

Roll, there voted for the motion, 24; for the amendment, 2; 16 having declined to vote.

The motion was accordingly declared to be carried, and the Synod resolved in terms thereof, to petition the Legislature.

From this deliverance Mr. McMurray and Mr. Weylie dissented, for reasons to be afterwards given in.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Porterfield, an applicant for admission to the ministry in this Church, gave in a Report, which was sustained, and in conformity with its recommendations, it was agreed

That Mr. Porterfield may be employed by the Home Mission Committee, within the bounds of the Presbytery where he may be residing, as a Missionary, or occasional labourer in the Ministry, and that he be recommended to attend one session at Knox's College.

At the request of the Presbytery of Brockville, Mr. Nisbet was appointed to act as assessor with the members of that Presbytery, in order to the Presbytery's being constituted for business during the Session of the Synod.

The Synod took up the reference from the Presbytery of Perth, in the case of Mr. W. G. Johnstone, minister at Ramsay, and suspended by said Presbytery, for contumacy, when libelled for lasciviousness.

The Synod, after hearing some of the members of the Presbytery of Perth, and considering the case, found that Mr. Johnstone, must be held to stand confessed of the sin libelled, and that the Presbytery might have proceeded to deprive him of the office of the ministry. But, inasmuch, as the Presbytery, for reasons which seem to be satisfactory, have thought it desirable, that the final sentence in the case should be given by the Synod, the Synod shall now depose the said Mr. W. G. Johnstone from the office of the Holy Ministry.

Before proceeding to the solemn act of deposition, the Synod engaged in prayer.

The Moderator then, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the sole Head and King of the Church, and in virtue of the power and authority committed by him to it, declared Mr. W. G. Johnstone to be deposed from the office of the Holy Ministry, and prohibited and discharged from exercising the same, or any part thereof, in all time coming.

It was agreed, that the Presbytery of Perth should take such steps, as to them might seem expedient, for giving pub-