

nothing therein contained should be construed to prevent the said Commissioners from proposing, in any such scheme, such modifications or variations, as to matters of detail and regulation, as should not be substantially repugnant to any or either of the said recommendations:

And it is further enacted, that when any scheme, prepared under the authority of the said Act, should be approved by His Majesty in Council, it should be lawful for His Majesty in Council to issue an Order or Orders ratifying the same, and specifying the time or times when such scheme, or the several parts thereof, should take effect, and to direct in every such Order that the same should be registered by the registrar of each of the dioceses the bishops whereof might or should be in any respect affected thereby:

And it is further enacted, that every such Order should, as soon as might be after the making and issuing thereof by His Majesty in Council, be inserted and published in the London Gazette.

And it is further enacted, that, so soon as any such Order in Council should be so registered and gazetted, it should in all respects, and as to all things therein contained, have and be of the same force and effect as if all and every part thereof were included in the said Act, any law, statute, canon, letters patent, grant, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

And whereas the said Commissioners, pursuant to the authority vested in them by the said Act, have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

*"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.*

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, appointed and incorporated by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports "of the Commissioners appointed to consider the "state of the Established Church in England and "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 the residence of the bishops of Gloucester and Bristol.

"Whereas a negotiation has been commenced and is still pending for the purchase, by the Right Reverend James Henry Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, of a certain estate at Stapleton, in the county of Gloucester, and lying near to the city of Bristol, 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 and his successors, bishops of Gloucester and Bristol; 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 James Henry Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, or his successors bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, 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.

"And we recommend and propose that so much of the monies recovered by Robert late Bishop of Bristol, for damages done to the episcopal residence at Bristol, as remained after deducting proper expenses, and also the monies which arose from the sale of the site of the said residence, under our authority and direction, by virtue of an Order of His late Majesty in Council, dated the fifth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, all which moneys are now standing to our credit at the Bank of England to an account intituled "Bristol Palace account," together with all accumulations thereof, 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 James Henry Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and his successors bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, 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