

The Synod resolved unanimously to adopt this Overture, and in terms thereof to petition the Legislature, praying that the distinction made by the law between ministers of different Churches in regard to the right to celebrate marriages, may be removed. The Synod further appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Smellie, Convener, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hudson, ministers; and Mr. Mair, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Cattnach, and Mr. Kennedy, elders; to draft a Petition to be submitted at a future diet.

An application from the Presbytery of Montreal, was then taken up requesting the authority of the Synod to seek a special Act from the Legislature in regard to the keeping of Registers in Canada East. The Synod directed the Presbytery of Montreal to mature the draft of an act on this subject, to be submitted to the Commission of Synod, authorising the Commission, at the same time, to sanction the application to the Legislature, by the Presbytery of Montreal, if they shall see cause.

The Synod then took up a Memorial from the Presbytery of Perth in regard to the supply of Ramsay. It was agreed to refer the memorial to the Home Mission Committee, recommending the case of Ramsay to their most favourable consideration.

There was then read a Memorial from certain individuals at Amherstburgh, calling themselves the Evangelical Union Church, in regard to the Church property there. After hearing the Memorial and hearing also a statement from Mr. Burns, Agent for the Church, the following motion was unanimously adopted, viz:—

The Synod regret that the members of the so-called Evangelical Union Church, at Amherstburgh, had not at the proper time and in the spirit which they now inculcate upon the Synod, acceded to the oft-repeated proposals of the members of the Presbyterian Church at Amherstburgh, for the settlement of the claims of each party, respectively, to the Church in Amherstburgh, according to the terms of the deed. The members of the Presbyterian Church, aforesaid, were not only bound by the deed, but anxiously desirous to effect an amicable arrangement, when they were forced into the Civil Court by the other party, who would only treat with them on the conditions that the relative numbers of the parties and the amount of their claims should be determined by a communion roll, to which additions had been made in a manner unauthorised by the Church, to whose government they were alike bound by the most solemn obligations.

The Synod having the fullest confidence in the members of the Presbyterian Church at Amherstburgh, would leave the matter in their own hands, believing that they are incapable of taking any undue advantage of the memorialists, if it were in their power, in consequence of legal decisions or otherwise.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Perth, in regard to the status of ministers of this Church in Scotland and Ireland. After conference on the subject of the Overture, it was, with the permission of the Synod, withdrawn.

The Synod, after appointing a prayer meeting to take place this evening, at Seven o'clock, adjourned, to meet for business on Monday, at Ten o'clock, A. M. The diet was then closed with prayer.

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