

Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice shall be transferred to the said George, Bishop of Ripon and his successors in the same Bishopric and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the Bishop of Ripon for the time being."

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 upon the publication of this Order 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 Ripon.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of July, 1947.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 26th day of June, 1947, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared and now lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme pursuant to the Episcopal Endowments and Stipends Measure, 1943, for vesting in us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, all endowments and other property belonging to, or held in trust for, the Bishopric of Chester or the Bishop thereof and for securing to the said Bishop the reduced stipend deemed to us appropriate:

"Whereas the Right Reverend Douglas Bishop of Chester was in occupation of the See at the date of the passing of the aforesaid Measure and has requested us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to prepare a Scheme with respect to the See:

"And whereas we have prepared this Scheme accordingly after consultation with the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of Chester who have offered no objection thereto:

"And whereas the said Douglas Bishop of Chester has approved the Scheme and in testimony of such approval has appended his signature to the Scheme:

"And whereas the Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, First Lord of Your Majesty's Treasury, acting on behalf of Your Majesty, has signified to us his consent to the preparation and submission of the Scheme to Your Majesty in Council:

"And whereas the endowments and property belonging to the See of Chester or held in trust therefor or for the Bishop thereof are described and referred to in the Schedule hereunder written:

"Now therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, recommend and propose that upon and from the First day of July, 1947, all the endowments securities and other property described and referred to in the said Schedule but subject as therein mentioned and all other if any the endowments belonging to or held in trust for the said Bishopric shall vest in us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners pursuant to the said Measure and that we shall be entitled absolutely to the benefit rents and profit thereof upon and from that date:

"And we further recommend and propose that we shall pay to the Bishop for the time being of the See by equal quarterly instalments in respect of the quarters ended on the First day of July the First day of October the First day of January and the First day of April in every year the first such instalment to be the full quarter's payment due for the quarter ended on the First day of October 1947 an annual stipend comprising the sum of £2,200 and also such sum, not exceeding £500 in any one year, as we shall have been duly satisfied has been expended by him in connection with the travelling required in and for the carrying out of his official duties and obligations as Bishop.

" THE SCHEDULE

" PART I.

"All that Episcopal Residence or Mansion House known as 'The Bishop's House' Chester together with the garage outbuildings and other buildings and the gardens pleasure grounds and other the appurtenances thereunto belonging and situate on the North side of Abbey Street in the City and in the County of Chester as the same premises are delineated on the plan annexed hereto and thereon verged red Together with full and free right and liberty as now vested in the Bishop of Chester and his successors and assigns owners or occupiers of the said Episcopal Residence and hereditaments (but in common with all other persons having the like right) at all times and for all purposes connected with the use and occupation of the said Episcopal Residence and hereditaments either with or without horses carts carriages motor cars or other vehicles laden or unladen to pass and repass over and along the strip of land shewn coloured blue on the said plan And together also with the interest of the Bishop in a right of access ingress and egress to and from the said hereditaments between the point marked X on the said plan and Abbey Square Chester aforesaid at the point marked Y on the said plan over and along a passage-way forming part of the property of the Dean and Chapter of Chester as held by the Bishop under a licence granted by the said Dean and Chapter at an annual rent of one shilling.

" PART II.

"All the lands and hereditaments described in the Table annexed hereto being the lands and hereditaments which by an Order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in Council dated the 22nd day of February 1879 and published in the London Gazette on the 11th day of March in the same year were assigned as the endowment of the See of Chester except such parts thereof as have since been disposed of by sale exchange or otherwise according to law.

" PART III.

"The sum of £9,734 16s. 9d. London County £3 per cent. Stock held by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and representing the proceeds of the sales of lands and hereditaments forming part of the endowment of the See and other transactions relating to such lands and hereditaments.

" PART IV.

"All those the two pastoral staffs, Mitre, Pectoral Cross, oil paintings, prints, books, silver plated candelabra, glass, and other goods and chattels belonging to the Bishop of Chester in right of his dignity and not in his private capacity as the same are described and set forth in an Inventory to be deposited in the Diocesan Registry of the Diocese of Chester.

"The whole of the endowments set forth in this Schedule being subject to two duly authorised Mortgages of the same to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy the particulars of which are set out hereunder securing advances to the Bishop of Chester for improvements to the Episcopal Residence:—

" Date of Mortgage.	Amount Advanced.	Amount outstanding.
22nd December 1921	£900	£35 3 8
1st November 1937	£500	£233 6 8