

continuing thence still south-eastward across the said high road to and along the middle of the lane called Mill Gate, to its south-eastern extremity on the northern bank of the River Roche, near to the western side of Howarth Cross Old Mill, and extending thence in a direct line due south to the boundary in the middle of the said river which divides the said new parish of Saint John, Smallbridge, from the new parish of Saint James, Milnrow, in the county and diocese aforesaid. And also all that portion of the said new parish of Saint James, Wardleworth, which is situate, to the north-east of an imaginary line, commencing upon the boundary which divides the said new parish from the new parish of Saint John, Smallbridge, as aforesaid; at a point in the centre of the bridge which carries the Shawforth branch of the line of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway over Hey Brook, and extending thence, first north-westward, and then northward along the middle of the said branch line of railway, as far as the northern boundary of the borough of Rochdale, and extending thence north-westward along the said borough boundary, as far as its intersection by the boundary in the middle of the Whitworth Road, which divides the said new parish from the new parish of Saint Mary, Wardleworth, in the county and diocese aforesaid."

And whereas the said representation 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 representation, 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 said diocese of Manchester.

*Arthur Helps.*

**A**T the Court at Windsor, the 26th day of February, 1867.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS 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 thirty-first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, 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 authorizing the sale and disposal of certain property formerly belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Wells and now vested in us.

"Whereas under an Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and another Act of the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and another Act of the fifth year of your Majesty, chapter twenty-six; and by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council, made under the provisions of the said Acts, bearing

date the twenty-sixth day of July last past, and duly published in the London Gazette on the twenty-seventh of the same month, all the manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments then belonging to the said Dean and Chapter of Wells (excepting certain portions thereof in such Order particularly excepted, and excepting also any rights of ecclesiastical patronage) became absolutely vested in us for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

"And whereas the manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, 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 on that account, and in some instances on account of the character or situation of the property are unsuitable or inconvenient to be assigned as an endowment for the said Dean and Chapter, 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 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 appropriation of such portions of the aforesaid manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments lately belonging to the said Dean and Chapter of Wells (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 said Dean and Chapter, shall be deemed convenient to be held as an endowment for the said Dean and Chapter, and as will secure a net annual income of five thousand four hundred and twenty-five pounds (being the income contemplated by the above mentioned Order of your Majesty in Council of the twenty-sixth day of July last), and for that purpose, as well as with a view to the more advantageous appropriation of the remainder of the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund, it is expedient that the said manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, 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 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 manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments heretofore belonging to the said Dean and Chapter of Wells, 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