

MONTREAL,
Monday,
Sept. 23, 1844.

Mr. McLaurin to
visit the Highland
settlements.

Instruction to the
commissioner
deputation.

Report of
convener of the
nine commis-
sioners given in.

Alteration in the
list of
commissioners.

Instructions to
the nine
commissioners.

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After mature deliberation, the Synod agreed that the Rev. John MacLaurin, of Martintown, be sent as soon as possible on a missionary visit to the various Highland settlements in the western part of the province, where no regular minister is stationed, and to explain to the people, if he shall deem it expedient, the true independent position of this Synod. The Synod instructed the Presbytery of Glengary to devise means for defraying his travelling expenses, and supplying his pulpit during his absence;—and recommend the ministers, who are stationed in the vicinity of those places which Mr. MacLaurin may visit, to accompany him in his visitations and assist him by their advice and co-operation. And in the event of the negotiations for re-union with the seceding brethren failing, and of the continuance of their attempts to alienate the affections of the people from this church, the Synod instruct the Commission to select at least two ministers, suitably qualified, and to send them forth to the places where their services may be most needed, to vindicate the Synod in its present position and use their best endeavours to build up the church in those places, to organize congregations, and to direct them, as they best can, into the means by which they may procure the settlement of pious and able ministers among them.

The Synod called for the report of the Commissioners on the Clergy Reserves, which was given in and read by the Convener. The Synod ordered the said report to be kept *in retentis*.

The Rev. John Machar having resigned his office as a Commissioner of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act, the Synod appointed Charles Tait, Esquire, of Montreal, to be a Commissioner of the Synod in his stead, and instructed the Clerk to communicate to the Governor General this alteration in the list of the Commissioners.

The Synod enjoin the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to use all diligence to ascertain the legal rights of this church, in regard to lapsed salaries of ministers, and to the Clergy Reserves generally, and to obtain possession of such sum or sums as may be lawfully due to this church; and, further, the Synod instruct the Commissioners, in the event of any such sum or sums being obtained, to divide them among the unendowed brethren, to an amount not exceeding Forty

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