

and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the first day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, in the words and figures following, that is to say :

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting under the provisions of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, Act, 1905, have prepared and now humbly submit to Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for annexing the ecclesiastical parish of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, partly to the ecclesiastical parish of Saint George, Portsea, and partly to the ecclesiastical parish of Saint John, Portsea, and for dealing with certain other matters contemplated by the said Act.

"Whereas the said ecclesiastical parishes of Saint George, Portsea, and Saint John, Portsea, are contiguous to the said ecclesiastical parish of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, and are situate in the county borough of Portsmouth.

"And whereas the endowments belonging to the benefice of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, other than the vicarage house or house of residence of the Incumbent of the said benefice, consist of an annual sum of two hundred and fifty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and four pence hitherto paid by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Incumbent for the time being of the said benefice and at the date upon which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall take effect there will be in the hands of the sequestrator of the said benefice a sum of money being the residue of the income of the said benefice received by him during the vacancy thereof after the discharge of all the liabilities incurred by him as such sequestrator.

"And whereas the county borough of Portsmouth includes amongst others the following ecclesiastical parishes, namely, Saint Thomas à Becket, Portsmouth; Saint Matthew, Southsea; Saint Mark, Portsea; Saint James, Milton; Saint Mary, Portsea; and also the consolidated chapelry of Saint Stephen, Portsea.

"And whereas the Right Reverend Herbert Edward, Bishop of Winchester, is consenting to the arrangements which are hereinafter recommended and proposed and has signed and sealed this scheme in token of such his consent.

"Now therefore with the consent of the said Herbert Edward Bishop of Winchester (in testimony whereof he has signed this scheme and affixed his episcopal seal thereto) we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, hereby recommend and propose that, first, all that portion of the said ecclesiastical parish of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, which lies to the north of the middle of Queen-street, Portsea, shall be annexed to and shall form part of the ecclesiastical parish of Saint John, Portsea, and that all that portion of the said ecclesiastical parish of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, which lies to the south of the middle of Queen-street, Portsea, shall be annexed to and shall form part of the ecclesiastical parish of Saint George, Portsea; secondly, after paying out of the purchase money to be received by us under the said Act any expenses incurred by us under such Act and any costs and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing that Act incurred by the Bishop of Winchester, and after making such provision as to us may seem just for the compensation of any parish clerk or other parish officers affected by the same Act, we shall apply the balance of such purchase money and all sums which under the said Act and any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme may be received by us and be directed to be applied to any of the purposes to which the said purchase money is applicable as follows, that is to say, one thousand

pounds towards the cost of restoring the church of Saint Thomas à Becket at Portsmouth, six hundred pounds towards the cost of building the church of Saint Matthew, Southsea, and the residue of such balance of purchase money and of such other sums as aforesaid in equal shares towards the following four objects, namely (1) the purchase of a site and the erection of a parish hall for the new parish of Saint Mark, Portsea, (2) the erection of Saint Patrick's Mission Hall in the new parish of Saint James, Milton, (3) the erection of Saint Wilfrid's Mission Buildings in the parish of Saint Mary, Portsea, and (4) the erection of the Copnor Mission Hall in the consolidated chapelry of Saint Stephen, Portsea: Provided always, that if within five years from the date of this scheme no sufficient progress shall in the opinion of us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners have been made with the aforesaid objects or any of them to make it desirable that the said sums of money or shares of the said residue or any part thereof shall be so applied as aforesaid then we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall be at liberty to apply the said sums or shares or any part thereof to such other purposes contemplated by section 2 (1) (b) of the said Act as we with the concurrence of the Bishop of Winchester may determine; thirdly, out of the said annual sum of two hundred and fifty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence hitherto paid by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Incumbent of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, we shall pay an annual sum of one hundred and fifty-four pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence to the Incumbent for the time being of the benefice of Saint George, Portsea, and an annual sum of one hundred and four pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence to the Incumbent for the time being of the benefice of Saint John, Portsea; fourthly, that the moneys which at the date upon which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall take effect shall be in the hands of the sequestrator of the said benefice of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, or shall subsequently be received by him in respect of the income of the said benefice shall be paid by him to us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and together with any other moneys which may be received by us in respect of the income of the said benefice accrued since the last vacation thereof shall, subject to the discharge thereof of any liabilities properly payable out of such moneys, be applied by us in such manner as is hereinbefore recommended to purposes to which the purchase money hereinbefore mentioned is applicable; fifthly, that the register books of baptism, marriages and burials and any other deeds, muniments, records and documents belonging to the church of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, or the Incumbent thereof and now preserved in the chest belonging to the church and otherwise under the control of the Incumbent or officers of the church, with the exception of the title deeds of the White's Row Mission Hall shall be transferred to the custody of the Vicar or Incumbent of the parish of Portsea, and that the title deeds of the White's Row Mission Hall be transferred to the custody of the Incumbent for the time being of the benefice of Saint George, Portsea; and sixthly, the Bishop of Winchester shall (notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act and any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme) have power to make an Order under the thirty-fourth section of the Ecclesiastical Delapidations Act, 1871, stating the repairs and their cost for which the late Incumbent of the said benefice of Holy Trinity, Portsea, his executors or administrators, is or are liable and the sum so