

27. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in writing, signed by the members thereof, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, whether in their opinion the accused is guilty or not guilty on each particular charge. And in the event of the Court being equally divided, the charge or charges shall be considered not proved.

28. If the accused, after trial, shall be found guilty, the finding of the Court, together with all their proceedings, including the evidence taken in the case, shall be transmitted to the Bishop before it is transmitted to the accused or in any way made public, and he may proceed to pass such sentence as in his judgment may be proper, not repugnant to the provisions of the Statutes under which the Synod is constituted.

29. A copy of the sentence shall be sent to the accused, and, after the expiration of one month, provided no notice of appeal be given, another to the vestry, or vestries of the parish or parishes, or congregation or congregations, with which the accused may be canonically connected; and such other publicity may be given to it as the Bishop shall think expedient.

30. When the penalty of suspension shall be inflicted such sentence shall specify the terms thereof and the period of its duration.

31. During his suspension the suspended minister shall not exercise the functions of the ministry, either in his own congregation or elsewhere within this Diocese.

32. Upon sentence being pronounced, the connection between the minister and his parish or congregation shall be *ipso facto* severed, and all other offices, rents, issues, profits and emoluments, which he may have held by virtue of such office or ministry, from which he has been removed, shall wholly cease and determine.

ARTICLE IV.

1. The Rubric, prefixed to the order of the Holy Communion in the book of Common Prayer, prescribes the manner of proceeding by the minister of any parish toward any layman guilty of any of the offences therein mentioned, and provides for the reporting the same to the Bishop.