

Your Memorialists also believe that it is in accordance with ancient Catholic use that the limits of a branch of the Catholic Church in any given Realm or Empire should be determined by the civil and political limits of the Realm or Empire in which that branch is situated; and that consequently so long as any district or region, however remote or isolated, of that Realm or Empire, has not been politically and civilly separated and declared legitimately an independent state, the portion of the Catholic Church which exists therein is an integral part and parcel of the Catholic Body existing in the central and home portions of the Realm or Empire, and cannot in respect of doctrine and worship act in independence of that Body, without an approximation to schism.

Your Memorialists consequently believe that in matters of doctrine and worship, the power is not possessed here to vary and repeal what has been decreed in respect to such matters by lawful authority in the parent state.

Your Memorialists therefore feel it a duty to protest against any attempt that may be made in the present or any future Provincial Synod of Canada, to introduce a Canon or Rule which shall be supposed to have the effect of superseding, within this Ecclesiastical Province, any clause or regulation of the acts of Uniformity and Rubrics which at the present time govern the United Church of England and Ireland at home and in the Colonies of Great Britain.

Your Memorialists are of the opinion that such a Canon, if enacted, would not be binding on the consciences of Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Ecclesiastical Province, and that the effort to enforce the observance of such a Canon would only be productive of discord and discontent.

Your Memorialists moreover advocate abstinence from action in this matter, because they have reason to think that the points proposed to be touched by local legislation in Synod, have not at present been extensively examined and looked into by the members generally of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, and that accordingly they are not in a position to judge intelligently of the propriety of unsettling what, after profound research and deliberation, was settled by wise and discreet men in the ages that are past. And also because they have reason to think that the time is steadily and certainly approaching when, on the very ques-