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TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1857.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of *December*, 1856;

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty, chapter twenty-six, sections one, two, and eleven, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the eleventh day of December, 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 the Act of the fifth and sixth years of your Majesty; chapter twenty-six, sections one, two and eleven, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for relieving the Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol from one of the houses of residence belonging to the see, and for authorising the repair, alteration, and improvement of the other of such houses.

"Whereas there are two houses of residence belonging to the see of Gloucester and Bristol, the one situate at Stapleton, near the city of Bristol; and the other in the city of Gloucester:

"And whereas, having regard to the position of the city of Gloucester in relation to the other parts of the diocese, and to the convenience of access thereto for the clergy and other inhabitants of the same diocese, we deem it expedient that the said last mentioned house should be the sole episcopal house of residence of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol for the time being, and that such bishop should be relieved from the other of the said houses.

"And whereas the said house of residence at Gloucester requires additions, alterations, and improvements to be made therein, in order to render it a suitable and convenient episcopal residence:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Charles, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, testified by his having signed this scheme and affixed thereto his episcopal seal, we humbly recommend and propose that the said bishop or his successors may be authorised and empowered to sell and duly to convey the said house and premises, situate at Stapleton, and all the estate, right, title and interest of him the said bishop and his

successors, bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, in and to the same, together with certain lands attached thereto, containing by estimation fifty-three acres and three roods, with a water corn-mill and premises, be the same quantity little more or less, and every part thereof, unto and to the use of such person or body corporate, and for such consideration as may be recommended in a scheme prepared by us and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council:

"And we further recommend and propose, that every sum of money being or forming part of such consideration; shall be paid into the Bank of England to our credit to an account intituled 'Account with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' and that it shall not be incumbent on the purchaser taking such conveyance as aforesaid, after payment of the purchase-money to our credit as aforesaid, to see to the due application of such money:

"And we further recommend and propose, that out of the proceeds of such sale as aforesaid, there shall be paid by us, at such times and in such manner as we shall deem expedient, such sum or sums as shall be necessary for effecting such additions, alterations, and improvements in the said house of residence at Gloucester as shall, in our opinion, be necessary for rendering it a suitable and convenient residence for the Bishop of the said see of Gloucester and Bristol:

"And we further recommend and propose, that so soon as such alterations and improvements shall have been completed as aforesaid, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol for the time being shall, at his personal charge and expense, insure and keep insured the said episcopal house of residence from loss or damage by fire in one of the public offices of assurance in London or Westminster; to be approved by us; in the sum of ten thousand pounds, and that such bishop shall, within fourteen days after any premium for such insurance shall have become due, deliver to us the receipt for the same, and that in the case of any loss or damage by fire to the said house any and every sum of money receivable under such insurance shall become and be payable, and be paid to and deposited with us, in trust, to be applied, and the same, together with any interest and accumulations thereof, shall be applied by us towards the rebuilding or repairing and the reinstating of the said house, or of any part thereof which may have so suffered loss or damage, in such manner as shall be determined on by us with the concurrence of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol for the time being: