

# DRAFT

## OF A FORM OF PROCESS

ANENT THE  
CALLING AND SETTLING OF MINISTERS IN CONGREGATIONS, &c.  
EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF SYNOD.

*Extract Minute of Synod, 15th July, 1853.*

"The Synod called for the Draft of the Form of Procedure in the Calling and Settling of Ministers; and, having considered the same, adopted it as an Interim Act for one year, and instructed Presbyteries to send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of Synod."

Whereas, it is highly expedient that the form of Process in the Calling and Induction of Ministers, into the Congregations of this Church, should be clearly defined, both for the preventing confusion in said congregations, and securing uniformity in the manner of procedure throughout the Church;—Be it therefore enacted, &c., &c., &c.

I. That no Congregation shall be received as a Congregation of this Church, and entitled to have a Minister set over them in Holy Things by any Presbytery of this Church, until, through means of Elders, Trustees or other adhering Members, duly authorised thereunto, they shall have first solemnly declared their willingness to adhere to the faith, government, worship, and discipline of this Church; and, in all cases, submitting to the jurisdiction thereof,—which said declaration shall be subscribed and presented to the Presbytery; and, farther, said Congregation shall satisfy the Presbytery of the bounds, of the security of church property by good and sufficient title to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The said Declaration shall be of the following tenor:—

### UNTO THE REVEREND THE PRESBYTERY OF

THE MEMORIAL OF US, THE UNDERSIGNED,

*Humbly Sheweth,—*

That we, your Memorialists, residing in \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ and neighbourhood, Members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desirous of being formed and received as a Congregation within the bounds of your Reverend Presbytery, crave to be so received, as we, by these presents, declare our willingness to adhere to the faith, government, worship, and discipline of the above said church, and to submit in all matters affecting our interests, as a congregation, to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. In Witness Whereof, &c., &c.

II. That no Minister or Probationer shall be eligible to become the Pastor of any Congregation within the bounds of this church, until he has been received as a Minister or Probationer by one of the Presbyteries thereof, and taken the oath of allegiance.

III. That no Minister or Probationer shall be admitted a Minister of a Congregation by any Presbytery without his having been called