CANON VII.

OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

When a Priest or Deacon in good standing is desirous of leaving a Diocese, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give him, on his request, the usual "Letters Testimonial," but the Clergyman receiving the same shall continue subject to the Episcopal Jurisdiction of the Bishop till the Letters Testimonial shall have been presented according to their address, and accepted by the Bishop to whose Diocese the Clergyman wishes to be transferred; provided always that if they be not presented within three months after their date, they may be considered as void by the authority whence they proceeded, and shall be void unless they be presented within six months.

CANON VIII.

OF EPISCOPAL RESIGNATIONS.

If a Bishop shall desire to resign his Diocese, he shall give in his resignation to the Metropolitan, in writing, or (if he be himself Metropolitan) to the Bishop senior by Consecration: but such resignation shall not be accepted unless a majority of the House of Bishops consent.

CANON IX.

OF THE SUBDIVISION OF DIOCESES.

The House of Bishops shall have the power of subdividing existing Dioceses, or of forming a new Diocese out of portions of existing Dioceses which may be contiguous, with the concurrence, or upon the application, of the Synod or Synods of the Dioceses affected, and it shall be the duty of such Synod or Synods to consider, without delay, any proposal for the subdivision of a Diocese which may emanate from the House of Bishops.

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