

adopted for equalizing the expense of Ministers and Elders at the meetings of Synod, to all the Congregations connected with the same,

*Be it therefore enacted:*—1. That a Fund be constituted under the direction of the Synod, to be called the FUND FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES, to which all Congregations in connection with the Synod shall contribute, and out of which the expenses of the Ministers and Elders attending the meetings of the Synod shall be paid, agreeably to an equitable estimate of what has been necessarily incurred by each.

2. That the several Congregations be, and hereby are, required to contribute to this Fund in the following proportions, viz:—where the usual congregational attendance is under 200, £3; from 2 to 300, £4; from 3 to 400, £5; from 5 to 600, £6, and so on.

3. That it shall be the duty of Presbytery Clerks to collect the contributions from the several Congregations within their respective bounds, previous to the annual meeting of Synod, and pay over the same to the Treasurer for the Synod, whose duty it shall be to keep a separate account of this Fund, and report to the Synod, at an early period of the Session, the amount received from each Congregation.

4. That the expenses necessarily incurred by the Members of the Synod actually attending shall be paid from this Fund, under the direction of the Finance Committee, to such extent as the state of the Fund may admit, whether in whole or in part, and in proportion to the distance travelled by each.

5. That as the efficacy and benefit of this plan depends upon the general and regular payment of all the Congregations, no Congregation shall be entitled to have their Ministers' and Elders' expenses paid, but such as regularly make their annual contribution to the Fund according to the scale above laid down; and where partial carelessness or neglect appears on the part of any Congregation, it shall be competent for the Finance Committee, in settling the claims of the Members of Synod from that Congregation to make such a reduction as the circumstances of the case may require.

The Synod approved of the recommendation of the Committee, and resolved that Presbyteries recommend Sessions to act on the Scheme of the Overture before the next annual Session of Synod, and that Presbyteries further report on said Overtures before any permanent means be adopted.

Reasons of dissent against the resolution of the Synod on the subject of the government allowance were given in by Mr. McKillican, and the same were read and ordered to be kept *in retentis*. Messrs. Alexander Colquhoun and Mowat craved that their adherence to the same be recorded. The Synod consented to this with certification that it might not be taken as precedent for members, who do not at the time of the passing of any resolution record their dissent from it, to claim the right at a subsequent meeting of the [Court] of having their dissent received and recorded.

The Synod's Committee on Missions produced a report which was read and received, and the same was committed to Mr. McGill and Mr. Mackintosh, with instructions to them to print such parts as they may see fit.