

By whom Registers of Baptisms, &c., shall be kept.

II. And be it enacted, That the Registers of baptisms, marriages and burials of the said Parish, shall be kept and signed by the said Bishop or by his Vicars-general, or by the *Curé* who may be charged with the spiritual care of the Parish, or by the Assistants, Chaplains or Vicars of the said Bishop or of the said *Curé*, or other Priests, and all copies or extracts from the said Registers certified by one of them shall be authentic evidence in all Courts of Justice and elsewhere. 5

Bishop to receive the tithes and ecclesiastical dues.

III. And in consequence of the union of the Cure of the said Parish to the Bishopric of Three Rivers, be it enacted, That the said Bishop and his successors shall receive the tithes of Parishioners as now established, the oblations, the dues regulated or to be regulated by tariffs, and all rights, rents and dues which may be now or may hereafter become payable to the said *Fabrique*, and may sue for the recovery of the same before the Courts of Justice; they may also cause an account to be rendered by the Churchwardens who may not have done so at the time of the passing of the Deed of Cession of the property of the *Fabrique* above mentioned, of the administration of the said property by the said Churchwardens; and may accept or discuss the said accounts, and require the payment of any balances which may be due thereon, for which purpose the said Bishop and his successors shall be entitled to institute legal proceedings. 10 20

He may cause an account to be rendered to him.

Recital.

IV. And whereas the present Parish Church has long been insufficient for the continually increasing population of the said Parish, and it is indispensably necessary to construct a new one; And whereas by one of the Resolutions recited in the Preamble to this Act, the inhabitants of the said Parish have left to the said Bishop the care of building the said Church, binding themselves to contribute to the expense thereof to the amount of five thousand pounds only: Be it enacted, That when the said Bishop shall have issued a decree for the building of a Church and Sacristy, and for establishing the site thereof, it shall be lawful for him to make an application to the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of the Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of the late Province of Lower Canada, passed in the third Session of the said Council, held in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes and the building of Churches, Parsonage-houses and Church-yards," requiring a general meeting to be called of the inhabitant freeholders and proprietors of real estate interested in the assessment mentioned in one of the Resolutions cited in the Preamble to this Act, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of three or more Trustees not exceeding seven, to levy the said assessment; and the Commissioners shall thereupon proceed upon the said application as if the same had been made by the majority of the inhabitant freeholders of the said Church and Sacristy, founded upon a canonical decree rendered in conformity with the provisions of the said Ordinance, or by any law for the election of the Trustees; and the meeting for the said election shall be called, presided over and held, and a minute thereof drawn up, by the said Bishop or by the *Curé* having the spiritual charge of the Parish, if there be one, according to the formalities prescribed by the said Ordinance. 25 30 35 40 45

When a decree shall have been issued by the Bishop for the erection of a new Church, he may apply to the Commissioners under 2 Vic. (3) cap. 29, for the election of Trustees for the building of the Church.

After the election, the Bishop may apply to have

V. And be it enacted, That when the election of Trustees shall have taken place, the said Bishop shall make an application to the Commissioners, requiring the said election to be confirmed, and that the said Trustees be ordered to assess the proprietors of lands and other 50