

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 28th day of *November*, 1874.

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, sections six and eight; and of another Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, sections two, three, and twenty-four; duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the fifth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, in the words and figures 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; and of another Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, sections two, three, and twenty-four, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorising the sale and disposal of certain property formerly belonging to the Bishoprick of Saint David's, and now vested in us.

"Whereas by an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the seventh day of July last, and made under the provisions of 'The Bishop's Resignation Act, 1869,' the Bishoprick of Saint David's was declared to be vacant, and upon such vacancy all the lands, hereditaments, and emoluments then belonging to the said Bishoprick (except rights of patronage or presentation and the episcopal house of residence), became actually vested in us for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

"And whereas the lands 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 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 said 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 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 and hereditaments formerly belonging to the See of Saint David's (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, may be deemed convenient to be held as an endowment for the said see, and as will secure a net annual income of four thousand and five hundred pounds, being the income named for the Bishop of Saint David's 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 and hereditaments, 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 authorised 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 owners (if any), to be testified by their being made parties to such instruments heretofore belonging to the said Bishoprick of Saint David's, and so vested in us by the vacation of the said Bishoprick 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 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 advise 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 Saint David's.

*Arthur Helps.*

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 28th day of *November*, 1874.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-one; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty,