

he shall signify the same in writing, and, in case of conviction, cause the same to be carried into effect. In case of acquittal, the Bishop shall cause the same to be promulgated in such manner as he may deem expedient. The proceedings of the Court, together with the approval of the Bishop, shall be filed of record with the Secretary of the Synod, who shall notify the respective parties of the decision and approval.

35. If, in case of a conviction, the Bishop disapproves of the sentence in respect to the measure of punishment, he may revise and reduce, but not increase the same; and the sentence so revised and reduced shall be deemed the sentence of the Court.

In case the Bishop should disapprove of the finding and decision of the said Court on other grounds, he shall refer the matter back, with his reasons for such disapproval, to the said Court, who shall reconsider their decision. If the Court adheres to its decision, or so varies the same as still to be objectionable in the opinion of the Bishop, he shall refer the same to the Assessor for his opinion thereon; and if the Bishop, after consultation and deliberation with the Assessor, shall be of opinion either in view of the law or the facts of the case, that there should be a new trial, the matter shall be referred to another Court or Board of Triers, to be selected in the manner hereinbefore directed, and the like proceedings shall be had as on the first trial.

36. If four members of the Court shall be unable to agree upon a decision after a reasonable time allowed for consultation and deliberation, the Assessor shall report the same to the Bishop, with the charge, answer, evidence, and proceedings of the trial; and if the Bishop is of opinion that it is a matter of sufficient importance to justify further enquiry, and that from the nature of the evidence a decision ought to have been arrived at, and that there is reasonable ground for thinking that on another trial a determination and adjudication will be had, the Bishop shall issue an *alias* warrant to the Secretary, directing him as before to select a Board of Triers, on which the like proceedings shall be had as are hereinbefore provided, except that the names of the Triers who sat on the first trial, or were struck off the lists by the parties, shall not be again drawn, or form part of the Court on the second trial.

SUSPENSION PENDENTE LITE.

37. In every case in which, from the nature of the offence charged, it shall appear to the Bishop that great scandal is likely to arise from the Clergyman accused continuing to perform the services of the Church while such charge is under

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