

1st. To frame a constitution and such rules and regulations as may appear necessary for the future guidance of this Synod.

2d. To consider what steps can be taken at this time for commencing and establishing a Clerical Sustentation Fund.

3d. What further steps can the Synod adopt towards obtaining separate Schools.

4th. What course is it expedient for the Synod to take in this crisis of the Church property?

On each of these points, it appears my duty to make some remarks:

1st. A simple attempt towards a Constitution with such rules and regulations as are required to insure order and despatch in the management of business, has been drawn up and will be laid before you for your deliberation. It is rather offered as a ground upon which to proceed than as presenting anything complete—such completeness can only be arrived at by much care and serious reflection. In reference to this important object, I would respectfully suggest, that it be not finally adopted at this meeting of the Synod. Let each of its provisions be considered and drawn up with the utmost attention, and when the draft is completed, let it lie over to another Synod. In the meantime let it be printed and placed in the hands of the members of the Synod, Clerical and Lay, that it may have the benefit of their thoughtful deliberation, and be adopted at some future meeting, with or without alterations or amendments, as the case may be. I would further respectfully suggest, that during the time that this draft is waiting for future action, copies be forwarded to the Bishops of the British North American Colonies, for their consideration, and, if they think proper, to be laid before their clergy; promising that we will be happy to give our best attention to any alterations or amendments that they might feel disposed to offer. To promote unity in the Church is most desirable, and could we bring about the adoption of the