CHAPTER 428

CHURCH OF CEYLON

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE CHURCH OF CEYLON, FOR
ESTABLISHING ITS IDENTITIY WITH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CEYLON (BY
WHATSOEVER NAME CALLED) AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO AND
CONNECTED THEREWITH.

[26th February, 1972.]

2. (1) The Church of Ceylon shall consist, and with effect from the relevant date shall be deemed to have consisted, of
the Bishop of Colombo and the Diocese of Colombo and of the Bishop of Kurunegala and the Diocese of Kurunegala.

(2) In this Act, "relevant date" means the Second day of February, 1950, being the date on which the Diocese of Kurunegala was established.

3. The territorial limits of the Diocese of Colombo and of the Diocese of Kurunegala shall be the territorial limits existing on the relevant date, so, however, that such limits may be varied by mutual agreement between the Diocesan Councils of Colombo and Kurunegala with the consent of the Bishop of Colombo and the Bishop of Kurunegala.

4. Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the Church of Ceylon shall for all intents and purposes be deemed to be a continuation of and identical with the Church of England in Sri Lanka sometimes called or known as—

(a) The United Church of England and Ireland,

(b) the Episcopal Churches in the Island of Sri Lanka,

(c) The Church of England in the Diocese of Colombo,

(d) The Diocese of Colombo of the Ecclesiastical Province of the

CHURCH OF Ceylon deemed to be a continuation of and identical
with Church of England in Sri Lanka.
Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, or of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon,

and all property, rights and privileges which belong to, and all duties and liabilities which have been imposed upon, the Church designated by any of the expressions set out in paragraphs (a) to (d) shall devolve upon the said Church of Ceylon, and the expressions set out in paragraphs (a) to (d) and all other expressions relating to the said Church of England in Sri Lanka heretofore used in all enactments, rules, regulations, deeds, contracts and writings of whatsoever name or description shall henceforth be deemed to refer to the said Church of Ceylon.