

## I. GENERAL DECLARATION.

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We the undersigned, Bishops of the North American Colonies in the Province of Canterbury, having had opportunity granted to us of meeting together, have thereupon conferred with each other respecting the trust and charge committed to our hands, and certain peculiar difficulties of a local nature which attach to the same.

We desire, therefore, in the first place, to record our thankfulness that we have been so permitted to assemble, and our sense of the responsibility lying upon us before GOD and the world to promote the Glory of His great name, to advance the kingdom of His Son, to seek the salvation of immortal souls, and what we feel to be inseparably united with these objects, to establish and extend, wherever there is a demand for her services, the system, the teaching, the worship, and the ordinances of the United Church of England and Ireland.

We feel that, in the prosecution of this great work, we are surrounded by many discouragements, embarrassments and hindrances, which, by the grace of GOD, we are prepared patiently to encounter, and, while they may be appointed to continue, patiently to endure,