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### OUTLINE OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE FREE CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This Court met at Halifax according to appointment, on the thirtieth day of June last, and after a Sermon by the Rev. Hugh McLeod, Moderator, from Colossians iv and 17, was duly constituted for business. There were present of the Presbytery of Cape Breton, the Rev. Hugh McLeod, Sydney, and the Rev. James Frazer, Boularderie Island; of the Presbytery of Pictou, the Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart, New Glasgow, D. B. Blair, Barney's River, J. Munro, Wallace, A. Munro, Brown's Creek, P. E. I., Niel Bethune, Murray Harbour, P. E. I., and Alex. Sutherland, New London, P. E. I., ministers; and Mr. Adam MacKenzie, Ruling Elder, Barney's River; of the Presbytery of Halifax, Rev. Professors King and Lyall, Rev. Messrs. Forrester of Halifax, and Duff of Lunenburg, ministers; Mr. John Newcomb, Cornwallis, Mr. Edward Taylor, Dartmouth, and Mr. George McLeod, Halifax, Ruling Elders. On motion made and seconded the Rev. Wm. Duff was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and the Rev. A. Forrester was appointed interim Clerk in the room of Mr. Duff.

**SESSION II.**—The committee on Overtures reported that no overtures had been handed in. The committee on Bills, references, &c., reported that they had agreed to transmit to the Synod a reference from the Presbytery of Halifax in the case of the Rev. A. Romans. The Synod tendered their thanks to the Rev. Hugh McLeod for his excellent discourse, and requested that it be placed in the hands of the Synod for publication. The

ministers present were appointed to conduct divine worship in the congregations and preaching stations in and around Halifax, on Sabbath next. Committees were appointed to visit and revise the Presbytery Records. The Record of the Presbytery of Pictou was not produced for reasons stated and sustained. The extract minute of reference from the Presbytery of Halifax in the case of the Rev. A. Romans was read, the tenour of which follows:—

At Halifax, and within the Free Church<sup>h</sup> College there, the twenty-eighth day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two years.

Which day the Free Presbytery of Halifax met and was duly constituted. Sederunt—Rev. Wm. Duff, Moderator, Reverend Professor King, Rev. Alexander Forrester, Reverend Alexander Romans, and Mr. Edward Taylor, Ruling Elder.

Inter alia—The Rev. Alexander Romans applied for certified extracts from the Minutes of Synod 1850 in relation to premises to be secured for the use of the College and Academy. The Presbytery declined to issue any order on the subject, as being beyond their jurisdiction.

Mr. Romans then applied for a Presbyterial certificate for himself. Being asked to state the grounds for such an application, he mentioned that it was the deliverance of the Synod at their late meeting authorizing the purchase, not of his property which has been for some time occupied by the College and Academy, but of St. John's Church; doing this in violation of a resolution to which, as he conceives, the Synod had come in 1850 to purchase his property. Although reminded of a variety of circumstances which shewed clearly that he had been laboring under a misapprehension of the facts of the case, and that the Synod of 1850 had not committed itself to any such Resolution as he had supposed, he persisted in his application for a certificate. The Presbytery agreed to allow this