

(APPENDIX—No. VIII.)

ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance for accepting and adopting a certain Determination of the General Synod, entitled "Rules for the Confirmation and Consecration of Bishops and for the election of Primate."

WHEREAS a certain determination, being Determination No. I, was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania on the 25th day of October, 1872, entitled "Rules for the Confirmation and Consecration of Bishops and for the election of Primate," a copy of which is contained in the Schedule annexed to this Ordinance And whereas it is expedient that the said Determination shall be accepted by the Church in this Diocese The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the United Church of England and Ireland within the Colony of New South Wales ordains and rules that the said Determination and the Rules therein contained and each and every of them shall be and the same are and is hereby accepted and adopted and shall so far as the same are applicable be applied to the management and government of the Church in this Diocese in like manner as if the said Determination and the Rules therein contained and each and every of them had been ordained and ruled by the Synod of this Diocese.

SCHEDULE.

DETERMINATION No. I.

[Made Friday, October 25th, 1872.]

Rules for the Confirmation and Consecration of Bishops and for the Election of Primate.

I.—CONFIRMATION OF BISHOPS.

1. When in any Diocese a person shall have been elected or nominated as Bishop, the President of the Synod of such Diocese, or in case there be no such President the clergyman highest in ecclesiastical rank, shall transmit the

name of such person together with a certificate of his election or nomination to the Metropolitan of the Province in which the Diocese is situated, or where no Province has been formed to the Primate. And on receiving such certificate the Metropolitan or Primate shall communicate the election or nomination to the other Bishops of the Province, or of Australia and Tasmania as the case may be, and if the Metropolitan, or Primate, and the Bishops, or a majority of them be satisfied with the fitness of the person so elected, or nominated, the election or nomination of such person shall be duly confirmed under the hand and seal of the Metropolitan or Primate.

2. When any nomination shall have been delegated by any Synod or Diocese, to any of the Archbishops or Bishops of the Church in England, and such delegation shall have been approved by the Bishops of the Province, or of Australia and Tasmania as the case may be, then the person thus nominated may be consecrated without further confirmation.

II. CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

A Bishop shall be consecrated by at least three Bishops, one of whom shall be the Metropolitan of the Province in which the Diocese is situated, or the Primate if it be not within any Province or the senior Bishop in Australia and Tasmania, if the Metropolitan or the Primate as the case may be, is deceased or unable to act; or with the concurrence of the Metropolitan or Primate, as the case may be, the Bishop may be consecrated in England by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

III.—ELECTION OF FUTURE PRIMATES.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Primacy, the Bishops constituting the House of Bishops shall elect one of their own number to be the Primate.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the 17th day of June, A.D. 1873.

H. A. PALMER,

Secretary to the Synod.

I hereby signify my assent to this Ordinance. Assented to June 20th, A.D. 1873.

F. SYDNEY.