

on the Diocese--Synod was to be created whether you elected Delegates or not, and, when created, its jurisdiction would attach on all the Dioceses.

The question was not presented whether you should negative or concur in proposals for a Synod, abortive without your co-operation. Upon that grave question you had not the opportunity of deliberating, you did not deliberate, and of course you came to no determination.

The question as presented was, whether you should disobey the notice, risk the consequent penalties, and remain without voice or part in a Synod having jurisdiction over the whole Church, or whether, seeing a Synod having such jurisdiction was inevitable, you should obey the notice, save the penalties, and participate in its deliberations.

The question was not whether there should be a Synod, but whether you should be represented in the Synod, which was being created independently of your wishes, by other and extraneous power.

To this question, we repeat, there was but one answer, —The notice must be obeyed and the Delegates chosen.

You obeyed the notice and chose the Delegates.

The Synod so convoked, the Delegates so chosen, met together; the Metropolitan, expressly by virtue of the Letters, presided at the first meeting; deliberations took place on various subjects; a committee, (of which Mr. Cameron was convener, and whose report was adopted by the Synod) determined that the Letters Patent were valid, and thus any doubts on this point must, to the apprehension of the Delegates, have been set at rest; several amendments of the Letters were suggested as desirable; a constitution was adopted; new Letters Patent were issued in accordance with the suggested amendments; and a second Synod was held under a fresh notice from the Metropolitan. In both these Synods your Lordship and the delegates from your Diocese took an active part.

We are instructed that the statements given in the opinions of Messrs. Bethune and Cameron of the part so taken are not perfectly accurate; but we do not enter into details, because, in our view of the matter, what was done is quite immaterial.