

others, it being a reasonable one, and made according to the Ecclesiastical Canons, let the choice of the majority hold good."

The eighth Canon of Ephesus says: "The most beloved of God, and our fellow Bishop, Pheginus, and Zeus, and Euagrius, the most religious bishops of the Province of Cyprus, who were with him, have declared unto us an innovation, which has been introduced contrary to the laws of the Church and the Canons of the Holy Fathers, and which affects the liberty of all. Wherefore since evils which affect the community require more attention, inasmuch as they cause greater hurt; and as especially as the Bishop of Antioch has not so much as followed an ancient custom, in performing ordinations in Cyprus, as those most religious persons who have come to the holy Synod have informed us, by writing, and by word of mouth, we declare that they who preside over the Holy Churches which are in Cyprus shall preserve without gainsaying or opposition their right of performing by themselves the ordination of the most religious Bishops, according to the Canons of the Holy Fathers and the ancient custom. The same rule shall be observed in all the other Dioceses, and in the Province every where, so that none of the most religious Bishops shall invade any other Province which has not heretofore from the beginning been under the hand of himself or his predecessors.

"But if any one has so invaded a Province, and brought it by force under himself, he shall restore it, that the Canons of the Fathers may not be transgressed, *nor the pride of secular dominion be privily introduced* under the appearance of a sacred office, *nor we lose by little and little the freedom which our Lord JESUS CHRIST, the Deliverer of all men, has given us by His own Blood.*

"The Holy and Œcumenical Synod has therefore decreed that the rights which have *heretofore* and *from the* beginning belonged to each PROVINCE shall be preserved to it pure and without restraint, according to the custom which has prevailed of old. Each Metropolitan having permission to take a copy of the things now transacted for his own security. But if any one shall introduce any regulation contrary to what has been now defined, the whole holy and Œcumenical Synod has decreed that it shall be of no effect."

Our English system, if righteously carried out, is most to be had in respect; and if the election by the Dean and Chapter was not a mockery, but a reality, it would, many think, be wisdom on our part to adopt it; or, failing this, that the election should be, in many cases, vested in the Provincial Synod. The Canon passed, and just now in force, is very much a copy of the law of the Church in the United States, except that with them the General Convention confirms the election.

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### OF THE QUEEN'S SUPREMACY.

All foreign *ecclesiastical* power (forasmuch as the same