

then, or shall at its next meeting afterwards, judge as to said Call being sustained, wher, if it should appear to them that the said Call has not been subscribed by such a number of Heads of Families, in full communion, as to warrant them, without damage to the Congregation to proceed, the said Call shall be rejected. But if said Call be sustained as good and sufficient, the Presbytery shall then, through the Moderator, present the said Call to the Minister or Probationer, in whose favour it was given, and obtain from him an answer, whether he accepts, and closes with said call, when, if an affirmative reply is given, he shall, if a Probationer, be immediately put on trials for Ordination.

XI. That along with the Call and before adjudging thereon, there be required to be afforded to the Presbytery, on the part of the Congregation, a good and sufficient guarantee of at least a *minimum* annual payment or stipend, for the support of said person Called, during the whole period of his lifetime or incumbency, which said guarantee shall be to such an amount as the Presbytery shall judge to be sufficient for the support of the Minister, and, at the same time, according to the accredited ability of the Congregation.

XII. The person Called, if a Probationer, shall, after these previous steps being taken by the Presbytery, submit himself to the Presbytery to undergo trials previous to Ordination, all which trials shall be of the same order as when receiving license, viz: a Homily, a Lecture, an Exercise and Additions on some part of the Greek New Testament, an Exegesis in Latin, on some controverted point in Divinity, and a popular sermon. He shall be examined also on his knowledge of the Greek of the New Testament, the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and on his acquaintanceship with Church History and Divinity. All which trials being undergone and sustained, the Presbytery shall then appoint some day, other than the day on which said trials have been received, for the Ordination and Induction of said Probationer, as Minister of said Congregation, in which case notice shall be given by proclamation to the Congregation, or affixing the same to the church door, or other most public place of resort, an Edict of the following tenor.

XIII. The Presbytery of _____ having sustained the trials of _____ Called to be Minister of the Congregation of _____ and having resolved to proceed with the Ordination of the said _____ to the pastoral charge of the said Congregation, according to the rules of the Church, Notice is hereby given, to all concerned, especially the members of the Congregation, that if any of them have any thing to object to the life and doctrine of the said _____ they may repair to the Presbytery, which is to meet in _____ on _____ the _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, with certification that if no person offer any relevant objection, the Presbytery shall then forthwith proceed to the Ordination of the said _____ to the office of the Holy Ministry, and admit him to the pastoral charge of the said Congregation of _____

XIV. Although by use and wont, it has been the practice of the Church of Scotland to allow ten free days to intervene between the serving of the Edict and the day of Meeting for Ordination, the Presbytery, if they see meet, may dispense with this practice, as the person to be Ordained is to be admitted a Member of the Church, upon the Call of the Congregation, and not as in Scotland, upon any crown or laick