

Understanding that it is within the powers and duties of the Provincial Synod to regulate all forms and practices connected with the public services of the Church of England and Ireland in these Provinces, your Petitioners respectfully pray that you will give their Petition your most serious consideration, and take such immediate action thereon as will effectually prevent the introduction of all innovations in the ceremonies or practices of the Church in Canada, by Canon laws which shall define and establish a universal mode of conducting our Church Services, and thereby secure to the Members thereof a continuance of that pure Scriptural and Protestant form of worship which has ever been observed by the Church (prior to the said innovations) since the Reformation.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(About 400 signatures attached.)

Petition from 176 Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Ottawa, (conveyed in the same terms.)

Petition from 156 Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Montreal, (conveyed in the same terms.)

Petition from 17 Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Franklin, Province of Quebec (conveyed in the same terms.)

Petition from 42 Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Town of Prescott (conveyed in the same terms.)

To the Prolocutor and Members of the Lower House, of the Provincial Synod :

The Petition of the Clergy and Congregation of Saint James' Church, Kingston, in Vestry assembled, sheweth :

That your Petitioners are sincerely attached members of the United Church of England and Ireland, as its principles and practice were established at the Reformation in the Sixteenth Century ; that they accept, with thanks to the God of all wisdom, the Prayer-book as the expression of those principles and practices, and as the bond of union among the members of the United Church ; That it is our painful experience that deviations and departures from this hitherto common ground, invariably lead to strife and division, and that from this cause, in several parishes in the Diocese of Ontario, peace has fled, confidence in the ministry has given place to distrust—and that strength, which in order to prosperity