

FOUR Free Church Synods—Fife, Perth and Stirling, Lothian and Tweeddale, and Galloway—have met and pronounced emphatically their condemnation of the Scotch Patronage Act. The resolutions which they have each nearly unanimously passed, indicate in decided language the Erastian character of the Act. It was mistakenly shown that spiritual independence in the Established Church of Scotland is still a theory, and that the Bibles offered to the Free Church by the Patronage Act will be universally scouted by every honest man who holds the Disruption principle. 1843. There is little doubt that the Patronage Act will give a great impulse to the Free and Disestablishment—*Weekly Free*