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ADDRESS

*Of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to the Members of that Church.*

BELoved BRETHREN,

We, the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, seeking with watchful anxiety the blameless deportment and spiritual safety of those whose eternal interests we are appointed to study and promote, deem it proper, in these times of trouble and danger, to admonish you in a more formal manner, of the necessity of your exemplifying the duties of your Christian profession. It concerns us at all times to know that you adorn the doctrine of your Redeemer, more especially at present, when it is so urgently required that you manifest your love of peace and love of order, your restraint of every violent and unworthy passion, and your confidence in the gracious providence of God. We, therefore, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, and that you cause your light to shine before men, by showing forth your sobriety of judgment, and

peaceableness of disposition,—your regard to the high example and the precepts of your Lord, in your forbearance, your long-suffering, your charity and your mercy.

We trust, dear brethren, that you are sufficiently acquainted with the Word of God to know that none of our religious duties is more distinctly taught, and more strongly enforced, than is the duty of obedience to Rulers. We are commanded to fear God and honor the King, and meddle not with them that are given to change, to give honor to whom honor is due, and tribute to whom tribute is due. Submit yourselves, says the Apostle, to every ordinance of man, for the Lord's sake: Thou shalt not speak evil of the Rulers of the people. Nor will the many and pointed declarations on this matter appear of small value to those who think aught of the blessing of Civil Government to the well being of mankind. Appreciate, then, the blessings which you enjoy; continue to give your support to the Government, and beware of the arts of wicked and designing men, that would lead you to abandon both.

We have reason to know that few, if any, of those attached to our communion have had any part in the