

KINGSTON,
Saturday,
July 5, 1845.

of the petitioners, agree to record their utmost satisfaction therewith, and, with the feelings of brotherly kindness, exhort and encourage Mr. Colquhoun to persevere in the humble Christian course on which he to them appears to have entered, and, seeking the grace of God, to walk henceforth in all the commandments of the Lord blamelessly. But, inasmuch as it does not appear from any thing before the Synod that Mr. Colquhoun has been reconciled to any of those whom he has offended, nor that he has in the spirit of penitence sought to be so reconciled, and also as the Apostolical injunction to those holding spiritual rule absolutely forbids precipitation in admitting any one to the office of the ministry,—a rule which in the spirit of it more stringently applies to the restoration of one who has grievously erred,—the Synod considered it inexpedient, in the present state of the case, to remove the sentence of suspension, until further time be given to Mr. Colquhoun to make full proof of his penitence. And this they do in the firm persuasion that, by recommending Mr. Colquhoun to exercise, among those who petitioned for the removal of his suspension, the duties of a teacher, the manifestation of continued penitence and humility in him, and the caution which the Synod exercises in a matter of such importance, will, if properly viewed, have a more beneficial influence on their spiritual well being than if the prayer of their petition had been at once complied with. And the Synod instruct the Presbytery of Kingston to remove the suspension when there shall be sufficient evidence presented that he has been reconciled, or has shown himself earnestly desirous to be reconciled to those persons who had just reasons for being offended with him."

After long discussion, the vote was taken, when Dr. Mathieson's motion was carried by a large majority of votes, —and the Synod ordained accordingly.

There was next transmitted to the Synod, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Montreal anent Representative Elders from Sessions. The Synod, having fully discussed the said overture, adopted the same, and ordained in terms thereof, as follows :—

Second motion
anent
Mr. Colquhoun
carried.

Overture anent
Elders.