

KINGSTON,
Saturday,
July 6, 1844.

Report of the
Committee on
the Relations of
the Church.

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the case, viz., Dr. Cook, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. John Thompson.

The Committee on the Relations of this Synod with the Church of Scotland reported a series of resolutions on this subject : and it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. George, that the said resolutions be adopted by the Synod : the tenor whereof follows :

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 :

1. That the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this Synod, notwithstanding any interpretations which may have been, or may be put on its "connexion with the Church of Scotland," has always been, now is, and ought to be free, final and uncontrolled.

2. That the members of this Synod feel themselves called on by the present circumstances of the church to pledge themselves to maintain such supreme jurisdiction of the Synod, over all its members and over the church in this Colony, against all interference from any quarter whatever ; and to frame an Act declaring such supreme jurisdiction—the said Act to be read over to all Ministers and Probationers, before their admission into this Synod, to the end that it may be clearly understood, by them, that the maintenance of such jurisdiction is a condition of their admission.

3. That the Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of this Synod be directed to receive Ministers and Probationers from all Presbyterian Churches holding the same standards of doctrine and discipline as this church, who shall produce sufficient evidence of their character and good standing, and of their having undergone such course of education, literary, scientific and theological, as has been in ordinary cases held to be sufficient by this church as a preparation for the office of the holy ministry, upon their coming under the usual vows.

4. That, in consideration of the divided state of feeling in this Synod, the discordant views entertained by its members on certain important points, and the manifest danger of division should expression be given to the views and feelings of only one section of the body, while such expression, could

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