

We, the subjoined, members of the Church of Scotland in this colony, being convinced that the time has arrived when a general and united effort should be made to render our Church, as far as in us lies, self-sustaining, and while feeling and expressing the deepest gratitude to the parent Church for the generous and continued aid which she has for so long a period extended to us, yet in our present improved circumstances, deeming it both unjust to the parent Church and humiliating to ourselves to remain any longer a burden upon the Colonial Committee, to the amount of not less than £1,200 annually, We do hereby form ourselves into an Association, comprising, as far as possible, all the members of our Church whose object shall be to place that Church in an independent position, by the regular and stated collection of a sum, so small that no one may feel it; and, in order more effectually to carry it out, we have drawn up the following Rules.