

# SENTENCE OF CONSECRATION

In the Name of God, Amen!

Whereas we did lately receive the Petition of the Reverend Bowyer Edward Shaw B.A. licensed Minister of the Parish of Saint John, Newcastle in the County of Northumberland within Our Diocese and Jurisdiction, and of the several Residents and Inhabitants in and about the same place whose names are thereunto subscribed praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the Church recently erected at Newcastle aforesaid (upon a site granted by the Australian Agricultural Company to the said Bishop of Newcastle and His Successors) to be named the Church of Saint John the Evangelist. And Whereas we have taken the said Petition into our most serious consideration and have, at the special desire of the said Inhabitants, complied with the same

Now therefore we William by Divine Permission Bishop of Newcastle do by virtue of Our Ordinary and Episcopal authority separate and set apart the said Edifice or Structure, containing in length from East to West one hundred and two feet and in breadth from North to South eighty nine feet eight inches inclusive of the Exterior walls, from all profane and common uses. And do hereby dedicate the same by the name of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist at Newcastle, to God and Divine Worship and do consecrate it for the celebration of Divine Service therein according to the rites of the United Church of England and Ireland.

And we do openly and publicly pronounce and declare that the said Church shall so continue for ever hereafter separated, dedicated and consecrated by this our definitive sentence or final decree which we make and promulgate in these writings, Saving and reserving to Us and Our Successors, Bishops of Newcastle, all ordinary and Episcopal Jurisdiction Rights and privileges.

In Testimony whereof We have caused Our Episcopal Seal to be hereunto affixed and have subscribed the same this twentieth day of February AD 1860, and of Our Consecration the Thirteenth.

*signed* W. Newcastle (L.S.)