

KINGSTON,
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pendent church, nor by any admission, declaration or enactment of their own, forfeited that independence, and being now engaged in the full and unfettered discharge of all the functions of an independent church, they are resolved to assert and maintain their perfect and unqualified independence, and to acknowledge no right of interference or controul in regard to any of their affairs, whether ecclesiastical or civil, on the part of the Established Church of Scotland, or of any other church whatsoever.

2. That as an independent church acting for themselves alone, and possessing no voice or influence in the affairs of the Church of Scotland, this Synod do not hold themselves directly responsible for the principles adopted, or the practice followed by the aforesaid church, nor do they consider themselves bound, in virtue of any such responsibility, to make her divisions or even her disruption a ground for action on their own part, or even for considering formally the questions, by which these divisions, or that disruption may have been caused ; but at the same time, having stood since their first formation, on a footing of close and friendly connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, having often asked and deferred to her advice, in matters of importance, having been assisted by her in securing the recognition of their right to the Reserves, which were set apart for the Protestant Clergy of Canada, and having assumed the designation "in connexion with the Church of Scotland," this Synod feel that by continuing any longer in this peculiar connexion with the aforesaid church, they would be virtually giving their sanction to her procedure in the matters which led to her disruption, and to the interpretation of her standards and constitution on which that procedure has been based, or at least would give just reason for the inference, that they counted her errors as slight and venial and not fundamental in their nature, and therefore they resolve and declare that the peculiar connexion which has hitherto subsisted between them and the aforesaid Established Church of Scotland, shall from this time forth cease and determine, and that any peculiar privileges that may have been understood to belong in virtue of that connexion to her ministers and elders seeking admission into this church, shall, in like manner, be withdrawn.

3. That designation, is merely dis- definite mea- irrespective with the Est- dom of action responsibility after having mise of princ- and might b- a cause of str- they now res- the Church s- Canada.

But at the to be the tru- Church of S- church might- tion to the c- resolve and- deemed advis- alleged that- are departing- were conferre- conscientious- solemnly pled- ture declare t- they shall at- their decision, testing agains- themselves an- for inducing th-

4. That con- of the princip- Established C- inseparable co- purity and effi- resolve and de- the subject of- meeting in July- of the mind of-