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I RECEIVED a Notice, signed by Mr. P. Ross, to attend a Meeting of the Session on Friday, the 18th December last, to receive the Report, &c. This Meeting I did not attend.

On Tuesday, 29th December, I attended a Meeting of the Members of Session, by Mr. Esson's request; several other persons were also present. Mr. Black, of his own accord, acted as Moderator, and constituted the Session by prayer; he also went through the same form at the conclusion of the *sederunt*. At this meeting Mr. Esson read a paper containing remarks on the Report of the Committee of Session and on the conduct of his colleague. Some affidavits or declarations were also read, and verbal statements made relative to the accusations against him.—Mr. Esson had stated, before beginning to read, that he would give the paper to the Session, or lay it on their table, (without specifying at what time, so far as I can remember.) He was asked by Mr. Black to give it in, after he had finished reading it; but he declined at that time, stating that it was prepared in haste, &c., and required revision; and one person, (Whitelaw, I think,) whom he wished to attend there, was unable to come, or came and could not wait until he was wanted. A vote was then passed by a *majority* of the Session that Mr. Esson should deliver the paper immediately.

Notwithstanding this vote, I expected the Session would have received Mr. Esson's remarks and explanations (or protests, or whatever else they might call it) at a future day to be agreed upon. The event however, has shewn that I was mistaken; for circular notices, dated only two days after, being the 31st of December, were issued by the Session on the 2nd January, calling a meeting of "the members of the congregation," on Thursday, the 7th of same month. This meeting accordingly took place, and was attended by a "goodly number" of members, but was found to be improper in itself, and likewise irregularly called. After some warmth having been manifested by several individuals, the meeting broke up without appointing a chairman. There seemed to be an understanding or intimation that an application would be made to the *temporal committee* to call a meeting, at an early day, of the *proprietors* of pews only, in conformity with the "Rules and Regulations," &c.

(Signed)

THOMAS BLACKWOOD.

Montreal, 22nd January, 1830.

We concur with the foregoing, having been present at the meeting.

(Signed)

JAMES LESLIE,
ANDREW SHAW.