

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 substituting a money payment to the prebendary of the prebend of Warminster, in the cathedral church of Salisbury, for certain property belonging to him as such prebendary.

"Whereas under the provisions of the said Acts, the whole of the property belonging to any prebend not residentiary in any cathedral church in England (excepting any right of patronage), becomes upon the first avoidance of such prebend absolutely vested in us for the purposes of the said Acts, and the chief of such purposes is that of making better provision for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance is most required:

"And whereas it is by the same Acts enacted, that by the authority therein provided, and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions thereof, any arrangement may from time to time be made, with the consent in writing under the hand of any prebendary of any cathedral or collegiate church, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to such prebendary, or for the purchase of other lands, tithes, or hereditaments in lieu thereof, or for substituting in any case any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments for any money payment, or any money payment for any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments:

"And whereas the property now belonging to the prebend of Warminster, in the cathedral church of Salisbury, consists amongst other things of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the parish of Warminster, in the county of Wilts, now demised by the several leases for lives mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed:

"And whereas it was, on the eighteenth day of September now last past, conditionally agreed between us and the Reverend William Dalby, the present Prebendary of the said prebend of Warminster, that the following arrangement should be recommended by us to your Majesty in Council, with a view to sooner carrying into effect the purpose of the said Acts herein before particularly mentioned:

"We, therefore, with the consent of the said William Dalby, testified by his having signed this scheme, humbly recommend and propose, that without any conveyance or assurance in the law, other than this scheme and any duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council, for ratifying the same, and upon and after the day of such gazetting, all lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and all sums of money and other property whatsoever (except any right of patronage), now belonging to or forming any part of the endowment of the said prebend of Warminster, or to or in which he the said William Dalby, as such prebendary, has or ought to have any right, title, or interest shall, together with all such right, title, and interest, be and be held to be, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, transferred and conveyed from and by the said William Dalby to us, and shall then and thereupon become and be absolutely vested in us for the purposes of the said Acts; and that, in consideration of and for such transfer and conveyance, there shall be paid by us to the said William Dalby in each and every year, so long as he shall continue to hold the said prebend of Warminster and no longer, the annual sum of one hundred and fifty pounds (provided that no renewal of any of the said leases so mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed, nor any new lease of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments demised thereby, or of any part or parts thereof, shall have been or shall be granted or made by the said William Dalby), and the same annual sum shall be paid and payable, by equal half-yearly payments, on the eighteenth day of March and the eighteenth day of September; the first such payment being made on the eighteenth day of March next; and that if the next avoidance of the said prebend shall happen on any other day than one of such two half-yearly days of payment, then a proportionate sum only shall be paid to the said William Dalby, or his representative or representatives.

"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 conformity with the provisions of the said recited Acts, or either of them, or of any other Act of Parliament.