

COLOMBO.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from GOVERNOR SIR HERCULES ROBINSON to the
Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 240.)

Queen's House, Colombo, December 30, 1865.

(Received, Feb. 3, 1866.)

(Answered, No. 126 May 8, 1866, page 16.)

SIR,

WITH reference to my Despatch No. 233,* of the 14th instant, forwarding copy of the proceedings of the Synod at Colombo, I have the honour to transmit to you copy of a letter from Messrs Morgan, Vane, and Skinner, enclosing a document signed by certain members of the United Church of England and Ireland, recording their desire not to be identified with or be held to be represented by the Synod, or bound by any of its acts, declarations, or resolutions.

This document bears the signatures of gentlemen holding respectable and influential positions in the Colony.

The Right Hon.
Edward Cardwell, M.P.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON.

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SIR,

Colombo, December 28, 1865.

WE have the honour to forward the enclosed, and beg that you will lay the same before the Governor, and request his Excellency to forward it to the Secretary of State.

The paper is still in circulation, and the additional signatures will be made known to you without delay.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

RICHARD F. MORGAN.
G. VANE.
T. SKINNER.

With reference to the following resolution, moved and adopted at a late meeting of the Lord Bishop of Colombo, and certain of the clergy and laity, held in St. Thomas' College, Colombo, on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd days of September, 1865,—

“That this Synod, lawfully summoned by the Bishop of this Diocese, claims to be by representation the Church of the Diocese of Colombo, in union and full communion with the United Church of England and Ireland, and identical with the said Church in faith and doctrine, and acknowledges the supremacy of the Sovereign, and the authority of any Synod of this Province, lawfully summoned, in which this Synod shall have been duly represented.”—

We, the undersigned, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, desire to record that we have not joined in this alleged Synod, nor taken any part therein, that we do not acknowledge it to be by representation the Church of the Diocese of Colombo, and that we are not and do not hold ourselves bound by any of its acts, declarations, or resolutions.

Conceding freely to others the privilege of judging and acting for themselves in this as in other matters, we claim that we may in no way be identified with or be held to be represented by this alleged Synod, or bound by any of its acts, declarations, or resolutions.

Signed by WILLIAM CHAS. GIBSON, Colonial Secretary,
and 41 others.

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No. 13.

COPY of a DESPATCH from GOVERNOR SIR HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon.
EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 55.)

Newera Ellia, Ceylon, March 25, 1866.

(Received May 3, 1866.)

(Answered, No. 126, May 8, 1866, page 16.)

SIR,

AT the request of the Bishop of Colombo, I have the honour to forward a letter addressed to you by his Lordship, correcting some of the statements contained in a letter received by you from the Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, upon the subject of the Synod lately held in Colombo, a copy of which was, it appears, transmitted for the Bishop's information by that body.

The Right Hon.
Edward Cardwell, M.P.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON.

March 7, 1866.