

twentieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the words 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 to carry 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 fifth and sixth years of your Majesty’s reign, intituled “ An Act for enabling ecclesiastical corporations, aggregate and sole, to “ grant leases for long terms of years,” have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, relating to a lease of minerals about to be granted by the Reverend James Hughes, Clerk, Rector of the parish of Llanhileth, in the county of Monmouth, and diocese of Llandaff, and to make better provision for the cure of souls within the said parish.

“ Whereas by the secondly-recited Act it was enacted, that, in case of any lease of mines, minerals, quarries, or beds granted thereunder, such portion of the improved value accruing under such lease, as by the authority provided in the first-recited Act should be determined, not being more than three fourth parts nor less than one moiety of such improved value, should forthwith, and from time to time as the same should accrue, be paid to us, and should be subject to the provisions relating to monies payable to us :

“ And whereas, in pursuance of the same Act, it is proposed by the said James Hughes, as such Rector as aforesaid, to grant and demise, by lease, the minerals lying under certain lands, part of the glebe lands of his said rectory, and situate at Cwmtylery, in the said county; and the improved value to accrue under such lease will, according to the meaning of the same Act, be the whole net amount of the reservation or reservations to be made therein :

“ And whereas it is by the said first-recited Act enacted, that, except as therein otherwise specified (which exception does not include the matters to which this scheme relates), all the monies and revenues to be paid to us by and under the authority of the same Act, together with all accumulations of interest produced by and arising therefrom,

shall be from time to time carried over by us to a common fund, and by payments or investments, made out of such fund, additional provision shall be made, by the authority therein provided, for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance is most required, in such manner as shall, by the like authority, be deemed most conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church :

“ Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, that three fourth parts of the whole net amount of the reservation or reservations to be made in the lease so to be granted as aforesaid, whether consisting of rent, royalty, or otherwise, shall, by such lease, be made directly payable to us; and that we shall have all the like remedies in respect of such three fourth parts of any such reservation as aforesaid as if the same were a separate rent reserved to us as lessors or grantors and reversioners of the premises comprised in such lease, independently of the rights and remedies of the said James Hughes and his successors, Rectors of Llanhileth, in respect of the remaining one fourth part thereof, without any priority or preference between us and the said Rector of Llanhileth for the time being; and, farther, that we shall have full benefit and advantage, either jointly with or separately from the said James Hughes and his successors, Rectors of Llanhileth, of all or any of the covenants, conditions, and agreements in the said lease contained on the lessee’s part, in like manner as if we had been grantors, lessors, and reversioners as aforesaid, and as in such lease shall be expressed; and that, for effectuating such objects, the said lease shall and may be framed in such manner, and contain all such clauses and provisions, as we shall approve, and shall have full force accordingly, any rule of law, statute, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

“ And whereas the present average income of the said rectory amounts to the sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds by the year, and the population of the said parish is below one thousand, and we deem it expedient that further provision should be made for the cure of souls within the said parish, according to the provisions of the said first-recited Act, and in respect of the monies accruing to us under the said lease :

“ We, therefore, further recommend and propose, that from and after the receipt by us of any sum or sums of money under or by virtue of the