



Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840

1840 CHAPTER 113

XLVIII Suppression of Sinecure Rectories.

And be it enacted, That all Ecclesiastical Rectories without Cure of Souls in the sole Patronage of Her Majesty, or of any Ecclesiastical Corporation, Aggregate or Sole, where there shall be a Vicar endowed or a Perpetual Curate, shall, as to all such Rectories as may be vacant at the passing of this Act immediately upon its so passing, and as to all others immediately upon the Vacancies thereof respectively, be suppressed; and that as to any such Ecclesiastical Rectory without Cure of Souls, the Advowson whereof or any Right of Patronage wherein shall belong to any Person or Persons or Body Corporate other than as aforesaid, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* shall be authorized and empowered to purchase and accept Conveyance of such Advowson or Right of Patronage, as the Case may be, at and for such Price or Sum as may be agreed upon between them and the Owner or Owners of such Advowson or Right of Patronage, and may pay the Purchase Money and the Expences of and attendant upon such Purchase out of the common Fund hereinafter mentioned and that after the Completion of such Purchase of any such Rectory, and upon the first Avoidance thereof, the same shall be suppressed ; and that upon the Suppression of any such Rectory as aforesaid all Ecclesiastical Patronage belonging to the Rector thereof as such Rector shall be absolutely transferred to and be vested in the original Patron or Patrons of such Rectory.