

you and your children by the oppressive judgments of the courts of the world, look up to your Lord for help, strength and guidance. Your cause is His cause. He sympathises with you; sorrows in your sorrows: shares your troubles: suffers in His members. Any wound inflicted on his body, the Church, pierces Him also. To those who persecute it, He says, "*Why persecutest thou Me?*" Lean then upon Him, in trust and confidence; He will not fail you. In His own good time He will vindicate His cause and His Church, and the faith which is in Him. In patient perseverance possess ye your souls. "Consider Him that endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your mind. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." (Heb. xii. 34.)

What in my weakness I can do, amidst present distresses for the strengthening of your faith and the supply of your spiritual need, I need scarcely say I gladly will do, as my office requires. If God spares me, I will again, when my presence is needed, visit the diocese as Metropolitan, and ordain, as I may be able, faithful men, and render such services as may be in my power, until this tyranny be overpast. Meantime, I shall not cease to pray for you, that, in the hour of peril to the faith, and to your own souls, you may witness a good confession—stand up for the faith and for your Lord,—and that, your warfare being ended, you may enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

I am, dear Brethren in Christ,  
Your faithful servant,

R. CAPETOWN.

To the Clergy and the Faithful in Christ Jesus,  
in the Diocese of Natal.