

perty formerly belonging to the bishoprick of Oxford, and now vested in us.

"Whereas on the vacancy of the said bishoprick, which occurred on or about the eleventh day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, by the translation of the Right Reverend Samuel, the then Bishop of Oxford, to the see of Winchester, all the lands, tithes, hereditaments, and endowments then belonging to the said bishoprick of Oxford (except rights of patronage and the episcopal house of residence situate at Cuddesdon, in the county of Oxford), became absolutely vested in us, for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

"And whereas the lands, tithes, hereditaments, and endowments 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 of 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 bishoprick, 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 the last-mentioned Act 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 for the purchase of the leasehold interests to require us to purchase such leasehold interests at a valuation.

"And whereas it is expedient that such of the aforesaid lands, tithes, hereditaments, and endowments lately belonging to the see of Oxford (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 bishop for the time being, shall be deemed convenient to be held as an endowment for the said see; and as will secure a net annual income of five thousand pounds, being the income named for the Bishop of Oxford and his successors, by the Order made by your Majesty in Council, on the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, which Order was duly published in the London Gazette on the nineteenth day of September following, should be assigned as the endowment of the said see, and that for that purpose, as well as with a view to the more advantageous appropriation of the remainder of the said lands, tithes, hereditaments, and endowments; or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund, we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, and 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 lands, tithes, hereditaments, and endowments heretofore belonging to the said bishoprick of Oxford, and so vested in us by the vacation of the said bishoprick, with their appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part of 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, it being our intention to invest the proceeds thereof from time to time, as occasion may arise, in the purchase of other lands, tithes, rent charges, tenements, or hereditaments, or of some estate or interest therein convenient to be assigned as the endowment for the said see, or to be held by us for the purposes of the Acts by which our proceedings are governed as aforesaid, and in the meantime to invest the said proceeds in some government or parliamentary stock; or other public securities in England.

"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 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 diocese of Oxford.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 31st day of March, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-nine; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation; bearing date the seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of his Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of your Majesty, chapter forty-nine; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your Majesty, chapter fifty-five, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following representation as to the assignment of a district chapelry to the consecrated church of Saint Luke, situate at Holbeach Hurn, in the parish of Holbeach, in the county of Lincoln, and in the diocese of Lincoln.

"Whereas it appears to us to be expedient, that a district chapelry should be assigned to the