

Sederunt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod took up the consideration of the Resolutions laid upon the table yesterday, setting forth the views of this Synod in regard to the Clergy Reserve Fund, when, after lengthened discussion, and various amendments made, they were adopted by the Synod as follows:—

It is Resolved and Declared :

1. That the Church of Scotland, of which this Synod is a branch, has always believed and asserted, that it is the duty of the Civil Magistrate, in every Christian land, to employ the influence of his station and office, in maintaining and extending the true faith, according to his ability, and within his own sphere ; because every civil ruler, whatever be his designation and degree, is under law to Christ, as the supreme and sovereign Ruler of nations, and is bound to extend His gospel, which is the surest bulwark of the order and prosperity of nations, even as it is the source of improvement and spiritual well-being to every individual believer.

2. That, having respect to the rights of conscience and the religious liberty of all classes, it is the duty of the civil ruler in every Christian land to have a solemn and enlightened concern, that all acts of legislation and government be conformable to God's Word and for the glory of His name ; and, in particular, to take order not only that sacred ordinances may be brought within the reach of such as desire them, but that the Christian minister may go forth with his divine message among the careless and ignorant, to persuade them to walk in the ways of true religion, both on account of the immediate benefit accruing from it to man as a social being, and its ultimate bearings on his highest interest and immortal destiny.

3. That, for the space of nearly three centuries, the Church of Scotland, within the kingdom of Scotland, has enjoyed the protection and maintenance of the State, and by the blessing of God, though with many sins, short-comings, and trials, she has been the honoured instrument of diffusing in that land the blessings of pure religion ; and from her labours the State has received in return for its support, the moral and religious improvement of the people, from which have resulted that respect for order, and that enlightened submission to lawful authority, which have long distinguished our countrymen.

4. That, ever since the formation of this Synod, our ecclesiastical relationship has been acknowledged by the Parent Church, in every way conformable to her constitution, and our own ecclesiastical independence ; and on this ground our ministers and people have for the last thirty years asserted their right to all the benefits of a connection with her as one of the Established Churches of the British Empire. Especially we long pleaded our legal claim to a portion of the lands in Canada, set apart for the maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, on the ground of the proper legal import of that designation, and of the treaty of union between England and Scotland. The claim, made on this special ground, and

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