

matter is investigated by the Governor with the aid of the head of the time being of the department in which the officer is serving.

The Governor may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, also suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any office within the Protectorate whether appointed by virtue of any Commission or Warrant from His Majesty, or in His Majesty's Name, or by any other mode of appointment. Such suspension shall continue and have effect only until His Majesty's pleasure therein shall be signified to the Governor. If the suspension is confirmed by a Secretary of State, the Governor shall forthwith cause the officer to be so informed, and thereupon his office shall become vacant. In proceeding to any such suspension, the Governor is strictly to observe the directions in that behalf given to him as Governor of the Colony by any Instructions from His Majesty or signified through a Secretary of State.

XVII. When any crime or offence has been committed within the Protectorate or for which the offender may be tried therein, the Governor may, as he shall see occasion, in His Majesty's name and on His Majesty's behalf, grant a pardon to any accomplice in such crime or offence who shall give such information and evidence as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender, or of any one of such offenders if more than one; and, further, may grant to any offender convicted of any crime or offence in any Court or before any person having jurisdiction to try any such crime or offence within the Protectorate, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any remission of the sentence passed on such offender, or any respite of the execution of such sentence, for such period as the Governor thinks fit, and may remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures which may become due and payable to His Majesty.

XVIII. The Seal now or hereafter in use as the Public Seal of the Colony shall be and be deemed to be also the Public Seal of the Protectorate, and shall be used for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the said Seal.

XIX. This Order shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Colony, and shall thereupon commence and come into operation; and the Governor shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places and in such manner, and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within the Protectorate.

XX. His Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend this Order.

And the Right Honourable Viscount Milner, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 3rd day of December, 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 37, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in

Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 18th day of November, 1920, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 37, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for authorising the sale and disposal of certain property in the City and County of Chester now vested in us:

“Whereas under and by virtue of the two Indentures particulars whereof are set forth in the Schedule hereunder written, the lands, tenements and hereditaments situate in the City of Chester aforesaid, and particularly described in the same Indentures and Schedule became with their appurtenances and are now vested in us:

“And whereas none of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments is subject to any outstanding beneficial lease or grant but the same are now in our possession, but some portions thereof on account of their character or situation are unsuitable or inconvenient to be held or applied for the purposes for which estates vested in us are applicable under the Acts by which our proceedings are governed:

“And whereas with a view to the advantageous appropriation of the same or of the proceeds thereof for the ultimate improvement of our Common Fund it is expedient that the said lands, tenements and hereditaments, or such part or parts thereof as we shall at any time and from time to time think fit should be sold or disposed of, and accordingly that we should be empowered to sell or dispose of our interest in such lands, tenements and hereditaments, or in any part or parts thereof, 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, all or any of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments so vested in us as aforesaid, under and by virtue of the said Indentures or either of them, 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 or their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or otherwise as he or they shall direct or appoint and for such consideration as shall upon due calculation and enquiry appear to us to be just and reasonable, it being our intention to invest the proceeds of such sale 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 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 Act, or of any other Act of Parliament.