

session of Parliament held 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 thirteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, 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 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 Bartonsham, in the cathedral church of Hereford, for the property of his prebend.

"Whereas, by and under the provisions of the said Acts, the whole of the separate estates and endowments belonging to the said prebend will (excepting any right of patronage), upon the first avoidance hereof, become 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 was 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 might, from time to time, be made, with the consent, in writing, under the hand of any prebendary of any cathedral 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 other 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 it has been agreed between us and the Reverend John Hopton, the present Prebendary of the said prebend of Bartonsham, that, with a view to sooner carrying into effect the purpose of the said Acts hereinbefore particularly mentioned, the following arrangement should be recommended by us to your Majesty in Council :

"We, therefore, with the consent of the said John Hopton, 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 ratifying the same, and upon and after the day of such gazetting, all lands, tithes and other hereditaments whatsoever (except any right of patronage), now belonging

to the said John Hopton, or to or in which he has or ought to have any estate, right, title or interest as such Prebendary, shall, together with all such estate, right, title and interest therein (except as aforesaid), be and be held to be, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, transferred and conveyed by and from the said John Hopton, as such Prebendary, to us, and shall then and thereupon become and be absolutely vested in us for the purposes of the said Acts, subject only to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof, or of any part or parts thereof; and that, in consideration of and for such transfer and conveyance, there shall be paid by us to the said John Hopton, so long as he shall continue to be the Prebendary of the said prebend of Bartonsham, and no longer, the annual sum of one hundred and fifty-nine pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the seventeenth day of March and the seventeenth day of September; and that the first such half-yearly payment shall be made on the seventeenth day of September next; provided that no renewal of any lease, nor any new lease, of the said lands, tithes or other hereditaments, or of any part thereof, shall, since the twenty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, have been or shall be granted or made by the said John Hopton; and that if the next avoidance of the said prebend shall happen on any other day than one of the said two half-yearly days of payment, then a proportionate sum only shall be paid to the said John Hopton, or his 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."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Acts; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Hereford.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

*Master of the Horse's-Office, May 16, 1848.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John George Brabazon Earl of Bessborough to be Master of Her Majesty's Buck Hounds, vice the Right Honourable Granville George Earl Granville.

