

1. That the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this Synod, notwithstanding any interpretation which may have been, or may be put on its "connexion with the Church of Scotland," has always been, now is, and ought to be free, final and uncontrolled.

2. That the Members of this Synod feel themselves called on by the present circumstances of the Church to pledge themselves to maintain such supreme jurisdiction of the Synod over all its members and over the Church in this Colony, against all interference from any quarter whatever; and to frame an Act declaring such supreme jurisdiction—the said Act to be read over to all Ministers and Probationers, before their admission into this Synod, to the end that it may be clearly understood by them; that the maintenance of such jurisdiction is a condition of their admission.

3. That the Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of this Synod be directed to receive Ministers and Probationers from all Presbyterian Churches holding the same Standards of Doctrine and Discipline as this Church, who shall produce sufficient evidence of their character and good standing, and of their having undergone such course of Education, Literary, Scientific and Theological, as has been in ordinary cases held to be sufficient by this Church as a preparation for the office of the Holy Ministry, upon their coming under the usual vows.

4. This Synod do anew record their gratitude to God that He, in His good Providence, does not call on them to enter on the discussion or decision for themselves of the practical bearings of those principles which have so unhappily divided the Church of Scotland, in respect either to any infringement of the spiritual independence of this Church, or of the privileges of its members, or to the connection which subsists between the Church of Scotland and this Synod,—that connection neither implying a spiritual jurisdiction on the part of the former over the latter, nor involving the latter in a responsibility for any actings of the former. And this Synod do now, as always, recognize the imperious obligations laid on them of seeking the peace and well-being of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at the expense of any sacrifice, save that of consistency and principle.

#### 5. *Act declaring the Spiritual Independence of the Synod.*

(In Process, June 10, 1867.) Sept. 21, 1844.

### CHAPTER II.—ENACTMENTS RESPECTING PRESBYTERIES.

#### 1. *Formation of Sessions. June 9, 1831.*

Presbyteries are required to see that Sessions are regularly organized in the different Congregations, and that they keep proper Records of their proceedings.

#### 2. *Mission Committee. Sept. 22, 1835.*

Each Presbytery shall form a Mission Committee for its own bounds; have its own Treasurer; and use its utmost efforts to obtain funds and to support Missionaries.

#### 3. *Information of Presbyteries on Synod business. Sept. 16, 1836.*

For the information of Presbyteries with respect to the business assigned them by the Synod, and also to enable the Committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries, to ascertain whether