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No. 262.

1st Session, 6th Parliament, 21-2 Victoria, 1858.

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An Act to explain and amend the Act
intituled "An Act to enable the Mem-
bers of the United Church of England
and Ireland in Canada, to meet in
"Synod."

As passed by the Legislative Council.

[Printed by order of the Legislative
Assembly.]

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B I L L .

[As passed by the Legislative Council.]

An Act to explain and amend the Act intituled " An
" Act to enable the Members of the United Church
" of England and Ireland in Canada, to meet in
" Synod."

WHEREAS doubts exist whether in the Act passed in the Session held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, to meet in Synod," sufficient provision is made for the representation of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Synods by the said Act authorized to be held, and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. For all the purposes of the aforesaid Act, the Laity shall meet by representation ; and until it shall be otherwise determined by the Synod in each Diocese, one or more delegates (not exceeding three in any case,) may be elected at the annual Easter meetings in each parish, or at meetings to be specially called for the purpose by each Clergyman having a separate cure of souls ; and all laymen within the cure, of the full age of twenty-one years, who shall declare themselves, in writing, at such meetings, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other Religious denomination, shall have the right of voting at such election. Each delegate shall receive from the Chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, which he shall produce, when called upon so to do, at the Synod ; and the first meeting of such Synod shall be called by the Bishop of the Diocese at such time and place as he shall think fit ; Provided always, that no business shall be transacted by the Synod of any Diocese unless at least one fourth of the Clergy of such Diocese shall be present, and at least one fourth of the Congregations within the same be represented by at least one delegate.

2. All proceedings heretofore had in any Diocese under the aforesaid Act, which have been conformable to the provisions of this Act, shall be held to be valid, as if the same had taken place after the passing of this Act.