'And whereas in the Month of *March* last the said Office of Registrar of Meetings having 'become vacant by the Death of *Jeremiah Hodgson*, the then Holder thereof, *John Frederic* '*Buccleugh* was appointed to the said Office, but on the express Condition that he should 'hold the same subject to any Reduction which might thereafter be made in the Emoluments 'to be received by him as such Registrar: And whereas the Fees receivable by the said 'Registrar for his own Use have on an Average of the last Four Years produced a Sum of 'between Two hundred and forty Pounds and Two hundred and fifty Pounds, and it is 'expedient that the Salary and Emoluments of the said Office should be reduced in manner 'herein-after mentioned:' Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: From and after the passing of this Act the yearly Salary payable to the said Registrar of Meetings shall be the Sum of One hundred Pounds only instead of Two hundred Pounds, and the Fee receivable by him for his own Use for the Registry of every Meeting holden in the said Building after the passing of this Act shall be Sixpence instead of One Shilling.

The yearly Salary of Registrar of Meetings to be 100*l.*, and Fee for Registry of Meetings to be 6*d.*

CAP. LXXXII.

An Act to provide for the future Regulation and Management and the permanent Endowment of "The College of *Christ* of *Brecknock*," founded by King *Henry* the Eighth, with permissive Powers to unite the same with *Saint David's* College. [15th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS the College of *Christ* of *Brecknock* in *South Wales* was founded by King 'Henry the Eighth by His Royal Charter bearing Date the Nineteenth Day of 'January in the Thirty-third Year of His Reign, whereby, after stating that His Majesty's 'Subjects dwelling in the Southern Part of *Wales* were unable by reason of their Poverty 'to educate their Sons in good Letters, and by reason of their Ignorance of the *English* 'Language were unable to understand those Laws and Statutes which they were bound to 'obey, and that the said Foundation was intended to comprise a Grammar School and 'Divinity Lectureship, for providing Instruction, both in Letters and Divinity, by competent Instructors, His said Majesty did establish a Grammar School and Divinity 'Lectureship, and provide thereby gratuitous Instruction, both in Letters and Divinity, by 'competent Instructors, and by the aforesaid Charter the House or Priory of the Preaching 'Friars at *Brecknock*, and all Edifices, Lands, and Property which belonged to that Priory 'at the then late Dissolution thereof, were given and confirmed by His Majesty to the Bishop 'of *Saint David's* and his Successors, and Power and Authority were given to the Bishop and 'all Prebendaries or Ministers of the College then existing at *Abergwilly* within the Diocese 'of *Saint David's*, of which the Bishop was Dean, and all Schoolmasters, Preachers, and 'other Persons, to frequent, inhabit, and abide in the Possessions of the Priory, and Power 'and Authority were also given to the Bishop of *Saint David's* to transfer the Prebendaries 'and other Ministers of the College of *Abergwilly* to the College of *Christ* of *Brecknock*, and 'His Majesty did grant that all Lands, Advowsons, Hereditaments, and Rights belonging 'to the College of *Abergwilly* or the Fabric thereof should be held and enjoyed by the 'Bishop and Prebendaries, to the Use, Support, and Maintenance of the College of *Christ* 'of *Brecknock;* and shortly after the Date of the said Charter the College of *Abergwilly*, 'with its Possessions and the Prebendaries and the Ministers thereof, were duly transferred 'to the College of *Christ* of *Brecknock:* And whereas for many Years before and up to the 'Time of the passing of the Act of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her 'Majesty, herein-after recited, the Collegiate Body of the said College of *Christ* of 'Brecknock consisted of a Dean, being the Bishop of *Saint David's* for the Time being, and 'holding the Prebend of *Llangadock* and the Church or Parsonage of *Mothvey* in right 'of such Deanery, a Treasurer, formerly holding in right of that Office the Prebend of 'Llangammarch, but which Prebend by an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign

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'of Queen *Anne*, was severed from the said College, and annexed to the See of *Saint* 'David's, a Precentor, holding in right of that Office the Prebend of *Llanfynydd*, a Chan- 'cellor, holding in right of that Office the Prebend of *Llanbister*, and Nineteen other 'Prebendaries, holding certain Prebends in right of their respective Offices, a Particular of 'all which said several Dignities, with the Endowments thereof, and of several yearly 'Pensions accustomed to be paid thereout for the Purposes of the said College, and which 'have been latterly applied in Payment of the Stipend of a Schoolmaster and Lecturer in 'Divinity for the said College, is set forth in the First Schedule to this Act: And whereas 'in process of Time the Church and Buildings belonging to the said College have fallen 'into and are now in a State of Decay, and the annual Payments accustomed to be made 'by the said Dean and Prebendaries for the Purposes of the College are inadequate to place 'the Foundation upon an efficient Footing: And whereas by an Act passed in the Session 'holden in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act* 3 & 4 Vict. 'to carry into effect, with certain Modifications, the Fourth Report of the Commissioners of* c. 113. 'Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues, the Deanery of the said College will on the next 'Vacancy thereof become suppressed, and all the Lands, Tithes, Tithe Rentcharges, and 'other Hereditaments (excepting any Rights of Patronage), and all other Emoluments and 'Endowments belonging to the said Deanery, will on such Avoidance become absolutely 'vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and all the Lands, Tithes, and other Here- 'ditaments (excepting Rights of Patronage) belonging to the respective Dignities or 'Offices of Treasurer, Precentor, Chancellor, and the several Prebendaries or other Officers 'of the said Collegiate Church (except as to such Parts thereof as are permanently annexed 'to the said Bishopric) have already, as to such of the said Dignities and Offices as were 'vacant at the passing of this Act or have since become vacant, and as to all others will 'immediately upon the next Vacancies thereof respectively, become vested absolutely in the 'Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, and their Successors, for the Purposes of the 'said Act, subject nevertheless to such Leases as at the respective Times of such Vacancies 'occurring were or shall be subsisting and in force; but in the said Act is contained a 'Proviso that nothing therein contained should in any Manner apply to or affect any 'Dignity, Office, or Prebend which was permanently annexed to any Bishopric, Arch- 'deaconry, Professorship, or Lectureship, or to any School, or the Mastership thereof: And 'whereas Eleven of the Prebends in the said Collegiate Church have become vacant, and 'are so distinguished in the First Schedule to this Act, and all the Lands, Tithes, and other 'Hereditaments constituting or belonging to the said last-mentioned Prebends (excepting 'Rights of Patronage) have become vested (subject to the subsisting Leases affecting the 'same) in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the Purposes of the said Act: And 'whereas, in order to provide for the Restoration of the Fabric of the said Collegiate 'Church and Buildings to a proper Condition of Repair, and for augmenting the Endow- 'ment of the said College, with a view to carry out in an efficient Manner, and with 'greater Advantage, the Purposes for which the said College was founded by the said 'Royal Charter, as in this Act is before expressed, a Proposal has been agreed upon by the 'said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the Right Reverend *Connop Thirlwall* D.D., the 'present Bishop of *Saint David's* and Dean of the said Collegiate Church, that the Lands 'and Hereditaments situate at *Brecknock*, described in the First Part of the Second 'Schedule to this Act, at present held by the said Bishop, and also the said Prebend of '*Llangadock*, and Parsonage of *Mothvey*, respectively described in the Second Part of the 'said Second Schedule to this Act, (whether the same respectively be held by the said 'Bishop in right of his said Bishopric of *Saint David's* or of the said Deanery,) should be 'relinquished and given up by him, in consideration of his receiving such Compensation for 'the same as is herein-after provided for, and that the same Lands and Hereditaments, 'Prebend, and Parsonage, with the annual Pensions in the First Schedule mentioned as 'accustomed to be paid in respect of the said several Prebends therein set forth until the 'same shall respectively become vacant, and also a Portion, to be ascertained as herein-after 'mentioned, of the annual Revenues of the said Estates belonging to the said Prebends, or 'a specific Portion of the same Prebends, subject to the Interests of the present Holders 'thereof, should be permanently settled as an Endowment for the said College: And 'whereas it is expedient that the said College should be put upon a proper Footing of

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'Government and Regulation, and be subject to suitable Constitutions, Ordinances, 'Statutes, and Regulations:' But inasmuch as the aforesaid Objects cannot be carried into effect without the Aid and Authority of Parliament, may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,

Constitution of College of Christ of Brecknock.

I. That the said College of *Christ* of *Brecknock* shall from and after the passing of this Act, and at all Times for ever thereafter, continue and be constiuted a College and Collegiate School, to be called "The College of *Christ* of *Brecknock*," for affording Instruction, in Letters and Divinity according to the Articles and Formularies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and in other Branches of useful Knowledge, by competent Instructors, including a Divinity Lectureship, and for Encouragement to meritorious Scholars for their Advancement in Learning.

Government of College to be vested in Trustees nominated under Order of Court of Chancery.

II. All the Constitutions, Ordinances, Statutes, and Regulations, affecting or relating to the said College of *Christ* of *Brecknock*, whether under or by virtue of the aforesaid Royal Charter, or otherwise, shall be and the same are hereby repealed; and the said College, and all and singular its Endowments, Property, and Revenues, and the Government and Management of the said College, shall, on the due Appointment of a governing Body as herein-after provided, be vested in such Persons, of whom the Bishop of the Diocese shall be One, and their Successors, possessing such Qualifications and to be nominated in such Manner and under and subject to such new or other Ordinances, Statutes, Rules, and Regulations respectively as, having regard to the fundamental Principles and Constitution of the said College in this Act before expressed, shall from Time to Time be expressed and contained in any Scheme or Schemes which shall be approved of and confirmed by an Order or Orders of the High Court of Chancery to be obtained under the Provisions in this Act contained; and the Persons so nominated, and their Successors, shall be a Body Corporate by such Name or Style as shall be declared by such Order, and shall have and use a Common Seal, and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and Places, and shall and may take, purchase, and hold Lands and Real Estates and other Property in trust for the Purposes of the said College and School, according and subject to the Powers and Provisions of this Act, and all the Powers of the said Corporation may be exercised so long as there shall be Three Members thereof: Provided that notwithstanding the Incorporation of the Persons so to be nominated as aforesaid the individual Members of such Corporate Body shall in the Exercise of the Powers and Trusts to be vested in them be responsible in like Manner as other Trustees for the due Execution of the Trust reposed in them: Provided also, that until the Appointment of such governing Body, the said College, its Endowments, Property, and Revenues, shall be and continue vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, subject to the Provisions of this Act.

Lands and Hereditaments to be discharged from Uses and Trusts of Charter of Henry 8.

III. The Lands and Hereditaments described in the First Part of the Second Schedule to this Act, including the Site of the Church, Schoolhouse, Buildings, Ground, and Premises belonging to the said Collegiate Church of *Christ* of *Brecknock*, and also the said Prebend or Portion of the Prebend of *Llangadock* and Parsonage of *Mothvey*, described in the Second Part of the said Second Schedule, and all and singular other the Lands, Tithes, Tithe Rentcharges, Tenements, and Hereditaments belonging to the said Collegiate Church, or to any One or more of the respective Dignities or Offices of Dean, Treasurer, Precentor, Chancellor, Prebendaries, or any other Dignity or Office, Dignities or Offices, in or connected with the said Collegiate Church, shall from and after the passing of this Act (but subject and without Prejudice as to the Prebendaries of the respective Prebends not vacant at the passing of this Act to the Rights and Interests of the present Holders thereof so long as they continue to hold the same, and subject and without Prejudice to such Leases as shall then legally affect the same respectively) be absolutely and for ever discharged of and from all the Uses, Trusts, or Purposes to or for which the same Hereditaments and Estates are or may be subject or liable to be held or applied pursuant to the said Royal Charter of the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, or any other Royal Charter or Charters, or Act or Acts of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, and of and from all Right, Title, or Interest of the

the said *Connop* Bishop of *Saint David's*, and his Successors, Bishops of *Saint David's* for the Time being, or any Lecturer or Master of the said College and School (the Proviso in the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty's Reign contained and herein-before recited in anywise notwithstanding): Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall discharge the present Holders of any of the said Prebends or other Offices from their respective Liabilities for the Payment of the yearly Pensions or Sums mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act to be payable in respect thereof, or to discharge any of such present Holders, or the Representatives of any deceased Holders of any of the said Prebends or Offices, from their respective Liabilities on account of the Dilapidations in the State and Condition of the said Collegiate Church and Buildings, but all such Liabilities may be enforced by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, or, at their Request, but not otherwise, by Her Majesty's Attorney General, for the Benefit of the said College, by all such Ways and Means as might have been had or taken by the said Attorney General against any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, if this Act had not been passed.

Not to discharge present Holders or Representatives of deceased Holders from Pensions and Dilapidations.

IV. All and singular the Lands and Hereditaments described in the First Part of the Second Schedule to this Act, including the Site of the said Church, Schoolhouse, and other Buildings, Ground, and Premises belonging to the said College, and the said Prebend of *Llangadoch* and Parsonage of *Mothvey*, described in the Second Part of the same Schedule, together with the yearly Pensions or Sums mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act to be payable by the said several Prebendaries of the said Prebends, not being vacant at the passing of this Act as aforesaid, so long as they shall respectively continue to hold the same, and also One Half Part of the reserved Rents payable in respect of any of the said Prebends already vacant, and which shall become payable in respect of the other Prebends from the respective Periods of the same becoming vacant, under any Leases lawfully granted or to be granted by any of the Prebendaries of the said College, except the said Prebend of *Llangammarch*, so long as any such Lease or Leases shall continue, and One equal Sixth Part of and in the net Rents and Profits for the Time being arising from all the Prebends mentioned in the said First Schedule, except the said Prebend of *Llangammarch*, which shall accrue from and after the Vacancy of such Prebends respectively, and the Determination of such Leases as aforesaid, whichever shall last happen, or such specific Prebend or Prebends, or such specific Part of any Prebend or Prebends, as may hereafter be appropriated in lieu of such One Half Part of the reserved Rents, and One Sixth Part of the Rents and Profits, as herein-after provided, shall (subject and without Prejudice as in this Act is before mentioned) be and constitute the general Endowment and Property of the said College and School, and the same shall be and become vested, without any other Conveyance than the Authority of this Act, in the Persons who shall be nominated in a Scheme to be approved of by the said Court of Chancery as the governing Body of the said College by such Name or Style of Incorporation as shall be expressed in such Scheme, and their Successors for ever, in trust for the said College and School, and be held, possessed, administered, and managed respectively by such Persons for the Benefit of the said College and School, and the Promotion of the Objects thereof, in such Manner, with such Powers and Authorities, as are in this Act contained, and under and subject to such Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations as shall be prescribed and directed by such Scheme and Order so long and so far as the same Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations shall remain in force, and according to such new or altered Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations as from Time to Time or at any Time afterwards shall be made or approved of by the Court of Chancery under the Powers for that Purpose herein-after given; and that in the meantime, until such governing Body shall be appointed, the Rents, Profits, and Proceeds of such Lands and Hereditaments, and of the other Property and Endowment of the said College and School, shall be vested in and received by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to be dealt with as the said Court of Chancery shall from Time to Time direct.

Endowment of College.

V. The said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall, out of their Common Fund, pay to the Persons to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be applied either in restoring the said Church and Collegiate and School Buildings, or in providing other more suitable Buildings on any other Site to be procured for that Purpose, or in such other Manner as the said Court of Chancery shall direct or approve, and which said

Commissioners to provide Fund for the Restoration of Church and School Buildings.

said Sum of Five thousand Pounds shall be and be considered in full Satisfaction of all Claims by or on the Part of the said College on account of the Rents and Profits of the Property belonging to the said College or the Dignitaries or Officers thereof (except as in this Act is otherwise provided) up to the First Day of *October* after the passing of this Act,

Payment in respect of past Rents and Profits.

VI. All the Rents and Profits which have or shall have accrued due prior to the said First Day of *October* for or in respect of the Prebend, Parsonage, Lands, and Hereditaments described in the Second Schedule to this Act, and which shall then remain due and unpaid by the respective Lessees or Occupiers thereof, shall belong and be payable and paid to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall have and may exercise the same Rights and Remedies for recovering or enforcing Payment thereof as if the same had accrued due to them as the immediate Lessors or Reversioners of the Lands in respect of which such Rents and Profits are payable.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners may petition Court of Chancery for Establishment of Scheme.

VII. It shall be lawful for the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners to present a Petition to the Court of Chancery for the Establishment and Administration of the said College and School; and in all Proceedings to be taken in the said Court in respect of any Scheme for that Purpose the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall, when the Petition or Application shall not be presented or made by them, be served with Notice, and entitled to appear thereon.

Power to acquire and hold Site.

VIII. It shall be lawful for the said Persons to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, and their Successors, with the Authority and under the Order and Direction of the said Court of Chancery, to purchase and hold such Piece or Pieces of Ground, to be situate in or near the Town of *Brecknock*, as shall be approved of and authorized by the said Court, as a Site or Sites for the Erection of new Collegiate and School Buildings, and suitable Premises for Occupation and Use by the Masters and Scholars of the said College, and such Ground, if and when so purchased, shall be conveyed unto or otherwise vested in and held by the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, their Successors and Assigns, upon trust for the College, in such Manner as the said Court shall order or direct.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18, incorporated with this Act as to Purchase of Lands from Persons under Disability.

IX. In case the Court of Chancery shall direct that any Part of the Property belonging to the said College by virtue of this Act shall be invested in the Purchase of any Land as a Site for the Establishment thereof, the Clauses of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Purchase of Lands from Persons under Disability, and with respect to the Purchase Money or Compensation coming to Parties having limited Interests, or prevented from treating, or not making Title, shall be and the same are hereby incorporated with this Act, and shall apply as well to the Purchase Money to be given on any Sale as to any Money to be given upon any Exchange.

In case of Removal of Collegiate Establishment, Collegiate Church to become the Parish Church of Saint David's, Brecknock.

X. In case the said Collegiate Establishment shall be removed from the present Site thereof, under the Authority herein-before specified, or in case the Church belonging thereto shall not be required exclusively for the Purposes of the said Foundation, it shall be lawful for the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, or their Successors, with the Assent of the Bishop of the Diocese for the Time being, and with the Sanction of the said Court of Chancery, to appropriate and set apart the said Church or such Portion of the said Church as may be by them considered expedient, as and for the Parish Church of the Parish of *Saint David's, Brecknock*, in lieu of the present Parish Church, and to make such Arrangements respecting the present Parish Church, or the Site thereof, and upon such Terms and Conditions, and subject to the Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, as shall be deemed advisable; and from and after such Appropriation thereof, and the Acceptance of the same by the Minister and Churchwardens of the said Parish, the said Collegiate Church or such Portion of the said Church shall for ever thereafter cease to belong to or be held in trust for the said College, and shall be such Parish Church accordingly to all Intents and Purposes.

Power to borrow Money.

XI. It shall be lawful for the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated, and their Successors, with the Authority and under the Order and Direction of the said Court of Chancery, from Time to Time to borrow and raise any Sum or Sums of Money on the Security of the Estates and Property belonging to the said College or any Part thereof; and

and for the raising of any such Loan or Loans from Time to Time to mortgage all or any Part of the said Estates to such Person or Persons, in such Manner, and subject to such Provisions and Restrictions as to the Interest to be paid on such Loans and the Repayment of the Principal thereof, and the Reservation of a Fund for such Repayment, and otherwise, as shall be mentioned and provided in and by any such Scheme sanctioned as aforesaid, or in or by any Order or Orders of the said Court of Chancery.

Powers of Leasing and Management of Estates.

XII. It shall be lawful for the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated, and their Successors, in accordance with the Rules and Provisions to be contained in the Scheme to be approved and confirmed as aforesaid, or with any Order or Orders of the said Court of Chancery, and for giving full Effect to the same, from Time to Time to let and demise, and contract for the letting or demising of all or any Part of the Estates belonging to the said College, (other than and except the Collegiate and School Buildings, Yard, and Premises for the Time being used or required for the Purposes thereof,) for such Term or Terms of Years, in such Manner and as to any Building Lease or Contract for any Building Lease as in any such Scheme, Order or Orders, may be mentioned or provided, and also from Time to Time, with the Sanction and Approbation of the said Court of Chancery, to be obtained on Petition, to sell and convey, or to exchange or otherwise dispose of, and also to contract for the Sale and Conveyance or Exchange or other Disposition of all or any Part of the Estates and Property belonging to the said College, freed and discharged from all charitable and other Trusts affecting the same, at such Price or Prices, for such Considerations, upon such Terms and Conditions, in such Manner, and with and subject to such Powers and Provisions and such Declarations as to the Re-investment of the Money to be produced by any such Sale, Exchange, or Disposition in the Purchase of Lands and Hereditaments, or on Government or Real Securities, or otherwise, as the said Court of Chancery shall from Time to Time authorize or direct, and also to make and execute all or any such Deeds, Leases, and Conveyances, and accept all or any such Surrenders, and to make and enter into all or any such Contract or Contracts and Arrangements, and do all or any such Acts, Matters, and Things whatsoever in or for the Administration or the Improvement or better Management of the said Estates and Property, and the Income thereof, or any Part thereof respectively, as the said Court of Chancery shall or may from Time to Time authorize and sanction or direct.

For Investment of surplus Income.

XIII. All or any Monies and surplus Income arising or to arise from the Estates or Property of the said College which shall or may from Time to Time remain and be unapplied and unappropriated under or according to the Provisions of this Act, or of any such Scheme and Order as aforesaid, may from Time to Time, with the Approbation and Sanction of the said Court of Chancery, to be obtained as herein-after provided, when and as the same shall amount to a competent Sum, be laid out and invested by the said Persons so to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, and their Successors, in the Purchase of Real Estate and Hereditaments or of Government or other Securities, to be respectively conveyed unto or transferred into the Names of such Persons, and their Successors, and to be held and possessed respectively by them in such Manner and Form and upon such Trusts for the Benefit of the said College as the said Court shall or may order or sanction and direct.

Application to Court to be "In the Matter of the College of Christ of Brecknock."

XIV. In all Cases in which the Order, Direction, Approbation, or Sanction of the said Court of Chancery shall be necessary or required under the Provisions of this Act or of any such Scheme as aforesaid, such Order, Direction, Approbation, or Sanction may be obtained and made and given respectively by Order of the said Court made in a summary Way upon a Petition entitled "In the Matter of the College of *Christ* of *Brecknock*;" and it shall also be lawful for the said Court of Chancery from Time to Time to hear every such Petition, and to make such Order or Orders thereon and (except so far as is otherwise provided by this Act) as to the Parties to be served therewith or to appear thereon, and as to the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of the Petitioner or Petitioners and all other Parties incurred by reason or in consequence thereof, as the said Court shall think fit.

Costs.

XV. The Costs, Charges, and Expenses incurred or to be incurred in or by the obtaining or passing of this Act, and of preparing the aforesaid Scheme by the said Ecclesiastical

Commissioners, and also the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of all necessary Parties in or about the preparing of or consenting to any Petition or Petitions or other Proceedings for obtaining the Approval and Confirmation of the said Court of Chancery thereto, and of any Order or Orders to be made thereupon, shall be borne and paid in the first instance by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners out of the Common Fund placed at their Disposal for the Purposes of the said Acts, and One equal Third Part of the Money which shall be applied in Payment of the said Costs, Charges, and Expenses by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall be repaid to them or retained by them out of the Monies or Income belonging to the said College; and all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of or incident to the carrying into execution any of the Powers and Authorities created or conferred by this Act, or by any such Scheme as aforesaid, and not required to be exercised with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery, shall and may be retained and paid and discharged in the first place out of the Monies or Income belonging to the said College.

Residue of Property, except Lands in Second Schedule and Pensions, to remain vested in Ecclesiastical Commissioners and other Holders of same for the Time being.

XVI. All the Messuages, Lands, Tithes, Tithe Rentcharges, and Hereditaments, belonging to or constituting the Corps of the several Prebends or Offices mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act, and all other, if any, the Lands, Tithes, Tithe Rentcharges, Hereditaments, and Premises belonging to or held in trust for the said Collegiate Church, or all or any One or more of the Dignities or Offices of Dean, Treasurer, Precentor, Chancellor, Prebends, or other Dignity or Office, Dignities or Offices in the said College (other than and except the Lands and Hereditaments, Prebend and Parsonage, described in the Second Schedule to this Act, and except the Pensions and annual Sums payable by the present Holders of the said Dignities and Offices respectively,) shall from and after the passing of this Act (but subject and without Prejudice, as to such of the said Prebends as have not yet accrued to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to the Rights and Interests of the present Holders thereof, and to the subsisting Leases thereof,) remain and be absolutely vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, their Successors and Assigns, freed and discharged from the Uses, Trusts, or Purposes for or to which the same are or may be liable to be applied under the said Royal Charter of the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, or any other Royal Charter or Charters, or Act or Acts of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, but charged and chargeable nevertheless with the Payment to the Persons to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid of the annual Pensions, Portion of Rents reserved on Leases, and Part of the net Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tithes, Tithe Rentcharges, Hereditaments, and Premises herein-before declared to be and made a Part of the general Endowment and Property of the said College, and which net Rents and Profits shall be estimated after deducting all the usual Outgoings, and the proper and necessary Expenses attending the Management of the Property, and the Collection or Receipt of the said Rents and Profits; and, subject and chargeable as aforesaid, the said Prebends, Estates, and Property so vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners as aforesaid shall be by them held, possessed, and administered for the Purposes and under and according to the Provisions contained in the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, or other Act or Acts relating to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners which apply to Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments vested or liable to be vested in them under the same Acts or any of them, subject only to such Leases or Grants heretofore made thereof, or of any Part thereof, as may be now legally subsisting and not void or voidable at Law or in Equity: Provided nevertheless, that, notwithstanding the Right of the Persons so to be incorporated as aforesaid to receive such Pensions and Portions of and out of the Rents and Profits of the Estates lastly herein-before declared to be vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners as are herein-before mentioned, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall have and may exercise all the same Powers of granting Leases of the same Estates at Rackrent (but not in consideration of Fines or Premiums, except with the Consent of the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, or their Successors,) as they the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, by virtue of their said Acts or otherwise, might have had and exercised in respect of the same Estates in case such Persons had not been entitled to any such Pensions or Portions; provided also, that it shall be lawful for the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, in exercise of the Powers vested in them under any of their said Acts, and by the Authority and for the Purposes therein expressed, with the Consent of the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, or their Successors,

Successors, to be testified by Writing under their Common Seal, to sell or otherwise dispose of any Part or Parts of the same Estates absolutely freed and discharged of and from the Rights and Interests of such Persons as last mentioned, or their Successors, therein or thereto.

Power to Ecclesiastical Commissioners to set apart specific Prebends in commutation of Proportion of Profits reserved to College.

XVII. It shall be lawful for the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, at any Time hereafter, by a Scheme prepared by them with the Consent of the Bishop of the Diocese for the Time being, and sanctioned by the Order of Her Majesty in Council, and published in the *London Gazette*, and also with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery to be previously obtained for the Purpose, to appropriate and set apart for the Use and in part of the Endowment of the said College and School, in lieu of the One Moiety of the Rents reserved on such Leases as aforesaid, and of the One Sixth Part of the clear Rents and Profits of the said Estates and Hereditaments by this Act declared to be vested in them as aforesaid, such specific Prebend or Prebends, or such specific Part or Parts of any One or more of the said Prebends as, according to the Certificate of Two competent Surveyors, One to be appointed by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the other by the governing Body of the said College and School to be incorporated as aforesaid, shall appear to be equivalent at least to such equal Moiety and Sixth Part or Share of the gross Value of the whole of the said Estates and Hereditaments subject to the Lease or Leases then subsisting therein; and from and after the Time which shall be fixed for that Purpose by the said Scheme, and after the same Scheme shall have come into operation, the Lands and Hereditaments so appropriated to the Use of the said College and School shall by force of this Act, and of such last-mentioned Scheme or Schemes so sanctioned as aforesaid, without any further Conveyance, be vested in the Persons so to be nominated and incorporated as aforesaid, and their Successors, as Part of the Endowment thereof, for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, and the Remainder of the said Prebends, Estates, and Hereditaments shall thenceforth and at all Times for ever thereafter be and remain vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and their Successors, freed and discharged from all Trusts, Claims, and Demands for or on behalf of the said College and School.

Compensation to Bishop of St. David's for Relinquishment of Lands, &c.

13 & 14 Vict. c. 94.

XVIII. In consideration of the Relinquishment by the said *Connop* Bishop of *Saint David's* in favour of the said College of the Lands and Hereditaments, Prebend and Parsonage, respectively described in the Second Schedule to this Act, Compensation shall be made to the said Bishop for the said Lands, Hereditaments, Prebend, and Parsonage under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for* England, and by the Authority thereby provided, in like Manner as is by the Twenty-second Section of the said Act directed in the Case of the Severance of certain Benefices from the Sees therein respectively mentioned.

Offices of Lecturer, Treasurer, &c. to cease on passing of Act.

XIX. The present Lecturer and Schoolmaster of the said College and School shall cease to hold Office, and the said Offices be suppressed on the Appointment and Incorporation of such governing Body as herein-before is mentioned; but the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, with the Sanction of the Court of Chancery, may, if they think fit, assign out of the Pension herein-before mentioned to both or either of such Officers any yearly Sums not exceeding the Stipends which have been accustomably paid to such Lecturer and Schoolmaster, and shall fix the Duration of such Payments, which shall form a Charge on the Endowment and Property of the said College; and the several Dignities or Offices of Treasurer, Precentor, Chancellor, Prebendaries, and other Dignities or Offices in or connected with the said Collegiate Church, shall, as to such of them as are vacant at the passing of this Act, immediately upon its so passing, and as to all others immediately upon the next Vacancies thereof respectively, be suppressed.

Charter for St. David's College, Lampeter, 6th Feb., 9 G. 4.

XX. ‘ And whereas His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, by His Royal Charter ‘ bearing Date the Sixth Day of *February* in the Ninth Year of His Reign, after reciting ‘ that His Majesty being informed that the Majority of Persons intended for Holy Orders ‘ in *South Wales* were unable by reason of their Poverty to pursue their Studies in the

'*English* Universities, and willing that there should be founded and established at *Lampeter* 'in the County of *Cardigan* One perpetual College for the Reception and Education of 'Persons destined for Holy Orders, which should be called *Saint David's College*, and should 'consist of One Principal, Two or more Tutors, and Two or more Professors, did appoint 'the Bishop of *Saint David's* for the Time being Visitor of the said College, and declared 'that the Principal, Tutors, and Professors, and their Successors, should be a Body Corporate by the Name of "The Principal, Tutors, and Professors of *Saint David's College* 'in the County of *Cardigan* in the Principality of *Wales*," and His Majesty granted to the 'said Corporation certain Advowsons with Cure of Souls and Sinecure Rectories or Par-
3 & 4 Vict. c. 113. s. 62. 'sonages mentioned in the said Charter: And whereas by the said Act of the Third and 'Fourth Years of Her present Majesty's Reign it was enacted, that, if it were deemed fit, 'any Part of the Lands, Tithes, or Hereditaments which should vest in or accrue to the 'said Ecclesiastical Commissioners from or in respect of the Cathedral Church of *Saint* '*David* or the Collegiate Church of *Brecon* might, by the Authority therein provided, be 'transferred to the said College of *Saint David's*, in exchange for Benefices with Cure of 'Souls then connected with the said College; and the said College was empowered, upon 'the Completion of any such Arrangement, to convey any such Benefices to such Person or 'Body Corporate and in such Manner as should be directed by the like Authority: And 'whereas by an Act passed in a Session holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the
6 & 7 Vict. c. 77. s. 13. 'Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Cathedral Churches of* 'Wales, it was enacted, that so much of the last-mentioned Act as related to the said 'College of *Saint David* should be repealed, and that Arrangements might be made by the 'Authority mentioned in the said Act (that is to say, by a Scheme prepared by the said 'Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and an Order of Her Majesty in Council confirming the 'same,) for effecting the Sale of the Advowsons of the several Benefices with Cure of Souls 'then annexed to the said College, and investing the Proceeds of such Sale for the Benefit 'of the said College; and that if it should be made to appear to the said Ecclesiastical 'Commissioners that the said College should afterwards not be competently endowed, it 'should be lawful, by the like Authority, to transfer to the said College, in augmentation of 'the Endowment thereof, any of the Lands, Tithes, Tenements, or Hereditaments in the 'Principality of *Wales* vested or to be vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for '*England* by or under the Provisions of the several Acts of Parliament mentioned in 'relation thereto: And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made Arrange-'ments in pursuance of the said Act for effecting the Sale of the Advowsons of certain 'Benefices with Cure of Souls annexed to the said College, and it is expedient that Her 'Majesty should be empowered, if She should see fit, to make further Provision for the 'College of *Saint David's* in augmentation of the Endowment thereof out of any of the 'Lands, Tithes, and other Hereditaments belonging to or constituting Endowments of 'the College of *Christ* of *Brecknock* vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners by

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'virtue of this Act or otherwise:' Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders in Council ratifying a Scheme or Schemes of the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, to be prepared and published in the Manner directed by the said last-recited Act, at any Time after the passing of this Act, but without Prejudice to any Act, Deed, Matter, or Thing before done, executed, or performed under the Provisions of this Act, to transfer to or vest in the Principal, Tutors, and Professors of the said College of *Saint David's*, and their Successors, any of the Prebends or any specific Portions of the Prebends of the said College of *Christ* vested in the said Commissioners by this Act or otherwise, or any Lands, Tithes, or Hereditaments belonging to or constituting the Corps of such Prebends, and charged in such Manner and subject to such Conditions as may be described or imposed by any such Scheme of the said Commissioners whereby such Augmentation shall be made, and that either in exchange for any of the said Benefices with

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Cure of Souls annexed to the said College, or otherwise; and that Her said Majesty may at any Time hereafter, if She shall think fit, in and by any such Order or Orders in Council ratifying any such Scheme or Schemes as aforesaid, such Scheme or Schemes being prepared with the Consent of the Bishop of the Diocese for the Time being to be testified by the Signature of the said Bishop, order and direct that *Saint David's College* shall be transferred from

from *Lampeter* in the County of *Cardigan* to *Brecknock*, and the same shall thereupon and with all convenient Speed be transferred accordingly; and the Principal, Tutors, and Professors of *Saint David's College* shall become Principal, Tutors, and Professors of the College of *Saint David's* in the County of *Brecknock*, by that Name, or by such other Name as shall be directed in such Scheme; and the said College so transferred shall hold and enjoy all the same Endowments and Privileges, and be under and subject to the same Government, Visitation, Statutes, Rules, and Regulations, as the said College may at the Time of such Transfer hold, enjoy, and be under and subject to at *Lampeter*, unless and until Her Majesty, in and by such Order, or any other such Order as aforesaid, shall order otherwise under the Authorities herein-after contained; and Her said Majesty is hereby authorized and empowered, if She shall see fit, in such Manner but subject to such Provisions as the High Court of Chancery shall by any Scheme to be settled by such Court approve, to annex the said College and Collegiate School of *Christ* of *Brecknock* to the said College of *Saint David's*, when the same shall have been so transferred to *Brecknock*, with a view either to their becoming separate Parts of One University, and under One System of Government and Visitation, or to their being placed in such Relation to each other as separate Colleges, or otherwise, as Her said Majesty shall think fit, having regard to the distinctive Characters and Objects of the Two Institutions.

Power to annex College of Christ of Brecknock to College of St. David's.

XXI. Provided always, in case of the Removal of the said College of *Saint David's* to *Brecknock* Provision shall be made for the Reception and Education not only of Persons destined for Holy Orders but also Persons intended for secular Employments.

Proviso as to Education if College removed to Brecknock.

XXII. The Powers of Augmentation given to Her Majesty in respect of *Saint David's College* may be exercised either before or after the Transfer thereof to *Brecknock*, or the Annexation thereof to the said College of *Christ* of *Brecknock*.

How Powers of Augmentation may be exercised.

XXIII. For all Purposes of Recital or Reference it shall be sufficient in all Cases to mention this Act as "The *Christ College* of *Brecknock* Act, 1853."

Reference to Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Name of Prebend.	Endowments.	Rents reserved on Leases.	Pension to Schoolmaster.	Pension to Lecturer.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Llanbister (with the Chancellorship annexed).	Tithe Rentcharge and Land	60 0 0	- - -	2 6 8
Llanelwedd - -	The Tithe Rentcharge and Rectory of Llanelwedd.	7 13 4	- - -	1 4 0
Llandilograban -	Tithe Rentcharge and 9A. 0R. 0P. of Glebe Land.	9 13 4	- - -	1 10 8
Llangadock and Llanthoisant (annexed to the Deanery).	A Portion of the Tithes of Mothvey.	- - -	Proportion of 16 0 0	—
Llangammarch (with the Treasurership).	Annexed to the Bishoprick by 12th Anne, Stat. 2, Cap. 6.	60 0 0	- - -	2 6 8
Llandegley - -	Tithe Rentcharge - -	12 0 0	- - -	2 6 8
Llangunllo - -	Tithe Rentcharge - -	26 0 0	2 5 8	—
Llansantfread in Elvel	Tithe Rentcharge - -	1 6 8	- - -	1 4 0

Name of Prebend.	Endowments.	Rents reserved on Leases.	Pension to Schoolmaster.	Pension to Lecturer.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Llanwrthwl - -	Two Thirds of Tithe Rentcharge of Llanwrthwl, also Tithe Rentcharge of Llanlleonfel and 7 A. 3 R. 25 P. of Land.	13 6 8	- - -	2 6 8
Llanarthney - -	Two Thirds of Tithes of Llanarthney and 11 A. 0 R. 27 P. of Land.	16 0 0	- - -	2 6 8
Mochtre - -	Tithe Rentcharge - -	8 0 0	- - -	1 11 8
Nantgunllo - -	Tithe Rentcharge - -	10 0 0	- - -	1 4 0
IN HAND.				
Llangadock and Llanthoisant (annexed to the Deanery).	Portions of the Tithes of Llangadock and Llanthoisant.	- - -	Proportion of 16 0 0	—
VACANT.				
NOW VESTED IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS.				
Boughrood (Llanbedr Painscastle).	Tithe Rentcharge of Llanbedr Painscastle.	2 0 0	- - -	1 10 8
Clyro - - -	Tithe Rentcharge of Clyro with the Hamlet of Bettwys.	15 6 8	- - -	1 10 8
Garthbrengy - -	Tithe Rentcharge of Garthbrengy.	10 0 0	- - -	1 10 8
Llandarog - -	Tithe Rentcharge of Llandarog, Llanganten, and Llangynog, and Glebe Land.	10 0 0	- - -	1 10 8
Llandisilio - -	Tithe Rentcharge - -	26 5 0	- - -	1 4 0
Llandrindod - -	Tithe Rentcharge of Llandrindod.	6 0 0	0 9 0	—
Llandygwydd - -	Tithe Rentcharge and Glebe.	12 0 0	- - -	1 13 4
Llanfynydd (with the Precentorship).	Part of the Tithe Rentcharges of the Parishes of Llanfynydd and Llangadock, with the Chapelry of Llanthoisant.	22 0 0	- - -	2 6 8
Lledrod - -	Tithe Rentcharge of Lledrod	6 13 4	- - -	1 4 0
St. Armons - -	Tithe Rentcharge of St. Armons.	14 0 0	1 10 8	—
Trallwng - -	Parsonage House, Tithe Rentcharge, and Glebe.	20 0 0	1 4 0	—

SECOND SCHEDULE;

FIRST PART,

Comprising the Lands and Hereditaments, including the Demesne and Site of Church and Schoolhouse, in hand.

No.	Description of Premises.	Quantity. A.	R.	P.
1	Meadow, enclosed with a Stone Wall	2	0	32
2	Garden	0	1	2
3	The Collegiate Church and Yard	0	0	26
4	Schoolhouse, with Two Dwellings above, Garden and Stable	0	0	36
5	House, Currier's Shop, and Garden, with Outbuildings	0	2	28
6	Stables, Wheelwright and Carpenter's Shop, and Yards	0	0	20
7	Walled Garden	0	1	4
10	Meadow and Garden	0	3	15
11	Garden	0	0	31
13	Meadows	2	2	7
14	Meadow	4	0	28
15	Meadow	8	1	5
16	Meadow	3	0	30
17	Meadow	2	0	12
18	Meadow	2	2	13
8	Six Cottages and Yard	0	0	11
9	Three Cottages and Garden	0	0	12
12	Eleven Cottages and Gardens	0	1	14
19	Roadway	0	0	39
		28	2	5

SECOND PART.

The Prebend of Llangadock and Llanthoisant with the Parsonage of Mothvey, endowed with Portions of the Tithes of Llangadock and Llanthoisant, in hand, and of Mothvey in Lease.

CAP. LXXXIII.

An Act to amend an Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-nine. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS the Law touching Evidence requires further Amendment:' Be it therefore declared and enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Husbands and Wives of Parties to be admissible Witnesses;

I. On the Trial of any Issue joined, or of any Matter or Question, or on any Inquiry arising in any Suit, Action, or other Proceeding in any Court of Justice, or before any Person having by Law or by Consent of Parties Authority to hear, receive, and examine Evidence, the Husbands and Wives of the Parties thereto, and of the Persons in whose Behalf any such Suit, Action, or other Proceeding may be brought or instituted, or opposed or defended, shall, except as herein-after excepted, be competent and compellable to give Evidence, either *vivâ voce* or by Deposition according to the Practice of the Court, on behalf of either or any of the Parties to the said Suit, Action, or other Proceeding.

except in Criminal Cases and

II. Nothing herein shall render any Husband competent or compellable to give Evidence for or against his Wife, or any Wife competent or compellable to give Evidence for or against her