

Mr. Whyte :—Also, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against a Deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of same date, agreeing to allow a complaint of Mr. Whyte against Mr. Malloch, one of the elders at Brockville, to lie on the Table for the present. The Synod, having duly considered these Complaints, unanimously agreed to dismiss them both.

The Synod had further transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against a Deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date February 15th, 1854, declining to grant him a copy of the Memoranda of the Report given in by the Committee of Inquiry, in his case. After the hearing of parties, and full deliberation, it was moved by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Professor Smith, "That, inasmuch as Mr. Whyte had already been furnished, in the Libel, with the charges made against him, to which he was required to answer, as well as the names of the witnesses, the Complaint be dismissed." It was also moved in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Robb, "That Mr. Whyte has a right to Extracts from the Paper entitled Memoranda, on which the Presbytery of Bathurst founded their Libel, as necessary to the protection of his own character, and the maintenance of justice." The Roll having been called and votes marked, the motion was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod accordingly dismissed the complaint.

Presbyteries were again enjoined, without delay, to take such steps for securing the Public Property of the Church, within their bounds, as may be considered necessary,—either by the appointment of efficient Committees of Lay Members of the Church to take action in this matter, or otherwise, as may be deemed best for the speedy attainment of this object,—and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to attend to the interests of this Church, in regard to the Clergy Reserve, and take whatever steps may appear to them to be necessary towards the protection of the same, and in particular to watch over the progress of legislation thereanent ; to call the attention of Presbyteries and Congregations to what may be the proper course of action, as indicated by circumstances ; and, if necessary, to take steps to be heard at the Bar of the Houses of Parliament, viz :—Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. McGill, Dr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Barclay, *Ministers* ; Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Alexander Morris, Mr. Thomas A. Gibson, Mr. John Cameron, Dr. James Hamilton, Mr. George Malloch, and Mr. James D. Pringle, *Elders* ; and the Hon. William Morris, Hugh Allan, Esq., and William R. Graham, Esq., were requested to act as members of this Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in, and read, showing the number of congregations who