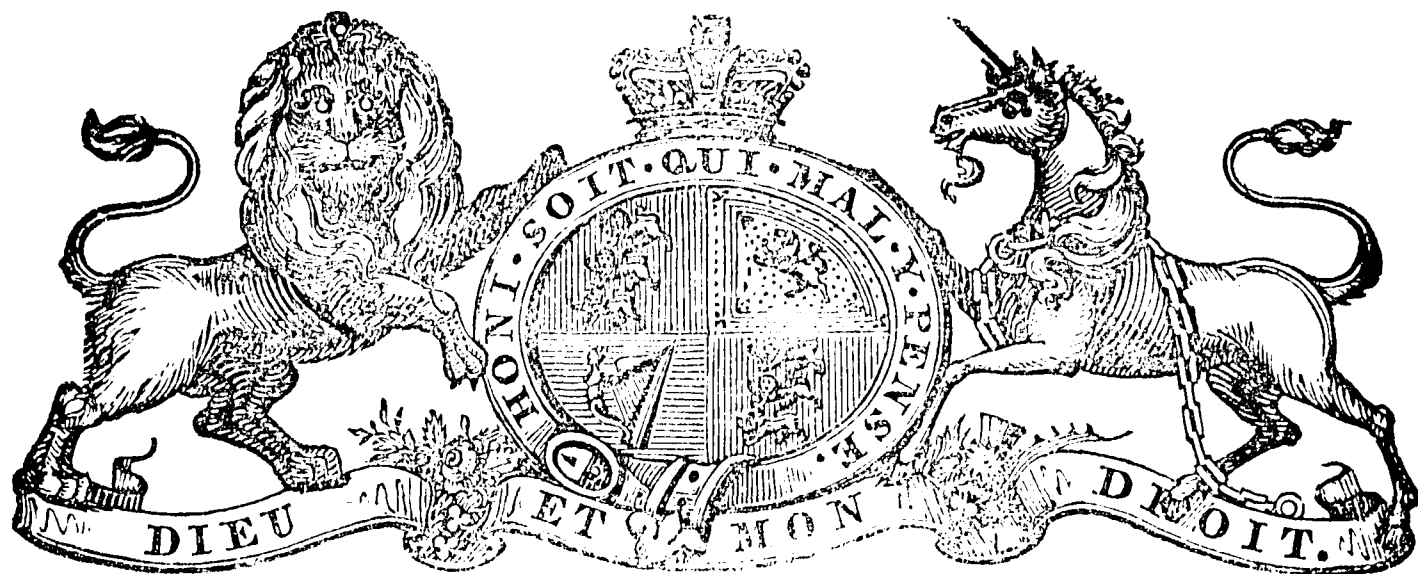


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No. CCCCLIV.

An Act to amend an Act intituled “An Act to enable the Bishops Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church.”

[Reserved 17th December 1872. Royal Assent proclaimed 13th June 1873.]

WHEREAS an Act of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Preamble.
Victoria and the Legislative Council thereof was passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria intituled “*An Act to enable the Bishops Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church,*” and whereas the expression “the United Church of England and Ireland” is no longer applicable in Victoria, and doubts have arisen as to the powers of the members of the said church to regulate their own affairs : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. It shall be lawful for any assembly convened under the provisions contained in the said Act to define for the purposes of the said Act the meaning of the words “Bishop” and “Diocese,” and to substitute for the expression “United Church of England and Ireland” where used in the said Act such other word or words as to such assembly shall seem desirable.

Assembly may define certain expressions.

2. It

Assembly may provide for appointment deposition deprivation and removal of any person bearing office.

Certified copy to be evidence.

Act to be read as part of 18 Vict. No. 45.

2. It shall be lawful for any such assembly of the said church to make provision for the appointment deposition deprivation or removal of any person bearing office therein of whatsoever order or degree, any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding.

3. Any written or printed document purporting to be a copy of any regulation act or resolution of any such assembly if purporting to be certified as a true copy by any person described as the president of any such assembly shall be *prima facie* evidence that such regulation act or resolution was duly made or passed, and no such regulation act or resolution shall be vitiated by reason of any informality in the mode of convening such assembly or in the election or summoning or by the failure to elect any member of such assembly or the absence of any members who may have been elected or summoned.

4. This Act shall be read with and taken to be part of the Act eighteen Victoria No. XLV., and both shall be construed together.

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