

chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the eleventh day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale and disposal of certain property formerly belonging to the Prebend of Gaia Major, in the cathedral church of Lichfield, and now vested in us.

"Whereas on the vacancy of the said prebend, which occurred in or about the month of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, by the decease of the Reverend Simeon Clayton, Clerk, the then prebendary, all the lands, tithes, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments theretofore belonging to the said prebend (except rights of patronage), became, by virtue of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, absolutely vested in us for the purposes, and subject to the provisions, applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

"And whereas a considerable portion of the said lands, tithes, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments aforesaid, consist of reversions expectant upon beneficial leases, and produce during the subsistence of such leases only a small annual revenue, and partly on that account, and partly on account of the character or situation of the property, are unsuitable or inconvenient to be held or applied for the purposes for which estates vested in us are applicable under the Acts by which our proceedings are governed.

"And whereas, by an Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, power is given to lessees holding under us, in the event of our declining to enter into a treaty for the sale of our reversions or the purchase of the leasehold interests, to require us to purchase such leasehold interests at a valuation.

"And whereas, with a view to the advantageous appropriation of the said lands, tithes, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund, it is expedient that the said lands, tithes, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments, or such parts thereof as we shall at any time, and from time to time, think fit should be sold or disposed of, and, accordingly, 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 advisable.

"Now, therefore, we 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 or dispose of, and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty's reign, with the consent of the holder or holders thereof (if any), to be testified by his, her, or their being made parties to such instruments, all or any of the said lands, tithes, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments theretofore belonging to the said prebend of Gaia Major, 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, her, or their heirs, executors,

administrators, or assigns, or otherwise, as he, she, or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall upon due calculation and inquiry appear to us to be just and reasonable, it being our intention to invest the proceeds of such sale, from time to time, as occasion may arise, in the purchase of other lands, titles, rent charges, tenements, or hereditaments, or of some estate or interest therein convenient to be held by us for the purposes of the Acts by which our proceedings are governed, as aforesaid, and in the meantime to invest the said proceeds in some government or parliamentary stock, or other public securities in England.

"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 Act; 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.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 31st day of March, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the second day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of your Majesty, chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale and disposal of certain property formerly belonging to the dean and chapter of Ely, and now vested in us.

"Whereas under 'The Ecclesiastical Commission Act, 1868,' and by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council made under the provisions of the said Act, bearing date the seventh day of October last past, and duly published in the London Gazette on the eighth day of the same month, all the property which then belonged to the said dean and chapter of Ely (excepting certain portions thereof in such Order particularly excepted, and excepting also any rights of ecclesiastical patronage) was transferred to and became absolutely vested in us, for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.