

established ; but no parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of a majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the parish, called for the consideration of such a measure.

3. When any rectory shall be vacant, a meeting of the parishioners shall be summoned either by the Church Wardens or by any five parishioners, either by notice given in the church, or churches if there be more than one, during the time of divine service ; or if there be no public service in the parish, then by notice affixed to the door or doors of the church or churches, such notice to be given in any case not less than fifteen nor more than twenty days before the day of meeting, at which meeting a clergyman in full orders of the Church of England, or of any branch of the Church of England, may be elected rector by a majority of the parishioners then present. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person elected, shall be forthwith forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signature of the chairman and two other parishioners ; and the clergymen so elected, when he shall have obtained the Bishop's Letters of Institution, shall be inducted by the Bishop into the said parish. If no election is made within twelve months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a rector.

4. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, and the parishioners of every parish, shall meet annually on Monday in Easter week, notice of the hour and place of meeting having been first given by the Rector or officiating Clergyman, at which meeting two Church Wardens and twelve Vestrymen shall be chosen by the parishioners. And the Rector, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the church, and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective parishes, shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector or as a duly licensed Curate, the parishioners may at any meeting elect their own chairman. Where there are two or more churches in one parish, the congregation of each church, other than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens,