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of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
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The City of New Haven, from May 21, to May 24, 1811.

LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

From the State of New Hampshire.

The Hon. James Sheafe.

From the State of Massachusetts.

Rev. James Bowers, Rev. William Montague, Rev. John S. I.
Gardiner, Rev. James Morss, Shubacl Bell.

From the State of Rhode Island.

Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, Rev.
Salmon Wheaton, Benjamin Gardiner, John Russel.

From the State of Vermont.

Rev. Abraham Brunson, Rev. Parker Adams, Anson J. Sperry.

From the State of Connecticut.

Rev. Bela Hubbard, D. D. Rev. John Kewley, M. D. Rev.
Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Henry Whitlock, Burrage Beach, General
Matthias Nicoll, Colonel William Moseley.

From the State of New York.

Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. Elias
Cooper, Hon. Rufus King, Hon. Philip S. Van Rensselaar, Dr.
John Onderdonk.

From the State of New Jersey.

Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rev. John Croes, Rev. John
C. Rudd, Joshua M. Wallace, Peter Kean, Edward Carpenter,
John Dennis.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rev. Levi Bull, Hon. James Mil-
nor, P. F. Gientworth, M. D. Thomas M'Euen, Ephraim Clark.

From the State of Maryland.

Rev. Joseph G. I. Bend, D. D. Rev. George Dashiell, Rev.
James Kemp, D. D. Rev. Henry Lyon Davis, George Robertson,
Edward De Courcy, Joseph Cotman.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

New Haven, May 21, 1811.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, several Clerical and Lay Deputies attended at ten o'clock, A. M. in Trinity church; and a quorum of the house being present, the Rev. Dr. Wharton was requested to take the chair, and the Rev. Dr. Hobart to act as Secretary pro tempore.

The House then proceeded to read the testimonials of the Clerical and Lay Deputies; which were severally approved, and the following gentlemen took their seats in the House.

From New Hampshire, the Hon. James Sheafe.

From Massachusetts, the Rev. James Bowers, and the Rev. William Montague.

From Rhode Island, the Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, the Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, Benjamin Gardiner, and John Russel.

From Vermont, the Rev. Abraham Brunson—he having previously presented a certificate that the state of Vermont had acceded to the constitution of this church.

From Connecticut, the Rev. Bela Hubbard, D. D. the Rev. John Kewley, M. D. Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Burrage Beach, Gen. Matthias Nicoll, and Col. William Moseley.

From New York, the Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. Hon. Rufus King, and the Hon. Philip S. Van Rensselaer.

From New Jersey, the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rev. John Croes, Rev. John C. Rudd, Joshua M. Wallace, and Peter Kean.

From Pennsylvania, the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rev. Levi Bull, Hon. James Milnor, P. F. Glentworth, M. D. Thomas M'Euen, and Ephraim Clark.

From Maryland, the Rev. Joseph G. J. Bend, D. D. Rev. George Dashiell, Rev. James Kemp, D. D. Rev. Henry Lyon Davis, George Robertson, Edward De-Courcy, and Joseph Cotman.

The house proceeded to the election of a President and Secretary, when it appeared that the Rev. Isaac Wilkins was chosen President, and the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary.

A message was sent to the House of Bishops, informing them that this house was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The House of Bishops returned for answer, that they also were organized, and ready to proceed to business.

The house took into consideration the rules of order, and adopted the following:

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with the morning service of the church.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question of adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave his chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city of New Haven, and who are not members of this house, shall be admitted to the sittings of the same.

This house resolved, that in consequence of the absence of the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, who had been appointed to open this convention with a sermon, the House of Bishops be requested to appoint one of their number to perform that duty; and the Rev. Dr. Kemp was appointed to communicate this request to the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Dr. Kemp returned with a message from the House of Bishops, that the Right Rev. Bishop White intends to open the Convention, with a discourse, to-morrow, at the hour which has been appointed for divine service.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the hour of meeting each day shall be at nine o'clock, A. M.

This House adjourned, to meet at the court-house to-morrow.

Wednesday, May 22, 1811.

The House met.

The Rev. Parker Adams, a Clerical Deputy, and Anson J. Sperry, a Lay Deputy from the state of Vermont; the Rev. John S. I. Gardiner, and the Rev. James Morss, Clerical Deputies, and Shubael Bell, a Lay Deputy, from Massachusetts; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins and the Rev. Elias Cooper, Clerical Deputies, and Dr. John Onderdonk, a Lay Deputy from New York; the Rev. Salmon Wheaton, a Clerical Deputy from Rhode Island; and the Rev. Henry Whitlock, a Clerical Deputy from Connecticut, appeared and took their seats.

The house attended divine service in Trinity church.

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins performed divine service, and the Right Rev. Bishop White preached a sermon adapted to the occasion of the meeting of the Convention.

After divine service the house met.

On motion, *Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Right Rev. Bishop White, for his sermon preached before the Convention this morning, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The House of Bishops concurred in this resolution, and informed this house that the Right Rev. Bishop White would furnish a copy of his sermon for the purpose aforesaid.

On motion, by the Hon. Rufus King, *Resolved*, That the following extract from the journals of a special Convention, held in Trinity church, New York, May 15, 1811, be entered on the journals of this house: "*Resolved*, That the Convention will now proceed to the choice of a Bishop; to assist Bishop Moore in the duties of his episcopal office, and to succeed him in case of survivorship. The Convention then proceeded to the election; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. was elected by a majority of both orders."

On motion, *Resolved*, That this house will now proceed to sign the testimonials in favour of the Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. Bishop elect of the state of New York; which testimonials were unanimously signed by the house, agreeably to the third canon of this church.

The Rev. Mr. Gardiner made a communication to this house, that the Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold had been canonically elected Bishop of the diocese, composed of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this house will now proceed to sign the testimonials in favour of the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, Bishop elect of the eastern diocese; which testimonials were unanimously signed by the house, agreeably to the third canon of this church.

The house adjourned.

Thursday, May 23, 1811.

The house met.

John Dennis and Edward Carpenter, Lay Delegates from the state of New Jersey, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Delegation from the state of New York be requested to present the testimonials signed by this house in favour of the Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. Bishop elect, to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the delegation from the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont, be requested to present to the House of Bishops the testimonials signed by this house, in favor of the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, Bishop elect.

The Rev. Mr. Barrow presented a certificate of his appointment to attend the Convention, signed by the wardens and vestry of the episcopal church in the city of Savannah, state of Georgia, which was read. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Georgia, not being organized, and not having, in Convention, acceded to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, the Rev. Mr. Bartow cannot be admitted a member of this house, but that he be allowed the privilege of an honorary seat.

This day being the festival of the Ascension, the house attended divine service in Trinity church.

The Rev. Dr. Pilmore performed service, and the Rev. Dr. Wharton delivered a sermon.

After divine service the house met.

The house of Bishops informed this house, that they desired an interview with the deputies of the churches in those states in which the Rev. Mr. Griswold has been elected to the episcopal chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the deputies from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont, be requested to wait on the House of Bishops.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the church, the journals of several State Conventions were handed into the house—the parochial reports and episcopal addresses inserted in those journals were read by the Secretary, and a particular inquiry was made into the state of the church in each diocese. The Rev. Dr. Kemp, Rev. Dr. Hobart, Rev. Mr. Montague, Dr. Glentworth, and Burrage Beach, Esq. were appointed a committee to lay before this house a view of the state of the church, agreeably to the 45th canon.

The House of Bishops informed this house, that having received from them the testimonials of two reverend gentlemen elected to the episcopacy, they lament that they cannot proceed to the consecration of those two reverend gentlemen during the session of this Convention, there being only two Bishops present; but they propose (God willing) to carry this design into effect in the city of New York, as soon as possible after the rising of this Convention.

A petition was presented to this house, signed by Benajah Hawley, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House of Bishops informed this house, in reference to the object of the appointment of a committee at the last Convention to act in the recess, for the devising measures for sending a Bishop into the western states, that whenever the said business shall be taken up by this Convention, the House of Bishops are in possession of some communications which they think worthy of consideration.

The House adjourned.

Friday, May 26, 1811.

The house met, and morning service was performed by the Secretary, in Trinity church.

The committee appointed at the last General Convention on the memorial from the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New Hampshire, reported, that they had made no progress on the subject of their appointment. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That inasmuch as this house has received information, that the object of said committee has been happily accomplished, said committee is consequently discharged from any further attention to this business.

The committee appointed at the last General Convention to address the church in certain districts, and for other purposes, made the following report, which was read, and sent to the House of Bishops.

"The committee appointed at the last General Convention to address the church in certain districts, and for other purposes, report, that a quorum of the said committee resident in the city of New York, met, and appointed the Right Rev. Bishop Moore to draft and to transmit the several addresses specified in the first three resolutions. This duty was discharged by him accordingly. The committee not having any reasonable prospect of accomplishing the object contemplated in the 4th resolution, of sending a Bishop into those states or territories which have not acceded to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, did not proceed to elect a person to said office, or to take any measures in that business.

"JOHN H. HOBART, Secretary of the committee."

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with certain documents on the subject of a western episcopacy, which were read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the documents from the House of Bishops, relative to the western episcopacy, be returned to them, with a request from this house, that they will take what order on the subject they may deem adviseable.

There was laid before this house, by the House of Bishops, a petition, addressed to this Convention, by the Rev. William Smith, D. D. of Norwalk, in the state of Connecticut, relative to a book of music composed by him, entitled, "The Churchman's

Choral Companion to his Prayer Book." Whereupon, *Resolved* That it is inexpedient to take any order on that subject; which resolve was sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops proposed to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the appointment of a committee for further attention to the object of the 4th resolution (recorded page 14 in* the journal of the last Convention,) and that the Bishops in Pennsylvania and Virginia be requested to correspond with each other, for the devising means whereby the congregations west of the Allegheny mountains may be benefited by any measures to be adopted by the committee, the appointment of which is hereby recommended.

The foregoing communication was considered by this house; Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the Bishops in Pennsylvania and Virginia be requested to devise means for supplying the congregations of this church, west of the Allegheny mountains, with the ministrations and worship of the same, and for the organizing the church in the western states,—any thing in the 37th canon to the contrary notwithstanding. The foregoing resolves were ordered to be sent to the House of Bishops.

The petition, signed by Benajah Hawley, which was yesterday read before the house, was again considered.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this house, that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

A memorial, signed by the Rev. Benjamin Benham and the Rev. Virgil H. Barber, was presented to this house, and read by the Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to take any order on the aforesaid memorial.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to address a letter, in behalf of this Convention, to the venerable society in England for propagating the gospel in foreign parts, informing them that the church in the state of Vermont is duly organized, and in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, being placed under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont. That a board of trustees of donations to the church has been incorporated in the state of Massachusetts; and that, in the opinion of this Convention, the society may safely confide the care of their lands in Vermont to such attorney or attorneys as may be recommended by the said board of trustees, and approved by the Ecclesiastical Convention of Vermont.

The foregoing resolution was ordered to be sent to the House of Bishops.

A canon repealing the 46th canon, for making known the constitution and canons of this church, was proposed and adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Bend was requested to carry the above canon to the House of Bishops, who returned it with their concurrence.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following addition to the 8th article of the constitution, proposed at the last General Convention, be agreed to.

“No alteration or addition shall be made in the book of common prayer, or other offices of the church, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every diocese or state, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention;” which resolution was directed to be sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops informed this house, that they concur with them in the proposed addition to the 8th article of the constitution.

The House of Bishops inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the presiding Bishop undertakes (God willing) to perform the service requested of him, in relation to certain lands in Vermont belonging to the venerable society in England, for the propagation of the gospel.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the resolution passed by the last Convention on the subject of duelling, be considered as not precluding any minister from performing the burial service, when the person giving or receiving a challenge has afterwards exhibited evidences of sincere repentance.

The foregoing resolve was sent to the House of Bishops, and returned with their concurrence.

Resolved, That when this house shall adjourn, they will adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Mr. Croes, and Anson J. Sperry, Esquire, during the remainder of the session.

The house adjourned.

Friday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the city of Philadelphia be the place for the meeting of the next General Convention, which will be held on the third Tuesday in May, 1814; which resolve was ordered to be sent to the House of Bishops.

The committee appointed to draft a report of the state of the church, to be laid before the House of Bishops, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and directed to be sent to that house.

“The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the requisitions of the 45th canon, have taken a general view of the state of the church, and respectfully offer to the House of Bishops the result of their enquiries. Time would not admit them to enter into a minute detail of every particular; but, from the few observations they have made, and the documents that will accompany them, they hope the House of Bishops will be able to

comply with the requisition of the above-mentioned canon, in regard to a pastoral letter.

New Hampshire.—"The number of churches in this state has not increased, but respect for, and attachment to the church, seems to be growing in several places; and were there more ministers, there is reason to hope that it would soon be in a state of prosperity.

Massachusetts.—"In some parts of this commonwealth, it is greatly to be lamented, that the churches are in a state of derangement and decay; while in other places the congregations have increased.

Rhode Island.—"The congregations in this state, though few, are large, and, with the exception of the church in Narraganset, there appears to be a degree of zeal and regularity that promises the happiest effect.

Vermont.—"We are highly gratified to find that the church in this state is now organized, and that zealous exertions are making to promote its interest and advancement.

Eastern Diocese in general.—"Although in these states, now formed into a diocese, some irregularities have taken place, and there has been a want of attention to the canons and rules of the church, particularly to the canon which requires parochial reports to be made, yet the arrangements lately formed, and the exertions made to organize the church, and to obtain for it an episcopal head, yield a ground of hope that this branch of the church of Christ will not only preserve, but even extend more and more the light of the blessed gospel.

Connecticut.—"In Connecticut, we have reason to believe that the canons and rules of the church are duly observed. Since the last General Convention, between four and five hundred families have been added to the church; the congregations are in a flourishing condition; a number of new churches have been built; and with the zeal and exertions of the clergy, we may cherish the expectation, that the power, as well as the form of godliness, will greatly advance.

New York.—"Here it is believed that the church is orderly and regular. Congregations are every year forming, and the old ones seem to maintain their usual ground. In the city of New York, in particular, several new churches have been built, and in the diocese in general, prosperity seems to attend the church.

New Jersey.—"In this state the church appears to conduct her affairs with regularity and attention. The congregations are not numerous, but they are generally orderly and attentive.

Pennsylvania.—"From the documents laid before us, it appears that, although the Bishop has called the attention of the Clergy to the requisition of the 45th canon, still they have not presented their parochial reports, and the Convention is very partially attended. Many, however, of the Clergy and Laity are zealous and attentive. In the city of Philadelphia, and in some of the neighbouring counties, new congregations have been formed,

and churches built, and the affairs of the church are managed with attention and regularity.

Maryland.—“The church in Maryland is still in a deplorable condition; the zeal, however, manifested in some parts of the state, yield a hope that she will again rise, and become a distinguished part of the church in the United States.

“There being no representation from the states of Delaware, Virginia, and South Carolina, and no copies of the journals of the Conventions of those states, this house are unable to speak with certainty as to the situation of the churches in those districts. They fear, indeed, that the church in Virginia is, from various causes, so depressed, that there is danger of her total ruin, unless great exertions, favoured by the blessing of Providence, are employed to raise her. In South Carolina, there is reason to believe, that a lively zeal for the interests of the church prevails, which, guided by sound principles, has already suggested various measures, which promise great and lasting benefit. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies beg leave to observe to the House of Bishops, that while the review in which they have been engaged of the state of the church, affords too much cause for deploring her declension in some places where she once flourished, her prosperity in other parts, and her general situation, justify the most sanguine hopes of her friends. With an increasing attachment to her apostolic ministry, and her primitive forms, they trust there is a corresponding increase of that power of godliness, which the outward order of the church is designed to excite and nourish.

“They pray for the church and for themselves, your counsel, and the blessing of Almighty God.

“Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,
“ISAAC WILKINS, President.”

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention have understood, with satisfaction, that the Convention of the church in Connecticut are engaged in obtaining for the Episcopal Academy in that state, a charter; empowering the trustees to grant degrees and this Convention do express their earnest wish for the success of this measure. This resolution was sent to the House of Bishops, and returned with their concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this house, that they concur with them in appointing the city of Philadelphia for the meeting of the next General Convention.

A “pastoral address,” prepared in pursuance of the 45th canon, was received from the House of Bishops.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops be requested to appoint one of their own order to preach a sermon at the opening of the next General Convention; which was sent to the House of Bishops, and returned with the following message:—

“The House of Bishops state to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they hope, under the blessing of God, for the attendance of their brother, the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, at the

next General Convention, and for his performance of the duty looked for from him, had his health permitted him, at the opening of the present. But should there be a disappointment in this respect, the two Bishops now present (God willing) intend to provide by correspondence between themselves, or with some one of their Right Reverend brethren, for the performance of this duty."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies prepare the journals of this Convention for publication; and that the said Secretary, with the Rev. Dr. Hobart, the Hon. Rufus King, and Dr. John Onderdonk, be a committee to publish the same, together with the sermon preached at the opening of the Convention, and the pastoral address of the House of Bishops.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this house be presented to the President and Secretary.

ISAAC WILKINS, President.

Attested. Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary.

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City of New Haven, Tuesday, May 21, 1811.

THIS being the day appointed by the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, for the meeting of the General Convention of said church; and agreeably to a resolve of the last General Convention of the church, in the city of Baltimore, the city of New Haven being appointed the place of meeting, the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, and the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut, met in Trinity Church, in the aforesaid city. It appeared that Bishop Claggett, who engaged to open the Convention with a sermon, had left his place of residence, on his way to this city, but was obliged by indisposition to return.

The Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, and the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, were prevented from attending by bodily disability, and the Right Rev. Bishop Madison by engagements, which, in his estimation, did not admit of being dispensed with at this time.

The House of Bishops received a communication from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Bend, informing them that they were organized, and ready to proceed to business. Dr. Bend was desired to inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the House of Bishops was also ready.

This house was informed by the Rev. Dr. Kemp, that it was the desire of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the House of Bishops would provide one of their own order to deliver a sermon to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. They returned for answer, that the Right Rev. Bishop White would deliver a discourse at the afore-mentioned time.

Resolved, That this house attend divine service with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, during the session.

Resolved, That this house adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, to meet in the State House.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

This house was informed, by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies were ready to proceed to church for divine service. This house joined the procession, and went to Trinity church. The Rev. Mr. Wilkins read prayers, and the Right Rev. Bishop White delivered a sermon. After divine service they returned to the State House.

Resolved, That the Rev. Philo Shelton act as Secretary to this house.

A message was received, by the Rev. Dr. Bend, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they returned the thanks of that house to the Right Rev. Bishop White, for his sermon delivered this day before the Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Their request was complied with.

This house adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

At 10 o'clock this house joined the procession of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and went to Trinity church, where divine service was read by the Rev. Dr. Pilmore, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wharton; they then returned to the State House, and resumed their business.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the testimonials in favour of the Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. as Bishop elect for the diocese of New York; also testimonials in favour of the Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, for the churches of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

In reference to the election of the Rev. John H. Hobart, D. D. there was laid before this house the following letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

"New York, May 18, 1811.

"BRETHREN,

"You will perceive by the proceedings of the Convention lately held in this state, that the Rev. Dr. John Henry Hobart has been elected assistant Bishop in this diocese. My design in addressing these few lines to you, is to express my heart-felt approbation of the above measure.

"Your affectionate brother,

"BENJAMIN MOORE.

"By his son Clement C. Moore.

"To the Right Rev. the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, assembled in General Convention, at New Haven, in Connecticut."

It not appearing on the face of the testimonials of the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, how far the Convention of the churches, for which he was elected, had given their respective sanctions to his election, this house sent the following message to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies are informed by the House of Bishops, that they desire an interview with the deputies of the churches in those states in which the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold has been elected to the episcopal chair."

In consequence of the above message, there appeared from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a delegation from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, which gave this house satisfaction, that the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold was unanimously elected by the Convention of the church in Massachusetts, and so far as the election affected the church in the other states, it was concurred in by their respective Conventions, and reported to their several constituents, and approved of by them: With this evidence the house was satisfied.

On the subject of the consecration of the Bishops elect, the house sent the following message to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"The House of Bishops inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that having received from them the testimonials of two reverend gentlemen, elected to the episcopacy, they lament that they cannot proceed to the consecration of those two reverend gentlemen during the session of this Convention, there being only two Bishops present; but they propose (God willing) to carry this design into effect in the city of New York, as soon as possible after the rising of this Convention."

The House of Bishops inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in reference to the object of the appointment of a committee to act in the recess, for the devising of measures for the sending of a Bishop into the western states, that whenever the said business shall be taken up by this Convention, the House of Bishops are in possession of some communications which they think worthy of consideration.

This house adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The house, after attending divine service in Trinity church, met in the State House. Present as the day before.

This house received, by the Rev. Dr. Bend, a message from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the documents from the House of Bishops relative to the western episcopacy, be returned to them, with the request of this house, that they will take what order upon this subject they may deem adviseable."

There was laid before this house and read, a letter addressed to both houses, by the Rev. Dr. Smith, residing in Norwalk, in this

state, relative to a book of music composed by him, called, "The Churchman's Choral Companion to his Prayer Book."

Resolved, That the said letter be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; which was accordingly done by their Secretary.

The following message was received, by the Rev. Mr. Davis, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"There was laid before this house, by the House of Bishops, a petition addressed to this Convention, by the Rev. William Smith, D. D. residing in Norwalk, in the state of Connecticut, relative to a book of music composed by him, entitled, 'The Churchman's Choral Companion to his Prayer Book.'

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the Convention to take any order on the subject."

Resolved, That in the above resolution this house concur.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a report from the committee appointed at the last General Convention to address the church in the western districts, and for other purposes.

The following message was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :

"The House of Bishops propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the appointment of a committee for further attention to the object of the 4th resolution (recorded page 14* in the journal of the last Convention,) and that the Bishops in Pennsylvania and Virginia be requested to correspond with each other, for the devising means whereby the congregations in those states westward of the Allegheny mountains may be benefited by any measures to be adopted by the committee, the appointing of which is hereby recommended."

This house received, by Dr. Kemp, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the Bishops in Pennsylvania and Virginia be requested to devise means for supplying the congregations of this church west of the Allegheny mountains, with the ministrations and worship of the same, and for organizing the church in the western states, any thing in the 37th canon to the contrary notwithstanding."

The above resolution was concurred in by this house.

This house received, by the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolve :

"*Resolved*, That the presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to address a letter, in behalf of this Convention, to the venerable society in England for propagating the gospel in foreign parts, informing them that the church in the state of Vermont is duly organized, and in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, being

placed under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the diocese of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont. That a board of trustees of donations to the church has been incorporated in the state of Massachusetts; and that, in the opinion of this Convention, the society may safely confide the care of their lands in Vermont to such attorney or attorneys as may be recommended by the said board of trustees, and approved of by the Ecclesiastical Convention of Vermont."

The House of Bishops informed the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the presiding Bishop will, by the providence of Almighty God, perform the services requested of him, in relation to certain lands in Vermont, belonging to the venerable society of England for propagating the gospel.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies a proposed canon, repealing the 46th canon for making known the constitution and canons of the church.

The House of Bishops concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the repealing the aforesaid canon.

The House of Bishops concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the proposed addition to the 8th article of the constitution by them resolved, viz.

"*Resolved*, That the following addition to the 8th article of the constitution, proposed at the last General Convention, be agreed to.

"No alteration or addition shall be made in the book of common prayer, or other offices of the church, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every diocese or state, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention."

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a resolution on the subject of duelling, in which resolution this house concurred.

This house adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the hand of the Rev. Dr. Bend, the following resolution:

"On motion, *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the General Convention be in the city of Philadelphia."

In the above resolution this house concur.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolve:

"*Resolved*, That this Convention have understood, with satisfaction, that the Convention of the church in Connecticut are engaged in obtaining for the episcopal academy in Cheshire, a charter, empowering the trustees to grant degrees; and this Convention do express their earnest wish for the success of this measure."

In the above resolve this house concur.

The House of Bishops, agreeably to the 45th canon, providing for a review of the state of the church, adopted a pastoral address, which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

This house received, by the hands of the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a resolve in the following words:

“Resolved, That the House of Bishops be requested to appoint one of their own order to preach a sermon at the opening of the next General Convention.”

This house state to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they hope, under the blessing of God, for the attendance of their brother, the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, at the next General Convention, and for his performance of the duty looked for from him, had his health permitted, at the opening of the present. But should there be a disappointment in this respect, the two Bishops now present (God willing) intend to provide, by correspondence between themselves, or with some one of their Right Reverend brethren, for the performance of that duty.

The house adjourned.

Signed by Order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Attested. Philo Shelton, Secretary.

Canon repealing the 46th Canon.

The 46th canon, providing for making known the constitution and canons of the church, is hereby repealed.

Addition to the 8th Article of the Constitution.

No alteration or addition shall be made in the book of common prayer, or other offices of the church, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every diocese or state, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention.

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

ISAAC WILKINS, President.

Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary.

House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Philo Shelton, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended the General Convention, and were admitted to the sittings of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

From Georgia, the Rev. Mr. Bartow.

From Virginia, the Rev. William Gibson.

From Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Norris.

From New Jersey, the Rev. Simon Wilmer.

From New York, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis.

From Connecticut, the Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, Rev. Benjamin Benham, Rev. Daniel Burhans, Rev. Richard Mansfield, D. D. Rev. Calvin White, Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rev. Virgil H. Barber, Rev. Truman Marsh, Rev. Chauncy Prindle, Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Rev. Joseph D. Welton, Rev. Roger Searle, Rev. Menzies Rayner, Rev. Smith Miles, Rev. John Tyler, Rev. Charles Seabury, Rev. Solomon Blakely, Rev. David Baldwin, Rev. Daniel McDonald, Rev. Isaac Jones.

From Massachusetts, the Rev. Asa Eaton.

List of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America,

Delivered in and published agreeably to the canons, 1808.

Eastern Diocese.

Composed of the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, Bishop.

New Hampshire.

The Rev. Charles Burroughs, Deacon, St. John's church, Portsmouth.

— John H. Fowle, Rector of — church, Holderness.

— Daniel Barber, Rector of — church, Clermont.

— Mr. Catlin, officiates at Plainfield.

— Samuel Mead.

Massachusetts.

The Rev. John Sylvester I. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity church, Boston.

— Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ church, Boston.

— Nathaniel Fisher, Rector of St. Peter's church, Salem.

— James Bowers, Rector of St. Michael's church, Marblehead.

— William Montague, Rector of St. Paul's church, Dedham.

— James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's church, Newburyport.

— Amos Purdy, Rector of St. Luke's church, Lanesborough.

— Griswold, Rector of St. James's church, Great Barrington, and the church at Lenox.

St. Michael's church, Scituate, and St. Peter's, Marshfield, vacant.

St. Ann's church, Gardiner, vacant.

The church at Portland vacant.

The church at Hanover vacant.

Rhode Island.

The Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, Rector of St. Michael's church, Bristol.

The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, Rector of St. John's church, Providence.

— Salmon Wheaton, Rector of Trinity church, Newport.

Vermont.

The Rev. Abraham Brunson, Manchester and Arlington.

— Parker Adams, Deacon, Vergennes, Middlebury, and Charlotte.

Connecticut.

The Right Rev. Abraham Jarvis, D. D. Bishop.

The Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.

— Richard Mansfield, D. D. Rector of Christ church, Derby, and the churches of Oxford and Great Hill.

— Bela Hubbard, D. D. Rector of Trinity church, New Haven, and Christ church, West Haven.

— John Tyler, Rector of Christ church, Norwich.

— Daniel Fogg, Rector of — church, Pomfret.

— Philo Shelton, Rector of Trinity church, Fairfield, St. John's church, Stratfield, and the church at Weston.

— Ashbel Baldwin, Rector of Christ's church, Stratford, and Trinity church, Trumbull.

— Chauncy Prindle, Rector of the churches of Oxford and Salem.

— Reuben Ives, Rector of St. Peter's church, Cheshire, and officiating in the churches in Hambden and Wallingford.

— Truman Marsh, Rector of the Associated churches in Litchfield.

— Daniel Burhans, Rector of Trinity

- church, Newtown, and St. Luke's, Brookfield.
- The Rev. Solomon Blakesley, Rector of St. Stephen's church, East Haddam.
- Charles Seabury, Rector of St. James's church, New London.
- Smith Miles, Rector of the churches of Chatham, and middle Haddam.
- Menzies Rayner, Rector of the church, Hartford.
- Calvin White, Assistant Minister of the church in Derby.
- John Kewley, M. D. Rector of Christ church, Middletown.
- Henry Whitlock, Rector of St. Paul's church, Norwalk, and the church at Wilton.
- Roger Searel, Rector of St. Peter's church, Plymouth, and St. Matthew's, Bristol.
- Virgil H. Barber, Rector of St. John's church, Waterbury.
- Russel Wheeler, Rector of Christ church, Watertown.
- Asa Cornwall, Rector of the churches in Simsbury and Granby.
- Elijah G. Plumb, Minister of the churches in Reading, Danbury, and Ridgefield.
- Benjamin Benham, Rector of St. John's church, New Milford, and the churches of New Preston and Bridgewater.
- David Baldwin, Rector of the churches of Guildford and North Bristol.
- Joseph D. Welton, officiating in the churches of Woodbury, Roxbury, and Bethlehem.
- Sturgis Gilbert, officiating in the churches of Kent and Sharon.
- Daniel McDonald, Deacon, an Assistant Instructor in the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.
- Nathaniel Huse, Deacon, officiating at Warehouse Point.
- William Smith, D. D. resident at Norwalk.
- New York.*
- The Right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D. Bishop.
- Benjamin Moore, D. D. Bishop.
- John Henry Hobart, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Rector of Trinity church, Utica.
- Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity church, New Rochelle.
- Edmund D. Barry, Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, New York; officiating at St. Matthew's church, city of Jersey.
- Abraham Beach, D. D. Assistant Rector of Trinity church, New York.
- William Berrian, Deacon, residing in New York; officiating at Belville, New Jersey.
- The Rev. John Bowden, D. D. Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College.
- Nathanael Bowen, Rector of Grace church, New York.
- David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's church, Troy, and Trinity church, Lansinburgh.
- Barzillai Bulkeley, Rector of St. George's church, Flushing, Long Island.
- Nathan B. Burgess, Caroline church, Brookhaven, Long Island.
- William Clark, Deacon, Missionary.
- Timothy Clowes, Deacon, St. Peter's church, Albany.
- Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's church, Yonkers.
- Joab G. Cooper, Christ church, Hudson, Columbia county.
- Adam Empie, Deacon, Hempstead, Long Island.
- Henry I. Feltus, Rector of St. Ann's church, Brooklyn, Long Island.
- Samuel Fuller, Deacon, Missionary.
- Felch, churches at Bedford and North Castle, West Chester co.
- William Harris, Rector of St. Mark's church, New York.
- Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's church, Hempstead, and Christ church, North Hempstead, Long Island.
- Samuel Haskill, Rector of Christ church, Rye, West Chester county.
- Thomas Y. How, an Assistant Minister of Trinity church, New York.
- Hubbard, Duaneborough.
- Samuel F. Jarvis, St. Michael's church, Bloomingdale, New York.
- Cave Jones, an assistant minister of Trinity church, New York.
- Jonathan Judd, Rector of St. John's church, Johnstown, and St. Ann's church, Fort Hunter, Montgomery county.
- Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ church, New York.
- Richard C. Moore, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, New York.
- David Moore, Deacon, St. Andrew's church, Staten Island.
- Daniel Nash, Rector of St. John's church, Otsego, St. Luke's, Richfield, Harmony church, Butternutts, and other churches in Otsego co.
- Samuel Nesbit, residing in New York.
- Joseph Perry, Christ church, Balltown.
- Davenport Phelps, Missionary in the western part of the state.

The Rev. Joseph Prentice, Rector of Trinity church, Athens, Greene co.

— William Powell, Deacon, St. Andrew's church, Coldenham, Orange county.

— John Reed, Rector of Christ church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.

— Gilbert H. Sayres, Deacon, Grace church, Jamaica, Long Island.

— Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's church, Schenectady.

— George Strebeck, residing in New York.

— John Urquhart, Peekskill and Philip's Town, Dutchess county.

— Frederick Van Horne, residing at Coldenham.

— Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's church, West Chester, and St. Paul's church, East Chester.

— Ralph Williston, Deacon, Zion church, New York.

— William E. Wyatt, Deacon, St. James's church, Newtown, Long Island.

New Jersey.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's church, Burlington.

— John Croes, Rector of Christ church, New Brunswick, and St. Peter's church, Spotswood.

— Joseph Willard, Rector of Trinity church, Newark.

— John C. Rudd, Rector of St. John's church, Elizabethtown.

— Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity church, Swedesborough.

— James Chapman, St. Peter's church, Perth Amboy.

— Daniel Higbee, St. Andrew's church, Mount Holly, & St. Mary's church, Colestown.

— John Croes, jun. Deacon, officiating in St. Peter's church, Freehold, Christ church, Shrewsbury, and Christ church, Middletown.

Pennsylvania.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop.

The Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D.

— John Andrews, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

— Robert Blackwell, D. D.

— Joseph Hutchins, D. D.

— James Abercrombie, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

— Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia

— William Ayres.

— Slator Clay, Rector of St. James's.

Perkiomen, and St. Peter's in the Valley

The Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, St. John's church, Pequea, and Bangor church, Carnarvon.

— Robert Ayres.

— Francis Reno, Westmoreland county.

— Joseph Turner, Rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook.

— Caleb Hopkins, Rector of Christ church, Derry township, and Christ church, Turbut township, Northumberland county.

— Thomas Davis, Somerset county.

— James Wiltbank, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints, Pequeston.

— Absalom Jones (a black man,) Rector of the African church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia.

— John Taylor, Rector of the Episcopal church in Pittsburgh.

— Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's church, Berks county, and St. Mary's, Chester county.

— Joseph Hulbert Turner, A. M. Deacon.

— Jackson Kemper, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Delaware.

☞ No list of the Clergy was received from this state.

Maryland.

The Right Rev. Thomas John Claggett, D. D. Bishop.

*The Rev. Benjamin Contee, Rector of William and Mary, Charles county.

— John Weems, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.

— William Swan, residing in Port Tobacco, Charles county.

— William Duncan, Rector of Durham, Charles county.

— Nicholas W. Lane, residing in Calvert county.

— Thomas Scott, Rector of Queen Anne's, Prince George's county.

*— Bethel Judd, A. M. principal of St. John's college, and Rector of St. Anne's parish, Anne Arundel county.

— Ralph Higinbotham, vice principal, residing in Annapolis, Anne Arundel county.

— John W. Compton, Rector of St. James's parish, Anne Arundel co.

— William Hind, Rector of Margaret, Westmoreland; Anne Arundel county.

- The Rev. Oliver Norris, Rector of Queen Caroline, Anne Arundel county.
 — Walter D. Addison, Rector of St. John's, Territory of Columbia.
 — Andrew T. McCormick, Rector of Washington, Territory of Columbia.
 — Thomas Read, Rector of Prince George's, Montgomery county.
 — John Chandler, Rector of St. Peter's, Montgomery county.
 — George Bower, Rector of St. John's, Montgomery county.
 — George Bower, Rector of St. John's, Washington county.
 * — Joseph G. J. Bend, D. D. Associate Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore county.
 — Frederic Beasley, Associate Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore county.
 — George Ralph, A. M. residing in St. Paul's parish, Baltimore county.
 — Henry Moscrop, residing in St. Paul's parish, Baltimore county.
 * — George Dashiell, Rector of St. Peter's, Baltimore county.
 — John Coleman, Rector of St. James's, Baltimore county.
 — George D. Handy, Rector of St. John's, Harford county.
 — John Allen, Rector of St. George's, Harford county.
 * — Henry L. Davis, Rector of St. Stephen's, Cecil county.
 — William Duke, residing in Elkton, Cecil county.
 — William H. Wilmer, Rector of Charlestown, Kent county.
 — Daniel Stephen's, Rector of St. Luke's, Queen Anne's county.
 * — Joseph Jackson, St. Peter's, Talbot county.
 — James Kemp, D. D. Rector of Great Choptank, Dorchester co.
 — William M. Stone, Rector of Stepeney, Somerset county.
- The Rev. James Laird, Rector of Somerset. Somerset county.
 — David Ball, Rector of All Hallows, Worcester county.
- Virginia.*
- The Right Rev. James Madison, D. D. Bishop.
 ☞ No list of the Clergy was received from this state.
- South Carolina.*
- The Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's church, Charleston.
 — James D. Simons, Rector of St. Philip's.
 — Christopher Edward Gadsden, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's church, Charleston.
 — William Percy, Rector of the 3d Episcopal church, Charleston.
 — Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's parish.
 — Andrew Fowler.
 — Snowden, Rector of St. Stephen's parish.
 — John T. Tshedy, Rector of Claremont parish.
 — Solomon Halling, Rector of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown.
 — John Barnwell Campbell, Rector of St. Helena's church, Beaufort.
 — Hugh Frazer, Rector of Prince Frederick's parish.
 — Joseph Warren, Rector of the Episcopal church on Edisto Island.
- Clergymen in the state not having cures.*
 The Rev. Thomas Gates, D. D.
 — Milward Pogson.
 — Paul F. Gervais.
 — Galen Hicks.
- Georgia.*
- The Rev. John V. Bartow, Rector of Christ church, Savannah.

This mark * denotes members of the standing committee.

On Wednesday, the 29th day of May, in Trinity Church, in the city of New York, the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, being presiding Bishop, the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, of New York, and the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut, being present, and assisting, the Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. of New York, and the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, of Bristol, Rhode Island, were consecrated Bishops: the former for the diocese of New York, and the latter for the eastern diocese, composed of the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

The following are the certificates of consecration :

Know all men by these presents, that we, **William White, D. D.** Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania, presiding Bishop ; **Samuel Provoost, D. D.** Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New York ; and **Abraham Jarvis, D. D.** Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of Connecticut, under the protection of Almighty God, in Trinity Church, in the city of New York, on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, **John Henry Hobart, D. D.** an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church in the city of New York, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New York, to which he hath been elected by the Convention of said state ; to assist the Bishops of the church in said state in the duties of the Episcopal office, and to succeed in case of survivorship.

Given in the city of New York, this twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

WILLIAM WHITE.

SAMUEL PROVOOST.

ABRAHAM JARVIS.

Know all men by these presents, that we, **William White, D. D.** Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania, presiding Bishop ; **Samuel Provoost, D. D.** Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New York ; and **Abraham Jarvis, D. D.** Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Connecticut, under the protection of Almighty God, in Trinity Church, in the city of New York, on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, **Alexander Viets Griswold, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Rhode Island,** of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese, composed of the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont, to which he hath been elected by the Convention of said states.

Given in the city of New York, this twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

WILLIAM WHITE.

SAMUEL PROVOOST.

ABRAHAM JARVIS.