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of Office-bearers and Members of said Church have solemnly and deliberately come out from her, and are now formally constituted into the FREE PROTESTING CHURCH OF SCOTLAND—a Church which has, during the last twelve months, enjoyed many unequivocal tokens of the approbation of her Great Head—And Whereas, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, apart from all considerations of a general kind, which should have led them to testify against the defections and corruptions of the said Established Church, were specially bound to do so, because of their connexion with said Church, and because also of reiterated testimonies solemnly and deliberately lifted up by the Synod in former years in behalf of the contendings of those who have been compelled to secede—And Whereas, the due and proper testimony against the defections and corruptions of the said Established Church of Scotland was a termination of the peculiarly close and intimate connexion in which this Synod stood to her—And Whereas, it has been in an orderly and constitutional way proposed to this Synod, having been made the subject of petitions and overtures of congregations and Presbyteries, whilst it has been advocated by many of the members, that this Synod should terminate its connexion with said Church, and alter its designation accordingly—And Whereas, this Synod, by the vote of a majority of its members, came to the decision that it shall not terminate said connexion, nor take other such action as was required :

WHEREFORE, we, the undersigned Ministers and Elders, members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, DO, in our own name, as well as in the name of all who adhere to us, hereby DISSENT and PROTEST against said decision, for the following reasons :—

First,—That in our conscientious conviction, this Synod are thereby giving their virtual sanction to the procedure of the Established Church of Scotland in the great questions at issue between that Church and the Free Protestant Church of Scotland, and lending the weight of their influence, as a Church, to the support of principles which are incompatible with the purity and the liberty of any Church, by which they are allowed—and which are fitted at the same time to do grievous injury to the cause of the Redeemer throughout the world.

Second,—That in a cause relating to a Church in which they have many and obvious reasons for feeling a very deep and special interest—a cause too, in which the honour of Christ's Crown and

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