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DIOCESE OF MELANESIA - HOLY YEAR 1971

IN THE NAME OF GOD . AMEN

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

GREETINGS :

WHEREAS on the death of John Coleridge Patteson first Bishop of Melanesia at Nukapu on the twentieth day of September 1871 a knotted Palm Frond was placed on his dead body by the people of Nukapu as a symbol of five lives taken by wicked men

AND WHEREAS this Palm Frond was preserved by the members of the crew of the Southern Cross and later sent to the sister of the Martyred Bishop and subsequently entrusted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in London for safe keeping

AND WHEREAS by special resolution of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at Tufton Street Westminster England on the twenty eighth day of October 1970 the care of the Palm Frond and other relics was delegated to the Bishop of Melanesia and his successors for safe keeping for ever in a special casket in the Cathedral of St Barnabas Honiara

NOW KNOW that I JOHN by Divine Permission BISHOP OF MELANESIA do now issue this FACULTY for the casket containing the Patteson Relics to be placed in our Cathedral from which it and its contents may not at any time or for any purpose be removed in accordance with the solemn trust placed upon us by the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

AND WE REQUIRE that this document shall be permanently displayed in our Cathedral Church

Given under our hand and seal this seventeenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy one in the seventh year of our Consecration and of our Translation the fourth.

FOR JOHN COLERIDGE PATTESON BISHOP AND MARTYR

WE THANK YOU LORD .

