

DIET III.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Friday, the Fourth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-one Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Thomas Scott, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

Mr. Bain gave in his reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod yesterday, in the case of the settlement of Mr. Haig at Beauharnois, adhered to by Mr. Spence, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. Mann, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Mylne, and Mr. John Ferguson. The said reasons were read and ordered to be kept *in retentis*,—and Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. Muir, and Mr. McLaurin were appointed a Committee to answer them.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, to the effect "That the Synod of Canada should take into their consideration the agitation that has been lately renewed by certain parties, to procure the alienation of the Clergy Reserve Fund from those religious objects for which it has been set apart by the Imperial Parliament ;—and, with the view of defining our position as a Church, and of defending the rights that we have acquired, to issue such a declaration of the principles we hold touching the obligations of Christian Rulers to promote true religion, and the duty that is laid upon ourselves to defend the advantages which have been solemnly guaranteed to us by national treaties and legislation, as shall manifest before the world, that, in the course we pursue we seek no personal or temporary advantage, but the general and permanent good of the people committed to our charge." The Synod, having considered the Overture, referred it to the following Committee, with instructions to draft a Paper in conformity with the said Overture, and report the same to the Synod on Monday,—the consideration of the Draft to form the first business on that day, viz., Mr. McGill, (Convener)

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