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**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of *November*, 1859.

PRESENT,

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

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and thirteen, section sixty-eight; and of another Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-nine, section twenty-one; and of another Act passed in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter twenty-six, section eight, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twenty-third day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, 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,' 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 substituting a money payment for certain property belonging to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Worcester."

"Whereas it was by the said recited Acts enacted and declared, that by the authority of 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 of the said first recited Act, any sum of money which should have been invested in the public funds, or in other security or securities, in trust for any ecclesiastical body corporate, aggregate, or sole, might upon application in writing to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, 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 should be sold accordingly, and that the produce of such sale should be applied to such purpose, and in such manner, as should appear most conducive to the permanent benefit of such body corporate, and also that for any like purpose, any arrangement might be made, with the consent in writing under the corporate seal of any chapter, for the sale, transfer, or exchange, of any lands, tithes, or other hereditaments, belonging to such chapter, 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 that the aforesaid provisions relating to the sale and application of any sum of money invested in trust for any ecclesiastical body corporate, did and should include and apply to all monies and securities for money, and to 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 of, or in trust for, any bishop, dean and chapter, dean or canon, whether for the purpose of being laid out in land or otherwise.

"And whereas the said chapter now consists of a dean and four canons; six canonries having been suspended under the provisions of the said first recited Act.

"And whereas the said dean and chapter are now seized in fee of divers manors, lands, tithes, tenements, and hereditaments, the greater part of which have been heretofore demised or granted on leases or grants for years or lives at small annual reserved rents and upon payment of fines; and they are also beneficially interested in or otherwise entitled to certain sums of stock and cash invested or held in trust as aforesaid, and particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked A.

"And whereas, by an order and decree of the said dean and chapter, bearing date the twenty-first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and duly confirmed as a statute by their visitor, and registered in the registry of the diocese, it was provided that the yearly sum of four thousand and six hundred pounds, part of the yearly sum of nine thousand pounds, hereinafter mentioned, or of the net annual proceeds of the estates which may be substituted for the same, should be appropriated to or for the several per-