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AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 2nd day of *February* 1852,

PRESENT,

The **QUEEN'S** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her 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 Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the law relating to ecclesiastical houses of residence," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the fourth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, 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 to alter and amend the law relating to ecclesiastical houses of residence,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for improving the precincts of the cathedral and metropolitan church of Christ in Canterbury.

"Whereas it is, by the first-recited Act enacted, that by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council), and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions thereof, any sum of money which shall have been invested in the public funds, or in other security or securities, in trust for any ecclesiastical body, corporate, aggregate or sole, may, upon an application in writing to us, under the hand and seal of such body corporate, and in the case of any chapter, with the consent of the visitor thereof, be directed to be sold, and the same shall be sold accordingly, and the produce of such sale be applied to such purpose and in such manner as shall appear most conducive to the permanent benefit of such body corporate, and also

for any like purpose, and by the like authority, any arrangement may from time to time be made, with the consent in writing, under the corporate seal of any bishop or chapter, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to the see of such bishop or to such chapter:

"And whereas it is, by the secondly recited Act enacted, that it shall be lawful for the dean and chapter of any cathedral church, under the authority aforesaid, to purchase any house or site being contiguous or near to such cathedral church, or any part of such house or site, and to apply the same, by and with the like authority, to the improvement of the cathedral or the precincts thereof, and it is by the same Act enacted, that the said recited provisions of the herein firstly-recited Act shall include and apply to all moneys and securities for money, and all stock in the government funds or elsewhere, standing in the name of the accountant-general of the Court of Chancery, or in the name or names of any other public officer, or of any individual or individuals for or to the credit, or for the benefit of or in trust for any dean and chapter, whether for the purpose of being laid out in land or otherwise, and that the same provisions, and also the provisions of the same Act relating to the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands or other hereditaments belonging to any bishop or chapter, shall extend and may be applied to any of the purposes of the Act now in recital:

"And whereas it is, by the said secondly recited Act, further enacted, that it shall be lawful for any corporation, aggregate or sole, on behalf of their or his successors, to contract for, sell, and convey any lands, tenements, or hereditaments for any of the purposes of the Acts herein recited, and the same Act also contains provisions as to the payment and application of the purchase money arising therefrom as hereinafter mentioned:

"And whereas the piece or parcel of ground and premises particularly described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, are situate contiguous to the said cathedral and metropolitan church of Christ, Canterbury, and belonging in fee to the Archbishop and See of Canterbury, subject to two subsisting leases for twenty-one years, bearing date respectively the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and the tenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight:

"And whereas it is desirable, with a view to the improvement of the precincts of the said