

Scotland (meaning you intend to originate a new one,) say that they have come to give the Assembly full information about their kind deed (the horrid deed of slaughter) to the Kirk, and the motives which led them to commit it; that the Kirk is in a highly prosperous state; that you have done all you could to promote her peace and prosperity, and prevent schism, and defend her against Dissenters and all enemies; tell the Assembly in one breath that you have toiled night and day to build up the Kirk (meaning the mongrel imp of 1875) and (with a sly wink to their transatlantic friends) say next that you have carefully (you may say, eagerly,) looked after temporalities and funds sent from Scotland (that is, that you have appropriated them) and done your utmost to promote her interest (those of the new sect); that you glory in the name "Kirk of Scotland," (say nothing about your taking her by the throat, and dragging her as a criminal before every Legislature in Canada, to compel them to strip her of her possessions—strangle her, and put her out of existence) in a word, say that she (meaning your trumpery Unionism) is as strong as ever: but *if the truth about your treachery reaches the Assembly's ears*, instruct your deputation to *fly for bare life*, "as if half-a-dozen hounds were after them!"

Should your deputation however, speak truth, they will say: "Moderator of the General Assembly, we are ashamed to appear in your presence. We come from Canada, a deputation from a so-called Synod illegally convened last November, and from that section of it which represents only treachery and rebellion. Our appointment therefore is null and void. In fact, ourselves were Dissenters till some years ago we got ourselves foisted into the Kirk, and all the time we have been in it, we have plotted her destruction. How successful we have been, let the following facts show: We seduced from their allegiance to her the majority of her ministers and members; under the deceptive name of 'Union' we got a mass of illiterate people to join, telling them *they would still be the Church of Scotland*. After slyly getting their names to a piece of rubbish called 'basis of Union,' by a master-stroke of Jesuitry we used these in bringing about *the abolition of the Church of Scotland in Canada!* Alas! how we outraged the feelings of our faithful brethren! Determined to force the obnoxious 'Union' at all hazards, in defiance of all rights of the Kirk and her defenders, we at last acted illegally at meetings at New Glasgow and Toronto last winter, overriding the Barrier-Act of the Church, and rushing our Destruction Bills through Legislatures before the people knew their contents. Oh! sad story! we are ashamed to go on. It was a dark, gloomy day, that we met at Toronto to despatch the Kirk. It was the 5th of November, the Anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot. Our Unionist plotting at Toronto on that day, to blow up the Protestant Kirk of Scotland, is equal to anything that Guy Fawkes and his assistant conspirators ever attempted! Base conspirators that we are, we dragged the innocent Church of Scotland as a malefactor before every tribunal in Canada to receive her death-blow, shouting to the rabble, 'Persecute and take her!' only let us 'share in the spoils.' Yet God himself seems to be her Deliverer, for our great object to destroy her is not gained; she will flourish in Canada in spite of us, and the more we persecute her, we fear she will flourish the more. We have at least done our best to extinguish her in the fires of persecution. The injury we have done to religion is incalculable. The whole Kirk in Canada, Presbyteries and Congregations, we have rent asunder; a world of evil has been created, and hostile feelings engendered which will not die out in the present generation. Black day for Canada that we robbed her of the sound Protestant Church of

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