

"Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," have, in pursuance thereof, prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, towards carrying into effect the recommendation in the said Act contained, with respect to providing a fit residence for the bishops of Lincoln.

"Whereas a negotiation has been commenced and is still pending between Henry Machin, of Gatefordhill, in the county of Nottingham, Esquire, and the Right Reverend John Bishop of Lincoln, for the sale by the said John Machin, and the purchase by the said bishop, of a certain estate, at Risholme, in the county of Lincoln, and lying near to the city of Lincoln, with a house, offices, and out-buildings thereupon, and forming part of the said estate; which house, offices, and out-buildings will afford a fit and convenient residence for the said bishop of Lincoln, and his successors bishops of the said see; and we are of opinion that the purchase of the said estate will be beneficial to the said see:

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that the said John Bishop of Lincoln, or his successors bishops of Lincoln, may be authorised and empowered to purchase and take a conveyance of the said estate, at and for such price or sum as shall appear to us, upon due inquiry, to be just and reasonable; and that the purchase money so to be fixed and to be paid for the same shall and may be provided in the several modes hereinafter stated.

"We humbly recommend and propose, that the proceeds arising from the sale of a part of the late residence of the bishops of Lincoln, situate at Buckden, in the county of Huntingdon, which, under the authority of an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the fourth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, became payable to us, but the total amount of which proceeds, by reason of such sale not being fully completed, is not yet ascertained, shall, in the first instance, be applied by us in part of such purchase money.

"And we further recommend and propose, in conformity with the provisions of the said Act, that the said John Bishop of Lincoln, and his successors bishops of Lincoln, may be authorised and empowered, with our consent, signified under our common seal, in each particular case, to sell and

dispose of, at and for such prices and sums respectively as shall, upon due inquiry, appear to us to be just and reasonable, and duly to convey to the purchasers thereof respectively, all the right, title, and interest of him, the said bishop, and of his successors bishops of Lincoln, in and to so much and such parts of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments now demised by leases for lives, and belonging to the said see, as, together with such proceeds as aforesaid when the same shall be ascertained, will make up, as nearly as may be, a sum sufficient in the whole for completing the purchase of the said estate, at Risholme, as aforesaid, and for putting the said house, offices, and out-buildings thereon, in proper repair and condition as an episcopal residence, and for paying the costs, charges, and expences of and attending the said purchase, and also of and attending all such sales as aforesaid; and that the proceeds of every such sale shall, from time to time, be paid by each purchaser respectively into the Bank of England to our credit, to an account intituled "Account with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," to be by us applied as aforesaid; and that it shall not be incumbent on any such purchaser, taking a conveyance with our consent signified as aforesaid, to ascertain that the sale of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments to him conveyed is requisite for the purpose hereby contemplated, nor shall any such purchaser, after paying his purchase money to our credit as aforesaid, be responsible for, or be bound to look to, the due application of such money.

"And we further recommend and propose, that, upon the completion of the purchase of the said estate, at Risholme, the said house, offices, and out-buildings shall become and be the permanent episcopal house of residence of the said John Bishop of Lincoln, and his successors bishops of Lincoln, and shall, together with the remainder of the said estate, be by them held and enjoyed in right of the see of Lincoln for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing other measures relating to the said see of Lincoln, in conformity with the provisions of the said Act.

"All which we humbly recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto set our common seal, this twenty-second day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty."