

DIET IV.

*St Andrew's Church, Toronto, 4th September, 1837.*

The Synod met, and having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr. John Roger, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

The Minutes of the former Diet were read and revised.

The Committee on Commission Records produced a Report, which was read and received.

The Synod appointed Messrs. Cook, Machar, and Leach a Committee to divide the balance of money in the hand of the late Moderator, which had been received from the Committee of the General Assembly and the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Society for ministers not receiving government allowance, amongst those ministers of the Synod in this predicament who have not already received any portion of said money.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee on Overtures and Reports an Overture to the following effect:—That the Legislative enactments of this Synod be regularly transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and be in force only for one year, unless the consent of a majority of Presbyteries be intimated to the meeting of Synod following that at which such enactments shall have been severally made. The Synod adopted this Overture as an Interim Act, and resolved to call upon the Presbyteries to report their judgment on the same, with such modification of it as may be thought proper at the first session of Synod, with a view to the passing of such permanent act as may be approved of by a majority of Presbyteries.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the government allowance, which was produced and read, and the same was received. After reasoning on the same it was moved and seconded, That the Synod should intimate to the government that they would not disturb the scale of the division of the allowance fixed by the government itself, as they conceive the ministers who receive salaries under that scale cannot in justice be deprived of them; that the Synod through the Moderator should petition His Excellency to revert to the original mode of division, and in the event of this not being acceded to, that the Moderator for the time being should draw the whole allowance and divide it according to the Scheme of last year; that the Synod should petition the Provincial and Home Government to fulfil the general promise of assistance to all ministers of the Church of Scotland, and that individual ministers who have pledged for a share of the allowance be recommended to urge these upon Government in every proper way. It was moved in amendment and seconded, That the Government