

### APPENDIX III.

## A BILL

to consolidate and amend various Acts of Assembly  
relating to the Church of England.

Whereas it is expedient that several Acts of Assembly relating to the Church of England should be amended and consolidated into one Act,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

*Diocesan Synod.*

34 Vic, c 8. s 1.  
A D 1871.

1. The Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, members of the Church of England in this Province, may meet, and in such manner and by such proceedings as they adopt, frame a Constitution, and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree, any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding, and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interests of the Church, in matters relating to and affecting only the said Church, and the Officers and members thereof, and not in any manner interfering with the rights, privileges or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said Church of England; provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the imposition of any rate or tax upon any person or persons whomsoever, whether belonging to the said Church or not, or the infliction of any punishment, fine or penalty upon any person, other than his suspension or removal from an office in the said Church, or exclusion from the meetings or proceedings of the Synod; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be held to authorise any interference of the said Synod with the right of presentation to Rectories, as at present secured to the Parishioners by law, or any interference whatever with the property, whether real or personal, which may now or which may hereafter belong to the several and respective Parishes or Church Corporations in this Diocese, or other rights secured to such Parishioners by any Act of Assembly relating to the Church of England in this Province.