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### THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

#### PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

The Presbytery of Glengary held their ordinary meeting at Cornwall, on the 16th day of May last.—Reverend John McKenzie, Moderator.

The Moderator laid before the Presbytery an official notice of the presentation of their Petition in reference to the Sabbath day, to the several branches of the Legislature.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Young, Secretary to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, Edinburgh, intimating the appointment of the Rev. Donald Munro as a Missionary within the bounds of this Presbytery, and under their superintendence. The Moderator presented Mr. Munro to the members of Presbytery, whereupon Mr. Munro laid before the Presbytery the following documents, namely:—

1st, An extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Acting Committee of the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches, held at Edinburgh the 2nd March, 1849.

2nd, An extract of his licence, and

3rd, A Presbyterial certificate, which were read and sustained. The Presbytery with much satisfaction received Mr. Munro in his character as Missionary within its bounds, and instructed the Moderator to communicate to the Colonial Committee the thanks of the Presbytery for this renewed expression of their interest in behalf of the cause which they are mutually engaged in sustaining.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Munro to preach at Williamstown on Sabbath, the 27th instant, and Mr. McKenzie on the same day, to preach at Lochiel; and on the first Sabbath of June, Mr. Munro to preach at Lancaster; and Mr. McPherson, on the same day, to preach at Finch; Messrs. McKenzie and McPherson intimating on these several Sabbaths to the Congregations of Lochiel and Finch, Mr. Munro's arrival, and the Presbytery's intention, that he should devote a portion of his services to them. The Presbytery appointed the Moderator and Clerk to direct Mr. Munro's Ministerial services until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. McPherson reported, in behalf of the Deputation appointed at a former Meeting to visit the Congregation of the Indian Lands, for the purpose of ascertaining the state of said Congregation—that the Deputation proceeded to the Indian Lands on the 11th day of March last—that Mr. McPherson preached on that day to a very large and most respectable audience in the Church of said Congregation, both in the English and Gaelic languages—that after Divine Service he gave intimation to those attached to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, to meet the Deputation from the Presbytery on the Monday following, in the Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.—that on Monday, at the hour appointed, the Deputation met in said Church, when a considerable number attended, who declared their unalterable attachment to the Church of their fathers; and expressed their earnest wish that the Presbytery would continue their spiritual superintendence over them, and send as often as

possible one of their members to address to them the word of life.

The Deputation have much pleasure in stating to the Presbytery that the major part of the Indian Lands Congregation still adhere to the Church of their fathers, and are of opinion that much good would result from complying with their request.

The Deputation also enquired about the Church property of said Congregation in the Indian reservation, and succeeded in obtaining the original deeds of said property, which they now wish to lay before the Presbytery. The Deputation would humbly but earnestly recommend to the Presbytery to obtain possession of said property as early as possible, as the Free Church party in the Indian Lands, in whose possession it has been allowed to remain undisputed since the Rev. Mr. Clarke's secession from this Presbytery, are using strenuous efforts to obtain Patent Deeds for said property, for the benefit of the Free Church. The Deputation would most respectfully desire to impress upon the Presbytery the propriety, as well as the necessity, of maintaining the rights of those in connection with this Presbytery in the Indian Lands to all Church property there, and confidently declare that unless energetic measures are employed for this purpose, not only will the cause of our Church decline in the Indian Lands, but also in many other Congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr. McPherson also reported that since the Deputation visited the Indian Lands, the Free Church Party there have been in communication with Major Campbell, Superintendent of Indian affairs, for the purpose of obtaining Patent Deeds for said property, and in consequence of that