

T., CHAP. 58. of New Brunswick, Title xxviii, chapter 107 "of the Church of England," or by any Acts of Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick regulating the sale and disposal of Church Glebe Lands of the Church of England in the said Province.

No. III.

April, 1871.] ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF CANADA, 19, 20 VICT., CHAP. 141.

An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod.

[Proclaimed May 28th, 1857.]

WHEREAS, doubts exist whether the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, have the power of regulating the affairs of their Church in matters relating to discipline, and necessary to order and good government, and it is just that such doubts should be removed, in order that they might be permitted to exercise the same rights of self government that are enjoyed by other religious communities; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada enacts, as follows:

I. The Bishops, Clergy and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, may meet in their several Dioceses which are now, or may be hereafter constituted in this Province, and in such manner, and by such proceedings as they shall adopt, frame constitutions, and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree; any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding; and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs, and interests of the Church matters relating to, and affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any manner interfering with the rights, privileges, or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland: provided always, that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same.

II. The Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, may meet in General Assembly within this Province, by such representatives as shall be determined and declared by them in their several Dioceses; and such General Assembly frame a constitution and regulations for the general management and good government of the said Church in this Province; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall authorize the imposition of any rate or tax upon any person or persons whomsoever, whether belonging to the said