

witness to all Christian nations of the true principles according to which the civil magistrate should support the visible kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. That the Synod, enjoying, as we do, peculiar opportunities for witnessing the great evils that befall a nation when the true religion is not duly countenanced and maintained by the civil authorities, evils which have long in the Divine goodness been averted from Scotland, regard it as a great calamity, that collision has occurred between the ecclesiastical and civil tribunals in Scotland, and record our fervent hope that such steps may be taken as shall restore the interrupted harmony, so that the Church may be supported in her labours in her own sphere, and the state, as heretofore may have increasing evidence that the Church is the best bulwark of order, improvement, and happiness among the people.

3. That this Synod experience the highest gratification in observing the enlightened and holy spirit that animates the Parent Church, her advancing internal purity and zeal, the removal of hindrances which stood in the way of the return of such of her children as had seceded from her communion; and we do sincerely trust that the Scottish National Church, adhering to her primitive and scriptural standards will ere long exhibit to Christendom such a spectacle of unity in the faith, and such an example of scriptural connexion with the state, as shall give assurance, that the Lord Jesus Christ for whose Crown and Sovereignty she is contending will make the land an heritage that the Lord has blessed.

4. That this Synod petition Her Majesty the Queen, and the Imperial Parliament, in support of all the just rights and claims of the Church of Scotland, and in particular that the wishes of the people be duly regarded in the settlement of their Ministers, and that the secular courts be prevented from all interference with the spiritual concerns of the Church.

By order of the Synod, a letter from the pen of the Moderator, Mr. George, was addressed to the General Assembly of the United States, from which the following paragraph, bearing upon these resolutions, is extracted. It is dated July, 1841:—

At a crisis like the present in the history of the Church of Scotland when we are looking with anxious solicitude for the development of the divine purposes regarding her, we cannot but be deeply affected with the expressions of your kind sympathy in her behalf. In her assertion of spiritual independence, in her struggles against injurious usurpations of secular power, she is once more revived to the spirit which actuated her in the best periods of her history. But when we consider the principles which govern those who desire to retain her in bondage, and the power which they can wield to accomplish their end; and when we look at the