

ceded its powers and committed a great error. Attaching the greatest importance to residence, I should think the right of representation an evil rather than a good; or if possessed and not used, a mere show thing, that you would be better without. Besides the right of representation could scarcely exist, or rather could not at all exist, without the right of superintendence and government on our part; and it would not be easy to exercise such superintendence over courts on the other side of the Atlantic. See, for example, how the Presbytery of Edinburgh are bothered with the Presbytery of Calcutta, and how difficult they have found it to attend to complaints from that quarter, and to redress the evils complained of." Again, in July, 1833:—"I shall look with expectation for the promised account of your Synod's proceedings in August. If I mistake not the institution of that Court, and your Presbyteries under it, have done good to the Presbyterian (Church of Scotland) cause in Canada. In the eye of the government you are an organized and united body. They appear to acknowledge you as such, and you owe it more to your own exertions than to those of your friends in Britain, that there is now an approximation to a more equal distribution of the good things between you and the Church of England in Canada."—*Letters from the Rev. Dr. Patrick Macfarlane, of Greenock.*

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The following extracts from the Memorial addressed by the Synod to the General Assembly on its formation, may serve to illustrate the nature of the Synod's relation to the Assembly. No reply, as we recollect, was ever received to this Memorial, and, generally speaking, all the communications of the Synod were treated by the Assembly in the same way.

* * * Your Memorialists in thus addressing you, primarily design to inform you of the formation of an Ecclesiastical Union among themselves; and in terms of the resolution by which they were constituted into a Synod, to submit to you the determination of the precise relation which the Synod shall have to your Venerable Body; and withal to crave the counsel of your matured experience, and the aid and encouragement which you may be able to extend towards them. Your Memorialists holding firmly to the authorized standards of the Church of Scotland, have considered their Eccle-