

Offences Definition.

11/1904

AN ORDINANCE for accepting and adopting a certain Ordinance passed by The Provincial Synod, Session 1904, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the definition of the offences for which a Clergyman may be tried."

(Assented to 6 October, 1904.)

WHEREAS a certain Ordinance was made by The Provincial Synod, of the Province of New South Wales on the fourth day of August, 1904, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the definition of the offences for which a Clergyman may be tried" a copy of which is contained in the Schedule attached to this Ordinance. And whereas it is expedient that the said Ordinance 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 Church of England within the State of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

That the said Ordinance shall be and is hereby accepted and adopted and shall so far as the same is applicable be applied to the management of the Church in this Diocese in like manner as if the said Ordinance had been ordained and ruled by the Synod of this Diocese.

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the definition of the Offences for which a Clergyman may be tried.

WHEREAS it is desirable to define the offences for which a Clergyman licensed by the Bishop of any Diocese in the Province may be tried, the Provincial Synod of the Province of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows.—

Definition of Offences.

1. The offences for which a Clergyman licensed by the Bishop of any Diocese in the Province may be tried by the Tribunal established or to be established by the Synod of that Diocese, are the following, viz:—

1. Heresy, false doctrine, breach of ritual, or schism.
2. Unchastity.
3. Drunkenness.
4. Habitual and wilful neglect of ministerial duty after special admonition in writing by the Bishop with reference thereto.
5. Bankruptcy or failure or inability to pay just debts without sufficient reason or excuse for such bankruptcy, failure or inability.
6. Any offence punishable in law being sinful in itself.
7. Conduct disgraceful to a Clergyman and productive of scandal and evil report.
8. Breaches of discipline.

Repeal.

2. The "Offences Definition Ordinance of 1895" is hereby repealed.

Short Title.

3. This Ordinance may be known and cited as the "Offences Definition Ordinance of 1904."