

session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of another Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of your Majesty's reign, chapter ninety-four, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for augmenting the income of the archdeaconry of Barnstaple, in the diocese of Exeter.

"Whereas by the first recited Act it is enacted that any archdeaconry may, subject to the consent of the bishop, be endowed, amongst other modes, by augmentation out of the common fund in the same Act mentioned, but not so as to raise the average annual income to an amount exceeding two hundred pounds; provided that no archdeacon shall be entitled to hold any endowment or augmentation, or other emolument, as such archdeacon, under the provisions of the same Act, unless he shall be resident for the space of eight months in every year within the diocese in which his archdeaconry is situate, but subject to the same provisions as to licences for non-residence which are enacted with respect to incumbents of benefices by the Act relating to pluralities and the residence of the clergy in the same Act mentioned; and it is by the said first recited Act further enacted, that upon the endowment of an archdeaconry being made under the provisions thereof, all lands, tithes, and other hereditaments (except any right of patronage) belonging to such archdeaconry at the time of such endowment, may, with the consent of the bishop of the diocese and of any archdeacon in possession at the time of the passing of the same Act, and by the authority therein provided, be vested in us, for the purposes of the same Act.

"And whereas by the secondly recited Act it is declared and enacted that, in the case of any archdeaconry which shall no longer be held by the archdeacon who was at the time of the passing of the said first recited Act in possession thereof, the provisions of the same Act which relate to the transfer to us of the estates of any archdeaconry, upon its endowment in either of the modes therein provided, shall be construed and held to authorize such transfer, with the consent of the bishop of the diocese and of the archdeacon in possession of the archdeaconry at the time.

"And whereas the said archdeaconry of Barnstaple is endowed by the annexation thereto of the rectories or parsonages of Lynton and Countisbury, in the county of Devon, with the lands, tenements, and hereditaments to such rectories and parsonages belonging (the same being now demised on a lease for lives), and is further endowed with an annual payment from the dean and chapter of Exeter, variable every ten years, according to the price of corn, such annual payment being the consideration for the transfer to the said dean and chapter of a house situate in the city of Exeter, and formerly belonging to the said archdeaconry, and the amount of the same annual payment for the period of ten years, commencing from the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, is forty pounds four shillings and nine pence.

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us that the amount of the net annual income of the said archdeaconry, derived from fees and other payments, over and above the sources of income hereinbefore specified, is such that, after allowing for the cessation, in accordance with the recommendation hereinafter contained, of an annual payment amounting to eight shillings and four pence, now made by the said archdeacon to us as holders of the estates of the said dean and chapter

of Exeter, such net annual income will not exceed the sum of forty-two pounds.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of Exeter, and of the Venerable Henry Woolcombe, the present archdeacon of the said archdeaconry of Barnstaple, testified by their having respectively signed and sealed this scheme, we humbly recommend and propose that there shall be paid by us, out of the said common fund, to the said Henry Woolcombe and his successors in the said archdeaconry, so long as he and they shall respectively hold the same, and shall duly reside in accordance with the provisions of the said first recited Act, or be legally exempt from residence, the annual sum of one hundred and eighteen pounds on the first day of January in every year, and every such whole yearly payment shall be made only on production to us of a certificate under the hand of the bishop of the diocese for the time being, that the said Henry Woolcombe, or his successor for the time being, in the said archdeaconry, has duly resided as aforesaid during the preceding year, or on the production to us of a licence of non-residence, and that immediately upon the gazetting of any Order of your Majesty in Council, ratifying this scheme, there shall be paid by us to the said Henry Woolcombe, the sum of one hundred and eighteen pounds in respect of the period which elapsed between the first day of January in the year last past, and the first day of January now last past, and that all lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever now belonging to, or forming part of the endowment of the said archdeaconry of Barnstaple, except the annual payment made thereto by the dean and chapter of Exeter, as hereinbefore mentioned, and except also any right of ecclesiastical patronage, shall forthwith be disannexed from the said archdeaconry and become and be absolutely transferred to and vested in us, subject to any existing lease or leases, grant or grants thereof, for the purposes of the said Acts, and that we shall be entitled to the rents, profits, and proceeds of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, as from the said first day of January in the year last past.

"And we further recommend and propose that the annual payment of eight shillings and fourpence, now made by the said archdeacon to us as holders of the estates of the said dean and chapter of Exeter, for chapter Pentecostals shall, as from the said first day of January, in the year last past, absolutely cease and determine.

"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, or any of them in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any other Act of Parliament."

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 Exeter.

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