

ment for certain property belonging to the dean and chapter of the collegiate church of Saint Peter, Westminster.

"Whereas it was by the said 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 any arrangements might from time to time 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 whereas the said dean and chapter of Westminster are seized in fee in possession of certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments, situate at Launton, in the county of Oxford, and particularly described in the Schedule hereto annexed, which lands, tenements, and hereditaments have been heretofore accustomedly letten by the said dean and chapter, on a lease to farm for three lives, in consideration of the payment to them of a fine and of a customary annual reserved rent of forty pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence.

"And whereas it has been represented and shewn to us that the said dean and chapter are now entitled to grant a new lease of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, for three best lives, to parties who would be willing to accept the same upon terms similar to those on which renewals of the said lease have been heretofore effected, the same being beneficial to the grantees of such lease.

"And whereas, nevertheless, the said dean and chapter have offered to transfer to us the lands and hereditaments aforesaid in consideration of the payment to the existing members of the said capitular body of a fine, proportionate according to the same terms, to a lease of the same lands and hereditaments for only twenty-one years, and in consideration of our securing to the said members of the capitular body and to their successors, members thereof for the time being, an annual money payment, equivalent to the income which the said dean and chapter might have expected to obtain from subsequent renewals of such lease for twenty-one years, at septennial periods, and from the said reserved rent of forty pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence.

"And whereas the said dean and chapter of Westminster are also seized in fee in possession of certain other pieces or parcels of ground and premises, situate at Launton aforesaid, particularly described in the said Schedule hereunto annexed, which pieces or parcels of land and premises have not been customarily granted by leases on payment of fines, but have for a considerable period been held by tenants at will at an annual rack-rent of eleven pounds, six shillings, and eight pence.

"And whereas, after full enquiry and calculation, we estimate at the sum of seven thousand and five hundred pounds the fine which should be paid to the said dean and chapter, as the consideration for the grant of a lease for twenty-one years from the present time, of the said lands and hereditaments which have been so accustomedly leased for lives as aforesaid; and we also estimate that the sums which the said dean and chapter might have expected to derive from annual reserved rents, and from future fines upon renewals, are

equivalent to an annuity of two hundred and four pounds.

"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 lands, tenements, and hereditaments, together with the other said pieces or parcels of ground and premises, should be transferred from the said dean and chapter to us, and that a money payment to the said dean and chapter should forthwith be substituted for their interest in the same.

"And whereas the said dean and chapter have consented to accept a money payment accordingly, and that the same shall be the sum of seven thousand and five hundred pounds, being the amount of such fine as aforesaid, and also a perpetual annual payment of two hundred and four pounds in respect of the sums which they might have expected to have received from fines or future renewals, and from the rents hereinbefore mentioned, and thereupon to relinquish all further benefit to arise from all or any of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments so to be transferred.

Now therefore we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the dean and chapter of the collegiate church of Saint Peter, Westminster, testified by their having hereunto affixed their corporate seal, that without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than a duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme, all those the lands and tenements, pieces or parcels of ground, hereditaments and premises, particularly described in the said Schedule hereto annexed, shall, as from the twenty-fourth day of October last, be and become conveyed and transferred from the said dean and chapter of Westminster, and shall be absolutely vested in us for the purposes of the said hereinbefore recited Acts.

"And we further recommend and propose, that as part consideration for the transfer to us of such lands and tenements, pieces or parcels of ground, hereditaments, and premises, there shall be paid by us to the said dean and chapter the sum of seven thousand and five hundred pounds aforesaid, and that there shall, as a further consideration, be paid by us to the said dean and chapter the said perpetual annual sum of two hundred and four pounds, by equal half-yearly payments, on the twenty-fifth day of April, and the twenty-fifth day of October in every year, the first of such half-yearly payments or a proportionate part thereof, to be made on the twenty-fifth day of April or the twenty-fifth day of October, as the case may be, which shall happen first after the publication in the London Gazette of such Order of your Majesty in Council as aforesaid.

"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."

"SCHEDULE.

"All those messuages or tenements and lands, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the parish of Launton, in the county of Oxford, comprising the mansion-house of the manor of Launton, and containing by recent admeasurement four hundred and ninety-two acres, one rood, and six perches, or thereabouts, which lands and premises were lately, with other hereditaments, demised to the