

and they shall communicate to the Bishop without delay the result of such inquiry.

§ 3.—If it be represented to the Bishop, or in his absence to his Commissary, that there does exist such *prima facie* case, then the Bishop, or in his absence the Archdeacon or his Commissary, shall without delay cause a copy of the presentment to be served on the accused, and shall give notice with all convenient speed to the members of the Court as provided aforesaid, appointing a time and place for their assembling together; there being not less than three members of said Court necessary for such trial, besides the Archdeacon of the archdeaconary to which the accused belongs. He shall also at the same time cause at least thirty days' notice of the time and place of meeting to be given, both to the accused and to the parties presenting him, and shall also call on the accused by a written summons to appear and answer. If the Clergyman accused appear, he shall, before proceeding to trial, be called upon by the Court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence, or offences, charged against him; and on his neglect or refusal, the plea of *Not guilty* shall be entered for him, and his trial shall proceed: Provided, that for sufficient cause the Court may adjourn from time to time; and provided also, that the accused shall at all times during the trial have liberty to be present, to produce his testimony and make his defence.

§ 4.—When the Court proceeds to trial, some officer authorised by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath to the witnesses that they will testify the truth concerning the matters charged in the presentment; and the evidence of such witnesses shall be reduced to writing.

§ 5.—The Court having fully heard the allegations and testimony of the parties, and deliberately considered the same after the parties have withdrawn, shall declare respectively whether in their opinion the accused be guilty or not guilty of the charge or charges contained in the pre-