

twenty-fourth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

"We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty chapter one hundred and forty-two, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following supplemental scheme under the twenty-fifth section of that Act for remedying certain defects and supplying certain omissions which in our opinion appear to exist and for making certain corrections and alterations which appear to us to be necessary in the provisions of a duly gazetted Order of your Majesty in Council bearing date the twenty-third day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six and made under the provisions of the hereinbefore mentioned Act for effecting an union of the benefice of All Hallows, Lombard-street, and Saint Benet Gracechurch and Saint Leonard Eastcheap and the benefice of Saint Dionis Backchurch both within the city and diocese of London.

"Whereas the union contemplated by the said Order in Council has duly taken effect.

"And whereas by the said Order in Council it is amongst other things ordered that upon the said union taking effect the whole fabric including the vestry room of the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch shall be taken down and its materials and site (except as is therein after proposed) be sold by public tender or by public auction.

"And whereas the said exception refers to a portion of the said site fronting upon Lime-street not exceeding ten feet in depth from east to west at the south end and running to a point at the north end which said portion was to be and has been accordingly offered by us to the Commissioners of Sewers for the widening of Lime-street and the same has been accepted by the said Commissioners of Sewers upon the terms prescribed in the said Order and has been duly appropriated for widening Lime-street and has been dedicated to the public for that purpose.

"And whereas the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch has been lately taken down as is directed by the said Order and the materials thereof have been sold but the site of such church so far as the same has not been appropriated for the widening of Lime-street aforesaid has not yet been sold although the same is ready to be sold.

"And whereas the said Order provides only for a sale of the said site by public tender or by public auction but it appears to us to be expedient that we should be enabled (if we see fit so to do) to sell the same by private contract.

"And whereas there is annexed to and abutting upon the western end of the southern side of the site of the actual fabric of the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch so lately taken down as aforesaid a certain open forecourt and covered passage lying between the said western end of the southern side of the fabric of such church and the street called Fenchurch-street and bounded on the northern side wholly by the site of the fabric of the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch on the southern side as to the said passage by Fenchurch-street and as to the residue of such side by the houses and premises numbered and known respectively as Numbers 161 and 162 Fenchurch-street on the eastern side partly by a churchyard belonging to the same church and called the South Churchyard and partly by the said house and premises numbered and known as Number 161 Fenchurch-street and on the western side partly by the said house and premises numbered and known as Number 162 Fenchurch-

street and partly by the house and premises numbered and known as Number 163 in the same street which said forecourt and passage contain together by admeasurement thirty-two superficial square yards or thereabouts.

"And whereas the said forecourt and passage have for very many years past been used as a means of access from Fenchurch-street to the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch and to the said churchyard belonging thereto called the South Churchyard and the entrance from Fenchurch-street through the said passage and forecourt was in fact when the said church was taken down the main entrance to the said church and churchyard.

"And whereas in the course of the preparations for the proposed sale of the site of the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch so far as the same has not been appropriated for widening Lime-street as aforesaid it has been discovered that interments of human remains have taken place in or under the said forecourt and passage or some part thereof.

"And whereas the sale of the site of the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch so far as the same remains to be sold is by the said Order of your Majesty in Council directed to be made and will be made under and for the purposes of the said Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of your Majesty chapter one hundred and forty-two but by the seventeenth section of the same Act it is enacted that nothing in that Act contained shall legalize the sale or letting of any churchyard or burial ground.

"And whereas it has been made to appear to us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to be necessary for the use and enjoyment of the said site of the late church of Saint Dionis Backchurch so far as the same remains to be sold that access to the same should be secured over the said forecourt and passage and that the money value of the said site remaining to be sold will upon any such sale as aforesaid be diminished unless such access be so secured.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Bishop of the diocese and of the patrons and of the vestries of the parishes to be affected by this scheme that is to say with the consent of the Right Honourable and Right Reverend John Bishop of the said diocese of London (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand and his episcopal seal) and with the consent of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ at Canterbury as patrons of the united benefice of All Hallows Lombard-street with Saint Benet Gracechurch Saint Leonard Eastcheap and Saint Dionis Backchurch and patrons of each of the two benefices forming such united benefice (in testimony whereof the said Dean and Chapter have hereunto affixed their common or corporate seal) and with the consent of the vestry of each of the four parishes of All Hallows Lombard-street, Saint Benet Gracechurch, Saint Leonard Eastcheap, and Saint Dionis Backchurch, the same being the four parishes of the said united benefice whereof the benefice of Saint Dionis Backchurch forms a part (in testimony of which last-mentioned consent the chairman of each of the said vestries has hereunto set his hand pursuant to a resolution duly passed by each of the same vestries respectively at meetings duly convened for the purpose of giving such consent) we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose. First: That we shall have power to sell the site of the said church of Saint Dionis Backchurch (so far as the same remains to be