

holden in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the fifth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, in the words and figures following, that is to say :

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues;" and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for making better provision for the spiritual care of the parish of Southwell, in the county of Nottingham, and in the diocese of Lincoln :

"Whereas it is by the secondly recited Act enacted, that, so soon as conveniently may be, and by the authority therein provided, the vicarage of Southwell shall be endowed with such portion of the tithes of the parish of Southwell, or with such other provision as, by the like authority, may be determined on, and may be constituted a rectory with cure of souls :

"And whereas, by reason of the vacancy of certain canonries and prebends in the said collegiate church, certain lands, tithes, and other hereditaments, endowments and emoluments have accrued to and become vested in us under the provisions and for the purposes of the said recited Acts, and the proceeds thereof amount, at the least, to the annual sum hereinafter mentioned, but no part of the tithes of the said parish are yet vested in us; and it appears to us to be expedient that the said vicarage should be immediately endowed, and constituted a rectory with cure of souls :

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that the said vicarage of Southwell shall become and be a rectory, and that the present and every future Incumbent thereof shall be Rector of the said parish of Southwell, and shall have cure of souls within the whole of the said parish, and shall em-

ploy one spiritual person at the least, being duly licenced by the Bishop of Lincoln for the time being, and not being a Minor Canon of the said church, to be his Assistant Curate within the said parish, and shall pay to such Curate such stipend as shall be assigned to him by such Bishop and specified in his licence; such stipend not exceeding the sum which may, in a like case of value and population, be assigned to the curate of a non-resident incumbent, according to the law now in force :

"And we further recommend and propose, that, out of any such proceeds as aforesaid now or hereafter in our hands or subject to our order, there shall be paid by us to the Rector of Southwell for the time being the annual sum of three hundred pounds, by equal half yearly payments; and that the first of such half yearly payments shall be made on the first of November next; and that, upon production to us, or to our Treasurer and Secretary, on or before the first day of May and the first day of November, respectively, in the next and every succeeding year, of a certificate, under the hand of the Bishop of Lincoln for the time being, that such Curate has been duly employed as aforesaid, or that for any portion of the past time a Curate has not (for some sufficient and satisfactory cause, to be stated in such certificate) been licenced by such Bishop, a like half yearly payment shall be made by us to such Rector; and that whenever a vacancy in the said rectory shall occur on any other day than the first day of May or the first day of November, the next half yearly payment shall in every such case be apportioned between the Incumbent making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the Incumbent succeeding to the said rectory so becoming vacant, according to the time which shall have elapsed from the last day of payment to the day of the vacancy inclusive, and such proportions shall be paid to the respective parties accordingly :

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any further augmentation of the said rectory if it shall be deemed fit, when there shall be sufficient means for that purpose; and that if it shall appear to us to be expedient, at any future time, that, instead of the annual sum then in course of payment by us or any part thereof, a gross sum of stock in the Government funds should be appropriated to the said rectory of Southwell, or the tithes of the said parish of Southwell when they shall become vested