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AN ORDINANCE for accepting and adopting a certain Determination of the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania intituled "Rules for the Formation of New Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania.

(Assented to 1 March, 1877.)

WHEREAS a certain Determination, being Determination No. 1, was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania on the 13th day of October, 1876, intituled "Rules for the formation of New Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania," 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 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.

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DETERMINATION No. I.

*(Made Friday, 13 October, 1876.)*RULES FOR THE FORMATION OF NEW DIOCESES IN
AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.I. *Assignment of Territory.*

The Territory of a New Diocese shall not extend beyond the limits of one Civil Province.

II. — *New Dioceses.*

A new Diocese may be formed—

- (a) By dividing an existing Diocese.
- (b) By assigning to the proposed New Diocese a portion of territory belonging to two or more Dioceses.
- (c) By assigning to the proposed New Diocese, territory not included in any Diocese.
- (d) By assigning to the proposed New Diocese, portions of territory belonging to one or more Dioceses, together with territory not included in any Diocese.

III. — *Method of proceeding to form a new Diocese.*

Any member of the Church, desirous of promoting the erection of a new Diocese, and resident in the Diocese, or one of the Dioceses or unassigned territory concerned in the division, shall, in the first instance, submit a proposal to the Bishop of the Diocese in which he resides, or, if resident in any territory not yet assigned to any Diocese, to the Bishop or Bishops of the Diocese or Dioceses concerned in the division, or in the case described in clause ii., sub-section c., to the Primate.

IV. — *Consents required.*

The proposal to form such new Diocese shall have

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the approval of the Bishop, and the concurrence of the Assembly, or Synod, of every Diocese to be affected thereby, and also be assented to by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Representatives of the portion or portions of the Diocese or Dioceses intended to be formed into a new Diocese.

And in the case of assigning to a proposed new Diocese territory not included in any existing Diocese, the consent thereto of the Metropolitan, or if there be no Metropolitan, of the Primate, shall be obtained.

V.—*Sufficiency of Endowment.*

No new Diocese shall be created until the Metropolitan or where there is no Metropolitan the Primate shall be satisfied that a sufficient endowment has been secured for the maintenance of the See.

VI.—*Arrangements of Property.*

All arrangements with regard to property belonging to any Diocese which it is proposed to divide, shall, subject to due observance of specific trusts, be made previous to division, and such arrangements shall be final.

VII.—*Transfer of Territory.*

The Bishop or Bishops of any Diocese or Dioceses, out of which it is proposed to create a new See, shall with the consent of the Metropolitan, or where there is no Metropolitan, with the consent of the Primate, transfer to the newly appointed Bishop such part or parts of their Dioceses as shall have been assigned to the New See.

(*Determination Amended by Determination IV, 1900.*)