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At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 24th day of May, 1950.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the fourth day of May, 1950, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Westminster Abbey Measure 1929, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme relating to the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, of which Corporation Your Majesty is Visitor:

Majesty is Visitor:

"Whereas by an Order of Your Majesty in Council bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1945, and relating to the Dean and Chapter of the said Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, which Order was published in the London Gazette on the 23rd day of February, 1945, it was provided that for the period of five years from the 29th day of September, 1944, there should continue to be paid out of the annual income of the Dean and Chapter, firstly, to the Fabric Fund the annual sum of £3,250; secondly, for the yearly stipends of the Dean and the five Canons, the annual sum of £9,600, being £3,000 for the Dean, £1,200 for each of the two Canons to whose canonries Rectories are annexed and £1,400 for each of the other three Canons, and that these payments should be taken to include and cover any compensation allowance or expense inthat these payments should be taken to include and cover any compensation allowance or expense incurred by reason of the suspension of a Canonry and the reduction of the number of Canons from six to five; and thirdly, that the residue of the said annual income should be applied to the maintenance of the services of Westminster Abbey and other expenses of the Dean and Chapter:

"And whereas it was further provided by an Order of Your Maisety in Council bearing date the 30th

of Your Majesty in Council bearing date the 30th day of April, 1942, which Order was published in the London Gazette on the 1st day of May, 1942, that from and after the 25th day of December, 1941, in respect of any period during which the deanery or any canonry might be vacant for over three months the sums otherwise applicable out of the annual income of the Dean and Chapter for the stipend of the Dean or of that Canon should be added to the Eabric Fund.

"And whereas it appears to us, the said Church Commissioners, to be expedient that the provisions of the said Orders of Your Majesty in Council should

of the said Orders of Your Majesty in Council should continue in force for a further period:

"Now we, the said Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the said Westminster Abbey Measure, 1929, and after consultation as thereby prescribed with the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and with the approval of the Right Honourable William Allen Viscount Jowitt, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, exercising the authority of Your Majesty as Visitor as aforesaid, such approval being testified by his signature and seal being subscribed and affixed to this Scheme, do humbly recommend and propose that from and after the 29th day of September, 1949, first, there shall continue to be paid to the Fabric Fund out of the annual income of the Dean and Chapter an annual sum of £3,250; secondly, there shall be applied out of the annual income of the Dean and Chapter (next after the provision of the lastly mentioned annual sum of £3,250) the annual sum of £9,600 for the yearly stipends of the Dean and the five Canons, being £3,000 for the Dean, £1,200 for each of the two Canons to whose canonries Rectories are annexed and £1,400 for each of the other three Canons, and that these payments shall be taken to include and cover any compensation allowance or expense incurred by reason of the suspension of a Canonry and the reduction of the number of Canons from six to five; and thirdly, that the residue of the annual income of the Dean and Chapter after the specific appropriations hereinbefore directed shall be approincome of the Dean and Chapter after the specific appropriations hereinbefore directed shall be appropriated and applied to the maintenance of the services of Westminster Abbey and other expenses of the Dean and Chapter; and that each of the foregoing provisions shall continue in force only for a further period of five years from the 29th day of September, 1949:

"Provided that where the deanery or any canonry has been vacant for a period of three consecutive months, then as respects any period thereafter during which the vacancy continues, the sums hereinbefore directed to be applied out of the annual income of the Dean and Chapter for the stipend of the Dean or of that Canon, as the case may be, shall not be

or of that Canon, as the case may be, shall not be so applied; and as respects that period the annual sums hereinbefore directed to be paid out of the said income to the Fabric Fund shall be increased by an amount equal to the sums which would, but for this proviso, be applicable as respects that period

for this proviso, be applicable as respects that period for the said stipend:

"Provided further that, if during the currency of this scheme, by virtue of any order made by us, the said Church Commissioners, under the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944, either of the rectories so annexed to canonries shall cease to exist, the weeks stipend for the canon holding such canonry

rectories so annexed to canonries shall cease to exist, the yearly stipend for the canon holding such canonry shall be £1,400 instead of £1,200 and the annual sum of £9,600 herein mentioned shall be increased accordingly:

"And we, the said Church Commissioners, further recommend and propose that the Dean and Chapter of Westminster shall annually within three months after the close of the year to which they relate send to us, the said Church Commissioners, the capitular accounts in full."

And whereas the said Scheme has been commissioners.

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved

by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His 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 upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measure

And His 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 London.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.