

since such unquestionably, either "expressly or by implication," assent to the rules adopted by the majority of the Assembly.

It is, moreover, affirmed that tribunals may be constituted, of which the decisions will be binding upon the parties before mentioned, and that the Courts of Law will give effect to their decisions, when they have acted in accordance with the regulations under which they may be constituted.

These decisions confirm the opinions which I have previously held and promulgated concerning these matters. I have always admitted that the parties represented in the Synod, and no others, were *legally* bound by its decisions, and I have maintained that the Courts of Law must give effect to the judgement of any tribunal constituted and acting in accordance with the system of the Church of England, or with our own rules for the better management and regulation of our own affairs.

With respect to the application to the Legislature, last year, it is needless to say much, but a brief summary of our proceedings may perhaps be acceptable to you. The Synod, at its last session, by a large majority of the members present, determined to apply for an Act of the Legislature, to give to us the status and privileges which are enjoyed by our brethren in Canada. A committee was then appointed to frame the Bill, and take charge of it in its passage through the Legislature. This committee performed the duty entrusted to it, and, as the statement was made in the Council that I had introduced alterations into the Bill, on my own sole authority, I think it necessary to assure you, that this statement was wholly unfounded; that every change made in the original draft, was made by the authority of the committee; and that even the gentlemen who were unable to attend, were requested to communicate, and did communicate, their opinions by letter.

Our Bill passed the Assembly by a large majority, without opposition from a single Churchman in that

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