

bonds of peace, for we are taught by the same Apostle, that it is by bearing one another's burthens we shall fulfil the law of Christ.

Called by the same Divine Master—labouring in the same glorious cause, and striving to arrive at the same eternal happiness, we should afford every assistance and co-operation in our power to our fellow-labourers in the ministry. If we allow the proper zeal for the glory of God, and the advancement of our holy Religion, to take full possession of our hearts, we shall exert ourselves to the utmost to turn the talents entrusted to us to the best account, that each of us may hear that consoling approbation of our conduct from our Heavenly Master, “well done good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things” “I will place thee over many things, enter into the joy of the Lord.”

This being a newly erected Diocess, and no ordinances or regulations yet established in it for the guidance of the Clergy, we have judged it expedient to adopt generally those of the missions in Scotland, as better adapted to the situation and circumstances of the Catholics of this Province, than any other.



Section 1st.

ON THE AUTHORITY OF BISHOPS.

All Priests are, by the divine and ecclesiastical law, as also by the decrees of the sacred congregation *de propaganda fide*, subject to their Bishops, from whom they receive the cure of souls, the power of administering the Sacraments, and of performing all other Parochial functions.

His late Holiness, Pope Leo the twelfth, by his bull of the 27th January, 1826, having been graciously pleased, with the concurrence and approbation of the British Government, to separate the spiritual jurisdiction of Upper Canada from that of the See of Quebec, and to erect this Province into an independent Diocess, and to appoint us,