

*To the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of the
Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.*

MY LORD :—

1.—With profound regret I am compelled to address your Lordship concerning a matter of grave import to the Church in Canada.

2.—By a letter addressed to me on the 20th day of November 1886, by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, I am made a party to the truth or falsehood of injurious charges preferred and disgraceful innuendoes conveyed by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia against or concerning a Clerk in Holy Orders of the Church of England in Canada. By the same letter I am also made a party to the injustice and grievance of the illegal sentence imposed on the said Clerk by the said Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia for the same alleged or imputed offences.

3.—I know that the said sentence is illegal and has been imposed contrary to the Canons of the Church in the Diocese of Nova Scotia ; also, that certain of the charges and innuendoes on which that sentence is based are groundless, and I believe that the scandal to which they are alleged to relate is largely the consequence of the culpable dealings and illegal actions of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and of others, for whose actions in the matter the said Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia is also responsible, *ex officio* and otherwise.

4.—The published letter bearing date Nov. 26th, 1886, addressed by me to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, coupled with the correspondence and documents herewith submitted, show, I submit with respect, that I have exhausted all reasonable efforts which the occasion called for, to secure those recognitions of the Canons, the law and right principle, coupled with justice, which are the safeguards of every Christian, and particularly of every member of the Church of England, and that I have failed in these proper efforts. Therefore it remains for me to address your Lordship in your official capacity as Metropolitan on the matter, as prescribed in Canon IV. of the Canons of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and particularly in the sections relating to "ACTION ON RUMORS."