

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 His 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 Birmingham.

*A. W. FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *July*, 1906.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and eight, and of the Act of the twenty-first and twenty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, which Acts are known as "The Ecclesiastical Leasing Acts," duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the twelfth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, in the words following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and eight, and of the Act of the twenty-first and twenty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, which Acts are known as 'The Ecclesiastical Leasing Acts,' have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme relating to the vicarage and parish of Bedlington, situate in the diocese of Newcastle, and also to the provision for the cure of souls within the new parish of Saint John, Sleekburn, situate in the same diocese.

"Whereas the annual value of the benefice of Bedlington, that is to say, of the vicarage of the parish of Bedlington aforesaid, has been improved under and by virtue of certain sales and leases of glebe lands and minerals belonging to the said vicarage, which sales and leases were made under the authority of the said Acts, with the concurrence of us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, by the Reverend Robert John Pearce, Clerk in Holy Orders, an Honorary Canon of the cathedral church of Newcastle, and the present Vicar or Incumbent of the said benefice of Bedlington.

"And whereas the moneys being the net proceeds of the said sales and leases have been, in accordance with the provisions in that behalf contained in the said Acts, invested by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and are now represented by a sum of eight thousand five hundred and seventy-five pounds fourteen shillings and three pence India Three pounds per centum Stock, which is held by us in trust to pay over to the Vicar for the time being of the said parish of Bedlington the annual interest or dividends from time to time arising or accruing therefrom or thereupon, but subject nevertheless to the provisions contained in the said Acts with

respect to making a certain portion of the improved value arising to the vicarage of Bedlington aforesaid from the said sales and leases payable to us for the benefit of our common fund or for the purpose of making better provision than now exists for the cure of souls within the original limits of the said parish of Bedlington.

"And whereas, after making payable to us for the benefit of our common fund for the purposes hereinafter mentioned such portions as are hereinafter mentioned of the improved value which has arisen as aforesaid to the said vicarage of Bedlington from the said sales and leases, the average annual income of the said vicarage of Bedlington will not be left at a less sum than six hundred pounds.

"And whereas the said Robert John Pearce, the present Vicar or Incumbent of the said vicarage of Bedlington, is desirous that we should submit to Your Majesty in Council the recommendation and proposal hereinafter set forth, and has signified his consent thereto by signing and sealing this scheme.

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that as from the date of the licence of the first Incumbent of the said new parish of Saint John, Sleekburn, which has recently been formed out of the original parish of Bedlington aforesaid, the sum of one thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence India Three pounds per centum Stock, forming part of the stock hereinbefore mentioned, shall cease to be held by us for the benefit of the Vicar or Incumbent of the parish of Bedlington aforesaid, and shall be held by us for the benefit of our common fund, nevertheless to the intent that the said sum of one thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence India Three pounds per centum Stock shall be applied by us for the benefit of the Vicar or Incumbent of the said new parish of Saint John, Sleekburn, and that the annual interest or dividends arising therefrom shall be payable and paid by us to or for the benefit of the Vicar or Incumbent for the time being of such new parish of Saint John, Sleekburn, and his successors for ever.

"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 either of them, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the notice of the foregoing scheme, which is required by the hereinbefore mentioned Acts, has been given by the said Commissioners to the patrons of the said benefice of Bedlington, and the said patrons have not made any objection to the said scheme.

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council: now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His 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 His 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 Newcastle.

*A. W. FitzRoy*