

bounds might lay claim to plead "peculiar circumstances," which might tend to the total subversion of the good order and discipline of the church. Moreover, it is submitted, that the Synod, and not any inferior court, has a right to decide what those "peculiar circumstances" are, which may give, if followed out, an entirely new complexion to the mode of conducting divine service.

*Fourth.*—It is alleged that "it is inexpedient to disturb existing arrangements in said congregation, because of its long continuance therein." In reply, the complainant humbly submits, that this is no adequate reason for the decision come to, inasmuch as the length of time an abuse or innovation has existed, cannot possibly be any ground for its not being corrected, when the attention of the church courts has been respectfully called to such innovation.

*Fifth.*—The innovation complained of having been admitted by the Presbytery, it is submitted that they were bound, as the guardians of the public interest of the church, to rectify such a departure from the principles and practice of the church, before enjoining on the congregation of St. Andrew's Church "to cultivate vocal music to the utmost extent of which their circumstances will admit."

All which is humbly and respectfully submitted by

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