

a portion of which we have now had it in command to notice.

During the recess you will continue to acquire that practical knowledge and experience which form the solid basis of legislative aptitude; and Her Majesty invokes the blessing of the Almighty alike upon your recent and your future labours for the public weal.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read after which the Lord-Chancellor said:

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday, the twenty-eight day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of October next.

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 7th day August, 1869.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of "The Ecclesiastical Commission Act, 1868," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the 'Ecclesiastical Commission Act, 1868,' sections three and four, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme relating to the dean and chapter of the collegiate church of Saint Peter, Westminster, of which corporation your Majesty is visitor.

"Whereas the said chapter now consists of a dean and six canons, six canonries having been suspended under the provisions of an Act passed in the session held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth Report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues.'

"And whereas the said dean and chapter have agreed with us that a scheme should be laid before your Majesty in Council, for carrying into effect a transfer to us of part of the property belonging to them for the considerations and upon the terms hereinafter set forth, which terms are in our opinion fair and reasonable; and the said dean and chapter have further agreed with us that such scheme should also comprise the incidental provisions hereinafter set forth, such pro-

visions being necessary for carrying into effect the said transfer.

"And whereas the lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, which are particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed and marked A, are part of the property of the said dean and chapter; and the said dean and chapter are also beneficially interested in or otherwise entitled to the sums of stock and cash particularly specified and set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked C.

"And whereas we are in possession of certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments, particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed and marked B, the whole of which are vested in us in fee simple, excepting small portions thereof, amounting to about twelve acres, which are held by us under leases at peppercorn rents, granted for terms of eight hundred years; and we are also in possession of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments comprised in the second part of the said schedule marked A, having acquired, by purchase and otherwise, certain leasehold and copyhold interests therein.

"And whereas by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the eighth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and duly published in the London Gazette of the twenty-sixth day of the same month, and made under the authority of the hereinbefore mentioned Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, and of another Act of the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty, intituled 'An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' provision is made for securing to the dean and canons of the said collegiate church, appointed subsequently to the date of the said Order the respective annual income of two thousand pounds for such dean and one thousand pounds for every such canon, it being by the said Order provided that the surplus decanal or canonical income calculated in the manner therein specified, shall be paid over to us, or that any deficiency in the amount of such income, shall be made up by means of payments out of our funds.

"And whereas two of the canons of the said church were appointed previously to the date of the said Order and are accordingly now receiving and are entitled to receive, so long as they may continue to hold their canonries, the same proportions of the capitular income as they would have been entitled to receive had such Order not been passed, that is to say, the Reverend John Thynne, Doctor in Divinity, commonly called Lord John Thynne, as the holder of a canonry to which he was appointed before the passing of the said Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty is entitled to receive the whole share of capitular income arising in respect of his said canonry; and the Reverend John Jennings, Master of Arts, as the holder of the canonry which by the same Act was annexed to the rectory of the parish of Saint John, in the city of Westminster, is entitled, under the provisions of the same Act, and of another Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of your Majesty and intituled 'An Act to further amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,' to receive two-third parts of the share of capitular revenue arising in respect of his said canonry, and we are satisfied after due enquiry that the shares of capitular revenue which the said John