

of Scotland should desire to be placed on the same footing with their fellow subjects of the Church of England. But having every reason, as well as every desire to repose the most implicit confidence in the justice and liberality of your Majesty's Government, your Petitioners humbly submit their case,—and that your Majesty may long reign to guard the rights of all classes of your Majesty's subjects, is the earnest prayer of your Majesty's Petitioners.

(Signed) Thomas C. Wilson, Hugh Urquhart, John Cruickshank, Alexander Gale, Robert McGill, Alexander Ross, John McKenzie, John Machar, William McAlister, William Rintoul, George Sheed, and Archibald Connel.

An address to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, was read, approved and ordered to be engrossed; the tenor whereof follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded, by this our first meeting, to express to your Excellency, as well the deep sense we entertain of your Excellency's paternal care of the general interests of religion in this part of his Majesty's dominions, as our grateful acknowledgments for your Excellency's attention to the interests of that portion of his Majesty's faithful subjects who are attached to the Church of Scotland.

The want of an Ecclesiastical Court to superintend the Spiritual interests of our Church in these Provinces, has been long felt, and the formation of such a Court, will, we humbly trust, through the blessing of Divine Providence, prove instrumental in promoting the great cause of Religion and Morality. Nor is it in our estimation, a slight advantage, that the formation of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, may afford a more direct means of communication with the Government under which we have the happiness to live.

With a firm reliance on HIM, whose servants we profess to be, it is our fixed determination, not only in this our public capacity, but also individually, to advance, by every means in our power, the religious and moral improvement of the people under our pastoral care, and by example no less than by precept, to inculcate obedience to the laws and respect for constituted authority, ever bearing in mind, that the same Scripture which enjoins us to fear God, also directs us to honour the King.