



# Colonial Bishops Act 1853

## 1853 CHAPTER 49

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable Colonial and other Bishops to perform certain Episcopal Functions, wider Commission from Bishops of England and Ireland*.  
[4th August 1853]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable Colonial and other Bishops to perform certain Episcopal Functions, under Commission from Bishops of England and Ireland*, it is enacted, that all Admissions, Institutions, and Inductions to Benefices in the United Church of *England and Ireland*, and all Appointments to act as Curates and Chaplains therein, of Persons admitted into Holy Orders in pursuance of a Request and Commission from the Bishop of any Diocese in *England or Ireland*, within the Limits of his Diocese, by any Bishop who by virtue of Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent shall exercise or have exercised the Office of Bishop within the *British Territories in India*, or in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Foreign Possessions, shall be to all Intents and Purposes good and valid in Law, notwithstanding anything contained in Two several Acts therein recited, passed respectively in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third and in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty : And whereas it is expedient to extend the Provisions of the said Act to Dioceses in Her Majesty's Foreign and Colonial Possessions :

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :

### **Ordination of Persons by Colonial Bishop other than the Bishop of the Diocese valid.**

Notwithstanding anything in the said recited Acts or either of them contained to the contrary, all Persons who have been or hereafter shall be ordained Deacon or Priest by any of the said Bishops in or for the Diocese of the Bishop of any other of Her Majesty's Foreign or Colonial Possessions, upon his Request in Writing, shall be entitled to all the same Rights, Privileges, and Advantages as if he had been ordained by such Bishop within the Limits of a Diocese over which he was at the Time himself actually exercising Jurisdiction, and residing therein.