

I rejoice to perceive that amendments in the administration of the law have continued to occupy your attention, and I anticipate great benefit from the improvements you have made in the forms of procedure in the superior courts of common law.

The means you have adopted for the better government of the University of Oxford, and the improvement in its constitution, I trust will tend greatly to increase the usefulness and to extend the renown of this great seminary of learning.

I have willingly given my assent to the measure you have passed for the prevention of bribery and of corrupt practices at elections, and I hope that it may prove effectual in the correction of an evil which, if unchecked, threatens to fix a deep stain upon our representative system.

It is my earnest desire that on returning to your respective counties you may preserve a spirit of union and concord. Deprived of the blessings of peace abroad, it is more than ever necessary that we should endeavour to confirm and increase the advantages of our internal situation; and it is with the greatest satisfaction that I regard the progress of active industry and the general prosperity which happily prevails throughout the country.

Deeply sensible of these advantages, it is my humble prayer that we may continue to enjoy the favour of the Almighty, and that, under His gracious protection, we may be enabled to bring the present contest to a just and honourable termination.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by Her Majesty's command, said,

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It is Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the nineteenth day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the nineteenth day of October next.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Bart., was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable George Frederick, Earl of Durham, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county palatine of Durham, his Lordship this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

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WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a

scheme, bearing date the thirteenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, 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 sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to make better provision for the spiritual care of populous parishes,' have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale of certain property formerly belonging to the prebend of Givendale, in the cathedral church of York, and now vested in us.

"Whereas it is by the said Act (amongst other things) enacted, that notwithstanding the charge by that Act created (being a charge created in favour of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne), all the same and the like powers and rights of ownership as are possessed and enjoyed respecting and over any lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments whatsoever, by any absolute owner thereof, shall be enjoyed by us with respect to and over all or any lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments vested in us under certain Acts therein mentioned (being the Acts under which the property herein-after described is vested in us), and may, subject to the provisions of the same Acts, and of the now-reciting Act, be exercised by us, by proper instruments in writing, duly executed according to law, with a certain proviso respecting the application of every sum of money received as the consideration or purchase money for the sale, transfer, or conveyance by us of any of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments, or of any estate or interest therein, and with a further proviso that none of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments be sold, transferred, or conveyed, except by the authority of a scheme, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying the same:

"And whereas all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments formerly belonging to the said prebend of Givendale, (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage), became vested in us by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the twenty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and duly published in the London Gazette of the twenty-seventh day of February in the same year, subject to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof:

"And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and, after due consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered, by instrument or instruments in writing duly executed according to law, from time to time to sell and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, or endowments heretofore belonging to the said prebend and so vested in us as aforesaid, with their appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, unto and to the use of any person or persons desirous or willing to purchase the same, and his or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or otherwise, as he or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall upon due cal-