

"We are of opinion that it is expedient to restrain in the public services of the United Church of England and Ireland all variations in respect of vesture from that which has long been the established usage of the said United Church, and we think that this may be best secured by providing aggrieved parishioners with an easy and effectual process for complaint and redress.

"We are not prepared to recommend to your Majesty the best mode of giving effect to these conclusions, with a view at once to secure the objects proposed and to promote the peace of the church; but we have thought it our duty in a matter to which great interest is attached not to delay the communication to your Majesty of the results at which we have already arrived.

"We have placed in the appendix the evidence of the witnesses examined before us, the documents referred to in the evidence or produced before the commissioners, the cases laid before us, which were submitted to eminent counsel on either side of the question, together with the opinions thereupon; also the report on the subject made by the committee of the Lower House of the Convocation, of the province of Canterbury, and the resolutions passed by the Upper as well as the Lower House of that Convocation, and the resolutions passed by the Convocation of the province of New York.

"All of which we humbly beg leave to submit to your Majesty.

"August 19, 1867."

The following reservations are made by Sir Robert Phillimore, Mr. Beresford Hope and Mr. Perry:

"We agree to the main proposition contained in this report, and have therefor signed it, upon the understanding that it does not exclude the consideration of cases in which the authority of the bishop and the rights of the parishioners and congregations are carefully guarded.

"ROBERT J. PHILLIMORE,

"A. J. B. BERESFORD HOPE."

"In signing this report I think it right to express my conviction that any power to 'restrain' the 'variations in respect to vesture,' to which the report refers, ought to be limited to cases in which 'grave offence' is likely to be given by introducing such 'vesture' into churches against the mind of the people; and also to state that by 'aggrieved parishioners' I understand to be meant those who being *bona fide* members and communicants of the Church of England, have a reasonable ground for complaint and redress.

"THOS. W. PERRY."

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