

nature of the offence committed and the amount of the proposed remission, and receiving our directions thereupon; but in the mean time it shall be lawful for you to suspend the payment of such fine or forfeiture.

25. *Whereas* We by our said Commission authorized you upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his office within our said Colony any person exercising the same during our pleasure and we have strictly required and enjoined you in proceeding to any such suspension, to observe the directions in that behalf given to you in and by our general instructions: *Now We do* charge and require you that before proceeding to any such suspension, you do consult with the said Executive Council, and you do signify by a statement, in writing, to the person so to be suspended, the grounds of such your intended proceeding against him, and that you do call upon any such person to communicate to you, in writing, a statement of the grounds upon which, and the evidence by which he may be desirous to exculpate himself, which statement and exculpation you will lay before the Executive Council of our said Colony, and having consulted them thereupon, you will cause to be recorded in the Minutes of the said Council whether they or the majority of them do or do not assent to the said suspension: and if you thereupon proceed to such suspension you are to transmit both of the said statements, together with the Minutes of Council, to Us, through one of our principal Secretaries of State by the earliest conveyance. But if in any case the interests of our service shall appear to you to demand that a person shall cease to exercise the powers and functions of his office instantly or before there shall be time to take the proceedings hereinbefore directed, you shall then interdict such person from the exercise of his powers and functions, preserving to him however, until such proceedings shall have been taken, the emoluments and advantages of his office.

26. *And We do* hereby direct and instruct you that all Commissions and Appointments to be granted by you to any person or persons for exercising any office or employment in or concerning our said colony be granted during pleasure only, and that whenever you shall appoint to any vacant office or employment any person not by us especially directed to be appointed thereto, you shall at the same time expressly apprise such person that such appointment is to be considered only as temporary and provisional until our allowance or disallowance thereof be signified.

27. *It being Our intention* that all persons inhabiting our Colony under your Government should have full liberty of conscience and the free exercise of their respective modes of Religious Worship, *We do hereby require* you to permit all persons within our said Colony to have such liberty, and to exercise their respective modes of Religious Worship, provided they be contented with a quiet and peaceable enjoyment of the same, not giving offence or scandal to the Government.

28. *It is Our further will* and pleasure, that you recommend proper measures for erecting and maintaining Schools in order to the training up of youth to reading, and to a necessary knowledge of the principles of Christian Religion. You are not however to propose or assent to any law respecting religion without a clause suspending its operation until our pleasure shall have been signified thereupon, unless a draft thereof shall have been previously transmitted by you for our consideration and approval.

29. *And whereas* We did by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the fourteenth day of October, 1841, in the fifth year of our Reign, found, ordain and constitute our said Colony of New Zealand to be a Bishop's see or diocese, and did ordain that the same should be styled the Bishopric of New Zealand, *now it is Our will* and pleasure that in the administration of the Government of our said Colony of New Zealand you do give the most particular attention to all such matters as the erection of the said Bishopric has rendered necessary; *and it is Our pleasure* that you appoint provisionally and until our pleasure be known, to such spiritual cures as may from time to time become vacant and you are to consult with the said Bishop upon all questions that may arise touching the celebration of Divine Worship or touching the stipends or allowances of the inferior clergy.

30. Upon the vacancy of any ecclesiastical benefice, or of any cure of souls to which any stipend shall be attached by law in the said Bishopric, you will present to the said Bishop for the time being, for institution to such vacant benefice or cure, any clerk in holy orders of the United Church of England and Ireland, whom upon the recommendation of the said Bishop or on other sufficient grounds, you may deem to be the most proper person to fill such benefice or cure, and who shall have been actually resident within and officiating there as a clerk in holy orders for six calendar months at the least, next before such benefice or cure shall have become vacant, or who, if not so resident or officiating within such diocese, shall have been absent with the leave of the diocesan or other lawful authority from some cure of souls within such diocese to him appertaining. But if at the time of such vacancy occurring there shall not be resident within any such diocese any clerk in holy orders of the said United church who shall have been resident and officiating there or absent with leave as aforesaid and whom you shall deem a proper person to fill such benefice or cure, then you will forthwith report the circumstance to Us through one of our principal Secretaries of State, to the intent that we may nominate some fit and proper person, being a clerk in holy orders as aforesaid, to fill the said vacancy. *And We do enjoin* and command you to present to the said Bishop for institution to any such vacant ecclesiastical benefice or cure any clerk who may be so nominated by Us through one of our principal Secretaries of State.