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An Act to amend the Ordinance passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Church-yards.*"

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An Act to amend an Ordinance passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign. intituled, "*An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Churchyards.*"

WHEREAS the great extent of territory of the Districts of Lower Canada renders the proceedings necessary for the erection of Parishes and the building and repairing of Churches both difficult and expensive, and it is expedient to amend the Ordinance passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign relating thereto, chaptered twenty-nine, and intituled, "*An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes, and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Churchyards,*" in order to afford the requisite facilities; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

10 That for the better attainment of the object of the said Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Governor, or person administering the Government, by Commission under the Great Seal of the Province, to commission, appoint and constitute, in the name of Her Majesty, in each of the Roman Catholic Dioceses canonically acknowledged and erected in this Province by the ecclesiastical authorities, five persons duly qualified and residing in the said Dioceses, to be Commissioners for the purposes of the Ordinance aforesaid and of the laws now in force.

II. And be it enacted, That all the powers rights and duties vested in and devolving upon the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Dioceses of Quebec or Montreal, by virtue of the said Ordinance and of the laws now in force, shall be exercised and performed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of each Diocese canonically erected and acknowledged by Ecclesiastical authority, and the petitions and requests of the interested parties shall be presented to the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese, or in case of his absence or of a vacancy in the Episcopal See to the person administering the Diocese wherein the erection, dismembering, division or union of Parishes is to take place, or in which a Church, Sacristy, Parsonage House or Church-yard and dependencies are to be erected or repaired.

Preamble.

2 V., c. 29.

Five Commissioners may be appointed in such Roman Catholic Diocese.

Powers of certain Bishops under the said Ordinance vested in the Bishop of each Roman Catholic Diocese.

Cases to be governed by the said Ordinance and the existing Law.

III. And be it enacted, That all cases respecting either the erection or division of Parishes or the building and repairing of Churches, and Parsonage Houses and Church-yards shall be proceeded with and adjudged upon by the Roman Catholic Bishop or person administering the Diocese in which it shall be necessary to act, and by the Commissioners appointed for the said Diocese, in the manner now provided by the said Ordinance and the laws now in force. 5

Present Commissioners may finish cases pending before them.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners at present appointed shall be empowered to continue proceedings instituted 10 before them up to final judgment.