

## APPENDIX.

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In a work for the public it would be invidious to notice the Pioneer of any denomination as such. Whilst the biographies of many men who labored here have been written by their particular sects, thus becoming part of our country's history, this man who came so early to the country and toiled thirty-three years in it, has been unmentioned.

The Rev. James Murdoch was born at Gillie Gordon, Donegal, Ireland, in 1746, and was educated in the University of Edinburgh. He was appointed, along with Messrs. France and Cowen, on a mission to Nova Scotia by the General Associate Synod of Scotland in 1765; at the same time he received a call from Lisburne. Messrs. F. and C. declined the mission.

Other demands being made for Mr Murdoch to labor at home, we find by the original copy of the Minute of Synod now beside us, that the Presbytery of Newtown Limavady, were enjoined by Synod "to forward all his trials for ordination with a view to said appointment and mission." These trials having been passed on the 2nd inst., at Aghadowie, a *pro re nata* meeting was held at Rye, Sept. 11th, by Rev. Robert Reed, Moderator, where he was ordained for "the Province of Nova Scotia, or any other part of the American Continent where God in his providence shall call him;" and sailed for N. S. September 1766. His destination was Amherst, but landing in Halifax, the more central situation of Horton was chosen by him, where he obtained a grant of land. From this centre of the Province he visited the Scotch-Irish settlers scattered over it, who all claimed him for their Minister, as he undoubtedly was the first Presbyterian Minister who came to the Province and remained it.

In 1768 we find Mr. M. stating that Mr. Comingo's ordination was a dernier resort, as no ministers could be obtained from