

and peace of this Church, against error and schism, notwithstanding of whatsoever trouble or persecution may arise, and that you shall follow no divisive courses from the present established doctrine, worship, discipline and government of this church?

6.—Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, your great motives and chief inducements to enter into the functions of the holy ministry, and not worldly designs and interest?

7.—Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this call?

8.—Do you engage in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to rule well your own family, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to discharge all the parts of the Ministerial work, to the edification of the body of Christ?

9.—Do you accept of and Close with the Call to be Pastor of this Congregation, and promise, through grace, to perform all the duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this people?

According to the standing rule of this Church the following Act requires to be read over and assented to by the Intraant:—

WHEREAS, this Synod has always, from its first establishment, possessed a free and supreme jurisdiction, over all the congregations and ministers in connection therewith; and although the independence and freedom of this Synod, in regard to all things spiritual, cannot be called in question, but has been repeatedly and in most explicit terms affirmed, not only by itself, but by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, yet as in present circumstances it is expedient that this independence be asserted and declared by a special act:—

It is, therefore, hereby declared, That this Synod had always claimed and possessed, does now possess, and ought always, in all time coming, to have and exercise a perfectly free, full, final, supreme and uncontrolled power of jurisdiction, discipline and government, in regard to all matters ecclesiastical and spiritual over all the ministers, elders, church members and congregations under its care, without the right of review, appeal, complaint or reference by or to any other Court or Courts whatsoever, in any form or under any pretence; and that in all cases that may come before it for judgment, the decisions and deliverance of this Synod shall be final. And this Synod further declares, that if any encroachment on this supreme power and authority shall be attempted or threatened, by any person or persons, Court or Courts whatsoever, then this Synod, and each and every member thereof, shall, to the utmost of their power, resist and oppose the same. And whereas, the words in the designation of the Synod, "In connection with the Church of Scotland," have been misunderstood or misrepresented by many persons, it is hereby declared, that the said words imply no right of jurisdiction or control, in any form whatever, by the Church of Scotland over this Synod, but denote merely the connection of origin, identity of standards, and ministerial and church communion.

XVII. In the most conspicuous place in the church, and near to the pulpit, a table and seats being placed where the brethren of the Presbytery and Elders of the congregation are to sit, together with the In-