

CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD

is now ready for consecration; and whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent, the Wardens and others (*to be here described as the case may be*), praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the said land;

Now, therefore, we.....by Divine permission Bishop of....., do by virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, consecrate the said piece of land, and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the burial of the dead, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England in Canada, that the bodies of the faithful may therein rest in peace and hope of the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we do pronounce, decree and declare that the said land shall remain so consecrated, set apart, and dedicated for ever by this our definitive sentence and final decree which we read and pronounce by these presents.

WITNESS our hand and seal, this.....day ofin the year of our Lord.....and of our Consecration the.....

FORM FOR THE HALLOWING OF A GRAVE IN UNCONSECRATED GROUND

O LORD Jesu Christ, who by thy burial didst sanctify an earthly sepulchre: Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless and hallow this grave, that it may be a resting-place, peaceful and secure, for the body of thy servant, which we are about to commit (*or which has been committed*) to thy gracious keeping who art the Resurrection and the Life, and who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*