

136 MINUTES OF SYNOD, TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 2, 1837.

The Committee appointed at the last session to communicate with his Excellency the Lt. Governor on the subject of the government allowance produced a report which was read, the tenor whereof is as follows:

The Deputation waited on His Excellency and endeavoured to represent to him the great necessity as well as reasonableness of extending the government allowance to all the ministers of the Church of Scotland in the Province, and urged upon him the claim of those congregations which had been promised an allowance for their ministers so soon as they severally obtained them. The deputation regret that their application has been entirely fruitless, His Excellency persisting in his determination to surrender the management of the annual grant to the Synod, and having positively declared that he is in possession of no fund which can be applied to the extension of the allowance.

The Synod appointed the following Committee: Mr. Leach, Mr. Machar, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ketchan, Mr. Stark, Mr. Bell, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Mowat, to consider the whole matter of the government allowance, with instructions to them to wait on His Excellency for further information if they see fit, and report on Monday next.

The Synod on the [Records]\* of the Presbytery of Quebec produced a report which was read and received, and inasmuch as that it appeared that the meeting of said Presbytery which had been appointed for the eighth day of August last had not taken place, the Synod appointed a meeting to be held this evening in Toronto at 9 o'clock. The Moderator, Mr. McGill, Mr. Machar, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Cooper, to meet with the members of the said Presbytery now present in order to constitute a quorum. The Synod ordered the [Records] to be attested *cum hac nota* this evening at 7 o'clock.

The Synod agreed to meet to hear sermon from the late Moderator without entering on business.

The Diet was then closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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DIET III.

*St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 2nd September, 1837.*

The Synod met and having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr. James George, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

Mr. William Paterson and Mr. John Robson, Elders, took their seats.

The Minutes of the Diet of yesterday were read and approved of.

A Motion was made and seconded that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Rintoul for his excellent discourse last evening from

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\* The words in brackets are inserted to supply blanks in the manuscript Record.—W. S.