

History from the birth of Christ to A. D. 50.

There was laid before the Presbytery a petition subscribed by Thomas Ellis, Andrew O'Brien and David Whidden, commissioners from the congregation of Douglass, craving that a member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in their calling of a minister to take the charge of their souls, and in the mean time as constant a supply of sermon by Mr. Dick as possible. The petition in both its parts was granted *nem. con.*, and Mr. Brown was appointed to moderate in the call on the day of October next.

There was laid before the Presbytery a petition subscribed by Robert Stuart and George MacConnel for themselves and others who had not freedom to subscribe Mr. Ross' call, craving either that they might have church privileges in the East River or West River congregations in consequence of their paying to the Presbytery as their consciences should direct, the money to be applied to any religious purpose the Presbytery should direct, provided it be not included in Mr. Ross' stipends; or else that they might be joined to the Harbor congregation. After some deliberation the Presbytery granted the first alternative of the petition.

Appointed their next meeting at Truro on the third of November next.

Closed with prayer.

Truro Nov. 3rd 1802.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present: John Brown, Duncan Ross, and James McGregor, ministers, with Thomas Fraser and Robert Marshall, ruling elders.

Mr. Dick delivered his exercise and additions, from Rom. 1:16, and the question being put: "approve thereof as part of the trials or not," it carried unanimously, "approve."

The presbytery adjourned till four o'clock p.m. Closed with prayer.

Truro, 4 P. M. Nov. 3rd, 1802.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present, *ut supra*.

Mr. Brown reported his proceedings at the moderation of the Douglass call on the day of October and they were approved of.

A call to Mr. Dick was laid before the Presbytery by the commissioner for Douglass congregation and being read it was sustained, *nem. con.*, and on being presented was accepted by Mr. Dick.

The call had been subscribed in the

presence of two witnesses by a number of persons, and the commissioners declared that there would have been a number more subscribers but that many of its people did not know that it was a duty to subscribe the call, seeing they had subscribed an obligation for Mr. Dicks maintenance; upon which the Presbytery ordered the call to be returned and opportunity to be given to the above persons to subscribe it previous to the day of Mr. Dicks ordination.

Mr. Dick read the first Psalm in Hebrew, a part of the Greek New Testament, *ad aperituram libri* and gave an account of Church History from the birth of Christ to A. D. 50, to the satisfaction of the Presbytery. The Presbytery then put the question, approve of Mr. Dicks trials *in cumulo*, or not, and it carried unanimously, approve.

Appointed the ordination of Mr. Dick at Douglass in the 21st of June next. And Mr. Brown to serve edict ten days before the ordination of Mr. Dick; Mr. McGregor to preach in the forenoon, and to conduct in the ordination, and Mr. Ross to preach in the afternoon. Closed with prayer.

Douglas, June 1st, 1803.

*Pro re nata.*

The Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

Present: Duncan Ross, John Brown, and James McGregor, ministers; with Robert Marshall, ruling elder.

A petition was laid before the presbytery subscribed by eight persons, commissioners from Douglass congregation, purporting that it would be impossible for Mr. Dick to minister to the whole congregation and praying that it might be divided into two and that he might be appointed into one of them.

The Presbytery heard the commissioners who represented that it was not the desire of any congregation to be divided into two, provided that Mr. Dick's labors could be so regulated as that he could serve the whole without a division.

The Presbytery resolved themselves into a committee.

Closed with prayer.

After the committee was over the Presbytery was again constituted with prayer.

Present: *ut supra*.

The report of the committee being called for, the clerk read the following resolution.

"That Mr. Dick preach one third part at each place of public worship. viz. at Fort Ellis meeting house, at the mouth of