

BOOK IV.

CODIFICATION OF SPECIAL ENACTMENTS OF THE SYNOD.

CHAPTER I.—POSITION AND RELATIONS OF THE CHURCH.

1. *Resolution of Convention. June 8, 1831.*

That this Convention of Ministers and Elders in connection with the Church of Scotland, representing their respective congregations, do now form themselves into a Synod to be called *the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland*, leaving it to the Venerable the General Assembly to determine the particular nature of that connection, which shall subsist between this Synod and the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

2. *Extract from the Declaratory Enactment of the General Assembly, 1833.*

"That it is expedient and proper for ordained ministers of the Church of Scotland connected with fixed congregations in any of the British Colonies to form themselves, where circumstances permit, into Presbyteries and Synods, adhering to the standards of this Church, and maintaining her form of worship and government.

"That a Standing Committee shall be named by the General Assembly to correspond with such Churches in the Colonies for the purpose of giving advice on any question with regard to which they may choose to consult the Church of Scotland, and affording them such aid, as it may be in the power of the Committee to give in all matters affecting their rights and interests."

The Synod received the same as part of the constitution of this Church.

3. *Church Government. July 11, 1843.*

The Synod direct the Ministers of the Church to bring the subject of Church government more fully and prominently before their Congregations, from time to time, and Presbyteries are enjoined to confer occasionally as to the best way in which this subject may be introduced in the course of pastoral ministrations, and to take order that it is so introduced by each Minister.

4. *Act anent relations with other Churches. July 9, 1844.*

Whereas the peace and well-being of the Church in this Province are at the present time seriously endangered by doubts and difficulties respecting the position of this Church, the Synod resolves and declares :—