

case to arbitration, in accordance with a recommendation of Dr. Lee, of Edinburgh, an attested copy of whose letter was produced and read.

There was also produced and read, a petition, numerously and respectably signed, by certain Elders, Members of Committee, and Members of the aforesaid Church, requesting the Synod to take the case of the said Church into consideration, whereupon Mr. Black repeated verbally his pledge to submit the whole case in dispute, in St. Gabriel Street Church, to the decision of arbitrators, of whom Mr. John Machar, and Mr. John McKenzie, *Ministers*, should form two, and Mr. Esson having also pledged himself to submit the whole case to arbitration, appointed Mr. George Sheed, and Mr. Robert McGill, arbitrators on his part; and both Mr. Black and Mr. Esson, agreed that the said arbitrators should have power to call in an Umpire if necessary.

The Synod having maturely considered the specialties and difficulties of the case, approved of the submission to the aforesaid arbitrators, and instructed those brethren to proceed in the arbitration with the caution and deliberation which the importance of the case demands, and to procure from the parties, if necessary, a written pledge, that they shall abide by the decision of the arbitrators. The Synod instructed the Clerk to furnish Mr. Esson and Mr. Black, each with a copy of this minute for themselves, and for the parties respectively connected with them.

And the Synod recommended that the doors of the said Church be opened on Sabbath se'ennight, for public worship, and that both Mr. Esson and Mr. Black do preach in the Church as heretofore, unless any thing in the decision of the arbitrators, bar their doing so:—Mr. Black preaching in the morning of Sabbath se'ennight, and Mr. Esson in the afternoon, according to rotation.

The Synod further instructed the arbitrators to report to the Synod, at the next meeting, the decision which they may have come to in this case. The deliverance of the Synod was read to the parties, and agreed to by them.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the case of Mr. James Smith, Preacher of the Gospel in Quebec; and his letter applying for ordination to the Church of Guelph, was read; when it was agreed to remit the case to the Presbytery of York, with instructions to them to proceed according to the laws of the Church.

The Moderator of the Presbytery of Bathurst, craved permission to call a meeting of Presbytery, to-morrow, for special business, and leave was granted.

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