

KINGSTON,
Saturday,
July 6, 1844.

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that they will take such action as may seem expedient for carrying these principles into full effect.

It was next moved by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mr. Clugston, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Synod :

Mr. McGill's
resolution.

Whereas numerous questions and controversies have of late arisen, and been agitated in many of the congregations within our bounds, respecting the proper status and independence of this Synod, founded mainly on the clause of our title, "in connexion with the Church of Scotland," and on certain mistaken views of our relationship to that church, it has become necessary, in order to the removal of these misapprehensions, by which our peace and unity is endangered, to declare, that this Synod at its first formation owed and acknowledged a respectful and filial regard to the Church of Scotland, as the church with which most of our ministers and people were in connexion in their native land; but that this Synod never did or could acknowledge any Presbyterian subjection to the General Assembly of that church in which it had no representation; that experience has shewn, especially since the disruption of the Established Church of Scotland, that the clause of our title which describes us in connection with it (which was originally inserted as an expression of our filial regard, and perhaps of a hope on the part of some, that incorporation with the Church of Scotland, and representation in its Assembly might be conceded to us, a privilege which fuller experience has convinced us cannot be conceded) is liable to misrepresentation, and has been used greatly to the disadvantage of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, as if it rendered us accountable for all the actings of that church in her peculiar relation as an Establishment, and as if in the alleged defection, with which she is chargeable, we were partakers in her sins; for these reasons, and also that our church may become more manifestly identified with this country, and that it may present no national peculiarity that shall in any future stage of its progress be at variance with actual circumstances, this Synod resolve to discontinue this clause of its designation, and henceforth to employ as its only title, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, adhering to the standards of the Church of Scotland, and maintaining

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