

cumstances by which the sacred connection between pastor and people, may be dissolved in a manner so much at variance with the spirit and constitution of our Church, and resolve to use every possible endeavour to prevent the recurrence of similar irregularities.

Whereupon the Synod approved of the report, adopted the recommendations thereof, and enjoined the Presbytery of York to meet this evening, at half-past six o'clock, to take the necessary steps in this business.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish the Trustees of said Church, as also the Presbytery of York, with a copy of this deliverance. Mr. Rintoul, for himself, took instruments in the Clerk's hands and craved extracts, which were granted.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a scheme for distributing the Government Grant for building Churches, was given in, and in conformity therewith, the Synod approved of the following rules and conditions to regulate the distribution of this or any similar grant that may be obtained:—First. That there must be a legal deed, securing the Church to Trustees, acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Synod. Second,—That there must be a sufficient provision made for the Minister from pew rents or voluntary contributions. Third,—If there be no Minister settled in the Church, that evidence be produced that effective measures are taken for obtaining one. Fourth,—That Churches thus aided, must have agreed to a constitution satisfactory to the Presbytery. Fifth,—That the sum of money to be granted shall be paid by order of the Convener of the Commission, to the Moderator of the Presbytery to which it is granted, and that he deliver it over to the Trustees, upon sufficient evidence that the proceedings have been fulfilled; and also on a sufficient bond being given, that the money shall not be devoted to any other object than the advancement of the building. And that a report shall be made to the Convener by the Presbytery, that the monies granted, have been properly applied. Sixth, That Four Hundred Pounds, currency, be assumed as the average cost of a Church, adapted to the state of new settlements. Seventh,—That when the people have subscribed and paid Three Hundred Pounds, or upwards, a grant of One Hundred Pounds shall be made,—if less than Three Hundred Pounds, currency, shall have been subscribed and paid by the people, the grant shall be reduced proportionably. Eighth,—That a conditional bond be given to the Trustees, that the money shall be paid when the building is finished, and that the Presbytery have sufficient evidence, that the building has been completed before the money is granted on the bond, a discretionary power being invested in the Presbytery, to pay the money immediately to the Trustees, when the preceding conditions have been complied with, or sufficient evidence

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