

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 28th day of *July*, 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-nine, and also of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter ninety-four, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-nine, and also of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter ninety-four, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for amending and explaining an Order of your Majesty in Council, relating to the prebend of Shipton-under-Wychwood, in the cathedral church of Salisbury.

"Whereas by the firstly mentioned Act it was enacted, with an especial view to the better care of populous parishes, that arrangements might from time to time be made, by the authority in the same Act provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and ratified by a duly published Order of your Majesty in Council), for improving the value, or making better provision for the spiritual duties, of ill-endowed parishes or districts, by means of such exchange of advowsons or of such other alterations in the exercise of patronage as might be agreed upon by patrons, with the consent of the bishop, in every such case. And it was by the Act secondly above mentioned declared and enacted, that it should be competent to the authority provided in the herein firstly mentioned Act, to make arrangements under and according to the provisions of the same Act, for improving the value, or making a better provision for the spiritual duties, of ill-endowed parishes or districts, by means of the exchange of advowsons or other alterations in the exercise of patronage, notwithstanding that such advowsons, or any or either of them, should be vested in or belong to any ecclesiastical corporation, aggregate or sole.

"Whereas, with a view to enabling us to make the tithes or other property belonging to any prebend, which is permanently annexed to any professorship, more conducive to the spiritual welfare of the parishes or places dependent thereon or connected therewith, it was by the said thirdly-mentioned Act enacted, that by the authority in the therein secondly and thirdly recited Acts provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same), it should be lawful, with the consent in writing of the patron of any such professorship, to make any arrangement for vesting in us all or any of the lands, tithes, tenements, or hereditaments, or other endowments, of such prebend, and to substitute for the same any just and reasonable money payment to the holder thereof, and all such future perpetual annual payments to his successors in the same dignity or office, as should be deemed

by the like authority to be fit and proper; and also with the consent in writing of the patron of any such professorship, to make any arrangement for vesting in us all or any of the lands, tithes, tenements, or hereditaments, or other endowments, of such prebend, and to substitute for the same any just and reasonable money payment to the holder thereof, and all such future perpetual annual payments to his successors in the same dignity or office, as should be deemed by the like authority to be fit and proper, and also with the consent in writing of such patron to make any arrangement which should be deemed fit as to the future exercise of the patronage of any benefice, with cure of souls, held by the holder of such prebend; but that no such alterations should take any effect during the time that the present holder of such prebend should hold the same, except with the consent in writing thereto of such holder.

"Whereas, under the provisions of the said thirdly mentioned Act, an Order was made by your Majesty in Council on the seventeenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, setting forth and ratifying a scheme prepared by us for prospectively vesting in us for the purposes of the herein-lastly mentioned Act the property then forming the endowment of the said prebend of Shipton-under-Wychwood, and substituting for the same a money payment to the future holders thereof; and it was by the same scheme and Order provided that all the lands, tithes, and other hereditaments situate in the parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood, in the county of Oxford, or in the townships or hamlets of Ascott - under - Wychwood, Ramsden, Leafield, Milton, and Lyneham, in the same county, then belonging to the said prebend (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage) should subject to any lease or leases thereof or of any part or parts thereof, then legally subsisting, be transferred to and become vested in us for the purposes in the said scheme and Order mentioned; that is to say: that the net annual proceeds of such lands, tithes, and hereditaments should be carried in our books to the credit of a fund to be called the Shipton Fund, in trust (after providing as therein mentioned for an annual payment of one hundred pounds to the Professor of Civil Law in the University of Oxford) to be annually divided into thirteen equal parts, and to be distributed in the proportions of one of such parts to the vicar of Shipton-under-Wychwood aforesaid, two of such parts to each of the incumbents of the chapelries or districts of Ascott, Leafield, and Ramsden respectively, and six of such parts to the vicar of Shipton towards providing a curate for the townships of Milton and Lyneham aforesaid, or if the said townships or any parts thereof should at any time be formed into an ecclesiastical district then to the incumbent of such district. And it was by the same scheme and Order further provided that upon the then next vacancy of the said professorship, the advowson of and right of presentation to the vicarage of Shipton-under-Wychwood aforesaid should be transferred to and become vested in and be exercised by the Bishop of Oxford, for the time being, and his successors, Bishops of Oxford, for ever.

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us that the scheme, so ratified as aforesaid, was prepared and agreed to under the belief that the appropriation thereby made of a portion of the net proceeds of the said lands, tithes, and hereditaments, in the proportions therein mentioned, was such as would raise the incomes of the incumbents or ministers of the said several benefices or churches to certain relative amounts, differing materially