

AT the Court at Windsor, the 20th day of November, 1865.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in the words following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for authorising the sale and disposal of certain property, formerly belonging to the prebend of Chiswick, in the cathedral church of Saint Paul, London, and now vested in us.

"Whereas, on the vacancy of the said prebend, which occurred on or about the sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, by the decease of the Reverend John Smith, the then prebendary of Chiswick, all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments theretofore belonging to the said prebend (except any rights of patronage), became, by virtue of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, 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 for the most part of reversions expectant upon the determination of beneficial leases, or subleases, and produce during the subsistence of such leases or subleases, only a small annual revenue, and partly on that account and partly on account of their character or situation, are unsuitable or inconvenient to be held or applied for the purposes for which estates vested in us, are applicable under the Acts by which our proceedings are governed.

"And whereas, by an Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, 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, with a view to the advantageous appropriation of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our Common Fund, it is expedient, that the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, or such part or parts thereof, as we shall at any time, and from time to time, think fit, should be sold or disposed of, and accordingly 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 advisable.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorised 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 holder or holders thereof (if any), to be testified by his, her, or their being made parties to such instruments, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, theretofore belonging to the said prebend of Chiswick, 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, her, or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or otherwise as he, she, or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall, upon due calculation and inquiry, 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 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 London.

Arthur Helps.

Foreign Office, November 21, 1865.

THE Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Lord Bloomfield, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Vienna, the following translation of an Imperial Regulation abolishing the examination of passports on the Austrian frontiers:—

(Translation.)

*Imperial Regulation of November 6, 1865, valid for the entire Empire, relative to the Abolition of the Examination of Passports at the Frontiers of the Empire.*

In order to grant further facilities to the movement of people in my Empire, I, after hearing my Council of Ministers, decree as follows:—

1. The examination of passports, which was restricted by the first clause of my Regulation of the 9th of February, 1857; to the frontiers of the Imperial territory, will now in general cease also at those frontiers.

2. On the other hand, every traveller, foreign or native, is bound upon every occasion of an official demand to prove his identity and the possession of means of livelihood.

3. It is reserved to my Ministers and Court-Chancellors (Hofkanzlern) who are interested in the matter to re-establish for a period the examination (Vidiring) of Passports, either throughout the Imperial frontiers, or for a certain district of frontier, or for journeys to and from certain designated States; in all cases in which the security or the public order of the Empire may appear menaced by war, internal disturbances or any other events.