

1. Letter from Right Rev. Bishop Hills.

TO THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON SCRIVEN AND E. BAYNES REED, ESQ.
Hon. Secretaries to the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia,

BISHOPSCLOSE,
 VICTORIA, August 8th, 1892.

MY DEAR ARCHDEACON AND MR. BAYNES REED,

I beg to inform you that on Saturday, August 6th, I forwarded to the Archbishop of Canterbury my formal resignation of the See and Diocese of British Columbia.

The date on which the resignation is to take effect is November 15, 1892.

I have asked his Grace to accept it in consideration of a Ministry in the Church of England of over 52 years, and of my increasing sense of infirmity.

I enclose copies of the instrument of resignation and of my covering letter to the Archbishop.

This letter now addressed to you as secretaries of the Synod, will be, I believe, the formal notice of resignation alluded to in clause 1 of the amended Canon on the election of Bishop.

And I remain sincerely yours,

G. COLUMBIA.

2. Copy of letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, enclosing formal resignation. Entered in the Diocesan Registry, 6th August 1892.

BISHOPSCLOSE,
 VICTORIA, B. C., 6 August, 1892.

MY DEAR LORD ARCHBISHOP,

I beg to enclose the formal instrument of my resignation of this Bishopric of British Columbia, which I hope your Grace will kindly accept, subject to the condition that actual vacancy does not occur until November 15th, 1892.

I append a copy of the Canon on election of Bishop in this Diocese, as amended at the Synod, held June 19, 1888. In this is provided that formal notice of resignation, to take effect on a fixed date, may enable the Synod to meet and so reduce the interval (in this case by three months) before appointment of a successor. I also add an extract from my Letters Patent (1859) upon the subject of resignation.

I have the honour to remain, my dear Lord Archbishop,
 Your Grace's faithful servant and brother,

G. COLUMBIA.

The Right Honourable and Most Reverend,
 The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

3. Copy of Instrument of Resignation entered in the Diocesan Registry, August 6th, 1892.