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# A BILL

To enable the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to Regulate the affairs of the said Church and to authorize the holding of Provincial Synods of the same Church in this Colony.

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**W**HEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation and <sup>Preamble.</sup> management of the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales, and to authorize the holding of Provincial Synods of the same Church in this Colony, Be it therefore  
5 enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

I. It shall be lawful for the Bishop, Licensed Clergy and Lay <sup>Synod may be held.</sup> Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in any Diocese  
10 now or at any time hereafter existing within the Colony, and being convened and elected as hereinafter provided, to meet in Synod.

II. The first Synod shall be convened and holden in any existing <sup>President and time of holding</sup> Diocese within six months after the passing of this Act, and in every  
15 future Diocese, within twelve months after the formation of such Diocese, and such first Synod and all subsequent Synods shall be convened within the periods and in the manner hereinafter provided save in so far as the same may be altered by any Synod acting under the powers hereinafter in that behalf given. And the Synod shall be  
20 convened and holden once in every year by summons in writing under the hand and seal of the Bishop stating the time and place of meeting. And the Bishop, or in his absence a Commissary appointed by him in writing, shall be President of the Synod and may adjourn, prorogue and dissolve the same, with the concurrence of the Synod. Provided  
25 always that a new Synod shall be elected and convened at least once in every three years. And it shall not be lawful for the President to vote on any question or matter arising in the Synod.

III. The Synod shall have power to make Rules for the conduct <sup>Powers of Synod generally.</sup> of all business coming before it, and to make Ordinances for the  
30 management and disposal of all Church property, moneys, and revenues, not diverting any specifically appropriated, or the subject of any specific trust, nor interfering with any vested rights, and for the election or appointment of Churchwardens and Lay Trustees, and generally for the order and good Government of the United Church of  
35 England and Ireland in New South Wales, and the regulation of its affairs as well within the Diocese as the several Parishes thereof, any provision in the Act of Council, 8 William 4, No. 5, or the Act 21 Victoria, No. 4, passed for amending the same, in any such case notwithstanding, and such Rules and Ordinances shall be binding on  
40 the Bishop and his Successors, and on the Clergy and Lay Members of the Church, residing within the Diocese, and on none other, and on such Clergy and Lay Members only so far as the same may concern their respective rights, duties, and liabilities, as holding any office in the Church, within the Diocese.

IV. Every Rule and Ordinance of the Synod shall be made with <sup>Mode of voting and Quorum.</sup> the concurrence of the Bishop of the Diocese and a majority of the Clergy  
and

and Lay Members of the Synod, voting by Orders and the presence of not less than one fourth of the Members of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a Quorum : Provided that in every case unless the Bishop or five members of the Synod shall, on any question being put, desire that the votes be taken by Orders, the votes of the Clergy and Lay 5 Members shall be taken collectively, and the majority thereupon declared be deemed to be the majority of both Orders : Provided, also, that any decision concurred in by any two only of the three Orders of Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Members, may be the subject of reference to any Provincial Synod which may be holden, as hereinafter provided, and 10 such Provincial Synod shall have power to determine the same, but the subject matter for decision shall remain in abeyance until the determination of such reference.

Power of Synod to alter Constitution, &c.

V. It shall be lawful for the Synod to make Rules and Ordinances for trying the validity of the election of any Representative, and for 15 supplying any vacancies in the Synod which may be occasioned by death, resignation, or any other cause, and for altering the periods within which, and the manner in which subsequent Synods shall be convened, and the mode of electing Lay Representatives, and for restricting the number of the Licensed Clergy 20 and Lay-Members of the Church to be respectively summoned to any future Synod, and as to the manner in which they shall respectively be selected. Provided that the number of Lay Members to be summoned to such Synod shall not exceed twice the number of Clergy to be summoned, and provided that the Declarations imposed by this 25 Act and no other shall be required either from Lay Members of the Church voting at the election of Representatives or from Lay Representatives when elected.

Removed or suspended Office Bearers.

VI. Whenever any office Bearer shall be removed or suspended from his office by the Synod, he shall immediately cease to have or 30 exercise any function connected with his office, and shall be deprived of all rights, emoluments, or salary to which by virtue of his office he would have been entitled but for such removal or suspension, and shall forthwith deliver up to any person appointed by the Synod to receive the same, all property in his possession, charge, or power, as 35 such Office Bearer, and in default of his so doing the person so appointed, may in his own name bring any Action or Suit, or take any other proceeding that may be necessary in respect of the said property.

Synod may call for accounts.

VII. The Synod shall have power to call upon any person holding property belonging to the Church in the Diocese or in any Parish 40 thereof, or in which the Church or any such Parish is in any manner interested, to render a full account of all such property and of the manner in which the same and every part thereof is applied and disposed of. And in all cases, in which any action, suit, or proceeding shall be necessary in respect of any such property, the Synod may 45 sue and be sued in the name of the Bishop.

Mode of convening Synod.

VIII. Whenever the Bishop shall convene the first Synod, he shall summon thereto the licensed Clergy, within his Diocese, and the Lay Representatives elected as hereinafter provided ; And for electing such Representatives the Bishop shall require each Clergyman, licensed 50 to a separate cure of souls, to summon a Meeting of the Members of the Church, of the age of twenty-one years, being males, and occupiers of seats in his Church, or residents within his Parish or District at such time within limits which may be prescribed by the Bishop and at such place within the Parish or District, as to such Clergyman may 55 seem convenient ; and every Member so summoned shall be entitled to vote at such election, but the Clergyman summoning the Meeting shall not be entitled to vote at such election save to give a casting vote.

IX.

IX. The Clergyman, if present, shall act as Chairman of the said Meeting, and so soon as six persons at the least, are assembled, the Meeting shall proceed to business, and the Chairman shall cause a list to be made of those who are present, and add thereto the names of any who subsequently attend before the proceedings are closed, and the Chairman shall cause minutes to be taken of the proceedings of the Meeting. And every Member of the Church shall, before taking part in or voting at such meeting, sign the following Declaration:—

“I the undersigned A. B., do declare that I am a Member of the United Church of England and Ireland.”

X. Every such Meeting shall choose as a Representative one male person of the age of twenty-one years, being a Layman and a Communicant of the Church, and if more than thirty persons shall attend and vote, it shall be lawful for such Meeting to elect one such additional Representative, but no Parish or District shall elect more than two Representatives.

XI. In case at any such Meeting the persons proposed for election exceed the number which the Meeting is authorised to elect, the Chairman shall take in writing the votes of the qualified persons present, each of whom may give one vote for such one or two of the persons proposed as he may think fit according to the number to be elected, and the Chairman shall declare the number of votes given for each person, and where the votes for two or more are equal, the Chairman may give a casting vote in favour of either one or two of such persons as the case may require.

XII. The Chairman shall cause to be delivered to each person elected a Certificate of his election, and shall sign the minutes of the Meeting in token of their correctness, and shall forward them to the Bishop, together with all certificates, subscriptions, and lists, which have been laid before the said Meeting, and a certificate of the names, callings, and addresses of the persons chosen, to be laid before the Synod at the opening thereof: Provided that no Rule or Ordinance of the Synod shall be vitiated by reason of the non-election or any error or informality in the election of any Representative.

XIII. Each Representative shall, before taking part in or voting at the Synod, sign and deliver to the President the following Declaration:—

“I, the undersigned A. B., do declare that I am a Communicant of the United Church of England and Ireland.”

XIV. The Synod shall have power to establish a Tribunal for the trial of offences against Laws Ecclesiastical, as well those involving breaches of discipline as questions of doctrine and the ritual of the Church, and may frame Rules and Ordinances for the initiation and conduct of trials before, and the mode of proceeding under, such Tribunal: And every Witness who shall appear before such Tribunal may be examined on oath by any Judge or Commissioner thereof. Provided, that no such Tribunal shall have any jurisdiction over persons who are not Clergymen or Office-bearers of the Church, and that nothing in this Act contained, nor anything to be done by the Synod under the power hereby given, shall affect the right of appeal of any Clergyman or Office-bearer to Her Majesty in Council, or to the Archbishop of Canterbury, or the Metropolitan Bishop of Australia.

XV. The License of a Clergyman shall not be withdrawn, cancelled, or revoked, unless at his own request or as the consequence of a sentence pronounced, under the provisions of this Act, or by some other Court of competent Jurisdiction: Provided, that until a Tribunal shall have been established as hereinbefore mentioned, nothing in this Act shall affect any of the powers now vested in the Bishop.

XVI.

Provincial Synods  
may be convened.

XVI. It shall be lawful for the Bishop of Sydney as the Metropolitan Bishop of Australia, from time to time to hold a Provincial Synod of the Bishops of Australia whose Dioceses are or shall be within the Colony of New South Wales, and of the members of the several Diocesan Synods within the Colony or of such Representatives 5 of the said Diocesan Synods as shall hereafter by any Provincial Synods be determined. And it shall be lawful for the Bishop of Sydney as such Metropolitan as aforesaid, and for the purpose of holding such Provincial Synod by writing under his hand and seal to convene the several Bishops of Australia within the Colony, and to 10 require them severally to convene the Members or Representatives of their several Diocesan Synods at such times and places as the Bishop of Sydney may deem fit, to consider of and determine upon all matters and things concerning the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales. And the first Provincial Synod 15 shall be convened and holden within three years after the passing of this Act if there shall be three or more Dioceses within the Colony, but if there shall not be three Dioceses within the Colony then within twelve months after a third Diocese shall be formed within the Colony subsequently to the said period of three years. And such Synod shall 20 be thereafter convened and holden once in every three years. And the Bishop of Sydney as such Metropolitan as aforesaid, or such one of the Bishops of Australia within the Colony as he may appoint his Commissary under his hand and seal for that purpose, shall be President of the Synod. And the Metropolitan and Bishops attending 25 such Synod shall sit and vote as one house, and the Members of the said Diocesan Synods or their Representatives shall sit and vote as another house. And no Rule or Ordinance or other determination of such Synod shall be valid unless it be made with the concurrence of both houses. And on every division of the house representing the 30 Diocesan Synods the voting shall be by Dioceses, and in the case of any Diocese represented by both Clergy and Lay Members of the Church no vote shall be taken as the vote of such Diocese unless assented to by a majority both of the Clergy and of the Lay Members present and representing such Diocese. And such Provincial Synod 35 may make Rules and Ordinances for the uniform conduct of and mode of proceeding in all Provincial Synods: Provided always that all Rules and Ordinances made by any Provincial Synod shall be made with the concurrence of both houses as aforesaid, and shall be subject to the same provisos as are hereinbefore contained respecting the 40 Rules and Ordinances of Diocesan Synods so far as the same are applicable thereto.

Death, &c., of Bishop.

XVII. In case of the absence from the Colony, death or resignation of the Bishop, the powers by this Act vested in him may be exercised by a Commissary appointed by the Bishop, and in case no such 45 Commissary shall have been appointed such powers may be exercised by the person who shall then be the next in Ecclesiastical rank or degree in the Diocese, and resident therein until the return of the Bishop or the assumption of office by his successor.

Royal Prerogative not  
interfered with.

XVIII. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of Her 50 Majesty to appoint any Metropolitan or other Bishop of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales, or shall affect any other right or prerogative of Her Majesty, save so far only as the same may be expressly affected by this Act.

17. Shelf no 2.

Legislative Council.

23<sup>o</sup> VICTORIAE, 1860.

A BILL

To enable the ~~Bishops Clergy and Laity~~ **Members** of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to regulate the affairs of the said Church and to authorize the holding of ~~Provincial~~ Synods of the same Church in this Colony.

(As amended and agreed to in Select Committee.)

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation and management of the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales and to authorize the holding of ~~Provincial~~ Synods of the same Church in this Colony Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the ~~Bishop Licensed Clergy and Lay~~ **Members** of the United Church of England and Ireland in any Diocese now or at any time hereafter existing within the Colony ~~and being convened and elected as hereinafter provided~~ to meet in Synod as herein provided.

2. The first Synod shall be convened and holden in any existing Diocese within six months after the passing of this Act and in every future Diocese within twelve months after the formation of such Diocese and such first Synod and all subsequent Synods shall be convened within the periods and in the manner hereinafter provided save in so far as the same may be altered by any Synod acting under the powers hereinafter in that behalf given And the Synod shall be convened and holden once in every year by summons in writing under the hand and seal of the Bishop stating the time and place of meeting And the Bishop or in his absence a Commissary appointed by him in writing shall be President of the Synod and may adjourn prorogue and dissolve the same with the concurrence of the Synod Provided always that a new Synod shall be elected and convened at least once in every three years And it shall not be lawful for the President to vote on any question or matter arising in the Synod.

3. The Synod shall have power to make Rules for the conduct of all business coming before it and to make Ordinances for the management and disposal of all Church property moneys and revenues ~~not diverting any specifically appropriated or the subject of any specific trust nor interfering with any vested rights~~ **which are now or in pursuance of this Act may hereafter be vested in any Bishop as herein provided** and for the election or appointment of Churchwardens and Lay Trustees and generally for the order and good government of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales and the regulation of its affairs as well within the Diocese as the several Parishes thereof any provision in the Act of Council eight William Fourth number five or the Act twenty-one Victoria number four passed for amending the same in any such case notwithstanding and

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such Rules and Ordinances shall be binding on the Bishop and his Successors and ~~on the Clergy and Lay~~ **all other** Members of the Church residing within the Diocese and on none other and on such ~~Clergy and Lay~~ Members only so far as the same may concern their respective rights duties and liabilities as holding any office in the Church within the Diocese. 5

Bishop may be appointed Trustee of Church Property subject to Ordinances of Synod.

4. In all cases where a power exists to elect or appoint any Trustee of any Church property moneys or revenues it shall be lawful for the person entitled to make such election or appointment to elect or appoint the Bishop of the Diocese as such Trustee and such Bishop and his Successors shall thereupon in his and their corporate capacity 10 hold such property upon trust and to the intent that the same shall be subject to such Ordinances as the Synod shall make for the management and disposal thereof not diverting any specifically appropriated or the subject of any specific trust nor interfering with any vested rights. 15

Mode of voting and quorum.

4. 5. Every Rule and Ordinance of the Synod shall be made ~~with the concurrence of the Bishop of the Diocese and~~ by a majority of the Clergy and ~~Lay~~ **Representative** Members of the Synod voting by Orders and the presence of not less than one-fourth of the Members of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a Quorum. Provided that in every case 20 unless ~~the Bishop or~~ five Members of the Synod shall on any question being put desire that the votes be taken by Orders the votes of the Clergy and ~~Lay~~ **Representative** Members shall be taken collectively and the majority thereupon declared be deemed to be the majority of both Orders. **Provided that no such Rule or Ordinance shall take effect or have any** 25 **validity unless within one month after the passing of the same the Bishop shall signify to the Synod his assent thereto** Provided also that any decision concurred in by any two ~~only of the three Orders of Bishop Clergy and Lay Members~~ **such Rule or Ordinance to which the Bishop shall not assent** may be the subject of reference to any Provincial Synod 30 which may be holden as hereinafter provided and such Provincial Synod shall have power to determine the same ~~but the subject matter for decision shall remain in abeyance until the determination of such reference.~~

Power of Synod to alter Constitution &c.

5. 6. It shall be lawful for the Synod to make Rules and Ordinances for trying the validity of the election of any Representative and for 35 supplying any vacancies in the Synod which may be occasioned by death resignation or any other cause and for altering the periods within which and the manner in which subsequent Synods shall be convened and the mode of electing ~~Lay Representatives~~ **Representative Members** and for restricting the number of the ~~Licensed Clergy and Lay Members of the~~ 40 ~~Church~~ **Representative Members** to be respectively summoned to any future Synod and as to the manner in which ~~they shall respectively be selected~~ **such restriction shall be effected** Provided that the number of ~~Lay Representative~~ Members to be summoned to any such future Synod shall not exceed **be more than thrice nor less than twice** the number of 45 Clergy to be summoned and provided that the declarations imposed by this Act and no other shall be required either from ~~Lay~~ Members of the Church voting at the election of Representatives or from ~~Lay~~ **such** Representatives when elected.

Removed for suspended officebearers.

6. Whenever any office bearer shall be removed or suspended from 50 his office by the Synod he shall immediately cease to have or exercise any function connected with his office and shall be deprived of all rights emoluments or salary to which by virtue of his office he would have been entitled but for such removal or suspension and shall forthwith deliver up to any person appointed by the Synod to receive the same all property 55 in his possession charge or power as such office bearer and in default of his so doing the person so appointed may in his own name bring any action or suit or take any other proceeding that may be necessary in respect of the said property.

Synod may call for accounts.

7. The Synod shall have power to call upon any person holding 60 property belonging to the Church in the Diocese or in any Parish thereof

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or in which the Church or any such Parish is in any manner interested to render a full account of all such property and of the manner in which the same and every part thereof is applied and disposed of. And in all cases in which any action suit or proceeding shall be necessary in respect of any such property the Synod may sue and be sued in the name of the Bishop.

8. Whenever the Bishop shall convene the first Synod he shall summon thereto ~~the Licensed Clergy~~ **each Clergyman licensed to a separate cure of souls** within his Diocese and the Lay Representatives elected as hereinafter provided. And for electing such Representatives the Bishop shall require each Clergyman licensed ~~to a separate cure of souls as aforesaid~~ to summon a Meeting of the Members of the Church of the age of twenty-one years being males and occupiers of seats in his Church or residents within his Parish or District at such time within limits which may be prescribed by the Bishop and at such place within the Parish or District as to such Clergyman may seem convenient and every Member so summoned shall be entitled to vote at such election but the Clergyman summoning the Meeting shall not be entitled to vote at such election save to give a casting vote.

Mode of convening Synod.

9. The Clergyman if present shall act as Chairman of the said Meeting and so soon as six persons at the least are assembled the Meeting shall proceed to business and the Chairman shall cause a list to be made of those who are present and add thereto the names of any who subsequently attend before the proceedings are closed and the Chairman shall cause minutes to be taken of the proceedings of the Meeting. And every Member of the Church shall before taking part in or voting at such meeting sign the following Declaration:—

Chairman of Meeting &c.

“I the undersigned A. B. do declare that I am a Member of the United Church of England and Ireland.”

10. Every such Meeting shall choose as a Representatives ~~one~~ **two male persons** of the age of twenty-one years ~~each such person being a Layman and a Communicant of the Church and not being a Clergyman licensed to a separate cure of souls~~ and if more than ~~thirty~~ **fifty** persons shall attend and vote it shall be lawful for such Meeting to elect one such additional Representative but no Parish or District shall elect more than ~~two~~ **three** Representatives.

Representatives to be elected.

11. In case at any such Meeting the persons proposed for election exceed the number which the Meeting is authorized to elect the Chairman shall take in writing the votes of the qualified persons present each of whom may give one vote for such ~~one or two of the~~ persons proposed as he may think fit according to ~~but not exceeding~~ the number to be elected and the Chairman shall declare the number of votes given for each person and where the votes for two or more are equal the Chairman may give a casting vote in favour of either one or ~~two~~ **more** of such persons as the case may require.

Mode of election.

12. The Chairman shall cause to be delivered to each person elected a Certificate of his election and shall sign the minutes of the Meeting in token of their correctness and shall forward them to the Bishop together with all certificates subscriptions and lists which have been laid before the said Meeting and a certificate of the names callings and addresses of the persons chosen to be laid before the Synod at the opening thereof. ~~Provided that no Rule or Ordinance of the Synod shall be vitiated by reason of the non election or any error or informality in the election of any Representative.~~

Certificate to be given &c.

13. If the Cure be vacant or the Clergyman be absent or unable from any other cause to act the Bishop shall appoint a person to perform all the functions devolving on such Clergyman under any of the five preceding sections of this Act.

Vacancy in Cure or absence of Clergyman.

St. Paul's College to be represented in the Synod for the Diocese of Sydney.

14. The Warden of St. Paul's College within the University of Sydney shall always be summoned to the Synod for the Diocese of Sydney as a Clerical Member thereof and two other Members of the Church to be elected by the Council of the said College from amongst themselves shall likewise always be summoned to such Synod as Representative Members thereof and the said Warden shall cause to be delivered to each such other Member of the said Council so elected and shall also forward to the Bishop a certificate of such election. 5

Defects and errors as to elections &c. not to vitiate proceedings of Synod.

15. No Rule or Ordinance of the Synod nor anything done under this Act shall be vitiated by reason of the non-election of any Representative or of the non-summoning of any person entitled to be summoned thereto or of any informality in or respecting any such election or summoning. 10

Declaration to be made.

16. Each Representative shall before taking part in or voting at the Synod sign and deliver to the President the following Declaration:— 15  
“ I the undersigned A B do declare that I am a Communicant of the United Church of England and Ireland.”

Synod may establish a Tribunal.

17. The Synod shall have power to establish a Tribunal for the trial of offences against ~~Laws Ecclesiastical~~ by Clergymen licensed by the Bishop within the Diocese as well those involving breaches of discipline as questions of doctrine and the ritual of the Church and may frame Rules and Ordinances for the initiation and conduct of trials before and the mode of proceeding under such Tribunal And every Witness who shall appear before such Tribunal may be examined on oath by any Judge or Commissioner thereof ~~Provided that no such Tribunal shall have any jurisdiction over persons who are not Clergymen or Office bearers of the Church and that nothing in this Act contained nor anything to be done by the Synod under the power hereby given shall affect the right of appeal of any Clergyman or Office bearer and no sentence shall be pronounced by such Tribunal other than that of suspension or deprivation of license or office and of the rights and emoluments thereto appertaining and the said Synod shall appoint some fit and proper person to be the President of the said Tribunal being a Barrister-at-law of not less than five years standing Provided that in every case involving a question of doctrine or the ritual of the Church such Tribunal shall with the exception of the President thereof be entirely composed of Clergymen and the President shall in no case have any other than a casting vote and there shall be the same right of appeal from the decisions of such Tribunal to her Majesty in Council or to the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Metropolitan Bishop of Australia as now exists from the decisions of the Bishop of the Diocese.~~ 25 30 35 40

Limitation of sentence.

President of Tribunal.

Proviso.

Clergyman's License when to be withdrawn.

18. The License of a Clergyman shall not be withdrawn cancelled or revoked unless at his own request or as the consequence of a sentence pronounced under the provisions of this Act or by some other Court of competent Jurisdiction Provided that until a Tribunal shall have been established as hereinbefore mentioned nothing in this Act shall affect any of the powers now vested in the Bishop. 45

Provi Synods may be convened.

16. It shall be lawful for the Bishop of Sydney as the Metropolitan Bishop of Australia from time to time to hold a Provincial Synod of the Bishops of Australia whose Dioceses are or shall be within the Colony of New South Wales and of the Members of the several Diocesan Synods within the Colony or of such Representatives of the said Diocesan Synods as shall hereafter by any Provincial Synods be determined And it shall be lawful for the Bishop of Sydney as such Metropolitan as aforesaid And for the purpose of holding such Provincial Synod by writing under his hand and seal to convene the several Bishops of Australia within the Colony and to require them severally to convene the Members or Representatives of their several Diocesan Synods at such times and places as the Bishop of Sydney may deem fit to consider of and determine upon all matters and things concerning the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales And the first Provincial Synod shall be convened 50 55 60



convened and holden within three years after the passing of this Act if there shall be three or more Dioceses within the Colony but if there shall not be three Dioceses within the Colony then within twelve months after a third Diocese shall be formed within the Colony subsequently to the said period of three years And such Synod shall be thereafter convened and holden once in every three years And the Bishop of Sydney as such Metropolitan as aforesaid or such one of the Bishops of Australia within the Colony as he may appoint his Commissary under his hand and seal for that purpose shall be President of the Synod And the Metropolitan and Bishops attending such Synod shall sit and vote as one House and the Members of the said Diocesan Synods or their Representatives shall sit and vote as another House And no Rule or Ordinance or other determination of such Synod shall be valid unless it be made with the concurrence of both Houses And on every division of the House representing the Diocesan Synods the voting shall be by Dioceses and in the case of any Diocese represented by both Clergy and Lay Members of the Church no vote shall be taken as the vote of such Diocese unless assented to by a majority both of the Clergy and of the Lay Members present and representing such Diocese And such Provincial Synod may make Rules and Ordinances for the uniform conduct of and mode of proceeding in all Provincial Synods Provided always that all Rules and Ordinances made by any Provincial Synod shall be made with the concurrence of both Houses as aforesaid and shall be subject to the same provisos as are hereinbefore contained respecting the Rules and Ordinances of Diocesan Synods so far as the same are applicable thereto.

19. So soon as there shall be three Dioceses within the Colony each having a Diocesan Synod under the provisions hereof it shall be lawful for the members of the said Church in the said Colony to meet in Provincial Synod as herein provided.

Provincial Synod may be held.

20. The first Provincial Synod shall be convened and holden within eighteen months after a third Diocese shall be formed within the Colony having a Diocesan Synod under the provisions hereof and such first Provincial Synod and all subsequent Provincial Synods shall be convened in the manner hereinafter provided save in so far as the same may be altered by any Provincial Synod acting under the powers hereinafter in that behalf given And such Provincial Synod shall be convened and holden once in every three years And for the purpose of holding such Provincial Synod the Bishop of Sydney as the Metropolitan Bishop of Australia shall by writing under his hand and seal summon the Bishop of each Diocese within the Colony having a Diocesan Synod under the provisions hereof and require each such Bishop to convene the members of the Synod of his Diocese or their Representatives at such time and place as the said Bishop of Sydney may deem fit and the Metropolitan and other Bishops attending such Synod shall sit and vote as one house And the members of the said Diocesan Synods or their Representatives shall sit and vote as another house and the Bishop of Sydney as such Metropolitan as aforesaid or in his absence such one of the other Bishops of Australia within the Colony as he may appoint his Commissary under his hand and seal for that purpose shall be President of the said House of Bishops and the members of the House representing the Diocesan Synods shall before otherwise proceeding to business elect one of themselves to be President thereof And the President of the said House of Bishops may with the concurrence of both Houses of the said Provincial Synod prorogue and dissolve the same And it shall be lawful for the President of each House to vote on any question or matter arising therein and each such President shall in case of an equality of votes have also a casting vote.

Time of holding Provincial Synod.

House of Bishops-  
House of Representatives of Diocesan Synods.

President of House of Bishops.

President of House of Representatives of Diocesan Synods.

21. Each House of the Provincial Synod shall have power to make rules for the conduct of all business coming before it And the House representing the Diocesan Synods shall also have power to make rules for trying the validity of the election or appointment of any person

Power to make rules.

person claiming to be a Member thereof and for supplying any vacancy therein which may be occasioned by death resignation or any other cause.

Power of Provincial Synod generally.

22. The Provincial Synod shall have power to make ordinances and determinations upon all matters and things concerning the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Colony Any provision in the said Act of Council eight William Fourth number five or the said Act twenty-one Victoria number four passed for amending the same or any ordinance of any Diocesan Synod in any such case notwithstanding And all ordinances and determinations of such Provincial Synod shall be binding on the Bishops of Australia and their successors and all other Members of the Church within the Colony and on none others and on such Members only so far as the same may concern their respective rights duties and liabilities as holding any office in the Church within the Colony. 5 10 15

Mode of voting and quorum.

23. Every ordinance or other determination of the Provincial Synod shall be made by a majority of both Houses thereof and in every division of the House representing the Diocesan Synods the voting shall be by Dioceses and no vote shall be taken as the vote of any Diocese unless assented to by a majority both of the Clergy and of the Representative Members present and representing such Diocese and the presence of three Members of the House of Bishops shall be necessary to form a quorum therein and the presence of the Members or Representatives of three Diocesan Synods shall be necessary to form a quorum in the House representing the Diocesan Synods Provided that each Diocesan Synod shall be deemed present or duly represented if three Clerical and six Representative Members of such Diocesan Synod be present. 20 25

Power of Provincial Synod to alter Constitution.

24. It shall be lawful for the Provincial Synod to make rules for altering the manner in which subsequent Provincial Synods shall be convened and the mode of electing or otherwise appointing Members of the House representing the Diocesan Synods and for restricting the number of Clergy and Representative Members to be respectively summoned to any future Provincial Synod as Members of the House representing Diocesan Synods therein and the manner in which such restriction shall be effected Provided that the number of Representative Members of the House representing the Diocesan Synods shall never be more than thrice nor less than twice the number of Clerical Members thereof. 30 35

Defects and errors as to elections &c. not to vitiate proceedings of Provincial Synod.

25. No ordinance or determination of the Provincial Synod nor any rule thereof or of either House thereof shall be vitiated by reason of the non-election or non-appointment or non-summoning of any person necessary to be elected or appointed or summoned thereto respectively or of any informality in or respecting any such election appointment or summoning. 40 45

Prohibition in respect to alterations of Church Doctrines and Liturgy.

26. No Rule or Ordinance of any such Diocesan or Provincial Synod shall make any fundamental alteration in the Articles Liturgy or formularies of the said Church except in conformity with any alteration which may be made therein by any competent authority of the United Church of England and Ireland in the United Kingdom. 50

Ordinances to be transmitted to Archbishop of Canterbury and laid before Her Majesty.

27. A copy of all Ordinances passed by any such Provincial Synod shall be sent by the Bishop of Sydney as the Metropolitan Bishop of the Province and a copy of all Ordinances passed by any such Diocesan Synod shall be sent by the Bishop of the Diocese to the Archbishop of Canterbury to be submitted for the consideration of Her Majesty in Council And Her Majesty by the advice of Her Privy Council may allow or disallow the same as to Her Majesty shall seem fit And a notification of such allowance or disallowance of all such Ordinances allowed or disallowed when communicated by the Archbishop to the said Metropolitan or other Bishop shall by him be forthwith published. 55 60

28. Any Ordinance disallowed by Her Majesty shall after the publication of such disallowance cease to be in force but anything done under such Ordinance before such publication shall have the same validity as if such Ordinance had been allowed. Acts done under disallowed Ordinances.

5 17. 29. In case of the absence from the Colony ~~death or resignation~~ Death &c., of Bishop. of the any Bishop the powers by this Act vested in him may be exercised by a Commissary appointed by ~~the Bishop~~ him and in case no such Commissary shall have been appointed or the See shall be vacant such powers may be exercised by the person who shall then be the next in Ecclesiastical rank  
10 or degree in the Diocese and resident therein until the return of the Bishop or the assumption of office by his successor.

18. 30. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of Her Royal Prerogative not interfered with. Majesty to appoint any Metropolitan or other Bishop of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales or shall affect any other right  
15 or prerogative of Her Majesty save so far only as the same may be expressly affected by this Act.

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