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Bishops, a right of appeal to the Metropolitan, and to give the latter power finally to decide and determine such appeal; and they purported to direct that proceedings which might be instituted against any of the said Bishops should be originated and carried on before the Metropolitan, and to give him authority to take cognizance of the same.

The Metropolitan erroneously believed himself to be, and asserted that he was, entitled to exercise these various powers, including that of holding at his discretion a Synod or General Assembly.

Your Lordship and your Diocese, as well as the other Bishops and Dioceses, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the legal advisers of the Crown—in fact all concerned—labored under the same erroneous and indeed it is difficult to conceive a stronger excuse for that belief than is to be found in the by the Crown, under the circumstances, of the right to exercise these powers.

The Metropolitan, in the exercise of these assumed powers, proceeded at his own discretion to convoke and hold a Synod, and he notified the several Dioceses, including that of Huron, to attend upon the specified day.

Upon this notice, it devolved upon your Lordship and your Diocese to determine what course should be pursued; and, on the common assumption of all parties as to the relative position of each, it is obvious that there was but one course open, namely, to obey the notice and choose Delegates to Synod.

You were not asked to assent to or dissent from the creation of Synod—Synod was to be created whether you willed it or not.

Your refusal to elect Delegates would be an act of disrespect to the Royal Letters Patent, and of disobedience to the individual thereby set in authority over you, and would expose the parties chiefly concerned to the exercise of that large coercive and penal jurisdiction assumed to be conferred by the Letters.

Your refusal to elect Delegates would not prevent the creation of Synod, or hinder its jurisdiction from attaching