

2. (100.) No children under the age of one and twenty years complete shall contract themselves or marry, without the consent of their parents, or of their guardians and governors, if their parents be deceased; and any Minister knowingly marrying such children without such consent shall be liable to suspension at the discretion of the Bishop.

#### VIII.—ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS.

##### I.—Of a Diocesan Court.

There shall be a Court of this Diocese, for the trial of Clergymen, which shall consist of six Clergymen, being in Priests' Orders and actually officiating in the Diocese. The Archdeacon, or if there be more than one, the two senior Archdeacons of the Diocese, shall ex-officio be members of the said Court; and the residue shall be chosen by the Synod whilst in session by ballot. Two members so chosen shall annually retire from office by rotation, and their successors be elected by ballot. Retiring members may be re-elected.

##### II.—Of the Trial of Clergymen.

§ 1.—The trial of a Minister, whether Priest or Deacon, shall be on presentment in writing, specifying the offence of which he is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to the time, place, and circumstances. Such presentment may be made for any crime or immorality, for heresy, or for violation of the constitution or canons of this Church. Said presentment may be made to the Bishop of the Diocese by the Churchwardens of the parish or cure of the said Minister; or by not less than three others of his parishioners being communicants; or by two Clergymen being priests and officiating in this Diocese.

§ 2.—The Bishop, or in his absence the Archdeacon or his Commissary shall, on receiving such presentment, nominate three members of the Court provided aforesaid, to make inquiry and ascertain whether there is a *prima facie* case against the accused, so as to warrant further proceedings;