

"And whereas the property aforesaid consists to a considerable extent of reversions expectant upon grants and leases for lives and years, and produces, during the subsistence of such grants and leases, only small annual revenues, and on that account, and in some instances on account of its character or situation, is unsuitable or inconvenient to be assigned as an endowment for the said dean and chapter, or to be held or applied for the other 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 appropriation of such portions of the aforesaid property lately belonging to the said dean and chapter of Ely (either with or without other property vested in us, as the case may require), as in the judgment of our Estates Committee, and subject to the approbation of the said dean and chapter, shall be deemed convenient to be held as an endowment for the said dean and chapter, and as will secure a net annual income of five thousand and two hundred pounds (being the income contemplated by the above-mentioned Order of your Majesty in Council, of the seventh day of October last), and for that purpose, as well as with a view to the more advantageous appropriation of the remainder of the said property, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund, it is expedient that the said property, or such part or 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 respective holders (if any) to be testified by their being made parties to such instruments, all or any part of the said property heretofore belonging to the said dean and chapter of Ely, and so transferred to and vested in us as aforesaid, with its 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 sales from time to time as occasion may arise in the purchase of other lands, tithes, rent-charges, tenements, or hereditaments, or of some estate or interest therein convenient to be assigned as the endowment for the said dean and chapter 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 Ely.

*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 eighteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words and figures 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, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for authorizing the sale and disposal of certain property now vested in us.

"Whereas, under and by virtue of a certain indenture, bearing date the twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and made, or expressed to be made, between John Stacey Norris, of Carmelow, in the county of Stafford, Farmer (surviving devisee, in trust, for sale, appointed in and by the last will and testament of William Norris, late of Eccleshall aforesaid, Gentleman, deceased), of the one part, and us, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, of the other part, certain lands and hereditaments, situate in the parish of Eccleshall aforesaid, more particularly described in the schedule hereto annexed, became and are now vested in us, in fee simple, for the purposes, and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

"And whereas the lands and hereditaments aforesaid are not subject to any outstanding beneficial lease or grant, but are now in possession, but some portions thereof, on account of their character or situation, 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, with a view to the advantageous appropriation of the same, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund, it is expedient that the said lands and hereditaments, or such part or parts thereof