.

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

"The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing scheme has reference:—

"All that the rectory or parsonage of Stanton Harcourt, in the county and diocese of Oxford, and the chapelry of Southley, otherwise Southlea, otherwise Southleigh, thereunto annexed, with the rights, members, and appurtenances thereto respectively belonging, now (with certain exceptions) in the tenure of Percival Walsh and Gervase T. Waldo Sibthorpe, their heirs, assigns, or undertenants, by virtue of a certain indenture of lease, bearing date the twenty-third day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and made between the Right Reverend Edward, then Bishop of Oxford, of the one part, and Andrew Walsh (since deceased) of the other part."

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 scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Oxford.

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