

before him or them, or before the Archdeacon or Archdeacons, or the Vicar General, or other Officer or Officers hereinafter mentioned, at such competent days, hours and places, when and so often as to him or them shall seem meet and convenient, the aforesaid Rectors, Curates, Ministers, Chaplains, Priests and Deacons, or any of them; and to enquire by Witnesses sworn in due form of Law, and by all other lawful ways and means by which the same may be best and most effectually done, as well concerning their Morals as their Behaviour in their said offices and stations respectively; and We do hereby authorize and empower the said Bishop of Fredericton and his Successors, and the Archdeacons, Vicar General, or other Officer or Officers hereinafter mentioned, being respectively delegated thereunto by the said Bishop or his Successors, to administer all such oaths as are accustomed and by Law may be administered, according to the Ecclesiastical Laws of Our Realm of England, and to punish and correct the aforesaid Rectors, Curates, Chaplains, Ministers, Priests and Deacons, according to their demerits by deprivation, suspension, or other such Ecclesiastical censure or correction as they would be liable to according to the Ecclesiastical Laws aforesaid, subject nevertheless to such rights of review and appeal as are hereinafter given and reserved: And for the better accomplishment of the purposes aforesaid, We do hereby grant and declare that the said Bishop of Fredericton and his Successors may found and constitute one or more Archdeaconries within the said Diocese, and may collate fit and proper persons to be the Archdeacons of the said Archdeaconries respectively; provided always, that such Archdeacons shall exercise such jurisdiction only as shall be committed to them by the said Bishop or his Successors: And may also from time to time nominate and appoint fit and proper persons to be respectively the Officers hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: to be Vicar General, Official, Principal, Chancellor, Rural Deans, and Commissaries, either general or special, and may, at his or their desire, delegate to the Archdeacons within the said Diocese, and to the Officers aforesaid respectively, such of the powers and functions to the said Bishopric appertaining, as may by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm be committed to persons who have not received Episcopal Consecration, and may also appoint one or more fit and proper persons to be Registrars and Actuaries; provided always, that the Archdeacons aforesaid shall be subject and subordinate to the said Bishop of Fredericton and his Successors, and shall be assisting to him and them in the exercise of his and their Episcopal Jurisdiction and functions.

And We will and declare, that during a vacancy of the said See of Fredericton by the demise of the Bishop thereof or otherwise, the said Archdeacons and the said Vicar General, and other Officers respectively appointed as aforesaid, shall continue to exercise, so far as by Law they may or can, the Jurisdiction and functions delegated to them, and that the said Registrars and Actuaries shall respectively continue to discharge the duties whereunto they have been appointed, until a new Bishop of the said See of Fredericton shall have been nominated and consecrated, and his arrival within the limits of the said Diocese shall have been notified to the said parties respectively.

And moreover We command and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do strictly enjoin all and singular Our Governors, Judges and Justices, and all and singular Rectors, Curates, Chaplains, Ministers and other Our Subjects within the said Diocese, that they and every of them be, in and by all lawful ways and means aiding and assisting to the said Bishop and his Successors, and to the said Archdeacons, and to the Vicar General, and other Officer or Officers aforesaid, in the execution of the premises in all things: Nevertheless We will and do by these Presents declare and

ordain that in all grave matters of correction which are accustomed according to the practice of the Ecclesiastical Laws of Our Realm of England to be judicially examined, the same shall in like manner be judicially examined and proceeded in before the said Bishop of Fredericton and his Successors, or the said Archdeacons, or the said Vicar General or other Officer or Officers aforesaid; and all such Causes shall be proceeded in to final sentence in due form of Law.

And We further Will and do by these Presents declare and ordain that it shall be lawful for any party against whom any judgment, decree or sentence shall be pronounced by any of the said Archdeacons, or by the Vicar General or other Officer or Officers of the said Bishop or his Successors, to demand a re-examination and review of such judgment, decree or sentence before the Bishop or his Successors in person, who, upon such demand made, shall take cognizance thereof, and shall have full power and authority to affirm, reverse or alter the said judgment, sentence or decree; and if any party shall conceive himself aggrieved by any judgment, decree or sentence pronounced by the said Bishop of Fredericton or his Successors, either in case of such review or in any Cause originally instituted before the said Bishop or his Successors, it shall be lawful for the said party to appeal to the said Archbishop of Canterbury or his Successors, who shall finally decide and determine the said appeal; provided always, that in any such case of appeal or review, notice of the intention of the party to make such appeal or demand such review, shall be given to the Bishop or Subordinate Judge by whom the sentence appealed from or to be reviewed shall have been pronounced, within fifteen days from the promulgation thereof.

And We do further will and by these Presents ordain, that in all cases in which an appeal shall be made, or review demanded as aforesaid, a copy of the Judgment or Sentence in such case promulgated or given, setting forth the causes thereof, together with a copy of the Evidence on which the same was founded, shall without delay be certified and transmitted by such Subordinate Judge to the said Bishop or his Successor, or by the said Bishop or his Successor to the said Archbishop of Canterbury, as the case may require: And such Judgments, Sentences and Decrees shall respectively remain in force until the same shall have been reversed or altered by the said Bishop or the said Archbishop.

And We further will and ordain that the Supreme Court of Justice exercising Jurisdiction within the limits of the said Diocese shall have such and the like Jurisdiction and power of interfering by Writ of Prohibition or Mandamus, subject to the same laws, restrictions and rules of practice as is or may be exercised by Our Court of Queen's Bench at Westminster in regard to proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Courts of England, regard being had nevertheless to any special provisions or exceptions contained in these Our Letters Patent, and to any other Laws and Regulations specially applicable to or concerning that part of Our Dominions included in the said Diocese.

Moreover it is Our will and pleasure, and We do hereby declare and ordain that nothing in these Presents contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal, vary or alter the provisions of any Charter whereby Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (has been given to any Court of Judicature) within the limits of the said Diocese, so far as the same do not appertain to the correction of Clerks or to matters and causes merely Spiritual, or to give to the said Bishop of Fredericton or his Successors, any authority or jurisdiction whatever, in matters now depending in the said Courts, except as herein excepted: And for removing doubts with respect to the validity of the resignation of the said office and dignity of Bishop of Fredericton, it is our further will, that if the said Bishop or any of his Successors shall, by Instrument under his hand and seal delivered and