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The Synod called for Overtures on the Clergy Reserves, when there was read, the Overture deferred by last Synod for the consideration of this present Synod; also, an Overture from several members of the Court, calling on the Synod to conjoin the consideration of the Clergy Reserves with that of the Rectories, and for the Synod to petition the Legislature for the abolition of both Rectories and Reserves. The Synod took up the consideration of the two Overtures conjointly.

Dr. Burns was heard in behalf of the Overtures, and submitted a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rintoul.

Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Ferrier, moved an amendment, to the following tenor;—

That, inasmuch as this Synod has declared, in the Resolutions of 1848, that, as a Church, it has relieved itself from any ecclesiastical connexion with the Clergy Reserve Fund; and, inasmuch as the question of the Clergy Reserves and Rectories involves the discussion of political questions now agitating the public mind in this Province—this Synod, as a Court of Christ, now met to deliberate on spiritual matters, dismiss this *questio vexata*, convinced that any further discussion of the question in this Synod would necessarily involve this Church in all the evils of a political controversy.

Dr. Willis also moved an amendment, which was seconded by Mr. McDowell.

After lengthened discussion, it was agreed to refer the original motion and the amendment of Dr. Willis to the following Committee, viz.:—Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Roger, Mr. Smith, ministers; Mr. Davidson, Mr. Heron, elders; with instructions to prepare a draft of a motion, to be submitted to the Synod on Monday next, and discussed and decided on with Mr. McMurray's amendment.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION VIII.

TORONTO,

Saturday, 8th June, 1850, Eleven o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met, and engaged in Devotional Exercises, and thereafter was constituted for business.

The minutes of the former Session were read.

A report was given in by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, which was sustained.

On the request of Mr. McLean, Mr. Holmes, minister, and Mr. Wallace, elder, were added to the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Cobourg.