

election, or at such meeting, shall consist of all such persons as were qualified to vote at the time of the destruction or closing of the said Church.

Free Churches.

45. Whenever it shall be desired to declare and make the pews or sittings in any Church or Chapel of Ease to be free and unappropriated, or to make any change or alteration whatever in any such pews or sittings, or in the arrangement thereof, the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry may declare the same to be free, or make such change or alteration, with the consent of a two-thirds majority of persons in the Parish present and entitled to vote at a meeting held for the purpose, provided that in case any pew owner or lessee from the Church of any pew or sitting shall dissent therefrom, and shall signify such dissent in writing to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry at such meeting, or within one month after the same shall have been held, he shall be allowed such compensation in respect of his pew or sitting as shall be determined by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by such dissentient, and one by the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, with power to the said arbitrators to choose a third, the award of any two in such case to be final; and upon payment to the said dissentient of the compensation so determined, the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry shall be entitled to take possession of the said pew or sitting for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them, and to hold and retain the same thereafter for such purposes as they may deem best, and all right of such dissentient pew owner or lessee in the said pew or sitting shall thereupon cease and determine.

See Rev Stat c
107, s 6.

Sale of Church and Glebe Lands.

46. Whenever it shall appear to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry for the time being of any Parish in the Province, to be clearly for the benefit and advantage of the Church to sell and dispose of the lands and premises, or any part thereof, belonging to or granted and conveyed for Glebe or Church purposes in such Parish, they are hereby authorised to sell and convey the same, in fee simple, or otherwise (subject to the conditions hereinafter provided), and any such conveyance, under the seal of the said Corporation, shall be good and valid, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding; provided that every such conveyance shall receive the sanction of the Lord Bishop of the

22 Vic c 35, s 1
A D 1859.