

## CHARGE.

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MY REVEREND BRETHREN:

In meeting you in visitation for the second time, I can with great truth assure you that I am, at this moment, more sensible of the awful responsibility of my sacred office and my insufficiency fully to discharge its important duties than I was at the first. I have nevertheless had many things to encourage and support me in the exercise of my duty, and amongst others the well-grounded hope that notwithstanding my deficiencies, I should be sustained by the labours, the prayers, and affection of you, my Brethren, with most of whom I have lived so long on terms of paternal and cordial friendship, and I have not been disappointed.

I. I have been deeply affected with the kind reception which I have everywhere met with in my various travels; the more especially because I am persuaded that the respect  
Introduction. was paid not so much to my person as to my office, the duties of which I have sought to discharge with all the regularity, temper, and impartiality in my power; and it would be a matter of sincere regret to me if, during the period that I have presided over this Diocese, I should have done any thing unkindly or unjustly in any cases of discipline and difficulty which may have occurred; and should any such case be pointed out, I shall rejoice in setting it to rights.

The more early part of the summer of 1842 I spent in establishing throughout the Diocese branches of the Church Society, and on the 19th of July I proceeded to visit the Indians on the Manitouawning Island and at the Sault Ste. Marie, and returned by St. Joseph, Michillemackinac and the River St. Clair. At the latter place I landed and visited all