

in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and duly published in the London Gazette of the nineteenth day of September then following, and made under the authority of the two first hereinbefore-mentioned Acts, and of another Act of Parliament we are authorized and empowered from time to time to pay to the Dean of Wells for the time being such sums of money as will together with the income derived by him from the divisible corporate revenue of the said cathedral church, make up his annual income to the sum of one thousand pounds.

"And whereas, by the second of the above-mentioned Acts, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful, by the authority in such Act referred to, that is, by the authority of an Order of your Majesty in Council, ratifying a scheme prepared by us to carry into effect certain purposes referred to in the same Act, one of such purposes being that of giving to the dean of the said cathedral church an average annual income of one thousand pounds, by any mode of payment, contribution, augmentation, or endowment which may be deemed fit, as well as by the modes in the first of the hereinbefore-mentioned Acts specified.

"And whereas it appears to us that the most convenient mode of effecting for the future the purpose contemplated in the hereinbefore recited Order of your Majesty in Council, with reference to the deanery of Wells, would be that which is set forth in the recommendations hereinafter contained.

"And whereas we have satisfied ourselves that the amount of the annual money payment proposed to be made by us to the said dean and chapter as hereinafter mentioned, is such as will, in addition to the income which the members of the said chapter would derive from the property hereby proposed to be transferred to us, provide such an annual sum as will make up the share of such income to which the dean of the said cathedral is now entitled to one thousand pounds.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, and of The Right Honorable and Right Reverend Robert John, Baron Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, as visitor of the said dean and chapter, testified by their having respectively hereunto affixed their capitular and episcopal seals, and of the Very Reverend George Henry Sacheverell Johnson, the dean of the same cathedral church, testified by his having duly signed this scheme, we humbly recommend and propose, that in consideration of the money payments hereinafter mentioned to be paid by us to the said dean and chapter, and of our relinquishing all our interest, right, and claim in respect of the said suspended canonries, to and in the property to be retained by the said dean and chapter, and to any participation in such money payments, and in the estates and property to be at any time hereafter assigned to the said dean and chapter as their permanent endowment, and in the rents and profits thereof, all the manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments which now belong, either in possession or reversion, to the said dean and chapter (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage, and excepting the buildings, lands, tenements, and hereditaments particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, and subject, nevertheless, to the liabilities and claims upon or in respect of the same manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, to or for which the said dean and chapter are now liable, and with respect to all houses or tenements, parts of the possessions of the said dean and chapter as abut against the south and west sides of the cathedral

churchyard or cathedral green; subject also to the special restrictions and conditions set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked C), and all the estate and interest of the said dean and chapter in the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, together with the benefit of the perpetual land-tax charged thereon (if any) which has been redeemed shall immediately upon the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly published Order, become and be transferred to and vested in us, and our successors, and that we and they shall thereupon become and be absolutely seized of the same in fee, and shall be entitled to the rents profits, and proceeds thereof, as from the twenty-fifth day of March now last past, and that in consideration of, and for such transfer and conveyance, and also in discharge of the obligation with respect to the provision of the income of the said dean now imposed upon us by the hereinbefore recited Order of your Majesty in Council, we shall pay to the said dean and chapter, by equal half-yearly payments, on the twenty-fifth day of March and the twenty-ninth day of September in every year, until they shall have been put into possession of real estates, as hereinafter mentioned, the annual sum of five thousand four hundred and twenty-five pounds, and shall surrender and give up all claim to, and be excluded from, all participation in respect of the said suspended canonries, as well to and in the property so excepted from such transfer as aforesaid, as also in the said money payment.

"And we further recommend and propose that until such re-endowment as aforesaid shall have been effected, there shall also be paid by us to the said dean and chapter, by equal half-yearly payments, on the twenty-fifth day of March and the twenty-ninth day of September in every year, a further annual sum of two hundred pounds (such last-mentioned sum to be by them appropriated and paid to the chapter clerk for the time being, and also on the same days in every year during the life of their present chapter clerk, Henry Bernard, of the city of Wells, Gentleman, and, notwithstanding the completion of such re-endowment as aforesaid, a further annual sum of two hundred pounds, to be by them appropriated and paid to the said Henry Bernard, in respect of the profits which would have accrued to him on account of the management of the estates hereby proposed to be transferred to us), and that the first half-yearly payments in respect of the three several annual sums hereinbefore mentioned shall be made by us to the said dean and chapter upon the twenty-ninth day of September next.

"And we further recommend and propose that immediately on such publication as aforesaid a further payment of two thousand and one hundred pounds shall be made by us to the said dean and chapter, in consideration of and conditioned upon their having abstained and abstaining from renewing certain leases of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments hereby proposed to be transferred to us, which became renewable prior to the twenty-fifth day of March now last past, and that the receipt or receipts of the communal for the time being of the said dean and chapter, or of his deputy, shall be a good and valid discharge to us for all or any and every such sum or sums of money as shall therein be expressed to have been paid to him by us, under the authority of this scheme, when ratified as aforesaid.

"And we further recommend and propose that no augmentation or endowment of any benefice