

Bishop, without any letters patent, or royal mandate or license, shall be deemed to be and to have been valid and lawful if done by any such Bishop appointed under any letters patent, or royal mandate or licence, by which legal jurisdiction shall have not been conferred, unless it shall be otherwise declared by any law in force within such district or place for the time being.

*Letters Patent may be surrendered.*

9. Any Bishop exercising Episcopal functions in any of her Majesty's colonies or foreign possessions by or under authority of any royal letters patent may by writing under his hand and seal declare his desire to surrender such letters patent if he shall think fit so to do, and on the acceptance of such surrender by her Majesty, signified through one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, all letters patent appointing such Bishop or creating or purporting to create the diocese of such Bishop shall become and be from thenceforth null and void; but such surrender shall not operate to prevent any such Bishop from continuing after the acceptance thereof to exercise within the district constituting such diocese all such Episcopal functions and to do all such acts as he might lawfully have exercised and done respectively within such district for the benefit of such clergy, congregations, and persons as may voluntarily submit themselves thereto, if he had been lawfully chosen and consecrated Bishop by the voluntary consent of such clergy, congregations, and persons as aforesaid, unless it shall be otherwise declared by any law in force within such district for the time being.

*Royal License may be given in lieu of Mandate for consecration of Bishops to exercise their functions out of the United Kingdom.*

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in the act passed in the session of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of King Charles the second, intituled "An Act for the Uniformity of Publick Prayers, and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies; and for establishing the Form of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons in the Church of England," or in any other law or statute of the United Kingdom, it shall be lawful for any Bishops or Bishop within the United Kingdom, if they or he shall be authorised so to do by license under her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to consecrate from time to time any Bishop for the purpose of exercising Episcopal functions in any of her Majesty's colonies or foreign possessions, or elsewhere beyond the limits of the United Kingdom, for the benefit of such clergy, congregations, and persons as may voluntarily submit themselves thereto, although no royal mandate in the form heretofore accustomed and required by law may have been granted for or may be produced or read at such consecration, and no such mandate or license shall be necessary for any such consecration elsewhere than within the United Kingdom.

*Status, &c., of Bishop to be judged by ordinary Courts of Law.*

11. All questions of law respecting the *status*, rights, powers, and duties of any Bishop exercising Episcopal functions in any of her Majesty's colonies or foreign possessions in which there shall be no ecclesiastical court established by law with jurisdiction to determine such questions in relation to any other Bishop, or to any such clergy, congregations, or persons as aforesaid, and of all such clergy, congregations, and persons in relation to any such Bishop as aforesaid, shall be tried and determined by the same courts (whether in her Majesty's colonies or foreign dominions or in Great Britain) and in the same manner in all respects as any questions of the like nature arising with respect to the *status*, rights, powers, or duties of any ministers, clergy, congregations, or persons professing any other form of religion not established by law within the same part of her Majesty's colonies or foreign dominions are or ought to be tried and determined, and act in any other manner or by any other courts or court or authority whatsoever.