

*between the
9th and 10
sessions*

A LETTER
FROM
THE LAY BISHOP
TO
THE LORD BISHOP.

My Lord Bishop, — In accordance with my long assumed prerogative to dictate in matters relating to the Church in this Diocese, I had a right to conclude that no measure of importance would be introduced into the Synod without my having given my approval, as the acknowledged head of the faithful Laity.

Imagine, then, my consternation when the proposed Canon on the appointment of a Bishop Coadjutor was brought to my notice.

For my own part, it reached me at a time when, although I may possibly have misapprehended its meaning, I had at least ample opportunity of considering its plain provisions, which are clearly stated and easily understood. Yet it seems to me fraught with serious danger to my leadership and prestige, and I cannot consent that a measure, no matter how good in itself or how necessary to the best interests of the Church, should be placed before the Synod thus independently and rashly.