

*Vacant Parishes; mode of election of Rector.*

III.—When any Rectory shall be vacant, a meeting of the Parishioners shall be summoned either by the Church Wardens or by any five Parishioners, either by notice given in the Church, or Churches if there be more than one, during the time of Divine Service; or if there be no public service in the Parish, then by notice affixed to the door or doors of the Church or Churches, such notice to be given in any case not less than fifteen nor more than twenty days before the day of meeting, at which meeting a Clergyman in full orders of the Church of England, or of any branch of the Church in full communion with the Church of England, may be elected Rector by a majority of the Parishioners then present. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person elected shall be forthwith forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signature of the Chairman and two other Parishioners; and the Clergyman so elected, when he shall have obtained the Bishop's Letters of Institution, shall be inducted by the Bishop into the said Parish. If no election is made within six months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a Rector.

*Of the election of Churchwardens and Vestry and of Chapel Wardens and their power.*

IV.—The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, and the Parishioners of every Parish shall meet annually on Monday, in Easter week, notice of the hour and place of meeting having been first given by the or officiating Clergyman, at which meeting two Church Wardens and twelve Vestrymen shall be chosen by the Parishioners. And the Rector, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the Church and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective Parishes, shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector or as a duly licensed Curate, the Parishioners may at any meeting elect their own chairman. Where there are two or more Churches in one Parish, the congregation of each Church, other than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two chapel wardens, who subject to the control of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, shall have the charge of said Church or Chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with the right of the Parishioners included in the said Congregation, or Congregations, to take part in the Easter Meeting for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen, for the whole Parish.

*Provision for filling vacancies in the office of Church Wardens otherwise than at Easter, and for transfer of property, &c.*

V.—If in consequence of a vacancy, or for any other reason, no Easter meeting shall be held in any Parish, the Church Wardens and Vestry of the previous year shall continue in office, provided that any Warden or Vestryman may resign his office by a notice in writing sent to the Bishop or to his Commissary administering the Diocese, who upon receipt of any such resignation, shall communicate the same to