

CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD

—OF THE—

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE HELD ON APRIL 13th. A. D. 1882.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen :

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the Members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of New Westminster, should be associated together as a branch of the said Church, and that a Synod should be constituted for the government of the same, for the ordering of the affairs, the arrangement of the property, the promotion of the discipline of the Members thereof, and for the inculcation and maintenance of sound doctrine and true religion in the Diocese, to the Glory of Almighty God, and the edifying and increase of the Church of Christ.

AND WHEREAS, The Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Church in the said Diocese have met in Conference to determine the principles upon which such association shall be based, and to decide on the Constitution, and to define the powers of the said Synod,

Now, therefore, we the said Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, in Conference assembled, do solemnly declare and resolve as follows :—

I.

That we hold and maintain the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord hath commanded in His Holy Word, and as the Church of England hath received and explained the same in the Book of Common Prayer, in the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. And the Synod hereinafter constituted shall hold and maintain the same, and shall have no power to make any alteration in the authorized version of Scripture, or in the above-named Formularies of the Church.

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Synod from accepting any alteration of the above-named Formularies and Version of the Bible, as may, from time to time, be adopted by the Church of England.

Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Synod to frame new and to modify existing rules (not affecting doctrine) with the view of meeting circumstances peculiar to this Diocese, and for the greater edifying of the native members of the Church.