

VI. That without a petition duly sealed by the Archbishop for the time being, the place of a metropolitan or bishop may never be conferred on anyone: nor may anyone be allowed to exercise any such functions or authority.

VII. When a Christian desires to be married or divorced according to the canons of his religion, the Archbishop, or his deputies by my exalted command, or by a simple letter of his, shall do their part, and no one else shall interfere or take part therein.

VIII. Whatever any monk or other Christian may at his death bequeath, and dedicate according to the customs of their religion, to the poor of their churches, or to the Archbishop, it shall be allowed, after the hearing of Christian witnesses in a court, according to their religion.

IX. When any of the metropolitans, bishops, abbots, priests and others, monks and the like, are proved guilty of crimes and offences contrary to their religion, let them be punished according to the customs of their religion (but without change in kind or degree in the punishment assigned by the penal code) so that they may repent and declare that they will never again fall into such error: and let no one else interfere in matters of this kind.

X. If any of the priests, or of the Archbishop's own deputies, shall perform a marriage contrary to the rules of their religion, without his license and consent, such a one shall receive his punishment through a court.

XI. When it is expedient, according to the canons of their faith, that any metropolitan, bishop, priest, monk or abbot shall be deposed, and replaced in a suitable manner, the said Archbishop shall, according to their canons, dismiss him. And in order to instal in their places worthy monks, and appoint them metropolitans and bishops, he must refer the matter to our capital in a petition. And when the usual and prescribed *donceurs* have been paid to the treasury, there should be delivered to them the *Berats* recognising the appointments, and our necessary sacred orders.

XII. From whomsoever, and from what place soever, the said Archbishop has to receive the revenues of his see, exacted *ab antiquo*, and under this *Berat*, whether from metropolitans, bishops, monks, abbots, or other Christians, let the Qazis for the time being give their help, and cause them to be paid to the agents sent specially for their collection, and furnished with our sacred order, or a letter from himself.

XIII. Money given in charity by Christians according to their *ab antiquo* customs, and the canonical dues from holy wells, monasteries and marriage licenses, and likewise the other casual revenues of the Archbishopric, so far as allowed by ancient custom and the purport of his *Berat*, shall be paid to the said Archbishop without objection or delay.

XIV. If any monks, given to worldly cares in contravention of the rules of their order, stray about where they will, and intrude within the limits of his jurisdiction, let the Archbishop send all such back to the monasteries in which they originally resided.

XV. When they propose to pass through any dangerous region, they may, in order to make the journey in greater ease, wear the dress of laymen. And in times of necessity, when they carry arms for the safety of their lives, and the avoiding of danger, they shall in no wise be harassed by the Miri-Miran (Provincial Governors) and Miri-Liwa (Generals of Brigade) and other authorities.

XVI. No one may make a Christian a Musahnan, when the person himself is unwilling.