

it would give you much trouble - & the annoying & I may say disgraceful state of the Organ left here - which only wants money - (but a good deal of that) to rectify it - makes me anxious to press the matter as rapidly as I can. - The enclosed is a careful copy of the only material part of the Trust Deed for the Repair of our Church - under which you advised me (as I had previously supposed) that as virtual Trustee (the Church Building Soc^y being the legal ones) I can only repair & restore - not add, take away, or improve. Now, I told you that, in consideration of many inconveniences & evils following from being thus tied up, I shd be glad to get an unopposed Chancery suit, ~~and~~ releasing me from such strict terms in the appropriation of the Dividends - and you told me you thought such a thing might be done, with a W^t of affidavits, costing at the least £15'. Which I duly laid up in mind. — But subsequent examination has shewn me something, which as a non-lawyer seems to give a much stronger ground for application than a mere complaint as to bad arrangement with its consequent evils, great as they are.

It seems to me that the Trst - i.e., Church Building Society, & I acting under them, have not merely no power to touch the original stock, but not even the accumulation! -

What follows?

That if a cyclone should strip the roof, or damage the painted windows - or if the roof should require general & extensive repair - which is sure to come must happen - the unfortunate incumbent for the time being cannot touch a farthing beyond the bare Dividends - quite insufficient for any such purpose. When the time of general repair (what we call stripping the roof) comes, we must (at least my successor must) apply to Chancery for relief. Then why not do it now, when so many most desirable, I might almost call them essential, alterations are only standing still for want of money? -

It might well be considered too that the Deed, as it is, is not calculated to carry out the known intention of the Donors. For Mr Penry told me that ~~the~~ ^{their} intention was that the accumulation should form a fund for any future great repair, such as the renewal of the Roof when necessary. But as the