

MONTREAL,  
Friday,  
Sept. 20, 1844.

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The Synod instructed the Moderator to transmit an extract of this minute to the Convener of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee.

Synod Records  
attested.

The Committee appointed to revise the Records of the Synod reported that they had examined the same, and found them accurately and carefully kept,—and recommended the Synod to attest them. The Synod ordered the records to be attested, which was done by the Moderator accordingly.

Synod Clerk  
appointed.

The Synod appointed Mr. Andrew Bell to be Synod Clerk.

Report of  
committee anent  
advice to  
adherents of the  
church.

The Synod having called for the report of the Committee on the circumstances of the adherents of the Church in those congregations whose Ministers have seceded from the Church, the same was given in and read by Mr. McGill.

The Synod sustained the report, and, after mature deliberation, ordained as follows :—

I. Respecting the property of the Church that may be put in peril by the recent secession.

Resolutions anent  
the property of  
the church.

Where the majority of a congregation have seceded and continue to hold the Church property clearly deeded to a congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland or with this Synod, the Synod recommend that the minority shall not relinquish their right to the property, but, for the sake of peace and with the hope that the present division shall be healed, that they shall use all forbearance and discretion in the assertion of their rights ; and that they shall not bring the matter to issue in a court of law, unless they are constrained thereto by continued and wrongful possession on the part of the majority.

With the view of preventing, so far as possible, the evils of litigation, the Synod appoint the following committee to meet a committee to be appointed by their Seceding brethren, if they shall approve of the measure, to whom conjointly all disputes and difficulties connected with church property, shall be submitted for advice, viz. :

Committees.

*For Canada West.*—Rev. John Barclay, Toronto ; John Cameron, Esquire, Toronto ; Dr. Telfer, Toronto ; Archibald Barker, Esquire, Markham.

*For Canada East.*—Rev. Dr. Black, Montreal ; Hon. Peter McGill, Montreal ; Andrew Shaw, Esquire, Montreal ; John Boston, Esquire, Montreal.

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