

Your Venerable Assembly are well aware that Governments are the Ordinance of the Great Head of the Church, and that they are essential to the existence of the Church as well as of the State,—and you may not be altogether ignorant that some Churches of this Province have suffered deeply in times past, and have brought even discredit on the Church at large by their internal discord. Now your Memorialists hope that in the Judicatories at length happily formed, a remedy against such evils will be found; and that through the exercise of the inspection, and discipline competent to these Courts, the unity, good order and peace of the Church will be promoted.

It is scarcely necessary for your Memorialists to state that the increase of the Churches in communion with the Church of Scotland throughout Canada, has kept a very unequal pace even with the emigrant population from Scotland, to say nothing of the greater population of settlers from other quarters of the British dominions who are pouring into these Provinces; and that multitudes of settlers, and those attached to the Church of Scotland by the strongest and tenderest ties, have been left altogether destitute of the stated administration of the life-giving word and ordinances of the Gospel; and have been thereby exposed to the peril of sinking into utter spiritual darkness and death.—Their cries, which have been heard even in Scotland, could not but fall louder on the ears of the Ministers in their neighbourhood, and accordingly some of your Memorialists have given themselves to itinerant labours throughout the settlements in their neighbourhood, to the small extent that their duties to their own congregations would permit.

Your Memorialists, by the Ecclesiastical Union into which they have now entered, have especially contemplated a provision for a more extended system of Missions in the country, and they trust that while their individual exertions will be increased and combined, they may expect the co-operation and support of individuals and committees in other places who may sympathize and concur with them in this undertaking.

Your Venerable Assembly knows that there are many external relations and interests of a Church which may be best watched over by a General Court, and that amongst these most interesting to the Churches under the jurisdiction of the Synod, is their right to a share in the lands set apart for the maintenance of a Protestant Clergy. Your Memorialists contemplate that all such relations and interests will be most effectually as well as constitutionally watched over by the Synod, and that through it an organ of communication between the different Ministers and the Government will be supplied,—the wants of which the Heads of the Government have already felt, as may be inferred from a recent despatch from the Right Hon. Sir George Murray, late Secretary to His Majesty for the Colonies, to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Lieut. Governor of Upper Canada, a copy of which despatch was communicated by His Excellency to one of your Memorialists, and is herewith enclosed.

Those and other obvious considerations appeared to your Memorialists to justify their forming themselves into a Synod. And your Memorialists respectfully await your decision as to the particular nature of that connection which shall subsist between this Synod and your Venerable

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