

which draws a distinct line between private injury, open to action of law, and mass outrages against public order and peace; and cannot but feel that to Government does it belong to take action in the premises—as a mob—independent of any recourse to law by private aggrieved parties.

“That this Presbytery begs most respectfully to state, that, while anxious for ‘the things that make for peace,’ if brute force, sustained by official presence, is to regulate social liberty,—if, unchecked by Government, life and rights are to be left to the mercy of a mob, it will be the imperative duty of Protestants to take the remedy into their own hands, and demand security at the tribunal of public opinion, at which they confidently rely on no uncertain utterance.

“That this Presbytery, while sincerely sympathizing with Messrs. Goodfellow and Chiniquy, pledging them, if required, both moral and material aid and their co-operation in rousing the public sentiment of the Province,—do not very deeply regret the outrage itself, inasmuch as it was just the thing required to dispel the delusion of *Romish amelioration*, so industriously spread abroad by interested politicians, and which many had come almost to believe; and this Presbytery would beg to remind their fellow Protestants of the great fact *written in martyr's blood*, that liberty of thought and worship ceases where Popery is in the ascendant.

“In common with other Courts of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, this Presbytery would especially appeal to the Government; and claim a thorough, searching, enquiry, *on the ground of public right and order*, that the guilty may be punished, liberty of assemblage and worship vindicated, the repetition of such scenes prevented, and the character of the Government for integrity and impartiality maintained—assured, that only by such action, prompt and decided, will the Protestant sentiment of the country be satisfied.

“That this Presbytery appoints the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, the Rev. J. H. Chase, M. A. and J. F. Blanchard, Ruling Elder, a Committee to bring this their deliverance under the notice of the Government through the Attorney-General, and further, to convey a copy thereof to the Rev. Mr. Goodfellow.”

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU, (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.)

*The Manse, Saultsprings, Aug. 28, 1873.*

REV. E. A. MCCURDY:

*Dear Sir*,—I have duly received yours of the 19th inst., with prepared statement of facts relative to the Antigonish Riot enclosed. At our meeting of Presbytery held

yesterday in Pictou, they were submitted for consideration, when after a free and full expression of opinion by different members of the court, it was unanimously resolved, “That this Presbytery desire to express their strong indignation at the lawless and unprovoked violence displayed by those who made the assault in question upon Messrs. Chiniquy and Goodfellow, their lively gratitude to Almighty God for preserving the lives of these His servants in circumstances so perilous, then sympathy with their brethren of the P. C. L. P. in their efforts to secure the right of free discussion from wanton outrage, and to uphold the majesty of law, and their hope that their efforts in connection with the circumstances which called them forth may be successful, by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, in opening the eyes of the Roman Catholic population of Antigonish to the errors of a system, of which persecutions, such as those referred to in the statement prepared by the Committee, are the too common results.”

I am, yours respectfully,

W. McMILLAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX, (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.)

*Halifax, 10th Sept. 1873.*

REV. E. A. MCCURDY:

*Dear Sir*,—I am directed to forward to you the following extract from Minutes of Presbytery held to-day.

Yours truly,

JOHN McMILLAN.

*Inter Alia*.—“The Clerk read a letter from Rev. E. A. McCurdy, inclosing a statement of facts anent the late Antigonish Riot, whereupon it was moved by Rev. John Campbell, seconded by Jas. J. Bremner, Esq., and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery record their indignation at the outrage committed on ministers of the Gospel in the Village of Antigonish—sympathise with Messrs. Chiniquy and Goodfellow—and heartily agree to co-operate with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in whatever efforts may be deemed by them best fitted to bring the offenders to justice, and to maintain the rights of free speech in our community.”

Extracted by

JOHN McMILLAN, *Clerk.*

WESLEYAN.

*Cornwall, P. E. Island, Sept. 10th, 1873.*

*Rev. and Dear Sir*,—I acknowledge receipt of your letter of Aug. 18th, with printed statements respecting the “Antigonish riot.”

The matter was brought before the Wesleyan Preachers of this Island, in district