

of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, sections two, three, and twenty-four, 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 Bishoprick of Worcester, and now vested in us.

"Whereas on the vacancy of the said bishoprick, which occurred on or about the thirteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty, by the decease of the Right Reverend Henry, the late Bishop of Worcester, all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, formerly belonging to the said bishoprick of Worcester (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage and the episcopal house of residence, situate at Hartlebury, in the county of Worcester), became absolutely vested in us, for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

"And whereas the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments aforesaid, consist to a considerable extent of reversions, expectant upon grants, and leases for lives and years, and produce during the subsistence of such grants and leases, only small annual revenues; and that in some instances the character or situation of the property is such, as to render it inconvenient to be assigned as an endowment for the See of Worcester, or to be held or applied for the other purposes for which estates, vested in us, are applicable under the Acts by which our proceedings are governed.

"And whereas by the last mentioned Act, power is given to lessees, holding under us, in the event of our declining to enter into a treaty for the sale of our reversions, or the purchase of the leasehold interests to require us to purchase such leasehold interests at a valuation.

"And whereas it is expedient that such of the aforesaid hereditaments, lately belonging to the See of Worcester (either with or without other property vested in us, as the case may require), as in the judgment of our Estates' Committee, and subject to the approbation of the Bishop, shall be deemed convenient to be held as an endowment for the said See, and as will secure a net annual income of five thousand pounds (being the income named for the Bishop of the said See and his successors, by an Act of the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, being the Act now in force), and that for that purpose, as well as with a view to the more advantageous appropriation of the remainder of the said hereditaments, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund, we should be empowered to dispose of our interest in such estates, or in any part or parts thereof, and in such manner as shall appear to us advisable.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose that we may be authorized and empowered by instrument or instruments in writing, duly executed according to law, from time to time, to sell or dispose of, and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, with the consent of the respective holders (if any), to be testified by their being made parties to such instruments, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, heretofore belonging to the said Bishoprick of Worcester, and so vested in us as aforesaid, with their appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, unto and to the use of any person or persons desirous or

willing to purchase the same, and his or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or otherwise as he or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall, upon due calculation and enquiry, appear to us to be just and reasonable.

"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 Acts, 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 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 Worcester.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 25th day of *July*, 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-nine; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in the words following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of your Majesty, chapter forty-nine; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your Majesty, chapter fifty-five, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following representation as to the assignment of a district chapelry to the consecrated church of Saint Stephen, situate at South Lambeth, in the new parish of Saint Michael, Stockwell, in the county of Surrey, and in the diocese of Winchester.

"Whereas it appears to us to be expedient that a district chapelry should be assigned to the said church of Saint Stephen, situate at South Lambeth aforesaid.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Charles Richard, Bishop of Winchester, testified by his having signed and sealed this representation, we humbly represent that it would, in our opinion, be expedient that all that part of the said new parish of Saint Michael, Stockwell, described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, all which part, together with the boundaries thereof, is delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto also annexed, should be assigned to the said church, and that the same should be