

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, now in Parliament assembled :

The humble petition of the Lord Bishop of New Westminster, and of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

1. That the Diocese of New Westminster comprises the Districts of New Westminster, Yale, Kootenay, and Lillooet, and a large portion of the Cariboo District, and for the purposes of church work is sub-divided into parishes and missionary districts.

2. That the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Church of England, in said Diocese, are now associated under a constitution as a Synod for the government of said Church, for the ordering of its affairs and arrangement of its property, and for the promotion of the discipline of the members thereof.

3. That at a meeting of said Synod lately held in New Westminster, it was resolved : That the affairs of the said Synod could be more conveniently and satisfactorily managed and conducted if said Synod were incorporated, and that when parishes within said Diocese became self-sustaining, or partially so, it would be advisable to allow them to incorporate themselves for the purpose of managing their temporal affairs.

4. It was also resolved, that an humble petition be presented to your Honourable Body praying that said Synod may be incorporated, and that certain permissive clauses may be added to the Act of Incorporation, providing means whereby any parish in said Diocese of New Westminster may be incorporated.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable Body will take this their humble petition into your favourable consideration, and grant the prayer of their petition by passing an Act to incorporate the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of New Westminster, with such enabling clauses as will permit any parish in said Diocese to become incorporated with the consent and approval of the said Synod.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

A. W. NEW WESTMINSTER.

GEO. DITCHAM, C. S. K. } *Secretaries of Synod.*
WALTER J. WALKER.

Dated at New Westminster, the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1893.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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