

11. I am aware that an answer is still to be expected from you to that portion of Sir William Molesworth's despatch which relates to the division of the diocese of Toronto; but on the whole I have thought it advisable not to delay my present communication on that account.

CANADA.

12. You will make known the contents of this despatch to the several bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada.

I have, &c.,
(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

V I C T O R I A.

VICTORIA.

—No. 1.—

(No. 8.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir *Charles Hotham*, to the
Right Honourable Sir *George Grey*, Bart.

No. 1.
Governor Sir
C. Hotham to
Sir G. Grey, Bart.,
8 January 1855.

Toorac, near Melbourne, 8 January 1855.
(Received 17 March 1855.)

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to transmit a Bill which passed the Legislative Council of this Colony on the 29th November last, but which I have thought proper to reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

This Bill was concerted before I assumed charge of this government, and I therefore forbear expressing any opinion thereon, but simply content myself with transmitting it for the serious and attentive consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and enclose an explanation of the proposed measure furnished by the law officers of the Crown.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Chas. Hotham.*

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

[Reserved for Her Majesty's Approval.]

Encl. 1, in No. 1.

V I C T O R I A.

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORÆ REGINÆ.

AN ACT to enable the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria to provide for the Regulation of the Affairs of the said Church.
(30 November 1854.)

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation and management of the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria: Be it therefore enacted, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor of Victoria, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

1. It shall be lawful for any bishop of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria to convene an assembly of the licensed clergy and the laity of such Church in his diocese. And the bishop, or in his absence a commissary appointed in writing by him, shall preside in such assembly.

Assembly may be convened.

2. Every regulation, act and resolution of such assembly made by the bishop, and the clergy and laity thereat, respecting the affairs of the said Church, including all advowson and right of patronage, shall be binding on every such bishop and his successors, and on the clergy and lay members of the said Church residing within the diocese for which such assembly shall have been convened, and on none other; and on them only so far as such regulation, act, or resolution may concern the position, rights, duties and liabilities of any minister or member of the said United Church, or any person in communion therewith,

Regulations of Assembly binding on bishops, clergy, and members of Church.