

of Canonical age, of this or any other Diocese of the Church of England, or of any Colonial branch of the said Church, being duly licensed in the same, to fill the vacant See, or to delegate to any person or body the power of choosing a Bishop for the vacant See, such choice to be accepted by the Synod as final. All such proceedings to be with closed doors until the final declaration of the result.

IV. Should the election be made by the Synod, the Declaration of Election shall be signed in duplicate, in presence and on behalf of the Synod by the Dean, Archdeacon or other Chairman presiding, witnessed by one Clerical and one Lay member.

One of these declarations shall be transmitted without delay to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the other kept in the Registry of the Diocese.

The approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury having been obtained, his Grace shall be requested to take the necessary steps for the consecration of the Bishop elect.

5. Extract from Bishop of Columbia's Royal Letters Patent January 12th, 1859.

"And for removing doubts with respect to the validity of the resignation of the said Office and Dignity of Bishop of British Columbia, it is our further will, that the said Bishop or any of his successors, shall, by instrument under his hand and seal, delivered and sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, and by him accepted and registered in the office of the Vicar-General of the said Archbishop, resign the Office and Dignity of Bishop of British Columbia, such Bishop shall from the time of such acceptance and registration, cease to be Bishop of British Columbia, to all intents and purposes, but without prejudice to any responsibility to which he may be liable in law or equity in respect of his conduct in his said office."

6. Copy of letter from Right Rev. Bishop Hills.

Received August 15, 1892.

BISHOPSCLOSE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 15th August, 1892.

MY DEAR ARCHDEACON AND MR. BAYNES REED,

Formal notice of my resignation to the Archbishop of Canterbury of the See and Bishopric of British Columbia having been given to the Synod through you, the secretaries of the same, by my letter of August the 6th, the Canon next requires that the Bishop, within 14 days after such formal notice shall have been given, shall summon a special meeting of the Synod to meet at the Cathedral City of the Diocese, in not less than three nor more than six months from the date of such summons, for the purpose of electing a successor to the See.

I now therefore request you on my behalf, to issue a summons for a special meeting of the Synod, to meet at Victoria in the Cathedral School, on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of electing a successor to the See.

Believe me, sincerely yours,

G. COLUMBIA.

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON SCRIVEN,
E. BAYNES REED, ESQ.,
Secretaries to the Diocesan Synod.