

presentation, in which case it is presumed that the Congregation shall have previously taken care to obtain sufficient knowledge of the character and principles of the person called by them.

XV. The Presbytery having met according to appointment, proclamation shall be made at the church door, three several times, that if any person has any objection to offer against the life, doctrine or conversation of Mr. A. B. being Ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and Inducted as Minister of this Congregation, the said person shall immediately repair to the Presbytery, and lodge certification, with proof why the said A. B. should not be ordained. If notice be given to the Presbytery that no one objected, the Presbytery should then proceed in the proper and more solemn work of the day.

XVI. After public worship being dispensed by the Minister appointed to officiate on the occasion, who shall preach on some suitable portion of Scripture, applicable to the qualifications of Ministers, and the reciprocal duties betwixt them and their people, the said Minister officiating shall, from the pulpit, shew to the congregation assembled the occasion of the day's meeting, and all the steps of the Presbytery's proceeding hitherto with respect to that affair.

XVII. Then the Minister presiding shall call on the Intransigent, who, in the face and audience of the Congregation, is to answer the following questions:—

1.—Do you believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners?

2.—Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be founded upon the Word of God, and do you acknowledge the same, as the confession of your faith; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of Worship as presently practised in this Church, and asserted in Act xv. Assembly 1707, entitled "Act against innovation in the Worship of God?"

3.—Do you disown all Popish, Arian, Socinian, Arminian, Bourignonian, and other doctrines, tenets, and opinions, whatsoever, contrary to and inconsistent with the foresaid Confession of Faith?

4.—Are you persuaded that the Presbyterian government and discipline of this Church, are founded upon the word of God, and agreeable thereto; and do you promise to submit to the said government and discipline, and to concur with the same, and never to endeavour, directly, or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof, but, to the utmost of your power, in your station, to maintain, support and defend, the said discipline and Presbyterian government, by Kirk Sessions, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, during all the days of your life?

5.—Do you promise to submit yourself willingly and humbly, in the spirit of meekness, unto the admonitions of the brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them and all other Presbyteries and superior judicatories of the Church, where God in his Providence shall cast your lot; and that, according to your power, you shall maintain the unity