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TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *June*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter 77, and of the Act of the 5th and 6th years of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, Chapter 26, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 30th day of May, 1940, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter 77, and of the Act of the 5th and 6th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 26, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for authorising certain improvements at the Episcopal Residence belonging to the See of Rochester which is known as *Bishops court*, Rochester:

“ Whereas the Right Reverend Christopher, now Bishop of Rochester, is desirous that certain improvements should be made at the said Episcopal Residence and has submitted to us the particulars of such improvements and we have specified our general approval of the same:

“ And whereas the said Bishop is also desirous and it appears to us to be expedient that towards the cost of effecting the aforesaid improvements a sum of £800 (being a sum which together with the outstanding balance of the sum already borrowed under the authority

of the statutes hereinbefore mentioned for effecting improvements at the said Episcopal Residence does not exceed two years income of the See) should be provided by way of advance from us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to be repaid out of the emoluments of the Bishopric of Rochester:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Christopher, Bishop of Rochester (testified by his having affixed his signature and Episcopal Seal to this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that the said Bishop be authorised to borrow and that we be authorised to advance and pay to him a sum of £800, and that the whole or any part or parts of the said sum of £800 so to be advanced shall be applied by us at such time or times and in such manner as shall appear to us to be expedient towards effecting the said proposed improvements at the Episcopal Residence aforesaid, and that such sum of £800 shall be repaid with interest thereon as hereinafter mentioned, in the manner following, that is to say, during the period of fifteen years from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme, the said Bishop or his successors shall at the end of each year pay to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners one fifteenth part of the said principal sum of £800 and shall also at the end of each year pay interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum on the said principal sum or on so much thereof as shall from time to time remain unpaid, or alternatively it shall be permissible for us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to provide for the repayment of the said sum of £800 and interest thereon or on outstanding balances as aforesaid by way of a yearly deduction during the said period of