

England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale of certain property formerly belonging to the Prebend of Alrewas, in the cathedral church of Lichfield, and now vested in us.

"Whereas it is by the said Act (amongst other things) enacted, that notwithstanding the charge by that Act created (being a charge created in favour of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne), all the same and the like powers and rights of ownership as are possessed and enjoyed respecting and over any lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments whatsoever, by any absolute owner thereof, shall be enjoyed by us with respect to and over all or any lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments vested in us under certain Acts therein mentioned (being the Acts under which the property herein-after described is vested in us), and may, subject to the provisions of the same Acts, and of the now reciting Act, be exercised by us, by proper instruments in writing duly executed according to law; with a certain proviso respecting the application of every sum of money received as the consideration or purchase-money for the sale, transfer, or conveyance by us of any of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments, or of any estate or interest therein, and with a further proviso that none of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments be sold, transferred, or conveyed, except by the authority of a scheme, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying the same:

"And whereas all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, formerly belonging to the said Prebend of Alrewas (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage), became vested in us by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the eighth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and duly published in the London Gazette of the ninth day of the same month, subject to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof:

"And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and, after due consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable:

"We, therefore, 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, and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, or endowments heretofore belonging to the said Prebend of Alrewas, and so vested in us 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 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 inquiry, appear to us to be just and reasonable:

"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."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice 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 Act; 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 Lichfield.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

Whitehall, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Samuel Morton Peto, of Somerleyton-hall, in the county of Suffolk, and of Kensington Palace-gardens, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to grant the office of Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Scotland, to Edward Francis Maitland, Esq., Advocate, in the room of Thomas Mackenzie, Esq., appointed one of the Lords of Session in Scotland.

Whitehall, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint George Stone, Gent., to be Lieutenant in the Artillery Company of London, for the term of five years from the date hereof.

Downing-Street, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint E. E. Rushworth, Esq., to be President and Senior Member of the Council of the island of Montserrat; William Henry Doyle, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Bahama Islands; and Charles Augustus Berkeley, Esq., to be a Member of the Council of the island of Saint Vincent.

St. James's Palace, February 13, 1855.

The Duke of Cambridge has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Tyrwhitt, Scots Fusilier Guards, and Major Henry Clifton, to be His Royal Highness' Equerries.

Crown-Office, February 16, 1855.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present **PARLIAMENT.**

Borough of New Windsor.

Samson Ricardo, of Titniss Park, in the county of Berks, Esquire, in the room of Charles Wellesley (commonly called Lord Charles Wellesley), who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Hempholme.

County of Wilts.

Southern Division.

The Right Honourable Sidney Herbert, of Wilton House, in the said county of Wilts, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.