

came; and while feeling painfully the solemnity of our position, and deeply distressed in the view of the possible results, we SOLEMNLY PROTEST to this venerable court, before God, the Church of Christ, and the world, that it is our conscientious belief that in respect of the premises, sin in matters fundamental has been done by this court: and that while at the same time we continue to adhere to the Confession of Faith and other Standards of this Church, we can yet no longer, with a clear conscience, hold office in the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland—And Further, we Protest, that the guilt of Schism lies not with us, but with those who have acted in a way which compels us to depart—And Further, also, we Protest, in behalf of ourselves and those of the people of this Church, who may now or hereafter adhere to us, that we hold ourselves entitled to all the property and emoluments, of whatever kind, now in our possession.

JOHN BAYNE, Minister.	ALEX. GALE, Minister.
THOM. ALEXANDER, -	HENRY GORDON, -
ALEX. MACLEAN, -	DANIEL ALLAN, -
M. Y. STARK, Moder.	GEORGE CHEYNE, -
GEORGE SMELLIE, Min.	Wm. McALLISTER, -
Wm. RINTOUL, -	H. EASON, -
DAVID BLACK, -	DON. MCKENZIE, -
ANG. MCKINTOSH, -	Wm. MELDRUM, -
ROBT. LINDSAY, -	ROBERT Peden, -
JAMES DOUGLAS, -	ANDREW MILNE, Elder.
Wm. LITSTER, Elder.	ISAAC WEYLIE, -
Wm. CLARK, -	JAMES WEBSTER, -
ALL. HENDERSON, -	DONALD FRASER, -
JAMES NOBLE, -	Geo. DAVIDSON, -
RALPH SMITH, -	ROBERT THOMPSON, -
ALEX. LINDSAY, -	ROBT. TURNBULL, -
JOHN BURNS, -	J. F. WESTLAND, -
JOHN MATHIESON, -	PETER DRUMMOND, -
PET. McNAUGHTON, -	FRANCIS ANDERSON, -

DUNCAN McMILLAN, Minister.

Kingston, 10th day of July, 1844.

The within Protest signed in our presence,
J. C. MORRISON, Not. Pub.
Geo. BROWN, Witness.

REASONS OF DISSENT AND PROTEST

Given in to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, by John Morris Roger, and William Reid, Ministers, in regard to a decision of that Court on the subject of the independence of the Church and its connexion with the Church of Scotland:

1. Because believing the Church in this land to be virtually independent, its real connexion with the Church of Scotland consisting in its descent from that Church, and its adherence to the same standards, a connexion which it is not desired to renounce, and which cannot in reality be renounced, yet being aware that much misapprehension prevails with regard to the position of this Church in reference to the Church of Scotland, misapprehension which tends to distract the minds of our people, and to impair to some extent the efficiency of the Church; we hold it to be the duty of the Synod to establish the independence of the Church in such a manner as cannot be misunderstood, and to accommodate the title and designation of the Church to its real condition, and the object which it is intended to effect, namely, to promote the spiritual interests of the Presbyterian population of Canada.

2. Because we consider an alteration of the title and designation of the Church, and a full assertion of its independence, necessary to render effective any testimony borne to the great principles of spiritual independence, which were for many years contended for in the Church of Scotland, and the assertion of which ultimately issued in the disavowal of that Church; and further because we be-

lieve that to acquiesce in the decision of the Synod with regard to the position of this Church would be virtually to declare a licence to the Established Church of Scotland, and approbation of her actings and proceedings.

For these and other reasons which might be stated, we dissent from a *ad pro* against the decision of the Synod in the matter referred to; and further we declare and protest that we can no longer continue as office-bearers in the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

(Signed) JOHN M. ROGER,
Minister at Peterboro'.
(Signed) WILLIAM REID,
Minister at Colborne & Grafton.
Kingston, July 10, 1844.
(Signed) ALEX. GALE, Witness.
(Signed) Wm. RINTOUL, Witness.

After conference held and on motion made and seconded, the meeting, in conformity with the import of these protests, and in accordance with their powers as office-bearers in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Canada, unanimously resolved to constitute themselves into a Synod, under the designation of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and the Chairman thereupon declared the Synod to be constituted.

Mr. Roger, on the call of the Chairman, offered up prayer for the Divine blessing on the Synod, and on the Church represented by it.

On motion made and seconded, Mr. Stark was unanimously chosen Moderator for the ensuing twelve months, and Mr. Rintoul was unanimously appointed Clerk to the Synod.

The following Committees were then appointed:

For arranging business—Mr. Roger, Mr. McKenzie, and Mr. Rintoul, Ministers: Mr. Davidson, Elder.

For forming the Church into Presbyteries—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Reid, Mr. Allan, Mr. Peden, Ministers; and Mr. Westland, Elder.

On the institution of a Sustentation Fund, Mr. Eason, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Meldrum, Mr. McLean, Ministers; and Mr. Weylie, Elder.

On the organizing of a Court of Deacons in every Congregation—Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Smellie.

For preparing an Address to Congregations, respecting the grounds of our breaking off the connexion with the Established Church of Scotland—Mr. Bayne and Mr. Gale.

Mr. Robert Boyd, of Prescott, appeared in the Synod, and gave satisfactory evidence that he had received a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Bathurst; Mr. Boyd at the same time expressed his regret at having precipitately, and without a due regard to Presbyterian order, given in his resignation to said Presbytery soon after the meeting of Synod in 1842—a step which he stated had prevented him from taking part in the recent discussions in the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and also from joining in the Protest signed by Mr. Bayne and other brethren. He also declared his approbation of said Protest. Whereupon the Synod, in consideration of these statements and explanations, unanimously received Mr. Boyd as a member of Synod, and he took his seat accordingly.

Committees were appointed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. The Synod to be constituted for business immediately on their rising—and a public meeting for prayer and an address by one of the brethren, to be held at 4, P. M.

The Synod then adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

Kingston, 11th July, 1844. The Synod met and was constituted with prayer. Mr. Peter McNaughton, Elder, a signer of Mr. Bayne's Protest, was admitted a member, and took his seat. The Minutes of the former Session were read. The Report of the Committee on the division of the Church into Presbyteries was read and sustained,

and the Synod in accordance with their recommendation made the following division:—

- I. HAMILTON AND TORONTO.
- II. COBURN.
- III. KINGSTON.
- IV. MONTREAL.

Three Presbyteries to embrace the Minutes with their Congregations, according to the following scheme:—

HAMILTON AND TORONTO.

Ministers.	Congregations.
William Rintoul,.....	Streetsville.
Alexander Gale,.....	Hamilton.
William Macalister,.....	Port Sarnia.
Duncan McMillan,.....	Williams.
Mark Y. Stark,	Indus.
George Cheyne,.....	Salisbury.
Angus Mackintosh,.....	Thorold.
John Layne,.....	Galt.
Donald McKenzie,.....	Zorra.
Daniel Macdonald,.....	Stuyfard.
William Meldrum,.....	Paslinch.
Robert Lindsay,.....	Ayr.
George Snellic,.....	Fergus.
Robert Peden,.....	Amherstburg.

COBURN.

James Douglas,.....	South Caran.
John M. Roger,.....	Peterboro & Cassan.
Thomas Alexander,.....	Cobourg.
William Reid,.....	Grafton & Colborne.

KINGSTON.

Robert Boyd,.....	Prescott.
Henry Gordon,.....	Napanoquo.
Alexander McLean,.....	Pictou.

MONTREAL.

Henry Eason,.....	Montreal.
David Black,.....	St. Theresa.

The Synod also, on the recommendation of the Committee, appointed the following Ministers to be Moderators of their several Presbyteries for the ensuing six months, with power to appoint the times and place for the first meeting of each respectively, viz: Mr. Wm. Rintoul, Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. Henry Gordon, Mr. Henry Eason, Mr. Gordon, to act as assessor to the Presbytery of Montreal, until the number of Ministers in said Presbytery shall be increased.

The Committee on the office of Deacon made an interim report, when it was resolved that Sessions be recommended to take such immediate measures for having the work proper for Deacons done as to them may seem good, and to report to their Presbyteries before the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee on a Sustentation Fund gave in a report which was read and sustained, when it was agreed to refer the same to the Commission to be afterwards appointed with instructions to them to arrange a Scheme for a common Sustentation Fund; and to have the same brought into operation as speedily as possible.

The draft of an address to his Excellency the Governor General was submitted and revised, and the Moderator was authorized to have the same engrossed, to sign it in name of the Synod, and transmit it to His Excellency.

Mr. Bayne, on behalf of the Committee, submitted an outline of an address to congregations: the same was approved of in substance, and he was requested to fill it up and to submit it to the Commission, that they may receive and print the same for general circulation. The Clerk was appointed to act as interim Treasurer: and it was resolved that contributions to the Synod Fund be payable in three months from this date.

The Synod resolved that a small publication shall be issued every fortnight or month, as may be deemed expedient, under the title of THE RECORD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA: the principle object of which, shall be to diffuse information respecting the Schemes and undertakings of the Church, and illustrate its principles. The Commission to superintend the Publication, and assume the responsibility of the same.

The Synod appointed the Moderator as Mr.