

as should be determined on, towards providing for another archdeacon in the same diocese, or with such last-mentioned portion of the income of a canonry, or by augmentation out of the common fund, in the same Act mentioned, but not so as in that case to raise the average annual income thereof to an amount exceeding two hundred pounds, and that no canonry should be so charged with a payment of a portion of the income thereof to any archdeacon, unless the average annual income of such canonry, after payment of such portion as aforesaid, should amount to or exceed five hundred pounds, with a proviso that no archdeacon should be entitled to hold any endowment or augmentation or other emolument as such archdeacon under the provisions of the same Act, unless resident for the space of eight months in every year within the diocese in which his archdeaconry should be situate, but subject to the same provisions as to licences for non-residence which are enacted with respect to incumbents of benefices, by the Act relating to pluralities and the residence of the clergy in the same Act mentioned.

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us that the average net annual income of the said archdeaconry of Stafford does not exceed the sum of ninety pounds.

"We, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend John, Bishop of Lichfield, testified by his having signed and sealed this scheme, humbly recommend and propose that, until the next vacancy of a canonry in the cathedral church of Lichfield, there shall be paid by us, out of the common fund in the said Act mentioned, to the archdeacon of Stafford for the time being (provided that he shall duly reside in accordance with the provisions of the same Act, or shall have obtained licence of non-residence), the annual sum of one hundred and ten pounds on the first day of January in every year, and that the first such payment shall be made on the first day of January next, and that every payment shall be made only on production to us of a certificate under the hand of the Bishop of Lichfield for the time being, that the archdeacon claiming the same has duly resided within the diocese of Lichfield according to the provisions of the said Act, or has been legally exempt from such residence.

"And we recommend and propose that if a vacancy shall occur in the said archdeaconry on any other day than the first day of January, the grant hereby recommended to be made payable shall be duly apportioned between and paid to the archdeacon making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the archdeacon succeeding to the said archdeaconry.

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

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 Act; 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 Lichfield.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 4th day of *April*, 1856,

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 Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the words 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 your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale of certain property formerly belonging to the Cathedral Church of Chester, and now vested in us.

"Whereas it is by the said Act (amongst other things) enacted, that notwithstanding the charge by that Act created (being a charge created in favour of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne), all the same and the like powers and rights of ownership as are possessed and enjoyed respecting and over any lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments whatsoever, by any absolute owner thereof, shall be enjoyed by us with respect to and over all or any lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments, vested in us under certain Acts therein mentioned (being the Acts under which the property herein-after described is vested in us), and may, subject to the provisions of the same Acts, and of the now reciting Act, be exercised by us, by proper instruments in writing, duly executed according to law, with a certain proviso respecting the application of every sum of money received as the consideration or purchase money for the sale, transfer, or conveyance by us of any of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments, or of any estate or interest therein, and with a further proviso that none of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments be sold, transferred, or conveyed, except by the authority of a scheme, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying the same:

"And whereas under the provisions of an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and duly published in the London Gazette, on the fourth day of the same month, all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments then belonging to the said dean and chapter (except certain portions thereof in such Order particularly described), became vested in us, subject to any legally subsisting leases or grants thereof:

"And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and, after due consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered, by instrument or instruments in writing duly