

“ TO THE MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERY
OF MONTREAL.

“ Quebec, 12th July, 1847.

“ REV'D. SIR,—

“ With deep regret, I beg leave to demit into
“ the hands of the Presbytery my charge as Minister
“ of St. John's Church, and as I do so in some uncer-
“ tainty as to the line of duty I must crave the judg-
“ ment of the Brethren as to the propriety of the
“ step, and as to the force of the following reasons for
“ adopting it. 1st.—Because the public interests of the
“ Church and the interests of St. John's Congregation
“ might be seriously affected by my remaining, in the
“ event of the formation of a second congregation being
“ sanctioned by the Presbytery. 2nd.—Because the
“ late movement on the part of some who belonged to
“ St. John's Congregation, has had a distressing influ-
“ ence on my comfort and usefulness. 3rd.—Because
“ my bodily health has been so injured by the same
“ cause, that it could not sustain a continuance of the
“ harassment to which I have been subjected.

“ I am, Rev'd. Sir,

“ Yours, faithfully,

(Signed,)

“ JOHN CLUGSTON.”

“ It was moved, seconded, and unanimously
“ agreed to, that, whereas, intimation was given from
“ the Pulpit yesterday to the Congregation that such a
“ letter should be produced and parties cited to appear
“ for their interests the Presdytery proceed to the con-
“ sideration of this document and to hear parties.

“ Messrs. Haddan, Munn and Richardson,
“ Elders, stated that they entertained the most un-