

RESIGNATION OF THE SEE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BY THE RIGHT REVEREND
GEORGE HILLS, D. D., LORD BISHOP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

*To the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Father in God, Edward White, by
Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England
and Metropolitan:*

I, George, Lord Bishop of British Columbia, having on the Festival of S. Matthias, 1859, taken the oath of obedience to the Most Reverend John Bird, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors, do, to your Grace as my Metropolitan, resign the office and dignity of Bishop of British Columbia as from the 15th of November, 1892.

I trust that in consideration of a Ministry in the Church of England of over 52 years and of my increasing sense of infirmity, your Grace will be pleased to accept this, my resignation, and allow it to take effect on the date specified, namely, the 15th November, 1892.

Remaining your Grace's faithful and humble servant and brother in Christ.

Witness my hand and seal, this 6th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, at Bishopsclown, Victoria, British Columbia.

[SEAL.]

G. COLUMBIA.

Signed by the above Lord Bishop of British Columbia in the presence of
Lindley Crease, Barrister at Law and Registrar of the aforesaid Diocese.

4. Copy of Canon on Election of Bishop in the Diocese of British Columbia.

I. When the See is vacant, or when formal notice of resignation shall have been given to the Synod, the Bishop, or in his absence the Dean, or in his absence the Senior Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon next in seniority, or in his absence the senior Priest of the Diocese, shall, within one fortnight of the date of such vacancy being brought to his knowledge, or after formal notice shall have been given, as aforesaid, summon a special meeting of the Synod to meet at the Cathedral City of the Diocese, in not less than three, nor more than six months from the date of such summons, for the purpose of electing a successor to the See, and during the vacancy of the See no other business shall be transacted by the Synod.

II. No election shall take place unless half of all the Clergy and Lay Representatives be present.

The vote of a majority not being less than two-thirds of each order present, shall be necessary for such election, the Chairman voting with the Clergy. If the required number of Clergy and Lay Representatives should not assemble at such special meeting, the members present shall adjourn to any day within one week, and so on from time to time until the required number of Clergy and Lay Representatives shall assemble, when the election shall be proceeded with.

The Chairman, for the purpose of this rule, shall be the Dean, Archdeacon or Senior Priest of the Diocese, or in his absence one of the Clergy to be elected by the meeting.

III. On the day and at the place appointed, the Holy Communion having been first celebrated, the Chairman shall declare the meeting constituted, and it shall be in the power of the Synod to elect any Clergyman in Priest's Orders, and