

portions thereof, contiguous to the fabric of the cathedral church of Saint Werburgh, at Chester, and by reason of such dilapidation and contiguity it cannot be made a convenient residence for the bishop of the said diocese of Chester.

"And whereas the Right Reverend William, Bishop of Chester, is desirous that the said present house of residence or old palace (which is more particularly described in the first schedule hereunto annexed) should be sold, and the dean and chapter of the said cathedral church of Saint Werburgh, at Chester, desire to purchase the same house of residence or old palace, with the garden thereof, and to take it, or some part of it, down, and to apply the site of it, or of some part of it, to the improvement of the said cathedral church, or of the precincts thereof, and they, the said dean and chapter, are willing, upon being thereunto duly authorized, to effect such purchase, at or for the price of three thousand pounds, and to provide such price or sum by the sale and application of the proceeds of a sufficient portion of a certain sum of three thousand four hundred and eighty-one pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, Three Pounds per centum Consolidated Bank Annuities, which is now standing in the name of the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, *ex-parte* the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Chester, in the matter of the Chester and Holyhead Railway Company.

"And whereas a sum of nine hundred and thirty-eight pounds and thirteen shillings has been paid to, and received by, the said William, Bishop of Chester, in respect of dilapidations upon the said present house of residence or old palace, and such last-mentioned sum has been deposited with us by the said bishop for the purpose of being laid out in the furtherance of the objects of this scheme, so far as the same relates to the provision for his See of a more convenient episcopal house of residence.

"And whereas a certain property, consisting of a dwelling-house, land, and hereditaments, known as Dee Side House, situate in the city of Chester, and more particularly described in the second schedule hereunto annexed, is now vested in us in fee simple, in reversion, expectant upon the determination of a certain lease for lives whereof one life only of the age of fifty-two years, or thereabouts, is now in being. And a certain other property, consisting of a house, land, and hereditaments, known as the Archdeacon's House, situate immediately adjoining and contiguous to the first-named property, and more particularly described in the third schedule hereunto annexed, is now vested in us in fee simple in possession.

"And whereas the aggregate present value of our interest in the said property, known as Dee Side House, and of our interest in the said property, known as the Archdeacon's House, is estimated at the sum of two thousand three hundred pounds, and the present value of the unexpired term of the said lease for lives of the said first-named property, together with the fee simple in possession of a small portion of land which has been heretofore occupied with such last-mentioned house and premises, and forms part of the garden and grounds connected therewith, and a small building or stable adjoining thereto, which portion of land and building are more particularly described in the fourth schedule hereunto annexed, is estimated at the sum of one thousand three hundred pounds.

"And whereas it has been represented to us by the said William, Bishop of Chester, and we have

satisfied ourselves that the said three several properties so described as aforesaid in the second, third, and fourth schedules hereunto annexed, are conveniently situate, and may with advantage to the said bishopric, be acquired for the purpose of conversion into an episcopal residence for the bishop, for the time being, of the said diocese of Chester, and that the alterations in, and improvements of, the said dwelling-house and premises necessary for completing such conversion, may be effected at a cost of three thousand six hundred pounds, or thereabouts.

"And whereas it has been proposed to us by the said William, Bishop of Chester, and it appears to us to be expedient that the monies which, in addition to those to be paid by the said dean and chapter upon the sale and transfer to them of the present house of residence or old palace aforesaid, and to those so received by the said bishop in respect of dilapidations upon the same premises as aforesaid, may be necessary to defray the cost of acquiring the three several properties so described in the second, third, and fourth schedules as aforesaid, and of effecting the said alterations in, and improvements of, the said dwelling-house and premises as aforesaid, should be provided as hereinafter mentioned.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said William, Bishop of Chester (testified by his having signed this scheme and affixed to it his episcopal seal), and with the consent of the said dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Saint Werburgh, at Chester (testified by their having affixed their common seal to this scheme), we humbly recommend and propose as follows; that is to say:

"1. That the said William, Bishop of Chester, be authorized and empowered to sell, and by a conveyance in such form as shall be approved by us, to transfer and convey to the said dean and chapter, at or for the price or sum of three thousand pounds, the whole estate, right, title, and interest of him, the said William, Bishop of Chester, and his successors, bishops of the same see, of, in, and to the said present episcopal house of residence or old palace of the Bishops of Chester, as the same is described in the said first schedule hereunto annexed.

"2. That the said dean and chapter be authorized and empowered to purchase, at or for the price or sum of three thousand pounds, and to take to themselves a conveyance in such form as last aforesaid of the said episcopal residence or old palace (as the same is described in the said first schedule hereunto annexed), to the end that they may take down the same, or such part or parts thereof, as it may be found from time to time convenient to remove, and may apply the site thereof, or any part of such site, to the improvement of their said cathedral church, or the precincts thereof.

"3. That such last-mentioned purchase-money, or price of three thousand pounds, shall be provided by the sale of a sufficient portion of the aforesaid sum of three thousand four hundred and eighty-one pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, Three Pounds per centum Consolidated Bank Annuities.

"4. That it shall be lawful for the said bishop to purchase, at or for the aggregate price of three thousand six hundred pounds, and to take to himself and his successors a conveyance or conveyances (such conveyance or conveyances to be in such form as shall be approved by us, the said Commissioners) of the fee simple in possession or reversion of the said lands and hereditaments described in the second, third, and fourth sch-