

ed to the various suffragan Bishops of the said Ecel. Province of Halifax, and then promulgated by them to the clergy of their respective dioceses. It was on the 28th Oct., 1860, that by a circular letter written on the blanc fly-leaf at the beginning of said volume, that I promulgated them in the Diocese of Chatham, sending a copy of said book of *Acta et Decreta* with circular letter written as mentioned, to each one of the priests then in my diocese. Since then these Decrees have been our diocesan regulations of ecclesiastical discipline and church management.

In the Decrees of this Council almost every topic is treated relating to faith and morals, to the due administration of the sacraments, to the order and decorum to be observed in Divine worship,—in the churches, the cemeteries, but especially in the life and manners of the clergy. There is a chapter on churches from which we translate from the Latin the following Articles:—

3. Let no one, whether cleric or laic, begin to build a church or presbytery without consulting the Bishop, and obtaining his approbation, not only for the site and title (titular Patron), but also for the plan.
5. If any Missionary without the license of the Bishop build a house or edifice of any kind whatsoever on the lands belonging to the church, he shall do so at his own risk, and never will any compensation be given for them. As often as such license be given the Bishop ought to express whether any compensation is to be made or not.
6. And when we speak of licenses or faculties necessarily to be obtained from the Bishop, by the decrees of this Council, written licenses are always understood.

Thus, according to Canon Law, Father Cushing cannot claim the compensation he asks. Whatever may be the value in equity of what he expended on the buildings, he did it at his own risk (*periculo suo*). With regard to this while I do not admit his financial claim, yet I do not forbid the people to pay him what, after a fair balancing of receipts and expenditure, may be considered just, if they can make up the amount. As I repeatedly intimated to Father Barry, I want to wrong no one. I only wish to do my duty in guarding the church against wrong. *Pax et Benedictio Dei*. So far for the temporal side. Now for the spiritual administration of the mission: I hereby confirm my appointment of the Reverend Simon Crumley as Pastor of Black-