

jurisdiction and attributes which are vested in them by this Act, until the express revocation of their Commission, which shall remain in force until such revocation, notwithstanding the demise of the Sovereign in whose name 5 it may have been issued.

Power of the Ecclesiastical authorities, as to alterations in the boundaries of Parishes or erection of new ones ; and upon what application it shall be exercised.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever it shall be requisite to erect any new Parish, to dismember or subdivide any Parish, or to alter and modify the bounds, limits or division 10 lines already established according to law, then upon the petition of a majority of the inhabitants, freeholders or lessees, interested in such proceeding, and resident within the extent of territory which it is intended to 15 form into a new Parish or to annex to a Parish already in existence, such petition being presented to the Roman Catholic Archbishop or Bishop or Administrator of the Diocese, the said Ecclesiastical authorities or 20 such person or persons as they may thereunto appoint and authorize, shall proceed according to the Ecclesiastical law and the and the practice of such Diocese, to the final decree for the canonical erection, subdivision, 25 or dismemberment of any Parish or the union of any Parishes, as the case may be : Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, that the Bishop or Administrator of the said Diocese of Bytown shall have for the purposes aforesaid, in and over that part of the said Diocese 30 lying within the limits of Lower Canada, all and every the powers and authority vested in the Ecclesiastical Authorities aforesaid in Lower Canada.

Proviso ; as to Diocese of Bytown.

In what manner parties interested shall be notified of the intended proceeding of the ecclesiastical authorities.

III. And be it enacted, That in all the 35 proceedings which may take place on the part of the Ecclesiastical Authorities mentioned in the next preceding section, sufficient notice shall be given to the persons interested, at least ten days previously, of the day 40 and place when and where the Archbishop, Bishop or Administrator or their delegate will proceed to the spot for the purposes men-