



### CHAPTER liii.

An Act to enable the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to make an advance to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster for the restoration and repair of Westminster Abbey. A.D. 1886.

[25th June 1886.]

**B**E 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Westminster Abbey Act, 1886. Short title.

2. The Dean and Chapter of Westminster may borrow, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England may lend, on the security of the revenues of the Dean and Chapter, or of such part thereof as the said Commissioners may accept as sufficient security, such capital sum or sums, not exceeding in the aggregate five thousand pounds in any one year and ten thousand pounds in the whole, as the said Commissioners consider to be required for the restoration or repair of Westminster Abbey and the buildings attached thereto; and the Dean and Chapter of Westminster may mortgage the said revenues to the Commissioners for the purpose of securing the repayment of the sums so borrowed. Power of Dean and Chapter of Westminster to borrow and of Ecclesiastical Commissioners to lend for repair of Westminster Abbey.

The sums so borrowed shall be expended to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners in substantial repairs and restoration of Westminster Abbey and the buildings attached thereto.

The sums so borrowed shall be repaid by equal yearly or half-yearly instalments during such period not exceeding fifty years from the date of the borrowing as the said Commissioners may fix, and interest at such rate as shall be agreed on between the said Dean and Chapter and the said Commissioners shall be paid by

A.D. 1886. — the Dean and Chapter to the said Commissioners on so much of the sums borrowed as is for the time not repaid.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners may make grant for preservation of building.

3. In case the Ecclesiastical Commission satisfy themselves that the revenues of the Dean and Chapter will not suffice to repay the principal or pay the interest as above named, the said Commissioners may make a grant for such portion of the aforesaid sum as shall be necessary for the preservation of the building; provided that such repairs and restorations on which such grant shall have been expended shall have been approved of by said Commissioners.

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