

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 Bishop of Lichfield for certain estates belonging to his see.

"Whereas it was by the secondly and thirdly recited Acts enacted, that, by the authority therein provided (that is to say, by a scheme prepared by us, and an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying the same), and for the purpose of fully carrying into effect any of the provisions of the same Acts, or of the said first recited Act, any arrangement might from time to time be made, with the consent in writing under the corporate seal of any bishop, for the sale, transfer, or exchange of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments belonging to the see of such bishop, 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 the Right Reverend John, Bishop of Lichfield, is seised, in right of his see, of the manors, lands, and hereditaments, described in the schedule hereunto annexed, subject to the several leases in such schedule mentioned.

"And whereas one of the purposes of the said Acts is to provide a fund for making better provision for the cure of souls, and we are of opinion that it would ultimately conduce to the improvement of the said fund, that the said manors, lands, and hereditaments, should be transferred from the said See of Lichfield to us, and that an annual money payment to the said John, Bishop of Lichfield, and his successors, should forthwith be substituted for the same.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the said John, Bishop of Lichfield, testified by his having signed this scheme and sealed the same with his corporate seal, that from and after the day of the due publication in the London Gazette, of an Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the manors, lands, and hereditaments, so described or referred to in the said schedule hereunto annexed (excepting any right of ecclesiastical patronage), and all the estate, right, title, and interest therein and thereto of the said John, Bishop of Lichfield, and of his successors, Bishops of Lichfield, shall be and become conveyed and transferred from the said bishop and his successors, Bishops of Lichfield, and shall be absolutely vested in us (subject to any legally subsisting leases or grants thereof).

"And we further recommend and propose, that in consideration of and for such conveyance and transfer, and in substitution for the said manors, lands, and hereditaments, there shall be paid by us to the said John, Bishop of Lichfield, and his successors, Bishops of Lichfield, the annual sum of eight hundred and eighty-four pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the twenty-fifth day of March and the twenty-ninth day of September in every year, and that two of such payments in

respect of the year ended the twenty-fifth day of March now last past, shall be made forthwith.

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

"The SCHEDULE to which the above Scheme refers.

"All that the Rectory of Belgrave, in the county of Leicester, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, now (with certain exceptions) in the tenure or occupation of Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, Baronet, his executors, administrators, assigns, or undertenants, by virtue of a lease dated the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, granted to him by the said Bishop of Lichfield, for the term of twenty-one years from the twenty-fifth day of March then last past, subject to annual reservations, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and forty-seven pounds, three shillings, and ten pence.

"Also all that the Rectory of Towyn Merion, otherwise Towyn Merioneth, and the chapels of Lenwyhangel, Tallyllynn, and Pennall, in the county of Merioneth, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, all which are now (with certain exceptions) in the tenure or occupation of the Honourable Adolphus Frederick Charles William Vane Tempest, commonly called Lord Adolphus Vane Tempest, and James Edwards, their executors, administrators, assigns, or undertenants, by virtue of a lease, dated the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, granted to them by the said Bishop of Lichfield, for the term of twenty-one years from the twenty-fifth day of March then last past, subject to annual reservations, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and twenty-three pounds, three shillings, and sixpence.

"And also all and singular those four late several prebends, commonly called by the names of Mordall, otherwise Moorhall Prebend, Beveley Hall, otherwise Beverley Hall Prebend, Chilton, otherwise Chilterton Hall Prebend, and Sucker Hall, otherwise Suckers Hall Prebend, heretofore founded and erected, and being within the Parish Church or Church Collegiate of Gnosall, in the county of Stafford, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, all which are now (with certain exceptions) in the tenure or occupation of Richard Hincley, his executors, administrators, assigns, or undertenants, by virtue of a lease, dated the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, granted to him by the said Bishop of Lichfield, for the term of twenty-one years from the twenty-fifth day of March then last past, subject to annual reservations, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-three pounds, thirteen shillings, and eleven pence."

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 Lichfield.

Wm. L. Bathurst.