

And whereas in and by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in the fourteenth year of our reign, after reciting that the said See or Diocese of Quebec had become vacant by the death of the said Charles James Stewart, the Bishop thereof, and that it was expedient and desirable from the extent of the said See or Diocese of Quebec that the limits thereof should be altered, and that the same should in futuro comprise the District of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Gaspé only, and that it was further expedient and desirable that so much of the said Diocese of Quebec as constituted the District of Montreal (which was then separated for judicial purposes from the District of Three Rivers and St. Francis, and bounded by the limits of the same, under an Act of the Provincial Parliament then in force) should be formed into a separate See or Diocese to be called "The Bishopric of Montreal," did, by the said Letters Patent, erect so much of the ancient Diocese of Quebec as then constituted the District of Montreal, separated for judicial purposes as aforesaid, to be a Bishop's See or Diocese, and did declare and ordain that the same should be styled "The Bishopric of Montreal," saving nevertheless to us, our heirs and successors, the powers of altering from time to time, with the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, if the said See should be vacant, or otherwise of the said Archbishop and of the Bishop of the said See for the time being, the limits of the said Diocese and of the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof, and we did further, by the said Letters Patent, ordain and constitute the town of Montreal, in the said Diocese, to be a Bishop's See, and the seat of the said Bishop, and did ordain that the said town of Montreal should thenceforth be a city, and we did thereby further ordain and declare that the Parish Church, called Christchurch, in the said city of Montreal, should thenceforth be the Cathedral Church and the See of the said Bishop of Montreal and his successors in the said See; and to the end that this our intention might be carried into due effect, we having great confidence in the learning, morals, and probity of our beloved Francis Fulford, Doctor in Divinity, did thereby name and appoint him to be ordained and consecrated Bishop of the said See of Montreal, and we did ordain and declare that the said Francis Fulford, so by us nominated and appointed, after having been ordained and consecrated thereunto as aforesaid, might by virtue of such appointment and consecration enter into and possess the said Bishop's See as Bishop thereof without let or impediment from us, our heirs and successors, for the term of his natural life, subject nevertheless to the right of resignation therein after more particularly expressed:

And whereas we did thereby will and grant that the said Bishop of Montreal should be a body corporate, and did ordain, make, and constitute him to be a perpetual corporation, and to have perpetual succession; and that he and his successors should for ever thereafter be called and known by the name or title of the "Lord Bishop of Montreal;" and that he and his successors, by the name and title aforesaid, should be able and capable in law, and have full power to purchase, have, take, hold, and enjoy manors, messuages, lands, rents, tenements, annuities, and hereditaments of what nature or kind soever, in fee and in perpetuity, or for a term of life or years, and also all manner of goods, chattels, and things personal whatsoever, of what nature or kind soever; and that he and his successors, by and under the said name or title, might prosecute, claim, plead, and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer

and be answered, in all manner of Courts of us, our heirs and successors, and elsewhere, in and upon all and singular causes, actions, suits, writs, and demands, real and personal, and mixed, as well spiritual as temporal, and in all other things, causes, and matters whatsoever; and that the said Bishop of Montreal should and might for ever thereafter have and use a Corporate Seal, and the said Seal, from time to time, at his and their will and pleasure, break, change, alter, or make anew, as he or they should deem expedient;—and we did thereby further ordain and declare that the said Bishop of Montreal and his successors should be subject and subordinate to the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors; and we did further will and ordain that every Bishop of Montreal should take an oath of obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, as his Metropolitan, which oath should and might be ministered by the said Archbishop, or by any other person by him duly appointed or authorised for that purpose; and we did further expressly declare that the said Bishop of Montreal, and also his successors (having been respectively by us, our heirs, and successors, named and appointed, and by the said Archbishop of Canterbury canonically ordained and consecrated, according to the form of the United Church of England and Ireland,) might perform all the functions peculiar to the office of Bishop within the said Diocese of Montreal, and we did thereby declare the spiritual causes and matters in which the aforesaid jurisdiction might be more especially exercised, as in and by the said Letters Patent, on reference thereto being had, will more fully appear:

And whereas the said Francis Fulford, Doctor in Divinity, having been first duly consecrated, became and was, and still is, the Bishop of the said Bishop's See and Diocese of Montreal:

And whereas in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, we were graciously pleased by and with the advice and consent of our Privy Council to make and issue a certain order in Council, bearing date at our Court at Buckingham Palace the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, in which, after reciting two several separate Letters Patent, hereinbefore recited, of the eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, erecting, founding, and constituting the See of Quebec, and also erecting, founding, and constituting the See of Montreal, we stated amongst other things that in and by the said Letters Patent of the eighteenth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, the District of St. Francis was unintentionally omitted from the said Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal and from each of them, and was not then included in any Bishopric or Diocese, nor had any Bishop lawful ecclesiastical jurisdiction in or over the same, and that it was expedient, with the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and of the Bishop of Quebec, testified in manner therein after mentioned, to alter the limits of the Diocese of Quebec and the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof, so as to include within the limits of the said Diocese, and of the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof, the said District of St. Francis. and further reciting that His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and the said Bishop of Quebec had by instrument in writing under their respective hands and seals, bearing date at Lambeth Palace, the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and delivered to our clerk of our Council, duly consented to such alteration: We did, with the advice of our said Council, order and it was thereby ordered that the limits of the said Diocese of Quebec, and of the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof, should be altered so as to include thenceforth within the limits thereof, and within the

jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof for the time being, the whole of the said District of St. Francis, and to make the said District thenceforth a portion of the said Diocese, so as to enable the Bishop lawfully to exercise his jurisdiction in and throughout such district as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes as if such district had, in and by the said Letters Patent, been declared to form part of the Diocese of Quebec, and to be within the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof: And we were, by and with the advice of our said Council, further pleased to order and direct that such alterations should be in all respects effectual in law immediately, from and after the time when the said order shall have been duly published in the *London Gazette*:

And whereas the said order in Council was afterwards, to wit, on the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, duly published in the said *London Gazette*:

And whereas in and by our Letters Patent under our Great Seal of our United Kingdom, bearing date at Westminster, the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, in the twenty-first year of our reign, after reciting that the aforesaid See or Diocese of Toronto was then vacant, by the resignation as therein set forth of the said John Strachan, theretofore the Bishop thereof, we did erect, found, make, ordain, and constitute all the counties, then and theretofore forming the western portion of the Diocese of Toronto, to be a distinct and separate Bishop's See and Diocese, and was thenceforth called "The Bishopric of Huron," and did name and appoint Benjamin Cronyn to be Bishop thereof, who, having been first duly consecrated, became and was, and still is, Bishop of Huron:

And whereas in and by our Letters Patent under our Great Seal of our United Kingdom, bearing date the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, in the twenty-first year of our reign, after reciting that, the said See or Diocese of Toronto being of inconvenient extent, it was expedient and desirable that the same should be divided into several distinct and separate sees and dioceses, and that one of such dioceses should be styled the Bishopric of Toronto, and that the same should consist of all that portion of the Diocese of Toronto then constituting, or forming part or comprised in the said See or Diocese, save and except the counties forming the western portion of such Diocese, we did by the said Letters Patent erect, found, make, ordain, and constitute all those parts or portions of the said Diocese of Toronto, then forming part of or comprised in the same to be a distinct and separate bishop's see and diocese, and did name and appoint John Strachan to be Bishop thereof, who afterwards became and was, and still is Bishop thereof as aforesaid:

And whereas the numbers, both of bishops, and clergy, and laity, of the United Church of England and Ireland, in our Province of Canada, have of late years greatly increased, and are increasing:

And whereas there are four separate sees, dioceses, and bishoprics duly elected and constituted in the said Province—that is to say, the Bishopric of Quebec, the Bishopric of Toronto, the Bishopric of Montreal, and the Bishopric of Huron—whereof one is the said Diocese and Bishopric of Montreal:

And whereas we have been graciously pleased to give our royal assent (which was duly proclaimed in Canada on the twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven) to an Act passed as aforesaid in the session of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, holden in the nineteenth and twentieth years of our reign, entitled "An Act to