

Donald M'Donald, the member, then requested all those against the Priest, to hold up their hands, and then all who were for him to do the same. Most appeared against Priest; *his* friends had not come that day: it was those principally, who were opposed to the Priest, that attended. Defendant proposed that new elders, or church wardens, should be elected, and proposed some himself; and seven, the usual number, were chosen. Defendant, after they were chosen, told them to meet the following Sunday, at Chapel, and warn the Priest to quit the Parish, in a fortnight, or month, as they might determine. Meeting then dispersed. M'Donald, the member, is an intimate friend of Defendant. It appeared to be the object of the meeting, to have the Priest away. The following Sunday, being 7th January, I was at the Chapel, at Bear River. There were more people there than I had seen for a long time before. The Priest had returned home that morning. I saw people present whom I had not seen there for a twelvemonth before. Defendant also; he was not a regular attendant at that Chapel. I had not seen him there for a twelvemonth before: heard he was there once during that time. When formerly he attended, he usually sat on the north side of the Chapel; that day he sat on the south side; there were persons along with him, not friendly disposed towards Priest MacDonald. Mass commenced; when the Latin part was over, Priest had some matters to address the people upon: this is the usual time. Priest said he understood there were some new elders appointed, and that he would not recognize them; that they were improperly appointed, and he only knew the old Elders. Defendant rose from his seat, and begged to be heard. Priest told him three times to hold his tongue. Defendant spoke at first in a moderate tone of voice, then louder, and then louder still; he stood about twenty or thirty feet from the altar. When Defendant would not cease, Priest knelt at the altar, and offered up a prayer for peace; congregation all knelt at the same time. This was not the place, in the order of the service, for that prayer. It was