

KINGSTON,
Monday,
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of subjects recently controverted in Scotland and in Canada, or to furnish a refutation of calumnies so industriously circulated of late, that they should present such subjects to the people under the charge of the Synod, as well as to all others, in such a way as to the Deputation and the members of this church may appear best fitted, under the blessing of God, to secure the general edification of the body of Christ:—the Synod, at the same time, hereby declaring their conviction that the church in this country cannot be ecclesiastically concerned in these controversies, and cannot be practically affected by them, inasmuch as it is one of its constitutional principles, always acted on and recently more formally declared, that this Synod is the Supreme Court of an independent church.

3. That the Synod, regarding the appointment of a deputation to Canada by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland as the most gratifying and significant of all proofs that could be afforded of the desire believed to be all along cherished by the friends and brethren of this church in Scotland, to make themselves accurately acquainted, by actual inspection and observation, with the spiritual circumstances and wants of the population of Canada,—hereby also unanimously resolve to afford every facility in their power to the Deputation, with the view of enabling them carefully and minutely to inquire into and ascertain the means of religious instruction and pastoral superintendence enjoyed by the people of this country, and also the modes most likely to prove effectual in directing the liberality of the parent church to the spiritual destitution so extensively prevailing throughout the province.

4. That local committees shall be formed to receive the Deputation,—to direct and assist them in their movements, and to secure most effectually the important ends for which the Deputation has been appointed:—Such local committees to consist of the ministers and elders of the various places which may be visited, and such other friends as they may deem it proper to associate with them,—the chief places for the meeting of such committees, to make arrangements on behalf of the surrounding country, being understood to be Quebec, Montreal, Cornwall, Bytown, Perth, Brookville,

Kingston, Toronto, Goderich.

The Synod resolved that Mr. William B. Beatty, Moderator, should read the minutes of a former meeting, and make whether a statement against him, and the Synod consents that the Presbyteries regulate their affairs, and all the members do, allow the said trials for license.

The Address to the Synod, signed by the Moderator, was ordered to be read to the members of the church, and to be associated with him.

To his Excellency
BARON METCAL,
Knight Grand Cross of the Bath, one of His Majesty's Governors General and Commander in Chief of Canada, New Brunswick, and of Prince Edward Island.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

We, the Ministers of the Church of Canada, now in Synod assembled, with sentiments of respect and admiration for your Excellency's personal piety and success

It is a subject of great interest to our church, and in the attempts we made to reach the body were unsuccessful.

It affords us encouragement to see that the Presbyterian population of this country, and their fathers, and the most urgent appeals are at present entirely unheeded.

In many places, the people, it is impossible to reach the religion. It is therefore so wisely and beneficently that this purpose has not