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# [MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.]

*A Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod at Lurgan, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1778.*

M<sup>r</sup> Smith, Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod, being absent from this meeting, M<sup>r</sup> Rental, as *pastor loci*, being solicited, opened the Synod by preaching from Acts 19:20. After sermon, M<sup>r</sup> Jackson, upon a motion seconded, took the chair and constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev<sup>l</sup> Pby's as followeth—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.	
James Todd		Wm. Rogers	
Jno. White		Jno. Wright	
Wm. Kennedy		Thos. Read	
Jno. Macleland		Wm. Montgomery	
Mos. Hogg		Jno. Bankhead	
Wm. Wilson		Jno. Abernethy	
Geo. Murray		Andw. Hume	
Jos. Smith	Jno. Greer		
Killilea Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
Jas. Armstrong		Isaac Patrick	Jas Mulligan
Jno. Strong		Robert McClure	Hen. Dunn
Mos. Neilson		Saml. Barbar	
Joseph Litle		Jas. Birch	Jno. McKee
Wm. Steel Dickson	Robt. Layry	Jno. Thompson	Jas. Baxter
		Robt. Rentall	Wm. Richardson
Armagh Pby		Jno. Sherard	Jno. Orr
		Jno. Cochran	Saml. Adair
		Frans. Turretine	
Hen. Jackson		Bangor Pby.	
Wm. Campbell		Wm. Rowan	
Saml. Livingston	Alex. Given	James Hull	
Robt. Dickson		Jas. Cochran	Mr. Gaudy
Robt. Black		Jas. Bryson	
Strabane Pby.		Jas. Caldwell	
		Jno. Adams	Jno. Strong
Jos. Osborn		Geo. Kennedy	
Wm. Craford		Robt. Maclintock	
Derry Pby.		Andw. Craig	
		Belfast Pby.	
Jno. Law		Jos. Kinkead	
		Wm. Laird	
		Saml. Patten	

## RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Pby—continued.		Ballymena Pby.	
Thos. Birch	Wm. McKee	Jno. Rankin	Wm. Thompson
Hu. McKee		Jas. Cuming	Alex. Montgomery
Andw. Green		Jno. Lyndsay	
Letterkenny Pby.		Alexr. Speer	
Jos. Lytle		Robt. Christy	
Ben. McDowell	Robt. Sherard	David Park	
		Jno. Brown	Robt. Macomb
Rout Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Robt. Henry		Jas. Caldwell	
Jno. Smith	Jno. Read	Monaghan Pby.	
		Jas. Jackson	
		Saml. Kennedy	
		Wm. Smith	
		Wm. Moor	
		Jno. Davis	
		Mat. Trimble	
		Clogher Pby.	
		None.	

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Jackson moved that another be chosen to moderate in y<sup>s</sup> Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet: Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy, Neilson, Livingston, Osborn, Law, Read, M<sup>c</sup>Clure, M<sup>c</sup>Dowell, Henry, Lyndsay, Jackson, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, & Bryson. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Bryson chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Rogers continued Clerk.

Clk

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clure

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clure being next in votes to the Mod<sup>r</sup> now chosen be appointed to preach at next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, the second day of their meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Ordered that the Sev<sup>l</sup> Phys meet this evening to prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & General Synods fixed Comittee; as also an acc<sup>t</sup> of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed; candidates been licensed, entered on trials, since last Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod; likewise an account of annuitants on y<sup>o</sup> fund, if any have died since last Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acc<sup>t</sup> of women now living that have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. This session concluded with prayer.

2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, as appointed by last G. Synod, preached from\* at nine o'clock y<sup>n</sup> forenoon.

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\*Text not given.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Committees, as also the following accts. namely :

Armagh Pby report that M<sup>rs</sup> Cherry & M<sup>rs</sup> Menagh are upon y<sup>e</sup> On y<sup>e</sup> fund fund.

Tyrone Pby have installed M<sup>r</sup> Stitt, at Dungannon, y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>, Installed 1777; they have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery, having passed trials Licensed according to the Synodical Rules. They have entered on 1<sup>st</sup> Trials M<sup>r</sup> Anderson; they have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Jo<sup>s</sup> Smith in Keady, 15<sup>th</sup> of October last past, he is a contributor to the widows fund; annuitants, with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin; not on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Rea.

Killilea Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott & M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy.

Strabane Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong.

Derry Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Brizell at Muff, 30<sup>th</sup> 8ber, Ord<sup>d</sup> 1776; Mr. Erwin at Fahan in Sep<sup>t</sup>, 1777, and M<sup>r</sup> Scott at Donagh, 22 Novem<sup>r</sup>, 1777. They licensed M<sup>r</sup> Glendai and M<sup>r</sup> Steel Clark according to the Synodical Rules; they have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Allen, no return of their widows, only that M<sup>rs</sup> Murray died the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1777.

Templepatrick Pby have entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> Jno Marshall, on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White.

Dromore Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ferson at Glentubret 6<sup>th</sup> May Ord<sup>d</sup> 1778, he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They have installed M<sup>r</sup> Fran<sup>s</sup> Turretine at Mountnorris y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1778. He Installed subscribed the W.M. confession of faith; they have entered on 1<sup>st</sup> trials Trials M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Neally. On the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Sims, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey.

Bangor Pby ordained M<sup>r</sup> Craig in Moira, the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1778. Ord<sup>d</sup> He was a contributor to the widows fund; they have entered on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gaudy & Strong; on the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell, famy M<sup>r</sup> Dickson.

Belfast Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> King died the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>, 1777, he Dead was a contributor to the widows fund, and left no family. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gee according to Synodical Rules, he subscribed the Licensed W.M. confession of faith; the widows with them on the fund are M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, family M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kean.

Letterkenny Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Farland according to the Licensed Synodical Rules; he subscribed the confession of faith, they entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> Hu: Morison. The widows with them as in y<sup>e</sup> year past. They Trials also report that M<sup>r</sup> Jno M<sup>c</sup>Means was deposed from the ministerial Deposed office the 15<sup>th</sup> 8ber, 1777, & have suspended M<sup>r</sup> David Allen, *sine die*, Suspended y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1778; both deprived of the R.D.

Rout Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Moor according to Synodical Rules. Licensed They have entered M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Elder on trials. No return of y<sup>e</sup> widows.



Ballymena Pby have entered on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Cash. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Macurdy, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> McCreight.

Dublin Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, M<sup>rs</sup> McBeath, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Killburn.

Monaghan Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Jackson according to Synodical Rules; widows on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Bond, M<sup>rs</sup> Mackee, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Clark died the 23<sup>rd</sup> June Inst.

From Clogher Pby no return.

Synod's Com-  
mittee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as followeth :—

From Armagh Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cample & Livingston with an Elder.  
 Tyrone Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & McClelland w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.  
 Killilea Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Macomb & Strong with an Elder.  
 Monaghan Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Trimble with an Elder.  
 Strabane Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Osborn & Craford with an Elder.  
 L.kenny Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshall & Alexander with an Elder.  
 T.patrick Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Read & Montgomery w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.  
 Dromore Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Maelure & Barbar w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.  
 Bangor Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull & Caldwell with an Elder.  
 Belfast Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Huey & Laird with an Elder.  
 Ballymena Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin & Lyndsay with an Elder.  
 Ront Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ewing & Marshall with an Elder.  
 Dublin Pby M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell with an Elder.  
 Derry no return.  
 Clogher no return.

These with our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Dungan when called by the Moderator upon any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be ministers.

Pbys to meet

The Several Pbys are ordered to meet immediately, Adjourned to 7 o'clock. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5. This Session concluded with prayer, &c.

3<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*3<sup>d</sup> Session at 7 o'clock, afternoon, after prayer &c.*

Next Synod

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. Lurgan was proposed and agreed to without a division. The next meeting of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod to be at Lurgan, the last Tuesday in June, '79. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Caple Street

On reading the minute of last Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod upon the business of Caple Street congregation, and Mr. Baird's case, it appeared that the Committee appointed to meet at Newry did convene, as appointed,

where commissioners, complainants, and also M<sup>r</sup> Baird in his defence, did appear, and the copy of said Committee's minute is as followeth :—

At a Committee of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod met at Newry Aug<sup>t</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 1777, <sup>Committee</sup>  
members present—<sup>Newry</sup>

Min <sup>rs</sup> .	Elders.
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Smith, Mod <sup>r</sup> .	
„ Geo. Harris	
„ Jn <sup>o</sup> Davis	John Bailly
„ Ju <sup>s</sup> Jackson	
„ Mich <sup>l</sup> Henry	W <sup>m</sup> Kennedy
„ Jos: Litle	
„ Sam <sup>l</sup> Barbar	
„ Jos : Hay	
„ Isaac Patrick	W <sup>m</sup> Gordon
„ James Moodie	Ja <sup>s</sup> Pollock
„ Henry Jackson	
„ William Campbell	
„ Sam <sup>l</sup> Livingstone	
„ And <sup>w</sup> Kennedy	
„ W <sup>m</sup> Steel Dickson	
„ William Stitt	John Neall

M<sup>r</sup> Barbar opened the Committee by preaching from Jo. 8 : 46.

Appeared from Caple Street, Dublin, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stewart, Blair, & <sup>Comm<sup>rs</sup></sup>  
Gilbert, Comm<sup>rs</sup>, to support the complaints against M<sup>r</sup> Baird. M<sup>r</sup> <sup>Caple Street</sup>  
Baird also appeared. The Commissioners from Dublin & M<sup>r</sup> Baird  
declared themselves ready for trial. The reasons in support of the  
supplication of the commissioners at the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod containing the  
charge against M<sup>r</sup> Baird were read. The reasons were also read again  
severally & considered. The witnesses adduced in proof of each, and  
M<sup>r</sup> Baird's defence were fully heard, after which the Committee came  
to the following resolution—to wit, that all the material charges  
brought against M<sup>r</sup> Baird's conduct and character were proved or <sup>Censured</sup>  
admitted, and that though the whole of the transactions under consider-  
tion, M<sup>r</sup> Baird hath discovered a mind not sufficiently impressed with  
the principles of that Religion he professed to preach and practise. The  
Committee therefore having a just abhorrence of M<sup>r</sup> Baird's conduct and  
behaviour, do appoint the Moderator to rebuke him from the pulpit, in  
the most solemn manner, for the Temper of mind, and Tenure of  
conduct thus discovered, and warmly and earnestly admonished him to  
act a part in future more suitable to his character as a man, & a  
Christian, and particularly as a minister of the Gospel, and they farther  
enjoin him not to preach or exercise the function of a Gospel Minister  
within the bounds of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, unless by appointment of that  
Synod, or some particular Pby thereunto belonging; and also to enjoin  
him to give up his present house, and all the appendages belonging to  
the congreg<sup>n</sup> of Caple Street to the Trustees of that congregation, in

Mr Baird de-  
posed

one month from the date hereof, or as soon after as demanded by the said Trustees, otherwise he be disposed [deposed] from the ministry *ipso facto*. Mr. Baird was accordingly rebuked & admonished, upon which he renounced all subjection & dependance upon the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, and all its subordinate parts.

The Conduct and resolution of the Committee who met at Newry was considered and approved by this Synod.

It was then enquired in what relation does M<sup>r</sup> Baird now stand to this Synod, when it appeared to be their mind that he is deposed from the ministry, and that he is no longer entitled to the R.D. than the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1777, of which the Clerk of the Synod is ordered to give Information to Mr. Lang without loss of time.

Ballyhalbert

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod relative to the Ballyhalbert and Kirkcobrin differences, it appeared that M<sup>r</sup> Henry had changed Pulpits with M<sup>r</sup> Dickson, the day appointed and report that the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ballyhalbert did in the most ample manner conform everything, proposed by their commissioners, for peace & concord; therefore this Synod most heartily approve of the conduct [of that] congregation.

Fund

Resolved that the affairs relative to the Synod's fund be refered to the Com<sup>tee</sup> of that fund to meet to-morrow at eight o'clock forenoon.

Caple Street

A supplication from the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Caple Street, Dublin, was presented to this Synod by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gilbert & Richey, commissioners, setting forth that an unanimous call, had through the Pby Letterkenny, been presented to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> McDowell from that Cong<sup>n</sup>; he desired some time might be allowed him to consider so momentous a matter, and that he wou'd give his answer at next meeting of the Pby. That the Congregation of Caple Street did transmit their reasons for M<sup>r</sup> McDowell's removall to the Mod<sup>r</sup> of the Pby Letterkenny, and minutes of said Pby represent that M<sup>r</sup> McDowell craved advice from y<sup>e</sup> Pby, who finding themselves difficulted, declined giving him any advice, but left the whole to the final decision of this Synod. They therefore pray the application of the kind offices of this Synod in recommending to M<sup>r</sup> McDowell the acceptance of their call. The abstract of the minutes of the Pby of Letterkenny relative to the above affair were also read, whereby it appears for several reasons they refer the whole matter to y<sup>e</sup> Synod.

Mr McDowell

Mr McDowell re-  
moved to Caple  
Street

Reasons against the removal of M<sup>r</sup> McDowell to the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Caple Street were read by M<sup>r</sup> Sherard, &c., Commissioners of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ballykelly. Commissioners being heard at full length, and removed, M<sup>r</sup> McDowell was called upon to give light in this matter, who replied he had nothing to offer by way of Information, only if required he was ready to declare his mind, with respect to his accepting or rejecting the call of Caple Street congregation. The Synod then demanded, M<sup>r</sup> McDowell his own determination, who said that considering the matter, with the most serious attention, it appeared to him that the invitation from Caple Street Cong<sup>n</sup> was providential, therefore he accepted their call, but that he was still sensible of the subjection due by him, as a Presbyterian, to this Synod: I am in your hands.



This Synod declared they wou'd exercise no power or authority over M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell, nor give him any advice, but leave him at full liberty ; and it is the mind of this Synod that a copy of this minute shall be transmitted to be read to the congregation of Ballykelly next Lord's day.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at nine. Y<sup>s</sup> session concluded with prayer.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday at 11 o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.*

4<sup>th</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>.

The Committee of the fund who met this morning at 8 o'clock as Fund directed report by their minutes that M<sup>r</sup> Rowan is entitled to the fund till this date collected by the Pby of Ballymena. That M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Read shall be placed to the Pby Ballymena, instead of M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, and that M<sup>r</sup> Rowan be hereafter put upon the fund of the Pby of Belfast.

Ordered by this Synod that the Pby Ballymena shall have it in their power to dispose the fund money they have collected, as they shall see cause.

2<sup>dy</sup> The Committee resolved that the money which has been stopped out of the R.D. of the members, who neglected making collections for y<sup>e</sup> Synod's fund, shou'd be disposed of, were of opinion that the money shou'd lay in M<sup>r</sup> Lang's hands till next G. Synod. That if the Gentlemen from whom it was stoped shou'd before that time make collections, it shou'd then be restored to them ; but in case they did not, the Synod then act as they thought proper.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry, of Dromore Pby, entered his protest against detaining Protest any of the R.D. on acc<sup>t</sup> of the fund money.

The Synod after reasoning on the above resolution, moved confirm the resolution of the Committee or not ? The Roll was called and it carried, confirm.

On reading the minute of Ballykelly affair it was moved and agreed to that a member of this Synod be appointed to preach at Bally- Ballykelly kelly next Lord's day, read the said minute, and declare the congregation vacant ; and at the request of the Commissioners we appoint M<sup>r</sup> Lytle to go to the congregation of Ballykelly, preach to that people, & execute the above purpose, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ferlan to preach to M<sup>r</sup> Lytle's congregation. M<sup>r</sup> Sherard, comm<sup>r</sup> from Ballykelly, in consequence of full power vested in him by his constituents, Intreat this Synod will take that congreg<sup>n</sup> under their special care, and that an ordained minister may supply them for one month, after the 1<sup>st</sup> Lord's days in July Inst<sup>t</sup>. And at the instance of the Commissioner this Synod appointed M<sup>r</sup> Simson to supply them the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Lord's day in July Inst<sup>t</sup>. ; & M<sup>r</sup> Birch to supply them the 4<sup>th</sup> Lord's days in July & 1<sup>st</sup> in Aug<sup>t</sup> next. The different Pbys within our bounds are enjoined to send them suppliers to the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ballykelly, as they, from time to time shall apply for till our next meeting.

A Supplication from the congregation of Letterkenny was pro- Letterkenny duced by Jn<sup>o</sup> Patterson, complaining of grievances arising from the

resolution of this Synod at their last meeting in disannexing a part of their number, and erecting them into a distinct congregation—that they were unapprized of the designs of the said party : that the Synod (tho' they doubt nothing of its sincerity) must have been misled by wrong representations of the people erected, therefore belong formerly to the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Donfanahy. This the suppliants expressly deny, and assert that the congregation of Letterkenny will be materially injured, Fannet totally demolished ; they therefore pray that the Resolution of this Synod as to the erection of Kilmacranan be rescinded.

At the same time two papers, but unsupported by any Commissioner from Donfanaghy, were read complaining of the suspension of M<sup>r</sup> Allen, their minister, praying his restoration, & that the Pby of L.kenny be censured.

Letterkenny

Upon considering the above supplication & paper relative to it, agreed that the whole of this matter be referred to a Committee, consisting of the Pby Rout, Strabane, and Derry, who are hereby empowered to determine & finally issue that matter, to meet at St. Johnston the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August next, only such members of such Pbys as were formerly correspondents with the Pby Letterkenny when M<sup>r</sup> Allen was suspended shall not sit & vote with the Committee. The Pby of Letterkenny & the parties concerned are enjoined to attend & give light to the Committee, five minr<sup>s</sup> & their elders to be a quorum, M<sup>r</sup> Craford, M<sup>r</sup> Law, & M<sup>r</sup> Davis to notifie to their respective Pbys to be punctual in attending. M<sup>r</sup> Patterson, Comm<sup>r</sup> from the congregation of Letterkenny, to give a copy of this minute to M<sup>r</sup> Allen and he to communicate it to the people of Killmacrennan & Drumfanachy.

Adjourned till 5 o'clock, y<sup>s</sup> Session concluded with prayer, &c.

5<sup>th</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*5<sup>th</sup> Session, Thursday, at 5 o'clock afternoon, &c.*

Killenker

A supplication was presented to the Synod by Alex<sup>r</sup> Henry & Robert Rogers from the congregation of Killenker, setting forth that at last Synod they obtained the order of this Synod for a collection in the several congregations within our Bounds, to enable them to rebuild their meetinghouse. The collection to be made as soon as they shou'd obtain a Lease of the ground for their meeting house from the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Fernam, that they now have obtained a Lease, but litle respect has been paid to said order obtained last year; and therefore they pray this Synod's Injunction may be speedily put in execution.

The Synod considering the above supplication, find that some Pbys and individuals have complied & paid their collections to M<sup>r</sup> Sprate, but as a great many are yet deficient ordered that they may be careful to make collections as early in y<sup>e</sup> summer as possible, and remit the amount to M<sup>r</sup> Campell of Armagh. The Pby of Monaghan are enjoyed to lay before the Cl<sup>k</sup> an acc<sup>t</sup> of what is advanced that it may be entered into the minutes.



A Letter from the congregation of Ballyhalbert was read in this Synod, expressing their gratitude to this Synod for their particular care to restore peace and concord, and to heal the unhappy breaches of that cong<sup>n</sup>, and informing them that the discontents have persevered : That the Church of Scotland have lent aid to their supplication, and in the face of the order of this Synod have ordained & sent over a minister to Kirkcobin, who are, as they were informed, officiate as minister, but with what views, or upon what principles, they leave with the wisdom of this Synod to determine.

A supplication at the same time signed by Geo: Brydone was read <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Brydone</sup> setting forth that he is a minister in the Pby of Lauder in Scotland, that he was called by the people of Kirkcobin—a bond of £50 <sup>per</sup> ann had been tendered to him by said people, which he had accepted of, and has become the minister of Kirkcobin, now earnestly prays the benefit of our brotherly communion & that he may be rec<sup>d</sup> as a member of this Synod. Annexed to the above supplication was a request in the name of Kirkcobin, praying that they with their minister may be taken under the care & protection of this Synod.

M<sup>r</sup> Brydone was then called upon and enquired at as to his <sup>Kirkcobin</sup> credentials, very ample originals of which he produced, in his License from the Pby of Lauder, and also Testimonials of ordination at the instance of the people of Kirkcobin, and Certificate of his moral character.

The Synod considered M<sup>r</sup> Brydone's supplication, and also that from Kirkcobin, and rejected them, as inconsistent with the Resolutions of this Synod, and implying an Insult to them, as said Resolutions were well known to the people of Kirkcobin, as we have reason to believe to M<sup>r</sup> Brydone also.

The Synod therefore appoint a deputation of their Body of the following members, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Campble, Livingstone, Craford, and Jackson to write a letter to the Mod<sup>r</sup> of the G. Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to be communicated, complaining of the irregular behaviour of the Pby of Lauder relative to the above matter, which was read and approved of, & is as followeth :—

Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Brother,

It hath appeared to us by authentic papers, signed by the Mod<sup>r</sup> <sup>Letter to the  
Kirk of Scotland</sup> & Clerk of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Pby of Lauder that they have ordained a M<sup>r</sup> Brydone and sent over to officiate as a minister of the Gospel to a part of the parish of Ballyhalbert, and calling themselves the congregation of Kirkcobin. This small body of people applyed at the last annual meeting of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod of Ulster praying to be erected into a Distinct Congregation.

The Synod took their supplication under consideration, and after the fullest Inquiry it appeared that said petition was not founded on any religious concern, or matter of conscience, and consequently that granting it would not answer any valuable end, but, on the contrary, wou<sup>d</sup> be injurious to neighbouring congregations & prejudicial to the interests of Religion. Therefore refused their petition.

From our earnest desire of maintaining & cultivating such communion & intercourse between the Church of Scotland and our Church, as becometh Christian Brethren, we thought it necessary in the spirit of brotherly love to remonstrate against the late conduct of the Pby of Lauder, which, we are sorry to say, appears to us strangely irregular, and un-Presbyterial, and most unfriendly : Instances of the like kind in other of your Pbys we have passed over unnoticed, but in order to prevent such unhappy interruption of our peace in future we do make it our unanimous request; that you will be pleased to inspect into the conduct of said Pby in this particular, and take such measures, as in your wisdom & Brotherly love, shall appear most effectual to establish & preserve that Harmony, good understanding, & Christian intercourse which hath subsisted between the Church of Scotland & the Synod of Ulster.

Signed in our name & by our appointment at Lurgan, the 3<sup>d</sup> July, 1778, by

JA<sup>s</sup> BRYSON, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

P.S.—We earnestly request your Indulging us with an answer previous to the next meeting of our G. Synod the last Tuesday in June, 1779, directed to our Mod<sup>r</sup>, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Bryson of Belfast.

To The Rev<sup>d</sup> the Mod<sup>r</sup> of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Glentul ret

A supplication was presented to this Synod from the congregation of Glentubret, praying that they may be annexed to the Pby of Dromore. The Synod having reasoned on the affair, and hearing the Pby of Dromore, proceeded to vote—Annex said congregation or not? The Roll called, and it carried, annex. That congreg<sup>n</sup> hereby acknowledged to belong to the Pby Dromore.

Venecash

A supplication was presented from the congregation of Venecash complaining of great remissness in several congregations in the Pbys of Dromore & Rout in making good their localities due by order of the Synod to these congregations. They therefore pray this Synod's interposition and aid.

The several members of Dromore Pby who were present being spoke to promised to use their endeavours to answer any expectations from them, and M<sup>r</sup> Cuming is ordered to write to the Pby Rout, that the congregations of Killratis, Armoy, Maghera, Romoan, & Bavidy, who have entirely neglected Venecash, may be directed to make collections & remit them to M<sup>r</sup> Todd without delay.

Motion for the  
Fund

It was moved & resolved that this Synod recommend it in the warmest manner to its several members to use their utmost diligence to raise contributions for the support of the poor congregations which now are, or may hereafter be, upon the fund, and the Synod fully convinced of the charitable & benovelent dispositions of the several members will leave this important affair entirely to themselves, hoping this mode

will conduce more to the true interest of the fund than those that have hitherto been adopted.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interloqr.*

At an Interloqr<sup>r</sup> consisting of the constituents of the Widows fund, <sup>1<sup>st</sup> Interloqr</sup> a Letter from the Trustees of that fund was read, in which they express their satisfaction of our increasing fund, and their perseverance in the execution of that Trust.

Resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Craford and James Caldwell shall answer the Trustees Letter, and express in the warmest manner our gratitude for the care & assiduity in the management of our fund.

A letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lang to our Clerk was also read, informing us that the amount of the widows fund down to the 1<sup>st</sup> July Inst<sup>t</sup> is £10,349 : 2 : and that over and above the provision made for the widows to the 1<sup>st</sup> July Inst<sup>t</sup>, there remains in his hands £160 : 16 : 7, which the Trustees have ordered to be laid out in Government Deb<sup>ts</sup>, he represents Deb<sup>ts</sup> as low & still expected lower.—That the interest upon Deb<sup>ts</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> June last, yet due, and no money of any kind issuing from the Treasury of a civil nature.

Also that he sent copies of the Divid<sup>d</sup> of the R.D. and of the stoppages from the ministers who omitted to make collections for the Synod's fund of £26 : 14 : 7½.

Ordered that our Clerk shall answer M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter, inform him that the widows fund will bear £12 to each annuitant, therefore the annuities shall commence the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1779, at £12 to each annuitant. <sup>Annuities at £12 each</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Lang also to be informed that the stoppages for the benefit of the Synod's fund shall be restored in case they make collections before the meeting of next G. Synod. <sup>Stoppages re-funded</sup>

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr.*

On reading the resolution of last G. Synod relating to the Alienation of the accumulated capital of the widows fund. In this Interloqr<sup>r</sup> <sup>2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr</sup> it was moved and seconded—Rescind this resolution or not? on which the previous question was moved; consider now or refer to the constituents at next G. Synod. The Roll was called, & it carried refer.

The Clerk of the Synod is instructed to inform M<sup>r</sup> Lang to remit to M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, of Tyrone Pby, the annuity of y<sup>e</sup> fund, by him to be divided between M<sup>rs</sup> Hood & the orphans of M<sup>r</sup> Peebles.

Inserted by

WM. ROGERS, G.S.C.

4th July, 1778.



*A Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod at Lurgan, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1779.*

Mr Bryson, Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from John 5<sup>th</sup>: 39. Then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys as follow—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
None present.		Wm. Rowan	
Killilea Pby.		James Hull	
Mos. Neilson	Robt. Herron	Jas. Cochran	
Jos. Little		Jas. Bryson	
Wm. Steel Dickson	Mr. Wm. Park	Jas. Stoupe	
Armagh Pby.		Jas. Caldwell	Robt. M'Clinto
Hen. Jackson		Doer. Martin	
Wm. Campbell		Stephenson	
Saml. Livingstone	Robt. McNeilly	Robt. Clintock	
Robt. Dickson		Andw. Craig	Mr. Jno. Dobbin
Robt. Black		Belfast Pby.	
Boyl Moodie		James Huey	
Strabane Pby.		Wm. Laird	
Jos. Osborn		Jos. Kinkead	
Wm. Craford		Alexr. Henry	
Derry Pby.		Thos. Birch	
None present		Andw. Greer	
T. patrick Pby.		Thos. Kennedy	
Will. Rogers		L. kenny Pby.	
Thos. Read		Andw. Alexander	Mr. Jno. Best
Jno. Bankhead		Jos. Lytle	
Andw. Hume		David Allen	
Dromore Pby.		Rout Pby.	
Jno. Smith		Robt. Henry	
Robt. M'Clure	Mr. Jno. Robbin	Jno. Smith	
Saml. Barbar	Saml. Swain	Jno. Simpson	
Jas. Birch	Jno. Sprate	Alexr. Marshall	
Jno. Thomson	Andw. Smith	Ballymena Pby.	
Issac Patrick		Jno. Rankin	
Jos. Hay		Jos. Douglass	
Robt. Rentall	Jas. Kennedy	James Cuning	
Jno. Sherard	Wm. Copbin	Jno. Lyndsay	
Jno. Cochran	Saml. M'Cadam	Dublin Pby.	
Frans. Turretine	Gordon M'Murray	James Caldwell	
Jas. M'Ferson	Alexr. Boyd		

Minrs.

Elders.

Minrs.

Elders.

Monaghan Pby.

Tyrone Pby.

James Jackson  
Wm. Sprate  
Geo. Harris  
Mathew Trimble

Mr. Jas. Nisbett  
Jas. Stafford

Jas. Todd  
Jno. White  
Willm. Kennedy  
Jno. Mackleland  
Moses Hogg  
Willm. Wilson     David Duncan  
Geo. Murray  
Jas. Whiteside  
Will. Stitt  
Jos. Smith

M<sup>r</sup> Bryson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Mod<sup>r</sup> Chosen Synod. The following Brethren were named as a leet—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, Osborn, Henry, Read, Stoupe, Litle, Lyndsay, Jackson, Kennedy, Macleland, and Maclure. The Roll called, and M<sup>r</sup> Maclure chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Rogers continued Clerk. Clk

Ordered that the several Pby's meet this evening and prepare lists Pby to meet to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and Gen<sup>l</sup> Synods fixed Committee, as also, an account of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, or Candidates entered on trials since last G. Synod. Likewise an acc<sup>t</sup> of annuitants upon the fund, and if any have died since last Synod, the time when to be mentioned; also an acc<sup>t</sup> of women now living that have been minis<sup>rs</sup> wives and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitant's death the Pby in whose bounds the annuitant lived do immediately inform M<sup>r</sup> Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Stoupe being next in votes (except M<sup>r</sup> Osborn and M<sup>r</sup> Stoupe M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, who have formerly preached) to the Moderator now chosen, he be appointed to preach at next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, the second day of their meeting, at 9 o'clock, forenoon.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock forenoon, y<sup>s</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

M<sup>r</sup> Maclure, as appointed at last Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, preached at nine 2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> o'clock from Phil: 4 & 5 ver.

The several Pby's gave in Lists of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Committees as also the following acc<sup>ts</sup>, namely—

Killilea Pby report they have licensed John Gibson according to Licensed Synodical Regulations, and entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bigham. They Trials have widows on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy. M<sup>rs</sup> Fergie died the 10<sup>th</sup> Two widows July, 1778. M<sup>rs</sup> Scott died. dead

- Dead Armagh Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Moodie died the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1779, he left a widow and children. They have admitted M<sup>r</sup> Boyl Moodie from the Pby Dublin, the Southern association as a member with them. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jackson according to Synodical appointment, and they entered on 2<sup>d</sup> trials M<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>l</sup> Lyndsay from the Island of Aron, Scotland. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Menogh, M<sup>rs</sup> Cherry, M<sup>rs</sup> Moodie. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Carlile, M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart.
- Strabane Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong.
- From Londonderry no return.
- Licensed Templepatrick Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Marshall according to  
Trials Synodical appointment. They have entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> Hu. Gilmore. On the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White.
- Licensed Dromore Pby report they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bride &  
Trials M<sup>c</sup>Neally, who subscribed the Confession of faith and conformed to the Synodical Regulations. They have entered on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Sloan & Moses Thompson. On the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Simms, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan.
- Dead Bangor Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> John Adams died the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1779,  
Dead & M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Kennedy the 5<sup>th</sup> April last. They had no family ; on the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell, & fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dickson to the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1779.
- Installed Belfast Pby have Installed M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy at Holywood, y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>,  
Licensed 1778 ; he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Aoret [Arnold] and John Johnston according to Synodical regulations. They have entered on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee & Trotter ; on the  
Trials fund the have M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walker, & fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kean.
- Dead Letterkenny Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Nisbet died in Decem<sup>r</sup>, 1778, &  
Ord<sup>d</sup>. that he left a widow, that to be considered. They have ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Holmes at Donagheedie y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1778 ; he is a contributor to the widows fund. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Morison according to  
Licensed Synodical appointment. They have on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore & Morison ;  
Trials on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turrtine.
- Ord<sup>d</sup>. Rout Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Glenday at Maghara in Decm<sup>r</sup>, 1778.  
Ord<sup>d</sup>. He is a contributor to the widows fund. They ordained M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Thompson the 23<sup>d</sup> April, 1779. They licensed M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Elder according to Synodical Regulations. They have entered on 2<sup>d</sup> trials M<sup>r</sup> Moore,  
2<sup>d</sup> Trials and on 1<sup>st</sup> trials M<sup>r</sup> Hu: Boyland & M<sup>r</sup> Hu: Hamill. They have  
1<sup>st</sup> Trials on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lynd, M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Thompson, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie.
- Licensed Ballymena Pby report that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery  
Widow dead & M<sup>c</sup>Cash according to Synodical regulations. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Curdy, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran; M<sup>rs</sup> White died the beginning of March, 1779. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Creight.
- Installed Dublin Pby report they have installed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell in Caple Street, Dublin. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Beath, M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Killburn.



Monaghan Pby licensed M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Jackson according to Synodical regulations. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Bond, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>e</sup>Kee, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock. Licensed

From Clogher Pby no return.

Tyrone Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Ker died y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Decm<sup>r</sup>, 1778; he left a widow and children. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Anderson according to Synodical regulations. They have entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> John Sinclare; on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Ker, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy died y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 8be<sup>r</sup>, 1778. M<sup>rs</sup> Rea not on fund.

The Synods fixed Committee is as followeth :

From Monaghan Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Jackson & Trimble with an Elder.	Synod's Committee
Armagh Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Jackson & Campbell w <sup>t</sup> an Elder.	
Strabane Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Osborn & Craford with an Elder.	
Killilea Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Strong & Neilson with an Elder.	
Templepatrick Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Lewson & Montgomery with an Elder.	
Dromore Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Thomson & Birch with an Elder.	
Bangor Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Hull & Bryson with an Elder.	
Belfast Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Laird & Huey with an Elder.	
Letterkenny Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Burk & Taylor with an Elder.	
Rout Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Simson & Camron with an Elder.	
Ballymena Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Rankin & Lyndsay with an Elder.	
Tyrone Pby	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Caldwell & White with an Elder.	
Clogher	none.	
Londonderry	none.	

These with our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup> on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be min<sup>rs</sup>.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock afternoon. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5. This sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with prayer.

3 Session Wednesday, at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

3<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

It was moved that the Time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put, Dunganon or Lurgan, Belfast or Antrim. The Roll called, Belfast & Dunganon being equal in the greatest number of votes, the Mod<sup>r</sup> decided; therefore next Synod to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June, 1780, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod to  
be at  
Dunganon

Mr Neilson, of Strabane by having transmitted a collection for the Synod's fund, ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Lang be instructed to remit him the half guinea Detained by order of this Synod on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Synod's fund.

From y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Assembly

In Answer to our Mod<sup>rs</sup> Letter to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of the Church of Scotland of the 3<sup>d</sup> July, 1778. The letter of that Body signed by their Mod<sup>r</sup> was read w<sup>c</sup> was considered & approved of as a satisfactory & respectfull answer, & is as follow—

Dear Brother,

Upon receiving your Letter complaining of y<sup>e</sup> conduct of the Pby of Lauder, I laid it before the G. Assembly, who called upon the Comm<sup>rs</sup> from that Pby to explain the part of their conduct, which you found hurtfull, and I have the order of the Assembly to inform you that it appeared to them the above mentioned Pby were far from having any Intention, or the most remote Idea of doing a thing disagreeable to you, by ordaining M<sup>r</sup> Brydone. He was well known, and much esteemed by them, and they deem'd the call they sent him not Irregular, but as your letter has discovered their mistake, they wou'd for the future carefully avoid whatever had the least tendency to Interrupt the peace of your Synod.

And the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of the Church of Scotland, extremely desirous to mentain Harmony, good understanding, & Christian Inter-course with your Synod, Informed all Phys to guard against every-thing that cou'd have a contrary Tendency; I am sorry the inattention of any Pby of this church shou'd have unhappily interrupted the peace of your Synod, but have now the greatest reason to trust that hereafter you will have no such cause of complaint.

I think proper to acquaint you that the G. Assembly have y<sup>s</sup> year enacted a Law in the following words. “The Assembly do hereby prohibit all persons educated or residing within the bounds of this Church, to go out of its Bounds, to obtain Licenses to preach, and prohibit all preachers licensed by this Church from going out of its Bounds to obtain ordination, unless they are called to a particular congregation in another country.

“And enact that Licenses obtained in that manner shall not be rec<sup>d</sup> nor have any effect in this Church; and such preachers as controveen this act shall forfeit the License formerly given them, and be no longer entitled to the privileges which belong to a preacher of the Gospel in this Church.

What is above you'l please to communicate to the G. Synod of Ulster.

I embrace with pleasure this opportunity of assuring you that I am,

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Brother,

Your most obt<sup>t</sup> & faithful humble servant,

JAS. GILLESPIE, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Eldenbrough, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1779.

It was moved & seconded that the Thanks of this Synod be returned to Doc<sup>r</sup> Wight of Glasgow, for his care in the above affair, and M<sup>r</sup> Bryson is enjoined to transmit their Thanks accordingly.



Ordered that the Committee of funds do meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

A Supplication from part of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Islandmagee was presented to this Synod under sev<sup>l</sup> Resolutions.—Their disapprobation of the character & conduct of their present min<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Auly, Imploring the attention & interposition of this Synod for their relief. Islandmagee

At the same time a counter Supplication from part of the Session & Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Islandmagee was presented in favour of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Auly, complaining of the irregularity of the first supplicating partly in their measures against their min<sup>r</sup>.

The Synod considering the above supplications, it was moved and agreed to that this whole matter be referred to a Committee of the following min<sup>rs</sup>—viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Huey & Laird, from Belfast Pby, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry & Thomson, from Dromore Pby, from Bangor Pby, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull & Bryson, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, Brown, & Lyndsay from Ballymena Pby. The Pby of T. Patrick to attend said Committee to meet at Islandmagee the 3<sup>d</sup> Tuesday in July next & give light in the affair, 5 min<sup>rs</sup> & three elders to be a quorum. M<sup>r</sup> Lyndsay to preach. The Committee are authorised to give Judgment in that affair & finally to issue the same. The Clerk of the Synod to furnish both parties with a copy of this minute. Committee to Meet

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 12. This Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with prayer.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

A Supplication from part of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ushers Quay, Dublin, was presented to this Synod setting forth that they have hitherto & since their Junction with the Congregation of Plunket Street lived in much peace & Harmony, that they are deeply concerned to inform this Synod that their Tranquility hath of late been & still is like to be interrupted with respect to different sentiments prevailing among them respecting the chusing a Colleague to their much esteemed pastor M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell. That in opinion of supplicants, measures very irregular & unconstitutional have been used to Introduce into the above relation M<sup>r</sup> Sinclare Killburn, belonging to the Southern association, and also disrespectful to their present minister. That application by part of said Congreg<sup>n</sup> in contradiction to the strongest remonstrances & earnest pressing conciliatory measures hath been made to the Pby of Belfast, in order that a Call from that Cong<sup>n</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Killburn should be prepared & presented to him. Ushers Quay

It was moved & agreed to without entering into the merits of the affairs of Ushers Quay Cong<sup>n</sup>, a Committee of Ministers shall instantly convene & form a resolution relative to said Cong<sup>n</sup>.

The Committee at the following session met as appointed, and after mature deliberation do recommend the following expedients viz. that a minister be appointed by this Synod to supply Ushers Quay for M<sup>r</sup> Killburn

six Lord's days, That M<sup>r</sup> Killburn be appointed to supply in that Congreg<sup>n</sup> for four Sabb<sup>hs</sup> commencing at the expiration of that time and that a minister be now appointed to go to Dublin four months after M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn has preached there, to take the minds of the people with regard to M<sup>r</sup> Killburn, and to report at the meeting of next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod; no person shall have a vote but such as are now Contributors to the support of that Congregation.

Signed by order,

JAS. HULL, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

The Resolution of the Committee was considered & approved by y<sup>s</sup> Synod. This Synod do in consequence of the above decision, allow the Comm<sup>rs</sup> to go together & nominate a min<sup>r</sup> to supply Ushers Quay six Lord's days :—and they have agreed upon M<sup>r</sup> Moor, now supplying in Caple Street, from the Pby Rout, and this nomination is confirmed, and M<sup>r</sup> Moor is hereby appointed to supply Ushers Quay six Lord's days, commencing the 2<sup>d</sup> Lord's day in July next—M<sup>r</sup> Killburn is appointed to preach in Ushers Quay the four Lord's days following M<sup>r</sup> Moor, and four months after M<sup>r</sup> Killburn's time is expired. This Synod appoint M<sup>r</sup> Campbell to go to Ushers Quay, take the minds of that Congregation, and report the Determination at next G. Synod: and it is Determined that there is to be no application from Ushers Quay respecting M<sup>r</sup> Killburn to the Pby Belfast, till after next G. Synod.

Bovedy

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from part of the Congregation of Bovedy to the amount of 226 heads of families praying that they may be taken under the care of this Synod, and in due time provided with a minister and supplies in the meantime.

Killrea, &c.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by the Inhabitants of Killrea, Tamlagh, & Desert, remonstrating against the above snpplication, affirming that constituting the above supplicants into a separate Cong<sup>n</sup> wou<sup>d</sup> be highly injurious to the Interests of Religion in those parts, from the smallness of the whole stipend not £26  $\varnothing$  ann. and therefore not admitting a Division. They therefore pray a reunion with Bovedy, and that M<sup>r</sup> Smith their present min<sup>r</sup> shall preach alternately at Bovedy & Killrea.

Reasons of  
Appeal

The minute of the Sub Synod of Derry relative to Bovedy & Killrea, appointing a Committee to sit at Bovedy, which Committee met; the minute of which was read containing the Dissent & Appeal of the people of Bovedy, against the Committee's decision. The reasons of appeal were produced 1<sup>st</sup> Because the members were not well chosen, but strangers to the affair; 2<sup>nd</sup> That Committee seemed to listen most to Killrea side, & not Bovedy; 3<sup>dly</sup> the Committee were determined by a List containing names of people of other Churches—4<sup>th</sup> That because they think that M<sup>r</sup> Smith cannot be useful amongst them; 5<sup>th</sup> That it is unreasonable to confine them to the half of the Labours of a minister, as they are in a flourishing state.

Answers to the above reasons were also produced & considered, the Committee was also called upon to give light in this matter, & also



the Comm<sup>rs</sup> from Killrea & Bovedy were heard at full length, and removed. The Synod after reasoning on the above it was moved and agreed to without a division.—That M<sup>r</sup> Smith shall continue the stated min<sup>r</sup> of Bovedy, and that he shall preach two Sabb<sup>th</sup>s. During the winter in Bovedy & one in Killrea, & during the summer season, alternately, or day about in Bovedy & Killrea, and such as do not acquiesce in the above are at liberty to join any neighbouring Congregation; and M<sup>r</sup> Smith is enjoined to preach at Bovedy next Lord's day, being the first day ensuing this Determination.

A Supplication from the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Letterkenny was presented to this Synod, setting forth that as the Committee appointed at last G. Synod came to no resolution respecting the erection of Killmacrenan, they recur to this Synod, praying a dissolution of the erection of Killmacrenan, as in its consequences great damage will insue to the Congregation of Letterkenny. Letterkenny

Same time a Supplication was presented from Killmacrenan Cong<sup>n</sup>, earnestly praying for their preservation as a united Cong<sup>n</sup> w<sup>t</sup> Dunfanachy. Killmacrenan

A Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaughey remonstrating against the erection of Killmacrenan & declaring that his Cong<sup>n</sup> must be greatly hurt thereby: minutes of the Committee appointed to enquire into the affairs of Killmacrenan & M<sup>r</sup> Allen were produced, & are as follow—The Committee met at St Johnston the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Aug<sup>t</sup> 1778 as appointed, and upon inquiry the people of Letterkenny Cong<sup>n</sup> produced evidences to prove that a Relation has subsisted for many years, between the people of Killmacrenan & the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Letterkenny & Fannet. The evidences in y<sup>t</sup> matter appeared & the purport of them was, that the people of Killmacrenan were related to these Congregations since M<sup>r</sup> Drummond's death. The people of Killmacrenan produced two affidavits, sworn before M<sup>r</sup> John Finlay a magistrate, the substance of w<sup>c</sup> is that the people of that place, were under the Ministry of M<sup>r</sup> Drummond during his life. M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaughey  
Minutes of ye  
Comtee at St  
Johnston

The parties being heard were desired to remove: and the Committee entered upon the consideration of this matter; and after reasoning, it appears to us that this is an affair of the utmost importance & delicacy, and as not a member from the Pby of Rout has appeared, & only M<sup>r</sup> Osborn from the Pby Strabane, and therefore the weight of this critical affair must rest upon the shoulders of the members from Derry Pby—It was moved that a vote of this Committee be taken—Whether this matter be issued now, or refered to the next Sub Synod: The motion was seconded. M<sup>r</sup> Osborn desires his protest may be entered against this motion. The question was then put. Issue it now or refer it, untill the next meeting of the Sub Synod. The Roll was called, and it carried by a great majority—refer it.

Session 2<sup>d</sup>.—The Pby of Letterkenny were called upon to assign the reasons why they suspended M<sup>r</sup> Allen. M<sup>r</sup> Alexander read the minutes of the Pby relative to that matter. The parties were desired to remove, and the Committee entered upon the serious consideration of it and after reasoning, the question was put, whether the Pby, accord-

ing to the evidence that appeared before them, acted with propriety in suspending M<sup>r</sup> Allen, and it was unanimously agreed that they acted with propriety. It was farther inquired whether the suspension shall now be taken off M<sup>r</sup> Allen, and after reasoning, the Committee unanimously agree, that as M<sup>r</sup> Allen did not submit to the censure of his Pby, he was guilty of Contumacy, and is therefore to be suspended *ab officio*, and the Mod<sup>r</sup> is ordered to exhort him to be more cautious & circumspect for the future, and this minute is to be read in the Congregations of Drumfanaghy, Letterkenny, & Fañet. M<sup>r</sup> Allen appeared, and was exhorted.

Synod's  
Resolution

The Synod having heard the parties at full length, the following motion was put, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, viz. that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lytle, Burk, and M<sup>c</sup>Gaughy shall preach alternately at Killmacrenan from y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of October untill the 1<sup>st</sup> of April every second Sabb<sup>th</sup>, and that the inhabitants of that district shall belong to the congregations of Letterkenny, Ralphmilton & Fannet respectively as formerly, and possess their seats, pay stipend, & be admitted to church privileges, as usual.

Letterkenny

Adjourned till 7 o'clock afternoon. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5, y<sup>s</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with prayer.

5th Sess<sup>n</sup>

*5th Session Thursday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer.*

Killenker

A Supplication from the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Killenker was read seting forth that the Synod's recommendation to the several congregations, within the Bounds of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, to make collections for enabling that Cong<sup>n</sup> to rebuild their meeting house, hath, except twenty one, been entirely neglected. They therefore pray that this Synod wou<sup>d</sup> give such directions as shall make their former resolutions effectual. Ordered that the Injunctions of this Synod relative to the above matter be renewed, and that a particular member be now called & named, of every Pby, unto whom the care & enforcement of this Injunction shall be particularly committed; The members are as follow—

For Clogher Pby....	M <sup>r</sup> Miller.	For Bangor Pby ..	M <sup>r</sup> Stoupe.
Armagh.....	M <sup>r</sup> Dickson.	Belfast .....	M <sup>r</sup> Huey.
Killilea .....	M <sup>r</sup> Neilson.	L.kenney ....	M <sup>r</sup> Alexander.
Strabane ....	M <sup>r</sup> Craford.	Rout.....	M <sup>r</sup> Marshall.
Derry .....	M <sup>r</sup> Young.	Ballymena ..	M <sup>r</sup> Lyndsay.
T.patrick .....	M <sup>r</sup> Bankhead.	Dublin .....	M <sup>r</sup> Caldwell.
Dromore ....	M <sup>r</sup> Maclure.	Monaghan ..	M <sup>r</sup> Harris.
		Tyrone.....	M <sup>r</sup> White.

Ordered that these collections be made as soon as possible & transmitted to M<sup>r</sup> Campbell of Armagh by him to be handed over to the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Killenker.

Ballykelly

A Supplication from the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Ballykelly was presented to this Synod seting forth, that through their Pby of Letterkenny they applyed for, and obtained a hearing, of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rentall of the Pby



of Dromore, and at the same time they requested their Pby, that during M<sup>r</sup> Rentall's time, The ordinance of the Lord's Supper might be administered among them, which last request they have been denied of, and that said Pby of Letterkenny have said they will cast them from under their care, which shou'd it be the case (tho' they wou'd be sorry to be from under their care) they request they may be annexed either to the Pby of Rout or Londonderry; and that M<sup>r</sup> Rentall's time may be prolonged for some Lord's days; and that they may have the Lord's Supper administered among them by such assistants, as this Synod shall nominate during M<sup>r</sup> Rentall's prolonged Time, and as far as the trial they have had of M<sup>r</sup> Rentall, he seems to be generally acceptable to them, and they expect he will be the object of their choice. They request that a minister be appointed to go to Ballykelly, and see a call drawn up and subscribed to M<sup>r</sup> Rentall.

The Synod in considering the contents of the above Supplication unanimously agree to grant the several prayers therein contained, viz. they order that the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Ballykelly be annexed to the Pby Rout—That M<sup>r</sup> Rentall's Time shall be prolonged two Lord's days; and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered the last of those days—M<sup>r</sup> Simson & M<sup>r</sup> Davis to assist, and that on the Monday after the Sacrament M<sup>r</sup> Simson is appointed to preside in drawing up a Call for M<sup>r</sup> Rentall.

It was moved, seconded, & agreed to, That it be enjoined on the Cong<sup>n</sup> Ballykelly to conform strictly to the Synodical Regulations respecting the Polling of Congreg<sup>ns</sup> before the drawing up of a Call—which are that previous to the day that may be fixed for drawing up a Call a compleat authenticated List of all the just voters of the Congreg<sup>n</sup> shall be deposited in the hands of their Pby. We therefore require that Ballykelly may be punctual as to this particular.

A Supplication from the minister & Cong<sup>n</sup> of Kirkeobbin was presented & read in this Synod, praying that they may be taken under our care & considered as a Congreg<sup>n</sup> belonging to this Body. Kirkeobbin  
Mr Brydon

The Synod after reasoning at large on the above petition, it was moved & seconded, that the previous question be put—consider it now, or defer it—The Roll called—and it carried defer it a great majority.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>.

On reading the minute of the 2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> of the preceeding year Interloq<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> relative to a motion concerning the alienation of any part of the Capital of the widows fund, refered to the Constituents from last to this Synod, The Question was put—Rescind the resolution of the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1777 or not. The Roll was called, and it carried not.

### 2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1779.

A Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lang, dated 26 ultim was rec<sup>d</sup> informing this Messrs Welds Interloq<sup>r</sup> of the failure of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Isaac & Ric<sup>d</sup> Weld in London with

one year's, viz. 1778 of our Ad<sup>l</sup> R.D. in their hands, and proposing that the Synod shou'd concur with the other Creditors in signing an agreement that the Mess<sup>rs</sup> Welds affairs may be vested in Trustees for the benefit of the creditors at large without the Trouble or delay of the statute of Bankruptcy.

This proposition was unanimously agreed to, and the Moderator is hereby directed to subscribe in our name, the above agreement.

Mr James Lang  
Treasurer

A 2<sup>d</sup> Letter from Mr Lang of the 29<sup>th</sup> of ultim, was also rec<sup>d</sup> by our Clerk, offering to our consideration the appointment of a Treasurer to receive our ad<sup>l</sup> R:D. annually. This Synod do therefore appoint, Mr James Lang our Agent, to receive all the ad<sup>l</sup> R.D. in our behalf, and negotiate that whole matter for our Interest, as his good Judgment shall direct; and this Interloq<sup>r</sup> request Mr Lang to present our Thanks to Mr Vaughan for his kind offices.

Trustee's Letter

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, informing us of the increasing state of that fund; and also recommending to our choice Couns<sup>r</sup> Andrew Caldwell as a successor to Doc<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bride to be one of the Trustees of said fund.

Couns<sup>r</sup> Caldwell  
Trustee.

The Interloq<sup>r</sup> unanimously approve of the Recommendation, and appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup> White and Alexander, to answer the Trustee's Letter and request Couns<sup>r</sup> Caldwell's acceptance of ye Trust.

A motion con-  
cerning an  
xplanation.

A motion explanatory of the decision made yesterday relative to the Capital of the widows fund, yesterday proposed and seconded, in the following words, "That this resolution is not meant to extend to min<sup>rs</sup> who leave this Kingdom to go to America, with a view to act in the ministerial character, when there, was, according to agreement, now renewed, and after reasoning, the question was put, consider now, or defer to next Synod. The Roll called, and it carried defer.

*3d Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday, at 5 o'clock afternoon.*

A Letter from Mr Baird was produced, praying of what he has contributed to the Capital of the widows fund, shou'd be refunded him, if any way consistent with our present rules and regulations relative to the widows fund.

Mr Baird

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to Mr Baird informing him, that the Prayer of his Petition, as the Regulations of the widows fund now stands is altogether inadmissable & the Clerk is ordered to write said Letter.

Answer to y<sup>e</sup>  
Trustees Letter

Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & Alexander brought in the copy of a Letter to the Trustees which was considered & approved & signed by y<sup>e</sup> Mod<sup>r</sup>.

The Clerk is ordered to answer Mr Lang's letters in ordinary, and direct him to be careful to make good the subscription to the widows fund as it becomes due, out of whatever money of ours may be in his hand.

*4th Interloqr Thursday at 9 o'clock afternoon.*

The Committee of overtures, took into consideration, the overture annexed to ye minutes of last year relative to marriage, and are unanimously of opinion that it be dismissed, & that the mode of marriage amongst us shall remain as before. Therefore the former overture was dismissed. Relating to Marriage.

A M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Alister formerly the widow of the late M<sup>r</sup> O'Brien, Mrs McAlister produced a Supplication to this Interloqr seting forth that she thought herself entitled to the whole share of the annuity arising from the widows' fund, after eight years,—for the resolution of this affair recourse was had to the original scheme, Article 4th, which fully sets forth, “that the child or children to be entitled to one moiety during the mother's life after 2<sup>d</sup> marriage. Therefore this Synod enjoins the Pby, to which M<sup>r</sup> O'Brien belonged, to inquire into this matter & see justice done to the child of M<sup>r</sup> O'Brien.

Representation having been made to this Interloqr, that there is Mrs Nisbet ground to alledge that the marriage of the late M<sup>r</sup> Nisbet with the woman he has now left as his widow, was collusive & made chiefly with a Lucrative view, That said widow might derive emolument from our fund.

It was moved & seconded, that the woman who calls herself M<sup>rs</sup> Nisbet, do give proper evidence to this Synod by her personal appearance at next meeting, confirmed by the Testimony of one credible evidence of her Marriage with the late M<sup>r</sup> Nisbet, before she shall be recommended to receive any annuity of y<sup>e</sup> widows' fund. This unanimously confirmed & agreed to.

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

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*Dunganon, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1780.*

Mr McClure Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim. 4 : 16. Then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys as follow.—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Killilea Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Alexander Macomb		Hu. Delap	
Wm. Steel Dickson		Jos. Lytle	
		Robt. Caldwell	
Armagh Pby.		David Allen	
		Isaac Barr	
Hen. Jackson		Rout Pby.	
Wm. Campbell			
Robt. Black			
Saml. Sloan		Robt. Henry	
Strabane Pby.		Wm. Knox	
		Alexr. Marshall	
Jos. Osborn		Robt. Rentall	
Jos. Coulter		Jno. Glenday	
Wm. Craford		Ballymena Pby.	
Derry Pby.		Jas. Cumming	
Jno. Law		Dublin Pby.	
Jno. Adams			
David Young		No. Return	
T.patrick Pby.		Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Rogers		Saml. Kennedy	
Thos. Read		Wm. Smith	
Wm. Montgomery		Wm. Spratt	
Jno. Bankhead		Wm. Moor	Saml. McCarter
Dromore Pby.		Geo. Harris	Wm. Maxwell
		Jno. Davis	
		Mathew Trimble	Jno. Lecky
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson	Tyrone Pby.	
Jas. Birch	Jas. McBride		
Jno. Thompson	Jno. M'Burny	Jas. Todd	
Frans. Turretine		Jno. White	Jno. Greer
Jas. McPherson	Hen. Swanton	Wm. Kennedy	Jno. Kane
Bangor Pby.		Jno. McClelland	
		Jas. Whiteside	
Jas. Hull		Mos. Hogg	Wm. Wilson
Jas. Bryson		Geo. Murray	
Jas. Stoupe		Jas. Whiteside Jun.	Jas. Hanna
Andw. Graig		Wm. Stitt	Jno. Robinson
Alexr. Gawdy		Jas. Smith	
Belfast Pby.		Clogher Pby.	
Wm. Laird		Hu. Mulligan	
Andw. Greer		Andw. Miller	
Sinclare Killburn		Wm. Miller	



M<sup>r</sup> Maclure moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a Leet—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Steel Dickson, Adams, Bankhead, Birch, Stoupe, Lytle, Marshall, Smith, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Miller, and Osborn. The Roll called and M<sup>r</sup> Osborn chosen; M<sup>r</sup> Rogers continued Clk.

Moderator  
chosen

Clerk

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and G. Synod's fixed Committee; also an acc<sup>t</sup> of such ministers as have died, demitted, been ordained, Installed, or Candidates licensed or entered on Trials since last Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod; likewise an acc<sup>t</sup> of Annuitants upon the fund; and if any have died since last G. Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an account of women now living who have been minister's wives and are not upon the fund.

Ordered upon the Death of any Annuitant the Pby in whose bounds the Annuitant lived, do immediately inform M<sup>r</sup> Lang that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Annuitants

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Dickson being next in votes to the Moderator now chosen (except M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland who preached formerly, and M<sup>r</sup> Stoupe who is to preach to morrow morning), be appointed to preach at next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod upon the second day of the Synod's meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

M<sup>r</sup> Dickson

Adjourned until eleven o'clock forenoon. Y<sup>s</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer, &c.*

2<sup>d</sup> Session

M<sup>r</sup> Stoupe as appointed preached at nine o'clock forenoon from Act. 10th 34. 35.

The several Pbys. gave in Lists of their members for the several Committees, as also the following accounts namely:—

Templepatrick Pby report that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Hu. Gillmore according to Synodical regulations, they also report that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Auly resigned the Pastoral charge of Islandmage Congregation the 22<sup>d</sup> day of July 1779, and M<sup>r</sup> Blakely resigned the Pastoral charge of Carrickfergus Congregation the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779, both are suspended. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar & M<sup>rs</sup> White.

Licensed

Suspended

Belfast Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee & M<sup>r</sup> Trotter according to Synodical Regulations. They have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Sinclare Killburn to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Belfast the 8th February 1780, they both subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith; and M<sup>r</sup> Killburn subscribed the widows fund.

Licensed

Ordained

Derry Pby have deposed M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Brizell the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1780, they have on trials Messrs. Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray & Rob<sup>t</sup> Barr. The widows with them the same as in last year.

Dead  
Trials

Clogher Pby report that Mr Scott died the 2<sup>d</sup> January last, he was a contributor to the fund, he left a widow ; They have on trials Mr John Johnston ; on the fund Mr<sup>s</sup> Scott; not on the fund Mr<sup>s</sup> Hemphill.

Ord<sup>d</sup>  
Licensed

Strabane Pby ordained Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Clark 21<sup>st</sup> October last, he was a subscriber to the fund ; They licensed Mr Ja<sup>s</sup> Ker according to Synodical regulations. They have on trials Messrs. Brooks & Rogers. On the fund Mr<sup>s</sup> Armstrong.

Dead  
Licensed

Tyrone Pby report that Mr John Gibson died the 28<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> last, he left no family ; that Mr Cha<sup>s</sup> Caldwell died the 28<sup>th</sup> March 1780 he left a widow and family : they licensed Mr James Sinclair according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund Mr<sup>s</sup> Peebles, Mr<sup>s</sup> Orr, Mr<sup>s</sup> Duffen, Mr<sup>s</sup> Ker, Mr<sup>s</sup> Caldwell.—Not on the fund Mr<sup>s</sup> Rea,

Monaghan Pby say they have the same Annuitants as in last year.

Ord<sup>d</sup>  
Installed

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Hu. Moor y<sup>e</sup> 26 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779, they have installed Mr Rentall the 3<sup>d</sup> October last, they ordained Mr Elder the 13<sup>th</sup> June inst., they are subscribers to the Confession of faith according to the pacific act, and they are all subscribers to the widows fund : they have on Trials Messrs. Patten & Douglass.—The widows on the fund are Mr<sup>s</sup> Lynd, Mr<sup>s</sup> Gaston, Mr<sup>s</sup> Thomson, Mr<sup>s</sup> Symlie.

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Isaac Barr 19<sup>th</sup> April last, & Mr Leech 1<sup>st</sup> June inst., both subscribers to the widows fund, they have on 1<sup>st</sup> Trials Messrs. W<sup>m</sup> Moor, Hu. Morrison, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Delap, they report that Mr Callender died the 16<sup>th</sup> May last, he left no family, their widows the same as last year.

Dead

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr W<sup>m</sup> Bruce y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> November last, and Alex<sup>r</sup> Gaudy 14<sup>th</sup> March 1780, both subscribers to the widows fund. Mr Stoupe resigned the pastoral charge of Dunmurry in May 1780, he relinquished all pretence to the R.D., & Mr Jas. Malcom who demitted the charge of Drumbo some years ago is not entitled to R.D. The widows with them are Mr<sup>s</sup> Warnick, Mr<sup>s</sup> Mitchell.

Demitted

Licensed

Trials

Dromore Pby have licensed Messrs. Sloan & Thomson according to Synodical regulations, both subscribed the Confession of faith. They have entered on trials Mr M<sup>c</sup>Kee, they report that Mr Cochran died the 8<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779, he left no family, they say their widows the same as in last year.

Armagh Pby have ordained Mr Collin Lyndsay at Dundalk y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of August last, they Installed Mr Boyl Moodie y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> of Do., at Newry, and ordained Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Sloan y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> June inst., Messrs. Lyndsay & Sloan are subscribers to the widows fund. The widows with them are Mr<sup>s</sup> Cheery, Mr<sup>s</sup> Menagh, Mr<sup>s</sup> Moodie,—not on the fund Mr<sup>s</sup> Stewart.

Dead

Installed

Killilea Pby report that Mr Armstrong died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 8ber last, left a widow & family. Mr Steel Dickson resigned the charge of Ballyhalbert the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>y, and was installed at Portaferry the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1780. The widows with them are Mr<sup>s</sup> Kennedy, Mr<sup>s</sup> Armstrong.

From Dublin Pby no return.

Ballymena Pby have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Curdy, M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, not on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Creight.

It appeared by the preceeding returns, that some Pbys have not been punctual in making returns of those they have ordained, likewise of widows within their Bounds; but have only said widows the same as in last year. This Synod orders that no return hereafter, shall be admissable without a full list of those that have been ordained: the time of their ordination & if they be subscribers to the fund or not, also of all the annuitants belonging to them.

No returns to be  
admissable with-  
out a full list

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow:—

Synod's  
Committee

For Templepatrick Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lewson & Montgomery w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Bangor Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull & Bryson w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Derry Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Young w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Clogher Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyl & Moorhead w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Strabane Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Young & Neilson w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & Stitt w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Trimble w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Rout Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rentall & Know [x] w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Love w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Dromore Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clure & Birch w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Killilea Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Neilson & Litle w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cumming & Lyndsay w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Dublin no return.

These with our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon, when called by the Moderator on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be ministers.

The Committee appointed to meet at Islandmagee, report that they met accordingly, and after examing into the complaints of that congregation for three days, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Auly resigned the pastoral charge of that people, that the Committee defered giving sentence upon M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Auly for six weeks; after which period, having again convened, they suspended M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Auly, *sine die* from the pastoral office.

Islandmagee

This Synod approve of the conduct of the Committee.

On reading the minute relative to the affairs of Ushers Quay, M<sup>r</sup> Campbell was called on and reports that he attended according to appointment of the Synod, that he had repeated meetings of the heads of the Cong<sup>n</sup>, in all which they discovered a most becoming desire of restoring peace & harmony. When a call was proposed in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Killburn, then it was objected to by his friends, as a letter has been read by a member of that congregation, in which, he declared [declined]

Ushers Quay



Mr Wilson

in the most explicit manner, any farther views of being a Candidate; in consequence of this candid proceeding of Mr Killburn; they unanimously resolved to ask a hearing of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Wilson of Tyrone Pby. The Synod highly approve of the conduct of Mr Campbell on this occasion, and return him their warmest thanks for the diligence & punctuality with which he executed their Commission. It gives the Synod great pleasure to learn from Mr Campbell's report, that the people of Ushers Quay, seem to be actuated by so becoming a spirit of Christian forbearance & moderation.

Adjourned till seven o'clock afternoon, Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5. Concluded &c.

3<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

Next Synod

It was moved that the Time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now:—Antrim and Dungan, were proposed, and it carried Dunganon; This Synod therefore is to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June, 1781. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Killenker

The members of the several Pbys, to whom the care of the collection in favour of the meeting house of Killenker was committed, were called upon and it appeared by their account, that very little had been effected, only Mr Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch gave Mr Spratt £0 : 11 : 4½, for Dramara, and Mr Bankhead a moyaty for Broadisland; Mr Campbell being appointed to receive from the sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys, had received only £1 : 6 : from Maghrafelt, and from Mr Dickson £0 : 11 : 4½ for Portafory. This matter to be reconsidered at next Session.

Daughter of Mr Ambrose

A memorial of Liliás Keating, otherwise Ambrose, the Daughter of the Rev. Mr Ambrose, was presented to this Synod, setting forth her poverty & distress, and praying relief from this Synod; several members spoke in behalf of memorialist, representing her case, as both necessitous and afflictive: It was moved and seconded with amendment, that memorialists condition be recommended to the care & protection of the Pby of Monaghan; and in the meantime that the members here present shall make such charitable contributions, as they at present think fit.

Mr Brydone

A petition from the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Geo: Brydone of Kirkcubbin was read praying that he and the people of Kirkcubbin may be put under the care of this Synod: At the same time a petition was presented from the people of Kirkcubbin, praying that they and their minister, may be put under the care and protection of this Synod.

The Synod after mature deliberation & much reasoning upon the above petitions resolved: that the question be put, grant the petitions of Mr Brydone and Kirkcubbin or not? The Roll called, & it carried not by a great majority.

Committee of Overtures

Upon a motion it was ordered, that the Committee of Overtures, meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 9. Open Synod at 11. This Session concluded with prayer.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday at 11 o'clock, forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

It was moved by Mr Young, and agreed to that Castleblainy shall Derry Pby no longer have localities within the Bounds of Derry Pby, but that said Pby shall every year make collections, for the four following congregations—Banagh, Donagh, Malin, & Movil. The amount of w<sup>c</sup> collections, shall be divided in such proportion, as they shall think fit to these congregations.

A supplication from the congregation of Morne was presented to Morne this Synod, praying that merely on account of convenience, and not from any other cause, they may be dis-~~añ~~exed from the Pby of Bangor, and be put under the care of the Pby of Dromore; this supplication was granted.

A petition from the people and Cong<sup>n</sup> of Killmacrannan & Dun- Killmacrannan fanachy, was presented to this Synod, that they may have relief from various difficulties they labour under, arising from the claims of the congregations of Letterkenny & Fanet, over them; at the same time, a Letter from the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Magaghy of Fanet was read, purporting that his congregation will be materially hurt by the erection of Killmacrannan and that M<sup>r</sup> Allen will be reduced to order.

The Synod having considered the above supplication & letter & Union of Kill-  
macrannan & Dun-  
fanaghy heard the parties at full length, and being removed came to the following resolution, namely, to put the question—Confirm the union of Killmacran & Dunfanaghy or not? provided y<sup>t</sup> according to their own proposal, namely, that such hearers of the now neighbouring congregations of Letterkenny and Fanet, as formerly paid stipend to their respective ministers, which they usually heard, shall make good that stipend to those ministers, during their residence. The Roll was called & it carried confirm the union upon the above petition, by a great majority.

The Rout Pby by a paper signed by their Moderator, request that Rout Pby M<sup>r</sup> Todd may have no Localities among them, but that their yearly collections for the Synod's fund may be allotted to several weak cong<sup>ns</sup> within their own bounds. The question was put, Continue M<sup>r</sup> Todd on the Rout Pby or not? The Roll called, & it carried continue.

The affair of M<sup>r</sup> Spratt's meeting house, for defraying the expenses Killeneker of which, the Synod in former years, had enjoined collections to be made in the sev<sup>l</sup> congregations within their Bounds, was farther considered, and this Synod most warmly recommended to those congregations, who have not made collections, for that purpose, to use their Best endeavours, that something may be collected and forwarded speedily to M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, and sent to M<sup>r</sup> Spratt; and of this affair an account will be expected at next Synod.

M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell of Donegall proposed that in case the Gentleman who Mr Caldwell has the call from Sligo under his consideration, does not accept the same, that he might in favour of that remote Cong<sup>n</sup> be empowered to write for such ministers to supply that congregation as they may require—This granted.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

*Interloqr 1<sup>st</sup>*Mr Lang's  
Letter

A letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lang was read wherein he complains of the want of punctuality in making returns of the ordination, demission, or death of ministers, and whether they were subscribers to the widows fund, also the Death of Annuitants.

Ordered that the several Pbys shall be punctual in making returns, and in case any have been defective, the Clerk of the Synod is to write to them to have that defect supplied.

A Motion

Divide ye  
produce of the  
fund

A motion was made & seconded, that out of the produce of the widows fund, one hundred pounds shall be added to the capital, and that the whole of the remainder of the produce of the fund, shall be equally divided among the Annuitants, when the conditions of the subscription shall be fullfilled.

After reasoning on the above motion, it was moved & agreed to, that the fund shall stand directly what it is for one ensuing year.

Refunded

On reading the minute of last year relative to the motion of desiring the explanation of a preceeding resolution, which explanation designs to refund to such ministers as leave this Kingdom to go to America, what they have paid into the widows fund. It was agreed to, that the consideration of this affair be defered until next meeting of the G. Synod.

Mrs Nisbet

The Interloqr taking under consideration the affair of the late M<sup>r</sup> Nisbets pretended marriage, from all information that came before them, find that the pretended marriage, was marked with the most evident signatures of fraud & collusion, The question was then put: shall the woman now calling herself M<sup>rs</sup> Nisbet, be admitted as an Annuitant of the widows fund, or not? The Roll called and it carried not.

*Interloqr 2<sup>d</sup>*

Inquiry was made at this Interloqr whether or no, ministers that have demitted (not through age or infirmity) are entitled to R.D., but are still willing to pay the annual subscription to the widows fund shall be, upon the event of Death, & leave widows or children, be entitled to the benefit of the fund; and it was agreed to in the affirmative, provided such ministers shall continue in Great Britain or Ireland, and providing the constituents are annually furnished with the agents rec<sup>t</sup> of the payment of such subscriptions in Dublin.

Mr Malcom

Upon a scrutiny of the List of ministers to the R.D. Inquiry was made concerning M<sup>r</sup> Malcom's title to that Bounty, after reasoning, the question was put, Is M<sup>r</sup> Malcom entitled to the R.D. or not? The Roll called and it carried not.

Math<sup>w</sup> Boyd

A supplication was presented to this Interloqr by Math<sup>w</sup> Boyd Ex<sup>r</sup>, of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Boyd of Taghboyne, complaining that M<sup>r</sup> Lang refused to pay the annuity of the children of M<sup>r</sup> Boyd, as he has made a will Bequathing that annuity to Grandchildren.



Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Lang be instructed to transmit all the annuity to the children of the late M<sup>r</sup> Boyd, to M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Alexander of the Pby of Letterkenny, by him, with the assistance of that Pby to be equally distributed among s<sup>d</sup> children agreeable to a former resolution. Children of Annuitants

The Trustees Letter to the constituents of the widows fund was read informing us of Con<sup>r</sup> Caldwell's acceptance of the office of Trustee for said fund, and as Doc<sup>r</sup> Machonchy and M<sup>r</sup> Read are lately deceased, recommending to our consideration Mess<sup>rs</sup> Geo. Machonchy, Will<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, and Tho<sup>s</sup> Petticrew, as Trustees to that fund. Trustees Letter

Ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Campbell & Craford answer the Trustees Letter and inform them, that we approve their nomination of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Geo. Machonchy, W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Petticrew, as Trustees of the widows fund, and Intreat them to accept said Trust.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Lang be instructed by our Clerk to remit to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stitt of Dunganon, all the stoppages remaining now, in his hands, to be paid at next G. Synod to the sev<sup>l</sup> Claimants. M<sup>r</sup> Stitt

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1780.

*A Synod at Dunganon, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1781.*

Mr Osborn Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Joh : 18 : 37, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the Sev<sup>l</sup> Presbyteries as follow—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby		Letterkenny Pby.	
Hen. Jackson		Thos. Leeh	
Wm. Campbell			
Saml. Livingstone		Ballymena Pby.	
Saml. Sloan	Wm. Simson	Jas. Cuming	David Ker
Strabane Pby.		Coleraine Pby.	
Jos. Osborn		Robt. Henry	
		Wm. Knox.	
Derry Pby.		Robt. Caldwell	
Saml. Patten		Monaghan Pby.	
Jno. Law		Wm. Smith	
T.patrick Pby.		Wm. Sprate	
Wm. Rogers		Wm. Moore	
Thos. Read		Geo. Harris	Geo. Vogan
Wm. Montgomery		Jno. Davis	
Jno. Bankhead		Mr. Trimble	
		Robt. Montgomery	
Dromore Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
Wm. Henry		James Todd	
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson	Jno. White	Jno. Waters
Jas. Birch	Saml. Livingstone	Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Haliday
Jno. Thomson	Geo. Smith	Jno. McClelland	Jno. Vance
Jos. Hay		Jas. Whiteside	
Jno. Sherard		Mos. Hogg	
Wm. McGee		Wm. Wilson	
Bangor Pby.		Geo. Murray	
James Hull		Jas. Whiteside, Jun.	
Jas. Cochran		Wm. Stitt	Robt. Spratell
Jas. Bryson		Jos. Smith	
Jas. Stoupe		Clogher Pby.	
Doer. Stephenson		Hu. Mulligan	Mr. McMeans
Andw. Craig		Wm. Moorhead	
Belfast Pby.		Andw. Miller	
Wm. Laird		Jas. Ker.	
Andw. Greer		Killilea Pby.	
Thos. Kennedy		Mos. Neilson	
Sinclare Killburn		Doer. Jos : Litle	
		Wm. Steel Dickson	



Mr Osborn moved that another be chosen to moderate in this <sup>Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen</sup> Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Leet, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Steel Dickson, Read, Law, Stoupe, Birch, Moorhead, & M<sup>c</sup>Clelland. The Roll called & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland chosen, M<sup>r</sup> Rogers continued Clerk. <sup>Clerk</sup>

Ordered that the sev<sup>l</sup> Pby meet this evening and prepare Lists to <sup>Pby to meet</sup> be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & G. Synod's fixed Co<sup>m</sup>ittee, as also an acc<sup>t</sup> of such ministers as have died, demitted, been ordained, installed, of candidates licensed, or entered on trials since last G. Synod, likewise an acc<sup>t</sup> of annuitants upon the fund and if any have died since last G. Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acc<sup>t</sup> of women now living who have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Dickson preach to this Synod to-morrow <sup>Mr Dickson</sup> morning at nine o'clock, as formerly appointed.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Read being next in votes to the Mod<sup>r</sup> now chosen <sup>Mr Read</sup> be appointed to preach at next G. Synod upon the second day of the Synod's meeting, at nine o'clock forenoon.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock forenoon, this session concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

*2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.*

*2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>*

Mr Dickson as appointed preached at nine o'clock from Jo : 18 : 36. <sup>Mr Dickson</sup>

The sev<sup>l</sup> Pby gave in Lists of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Committees, as also the following acc<sup>ts</sup> namely :—

Killilea Pby report they have entered on trials <sup>Mr Ja<sup>s</sup> Trials</sup> Paterson. They also report that M<sup>r</sup> Strong died the 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>, 1780, he left a widow and children. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, Dead M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong.

Armagh Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Denham according to synodical <sup>Licensed</sup> regulations. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Cherrie, M<sup>rs</sup> Menagh, M<sup>rs</sup> Moody ; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart, M<sup>rs</sup> Carlile.

Strabane Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Welsh died the 15 May, 1781, he <sup>Dead</sup> left a widow and children. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Welsh.

Derry Pby have on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bar & Gray, widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Lile, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, M<sup>rs</sup> Strabridge, M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Hood.

T.patrick Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White.

Dromore Pby have on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomson & Ja<sup>s</sup> <sup>Trials</sup> Henderson. They ordained M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gee 12<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1780, he subscribed <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup></sup> the W : M : Confession of faith and the widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Sims, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey, M<sup>rs</sup> White, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan.

Installed

Bangor Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Skelly according to Synodical regulations, they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel, not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moore.

Demitted

Belfast Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee Demitted the Pastoral charge of Drumbo Cong<sup>n</sup> ye 12 June Inst<sup>t</sup>. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walker.

Dead

Letterkenny Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Wilson died the 12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last, he left a widow only. They have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore & Delap. No return of their widows.

Dead

Dead

Coleraine Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> David Smylie died the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1780; he left children only. M<sup>r</sup> Elder died the 18<sup>th</sup> May last; he left a widow & children. They also report that M<sup>r</sup> Moore was removed from Bushmills to Usher's Quay, Dublin; & they report y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Elder was ordained 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1780; not known whether he is a subscriber to fund. They likewise report that M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell resigned his Cong<sup>n</sup> thro' bodily indisposition & has an annuity from his Cong<sup>n</sup>. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Smylie.

Ballymena Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> David Ker. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown.

Licensed

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Installed

Dead

Demitted

Monaghan Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Rogers according to Synodical Rules. They have ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Montgomery the 5<sup>th</sup> June last; he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have installed M<sup>r</sup> Miller at Killishandra, the 7<sup>th</sup> May last. They report that M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy died the 7<sup>th</sup> May last; he left a child only. M<sup>r</sup> Carson demitted thro' bodily infirmity in Aug<sup>t</sup> last. M<sup>r</sup> Jackson also demitted in May last thro' bodily indisposition. M<sup>r</sup> Mathewson resigned the pastoral charge of his Cong<sup>n</sup> the 3<sup>d</sup> of 8ber, 1780. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algoe, M<sup>rs</sup> Bond, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Keñedy.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, M<sup>rs</sup> Ker; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rea.

Licensed

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Dead

Clogher Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Jos: King. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Johnston. They have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ker the 13<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>ry</sup>, 1781; he subscribed the widows fund. They report that M<sup>r</sup> Boyl died y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 8ber; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left children. Widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Boyl; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hemphill.

Dublin Pby have Installed M<sup>r</sup> Hu: Moore the 19<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>, 1780. Widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bath, M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn.

Fixed  
Committee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow :—

For Killilea Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Litle & Neilson with an Elder.

Armagh Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Campbell & Livingstone w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Strabane Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Osborn & Craford w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Derry Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Young with an Elder.

T.patrick Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lewson & Montgomery w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

For Dromore Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patrick & Smith with an Elder.  
 Bangor Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bryson & Bruce with an Elder.  
 Belfast Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Huey & Laird with an Elder.  
 L.kenny none returned.  
 Coleraine Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rentall & Knox with an Elder.  
 Ballymena Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cumming & Lyndsay with an Elder.  
 Monaghan Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Trimble with an Elder.  
 Tyrone Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & Stitt with an Elder.  
 Clogher Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan & Millar w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.  
 Dublin none returned.

These with our Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk to meet at Dunganon when called by y<sup>e</sup> Mod<sup>r</sup>, on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least to be ministers.

On Reading the returns made by the Pby Armagh, it was enquired whether or, no, the candidates for the ministry they have returned, as licensed, were required to subscribe the W.M. Confession of faith, which being answered by a member of that Pby in the negative, it was moved & seconded y<sup>t</sup> the Synod shall now determine, whether the Rule of this Synod requiring subscrip<sup>n</sup> to that Confession shall be continued or set aside? whereupon the previous question was moved & seconded shall this question be now put or deferred? The Roll called, & it carried defer, by a very great majority.

Subscription to  
ye Conf<sup>n</sup> or not

The Sev<sup>l</sup> Committees are enjoined to meet immediately.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock afternoon, Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5, y<sup>s</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, at 8 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

3<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

It was moved that the Time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, & it was agreed to meet at Lurgan, the last Tuesday in June, 1782, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Next Synod

A supplication from part of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Dromore was presented to this Synod, setting forth that they the supplicants consider themselves as greatly agrieved by another part of that Cong<sup>n</sup>, by giving a call to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, and mention various Instances against the conduct & proceedings of M<sup>r</sup> Arnold. They also set forth that the majority, hath been unfairly obtained by the offerers of said call.

Dromore

At same time a supplication from part of the Session & part of said Cong<sup>n</sup> was presented setting forth, that having given a call to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, they complain that his trials for ordination are not forwarded & praying y<sup>t</sup> his ordination as their minister may be speedily forwarded & the grievances of that Cong<sup>n</sup> healed.

Reasons of appeal from the proceedings of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patrick & Barbar in taking the Poll of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Dromore, & also answers to these reasons, from the other part of that Cong<sup>n</sup> were also read which are in

Reasons of  
Appeal



Minutes Pby  
Dromore

Reasons of  
Appeal of Pby  
Belfast

Minutes of y<sup>e</sup>  
Sub Synod

*retentis*. Minutes of the Pby of Dromore upon their transmitting of the call of the part of the Congregation of Dromore to the Pby of Belfast, containing their Investigation of certain facts alledged against M<sup>r</sup> Arnold & subjoining their opinion, "that the giving said call to M<sup>r</sup> Arnold wou'd affect the peace of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Dromore. Reasons of appeal from the proceedings of the Pby of Belfast, in recommending the call from Dromore Cong<sup>n</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Arnold were read, & answers also to said reasons were read—all which are *in retentis*. Minutes of the Sub Synod of Belfast refering the whole above matters to y<sup>e</sup> determination of this Synod were also produced.

The sev<sup>l</sup> parties from Dromore Cong<sup>n</sup> being heard & enquired at whether they had any more to add, & ordered to withdraw.

The Synod having reasoned on the preceeding affairs at large, it moved and agreed to, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Hull, Wilson, Montgomery, Bankhead, & Thomson, shou'd retire to the Session house & there converse with M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, and report the result of that conversation to y<sup>e</sup> Synod at next Sed<sup>t</sup>.

Adjourned 'till ten o'clock to morrow morning, Interloq<sup>r</sup> at seven. This Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with prayer.

4th Sess<sup>n</sup>.

*4th Session Thursday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.*

M<sup>r</sup> White in the name of the Pby of Tyrone, requested the advice of this Synod, respecting a difficulty they are under in regard to the widow of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ker, & the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Minterburn, and her claim of arrear stipend due by that Cong<sup>n</sup>.

M<sup>rs</sup> Ker &  
Minterburn

It is the opinion of this Synod that the Pby Tyrone cannot proceed to the settlement of that Cong<sup>n</sup>, untill Justice be done M<sup>rs</sup> Ker & her demands satisfied from the last settlement, untill the decease of the late M<sup>r</sup> Ker. And this Synod order this minute to be read in the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Minterburn, accompanied with a warm recommendation to that people to see speedy Justice done to M<sup>rs</sup> Ker; and this Synod appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup> Campbell, Mulligan, Harris, Moorhead, & Miller, as a Committee to meet at Minterburn the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday in Aug<sup>t</sup> next, to settle the affairs in that Cong<sup>n</sup> as to them shall seem best; and this Synod authorise said Committee to call Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, Stitt, & Smith, of the Pby of Tyrone to attend said Committee, to give information in that affair.

The Committee appointed last night to converse with M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, report that having an Interview with him, Referred M<sup>r</sup> Arnold himself to the Synod, who being called upon, requested that this Synod may be pleased to appoint a Committee for the clearing of his character, & declare his purpose of paying the strictest submission to the determination of that Committee, both with regard to his Character, & the whole affair relating to y<sup>e</sup> Cong<sup>n</sup> of Dromore.

It was moved & seconded, that this Synod shou'd rescind the whole proceedings relating to the Call from the Congregation of Dromore.



The question was put, Rescind or not? The Roll called, & it carried—Rescind—only with one dissenting voice. It was agreed that the parties from Dromore congregation shall be exhorted from the Chair, and brotherly love recommended to them.

This Synod then proceeded to name a Committee for the consideration of M<sup>r</sup> Arnold's character, and the following Brethren were appointed:—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin & Christy from Ballymena Pby; from Killilea Pby, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Neilson & Doc<sup>r</sup> Litle; from T. Patrick Pby, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Bankhead; from Belfast Pby, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Huey, Patten, & Killburn; from Dromore Pby, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, Neilson, & Barbar, who are to meet and sit at Belfast with their Elders, the last Tuesday in July next, five ministers and two elders to be a quorum, where all parties concerned are ordered to attend, & shou'd M<sup>r</sup> Arnold's opponents chuse to exhibit a Libel against him, they are to adhere to the Rules of Discipline, in furnishing him with a copy ten clear days before the day of Trial, and also the names of the witnesses they mean to produce in support of the charge. M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead is appointed to preach on opening the Committee, and to have a copy of this minute, and the Clerk of the Synod is ordered to furnish the parties with a copy of said minute, which is to be read to the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Dromore next Lord's day.

The appointment respecting M<sup>r</sup> Sprate's meeting-house was now revised, and the sev<sup>l</sup> members who have not yet made collections for that purpose are enjoined to do it speedily, and transmit said collections to M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, by him to be forwarded to M<sup>r</sup> Sprate.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

### *Interloq<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>*

On reading the last year's order for the Clerk to write to such Pbys as have neglected to make returns of ministers ord<sup>d</sup>, Deceased, or demitted, who are or were contributors to the widows fund, and also of the annuitants upon y<sup>c</sup> fund, It appeared that Sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys who have neglected to make such returns, are still negligent. This Interloq<sup>r</sup> therefore in the strictest manner renew their injunction & direct the Clerk to demand of every Pby that they be punctual in furnishing without loss of Time, with a full account of all ministers who have been ord<sup>d</sup>, or deceased, or demitted, within their Bounds, and also the number of widows they now have entitled to the fund, & if any have deceased, the time to be mentioned.

The Trustees Letter to the constituents of the widows fund was read informing us of M<sup>r</sup> Petigrew's acceptance of the office of a Trustee of that fund, of M<sup>r</sup> M'Cullochs declining that Trust, on account of his intended removal to the country, at the same time recommending to the Constituents the nomination of M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Kirkpatrick, Rob<sup>t</sup> Alexander, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and Alder<sup>n</sup> Henry Bevan as Trustees to the widows fund. It was also moved & agreed to by the Interloq<sup>r</sup>, that the Right honourable Frederick Earl of Bristol & Lord Bishop of Derry & Cha<sup>nc</sup>

King Esq<sup>r</sup> shall be nominated Trustees of the widows fund in conjunction with the above named Gentlemen, and Intreated to accept that Trust.

Ans<sup>r</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan & Killburn, are ordered to ans<sup>r</sup> the Trustees Letter.

It was moved & seconded that the ann<sup>s</sup> of the widows on the fund shall be increased to £13  $\varphi$  ann., from the 1st of July next, after reasoning, it was proposed, shall the annuities be at £12 or £13  $\varphi$  ann., the Roll called & it carried at £13.

2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>

2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>.

Upon refunding On reading the Minute of last year respecting the refunding the Contributors of the widows' fund all that they may have paid into that fund, provided they shall remove to America in order to exercise the ministerial office when there, This matter to stand over till next year.

Mrs Nisbet On reading the Minute relating to M<sup>rs</sup> Nisbet, a petition from M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Nisbet with an attested certificate of her marriage annexed, praying y<sup>t</sup> she may be paid her annuity.

The Interloq<sup>r</sup> considering the above affair & Impropriety of her claim, agree to take no notice of her petition.

Mr Caldwell A memorial of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell was produced to this Interloq<sup>r</sup> setting forth, 'That thro' bodily Indisposition, and on no other acc<sup>t</sup> he was necessitated to demit the Pastoral charge of his Cong<sup>n</sup> Praying that he may be continued to receive the Royal Bounty.

The Interloq<sup>r</sup> having a Retrospect to former Rules of the G. Synod respecting the demission of ministers thro' age & bodily infirmity, when it appeared that M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell comes under the discription of them who demit thro' age & Infirmity, and therefore he is allowed to enjoy the R.D.

M<sup>r</sup> Malcom It was proposed, and agreed to that M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, notwithstanding the resolution of last year, shall be continued to have a Divid<sup>d</sup> of the R : D : his case coming under the Rule aforesaid.

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

Aug<sup>t</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>

*A Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod at Lurgan, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1782.*

M<sup>r</sup> McClelland Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Ep : Jud : 3 : v : then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the Sev<sup>l</sup> Pby as follow—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.		Coleraine Pby.	
Jos. Osborn		Robt. Henry	
Wm. Craford		Wm. Knox	
		Alexr. Marshall	
		Robt. Thomson	
		Jas. Elder	
Derry Pby.		Ballymena Pby.	
None		Jno. Rankin	
		Jas. Cuming	
		Jno. Lyndsay	
		Robt. Christy	
T.patrick Pby.		Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Rogers		Matw. Trimble	
Thos. Read			
Wm. Montgomery			
Jno. Bankhead	Roger Kerely		
Jno. Abernethy			
Andw. Hume	Jno. Swan		
Dromore Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
Wm. Henry		Jas. Todd	
Isaac Patrick	Jno. Mulligan	Wm. Kennedy	Danl. McNish
Robt. McClure	Mr. Henderson	Jno. McClelland	Gabl. Eaken
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott	Jas. Whitside	
Jas. Birch	Jno. Sprot	Mos. Hogg	
Jno. Thomson	Geo. White	Wm. Wilson	Thos. Dunken
Doer. Litle		Geo Murray	
Jno. Sherard	Chas. Orr	Jas. Whiteside Jun.	Jas. Walker
Frans. Turetime	Gordon McMurray	Wm. Stitt	
Wm. McGee	Doer. Law	Wm. Moore	Thos. Kennedy
Bangor Pby.		Clogher Pby.	
Jas. Hull	Nathl. Shaw	Jos. Denham	
Jas. Stoupe		Wm. Johnston	
Andw. Craig			
Alexr. Gawdy			
Robt. Jackson			
Belfast Pby.		Killilea Pby.	
Jas. Huey	Jas. Chambers	Alexr. Macomb	
Wm. Laird	Jno. Henderson	Mos. Neilson	
Thos. Birch	Jas. Robertson	Robt. Porter	Ougheltry Law
Thos. Kennedy	Jno. Morrow	Jas. Sinclare	
Sinclare Killburn			
L.kenny Pby.		Armagh Pby.	
Andw. Alexander		Hen. Jackson	Geo. Mulhollan
		Wm. Campbell	
		Saml. Livingston	Robt. McNeilly
		Robt. Black	
		Colin Lyndsay	
		Saml. Sloan	
Dublin Pby.			
Ben. McDowell			



Modr Chosen

Mr M<sup>c</sup>Clelland moved that another be chosen to moderate in this [Synod]. The following Brethren were named as a Leet—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craford, James Birch, Stoupe, Henry, Lyndsay, Wilson, Livingstone, & Read; the Roll called & Mr Read chosen. Mr Rogers continued Clerk.

Clerk

Ordered that the Sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod's fixed Committee, also an account of such min<sup>rs</sup> as have died, been ordained, of candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod, also an account of annuitants on the fund & if any have died since last Synod the time to be mentioned; Likewise an acct of women that have been min<sup>rs</sup> wives and are not on the fund.

Mr Read

Ordered that Mr Read preach to this Synod to-morrow at nine o'clock forenoon as formerly appointed.

Mr Wilson

Ordered that Mr Wilson being next in votes to the Modr now chosen be appointed to preach at next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, upon the second day of the next Synod's meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock forenoon, y<sup>s</sup> Session concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

Mr Read

Mr Read, as appointed, preached to this Synod at nine o'clock forenoon from Tit: 2: 7 ver.

The sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Committees as also the following acct<sup>s</sup> namely:—

Strabane Pby report that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong M<sup>rs</sup> Welsh.

From Derry Pby no return.

T.patrick Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar M<sup>rs</sup> White.

Trials  
Licensed

Dromore Pby have on trials Mr M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, They have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Savage, Henderson, & Fletcher, according to Synodical Regulations, & they subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith, they report that Mr And<sup>w</sup> Kennedy died the 9th of 8ber, 1781, he left children only, Mr Neilson died the 8th of May, 1782, he left a widow and children. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Sims, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey, M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, fam<sup>y</sup> Mr Mulligan, fam<sup>y</sup> Mr Kennedy—M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon died 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1782.

Trials  
Ord<sup>d</sup>

Bangor Pby have on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murdoch & Shaw, they have ord<sup>d</sup> Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Jackson the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1782, he subscribed the widows' fund. They report Mr Bruce was removed from Lisburn to Dublin in May last. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell.

Licensed

Belfast Pby have licensed Mr Geo. M<sup>c</sup>Kewen, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of Faith. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, family of Mr Walker, to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1782.



Rout Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Hen. Elder, they have Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill, Patton, and Douglass, according to Synodical regulations, they subscribed the Confession of Faith. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> David Smylie.

Ballymena Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, they Licensed M<sup>r</sup> <sup>Licensed</sup> David Ker according to order. They report that M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> White died the 30<sup>th</sup> of 8ber last, he left no family.—They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown. M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran died the 12<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1781, —not on y<sup>e</sup> fund M<sup>rs</sup> McCreight.

Dublin Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bath, M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Killburn.

Monaghan Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Carson died the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782, <sup>Dead</sup> left a widow & children,—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Bond, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Carson, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy.

Tyrone Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Walker, they ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moore <sup>Trials</sup> <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup>.</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> May 1782, they both subscribed the Confession of Faith. M<sup>r</sup> Moore subscribed the widows fund—the widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Ker, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell.

Clogher Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Dickson, they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> <sup>License<sup>d</sup></sup> King, according to Synodical Rules, they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Johnston y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup>.</sup> of Decm<sup>r</sup> 1781. & M<sup>r</sup> Denham the 11<sup>th</sup> of Do., both subscribed the widows fund—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Boyl.

Killilea Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Hu. Dickson, they have Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson & Fulton, according to Synodical Regulations—they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Sinclare the 3<sup>d</sup> of 8ber 1781, he subscribed the widows fund—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong.

Armagh Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Ferguson died the 6<sup>th</sup> June Inst., he <sup>Dead</sup> left a widow & family—they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Cherry, M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Menagh, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, not on y<sup>e</sup> fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart, M<sup>rs</sup> Carlile.

They report from the Pby of Antrim, that M<sup>r</sup> Simson died in 9ber last, he was not a subscriber to the widows fund, M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin died the 16<sup>th</sup> of this Inst., he left children only—the widows & families in that Pby are M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clean, M<sup>rs</sup> Drenan, M<sup>rs</sup> Niven, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elder, fam<sup>y</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Colvil, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin.

The Synod's fixed Committee are the same as in the year past, <sup>Fixed Comtee</sup> who are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup> on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, 12 at least are to be min<sup>rs</sup>.

Inquiry having been made, how in the Returns from some Pbys, some who have been licensed & ord<sup>d</sup> since last G. Synod, are represented as having subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith, while others are returned as no mention is made of their subscribing the Confession of faith—moved that the question be put—whether such Pbys have only, omitted to return the subscription of such candidates or ord<sup>d</sup> min<sup>rs</sup>, or intentionally neglected the Synod's Rule concerning subscrip<sup>n</sup> It was moved & agreed to—defer the above question, that it may be brought on in order on reading the Minutes of last year. <sup>Subscription of the Confess<sup>n</sup> of faith</sup>

Ordered to proceed to read the minutes, and the Clerk having gone on so far, as the paragraph concerning the Synodical Rule, respecting the subscrip<sup>n</sup> of the W. M. Confession of faith—It was moved & seconded that the question be now put—Whether the Rule of this Synod relating to the subscrip<sup>n</sup> of the W. M. Confession of faith shall be repealed or not? after long reasoning on this subject, it was moved and agreed to, that the decision of this question shall not now be made, but deferred till to-morrow at nine o'clock forenoon, & then the subject shall be taken under consideration.

Adjourned till 5 o'clock afternoon, y<sup>a</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

3<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, at 5 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

Mr Arnold

Ordered that the minutes of last G. Synod be proceeded in & read, and on reading the minute respecting the Com<sup>ee</sup> appointed to meet at Belfast, to Inquire into the character of M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, it appeared the minutes of that Committee were produced, wherein it is set forth, that the Libeller against M<sup>r</sup> Arnold had not particularised the time when the words complained of against him shou'd have been uttered, The Committee therefore judged they cou'd proceed no farther in that matter

The Synod agreed to approve of the Conduct of the Com<sup>ee</sup> at Belfast.

Minterburn

M<sup>r</sup> Campbell reported from the Committee at Minterburn, that the widow of the late M<sup>r</sup> Ker, and the representatives of that Cong<sup>n</sup> had condescended to compromise their differences.

Killenker

On reading the minute respecting the collection for M<sup>r</sup> Sprate's meeting-house—This Synod resolved to continue the appointment & to order the sev<sup>l</sup> ministers to transmit their Collections to M<sup>r</sup> Campbell as formerly ordered.

Drumbo

A supplication was presented to this Synod from the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Drumbo, setting forth y<sup>t</sup> as the G. Synod had dissolved the relation between them and their former Pastor M<sup>r</sup> Malcom on account of his then bad state of health, but as he is now recovered, they pray this Synod y<sup>t</sup> he may be restored to the office of their stated min<sup>r</sup>.

A Committee

At same time another supplication from Drumbo was read, praying that they may have a minister of their own choice, according to the Rules of the G. Synod, under the care of the Pby of Belfast, and that a min<sup>r</sup> may not be fixed among them, merely by rescinding the Synod's act of Dissolving the former union between them & M<sup>r</sup> Malcom. It was moved and agreed to, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clure, Doc<sup>r</sup> Litle, & Birch, from the Pby of Dromore, and M<sup>r</sup> Abernethy from the Pby of T.patrick shall be a Committee—three to be a quorum, to go to Drumbo, and take the minds of that people, w<sup>t</sup> respect to M<sup>r</sup> Malcom's becoming their min<sup>r</sup>, & if upon scrutiny they find a Synodical majority for M<sup>r</sup> Malcom's Restoration to his office among them, the Committee is immediately to restore him—But if the Cong<sup>n</sup> desire

Installment, the Committee is to Install him upon the spot, Doe<sup>r</sup> Little is to preach—The Committee is to meet the 11<sup>th</sup> July next, and the Congregation is ordered against that day to have an accurate List of their members to be put into y<sup>e</sup> hands of the Committee—M<sup>r</sup> Patten is to preach at Drumbo next Lord's Day, and to publish this minute—M<sup>r</sup> Malcom to supply M<sup>r</sup> Patten's congregation, & he is to preach in Drumbo the following Lord's day,—Parties being called in and the above minute read—the Comm<sup>rs</sup> on both sides requested a Conference with some members of the Synod, to take their advice towards settling the arrears due by the Congreg<sup>n</sup>. Ordered that the Mod<sup>r</sup> shall announce from the Chair to the Com<sup>rs</sup>, that no one shall be qualified to vote, who hath not paid his stipend down to the first of May last.

Adjourned till tomorrow forenoon at 9 o'clock, concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.*

The affair of subscrip<sup>n</sup> deferred to this session being resumed—Subscrip<sup>n</sup> C. Faith  
this motion was made—if no one moves for a repeal of the Rule respecting subscrip<sup>n</sup>, then the Rule remains in its full force—and as no one moved for its repeal, the Rule continued.

A supplication from the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Moira, setting forth y<sup>t</sup> upon Moira the settlement of their present Min<sup>r</sup>, the Pby of Bangor had engaged to assist them in the support of their Min<sup>r</sup>, but that Pby had failed in the fulfillment of their engagement.

This Synod warmly recommended it to the several Congregations of Bangor Pby, to make good their promise to the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Moira, with respect to the Time past, & to be liberal in assisting that Congreg<sup>n</sup> in time to come, for the support of a Gospel Minister; and it is enjoined that the Clerk of the Pby of Bangor, shall make out copies of this minute, and shall transmit them to the sev<sup>l</sup> Ministers of that Pby, that it may be read to their respective Congregations.

A supplication from the Congregation of Ballynahinch was Ballynahinch  
presented to this Synod, requesting that, for several reasons therein set forth, they may be disannexed from the Pby of Killilea.

At the same time appeared a supplication from another part of said Congregation, complaining of the Conduct of the supporters of the preceeding part in that Congregation, & requesting that they may be continued under the Care of the Killilea Pby.

Ordered that a Committee shall be appointed, and the following A Com<sup>tee</sup>  
members are hereby appointed, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry, M<sup>c</sup>Clure, Birch, from the Pby of Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull, Bryson, & Craig, from Bangor Pby. Three to be a quorum, to meet at Ballynahinch on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July next, and there to enquire into the minds of that Congreg<sup>n</sup>, and if a Synodical majority appear to desire to be disannexed from Killilea Pby & join to the Pby of Belfast, the Committee have power to disannex them & join them to any Pby they chuse within the Bounds of this Synod,—M<sup>r</sup> Henry to preach at that Committee.



And it is farther ordered, that no member of the Congregation of Ballynahinch shall be allowed to vote on this occasion, who is not clear of stipend at May last, and that the Committee shall be furnished with an authentic List of the Congregation.

Ordered also that the Collectors of the Congregation, be hereby directed to pay to the representatives of the late M<sup>r</sup> Strong, immediately all the stipend in their hands (except what is due the Probationers) and M<sup>r</sup> Mat<sup>w</sup> Rea is enjoined to make good a promise he made of securing said representatives, for all remaining claims of stipend, & it is expected the Probationers will be paid before the meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock, Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5. Y<sup>s</sup> Session concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

5<sup>th</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*5<sup>th</sup> Session, Thursday, at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.*

On reading the minute relative to Ballynahinch, it was resolved that the Treasurers of that Congregation shall out of the money in their hands immediately pay the Probationers, & also that security shall be given to the representatives of the late M<sup>r</sup> Strong, for the payment of the arrear stipend due him. This Synod at the same time appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henderson & Semple to supply the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ballynahinch the two Lord's days preceeding the Committees meeting.

Dromore

A supplication from the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Dromore was presented to this Synod, complaining of Injustice in the Pby of Dromore, in not granting their several supplications, for the hearing of M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, & refusing themselves to a remonstrance, & that they might be joined to some other Pby. It was moved & seconded, that the Conduct of the Pby of Dromore, be approved with regard to their Conduct, towards the Congregation of Dromore, and the Conduct of that Pby, is hereby, in the fullest manner approved by this Synod.

After much reasoning on the affair of Dromore Congregation, this Synod resolved that a Committee consisting of the following members, viz : Mess<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, Patten, Craig & Killburn, three to be a quorum, M<sup>r</sup> Killburn is to preach, shall meet at Dromore the last Wednesday in Aug<sup>t</sup> next, to take the minds of that Congreg<sup>n</sup>, & if a Synodical majority of said Congreg<sup>n</sup> shall desire to be disannexed, the Committee are enjoined to disannex them from the Pby of Dromore, & to join them to any Pby they shall ask, and no member of that Congregation is to vote unless he is clear of stipend at 9ber last—the Congreg<sup>n</sup> are enjoined to furnish M<sup>r</sup> Black with an authentic List of such persons who are entitled to vote, ten clear days before the Committee's meeting, this Synod appoint M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch to preach to that Congregation, the last Sabb<sup>th</sup> of this month, M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher to M<sup>r</sup> Birches Congregation, M<sup>r</sup> Henderson to preach in Dromore y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> [Sabbaths] in July, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kewen the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of Do. M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kewen y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of Do.



A supplication from the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Carriekfergus was presented to Carrickfergus this Synod, by M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Moore & Dan<sup>l</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay supplicating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Savage a probationer under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Pby of Dromore, to supply that Congregation the month of July next. This supplication was granted.

A supplication was read praying for Synodical aid, in erecting a Richhill Meeting house at Richhill.

Ordered that it be warmly recommended to the sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys seriously to attend to this matter, & this Synod think it highly worthy of the notice & aid of all friends of the dissenting Interest.

It was moved & agreed to, that the Pby of Belfast make Venecash Collections annually for the support of Venecash Congregation, & the Pby of Rout are enjoined to raise contributions annually for the support Armoy of a Gospel min<sup>r</sup> at Armoy,

Whereas a paragraph in an advertisement, purporting to be the Imputed Sin production of the Pby of Killelea, was published in the Belfast *News-Letter* of the 17<sup>th</sup> of May last, in which mention is made of Imputed Sin as a blasphemous Doctrine, which appears to this Synod as highly imprudent & offensive—It is the sense of this Synod, that our Mod<sup>r</sup> do express our disapprobation of said Paragraph, and in the most earnest manner, caution all our members against all such improper publications in future.

This Synod however think proper to add, that they have not the most distant Idea of Condemning the generous principles of Civil & Religious liberty expressed in said Publication.

Doc<sup>r</sup> Little a member of the Pby of Killilca, requested that this Doc<sup>r</sup> Little Synod wou'd disannex him from that Pby, & that he may be annexed to the Pby of Dromore—This request was unanimously granted.

It was moved and agreed to, that next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod shall be at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1783, sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

The Committee of overtures brought in the following overtures, which were read & approved & are as follow :—

1<sup>st</sup> That his Majesty be addressed by this Synod, upon the present occasion.

2<sup>nd</sup> That an address be presented by this Synod to the Lord Lieutenant.

3<sup>rd</sup> That Colonel Stewart be thanked by this Body, for his exertions in procuring a Law for declaring the marriages of Protestant Dissenting ministers valid to all intents & purposes, & for removing doubts on that head.

Resolved that the following members be appointed, & accordingly are hereby appointed to draw up the different addresses, Viz: Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell, Campbell, Rankin, Huey, Murray, Bankhead, Wilson, Black, Henry, & Livingstone,—These Brethren after having withdrawn

sometime, returned with an address to the King, & also an address to the Lord Lieutenant, which were read and unanimously approved of, and inserted in our Journals & are as follow :—

Address to the  
King

### TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE PROVINCE OF ULSTER, ASSEMBLED IN GENL. SYNOD AT LURGAN THE 26TH OF JUNE 1782.

#### MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

We, your Majesty's dutiful and Loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Min<sup>rs</sup> & Elders of the Province of Ulster, in your Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland, assembled in Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, beg leave to approach your Royal Person, with the most cordial & unfeigned sentiments of affection, Loyalty, & respect.

We assure your Majesty that no part of your Dominions, contain men more attached to those principles, which seated your Majesty & your Illustrious family on the Throne of these Kingdoms, than the Protestant dissenters of the North of Ireland—educated in the principles of Liberty & a veneration for the Laws, we trust that as we have hitherto, so we shall be ever found the foremost in the support of the one, & obedience to the other.

We behold, with veneration & gladness, the late change in your Majesty's Counsels.—We revere the magnanimity & goodness of your Royal heart, in adopting those maxims of Government which have for their object, the liberty & happiness of mankind—we rejoice in the pleasing prospect now opened of having the sword sheathed, & that Brother will no more rise up against Brother.

As Irishmen, we particularly rejoice in the Justice & Liberality of your Majesty's Intentions towards this Kingdom.

We return your Majesty our most warm & grateful thanks, for having placed over us a chief Governour, whose hereditary principles deserve confidence—whose uniform support of the Liberty of the people commands esteem—our Hearts beat high at the name of Portland—The popular Governour of the people of Ireland—We trust that in his administration, the desire of your Majesty (whose first wish [is] to promote the happiness of all your subjects) will be perfected, that every species of persecution for Religious opinions, will be done away, when every equally good subject, will be equally cherished & protected by the state.

May the King of Kings, who weigheth the nations in a Balance, direct the heart of your Majesty & superintend your Counsels—May he grant victory to your fleets & armies over the antient enemies of freedom and these Kingdoms—That the blessing of Peace may again be established, & Christian unity & Love succeed to discord, enmity, & War is our most ardent wish, & constant prayer.

Done at Lurgan the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1782, & signed by our order.

THOS. READ, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

TO HIS GRACE, WM. HENRY CAVENDISH BENTICK, DUKE OF PORTLAND, LORD LIEUTENANT GENL & GENL.  
GOVERNOUR OF IRELAND.

Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS & ELDERS OF  
THE PROVINCE OF ULSTER.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE.

We, His Majesty's dutiful & Loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Min<sup>rs</sup> & Elders of the Province of Ulster, assembled at our annual Genl Synod, beg leave to approach your Grace, with our congratulations on your appointment to the government of this Kingdom. With peculiar pleasure we have seen at this eventful period a nobleman of the Illustrious house of Bentick appointed to that high dignity, for even the great abilities that distinguish your Grace's character, are not so sure a pledge of the wisdom and justice of your administration, as your Inheriting that uniform attachment to the true principles of the Constitution, that has been so conspicuous in your Illustrious family—and for that reason Protestant dissenters flatter themselves with a peculiar Interest in your Grace's protection—for it is with peculiar satisfaction we can reflect that the Presbyterians of Ireland, have ever been, in all revolutions, most Loyal to the Crown, & Invincibly steady in support of the Constitution.

We also beg leave, with all becoming respect, to represent to your Grace, that the settlement of our forefathers in this country was by encouragement from the Crown, that it was deemed essential to support the Protestant Interest here, & necessary to the establishment of peace, public tranquility & order, and that this, under the divine providence, was a happy means of checking the frequent commotions that formerly distracted this Kingdom, and at length of rendering it amiable to the Laws.

And it has been our constant study hitherto, so we shall persevere, notwithstanding the peculiar difficulties we still continue to labour under, to Inculcate on that numerous body of people under our care, those principles of virtue & Religion, Reverence & submission to the Laws, Loyalty to his Majesty & Zeal for our happy Constitution, which tend to make them good subjects & useful members of society.

Done at Lurgan the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1782, & signed by our order.

THOS. READ, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

It was proposed & agreed to, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> McDowell, Caldwell, & Moore shall be appointed, & accordingly are hereby appointed to present our address to the Lord Lieutenant, by him to be transmitted to his Majesty, & at the same time, they shall present the address to his Grace the Duke of Portland—These addresses to be published in the Dublin *Evening Post*, & Belfast *News-Letter*.

To deliver our  
Addresses

It was moved and agreed to, that a Committee consisting of the Pby of Tyrone & Mr W<sup>m</sup> Craford, shall wait on Colonel Stewart, with



the following address, & that it, with M<sup>r</sup> Stewarts answer, shall be published twice in the *Dublin Evening Post*—*Belfast News-Letter*, & *Strabane Journal*, at the expence of this Synod.—

Colonel Stewart

TO JAMES STEWART ESQ<sup>R</sup>., ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES IN  
PARLIAM<sup>T</sup>. FOR THE COUNTY TYRONE.

SIR.

We, the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Province of Ulster, embrace this first opportunity of our annual meeting in Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, to express our grateful sense of your kind services in our behalf, and that of our people, respecting the marriage Bill—to those of the Lords by whom it was supported, & to the house of Commons we acknowledge ourselves much indebted—To you Sir, with whom it was originated, whose exertions in favour of it, were warm, strenuous, and preserving, until it passed into a Law, we are under very particular obligations. We beg leave to return you our most sincere thanks, and to assure you, that we have peculiar pleasure, in being indebted on the present occasion, to a Gentleman not more distinguished for his private virtues, than by his upright & uniform attachment to the rights of his country.

This Law by removing every doubt concerning the validity of our marriages is of great importance to us—We trust we may with the confidence of Integrity appeal to the world, that Presbyterian Min<sup>rs</sup> have always been attentive to the Rules of order, & decency, & to the peace, & Interest of families & society, in all such transactions, as the Ministers of any denomination whasoever.

Permit us to say, and we feel it with a conscious pride, that our loyalty to the King, & steady regards to the rights of the Constitution, have ever been, and we trust, ever will be, consonant to the privileges we enjoy, as Christians—as freemen & Protestant Dissenters.

Done at Lurgan 26<sup>th</sup> June 1782, & signed by our order.

THOS. READ, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Mr Brydone

A proposition was made, that the Pby of Belfast shall be enabled & authorised by this Synod to receive M<sup>r</sup> Brydone as a member, in order that he may be accepted as belonging to this Body—& liberty to join any Pby he pleaseth—The consideration of that matter was postponed till next Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod.

The Mod<sup>r</sup> concluded this Synod with prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>.

Refund from  
widows fund

On reading the minute of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last year, respecting the refunding of money paid into the widows fund, to such Min<sup>rs</sup> as mean to go to America, in order to their exercising the ministeral office when there—The consideration of that affair was gone into, and after reasoning for some time on the subject, it was moved & agreed to, that it shou<sup>d</sup> stand over till next year.



*2<sup>d</sup> Interlog<sup>r</sup>.*

Whereas the Dublin annual papers have been missent, there is reason to apprehend they are in the Post office of Dunganon—ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Stitt be directed to search that office without loss of Time, & if such papers & letters are found there, to transmit them to the Clerk of the Synod, upon the rec<sup>t</sup> of which he is to convey them to the Moderator, who is hereby directed, with all convenient speed, to call a Committee of the following members, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Laird, Bryson, Killburn, Thomson & Bankhead, to meet at Belfast to consider these papers & form a minute, that the Clerk may be enabled to fill up the Synod's minutes, to be transmitted in due form to the sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys.

The Committee appointed by the G. Synod to consider the Dublin papers, which had been misdirected, met at Belfast the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1782, these papers were laid before them, which contained a Letter of the 22 ultim. from the trustees of the widows fund, giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of the state of that fund, which, as it is in a very prosperous way, is highly agreeable to the constituents—"That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bevan, Alexander, & Kirkpatrick, had been pleased to become Trustees of that fund—"That the legacy of Doc<sup>r</sup> Maconchy had not yet been p<sup>d</sup>, but it is expected it soon will.

The Committee answered this letter, & ordered it & a Copy of the answer to be inserted in the widows fund Book.

A Letter of the same date from Lang to our Clerk was produced, also Lists of the subscriptions, & of the annuities & annuitants of the widows fund specified—Likewise an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Divi<sup>d</sup> of the R.D. Letter of y<sup>e</sup>  
Trustees & to  
Mr Lang

It was observed that the great trouble in negotiating the Business of y<sup>e</sup> widows fund, induced M<sup>r</sup> Lang to charge Com<sup>n</sup> according to the original scheme, at the rate of 2½  $\text{p}$  ct., tho' he had transacted that business above thirty years, & had never charged anything for his trouble, but thinks it expedient to do it now, as the fund can very well bear it.

M<sup>r</sup> Lang intimated that the southern association mean to make a compliment to M<sup>r</sup> Vaghan, the Gentleman in London, who negotiates the Business of the R. D. there, and have bespoke for him a suite of Table Linen with his arms, and it is expected the Northern Min<sup>rs</sup> will join in this. The Committee did not take upon them to determine anything respecting that part of M<sup>r</sup> Langs Letter.

A 2<sup>d</sup> Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lang of the 25 ult<sup>m</sup> was also produced, whercin he mentions that M<sup>r</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> King our good friend, in conjunction with other Gentlemen, who he hopes will give him their assistance, mean to try whether an address to the house of Commons—to his Majesty, may not be procured for an add<sup>n</sup> to the present Royal bounty on this Establishment to the nonconforming Ministers. Letter to Mr  
Lang

The Committee agreed to answer M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter as followeth:—

SIR,

You will please inform M<sup>r</sup> King that y<sup>r</sup> Letter did not reach our Mod<sup>r</sup> in time to be laid before the G. Synod. As that Body knew

nothing of that interesting business, when they had appointed us a Committee to examine y<sup>r</sup> papers, and to write to the Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> widows fund, we do not think ourselves authorised to instruct you what ans<sup>r</sup> you shou'd give to our generous friend.

For ourselves, we beg that you will assure M<sup>r</sup> King that we are penetrated w<sup>t</sup> the most lively sentiments of gratitude to him, for his truly benevolent view, and that his kind intentions cou'd not be laid before y<sup>e</sup> G. Synod, we beg to refer the whole matter to his wisdom & goodness of heart, we have no doubt y<sup>e</sup> G. Synod will take y<sup>e</sup> first opportunity, of returning their most unfeigned acknowledgements to M<sup>r</sup> King for his most generous plan, & to you for y<sup>e</sup> obliging manner of communicating it.

Signed by order of the Committee.

THOS. READ, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

P.S.—Should M<sup>r</sup> King introduce the matter this Sess<sup>n</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Lang will please to inform Mess<sup>rs</sup> Laird & Bryson.

Inserted by

W. ROGERS, G.S.C.

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*A Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod at Lurgan, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1783.*

M<sup>r</sup> Read Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Jno. 8 : 12 : then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev<sup>l</sup> Pbys as follow :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		Belfast Pby.	
Henry Jackson		Thos. Birch	
Wm. Campbell		Geo. McKewen	
Saml. Livingstone			
Robt. Black		Letterkenny Do.	
Colin Lyndsay			
Strabane Pby.		Andw. Alexander	
		Coleraine Do.	
Jos. Osborn			
Wm Craford		Alexr. Marshall	
		Saml. Hamilton	
Derry Pby.		Robt. Thomson	
None			
T.patrick Pby.		Ballymena Do.	
Wm. Rogers		Jno. Rankin	
Thos. Read		Jas. Cumming	
Jno. Bankhead	Wm. Curry		
Jno. Abernethy	Mr. Lyle	Dublin Pby.	
Jno. Gibson		None	
David Ker			
Jno. Savage		Monaghan Pby.	
Dromore Do.		Wm. Smith	
		Geo. Harris	Robt. Crookshanks
		Jno. Davis	
Wm. Henry	Mr. Thos. Henry	Mat. Trimble	
Jno. Smith		Robt. Montgomery	Robt. Elliot
Isaac Patrick		Jno. Arnold	
Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson		
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott	Tyrone Do.	
Jas. Birch	Jno. Herron		
Jno. Thomson	Jno. Boyd	Jas. Todd	
Doer. Litle	David Duff	Jno. White	
Jos. Hays		Wm. Kennedy	Alexr. McKeever
Jno. Sherard	Chas. Orr	Jno. McClelland	
Frans. Turretine		Mos. Hogg	
Wm. McPherson	Jas. Kells	Wm. Wilson	
Wm. McGee		Wm. Stitt	
Wm. Fletcher.		Robt. Rogers	
Bangor Pby.		Clogher Do.	
Wm. Rowan		Jno. Denham	
Jas. Hull	Nathl. Shaw		
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Hu. Dickson	Killilea Do.	
Jas. Caldwell	Jas. Warnick		
Andw. Craig	Jno. Dobbins	Alexr. McComb	
Alexr. Gawdy		Robt. Smith	
Robt. Jackson		Wm. Steel Dickson	
Robt. Trotter		Jas. Patterson	

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Read moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a leet—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sherard, Caldwell, Marshall, Cumming, Harris, Steel Dickson, & Wilson, the Roll called & M<sup>r</sup> Wilson was chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Rogers continued Clerk.

Clerk

Ordered that the several Pby's meet this evening, & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee; also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, of Candidates Licensed, or entered on Trials since last G. Synod; likewise an account of annuitants on the widows fund, and if any have died since last Synod, the Time to be mentioned, also of women who have been ministers wives, & are not on the fund.

M<sup>r</sup> Wilson

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Wilson preach to this Synod to morrow morning at 9 o'clock as formerly appointed.

M<sup>r</sup> Sherard

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Sherard being next in votes to the Mod<sup>r</sup> now chosen, be appointed to preach upon the second day of next meeting of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod at 9 o'clock forenoon. This Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with prayer.

2<sup>d</sup> Session

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

M<sup>r</sup> Wilson as appointed preached to this Synod, at 9 o'clock forenoon from Heb. 6 : 18.

The several Pby's gave in Lists of their members for the sev<sup>l</sup> Com<sup>ttees</sup> as also the following accounts namely:—

Armagh Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Menagh, M<sup>rs</sup> Cherry, M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart, M<sup>rs</sup> Carlile.

Dead

Strabane Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Torbet died the 14<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>s</sup> Inst., he left a widow & children. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Welsh, M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet.

No return from Derry Pby.

Dead

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Templepatrick Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Craford died the 15<sup>th</sup> July last; He left a widow & children. They have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Gibson the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> last, M<sup>r</sup> Ker the 4<sup>th</sup> March, & M<sup>r</sup> Savage the 6<sup>th</sup> of Do. last, all subsc<sup>d</sup> the widows fund—They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, & M<sup>rs</sup> Craford.

Orda

Licensed

Dromore Pby ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher 3<sup>d</sup> Inst. he subsc<sup>d</sup> the W. M. Confession of faith & widows fund—They have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Waddell, they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland according [to] Synod Regulations, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Simms, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey, M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan.

Licensed  
Ord<sup>d</sup>

Installed

Bangor Pby have Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murdock & Shaw according to Synodical Regulations. They ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Trotter 23 Inst., he subscribed the widows fund, they Installed M<sup>r</sup> Craig at Lisburn, they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell.



Belfast Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Kinkead died the 20<sup>th</sup> July last, he left a widow & children. They ordained M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kewen 11<sup>th</sup> March last, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith & widows fund, they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead. Dead  
Ord<sup>d</sup>

L.kenny Pby ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Delap 14<sup>th</sup> 9ber last, he subscribed the widows fund. They report that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaghey died in April last, he left a widow & children. The widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Turretine, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ferlie, M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaghey. Ord<sup>d</sup>  
Dead

Coleraine Pby licensed M<sup>r</sup> Elder according to Synodical Regulations, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of Faith. They ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Farland the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> last, & M<sup>r</sup> Douglass the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last, both subscribed the W. M. Confession of Faith & widows fund. Widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> David Smylie. Licensed  
Ord<sup>d</sup>

Ballymena Pby licensed M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cumming according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Creight. Licensed

Dublin Pby report that M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell died the 24<sup>th</sup> May last, he left a widow & children. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bath, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Killburn. Dead

Monaghan Pby ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Arnold 18<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> last, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith & widows fund. Widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Algio, M<sup>rs</sup> Bond, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, Do. M<sup>r</sup> Carson; M<sup>rs</sup> Carson died 20<sup>th</sup> 9ber last. Ord<sup>d</sup>

Tyrone Pby licensed M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Walker according to Synodical Regulations, he subscribed the Confession of faith. They ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Rogers, the 12<sup>th</sup> 9ber last, he subscribed the Confession of faith & widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hood, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Ker, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell; M<sup>rs</sup> Ker died 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Clogher Pby licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stewart & Marshall according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Boyl.

Killilea Pby licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wheir, & Warnick according to Synodical Regulations,, they ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Patterson 22<sup>d</sup> 8ber last, he subscribed the widows fund, they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong.

Antrim Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Drenan, fam<sup>y</sup> Doc<sup>r</sup> Colvil, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elder, Do. M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Niven. M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clean died the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1783.

The Synod's fixed Committee as follow.—

Synod's  
Committee

For Armagh Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Campbell, Livingstone & Black w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Strabane Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Osborn, Craford & Coulter w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Derry Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Young w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

T.patrick Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, Read, Montgomery, Bankhead w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Dromore Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry, Barbar, Smith & Doc<sup>r</sup> Litle w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Bangor Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull, Bryson & Craig w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Belfast Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Huey, Malcom & Killburn w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

L<sup>r</sup>.Kenny Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Burk w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Coleraine Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Simson & Marshall w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

B.mena Pby Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, Douglas, Lyndsay & Cumming w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Dublin Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell & Moore w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Monaghan Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harris, Davis, Trimble & Moore w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Tyrone Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Murry, Stitt, M<sup>c</sup>Celland w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Clogher Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan & Miller w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Killilea Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb, Dickson & Neilson w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Antrim Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Crombie & Bryson & an Elder.

These with our Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk are to meet in Dungan, when called by our Mod<sup>r</sup> on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum whereof 12 at least are to be Min<sup>rs</sup>.

Last year's  
minutes

Ordered that the last year's minutes be read.

Mr Sprate's  
meeting house

On reading the minute respecting the Collections for M<sup>r</sup> Sprate's meeting house, M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, gave information, that no money had been conveyed to him for that purpose. It was proposed & agreed to, that all such Min<sup>rs</sup> now present as have not collected, shall now advance into the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Harris, such a sum as they can suppose their respective Congreg<sup>ns</sup>, might refund them and M<sup>r</sup> Harris is to report to-morrow afternoon the amount he receives.

Drumbo

The Committee appointed to meet at Drumbo report that they found a full unanimity in that Cong<sup>n</sup> for the Installment of M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, upon which they proceeded to Install him, and M<sup>r</sup> Malcom was considered as a member of the Pby of Belfast. This Synod approved the Conduct of y<sup>c</sup> Com<sup>ttee</sup>.

Subscrip<sup>n</sup> to y<sup>c</sup>  
Confess<sup>n</sup> of  
Faith

On reading the minute of last G. Synod respecting the Rule concerning subscrip<sup>n</sup> to the W.minister Confession of faith, viz:—" If no one moved for a repeal of the Rule respecting subscrip<sup>n</sup> then the Rule remains in full force, no one moved for its Repeal, the Rule continued. It was therefore unanimously agreed by this Synod, that the words "full force, should be erased, and the words "as usual should be inserted in their place.

Ballynahinch

The Committee appointed to Ballynahinch Report that, at their meeting the probationers were p<sup>d</sup> off, satisfaction made to the Heirs of the late M<sup>r</sup> Strong, and the Cong<sup>n</sup> Joined to the Pby of Dromore. This Synod approved the Conduct of the Committee.

On the affairs of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Dromore, M<sup>r</sup> Black informed this Synod y<sup>t</sup> previous to the day, on which the Committee was appointed to meet, he understood the parties had mutually acquiesced to drop their animosities, and were content to remain under the care of the Pby of Dromore, and therefore the necessity of the Committee's meeting was superceeded. Dromore Cong<sup>n</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton disannexed from the Pby of Coleraine, by the last Sub Synod of Derry, made application to this Synod, requesting he might be annexed to the Pby of Belfast. This granted, provided the Pby of Belfast are inclined to receive him, and if not M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton is allowed to join himself to any other Pby, that will receive him. M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton

Moved that the Time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, Magharafelt & Antrim were proposed. The Roll called & it carried Magharafelt. The next Synod is therefore to meet at Magharafelt the last Tuesday in June 1784. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

Adjourned till Seven o'clock afternoon. This Session concluded with prayer.

*3d Session Wednesday, at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.*

3d Session

M<sup>r</sup> Bruce a member of the Southern Association, being present was invited to sit and vote with this Synod and he consented to do it. M<sup>r</sup> Bruce

M<sup>r</sup> Black moved that the address to his Majesty which was agreed upon at last G. Synod, shou'd now be read, which being complied with he observed, that the address, printed in the Belfast *News-Letter* differed from y<sup>e</sup> address agreed upon, by the G. Synod at last meeting & entered in the records. Ordered that the Clerk write to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell and inquire if the address to his Majesty was transmitted unaltered. M<sup>r</sup> Black

A petition from the Congregation of Kirkcubbin, requesting that they may be rec<sup>d</sup> under the care of this Synod; also a Petition from M<sup>r</sup> Brideon of Kirkcubbin praying, that he may be under the Protection of this Synod, were read. After some reasoning it was moved—Receive M<sup>r</sup> Brydeen, or not. The Roll called & it carried receive, altho' they consider the settlement of that Gentleman in their Bounds as irregular yet in consideration of the goodness of his private character, this Synod consents to receive him, as a matter of favour, but not to be considered as a preceedent. M<sup>r</sup> Brydeen was asked if he had subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith, when he was licened, and if he still adhered to that subscription, if he wou'd be subject to this Synod in the Lord, & wou'd be a Contributor to the the widows fund, all which he answered in the affirmative, and M<sup>r</sup> Brydeen is allowed to be a member of any Pby in our Bounds that will receive him. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Dickson, Ker & Jackson jun<sup>r</sup>, entered their protests & promised to give their reasons in due time. Kirkcubbin  
M<sup>r</sup> Brydeen

Adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow forenoon. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 9, y<sup>e</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup> concl<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup> prayer.



4th Session

*4th Session Thursday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

Morn

A Supplication from the Congregation of Morn, was presented to this Synod setting forth that in consequence of a Difference between them and the Ex<sup>rs</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, they [are] prevented of obtaining the setlem<sup>t</sup> of the minister they had called; they therefore pray the Interposition of this Synod in adjusting their differences, and the ordination of the minister they have made choice of, may be expedited.

A Comtee

The Pby of Dromore, the Com<sup>rs</sup> from Morn, & the Executors of the late M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, were heard at Large & removed—It was moved & agreed to, that a Committee of the following members, viz: Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb, Campbell, Read, White, & Livingstone, shou<sup>d</sup> immediately converse with the parties, in order to heal their differences. The Committee having made their report, this Synod resolved—that as differences have arisen from the settlement of their accounts, it is the mind of this Synod, that the proposed sum of £50, shou<sup>d</sup> be p<sup>d</sup> by the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Morn to the Ex<sup>rs</sup> of the late M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy on the morning of M<sup>r</sup> Thomson's ordination, and the sum of £10 more left to the generosity of the Congregation.

Cregan &amp; Newton Hamilton

A Reference having been made by the Pby of Killilea to y<sup>s</sup>. Synod, in regard to a Dispute subsisting in y<sup>e</sup> Congregation of Cregan, concerning the proportion in which M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb's Labours shall be divided between the Two meeting houses at Cregan & Newton Hamilton, and the minute of said Pby containing every Information upon the spot, being read—This Synod agreed unanimously, that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb shou<sup>d</sup> preach alternately at Cregan & Newton Hamilton from the Time that the people of the later place shall have discharged the arrears due by them at Cregan, Aug<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1781, and as long as they shall continue to pay him one half of the stipend promised, or to be promised, & become Justly due to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb from the above date, this minute to be read publickly in both places.

Mr Harris

M<sup>r</sup> Harris having reported that very little money had been given in to him, in pursuance of the appointm<sup>t</sup> yesterday—Ordered that the members present, who have not collected for M<sup>r</sup> Sprate's meeting house, be enjoined to make Collections before or against next meeting of the G. Synod, & convey the same to M<sup>r</sup> Harris, by him to be transmitted to M<sup>r</sup> Sprate. The following members are—M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lyndsay, M<sup>r</sup> Ker, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Smith, M<sup>r</sup> Patrick, M<sup>r</sup> Barbar, M<sup>r</sup> Sherard, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gee, M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher, M<sup>r</sup> Hays, M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson, M<sup>r</sup> Livingstone, M<sup>r</sup> Craig, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kewen, M<sup>r</sup> Cumming, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Montgomery, M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, M<sup>r</sup> Dickson, with all others in the respective Pbys, who have not collected for the above purpose, are hereby requested to be punctual in making Collections as above.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloqr

*1st Interloqr*Refund y<sup>e</sup>  
widows fund

On reading the minute of last year's Interloq<sup>r</sup> refering to this Interloq<sup>r</sup>, the consideration of the Business respecting the refunding the



Contributions to the widows fund, to such as go to America. Reference being had to the Rule of the G. Synod made in the year 1777, which is as follows:—"That if any part of the Capital of the widows fund already accumulated, be hereafter given away to any person or persons, but those originally intended to be relieved by the scheme of that fund, every Contributor who disproves thereof, shall have a right to go out of the scheme, provided he declares his resolution to do so, then, or at the meeting of next G. Synod, & whosoever votes for such an alienation shall be excluded the benefit of this Resolution,—after some reasoning on this matter, the question was put—Rescind the Rule of 1777 or not? Mess<sup>rs</sup> Osborn, White, Rankin, & Dickson, entered their Protests against the vote. The Roll was called & it carried Rescind.

It was moved and agreed to, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson & Mathewson, <sup>Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson & Mathewson</sup> formerly of the Pby of Monaghan, having demitted their Congregations, not thro' age, or bodily Infirmary, shou'd not be entitled to any share of the R:D: from the time of their respective Demissions, and the Clerk is hereby ordered to Inform our agent of this, & to instruct him to pay no money in his hands to either of them.

It being observed that M<sup>r</sup> Moore & others of the Pby of Monaghan, <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Moore</sup> do enjoy a double portion of the R.D: ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Moore be enjoined to attend at next G. Synod to give information of this matter & M<sup>r</sup> Harris is to Inform M<sup>r</sup> Moore of this.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>.*

M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter to this Synod was read, stating his desire, that, <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Lang</sup> according to the original scheme of the widows fund, he may in future be allowed, by the special direction of this Synod, 2½  $\text{p}^{\text{c}}$  on all the annuities, for negotiating the Business of the widows fund; this was unanimously agreed to & our Clerk, in his answer to M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter is ordered to inform him accordingly.

On observing that the Returns from several Pbys of the widows <sup>Concerning</sup> and ann<sup>ts</sup> in their Bounds are defective: it was moved & agreed to, that <sup>Returns</sup> if thro' the neglect of any Pby, annuities shou'd be transmitted longer than really due, to the prejudice of the fund; what it shall have suffered, by such neglect: by an order of this Synod to our Agent, to stop so much out of the R:D: due to such Pbys, our Clerk is ordered to advise our Agent to be particularly careful, that he receives due certificates of y<sup>e</sup> widows and annuitants being alive, before he pays any annuities according to the Regulation, relative to that matter of 1773, a copy of which will be sent to M<sup>r</sup> Lang.

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was received by <sup>Trustees Letter</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>, which gave pleasure to find, that the fund is in a prosperous state, but it was observed, that no account appeared respecting a bequest of £100 by M<sup>r</sup> Ker of Newcastle, county Meath, to the widows <sup>Bequest</sup> fund.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Moore & M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery of the Pby of Monaghan do apply to the Ex<sup>ts</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Ker, in relation to that matter, & report to y<sup>e</sup> General Synod at next meeting.

Bequest

Some members having given information of a Bequest, said to be left by a lady in Dublin to the widows fund; this Interloq<sup>r</sup> request M<sup>r</sup> Bruce to get what Information he can, relative to that matter and communicate it to the Trustees.

M<sup>r</sup> Black and Craig were ordered to prepare an answer to ye Trustees letter. Ordered that the Mod<sup>r</sup> write to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell to procure without loss of Time the Royal Charter of the R:D: from the representatives of the late M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell.

M<sup>r</sup> Rowan

M<sup>r</sup> Hull in the name of the Pby of Bangor, requested that M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, a member with them, shou'd no longer be one of their Body. This was granted, even at the request of M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, but as in the course of conversation, several things had dropped, affecting the character of M<sup>r</sup> Rowan. Ordered that a Committee shall meet at Ballinderry the last Tuesday in July next, to consider that matter: the Com<sup>tee</sup> to consist of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jno. Thomson, Henry, M<sup>c</sup>Clure, Birch, Sherard, from the Pby Dromore; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Laird, Malcom, Patten, & Killburn, from Belfast Pby; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wright, Montgomery, Abernathy & Gibson, from T.patrick Pby; & from the Pby of Ballymena, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay, Park, Rankin, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Brown, with their Elders, (The Pby of Bangor are enjoined to attend), 5 Min<sup>rs</sup> & three Elders, to be a quorum, to hear any complaint against M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, by the Pby of Bangor, or any others; and to enquire into the state of his Congregation: and all affairs relating to the Conduct of M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, & his Congregation: and M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, is enjoined to attend said Committee, and in case of non-attendance, the Committee are to proceed to pass such sentence as to them shall seem meet. The Committee are empowered to Issue the whole Business upon the spot, or to adjourn to a latter day as they shall see cause. M<sup>r</sup> Craig is ordered to preach in Ballinderry the 2<sup>d</sup> Sabb<sup>th</sup> hence & to publish this Minute; M<sup>r</sup> Murdoch is appointed to preach for M<sup>r</sup> Craig in Lisburn, and M<sup>r</sup> Rowan is to pay M<sup>r</sup> Murdoch. M<sup>r</sup> Thomson is enjoined to preach at the meeting of the Committee.

Chas King Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Mod<sup>r</sup> is appointed to write a Letter to Cha<sup>s</sup> King Esq<sup>r</sup> in the name of the G. Synod, thanking him for his generous proposition, communicated by M<sup>r</sup> Lang, in his Letter to this Synod last year, hoping he will persevere in any steps he may Judge most conducive to our Interest.

Moved that a Letter be wrote to some friend in Dublin by M<sup>r</sup> Campbell or M<sup>r</sup> White signifying the inclination of this Synod, to take some steps towards obtaining an augmentation of the R:D: That we may know the sentiments of our Brethren in the Southern Association on that subject.

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.Clk.

*A General Synod at Maghrafelt, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1784.*

Mr Wilson Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Joh. 18. 37, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries as follow :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.		Coleraine.	
Jos. Osborn		Robt. Henry	
Doer. Wm. Craford		Jno. Smith	
Hu. Hamill		Wm. Knox	
		Robt. Caldwell	
	Derry.	Robt. Thomson	
		Jno. Glenday	
Saml. Patten		Wm. Donglass	
Jno. Law			
Arthur Kyle			
Frans. Gray			Ballymena Pby.
Hu. Books			
	Templepatrick.	Jno. Rankin	
		Robt. Scott	
		Jno. Lyndsay	
Wm. Rogers		Jas. Cuming	Jno. Ker
Jno. Wright		Alexr. Speer	
Thos. Read		Richd. Christy	Jno. Patten
Jno. Abernethy			
Jno. Bankhead			Dublin.
Jno. Gibson			
David Ker		None.	
	Dromore.		Monaghan.
Jno. Thomson	Jno. Lewers.	Wm. Moor	
Isaac Patrick		Jno. Davis	
Jos. Hay		Mat Trimble	Mr. Eliot
Jno. Sherard		Robt. Montgomery	
Wm. McFerson	Richd. Speer	Wm. Miller	
Wm. McGee		Jno. McCurdy	
Mos. Thomson			
Wm. McGlelland			Tyrone.
	Bangor.	Jas. Todd	
		Jno. White	Wm. Chambers
Jas. Cochran		Wm. Kennedy	Danl. McNesh
Jas. Bryson		Jno. McClelland	Jno. Gibson
		Jas. Whiteside	Jas. Sinclare
	Belfast.	Mos. Hogg	
		Wm. Wilson	Doer. Pollock
Thos. Birch		Geo. Murray	
Sinclare Killburn		Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Geo. McKewen		Jno. Smith	
Geo. Brydone		Wm. Moore	Wm. Brown
		Robt. Rogers	
	Letterkenny.		
Andw. Alexander			



Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
	Clogher.		Armagh.
Andw. Miller		Doer. Campbell	
Jas. Ker		Saml. Livingstone	
Jos. Denham		Saml. Sloane	
Wm. Johnston		Thos. Cuming	
	Killilea.		To no Pby.
Robt. Smith			
Jas. Sinclare		Saml. Hamilton	

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Wilson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a Leet: Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, Knox, Bankhead, Murray, Doc<sup>r</sup> Craford. The Roll called & Doc<sup>r</sup> Craford was chosen; M<sup>r</sup> Rogers continued Clerk.

Clerk

Ordered that [the] several Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of overtures, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod, also an account of widows on the fund, and if any have died since last Synod the Time to be mentioned. Likewise of women that have been ministers wives and are not on y<sup>e</sup> fund.

Mr Sherard

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Sherard preach to this Synod to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, as formerly appointed.

Mr Murray

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Murray being next in votes to the Mod<sup>r</sup> now chosen, be appointed to preach at next G. Synod, upon the second day of their meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow forenoon. This Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with prayer.

2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.*

Mr Sherard

M<sup>r</sup> Sherard as appointed preached to this Synod, at nine o'clock forenoon, from\*

The several Pbys gave in Lists of their members, for the several Committees as also the following accounts, namely---

Ordained

Strabane Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Hu Hamill, y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> March 1784. he is a contributor to y<sup>e</sup> widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Welsh.

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Derry Pby, have ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Patten, 7<sup>th</sup> 8ber last, M<sup>r</sup> Books, the 5 of Novem<sup>r</sup> last, M<sup>r</sup> Cuningham, the 11<sup>th</sup> Do., they are

\* Text not given.

all contributors to the widows fund. They report that M<sup>r</sup> Walker, <sup>Dead</sup> died the later end of May 1782, he was a contributor to the widows fund, left a widow and family. M<sup>r</sup> Harvy demitted the Charge of his Cong<sup>n</sup> in Derry, in Novem<sup>r</sup> last, they Installed M<sup>r</sup> Black in Derry <sup>Installed</sup> the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday in Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1784. They deposed M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, the 18<sup>th</sup> May <sup>Deposed</sup> 1784. They have licensed, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gray & March George, according <sup>Licensed</sup> to Synodical Requisitions: widows with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Hair, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Strabridge, & M<sup>rs</sup> Walker Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Templepatrick Pby, have ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Marshall, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup></sup> 1784, for America; they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Craford.

Dromore Pby, have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Moses Thomson, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1783, <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup></sup> he subscribed the W.M. Confession of faith & widows fund. M<sup>r</sup> McClelland, the 21<sup>st</sup> 8ber, he subscribed Do., they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> <sup>Licensed</sup> James Waddel, Hu. McClist<sup>r</sup> & Jn<sup>o</sup> Taylor, according to Synodical Regulations, they subscribed the W.M. Confession. They have entered on 2<sup>d</sup> trials M<sup>r</sup> Waddell. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, <sup>Trials</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Sims, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey, M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan till 7<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1784.

Lrkenny Pby have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Douglass, Simson, & McKay, <sup>Licensed</sup> according to Synodical regulations, They report that M<sup>r</sup> Steen resigned the care of his Cong<sup>n</sup> in April last—widows on the fund with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Turretine, M<sup>rs</sup> McGaghey, M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ferlie.

Coleraine Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Douglass, he is not a contributor <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup></sup> to the fund, nor is said when he was ordained, they report that M<sup>r</sup> Gideon Neilson died the 20<sup>th</sup> 9ber last, he was not a contributor to the widows <sup>Dead</sup> fund, They have ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hill for America. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> <sup>Licensed</sup> Kennedy according to Synodical Regulations. They have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, family M<sup>r</sup> David Smylie.

Clogher Pby have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Boyl, not on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Hemphill, M<sup>rs</sup> Carlile.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, fam<sup>y</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Ker.

Bangor Pby have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell.

Dublin Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> McBeath, M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell.

Belfast Pby have ordained Mess<sup>rs</sup> McGee, Redelson, for America, <sup>Ord<sup>d</sup> for America</sup> they subscribed the W. M. Confession. They have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Harison according to Synodical Regulations, he subscribed the W. M. Confession of faith; on the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead.

Armagh Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cuming, he subscribed the widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Menagh, M<sup>rs</sup> Moodie, M<sup>rs</sup> Cherry, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson.

Ballymena Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Ja Davison according to Synodical Regulations; they have on 2<sup>d</sup> trials M<sup>r</sup> Martin; the widows on the fund with them are M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown—not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> McCreight.

Killilea Pby have on the fund M<sup>r</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy.

Monaghan Pby report that they have entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> Eliot; they ordained M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Curdy the 18<sup>th</sup> October, he is a contributor to the widows fund; on the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kenedy, Do. M<sup>r</sup> Carson.

Antrim Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sinclare, the 10<sup>th</sup> March last, he is a subscriber to the widows fund; the widows with them are, M<sup>rs</sup> Drenan, M<sup>rs</sup> Niven, fam<sup>y</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elder, Do. Doc<sup>r</sup> Colvil, Do. M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin.

The Synod's fixed Committee are as follow :—

For Strabane Pby M<sup>r</sup> Osborn, & Doc<sup>r</sup> Craford with an Elder.

Derry Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Black w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Templepatrick Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Read & Bankhead w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Dromore Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, Sherard & Doc<sup>r</sup> Litle w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

L<sup>r</sup>kenny Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Burk w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Coleraine Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rentall & Knox w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Clogher Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead & Miller w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Tyrone Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Stitt & Wilson w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Bangor Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull & Bryson w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Belfast Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Malcom & Killburn w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Armagh Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Livingstone & Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Ballymena Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Douglass & Lyndsay w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Monaghan Do. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harris & Trimble w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

Killilea Do. Doc<sup>r</sup> Dickson & Sinclare w<sup>t</sup> an Elder.

From Dublin no return

Antrim Pby. Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sinclare, Bryson, Doc<sup>r</sup> Cromby and an Elder.

These with our Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup> on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers, & the Modera<sup>r</sup> is requested to give previous notice of the business on which the Com<sup>ee</sup> is ordered to meet.

A widow on the fund

M<sup>r</sup> Law is ordered to make inquiry concerning a M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran a widow on the fund, and if dead he is to advise M<sup>r</sup> Lang as soon as he can.

Of Disannexion

Ordered that no Pby in the Bounds of this Synod, shall disannex any Congreg<sup>n</sup> from under their care, nor shall any Pby receive such Congreg<sup>n</sup> without the previous approbation & authority of this Synod : and that no Pby shall take upon them, to erect any new Congreg<sup>n</sup> without direct Power from the G. Synod.



On reading the minute of last year respecting subscription to the <sup>Subscription</sup> W. M. Confession of faith. It was moved that the word—usual—was vague & improper, and the word—full—in the former minute—was unnecessary: That neither of these terms be used, and that the words of the minute stand,—That the Rule respecting subscription was unrepealed.

It is recommended to M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton to apply to some Pby for <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton</sup> admission as a member to this Synod.

Ordered that the Pby Dromore be enjoined to advert to the <sup>M<sup>r</sup> McFerson</sup> affair of M<sup>r</sup> McFerson, as directed by last G. Synod, & that it be recommended to the Several Pbys belonging to this Synod, to observe making collections for the Relief of M<sup>r</sup> McFerson.

The time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now—Maghra- <sup>Next Synod</sup> felt & Antrim were proposed. The Roll called & it carried to meet at Maghrafelt the last Tuesday in June 1785. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Adjourned till seven o'clock. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5—Concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

*3d Session Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.*

3d Session

A Supplication from a number of Presbyterians of Ballymote, a <sup>Ballymote</sup> remote part of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Sligo, was read, seting forth that they had lately emigrated from the County Donegall, and were supplied by the Minister of Sligo every fourth Lord's day, but having no House for publick worship—They pray for assistance to enable them to build a meeting house.

Ordered that the Congreg<sup>ns</sup> within the Bounds of the Pby of Leterkenny & Clogher, be applyed to give them aid & assistance to the above Laudable work—and the other Cong<sup>ns</sup> within the Bounds of the G. Synod, are requested to send such aid towards this matter as they conveniently can to next G. Synod.

A Supplication from the Congreg<sup>n</sup> of Ballinderry, was presented <sup>Ballinderry</sup> to this Synod, reciting, That as in consequence of the Demission of M<sup>r</sup> Rowan their late Min<sup>r</sup>, they have been taken under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Pby of Belfast, untill this meeting of the G. Synod. They supplicate that they may be annexed to & continue under the care of the Pby Belfast.

Recourse being had to the minutes of last year, appointing a Committee to meet at Ballinderry, & M<sup>r</sup> Thomson a member of that Committee being called upon, gave an acc<sup>t</sup> of their proceedings, he repeated that M<sup>r</sup> Roan had demitted his charge, & as the Congregation was not under the care of any Pby, the Committee recommended it, that they shou'd be under the care of the Pby of Belfast untill this meeting.

This Synod approve of the Conduct of the Committee & grant the above supplication, & are duly sensible of the Diligence & perseverance of those members who attended to the conduct of that busi-

ness, while they must censure the indifference & negligence of those of them, who paid no regard to the appointment of this Synod—The Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ballinderry was annexed to the Pby of Belfast, & at the same time are enjoined that all arrears due the Probationers, shall be paid them before the ordination of the ministers.

Mr Miller

Mr Miller applied to this Synod, respecting a debt due, of nine days preaching, by y<sup>e</sup> Cong<sup>n</sup> of Saintfield, to the amount of £10: 4: 6, but inasmuch as the duty performed was partly in favour of the Representatives of the late M<sup>r</sup> Walker, he will be satisfied with three guineas—This Synod appoint M<sup>r</sup> Birch to lay M<sup>r</sup> Miller's claim before his Congreg<sup>n</sup>, by publishing this minute there, that M<sup>r</sup> Miller's just demand may be satisfied, M<sup>r</sup> Birch is to procure the money & pay it to M<sup>r</sup> Miller's order.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>*

M<sup>r</sup> Patrick a member of this Synod & a Contributor to the widows fund, represented to this Interloq<sup>r</sup>, his necessity of removing to America for certain peculiarities of circumstances, & therefore claimed the restitution of what he had paid into the fund.

This was granted, & whensoever the Pby of Dromore shall certify M<sup>r</sup> Lang, M<sup>r</sup> Patrick's determination to go to America, he shall refund him whatever he had subscribed to the support of the fund.

A Repeal

It was moved—Rescind the resolution of last G. Synod, respecting the Rule of 1777, relative to the alienation of any part of the Capital of the widows fund. The question was put, Repeal the Resolution of last year—or not? The Roll called, & it carried not.

Mr Killburn

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Lang pay M<sup>r</sup> Killburn £1: 16: 10. for discharging a debt due by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod for publications in the Belfast *News-Letter*.

R D. equal

It was moved & seconded, that all Ministers entitled to the R.D. shall be put on an equal footing, each to enjoy one equal single share & no more,—The previous question was proposed—shall the above be put or not, The Roll called & it carried—put—The main question was then carried without a division. The Clerk is to inform M<sup>r</sup> Lang of this resolution.

A Report

It was agreed that Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell be now called upon to give a Report of his transactions in Dublin, which he gave in by reading a correct account of his proceedings, which are inserted in our Record & is as follow :—

Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell reports, that in pursuance of an appointment of the G. Synod's fixed Committee at Dunganon, the 2<sup>d</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1783, he went to Dublin to solicit an augmentation of R:D: That, according to his Instructions, he waited on Col. Stewart, of Killymoon, immediately on his arrival in Dublin, & found there, & at all times a most steady, intelligent & zealous friend to our interest—That during

his long stay in Dublin, he received from him every mark of attention & kindness, that the G. Synod cou'd have hoped from the most determined one to serve them. That he took no step without consulting the Col., & in every transaction thought himself particularly fortunate to be able to avail himself of the knowledge of the world, & superior wisdom for which that Gentleman is so justly distinguished.

That M<sup>r</sup> McDowell on every occasion shewed the most friendly attention & zeal to co-operate with him in the execution of their Commission.

That he had several meetings with the Ministers of the Southern association, informed them that the terms proposed in their papers to the Synod's Committee cou'd not be admitted, but that if they chose, they might join in our petition on the following terms, viz., let the issue of our Petition, be what it might, they shou'd still be entitled to their £400 a year, and if his majesty shou'd raise our proportion higher than theirs, they shou'd be advanced to an equality with us, so that they may possibly gain, but cou'd not lose, Doc<sup>r</sup> Dun, and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas, urged their Brethren to join, alledging that tho' they shou'd reap no Benefit, our union wou'd place the whole body in a more reputable point of view, and give the greater weight to our memorial, w<sup>t</sup> Government, but after waiting ten days for their determination, they declined joining on these terms, & seemed willing to forget the paper they had sent to the Committee.

That M<sup>r</sup> McDowell & he presented an address to Lord Northington, the Lord Lieutenant, with the memorial to be transmitted to the King—That they were graciously received, had a favourable answer from his Excellency—That the Lord Lieutenant sent for Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell several times, & entered very particularly into the present state of publick affairs, & among other things told him, that very unfavourable representations had been made of us,—That the North was in a disturbed state, & ready to break the peace of the Kingdom—M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Pelham had mentioned the same unjust aspersions, when Col. Stewart & M<sup>r</sup> McDowell were present. Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell, in the most effectual manner, in his power endeavoured to obviate these misrepresentations, gave a just account of the state of the country, and our principles & conduct, and in the several Conferences, with which he was honoured by the Lord Lieutenant, was so happy as to remove the ill impressions he had rec<sup>d</sup> of us.

His Excellency shewed much candor, thanked him for his information, told him he was fully satisfied of the justness of our principles—that they were the true old Whig Principles, which he revered, & was anxious that we might support the character of our forefathers, and assured him that he wou'd make a faithful & favourable Representation of us to the King when he returned to England, which he had reason to think had not always been done.

The change of Ministry which happened about the time of presenting the memorial, occasioned great delay in our Business & detained Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell in Dublin, above a quarter of a year—during this period, while matters were full of uncertainty, he used all his



Diligence to procure information—wou'd have gone to the British Court, had he found it necessary for our service—but upon making the best Inquiries he cou'd in Dublin, & writing to Lord Templetown, then in London, he found from the distracted state of publick affairs, that tho' he cou'd have had Letters of Introduction to the Duke of Portland, his going over cou'd not be useful.

Lord Northington at length Informed him, that the King's Letter was come over, with a grant of one thousand pounds a year, that this was the largest sum that ever had been granted, yet as there had been reason to hope for a much more liberal augmentation—The Doc<sup>r</sup> expressed his disappointment with great frankness to the Lord Lieutenant, who told him with his usual candor, that a larger sum had been intended, but that it was opposed by men of power in this Kingdom, with whom the publick business was transacted, but that we shou'd consider it as a pledge of a further augmentation, & spoke of our presenting an address to his Majesty.

Upon this, the Doc<sup>r</sup> consulted Col. Stewart & Lord Charlemont, who thro' the whole of this transaction, had also shown themselves steady & zealous friends, they were both of opinion that addresses of thanks shou'd be presented to the King & L<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant, and that those Gentlemen who had supported our memorial by going up with us to the Lord Lieutenant, shou'd be consulted, as to the manner of expressing our Thanks, which was done.—Those consulted on this occasion besides the Earl of Charlemont & Col. Stewart, were M<sup>r</sup> Grattan, M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Ogle, Col. Rowly, Col. Dawson, & Major Skiffington. Lord Templetown having at this time come over from London, was particularly consulted, as was also, M<sup>r</sup> Rowly of Summerhill, & several of the Dublin ministers, who all approved of the addresses, which were presented, after being submitted to their examination & correction.

By advice of our most Intelligent friends, Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell had the grant placed by warrant from the Lord Lieutenant, on the Civil Establishment of this Kingdom under the Head of nonconforming min<sup>rs</sup>, whereby a savage was made of sixty or seventy pounds, which a Charter wou'd have cost, that for that purpose he got himself introduced to M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Hamilton, had several meetings with him, and in this business he experienced much attention & kindness from him.

That he procured copies of the King's Letter & of the warrant of the Lord Lieutenant out of the Secretary's office.

That the Duke of Rutland, being appointed Lord Lieutenant & expected shortly to arrive in Dublin, the Southern min<sup>rs</sup> insisted on his staying in Town to present the usual congratulatory address, which he complied with, and in the mean while he consulted with those Gentlemen of high Rank, to whom he had access, about asking an audience of his Grace on our affairs, but they all thought the season was not convenient. However to obviate misrepresentations of our Body to Government, & to lay a foundation for a future application for the extension of the R. D. appeared of great consequence to our Interest, He was therefore anxious to form some scheme to effect these important

purposes; The scheme that occurred to him as most effectual, he submitted to the Earl of Charlemont, Lord Templetown, & Col. Stewart, it met their approbation, and with the most friendly assurances, of regard & kindness, they promised to support it—A number of their Letters to him, since he returned to the country, show that they have used great assiduity & zeal to serve us,—our character has been fairly represented, so that we stand well in the opinion of the present Government, and as to a farther augmentation of R.D. it may just be observed that it is a matter of much delicacy, and considering the powerful enemies we have in this country, so long as it is depending, prudence must command us to be silent about it.

In conversation with the Earl of Northington, he mentioned from an historical detail of our Conduct, from our first settlement in Ireland, that we are justly entitled to favour; But from the nature of our Establishment, and the Privileges we long enjoyed, we had a right to a maintenance tho' in our present situation, we petitioned for a favour, yet we had a claim of Right & Justice upon the State.

That he endeavoured to support this claim in a paper sent to his Excellency by the hands of Secretary Pelham—That his Lordship thought well of it, and y<sup>t</sup> he has reason to believe, that a Copy of that paper has been laid before the Duke of Rutland, that his Grace was also well pleased with it & expressed his desire of keeping it.

That being informed while he was in Dublin, that one of the Bishops was to move the House for a Revival of our Marriage Act, he had sev<sup>l</sup> conversations on that Subject, with Lord Charlemont, Col. Stewart & other members of Parliament, and requested, that if that question was brought forward no alteration shou'd be agreed to, without consulting this Synod, which they promised—He gave them a particular account of our mode of celebrating marriage, which they highly approved, and alledged that our Regulations were much preferable to those of the Establish Church.

That he met with the accounts, handed down among the Southern ministers of the add<sup>l</sup> R.D. by Geo. I., by which means it was divided between them & us, & also of the immediate occasion of the Toleration Act,—That he obtained copies of these papers,—that he got the statement of the Treasury accounts to ascertain the arrears of R.D.

As to his being appointed again Comm<sup>r</sup> by the G. Synod's Committee, that met at Dunganon, the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1784, he observed, that he had paid every attention to the Instructions of his Brethren; but that nothing had occurred to induce him to return to Dublin.

That according to the orders of the Committee he had written Letters of Thanks to Lord Charlemont, Col. Stewart, M<sup>r</sup> Grattan, M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Ogle, Col. Rowly, Col. Dawson, and Major Skiffington, & had received the most friendly answers to the most of his Letters.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Thanks of this Synod shou'd be given to Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell, for his great zeal assiduity & fidelity in conducting our publick affairs committed to him, which was done from the Chair.

It was moved & agreed to, that Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> McDowell our Commiss<sup>rs</sup> in transacting our Business in Dublin, shall have their expenses fully discharged by our agent M<sup>r</sup> Lang, & as an expressive of high sense we entertain of their ability & zeal in serving us, we request that Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell may be pleased to accept a piece of Plate to the value of 40 Guineas, with a proper Inscription, and that M<sup>r</sup> McDowell may accept a piece of plate to the value of 20 Guineas, with a proper Inscription also. The choice of the plate to be left to these Respective Gentlemen, M<sup>r</sup> Lang is ordered to pay the Mod<sup>r</sup> the above specified Sixty Guineas, who is requested to see this matter executed.

Comm<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup>  
Campbell

Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell is requested to continue our Commissioner.

Deprived of R.D.

It was moved that the following min<sup>rs</sup> may be struck off from receiving R.D. M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Caldwell formerly of Coleraine Pby, M<sup>r</sup> Smith of Killilea Pby, M<sup>r</sup> Dunn Deposed by Derry Pby, M<sup>r</sup> Rowan formerly of Bangor Pby, M<sup>r</sup> Hume of Templepatrick Pby,—M<sup>r</sup> White is continued to enjoy the Benefit of R.D. for the ensuing year, this matter to be considered at next G. Synod.

M<sup>r</sup> Dunn

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Dunn be refunded what he has paid into the widows fund, and that the Pby Derry draw for the money & repay him upon his removal to America, he is to receive his portion of R.D. only down to the 18<sup>th</sup> May last, when he was deposed.

M<sup>r</sup> Steen

The Clerk of the Synod is ordered to advise M<sup>r</sup> Lang to pay M<sup>r</sup> Alexander of Letterkenny Pby all M<sup>r</sup> Steen's subscrip<sup>n</sup> to the widows fund, & his portion of R.D. for a year &  $\frac{3}{4}$ , as he is to remove to America.

2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>*

Marriage

After deliberating on the Article of Marriage, which came before this Interloq<sup>r</sup> & the Committee of overtures, it was resolved to let the matter lay over to next G. Synod, but at the same time, it is in the fullest manner enjoined on the several Pbys belonging to the G. Synod, to have the strictest regard to the conduct of their several members, that none of them shall celebrate marriages in an irregular & disorderly manner.

M<sup>r</sup> Ker's Bequest

M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery reports that he applied to the Ex<sup>rs</sup> of the late M<sup>r</sup> Ker, & from the ans<sup>r</sup> he rec<sup>d</sup> from one of them, he presumes they are not willing to pay the Bequest to the widows fund.—It is proposed the Trustees be acquainted with this matter, and their Interposition & assistance be requested.

M<sup>r</sup> Lang

In the affair of M<sup>r</sup> Ker's Legacy, M<sup>r</sup> Lang is requested to give his assistance to the Trustees.

3<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>

*3<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>*

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was rec<sup>d</sup> & read wherein they advise us, that M<sup>r</sup> Price's mortgage is soon to be paid off, and they have intimated to M<sup>r</sup> Price that the money will be accepted.



Ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Livingstone, & Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell, shall write an answer to the Trustees Letter, and request them, that they will be pleased to look into the securities, which either Lord Moira, or Lord Eniskilling will offer. L<sup>d</sup> Moira  
Eniskilling

Is was moved that an agent be appointed for the new Grant of R.D. & it was agreed y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lang shou'd be the person—and Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell & Moore, Coun<sup>rs</sup> Dunn, & Stewart of Pill Lane, Alexander Kirkpatrick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & Henry Lyons Esq<sup>rs</sup> be requested to enquire what is the security, if any, for the former R.D., & be empowred to receive security from M<sup>r</sup> Lang, for that & the present addition. The Mod<sup>r</sup> is requested to inform these Gentlemen of the above, & entreat their acceptance of this Trouble. M<sup>r</sup> Lang  
Security for R.D.

It was moved & agreed to, that a Deputation shall be appointed to wait upon Col. Stewart, to thank that Gentleman in the warmest manner for the exertion of his ability & zeal in our service, and the Mod<sup>r</sup>, Doc<sup>r</sup> Campbell, M<sup>r</sup> White, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, M<sup>r</sup> Murray, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, M<sup>r</sup> Moore, & M<sup>r</sup> Osborn, are hereby appointed. Deputation

It was agreed that a Deputation be appointed to wait on Lord Charlemont, at the Belfast Review, & M<sup>r</sup> Laird, M<sup>r</sup> Bryson, Doc<sup>r</sup> Crombie, M<sup>r</sup> Killburn, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bryson, M<sup>r</sup> Jackson, & M<sup>r</sup> Beaty, & M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, & such others as they may judge proper, are directed to present their warmest Thanks of this Body to that nobleman for his great attention to their Interest.

Ordered that a Deputation be appointed to wait on Lord Templetown, with their grateful acknowledgments for his great attention to our Interest, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ranken, Bryson, Wright, Read, Abernethy, Montgomery, & Bankhead, be appointed for that purpose.

It being adverted to, that whereas our former quarterly payments of R.D. at the Castle of Dublin is known to be £300, and in all the acc<sup>ts</sup> cur<sup>t</sup> from our agent, he states the gross sum of each q<sup>r</sup> at £290—our Clerk is enjoined in his ans<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter, to request his clearing up that difficulty, & whereas it appears from the acc<sup>t</sup> out of the General's office, that the arrears of R.D. are no more than one q<sup>r</sup>, our Clerk is also desired to enquire how it happens that in all the agents returns, the arrears appear to be about three quarters. On payment of  
R.D.

It is recommended to the several members of this Synod to take into their serious consideration, the great Loss the dissenting Interest sustains by the want of an accademy for the education of youth, & to come prepared to the next G. Synod, to determine upon the ways & means of establishing of an Institution of y<sup>s</sup> Kind. An Acoademy

Inserted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

*A General Synod at Maghrefelt, 28 June, 1785.*

M<sup>r</sup> Crawford Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from John viii. 9. After which were present from the several Presby<sup>s</sup> as follows :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		Colerain.	
Dr. Campble		Robert Henry	
Saml. Livingstone		Wm. Knox.	
Thos. Cumine	Jas. Porter	Robert Thomson	
		John Glenday	
	Strabane.	James Elder	John Galt
		James McFarland	
Jos. Oseborne		Ballymena Pby.	
Dr. Crawford			
Hugh Hamill	Jno. Davis		
	Derry.	John Rankin	
		Robt. Scot	
John Law		John Lyndsay	
Fran. Gray		Jos. Douglas	
Robert Black		James Cumine	John Kerr
Robt. Caldwell		Alexr. Speer.	
		James Brown	Jos. Tagart
	T. Patrick.	Dublin.	
Wm. Rogers		None.	
Thos. Read		Monaghan.	
Wm. Montgomery			
John Bankhead		Wm. Sprat	
John Gibson	Jas. Cuningham	John Davis	
David Kerr		Mat. Trimble	
	Dromore.	Wm. Miller	
		John McCurdy	
John Thomson	Mat. Hughes	Tyrone.	
Dr. Little	Thos. Lindsay		
Wm. Fletcher		James Todd	
	Bangor.	Jno. White	Thos. Greve
None.		Wm. Kennedy	Dan. McNish
		John McClelland	Mat. Gray
	Belfast.	James Whiteside	
		Moses Hogg	Richd. White
Samuel Patten		George Murray	
Sinclar Killburn		Wm. Stitt	
Robt. Carlile		Wm. Moore	Wm. Kisok
	L. Kenny.	Clogher.	
Hugh Delap	James Samson	Andrew Miller	
Henry Miller	John Davis	Wm. Johnston	
John Holmes		Jos. King	
Thos. Leech			
James Delap			

Minrs.

Elders.

Minrs.

Elders.

Killilca.

Alex. McCombe	Saml. Porter
Robert Smyth	
Mos. Neilson	Jas. Neilson
Dr. Steel Dixon	Arth. McMahon
James Sinclair	
James Patterson	

Dr Crawford moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingstone, Hamil, Gray, Montgomery, Thomson, Patten, Delap, Knox, Scot, Sprat, Murray, Millar, Sinclair—M<sup>r</sup> Murray was chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Rogers was continued Clerk.

Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Clk

Ordered that the several Presby<sup>s</sup> meet this night, and prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of this Synod to morrow Morning, of their Members of the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, funds, & General Synod's fixed Committee, also an account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, Instaled,—Candidates licensed, or entered on trials, since last G. Synod. Also an account of Annuitants on the fund,—if any have died since last G. S., the time to be particularly mentioned—also of women who have been Ministers wives, and are not on the fund.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Murray preach to morrow Morning at 9 o'clock as appointed. M<sup>r</sup> Murray

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Delap being next in votes to the Mod<sup>r</sup> now chosen, preach on the second day of next Synod's meeting, at 9 o'clock forenoon. This Sess<sup>n</sup> concluded with Prayer.

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>*2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Murray preached from 2<sup>d</sup> Thess: 2: 3.

The several Presb<sup>ys</sup> gave in Lists for the several Committees, as also the following accounts:—

Armagh Pby report they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Monagh, M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson—that M<sup>rs</sup> Cherry died 2<sup>d</sup> July last.

Strabane Pby report they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Davis, & Anderson. Widows On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Turbit.

Derry Pby report they have entered on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry, M<sup>rs</sup> Elree, Gourlie—instaled M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Caldwell 16 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1784—that M<sup>r</sup> Bond died 22 Feby. last, left a family but no widow. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, M<sup>rs</sup> Strawbrige, M<sup>rs</sup> Hair, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Hood, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle.

T. Patrick Pby have entered on trials M<sup>r</sup> James Adams—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Crawford.



Trials &amp;c.

Dromore Pby have on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, John McCune, ordained M<sup>r</sup> James Wadle 3<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1784,—is a contributor to the Widows fund—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Simms, M<sup>rs</sup> Richy, M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> White, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy.

Licensed

Belfast Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Knox—ordained M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Carelile September, 1784, & John Johnson for America.

Licensed

Dead

Fund

L.Kenney Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Orr, M<sup>r</sup> Neilson.—Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Ramsay, M<sup>r</sup> Huston, report that M<sup>r</sup> James Gordon died 28 May 1785, left a widow & family—have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Magahy, M<sup>rs</sup> Turretine.

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Widows

Colerain Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Brice Miller, 21 December 1784, is a subscriber to the W: C: F:—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, Gaston, Elder, Smylie, & family of M<sup>r</sup> D<sup>d</sup> Smylie.

Fund

B.mena Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> Linton,—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown.

Monaghan Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> James M<sup>c</sup>Adam, licensed M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Elliot—Instaled M<sup>r</sup> Robert Rogers, 9<sup>th</sup> March last—report that M<sup>r</sup> Fleming died 21 July 1784, & M<sup>r</sup> Harris the 15 Feby. 1785—On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee, M<sup>rs</sup> Patrick, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Harris, family of M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, & of M<sup>r</sup> Carson.

Tyrone Pby have on trials M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry,—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Duffine, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kerr.

Ord<sup>d</sup>

Fund

Clogher Pby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Jos. King, 4 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1784, is a Contributor to the Widows fund,—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Boyle.

Fund

Killelea Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy.

Fund

Antrim Pby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Drenan, M<sup>rs</sup> Nivin, family of M<sup>r</sup> Elder, D<sup>r</sup> Colvil, & M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin.

### The Synod's Fixed Committee :—

From Armagh Pby.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Campble  
W<sup>m</sup> Livingstone

Strabane.

D<sup>r</sup> Crawford  
Jos. Osborne with an Elder.

Derry.

John Law }  
Bob<sup>t</sup> Black } with an Elder.  
Fran. Gray

From T.Patrick Pby.

W<sup>m</sup> Montgomery  
John Bankhead

Dromore.

John Thomson  
D<sup>r</sup> Little

Belfast.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten

From L. Kenney Pby.

From Tyrone Pby.

Hugh Delap  
Hen. Miller  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Leech

John White }  
W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy } with an Elder.  
John M<sup>c</sup>Clellan

Colerain.

Clogher.

W<sup>m</sup> KnoxAnd<sup>w</sup> Miller

B.mena.

Killelea.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Rankin  
Jo<sup>s</sup> Douglas

Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe  
Robert Smyth

Monaghan.

John Davis  
Matt. Trimble

*Wednesday 11 o'clock forenoon after prayer &c.*

It was moved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be now fixed. When Antrim, Lurgan, & Dunganon were moved for, upon a Division it carried "Dunganon," to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June 1786. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at half after four, open Synod at six.

*Wednesday 7 o'clock.*3<sup>d</sup> Sess.

A supplication from part of the Congregation of Randlestown, was presented to this Synod, complaining of the conduct of the Pby of B.mena towards them, and praying to be annexed to the Pby of Root. Randelstown

At the same time another supplication from another part of said Cong<sup>n</sup> was read, claiming that they may be considered as the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Randlestown, and that they may be continued under the Care of the Pby of Ballymena.

The Memorial of the Pby of Ballymena giving a Relation of their proceedings from the vacancy of that Congregation, and a full statement of their transactions with said Congregation, was also laid before this Synod.

The Pby of Ballymena, and the party complaining were heard, also the other party from Randlestown. After reasoning on the above Matters, the following Question was moved "does it appear from what has come before us, that the Pby of Ballymena had good Ground to proceed, and draw up a Call, or not? The previous Question was put & negatived, the original motion was then agreed to, without a Division—viz. that the Pby of Ballymena had not good Ground to draw up and present a Call.

It was moved and agreed to, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Crawford, Campble, Dixon, M<sup>c</sup>Clellan, Thomson, Killburn, shall meet the parties from Randlestown, at 7 to morrow Morning, in order if possible to bring about a reconciliation & report to this Synod. This Session concluded w<sup>t</sup> prayer.

4th Sess.

[*Thursday Morning.*]

The Committee who met the parties from Randlestown on Thursday morning, report that they had heard both parties—that the minority were willing to lay aside M<sup>r</sup> Elder, and apply for a young man to any other Pby, to this the majority objected, and requested that a Committee be appointed at a short day to take a new Poll of the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Randlestown in which the Majority acquiesced.

This Synod therefore appoint a Committee of the following members, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dixon, Thomson, Montgomery, Abernethy, Bankhead, Wright, Gibson, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Whiteside, Sen<sup>r</sup>, & Killburn, to meet at Randlestown on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> July to poll the Congreg<sup>n</sup>, and to proceed with a Call, if they shall see Cause, no person to be intitled to a vote who has not paid his or her respective share of Stipend, and arrear of Stipend, with all other Congregational Charges down to the first of May 1784. Both parties agreed to make out Lists of such persons as they intend to vote, and give their several Lists to each other ten clear days before the Meeting of the Committee, that they may be scrutinized if they see needfull, which Lists are to be delivered to the Committee on the morning of their meeting. M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead to preach at 11 o'clock said day. A Copy of this Minute to be read in the Congregation of Randlestown next Lord's day, & another Copy to be given to M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead for the use of the Committee.

Marriage

It was desired that the Minute of last Synod's Interloq<sup>r</sup> relating to Marriage should be read, and after reasoning on the subject, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that any Member of this Synod, who shall Join in Marriage any man & woman not under his pastoral care, or if not duly certified by the Minister or Session of the Congregation of which they are members Shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio* for three months, for the second offence be degraded, and that when either of the parties shall be members of the Established Church, he shall not celebrate any matrimonial contract, without the consent in writing of the Rector, Curate or other Officiating Clergyman of the Parish in which said Party shall be a resident, under pain of incurring the like Penalties.

T. Patrick Pby

The Presby of Templepatrick requested that this Synod would be pleased to appropriate their share of the Synod's fund, to the Congregation of Islandmagee, untill it arive at such a degree of strength as will enable them to pay £40 a year, this granted.

This Synod coucluded with Prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Interloqr[1<sup>st</sup> *Interloqr.*]

Upon reading the Minute of last year, allowing M<sup>r</sup> Patrick to withdraw his contribution to the Widows fund upon his going to



America, it was moved & agreed to, that the Resolution of last Synod is no longer in force, but discharged.

It was moved that no part of the Money paid into the Widows fund be applied to any other purpose, than the support of the Widows & Orphans for whose use it was originally designed, the previous Question was put & was negatived, the original motion was then agreed to without a division.

[2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr.]2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr

It was moved that M<sup>r</sup> Sprat in consideration of his distressing Circumstances, be allowed a double Portion of R.D. during his life, this unanimously agreed to.

On reading the Resolution of last year declaring M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell to be no longer intitled to R.D., it was moved that as M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell is again appointed to the Charge of a Congregation, that the Resolution respecting him be rescinded, and that he shall be intitled to a dividend of R.D. without any drawback or interruption. This agreed to.

As it appears to this Synod that M<sup>r</sup> McDowel has declined to make any charge for his expences in transacting their Business, with respect to the new Grant, and also has declined accepting the compliment of a piece of Plate voted him last Synod, they cannot help expressing their very gratefull sense, which they ever entertain of his important services as their Commissioner, & also of his generous Conduct in the present instance.

Ordered that the Resolution of last Synod respecting M<sup>r</sup> Dunn be rescinded, and that the money drawn by the Pby of Derry from the Widows fund in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, be repaid to the agent of said fund.

[3<sup>d</sup> Interloqr.]3<sup>d</sup> Interloqr

It was moved that a sum equal to that given to the widows fund by M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, be paid by our agent out of the new R.D. to the order of the Presby of Derry, to be appropriated as they shall see fit to the sole use of M<sup>rs</sup> Dunn & her family, on account of her and their extreme poverty. This granted.

[4<sup>th</sup> Interloqr.]4<sup>th</sup> Interloqr

A Letter in answer to M<sup>r</sup> Lang's was read and approved of, and is as follows:—"Dear Sir, We rec<sup>d</sup> your Letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> Inst., the accounts with which you favoured us in it, we have not had time to examine with that minuteness that would enable us to speak positively upon them, but as far as we have been able to consider them, they appear to us satisfactory, with respect to the Security, we are happy to say that you have always been attentive to our affairs, and that we have had the utmost Reliance upon your honesty and integrity, yet, nevertheless, we cannot consider it in the smalest degree indelicate to require a fresh security for the whole R.D. from you now, indeed we

Answer to M<sup>r</sup>  
Lang's Letter

are surprised that you should make any difficulty in complying with our wishes in that respect. It is no more than the ordinary mode of doing Business, & therefore we must insist upon your giving a proper security to our Rev<sup>d</sup> Brethren, Mess<sup>rs</sup> McDowel, Moor, & Wilson, as soon as you conveniently can, that it may be transmitted to this Body before or at their next Meeting."

The Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Stitt were appointed to answer the Trustees Letter, expressing our approbation of lending the Capital of the fund to Sir John Blackwood, reminding that M<sup>r</sup> King had been added to the Trustees: M<sup>r</sup> Killburn is appointed to write to M<sup>r</sup> King, & to inform him that he was appointed a Trustee of the Widows fund, & request he would accept that Trust.

Accademy

Resolved that if any Gentleman shall by the approbation of this Synod, set up an Accademy in which Logick, Mathematicks & Moral Philosophy, shall be taught, in this case a Certificate from the Gentleman conducting the Accademy of six months regular attendance & corresponding Improvement, shall be considered by the respective P<sup>bs</sup> within our bounds, as equal to Certificate of one seasons attendance in any University, and that D<sup>r</sup> Crawford of Strabane, is unanimously approved of as a very proper person to preside in such an Accademy. D<sup>r</sup> Campble is requested to continue our Commissioner.

Mr  
James Jackson

A Letter from M<sup>r</sup> James Jackson late of Ballybay was read, requesting to be allowed to pay up his subscription to the Widows fund, that his widow may be intitled to the Benefit of said fund. This Request referred to next G. Synod.

1 Overt

This Synod observing with Regret the great Inattention both of Minisetrs & Elders to the concerns of this Church. The Synod therefore resolve to censure according to the established Rules of this Church, such Ministers as shall be absent from our annual meetings, without sufficient reason. And as Elders are a part of our Ecclesiastical Constitution, it is resolved that this Synod will strictly inquire why Elders do not attend with their respective Ministers, at our stated Meetings. And it is hereby enjoined to every Presby belonging to this Synod, to observe the Conduct of their members attending Presbyterial Meetings, and the Presbys should frequently meet for the purpose of visiting their Congregations. And that Ministers & Elders endeavour to maintain the Dissipline, and good Order of this Church. This minute to be read in every Congregation belonging to this Synod before November next.

2<sup>d</sup> Overture

That this Synod do declare it to be their sense that no person should be ordained in this Kingdom for America, by any P<sup>by</sup> within the Bounds of this Synod, unless in consequence of a regular application from America—That a Rule be made prohibiting such practice. And that no Probationer shall be put on 2<sup>d</sup> trials by any P<sup>by</sup>, unless in case of a regular Call to the Charge of a Congregation, and that every probationer shall henceforth pass trials for Ordination before the P<sup>by</sup> under whose Care the Congregation is to which he is called.

Extracted by

WILL. ROGERS, G.S.C.

*A General Synod at Dungannon, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1786.*

Mr Murray Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, after which there appeared from the diff<sup>t</sup> Presbys as follows, viz:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
Alexr. McCombe	Wm. Donnaldson	John White	David Sloan
Robert Smith		Wm. Kennedy	Saml. Barnes
Moses Nelson		John McClelland	Wm. Vance
Doctr. Dickson	Alexr. McDonnell	Jas. Whiteside	John Lawson
Robert Porter		Moses Hogg	Edwd. Pattison
		George Murray	
		Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
		Wm. Stitt	John Robinson
		Joseph Smith	Wm. McCulloch
		Wm. Moore	
		Hugh Boyland	John Huggins
		George Dougall	Quintin Dick
Armagh Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Saml. Livingstone	John Purdie	James Cochran	
Robt. Dickson	Saml. Finlay	Andrew Craig	Jas. Porter
Colin Lindsay		David Trotter	Davd. Wilkie
Saml. Sloan	Math. Ochiltree		
Thos. Cumming	Jas. Spratt		
Strabane Pby.		Belfast Pby.	
Joseph Osborne		Saml. Patten	
Doctor Crawford		Thos. Birch	Robt. Skelly
		Sinclare Kilburn	
Derry Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Saml. Patten		Hugh Delap	
Robt. Black		James Delap	
Henry. Elder			
Templepatrick Pby.		Coleraine Pby.	
John Lewson	Mr. Acheson	Wm. Knox	John Mollyneaux
Thos. Read	John Murphy	Robt. Rentall	John Given
John Bankhead	John Horshborough	Robt. Henery	
John Gibson	Jas. Adams		
David Kerr	Robt. Colville		
Adam Hill			
Dromore Pby.		Ballymena Pby.	
Isaac Patrick	Jas. McMahon	Charles Brown	John Cuming
Saml. Barber	Robt. Thomson	Joseph Douglas	Robt. Rowan
Jas. Birch	John Wallace	John Lindsay	Robt. Russel
John Thompson	Thos. Brown	Jas. Cuming	Wm. McCrory
Joseph Hay		Robt. Cristy	Josh. Dickson
Frans. Turretine		David Park	
Wm. Fletcher	Saml. Carothers	Thos. Henery	
Moses Thompson	John Moore		
John McClelland			
Jas. Waddell			
		Dublin Pby.	
		Benjamin McDowell	
		William Wilson	



Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.		Clogher Pby.	
William Spratt		Wm. Moorhead	
Thos. Stuart		James Kerr	
John Davies		Joseph Denham	Alexr. Marshall
Matt. Trimble	Wm. Blackburn	Wm. Johnston	Wm. Stuart
Robt. Montgomery	Jas. Simpson	Joseph King	
Wm. Miller	Andw. Rogers		
John Arnold	Theo. Irvine		
John McCurdie			
Robt. Rogers	Davd. Fleming		

M<sup>r</sup> Murray moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod.—The following Brethern were named—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, Livingstone, Black, Lewson, Barber, Patten, Rentall, M<sup>r</sup> Charles Brown, M<sup>c</sup>Dowell, Stuart, Kennedy, and Moorhead—M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell was chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Smith was chosen Clerk in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers, Dec<sup>d</sup>.

The several Pby's are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare lists to be given to the Clk of this Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Comm<sup>ts</sup> of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & General Synod's fixed Committee, also an acc<sup>t</sup> of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed, of Candidates licen<sup>d</sup>, or entered upon trials since last G. Synod, and an acc<sup>t</sup> of Annuitants on the fund, of any who have died, & of the time when such did die, and of women who have been Minister's wives, but are not on the Funds.

M<sup>r</sup> Delap is ordered to preach to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, according to appointment of last G. Synod.

M<sup>r</sup> Nelson having been next in vote to the Moderator now chosen, is ordered to preach on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon. This Session concluded with prayer.

2<sup>d</sup> Sess<sup>n</sup>*Wednesday 9 o'clock.*

M<sup>r</sup> Delap preached.—Returns were made by the several Presby<sup>s</sup> with acct<sup>s</sup> as ordered, & the Committees are appointed to meet immediately.

Killeleagh Pby returns M<sup>r</sup> Williamson, restored to the full exercise of his ministerial office, Sept<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1785, and M<sup>r</sup> Arthur M<sup>c</sup>Mechan received under their care, with ample credentials from the Pby of Antrim, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1786.—That M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy late of Belfast, died 24<sup>th</sup> of April last.—For the Committee of Overtures, M<sup>r</sup> Nelson, & Doc<sup>tr</sup> Dickson, for funds, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe, for Bills, M<sup>r</sup> Porter, for Synod's fixed Comm<sup>e</sup>, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair & Patterson.

Armagh Pby reports that M<sup>rs</sup> Menogh died since last Synod, but do not know at what time; that they dissolved the relation between M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay & the Congregation of Dundalk, & that they entered M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Bryson upon trials for Ordination in that Congregation. They return for the Committee of Overtures, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingstone, & Dickson,

for Bills, M<sup>r</sup> Cuming, for Funds, M<sup>r</sup> Sloan, & for Synod's fixed Committee Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingstone & Campbell.

Strabane Pby returns for Committee of Overtures, M<sup>r</sup> Osborne and Doctor Crawford.—On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Turbit, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Walsh.

Derry Pby have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry & Gourly, ordained M<sup>r</sup> Elder in Muff 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1786—He is a Contributor to the Widow's Fund. On the fund in the Pby are M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, M<sup>rs</sup> Strawbridge, M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Hood, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Bond—Return for Synod's Committee, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Black, for Overtures Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patten & Black, for Bills M<sup>r</sup> Elder, & for Books M<sup>r</sup> Brooke.

T.patrick Pby return M<sup>r</sup> Adam Hill, installed August 16<sup>th</sup> 1785. He is a Contributor to the Widows Fund. M<sup>r</sup> James Adams licenced 2<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1785, & M<sup>r</sup> Rogers to have died 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1786, and M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Crawford, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers on the fund. For Committee of Overtures, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lewson & Bankhead, funds, M<sup>r</sup> Hill, bills, M<sup>r</sup> Read, & for Synod's Committee—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Bankhead.

Dromore Pby return on the funds, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Richey to have died Oct<sup>r</sup> 1785, M<sup>rs</sup> Sims also to have died, the time not told. They have licenced Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Henery, James M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, & John M<sup>c</sup>Cance, who all subscribed the W. C<sup>n</sup>, and were licenced according to Synodical Regulations—They also return for Overtures, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patrick, Birch, and Thompson, for Bills, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hay and Turretine, Funds, M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher, Books, M<sup>r</sup> Waddell, and for Synod's Committee Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thompson and Hay.

Bangor Pby have licensed Messrs. Bryson and Porter. Return for Synod's Committee, Messrs. Hull & Bryson, for Overtures, M<sup>r</sup> Cochran, for Bills, M<sup>r</sup> Craig, for Books, M<sup>r</sup> Trotter, Doct<sup>r</sup> Stevenson demitted 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 1785. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, & M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stoupe.

Belfast Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Knox & M<sup>r</sup> Tate, who subscribed the W.C<sup>n</sup>. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinhead—M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, died last March. They return for the Committee of Overtures Messrs. Birch & Patten, for Bills, M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn, for Synod's Committee, M<sup>r</sup> Birch.

L.kenny Pby have licensed Messrs. Orr & Nelson, have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gachy, M<sup>rs</sup> Turretine, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon. Return for Overtures Messrs. Alexander & Delap, for Synod's Committee Messrs. Delap & Taylor, & for Bills M<sup>r</sup> James Delap.

Coleraine Pby return for the Committee of Overtures M<sup>r</sup> Rentoul, for Bills, M<sup>r</sup> Knox, & for Synod's Committee Messrs. Knox, & Marshall. They have licensed Messrs. Ramsey, Blair, and Whiteside. On trials, Messrs. Caldwell, Jackson, Elder, & Taggart. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thompson, M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> David Smylie.

Ballymena Pby return for the Committee of Overtures, Messrs. Douglas, Lindsay, and Cuming, for Bills, Messrs. Crolley & Henery, &

for Synod's fixed Committee, Messrs. Douglas & Lindsay. They have licenced M<sup>r</sup> Linton according to Synodical regulations—ordained M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Henery at Randlestown 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. He is a Contributor to the Widows Fund. On the fund they have M<sup>rs</sup> O'Bryan, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown & M<sup>rs</sup> Hill.

Dublin Pby return for the Committee of Overtures, Bills, & for the Synod's Committee, M<sup>r</sup> Willson who is installed as one of the Ministers of Usher's Quay. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, M<sup>rs</sup> Moore, and M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, who has one child living.

Monaghan Pby return M<sup>r</sup> Smith to have died the 7<sup>th</sup> of May last, He left a widow and family, and also on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algae, M<sup>rs</sup> M'Kee, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, the family of M<sup>r</sup> Carson, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy. Return for Overtures, Messrs. Stewart & Montgomery, & Trimble, for Bills, Messrs. Arnold, Rogers, & Miller, & for funds, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Spratt & M<sup>c</sup>Curdy.

Tyrone Pby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henery according to Synodical Regulations—He subscribed the W.M C<sup>n</sup>—ordained M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Boyland, at Minterburn Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1785—& M<sup>r</sup> George Dougal, at Maghrafelt May 30<sup>th</sup> 1786. They subscribed the W. M. C<sup>n</sup> & are Contributors to the Widows Fund. Entered on trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Kennedy & John Smith. There are on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Kerr. Returned for the Committee of Overtures, Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Murray & Stitt—for Bills, Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Kennedy, Moor & Smith—Books, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyland & Dougal—for Synod's Committee, Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & Stitt—& for Synod's fund, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg & Whiteside.

Clogher Pby return M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan to have died Jany. 1786. He left a widow and family. For Committee of Overtures, M<sup>r</sup> Moorhead—for Bills, M<sup>r</sup> Ker—Books, M<sup>r</sup> Johnston—& for the Synod's fixed Committee, M<sup>r</sup> King. Have entered upon [first trials] M<sup>r</sup> David Johnston.

The several Committees to meet immediately.—Interloquit<sup>r</sup> to meet at half after 4 o'clock this evening. Open Synod at 7—It was moved & agreed, that Elders shall not be excluded from our Interloq<sup>tr</sup>.

This Session was concluded by prayer.

It was moved that the minute relating to an Academy to be erected within the bounds of this Synod, & a resolution that Doctor Crawford is a fit person to direct and superintend an Academy in Strabane to be read; and after reading, this Synod heard with particular pleasure from undoubted authority, of the remarkable progress in knowledge, of the Students in the Strabane Academy instituted under their patronage, at their last meeting. And as an additional proof of their earnest desire to encourage that Seminary, & in compliance with the request of its Committee & subscribers, do unanimously resolve, that if Natural Philosophy, and a Course of experiments, shall be added to the



several Branches of Literature alre<sup>d</sup>y taught there, a second season's attendance in it shall be considered as entitleing students to the same privileges in the several P<sup>b</sup>ys, with a second season's attendance in any foreign University.

And it was ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Young & Black of the P<sup>b</sup>y of Derry, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Burke & Love of the P<sup>b</sup>y of L.kenny, M<sup>r</sup> Hamil of the P<sup>b</sup>y of Strabane, and M<sup>r</sup> White of the P<sup>b</sup>y of Tyrone be added as members of the present Committee, to assist in superintending the affairs of the Academy, to attend the public examinations, & to make annually a report to this Synod, of the improvement of the Students in the several Branches of Literature.

It was now moved that the time & place of the next meeting of this Synod be appointed—Lurgan & Dungannon were proposed—It carried Lurgan by vote, & to meet the last Tuesday of June 1787, at 5 o'clock in the evening.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to morrow morning, Interloq<sup>ur</sup> at 7.—This Session concluded with prayer.

*Thursday 11 o'clock.*

4 Session

The minutes of last Synod were now read, and upon enquiry of the Committee met at Randlestown according to appointment, the minutes of that Committee were read & a protest of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thompson & Killburn, two members of it, against its proceedings, & their reasons in support of them,—And as the other members of that Committee now present, allege they had not an opportunity of seeing these reasons in due time, leave is given to answer them at our next meeting.

When the minute relating to Marriage was read, this Synod agreed that the expression duly certified contained in it, was not intended to lay aside proclamation—And whereas it was said by several members, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hume, Blakely, M<sup>c</sup>Cala, Rogers & Dunn, Samuel Moore formerly of Root P<sup>b</sup>y, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brittell & M<sup>c</sup>Main are by common report flagrantly guilty of great irregularities, particularly of celebrating marriage contrary to all order, and improperly on many accounts, therefore the several P<sup>b</sup>ys in whose bounds they reside, are enjoined to cite them, before them & to make enquiry into the truth of these Complaints, and if they appear to be well founded, formally to degrade them from the ministerial Character, an account of which shall be read in every Congregation within the bounds of each P<sup>b</sup>y, where such Degradation shall take place, and be published in the most conven<sup>t</sup> N-paper, and it is most strictly enjoined, that every P<sup>b</sup>y of this Synod, shall carefully inquire into every similar complaint, & proceed in the same manner against any minister so offending.

This Session concluded by prayer, & adjourned to half after six o'clock.

*[Fifth Session.]*

Commissioners from Killead request that M<sup>r</sup> Robert Orr, a Probationer under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Pby of L.kenny, be appointed to preach to them six Lord's days, commencing the 2<sup>d</sup> Sabbath of July next, which is granted. And M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery of Balleeston, is appointed to preach at Killead the Sabbath following the last of M<sup>r</sup> Orrs appointment there, & to take the minds of that Congregation respecting him, & to draw up a Call if he sees it proper to do so—M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery is to be furnished by the Congregation with proper lists of those entitled to vote, ten Days before. A copy of the minute describing the qualifications of those who are to vote, was given to the Commissioners.

Commissioners from part of the Congregation of Lisluney appeared, & set forth that a Call to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cadam had been drawn up by a member of the Pby of Monaghan, & subscribed in his presence by a number of that Congregation, which that Pby from the state of the people thought proper not to present for some time.—They therefore request this Synod to recommend it to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Adam to return the call. But as this supplication was considered to come in irregularly before this Synod it was dismissed by vote.

A Petition of the Rev. Colin Lindsay was presented, complaining that the Pby of Armagh had dissolved the relation between him & his Congregation of Dundalk, & had threatened to silence him if he should perform ministerial duty, within the bounds of that Congregation. The Pet<sup>n</sup> farther alledged that after an appeal to the S. Synod of Armagh, the affair between him & his Pby was referred to the Decision of this Synod, and requests that a Committee be appointed to meet at Dundalk to inquire into the merits of his petition.

A petition from some of the members of that Congregation was also laid before this Synod, complaining of the determination of the Pby of Armagh in the above stated affair, and requesting this Synod to rescind the sentence of that Pby, & grant the prayer of M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay's petition—From the Session & Congregation of Dundalk, likewise appeared Commissioners with power to act in their name—The minutes of the S. Synod of Armagh were read, from which it appeared that M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay's appeal was referred to this Synod—The minutes of the Pby of Armagh was also read, and the parties heard at considerable length, & having withdrawn, several members spoke upon the subject, after which the Question was put—Approve the sentence of the Pby of Armagh in dissolving the connection between M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay, and the Congregation of Dundalk or not—It was carried in the negative. That part of M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay's Prayer for a Committee to meet at Dundalk is granted, & the following members, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore, Davies, Trimble, Smith of Loughbrickland, Hay, Porter, Magee, Killburn, Craig, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Doctor Dickson, Cochran, & Turretine, with Elders, (five Ministers with three Elders to be a Quorum) are appointed to meet at Dundalk on the 4 Wednesday of July, to try all complaints and charges, against the Rev<sup>d</sup> Colin Lindsay, & finally to determine in what

relation he shall stand, both to this Synod & the Congregation of Dundalk, said Comm<sup>ee</sup> hath power to put the Congregation under the care of any Pby to which they choose to join. M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Bryson appointed to supply the Congregation until the meeting of the Committee—M<sup>r</sup> Turretine to preach at it. M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay is to be furnished with the copy of the charge or charges which are to be brought against him, ten days before the meeting of the Committee, & also with a list of the names of such witnesses as are to support the charge or charges.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to morrow morning—Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 7. This Session concluded with prayer.

[*Sixth Session.*]

6<sup>th</sup> Session

A Supplication from a part of the Congregation of Aughadowey to which nine names were subscribed, was presented, requesting that a minister of this Synod be appointed to preach to them one Lord's Day in every month, until the next meeting of this Synod.

After maturely considering the request, supplicants are allowed to be disannexed from the Congregation of Aughadowey & to join any other will receive them, upon this condition only, that they have paid or do pay all stipend due to them by Aughadowey, and when this condition is fulfilled, they are disannexed from it.

A Supplication from the Congregation of Moywater was given in, praying that a double portion of the R.D. may be allowed to their minister, which was refused.

The Moderator is requested to present the thanks of this Synod to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Kingston, for his attention & regard to Protestant Dissenters, expressed by his benefaction to the colony of Ballymote.

When the resolution relating to the supplication from Moywater was read, it was moved and ordered, that the Congregations of Sligo & Moywater shall each of them have a double portion of the R.D. new & old for this year,

The following overture from the Comm<sup>ee</sup> of overtures was submitted to the consideration of this Synod, viz: It is recommended to the Several Pbys to take this overture into their serious consideration, & at the same time, to modify its contents, & the former regulations of this Synod concerning the education of youth for the Ministry, that they may be incorporated into one body to be adopted & established by this Synod—approved.

Resolves of the Committee of Overtures:—

1<sup>st</sup> That every Candidate for the ministry, having finished his Academical & University Courses, according to Synodical regulations, must, before he is admitted to public examinations, make himself acquainted with all or the greater part of the members of that Pby under the care of which he chooses to place himself.



2<sup>d</sup> That the several members, who shall have an opportunity of conversing with him, shall enquire into his progress in learning & knowledge, & at their next meeting communicate their respective opinions concerning his capacity & improvement.

3<sup>d</sup> That a member of the Pby be appointed to superintend his further studies, particularly the study of Theology.

4<sup>th</sup> That the Pby shall mention the books in Theology they deem proper for him to read, & that he be not admitted to probationary examinations, until the Pby have reported that they are satisfied with his proficiency.

5<sup>th</sup> That at each examination, and upon giving in every piece of trial, he shall be obliged to give an acc<sup>t</sup> of a certain determined book or other portion of Scripture, respecting the general design of the author of that portion of Scripture, & the meaning of such particular passages as may be occasionally demanded of him, & that untill a satisfactory knowledge of Theology & the Scriptures shall be acquired, he shall not be licensed to preach the Gospel.

The expediency of printing Copies of the minutes of this Synod to be considered at next meeting.

The Moderator concluded this Synod by prayer, June 30<sup>th</sup> 1786.

1 Interloq<sup>r</sup>

*Wednesday half after 4 o'clock p.m.*

The minute of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last Synod being read, allowing M<sup>r</sup> Spratt a double portion of the R.D., some doubts having arisen about the extent of that order, it is now declared to be and to have been our Intention that it should not extend to the late R<sup>l</sup> Grant.

A Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lang was read, directed to M<sup>r</sup> Murray our former Moderator, informing him he had perfected jointly with James Johnston Esq<sup>r</sup>, a security to the G. Synod, as their Agent, & a bond drawn upon paper not stamped was produced which was not satisfactory, for that & other reasons, & therefore Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell, Wilson, & Moore of Dublin, when furnished with copies of the several Royal Grants, & a letter of Att<sup>y</sup> from this Synod, are requested & intrusted, with such other Gentlemen as they shall think proper to join with them, to demand and take from M<sup>r</sup> Lang such security as Counsel shall approve, both for its Legality & sufficiency.

And it is now ordered that a Letter of Atty. empowering our Agent receive, & directing him to dispose of the entire R.D for the use of this Synod be duly perfected—And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Killburn, Wilson, & Lindsay, are appointed to draw up a letter of Att<sup>y</sup> for the above purpose—And Mess<sup>rs</sup> White, Livingstone, Wilson & Black are appointed to answer M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter, & fully to inform him of our sentiments and expectations, & to lay the letter before our next Interloq<sup>r</sup>.

Upon reading the minute relating to the Institution of an Academy in the bounds of this Synod, it was alledged to belong to the minutes of open Synod, which was admitted.

When the minute of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's application to last Synod was read, the Question was put—shall M<sup>r</sup> James Jackson be allowed to be a Contributor to the widows fund or not?—The roll was called, & it carried that M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Jackson is allowed to be a Contributor to the W<sup>d</sup> Fund, upon paying all arrears due by him to the fund, with legal interest to the day of paym<sup>t</sup>, & his being punctual in his future annual payments.

Doctor Stevenson requested a similar indulgence by letter, and a like application was made in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Rowan—it was unanimously granted to both, upon the above conditions. But if it shall appear at our Annual meetings, by our Agent's return, or by his receipts, that such subscriptions are not paid in due time by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Stevenson, & Rowan then he, or they in whose favour such report or receipt is not produced, shall be excluded from the benefit of this indulgence & forfeit all their claims on the fund, in behalf of his or their widow or widows, family or families.

[2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr.]

2 Interloqr

The minutes of the last Interloqr<sup>r</sup> were read & a letter to M<sup>r</sup> Lang requiring him to give satisfactory security to this Synod, as our Agent, which was approved & ordered to be engrossed by our Clk.—A Letter of Atty. was prepared as directed, read, and duly perfected, by our Moderator & Clerk.

The Trustees letter was read, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Stitt were appointed to answer it—It was proposed & appointed that Doctor Campbell is continued as our Commissioner.

[3<sup>rd</sup> Interloqr.]

3 Interloqr

A request was made that any sum of money, which should be given by the Congregation of Usher's Island, to the Representatives of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> James Caldwell, and the Annuity due to his Widow, annually by the W. Fund, shall be paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew Alexander of Urnie, one of M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell's Trustees—Granted.

M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Carnmony is appointed to apply to the family of the late M<sup>r</sup> Rogers for all Books & papers in their hands belonging to the G. Synod, & to bring them to our next meeting.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Stitt answered the Trustees Letter, which with the Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Lang & other papers, our Moderator was pleased to take into his Care.

*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 26 June, 1787.*

M<sup>r</sup> McDowel Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. II. 17.—Then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries as followeth :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.		Bangor Presby.	
Henry Jackson		Jas. Hull	
Dr. Campbell		Jas. Bryson	
Sam. Livingston	Robt. Boyd	Andw. Craig	Geo. Tandy
Robt. Dickson	Wm. Donovan	Robt. Jackson	
Sam. Sloan		Alexr. Gouday	
Thos. Cuming		David Trotter	
Strabane Presby.		Belfast Presby.	
None		Thos. Birch	Saml. Burns
		Sinclair Kilburn	
Derry Presby.		Geo. McEwen	John Knox
Robert Black	Mr. Robt. Moore	Robt. Carlisle	John McKinstry
T. Patrick Presby.		L. kenny Presby.	
Thos. Read	Chas. Bankhead	None	
Wm. Montgomery		Rout Presby.	
John Bankhead		Alexr. Marshal	
John Abernethy		B. menagh Presby.	
John Gibson		Jas. Cumming	
Adam Hill		John Lindsay	
John Savage	Jas. Cuninghem	Thos. Henry	
Robt. Orr		Dr. Adams	
Dromore Presby.		Dublin Presby.	
Wm. Henry	Mr. McCane	Ben. McDowel	
John Smyth		Monaghan Presby.	
Isaac Patrick	Alexr. Arnold	Robt. Montgomery	
Robt. McClure		John Arnold	
Sam. Barber	John Wallace	Jas. McAdam	
Jas. Birch	Wm. Carlisle	John Brakey	
John Thomson	Andw. Smyth	David Fleming	
Dr. Little		Robt. Purdie	
Joseph Hay	Hen. Dickson	Tyrone Presby.	
John Sherrard	John Paxton	Jas. Todd	
Wm. Fletcher		John White	
Francis Turretine	Dr. Law	Wm. Kennedy	
Wm. Magee		John McClelland	
John McClelland		Moses Hogg	
Jas. Waddell		Geo. Murray	
Clogher Presby.		Wm. Stitt	
None			



Minrs.

Elders.

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Tyrone Presby—continued.

Killyleagh Presby.

Joseph Smyth  
Hugh Boyland

Hugh Eccles

Alexr. McComb  
Moses Nelson  
Dr. Dickson  
Robt. PorterJas. McCance  
Aughtry Law.*1st Session Tuesday Evening.*

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>s</sup>Dowel moved that another Moderator be chosen to preside in this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, viz : Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Porter, Sam<sup>l</sup> Livingston, Robert Black, W<sup>m</sup> Montgomery, John Thomson, And<sup>m</sup> Craig, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Alexander Marshal, Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, Robert Montgomery, & W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy.—M<sup>r</sup> Thomson was chosen—M<sup>r</sup> Dickson chosen Clerk in the room of M<sup>r</sup> Smyth deceased.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee.—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed, & of such candidates as have been Licensed, or entered upon Tryals since last Synod—Likewise an account of Annuitants on the Fund—of any that have died & of the time when such did die—also of Women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers, & are not on the Fund.

M<sup>r</sup> Nelson is ordered to preach to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, according to appointment of last Gen. Synod—And M<sup>r</sup> Livingston having been next in votes to the Moderator chosen, is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

This Session concluded with Prayer.

*2d Session Wednesday morning, after Prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Nelson preached.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries & the accounts as ordered, and are as follow :—

Killyleagh Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Smyth died the Dead 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. On the fund with them M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth.

Bangor Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That since last meeting of Synod, they have Licensed licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Porter, & taken M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Dobbin under their care—They have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel & M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick.

Armagh Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That they Ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> And<sup>m</sup> Bryson Ordained at Dundalk 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1786. He is a contributor to the widows Fund. They have on the Fund within their Bounds, M<sup>rs</sup> Moody & M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson—Not on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart & M<sup>rs</sup> Carlisle.

Dromore Presb<sup>y</sup> have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Sempil, M<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, & Family of the late M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy of Morne.

Ordained  
Dead

L.kenny Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Ramsay at Raphoe 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1786, & that M<sup>r</sup> Delap late of Omagh died 12<sup>th</sup> June 1787—Widows on the Fund within their Bounds M<sup>rs</sup> Turretine, M<sup>rs</sup> McGaughey, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, & M<sup>rs</sup> Delap.

Dead

Belfast Presb<sup>y</sup> have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, & report that M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Kennedy died 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. last, & left a widow & Family. They have on Extra judicial Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Whitlaw, Ja<sup>s</sup> Gouday, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Malcomson.

Ordained

Monaghan Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That they Ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Walker, at Drum 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1786, & the Rev<sup>d</sup> James McAdam, at Lissluney, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1787. Both contributors to the widows Fund and subscribers to the Westm. Conf. of Faith; also Report, That M<sup>rs</sup> Harris died the latter end of May last and left a Family. On the Fund within their Bounds, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Algae, M<sup>rs</sup> Makee, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, Family of M<sup>r</sup> Carson, & Family of M<sup>rs</sup> Harris.

Dead

Licensed  
Dimitted  
Dead

Derry Presby report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> McIlree. That M<sup>r</sup> Davidson dimitted his charge of the cong<sup>oa</sup> of Taboyne in October last, and that M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Ferguson of Burt, died 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1787, & left a Family. They have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strawbridge, M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Hood, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Lisle, Family of M<sup>r</sup> Bond, & Family of M<sup>r</sup> Ferguson.

Licensed

Clogher Presby have licensed M<sup>r</sup> David Johnston, Nov<sup>r</sup> last. Have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Francis Hall, & on second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Davison. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scot, Family of M<sup>r</sup> Boyle, Family of M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan.

Dead  
Ord<sup>d</sup>

T.Patrick Presby report, That M<sup>r</sup> Cowan died 2<sup>d</sup> March last, & left a widow & Family. Also report, That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Robert Orr at Killead, 2<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last, who is a contributor to the Widows Fund. Have licensed Messrs. John Murphy & Robert Acheson, & have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, & Family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

Licensed

B.menagh Presb<sup>y</sup> have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, & M<sup>rs</sup> Brown.

Dublin Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That the widows on the Fund within their Bounds, are M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, & M<sup>rs</sup> Moore, & that M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, removed to Lifford better than a year ago, & they know not whether she be living or not.—They have entered M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Ward Kennedy on first Tryals.

Licensed

Tyrone Presb<sup>y</sup> have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Kennedy & M<sup>r</sup> John Smyth, according to Synodical Regulations—They subscribed the Con. of Faith. Have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Petterson & Lawson,—On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Ker.

Dead

Rout Presb<sup>y</sup> report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Ewing died 23<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jacob Davis 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1786.—The former left a widow, not

on the Fund.—The latter a widow, on the Fund.—They have licensed <sup>Licensed</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Archibald Taylor & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Caldwell, & have on first Tryals, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elder, Jackson, Taggart, Martin, & Steel.

Gen. Synods Fixed Committee :—

Presb<sup>y</sup> Armagh, D<sup>r</sup> Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> Presb<sup>y</sup> Dublin, M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Moore.  
Livingston.

Bangor, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull & Bryson. B. menagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin & Lindsay.

Killylea, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair & Petterson. Tyrone, Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & Stitt.

Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clure & Barber. Rout, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rentoul & Thomson.

Belfast, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & M<sup>c</sup>Ewen. Clogher, M<sup>r</sup> King.

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Letterkenny }  
Trimble. } No return.  
Strabane, }

Derry, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Black.

T. Patrick, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead & Abernethy.

On reading the minute of last Synod respecting the Strabane <sup>Academy.</sup> Academy, The following Reports from the members that attended the examinations were produced & read.

1. That they attended the General Examination on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. <sup>Report</sup> 1787, when the students shewed such Proficiency in the several Sciences of Logick, Metaphysicks, Mathematicks, Natural Philosophy, Rhetorick, & the Critical Knowledge of the Latin Language, as was highly satisfactory to the Committee; & gave the fullest Proofs of the abilities & attention of the masters—And<sup>w</sup> Alexander, Rob<sup>t</sup> Black, Joseph Love, Hugh Hamill.

2. Strabane, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1787. We the undernamed attended an Examination of the Students in the following Branches of Moral Philosophy, viz: Ethicks, Oconomicks, & Jurisprudence,—of Natural Philosophy, viz: Electricity, Opticks, Astronomy, & Magnetism—of the Greek Language, critically & by Analysis—of Mathematicks, viz: Algebra, the Terrestrial, & Celestial Globes,—In all which the Students gave good Proofs of their Intelligence & Application, & of their having studied with Profit & Advantage under able & Indefatigable Masters.—And<sup>w</sup> Alexander, David Young, Joseph Love, Robert Black, Hugh Hamill.

The Synod expressed the highest satisfaction with the above Reports.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5 o'clock in the evening. Open Synod at 7—Adjourned.



*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening after Prayer.*

It was moved that the time & place of the meeting of next Gen. Synod should now be fixed, when it was unanimously agreed, to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June 1788 at 5 o'clock in the Evening.

Mr McMean

Mr Black is appointed to inform the Presb<sup>y</sup> of Letterkenny of a report commonly prevailing, That Mr McMean residing in their Bounds, had been guilty of Irregularly celebrating marriages, and to enjoin them by the Authority of this Synod to enquire into the Report, & to proceed according to the Rule entered into by this Synod, in the year 1785.

Marriage

The minute of the Synod, of the year 1785, respecting marriage was ordered to be read, & is as follows :—" Any member of this Synod, who shall join in marriage any man or woman not under his Pastoral care, if not duly certified by the minister or Session of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of which they are members, shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio* for three months, & for the second be degraded. And when either of the Parties shall be a member of the Established Church, he shall not celebrate any matrimonial contract without the consent in writing of the Rector, Curate, or other officiating Clergyman of the Parish in which said party shall be a Resident, under Pain of incurring the like Penalties." Whereupon it was resolved—That inasmuch, as this Rule has hitherto in some measure, been Ineffectual, by reason of mistaken Lenity, in not prosecuting such as have offended—We do strictly Enjoin and Require, That every offender be prosecuted most unequivocally by the Minister or Ministers against whom the offence has been more immediately committed, upon Pain of incurring the Censure of the Synod, and farther—We do strictly enjoin & require all Sessions within the Bounds of this Synod, to suspend from Privileges all such Persons as shall be irregularly married, and not to restore them, untill they make a publick acknowledgment of their offence & submit to be regularly married.

This minute to be read in all Congregations within our Bounds the first Sabbath of September next.

Lindsay &  
Dundalk

The Sentence of the Committee of the Synod which met at Dundalk to determine the affair of Mr Colin Lindsay was read, & is as follows :—" That tho' the Facts proved seemed to argue Indiscretion & Imprudence, unbecoming a Minister of the Gospel :—Yet no charge of Immorality was so supported, as in their Judgment to affect the Relation, in which Mr Lindsay has stood to the Synod of Ulster. And as to the Relation in which Mr Lindsay shall hereafter stand to the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk, the committee was not under the Necessity of pronouncing any Judgment; as Mr Lindsay freely gave them a Resignation in writing of the Pastoral charge of that Congregation. The Resignation was accepted, & the Congregation declared vacant.

Signed by order,

FRANCIS TURRETINE, Mod<sup>r</sup>."

The conduct of the committee approved by the Synod.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock; open Synod at 10  
Adjourned. This Session concluded with Prayer

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday morning, after Prayer.*

On reading the minute of the former Session of this <sup>Protest</sup> Synod, relating to marriage, the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry entered his Protest, against the Synod's Rule obliging ministers of their Body to prosecute every minister who may have solemnised marriage between any of his or their Hearers without Certificates; and gave in the following Reasons :

"1. Because this Act is too general, & makes no distinction  
"between such Offenders as wilfully transgress, & such as by  
"mistaking the Parties or either of them as belonging to his own  
"Cong<sup>on</sup> may have fallen into the snare.

"2. In this last case a Prosecution ought not to be instituted  
"by any minister—And to compell him to prosecute, I deem highly  
"unreasonable & that it can serve little purpose, but to raise Discord  
"among neighbouring Ministers & their Congregations.

"3. Because the Penalty of suspension for the first & Degrada-  
"tion for the Second Offence, in the former Act of Synod, is  
"disproportioned to the supposed Demerit of an Action so  
"circumstanced.

WM. HENRY.

In which Protest & for the same Reasons the following members  
joined Viz: Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy, Ja<sup>s</sup> Cuming, D<sup>r</sup> Little, John  
Bankhead, Samuel Barber, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry.

The following Overtures were proposed & unanimously agreed to Overtures  
by this Synod :—

1. That a Committee of Accounts shall be appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
first day of every future meeting, in order to inspect the accounts of  
our Agent & report at the first Interloq<sup>r</sup>—And that our Agent be  
hereby instructed to be very careful that his accounts be at the place  
in which this Synod shall meet on the Post Day preceding the last  
Tuesday in June every year.

2. That the Clerk of each Sub Synod shall bring his Books to the 2<sup>d</sup>  
Annual Meeting of this Synod, to be laid before the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Books,  
that each Sub Synod, Presbytery & Session shall pay attention to  
their Books.

3. That no Presbytery shall give credentials to any Minister, 3<sup>d</sup>  
untill said Minister shall have given in his Demission of his Pastoral  
Charge.—Nor shall any Probationer obtain credentials from his  
Presbytery, unless directed to some other Presbytery; or in case of his  
going out of the Kingdom.—And if any Presbytery within the Bounds  
of this Synod, may have given Credentials to any of their number who  
still holds his charge, such Presby is enjoined to recall those  
Credentials.

Bequest to  
Banbridge.

M<sup>r</sup> Jackson reported that a Bequest of ten pounds had been made by Philip M<sup>c</sup>William, to certain Trustees, to be by them laid out at Interest, & the Interest to go to the Dissenting minister of Banbridge for the time being for ever—Another Bequest of the same kind for the same purpose by M<sup>r</sup> John Fleming of Banbridge, of ten Guineas, and another of Twenty pounds by M<sup>r</sup> Robert M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, for the same purpose. All which Bequests are now well secured.

M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay

M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay having Petitioned this Synod “That he should be allowed stipend untill the day of his Resignation to the Synods Com<sup>tee</sup>—That Credentials may be given him.—That he may be taken under the care of whatever Presb<sup>y</sup> should be willing to receive him.—And that his Proportion of the R.D. may be continued to him.”—A Question was put on the first part of this Petition “Is M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay entitled to stipend untill the time of his Resignation to the Com<sup>tee</sup>, or not?”—The Roll was called & it carried—“Entitled.”

It is earnestly recommended to the cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk, to pay M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay the stipend up to the Day of his Resignation, & it is ordered, That M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Montgomery shall read this minute to the Cong<sup>on</sup> the first Sab. of August next, & that M<sup>r</sup> Bryson shall exchange Pulpits with M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery that Day.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at half an hour after 5 o'clock. Open Synod at the conclusion of the Interloq<sup>r</sup>—Adjourned.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Evening, after Prayer.*

Synod's Coms<sup>rs</sup>

It was moved that D<sup>r</sup> Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel should be appointed Commiss<sup>rs</sup> from this Synod, & are accordingly appointed.

M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay

M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay by order of Synod put under the care of the Presbytery of Monaghan.

This Synod concluded with Prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>, Wednesday Evening.*

M<sup>r</sup> Lang

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell reported to this Interloq<sup>r</sup> that he, in conjunction with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wilson & Moore, had pursuant to Order of last Synod, taken such security from M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Lang, as to them & to council seemed both sufficient & legal.

M<sup>r</sup> Rowan

Upon reading the minute of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last year, respecting M<sup>r</sup> Rowan, it was stated: That by some mistake M<sup>r</sup> Rowan had not Information, of the Synod's Resolution in his favour. He is therefore allowed untill the first day of Sept<sup>r</sup> next to make good his Payment, in which case only, he shall be entitled to the benefit of the former Resolution.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr. Thursday Morning.*

Synod's  
Records

Our Moderator is desired to bring such Records of this Synod, as are now in his possession, to our next meeting.



An application was made to this Synod by M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, complaining that part of her annuity had been detained.

M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn, is ordered to write to M<sup>r</sup> Lang, desiring him <sup>M<sup>rs</sup> Orr</sup> particufarly to enquire into that matter & to cause the arrears (if any) to be paid to her or her order.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> McDowel, & Wilson, are ordered to have M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Bond <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Bond</sup> signed by M<sup>r</sup> Johnston & then to declare a Trust & take such steps for Registering said Bond, & Declaration of Trust, as they shall be advised by Council.

On reading M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter in which he states the amount of the <sup>Fund</sup> Widows Fund, it was observed: That on comparing the Capital of our Fund on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1786, which he states at £11260 19s 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d with the particular sums, there appears to be the sum of £1360 19s 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d unaccounted for.

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the members appointed to answer M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Letter, to take notice of this Omission.

M<sup>r</sup> White, D<sup>r</sup> Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> Mnrray, appointed to answer the Trustees Letter: D<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Livingston to answer M<sup>r</sup> Lang's.

*3<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup>. Thursday Evening.*

M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay's Petition: "That his Proportion of the R.D. <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay</sup> may be continued to him" was considered, by this Interloq<sup>r</sup> & it was resolved to grant it for one year.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to by this Interloq<sup>r</sup> that the <sup>M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth</sup> sum of thirteen pounds, fourteen shill<sup>s</sup> & seven pence halfpenny, shall be paid by our Agent to M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth widow of the late Clerk of this Synod.

It was also moved & unanimously agreed to, that a <sup>M<sup>r</sup> Cameron</sup> Double Portion of the King's Bounty, Old & New shall be allowed to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cameron of Dunluce for this year.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON, G. Synod's Clerk.

7<sup>th</sup> September, 1787.

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*A General Synod at Lurgan, 24 June 1788.*

M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. iv. 5. Then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries as followeth :

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presby.		Belfast Presby—continued.	
Joseph Osborne		Sinclair Kilburn	
		Geo. McEwen	
Derry Presby.		Robt. Carlisle	
		Joseph Harrison	
Robert Black	Wm. Armstrong		
		Rout Presby.	
T. Patrick Presby.		Henry Henry	
Thos. Read			
John Bankhead	J. Bankhead, Jun.	Ballymena Presby.	
John Abernethy	Jas. Adams		
John Gibson	Jas. Cuninghame	Jas. Cuming	John Campbell
John Savage		John Lindsay	
Adam Hill			
Robert Orr	Jas. M'Master	Dublin Presby.	
Dromore Presby.		Ben. McDowel	
		Hugh Moore	
Wm. Henry		Monaghan Presby.	
Isaac Patrick			
Robert McClure		Thos. Stewart	John Grier
Sam. Barber	Jas. Todd	Wm. Moore	
Jas. Birch	James McAdam	Wm. Millar	
John Thomson	Geo. White	Matt. Trimble	Wm. Charleton
Joseph Hay		Robt. Montgomery	John Gibson
Dr. Little	Thos. Lindsay	John Arnold	
John Sherard	Wm. Copeland	Jas. McAdam	
Francis Turretine	Gordon McMurry	Colin Lindsay	
Wm. McPherson	Geo. Potts	Jas. Whiteside	
Wm. Magee	Dr. Law		
Wm. Fletcher	Thos. Makee	Clogher Presby.	
John McClelland			
Jas. Waddell		Jas. Davison	
Bangor Presby.		Tyrone Presby.	
Andw. Craig		Jas. Todd	
David Trotter		Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Hallidy
Jas. Porter	Saml. Hunter	Jno. McClelland	Wm. Duff
		Moses Hogg	Robt. Kennedy
Belfast Presby.		Geo. Murray	
		Wm. Stitt	
Jas. Malcom	John Kelsey	Joseph Smyth	David Murphy
Thos. Birch	John McKean	Hugh Boyland	Jas. Davidson
Saml. Patten			
Andw. Grier			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Killyleagh Presby.		Armagh Presby.	
Moses Nelson		Hen. Jackson	Phil. Graham
Dr. Dickson	Jas. Maxwell	Dr. Campbell	
Robt. Porter	Aughtry Law	Saml. Livingston	John Porter
Jas. Sinclair		Robert Dickson	
Jas. Petterson		Thos. Cuming	Joseph Bell
		Andw. Bryson	
		Letterkenny Presby.	
		None.	

M<sup>r</sup> Thomson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, (viz) Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Bankhead, Robert Black, Sam<sup>l</sup> Barber, And<sup>w</sup> Grier, Hugh Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy, Moses Nelson, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Livingston. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy chosen.—M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the Several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & G. Synod's fixed Com<sup>tee</sup>.—An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained or Installed; & of such candidates, as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals, since last Synod.—An Account of Annuitants on the Fund.—Of any that have died, & of the time when such did die.—Also of women in their Bounds, who have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

M<sup>r</sup> Livingston is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod; & M<sup>r</sup> Barber having been next in votes to the Moderator chosen (except M<sup>r</sup> Livingston) is ordered to preach on the second Day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

Pursuant to a Resolution of last Synod., "That a committee should be appointed to inspect the accounts of our Agent" the following members were returned (viz.): from Strabane Presby M<sup>r</sup> Osborne, from Derry, M<sup>r</sup> Black, from T. Patrick, M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead, from Dromore, M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson, from Bangor M<sup>r</sup> Porter, from Belfast, M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn, from Dublin, M<sup>r</sup> McDowel, from Monaghan. M<sup>r</sup> Moore, from Tyrone, M<sup>r</sup> Stitt, from Killyleagh, M<sup>r</sup> Nelson, from Armagh, D<sup>r</sup> Campbell, & from the Presby of Antrim, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bryson.—They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning, after Prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Livingston preached according to appointment.



Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several Committees—Also the accounts as ordered which are as follow :—

Dromore Presby have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, M<sup>rs</sup> White, & family of the late M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy, of Morne.

Armagh Presby have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Moody & M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson; not on the fund Mrs Stewart, & M<sup>rs</sup> Carlisle.

Ord<sup>d</sup>  
Licensed Monaghan Presby report that they have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Whiteside, at Stonebridge the 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> last, who is a contributor to the widows fund ; & have licensed D<sup>r</sup> Flemming who subscribed the W.C. of Faith—Annuitants on the fund in their Bounds are, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Algae, M<sup>rs</sup> Makee, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming & families of M<sup>r</sup> Carson, M<sup>r</sup> Harris, & M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy.

Killyleagh Presby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth.

Dead  
Ord<sup>d</sup> Belfast Presby report that M<sup>r</sup> Alexander died the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1787—That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Harrison, in Hollywood the 4<sup>th</sup> of March last, who is a contributor to the widows fund —That they have on Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gouday, Whitlaw, Malcomson, & M<sup>c</sup>Kean. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Alexander.

Ord<sup>d</sup>  
Dead Derry Presby report that the ordained M<sup>r</sup> Goorly, in Taboyne, the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> last, who is a contributor to the widows fund, & that M<sup>rs</sup> Strawbridge died since last Meeting of Synod. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Hood, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Lisle, & families of M<sup>r</sup> Bond, & M<sup>r</sup> Ferguson.

Dead  
Licensed Dublin Presby report that M<sup>rs</sup> Vance died the 25<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> last. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Ward Kennedy, who subscribed the W.C. of Faith—& that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moore.

Licensed  
Trials Tyrone Presby report that M<sup>r</sup> White died the 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last & left a family.—That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Petterson, & Lawson, according to Synodical Regulations, & who subscribed the W.C. of Faith.—Have entered M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cay, on Second Tryals.—And have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, M<sup>rs</sup> Orr, & family of M<sup>r</sup> White.

Strabane Presby report, That they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Walsh.—Have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Henderson—& have on first Tryals, M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop, & M<sup>r</sup> Hewston.

Ballymena Presby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, & M<sup>rs</sup> Brown.

T.Patrick Presby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

Ord<sup>d</sup> Rout Presby have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Henry Henry, at Garvagh, the 13<sup>th</sup> of May last, & M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Blair, at Newtonlimavaddy the latter

end of the same month. Both contributors to the widows fund, & subscribers to the W. C. of Faith. They have also licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Licensed Elder, Jackson, Taggart, & Martin.

Bangor Presby have ordained, M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Porter, of Gray-Abby, the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 1787. He is a contributor to the widows fund.

Clogher Presby report that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Davison, in Ord<sup>i</sup> the united Cong<sup>os</sup> of Aughnacloy & Ballygawly, the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1787. He is a contributor to the widows fund. Since last meeting of Synod they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Hall, agreeably to Synodical Regulations. Have on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Booth Caldwell, & M<sup>r</sup> Ben. Hall; and on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, family of M<sup>r</sup> Boyle, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Mulligan.

From Letterkenny Presby no return.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod's fixed Committee for the Year 1788:—

For Armagh Presby, D<sup>r</sup> Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> Livingston, with an Elder.

Dromore Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barber & J. Thomson, with an Elder.

Monaghan Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore & Montgomery, with an Elder.

Killyleagh Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair & Petterson, with an Elder.

Belfast M<sup>r</sup> Birch, with an Elder.

Derry Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Black, with an Elder.

Dublin M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, with an Elder.

Tyrone Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Stitt, with an Elder.

Ballymena Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin & Lindsay, with an Elder.

T. Patrick Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead & Abernethy, with an Elder.

Clogher M<sup>r</sup> Johnston, with an Elder.

Letterkenny,	}	No Return.
Bangor,		
Rout,		
Strabane,		

On reading the Return of last year made by the Presby of Bangor, Motion made of a licensed candidate, A motion was made, "That said Return being Irregular should not be received."

The consideration of this motion deferred untill next Sederunt. Deferred

Open Synod at 5 o'clock. Adjourned. Session concluded with Prayer.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening, after prayer.*

The consideration of the Motion made in the former Session, Withdrawn respecting the Return of a Candidate licensed by Bangor Presbytery, was now resumed, when the members who made & seconded the Motion, for the Sake of Peace, withdrew it.

**Synod's Meeting** It was unanimously agreed, that this Synod shall meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June, 1789, at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon.

**Mr McMeans** Whereas no member of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, has attended the present Meeting of this Synod, to give any Information, respecting M<sup>r</sup> McMean.—And whereas a Report still prevails that he persists in his former Practice of Solemnizing Marriage in an Irregular Manner.—The Clerk of this Synod is ordered to write a letter to M<sup>r</sup> Alexander, to be communicated to the Presby of Letterkenny; requiring them to make Inquiry into that matter, & to proceed according to the former Order of Synod; and that, that Presby shall attend our next meeting, & report concerning the same.

**Mr Lindsay & Dundalk** A Petition from M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay having been presented to this Synod Supplicating, “That his Proportion of the King's Bounty may be continued to him, & that the Stipend due by the congregation of Dundalk may be ordered to be paid to him.” The Synod resolved that a letter shall be written by the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Moore to that congregation, Expressing the Synod's concern that, their former Recommendation had not been complied with; and enjoining them to pay M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay up to the day of his Resignation, or to send Commissioners to our next meeting to shew Reason why they do not.

The consideration of that part of the Petition respecting the R.D. referred to the Interlocutor.

**Stewartstown** A Petition signed by more than One Hundred Persons, (Twenty three of whom formerly belonged to the Congregation of Brigh) was presented to this Synod, Stating:—“That they were building a meeting house in Stewartstown, & supplicating this Synod to Authorise & Desire the Presbytery of Tyrone, in due time to ordain a minister among them, to whom they were willing to pay fifty pounds  $\text{p}$  Annum, and in the meantime to grant them supplies from the first Sab. of August next.”

**Brigh** A Supplication from the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Brigh was also presented to this Synod, in which they set forth—“That by granting the above Petition, the Peace & Harmony of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Brigh, were in danger of being disturbed, & Interrupted; That it would be a bad Precedent; and that it was not Inconvenient for the Inhabitants of the Town & Neighbourhood of Stewartstown to attend at their usual place of worship.”

After hearing the Commissioners on both sides at considerable length & reasoning on the subject, the Question was put, “Grant the Petition or not?” The Roll was called & it carried “Not.”

Interloq<sup>r</sup> tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at 11. Adjourned. Session concluded with Prayer.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday morning, after Prayer.*

**Protest** A Protest signed Tho<sup>s</sup> Stewart, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Millar, members of the Presbytery of Monaghan, against a Resolution of another part of



that Presby, for granting a Supplication from part of the congregation of Bally James Duff was presented to this Synod, which Resolution Protesters alledge was obtained Unfairly, Partially, & not according to the usual mode of proceeding in Presbys.

The Synod after considering the affair at large & deliberating upon it, were unanimously of Opinion, that said Protest is well founded; and the Synod enjoin the Presby of Monaghan to Eraze said Resolution from their minutes, and to pay greater Attention to Regularity for the future.

Mr Kilburn moved, That Mr M<sup>c</sup>Cay a Probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Tyrone, may be appointed to supply the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Newtonards two L<sup>ds</sup> Day's commencing the first of July. The Question was put, "Appoint or not?" The Roll was called, & it carried "Not" by a great majority. N. T. Ards

It being stated to this Synod, That two supplications, from opposite Parties of the cong<sup>on</sup> of Bally James Duff, for an hearing of different Candidates, had been presented to the Presbytery of Monaghan; In consequence of what appeared in this Case the Synod were of opinion that both should be set aside. On which the Presby of Monaghan requested this Synod, to appoint some Probationer under their care, to supply the cong<sup>on</sup> of Bally James Duff for one month, alledging that such appointment would be the most probable means of healing the Divisions which at present subsist in that Congregation; & of promoting its peace & Interest. Bally : James :  
Duff

The Synod agreed to this Request; However it was unnecessary to proceed upon it, as the Commissioners from the two contending Parties happily agreed in supplicating an hearing of Mr Samuel Kennedy a Probationer, under the care of the Presby of Tyrone, for the four L<sup>ds</sup> Days in July next. This Granted. And the Presby of Monaghan is enjoined to send one of their number to Bally James Duff on the first L<sup>ds</sup> Day in August, to poll the Congregation & draw up a call for Mr Kennedy if he sees fit.

A Supplication of the united congregations of Vincash & Richhill was presented to this Synod, Praying that young men may be appointed to supply those Congregations, as their present minister Mr Todd through Infirmities, & old age, was unable to discharge the Duties of his office among them. Vincash &  
Richhill

The Presbytery of Tyrone is enjoined to meet at Vincash the first Thursday after the first Sab. in August next, to settle matters between Mr Todd & his Cong<sup>ons</sup>; and to see that they Shall secure to him for life such Provision as their Circumstances allow, and in consequence thereof to appoint supplies to those Congregations.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7. Adjourned.

Session concluded with Prayer.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session, Thursday Evening, after Prayer.*

The following Overtures were unanimously agreed to by this Synod:—

1<sup>st</sup> Minutes to  
be printed

1. Whereas a manuscript Copy of the Minutes of this Synod for each Presbytery is deemed Insufficient for the Purposes for which it is designed, on account of the Delay with which it is attended, & the Impossibility of communicating by it the Knowledge of our proceedings to the respective Sessions & Congregations within our Bounds—That from & after the present year, our Minutes shall be printed annually, & a copy of them sent to each Minister & another to each Session: that a knowledge of our Discipline & Proceedings may be generally diffused among our People & said Minutes be *in retentis* by the Clerk of Session in each Congregation respectively—The expence of printing said Minutes to be defrayed by this Synod.

2<sup>d</sup> Circular  
Letter

2. That, whereas many Ministers & Sessions have been shamefully defective; The former in absenting themselves from Presbyteries & Synods—The Latter in neglecting to depute Elders for these purposes—A Circular letter on that subject be written by this Synod to be hereafter forwarded together with our Minutes by our Clerk to every Minister & Session as above; and that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hen. Jackson, John Thomson, James Birch, Robert McClure, W<sup>m</sup> Magee, D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, & D<sup>r</sup> Campbell, be & hereby are appointed a committee to prepare the same in order to be laid before us at our next meeting.

3<sup>d</sup> Visitors to  
be appointed

3<sup>d</sup>. That Two members of this Body shall be annually appointed to visit the frontier Congregations & other places in the West & South West parts of this Kingdom where there are any Protestant Dissenters settled—To preach—To inquire into the conduct of Ministers, & the state of the Congregations—To observe where it would be advisable to send Preachers—To inquire into the conduct of such as may at any time be sent by the Synod, & the success of their Preaching—and to report to the ensuing Synod—And the expence of said Visitors be paid out of the fund of the Synod.

This agreed to with this Limitation—That such Visitors or Preachers shall always be members, & subject to the Controul of this Synod; and that they or any of them shall not preach within four miles of any Meeting house, or place of publick worship, belonging to Protestant Dissenters, & in which a Protestant Dissenting Minister may be regularly settled, without consent of said Minister; nor of any vacancy in the Bounds of any Presbytery, without the Approbation, and appointment of said Presbytery.

M<sup>r</sup> McDowel  
visitor

M<sup>r</sup> McDowel appointed Visitor for the ensuing year and impowered to chuse a Colleague.

Open Synod to morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Adjourned.

Session concluded with Prayer.

*6<sup>th</sup> Session Friday Morning after Prayer.*

Visit Jails

It is recommended to the several Ministers who live contiguous to County Jails, to visit such persons of our communion as are in confinement.

M<sup>r</sup> Trimble gives notice, that he will next year move, That every Minister hereafter to be ordained to the charge of a congregation under our Care & become a contributor to the widows Fund; shall appropriate to the same the whole of his first years R.D. as it now does, or hereafter may stand. Notice of a motion

Resolved that a committee be appointed on the first day of next meeting, to prepare the minutes for the Press.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Morning.*

M<sup>r</sup> McDowel produced a Bond for 3000 pounds perfected in Trust to him & M<sup>r</sup> Wilson by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Lang, Robert Mercer, & Richard Mercer, of the City of Dublin, being a Security for the faithful discharge of the Trust reposed in the said Ja<sup>s</sup> Lang as Agent for our R.D. As also a Deed of Trust perfected, by the aforesaid Mess<sup>rs</sup> McDowel, & Wilson, which Declaration of Trust is deposited in the Hands of Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Magee of Lurgan, as appears by the underwritten acknowledgement— Bond & Declaration of Trust

I do hereby acknowledge to have received the above mentioned Declaration of Trust.

WM. MAGEE.

D<sup>r</sup> Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> Murray are appointed to answer the Trustees Letter. D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, M<sup>r</sup> Livingstone & M<sup>r</sup> Thomson to answer M<sup>r</sup> Langs.

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the members appointed to answer M<sup>r</sup> Lang's letter to request him to make Inquiry, If the Trustees for the Widows Fund have declared a Trust? What number of them have declared it? And in whose hands is the Declaration lodged. Inquiry

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin McDowel, William Wilson, & Hugh Moore are appointed Trustees of the Widows Fund by this Interloq<sup>r</sup>. Trustees appointed

M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay's Petition, "that his Proportion of the R.D. may be continued to him," was considered by this Interloq<sup>r</sup> and it was unanimously Resolved not to grant it. M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Evening.*

M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Jackson is ordered to be put into the list of subscribers to the Widows Fund. Mr Jackson

A motion was made, that a Double portion of the R.D. should this year be paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cameron of Dunluce. It passed in the affirmative. Mr Cameron

A Resolution was moved, that where there shall be two or more ministers in one Congregation (Excepting the ministers now living) they shall receive no more than one annual share of the Royal Bounty. Resolution respecting R.D.

The above Resolution agreed to.



Resolved that the several Volumes of the Records of the Gen. Synod, now in the Possession of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Thomson, containing our Records for the years 1691, 1692, 1694; and from the year 1697 to 1737 Inclusive, shall remain under his Care, untill their Binding shall be repaired, & when repaired, be transmitted to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Magee of Lurgan, who has engaged to take particular care of them.

Draughts of Letters to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, & M<sup>r</sup> Lang, were read & approved by this Interloq<sup>r</sup>

Inserted 4<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1788, by

ROBERT DICKSON,  
Clk. of G. Synod.

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*A Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod at Dungannon, 2<sup>d</sup> Decr, 1788.*

A Gen. Synod *pro re nata* having been called by the Moderator to meet at Dungannon, the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788, for the purpose of electing an Agent for our R.D. in place of the late M<sup>r</sup> Ju<sup>a</sup> Lang: & being accordingly met & constituted by Prayer, there were present from the several Presbyteries the following members:—

Strabane Phy.	Belfast Presby.	Monaghan Presby.
Jos. Osborne Dr. Crawford Jos. Coulter Hugh Hamill	Saml. Patten Thos. Birch Robt. Carlisle Jos. Harrison	Thos. Stewart Wm. Moore Mat. Trimble John Arnold
Derry Presby.	L.kenney Presby.	Clogher Presby.
Saml. Patten John Law Jas. Knox David Young John Adams Francis Gray John Irwin Robert Scott Robert Black Jas. Patten Hugh Brooks Wm. Cuninghame Robt. Caldwell Henry Elder Mr. Goorly	Andw. Alexander Wm. Burke Jos. Leitle Jas. Taylor Robt. Caldwell Jos. Love David Allen Henry Millar John Holmes Thos. Leech Wm. Ramsay	Wm. Moorhead Jas. Ker Andw. Millar Wm. Johnston Jos. Denham Jas. Davison
T. Patrick Presby.	Rout Presby.	Tyrone Presby.
John Savage Robert Orr	Wm. Knox Wm. Lynd Hugh McClelland Robt. Thomson Jas. Elder Jas. McFarland John Loggan	Wm. Kennedy John McClelland Jas. Whiteside, Senr. Moses Hogg Geo. Murray Jas. Whiteside, Junr. Wm. Stitt Jos. Smyth Wm. Moore Hugh Boyland Geo. Dougal Thos. McCay
Dromore Presby.	Dublin Presby.	Killyleagh Presby.
John Smyth Isaac Patrick Sam. Barber Jas. Birch Jos. Hay John Sherard Fran. Turretine Wm. Magee Moses Thomson	Ben. McDowel Wm. Wilson Hugh Moore	Dr. Dickson
Bangor Presby.	B.mena Presby.	Armagh Presby.
Andrew Craig David Trotter Jas. Porter	Jos. Douglass Jas. Cuming David Park Henry Henry	Dr. Campbell Saml. Livingston Robert Dickson Saml. Sloan Thos. Cuming Andw. Bryson
		Antrim Presby.
		Wm. Nevin Wm. Sinclair

The following Motion was made & seconded, (viz.) We, members of the G. Synod of Ulster & Pres<sup>by</sup> of Antrim now in Dungannon, do for ourselves Individually, Request the Trustees for the Widows Fund to take the Charge of our R. D. untill our meeting in June next.—And that in the meantime they should take the necessary steps to procure a settlement of our Accounts with the Executors of our late agent M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Lang, and have the same laid before us at said meeting.—And that all money now in hand or that may be received till said meeting be by them duly transmitted to the several Presbyteries.

On the above Motion the previous Question was put (viz.) shall said motion be put or not?—The Roll was called & it passed in the Negative.

A Motion of Adjournment untill six o'clock being made, was after some debate agreed to. Session concluded with Prayer.

*2. Session Tuesday Evening six o'clock, after Prayer.*

A Protest signed Ben. McDowel, Hugh Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Steel Dickson, Sam. Barber, W<sup>m</sup> Wilson, John Smyth, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt, W<sup>m</sup> Magee, Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomson, Hugh McClelland, John Loggan, W<sup>m</sup> Campbell, Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch, Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten, Joseph Harrison, Rob<sup>t</sup> Carlisle, W<sup>m</sup> Knox, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Ja<sup>s</sup> Whiteside, Tho<sup>s</sup> Stewart, John Arnold, Ja<sup>s</sup> Davison, Mat Trimble, against any Proceedings towards electing an Agent for the R. D. by the members of the G. Synod of Ulster, now met at Dungannon this 2<sup>d</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788 & every other Proceeding of this days meeting, in the name of, & as the G. Synod of Ulster, was produced & read.—The Reasons to be assigned at next meeting of G. Synod to which they appealed.

It was now unanimously resolved to proceed to the election of an Agent for our R. D. But before entering on that Business, the following Resolutions were moved & agreed to.

1<sup>st</sup> That Two & one half  $\text{p}$  cent, shall be allowed to our Agent on all money of the R. D. which he Receives:—And that he shall pay the same without Fee or Deduction.

2<sup>d</sup> That whatever Agent we shall appoint shall produce his Books & Accounts to this Synod, on the first day of every Annual Meeting in order to be submitted to the Inspection of the Synod, or of any committee which they may appoint to inspect them. And that a failure in this shall *ipso facto* dismiss him from his office.

3<sup>d</sup> That no Person shall be qualified to act as our Agent, untill his security shall be submitted to Council & approved by them as sufficient. And we Request & Authorise And<sup>w</sup> Caldwell, Hen. Bevan, Tho<sup>s</sup> Pettigrew, & W<sup>m</sup> Colvill Esq<sup>rs</sup> to lay the proposed security before Council & if approved, to take it in their own names in Trust for us.—

After the above Resolutions were agreed to, the following Gentlemen were proposed as candidates; (viz.) Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Campbell, Rev<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Black, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> & Rich<sup>d</sup> Mercer, & M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Leckey. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Black chosen by a great majority.



Mr Alexander, Mr Livingston, the Clerk of the Synod & Mr Cuming, are appointed to answer the Trustees Letter, & the letter of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert & Richard Mercer.

Adjourned untill to-morrow Morning at 9 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The letters to the Trustees of the widows Fund, & Messrs. Robert & Richard Mercer, were Read—Approved by the Synod, and ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

Resolved unanimously, That the Moderator be ordered to recommend it from the Pulpit, to the several members of this Synod to continue their earnest Prayers to Almighty God, for the speedy Restoration of his Majesty's Health ; and for the support & Comfort of her Majesty the Queen, & rest of the Royal Family, in their present Distress.

Ordered, That a letter of Attorney, Impowering our Agent to receive ; & directing him to dispose of the R. D. for the use of this Synod, be now drawn & perfected, which was done accordingly.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of Gen. Synod.

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*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 30<sup>th</sup> June 1789.*

Mr Kennedy the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Rom. I. 16.—Then constituted it by Prayer. After which were present from the several Presbyteries as followeth :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presby.		Belfast Presby.	
Saml. Patten		Wm. Laird	
John Law		Samuel Patten	
David Young	Mr. Robt. Moore	Thos. Birch	Mr. Wm. Shaw
Robert Black		James Malcom	Alexr. Swan
Francis Gray		Geo. McEwen	John Cowper
James Patten		Sinclair Kilburn	Saml. Nelson
Hugh Brooks		Robert Carlisle	Joseph Ker
Wm. Cunningham		Joseph Harrison	
Robert Caldwell			
Henry Elder			
Moses Goorly			
		Clogher Presby.	
		James Ker	
		Joseph Denham	
		Joseph King	
		Wm. Johnston	
		James Davison	
		Tyrone Presby	
		James Todd	
		Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Halliday
		John McClelland	
		Moses Hogg	
		Geo. Murray	Alexr. Patterson
		Wm. Stitt	
		James Whiteside, Junr.	
		Joseph Smyth	Mr. Wm. McCrum
		Hugh Boyland	Mr. Jas. Durham
		Thos. McKay	Mr. Hugh White
		L.kenney Presby.	
		Andw. Alexander	
		Wm. Burke	
		James Taylor	Matthew Allen
		Robert Caldwell	
		David Allen	
		Henry Millar	
		John Holmes	
		Isaac Barr	
		Thos. Leetch	
		James Patten	
		Wm. Ramsay	
		Rout Presby.	
		William Knox	
		John Logan	
		Wm. Lynd	Mr. Adam Boyd
Dromore Presby.			
John Smyth	Wm. Magill		
Isaac Patrick	Wm. Wright		
Robert McClure	Wm. Carlisle		
Saml. Barber	Joseph McNeilly		
James Birch	James McAdam		
John Thomson	Hugh McFarran		
Joseph Hay			
Dr. Little	James Dickson		
John Sherrard	Wm. Carlisle		
Francis Turretine			
Wm. McPherson			
Wm. Magee	Dr. Law		
Wm. Fletcher	David Heanan		
Moses Thomson			
John McClelland			
James Waddell			
Bangor Presby.			
James Cochran			
Andw. Craig	Mr. Geo. Taudy		
Alexr. Gouday			
David Trotter			
James Porter			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Presby—continued.		Dublin Presby.	
Alexr. Marshal		Dr. McDowel	
Robert Thomson		Wm. Wilson	
Robert Rentoul			
James Elder		Killylea Presby.	
James McFarland			
Daniel Blair		Moses Nelson	
		Dr. Dickson	Mr. Thos. McKibbin
B.mena Presby.		Robert Porter	
John Ranken		James Sinclair	
Joseph Douglas	John Adams	James Patterson	
James Cuming	Wm. McKean	James Knox	George Scott
John Lindsay		Armagh Presby.	
David Park			
Thos. Henry	Mr. Hugh Walker	Henry Jackson	Geo. Mulhallon
Henry Henry		Saml. Livingston	Mr. John Porter
		Robert Dickson	
Monaghan Presby.		Saml. Sloan	
Thos. Stewart	John Grier	Thos. Cuming	Wm. Rea
Wm. Moore		Andw. Bryson	Robert Dickie
John Davis		Strabane Presby.	
Matt. Trimble	Mr. Joseph Thomson		
Wm. Millar		Joseph Osborne	
Robt. Montgomery	James Simson	Dr. Craford	
John Arnold		Robert Clarke	
James Whiteside		Hugh Hamill	

M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen Synod, when the following Brethren were named, viz: Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Goorly, W<sup>m</sup> Montgomery, James Birch, James Cochran, Sinclair Killburn, W<sup>m</sup> Burke, Alex<sup>r</sup> Marshal, Joseph Douglas, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, Ja<sup>s</sup> Ker, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt, Moses Nelson, Samuel Sloan, & Robert Clarke.—The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Douglas chosen.—M<sup>r</sup> Dickson Clk continued continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the several Comt<sup>ees</sup> of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup>—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed—And of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod—An account of Annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died, & of the time when such did die—Also of women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers & are not on the Fund. Accounts ordered

M<sup>r</sup> Barber is ordered to preach to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, according to appointment of last G. Synod—And M<sup>r</sup> James Birch having been next in votes to the Moderator chosen, is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon. Sermon to morrow

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Synod of 1787. “That a committee should be appointed on the first day of every future Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts.



meeting, to Inspect the Accounts of our Agent"—The following members were returned, viz:—from Derry Presby, M<sup>r</sup> Young; from T. Patrick, M<sup>r</sup> Abernethy; from Dromore, M<sup>r</sup> Barber; from Bangor, M<sup>r</sup> Cochran; from Belfast, M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn; from L.kenney, M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell; from Rout, M<sup>r</sup> Knox; from B.mena, M<sup>r</sup> Ranken; from Dublin, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson; from Monaghan, M<sup>r</sup> Moore: from Clogher, M<sup>r</sup> Denham; from Tyrone, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay; from Killylea, M<sup>r</sup> Nelson; from Armagh, M<sup>r</sup> Livingston; from Strabane, M<sup>r</sup> Osborne; & from the Presby of Antrim, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bryson.—They are to meet in the vestry room to morrow morning at 7 o'clock—Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote—The comt<sup>es</sup> to Report.

Session concluded with Prayer.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock.*

M<sup>r</sup> Barber preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several comt<sup>es</sup>. Also the Accounts as ordered which are as follow:—

Armagh Presby have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody & M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart & M<sup>rs</sup> Carlisle.

Dead  
Ordained

Killylea Presby report that M<sup>r</sup> Michael Henry died 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1789. & that he left a widow & children. That they Ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Knox, at Drumbannagher, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1789, who is a Contributor to the widows fund, & that they have on they fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth & M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

Dead

Derry Presby report, that M<sup>r</sup> Adams, died 8<sup>th</sup> June 1789. That they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Lysle, M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bond & Ferguson. And that M<sup>rs</sup> Hood died 14<sup>th</sup> June 1789.

Dead

Dead  
Licensed

Bangor Presby report that M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jackson died 5<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1788 & left a widow & children. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Dobbin. And that they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

Dublin Presby have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Moore & M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell.

Deposed  
Dead

Monaghan Presby report, That they deposed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Adam, 10<sup>th</sup> July 1788. That M<sup>r</sup> Sprot died 20<sup>th</sup> April 1789 & left a widow & children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Makee, M<sup>rs</sup> Algoe, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprot, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Carson & Harris.

Dead

Dromore Presby report, That M<sup>r</sup> Henry died 19<sup>th</sup> June 1789 & left a widow & son. That they have entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Hershaw. And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, M<sup>rs</sup> Henry, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy.

Demitted  
Installed

B.mena Presby report, That M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Brown demitted his Pastoral charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Connor 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1788. And that they Installed M<sup>r</sup> Henry Henry 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill & M<sup>rs</sup> Brown.

Belfast Presby have licensed in Aug. last Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Gouday, James Malcomson, W<sup>m</sup> Whitlaw & John M<sup>c</sup>Kean. They subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith according to Synodical Rule. They have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead & M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy. Licensed

T. Patrick Presby report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Campbell. Have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Robert Thomson, 9<sup>th</sup> June 1789 who is a Contributor to the Widows fund. Have entered M<sup>r</sup> Murphy on second Tryals. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers. That M<sup>rs</sup> Craford, died 4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last. And that M<sup>r</sup> Ker demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Island Magee in August, 1788. Licensed  
Ordained  
Dead  
Demitted

L.kenney Presby report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Delap. That in May 1788 they deposed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Means & published his Deposition in the Strabane *News Letter*.—That M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson died 11<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1788. And that they have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaughy, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, & M<sup>rs</sup> Delap. Licensed  
Deposed  
Dead

Clogher Presby have on Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Booth Caldwell, & Ben Hull. On the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott & M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Rout Presby report, That M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton died 18<sup>th</sup> July, & M<sup>r</sup> Smyth 2<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1788 : and that each left a Widow & Children. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Steel, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, according to the Synods Formula.—Have entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Calley, & M<sup>r</sup> Lochridge. Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth.—And that M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson died since last Synod. Deaths  
Licensed  
Dead

Tyrone Presby report, That they Ordained M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay in Brigh, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1788. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith & is a contributor to the Widows Fund.—Also report that they have entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John Kennedy. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, & family of M<sup>r</sup> White. And that M<sup>rs</sup> Orr died since last Gen. Synod, time not known. Ordained  
Dead

Strabane Presby report, That M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coulter died in March last— That they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop, & entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Houston. And that they have on they fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Torbett & M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter. Dead  
Licensed

Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod's fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for 1789 :—

Minrs from Presby of Armagh.

Minrs from Pby of Derry.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingstone & Sloan.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Young.

Killylea.

Dublin.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb & Nelson.

D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & M<sup>r</sup> Wilson.

Bangor.

Monaghan.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hull & Bryson.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore & Trimble.

Minrs from Pby of Dromore.	Minrs from Presby of Clogher.
M <sup>r</sup> Barber & D <sup>r</sup> Little.	M <sup>r</sup> Millar.
B.mena.	Rout.
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Ranken & Lindsay.	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Blair.
Belfast.	Tyrone.
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Birch & Kilburn.	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Hogg & Stitt.
T. Patrick.	Strabane.
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Bankhead.	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Hamill & Clarke.
L.kenny.	
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Leitle & Love.	

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Moderator on any Emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

The Com<sup>tes</sup> of Accounts reported Progress, & are to meet again.

The several com<sup>tees</sup> ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday 2 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Synods next  
meeting

The Synod proceeded to appoint the time & place of its next meeting.—Lurgan & Dungannon were proposed—The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1790. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Interlocutor at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7—Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session, Wednesday Evening, after Prayer.*

Motion for a  
Repeal

On reading the Overture of last Synod respecting the printing of our Minutes annually, a motion was made, That said Overture be repealed;—And the Question being put, “Repeal or Not?”—The Roll was called & it carried “Not.”

Report of  
Visitors

The Proceedings of the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Rogers in visiting the frontier Cong<sup>ns</sup>, were reported by the Doctor to the Synod.



Interlocutor to morrow morning at 8 o'clock—Open Synod at 12.  
Session concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session, Thursday, 12 o'clock, after prayer.*

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Rogers, for their attention to, & readiness in complying with the Appointment of this Body in visiting the frontiers of the Province of Ulster, & the fidelity with which they executed that Commission; and Thanks were accordingly given.

Thanks to  
Visitors

The Minutes of the *pro re nata* meeting at Dungannon in Dec<sup>r</sup> last being read; Twelve of the Brethren who protested against the proceedings of that meeting, gave in the Reasons of their Protest, which being also read; After much reasoning on the subject, The Synod came to the following Resolution; "That the meeting at Dungannon on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> last, cannot be sustained as a Regular meeting of the Gen. Synod of Ulster."

Dungannon  
meeting not a  
Regular Synod

Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned untill 5 o'clock.

*6<sup>th</sup> Session, Thursday evening, 5 o'clock, after prayer.*

Resolved that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Rogers be paid by our Agent the Expences incurred by their late visitation of the frontier Cong<sup>ns</sup>; agreeably to the Resolution of last Synod.

Expence of  
visitors to be  
paid

On considering the Report of Dr M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, it was moved; That the appointment of last Synod respecting the frontier Cong<sup>ns</sup>, & South West Colonies of Presbyterians be renewed this year; and that the ministers appointed, be enjoined to inform the different Colonies, That where they know themselves capable of contributing to the support of a stated minister; They shall represent their Situation & Desires to this Synod at their next Annual Meeting; That this Synod may be enabled to Judge where ministers may be settled with a probability of promoting the Interest of Religion.

Appointment of  
visitors renewed

After reasoning on the motion at some length, the Question was put, "Renew the Appointment or Not?"—The Roll was called and it carried "Renew."

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Wilson & Sinclair Kilburn, unanimously appointed Visitors for this year.

New visitors  
appointed

A Supplication signed by David Park, "in the name of the greater number of Presbyterian Inhabitants of Stewartstown in behalf of themselves & others near that place," was presented to this Synod by W<sup>m</sup> Davidson & John Park, Comms<sup>rs</sup>, Praying "to Allow & Grant, That the House they have built may be appointed a House of Worship, acknowledged by this Synod, under the Care of the Presby of Tyrone. And that they may be permitted to meet there & worship God, & receive the Institutions of His Word, under the Direction of that Presby."—And they engage to satisfy the Synod with respect to the Securities for the certain support of a minister, whenever they shall be so happy as to obtain one.

Stewartstown

Brigh

A Petition signed John Grier, in the name of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Brigh, and a Petition & Remonstrance signed by thirty-six persons, members of the same Cong<sup>on</sup>, were also presented to this Synod, by David Duff & Robert Moffat, Comms<sup>rs</sup>, Stating, That the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Brigh would receive Essential Injury from the Establishment of a new Cong<sup>on</sup> in Stewartstown.

Stewartstown  
erected

The Comms<sup>rs</sup> from both Parties having been heard at considerable length & removed;—And the Synod having reasoned on the Subject,; The Question was put, “Grant the Supplication of the Inhabitants of Stewartstown or Not?” The Roll was called and it carried “Grant.”

Overtures

1st

Psalmody

The following Overtures were proposed to this Synod:—

1. Whereas singing the Praises of God, is an Essential, Solemn & Important part of Christian Worship, to render which both pleasing & useful, the Knowledge of Psalmody, is absolutely necessary.—And whereas this has been too much neglected, and is sensibly declining in many of our Cong<sup>ns</sup>.—That this Synod in order to promote the Devotion of Christian Worshippers, do warmly recommend an attention to Church Music, to all the Cong<sup>ns</sup> under their charge;—And that they Exhort & Enjoin the different members of their Body, to use their utmost Dilligence in their respective Cong<sup>ns</sup> in Perswading & Encouraging Heads of families & others, to have those under their Care & Influence, duely instructed therein: That the rising Generation may be qualified for Joining in the Public Praises of God with Decency, Comfort & Advantage.

The Synod unanimously, & most cordially agree to, & recommend the above Overture, from the fullest conviction of its happy tendency, to excite & promote Devotion;—And order it to be read in all Cong<sup>ons</sup> within their Bounds.

2d

Itinerant  
Preachers

2. That any minister, who shall employ to preach for him, any man not known to be a Regular minister of the Gospel, & whose moral character is not sufficiently known, shall be suspended, *ab officio* two L<sup>ds</sup> Days for the first offence, & for the second, three months:—And that any man under pretense of being a Presbyterian min<sup>r</sup>, presuming to officiate as such in any vacancy without appointment of Presby or within the Bounds of any Cong<sup>on</sup>, in which there may be an ordained min<sup>r</sup> without the consent & appointment of such min<sup>r</sup>, shall be incapable of being a member of this Synod.

The above Overture agreed to.

3

New Erections

3. That no Party of a Cong<sup>on</sup> within the Bounds of the Synod & under their Care, which shall have built, or begun to build a Meeting House, with a view to be erected into a separate Cong<sup>on</sup> without, the approbation & consent of this Synod first had, & obtained: shall be received under their Protection; nor any Application for that purpose, be attended to by them.

The above agreed to and ordered to be read in all Congregations



Interlocutor to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Open Synod at the conclusion of the Interl<sup>r</sup>. Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned.

*7<sup>th</sup> Session Friday, 12 o'clock, after prayer.*

Resolved that the Presby of Tyrone be enjoined to appoint one of their number to communicate to the Cong<sup>ns</sup> likely to be affected by the Erection of Stewartstown, the Synodical Rules respecting those who in cases of this kind may be disposed to leave their own Cong<sup>ns</sup> in order to become members of any other. And that said members shall in particular point out to those concerned the Indispensable Necessity of paying a strict attention to said Rules.

Order to Presby  
of Tyrone

A Reference from the Sub Synod of Derry, in the Affairs of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Killraats, was presented to this Synod.

The Synod resolved, that a Comt<sup>ee</sup> consisting of the following Brethren viz: Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Cuming, John Lindsay, Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, Tho<sup>s</sup> Read, W<sup>m</sup> Montgomery, Robert Orr, John Thomson, Sinclair Killburn & Geo Murray with their Elders, do meet at Killraats on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of this Inst July; finally to settle this, & all other matters relating to that Cong<sup>n</sup>—Five Ministers & three Elders to make a Quorum. M<sup>r</sup> Thomson to preach, & the Presby of Rout to attend the Comt<sup>ee</sup> to give what Information may be necessary. This minute to be read in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Killraats, next L<sup>ds</sup> Day.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> to meet  
at Killraats

Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Dickson our present Clerk is Intitled to Fees for the year 1787, the year in which he was chosen; and that our Agent be ordered to pay him the same.—Also, that our Clerk be directed to inform our Agent, that in the settlement of the accounts with the Representatives of the late M<sup>r</sup> Lang, he is to observe; That a years fees had been paid to the family of the late M<sup>r</sup> Rogers, to which they were not Intitled.

Clerks fees

A Supplication from the Prot. Dissenters of the Parish of Cappagh, praying to be Established under the Appellation of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Cappagh, was presented to this Synod, by Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hamilton & Samuel Ranken, Commiss<sup>rs</sup>.

The Synod Authorise the Presby of L.kenny to erect them into a Cong<sup>on</sup> provided they give such security as may satisfy that Body, that they will pay fifty pounds annually for the support of a minister; and that such of their members as now belong to the Cong<sup>on</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Nelson, will pay him during life, their usual stipend.

to be erected

A Supplication from M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay, Praying that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk may be ordered to pay him the years Stipend "to which he was Intitled by our former Resolution," was presented to this Synod.

Mr Lindsay &  
Dundalk

Resolved that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk be ordered to pay M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay, before the first day of Aug. next, the sum of Eight pounds st<sup>r</sup> in lieu of all Claims on that Cong<sup>on</sup> under penalty of being no longer connected with the Gen Synod of Ulster.



Notice of a  
motion

Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch gives notice, that he will next year move for a Repeal of the Act of Synod of the year 1738, Impowering the ministers of Dublin to address his Majesty, or our Chief Governor, in the name of the Protestant Dissenters of Ireland.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interlocutor Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.*

Report of  
Mr Wilson

Mr Wilson informed this Interl<sup>r</sup>. That And<sup>w</sup> Caldwell Esq<sup>r</sup> was the only one of the Trustees to whom Sir John Blackwood had perfected a mortgage, who had signed the Deed of Trust.—The Synod request the other Trustees to whom the mortgage was perfected, to sign the same Deed, as soon as may be convenient. The Declaration signed by Mr Caldwell, is lodged in an Iron Chest in Mr Finlays Bank.

Mr Cameron

A motion was made, That a Double Portion of the R. D. be continued to Mr Cameron, for this year. The Question was put “continue or not?” The Roll was called & it carried “Continue” by a great Majority.

Motion to erase  
a former  
Resolution

The Resolution of the Intel<sup>r</sup> of last year—“That where there shall be two or more ministers, in one Cong<sup>on</sup> (Excepting the ministers now living) they shall receive no more than one annual share of the Royal Bounty” being read; It was moved, That said Resolution be erased from our Minutes—And the Question being put “Erase or Not?”—The Roll was called & it carried “Not.”

Synods Records

Mr John Thomson reported to this Interl<sup>r</sup> That he had got the Binding of the several volumes of the Records of this Synod compleatly repaired;—Had put them into a Box made on purpose to receive them; And had Deposited them in the Hands of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Magee.

Thanks to  
Mr Thomson

Mr Thompson received the Thanks of the Interl<sup>r</sup> for his Care in that matter, and was ordered to be repaid the expence by our Agent.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interlocutor Thursday Morning.*

Motion respect-  
ing R. D.

Mr Trimble agreeably to the notice given by him last year now moved; “That every Minister hereafter to be ordained to the charge of “a Cong<sup>on</sup> under our care, & become a contributor to the Widows “fund; shall appropriate to the same, the whole of his first years “R. D. as it now does, or hereafter may stand.

The above motion unanimously agreed to by this Interl<sup>r</sup>.

Report of Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
of Accounts

Mr Ranken Chairman of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts, gave in their Report comprised in the following Resolutions.

1. That by a letter received from the Trustees of the Widows Fund it appears, That our said fund continues in an Increasing state.

2. That it appears to us, that the Representatives of our late Agent Mr Lang, have in their hands, one Intire Quarter of the R.D. viz. that of June 1788, besides arrears due to Individuals.

3. It has been stated to us, that our late Agent had advanced several sums to members of this Synod, who held particular Accounts with him : over and above what they were Intitled to, by their respective Dividends of the money he actually received.

4. That our Opinion is, That the Representatives of the late M<sup>r</sup> Lang, do with all convenient speed, pay up to those to whom arrears may remain due, the full amount of such arrears, respectively.

5. That with respect to the Individuals to whom M<sup>r</sup> Lang may have advanced more than their Dividend of the above mentioned June Quarter; His Representative may draw Bills on them in favour of the Synods Agent, who may be instructed to repay the Ballance, so soon as the respective accounts are allowed : M<sup>r</sup> Lang's Representative having first paid over to the said Agent, the Ballance of the June Quarter, as above stated.

6. That M<sup>r</sup> Black's general statement of the money received by him & of the Dividends & payments of the same has, been laid before us ; and we are of opinion, that the same is just and correct.

7. We humbly offer it as our opinion to the Synod, that it may be useful to Instruct our Agent in future ; That if he chuses to advance money to Individuals, the Synod ought not, & will not consider themselves as any way accountable ; but he must do it at his own Risque.

- 3<sup>d</sup> Interlocutor 2 o'clock.

Moved that the following Question be now put, "Continue M<sup>r</sup> Black our Agent for the R.D. or not?"—The Question being put & the Roll called it carried "Continue" by a great Majority.

<sup>Mr Black continued Agent</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Interlocutor Friday Morning 8 o'clock.

The following Resolutions were moved & agreed to by this Interl<sup>r</sup>:—

1. That two & one half  $\varphi$  cent, shall be allowed to our Agent on all money of the R.D. which he receives—And that he shall pay the same without Fee or Deduction.

<sup>Resolution respecting our Agent</sup>

2. That our Agent shall produce his Books & Accounts to this Synod, on the first day of every annual meeting, in order to be submitted to the Inspection of the Synod, or of any Comt<sup>ee</sup> which they may appoint to Inspect them—And that a failure in this, shall *ipso facto*, dismiss him from his office.

3. That no person shall be qualified to act as our Agent untill his security shall be submitted to Council, & approved by them, as sufficient. And we request & authorise And<sup>w</sup> Caldwell, Henry Bevan, Thos Pettigrew & W<sup>m</sup> Colvill Esq<sup>rs</sup> to lay the proposed security before Council ; & if approved to take it in their own names in Trust for us.

D<sup>r</sup> Craford, M<sup>r</sup> Alexander & M<sup>r</sup> Young appointed to answer the letters of the Trustees of the widows fund, & M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Lang.

M<sup>r</sup> Patrick

Moved, that our Agent be ordered to pay M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Patrick out of the R.D. a sum equal to that paid by him into the widows Fund, Whenever the Presb<sup>y</sup> of Dromore, shall certify to the Agent his resigning the Pastoral charge of his Cong<sup>on</sup>.—And that this mark of Respect to a worthy Character is in consideration of a Disappointment of a former Grant out of the widows fund.

The motion passed in the affirmative.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That a Double Portion of the R.D. be allowed to M<sup>r</sup> Todd, on condition of his resigning immediately the Pastoral Charge of his Congregation.

The letters to the Trustees of the widows fund, & M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Lang were read,—Approved by the Interl<sup>r</sup> & subscribed by the Moderator.

*5<sup>th</sup> Interlocutor Friday 3 o'clock.*

M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay

M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay presented a memorial to this Interlocutor, stating, That he had an Invitation to go to America, & Praying, “That he may be indulged & permitted to withdraw the money paid by him “into the widows fund.”

Resolved that our Agent be ordered to pay M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay out of the R.D. Twelve pounds St<sup>r</sup>, whenever the Presby of Monaghan shall certify to him, that M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay is determined & prepared, to go to America.

M<sup>r</sup> Barr

A Petition from the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Moywater was presented to this Interl<sup>r</sup>, Praying that a Double Portion of the old ord<sup>r</sup> R.D. may be allowed to M<sup>r</sup> Barr their minister, for this year.

This granted.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

4<sup>th</sup> August, 1789.

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# A List of the Members of the Gen. Synod of Ulster & Presbytery of Antrim, the 29th June 1790.

Presb. of Templepatrick	Presb. of Bangor	Presb. of Rout
John Lewson	Jas. Hull	Robert Henry
John Wright	Jas. Cochran	Joseph Douglas
Thos. Read	Jas. Bryson	John Simson
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Caldwell	John Cameron
John Bankhead	Alexr. Gowday	Wm. Knox
John Abernethy	David Trotter	John Logan
John Gibson	Jas. Porter	Wm. Lynd
John Savage	Andw. Craig	Hugh McClelland
Adam Hill		Alexr. Marshal
Robert Orr	Presb. of B.mena	Robert Thomson
Robert Thomson	Chas. Brown	John Glenday
John Murphy	Joseph Douglas	Robert Rentoul
	Jas. Cuming	Jas. Elder
Presb. of Dromore	Robert Scott	Wm. Douglas
John Smyth	John Lindsay	Jas. McFarland
Isaac Patrick	Alexr. Speer	Daniel Blair
Robert McClure	David Park	Matthew Elder
Saml. Barber	Robert Christy	Arthur McMahon
Jas. Birch	Thos. Henry	Gideon McMullan
John Thomson	Henry Henry	Alexr. Martin
Joseph Hay		Presb. of Monaghan
Joseph Little, M.D.	Presb. of L.kenny	Thos. Stewart
John Sherrard	John Marshal	Wm. Moore
Francis Turretine	Ben. Holmes	John Davis
Wm. Magee	Andw. Alexander	Matt. Trimble
Wm. Fletcher	Wm. Burke	Wm. Millar
Moses Thomson	Joseph Leitle	Robt. Montgomery
Jas. Waddell	Jas. Taylor	John Arnold
John McClelland	Joseph Love	John McCurdy
John McCance	David Allen	Robert Rogers
	Henry Millar	Jas. Walker
Presb. of Belfast	John Holmes	Jas. Whiteside
Jas. Huey	Isaac Barr	Joseph Lawson
Wm. Laird	Thos. Leetch	Saml. Kennedy
Jas. Malcom	Jas. Delap	Jas. Gouday
Saml. Patten	Wm. Ramsay	Presb. of Tyrone
Alexr. Henry	Hugh Delap	Jos. Todd
Thos. Birch		Wm. Kennedy
Andw. Grier	Presb. of Clogher	John McClelland
Geo. Brydone	Wm. Moorhead	Jas. Whiteside, Senr.
Sinclair Killburn	Jas. Ker	Moses Hogg
Geo. McEwen	Andw. Millar	Geo. Murray
Robert Carlisle	Joseph Denham	Jas. Whiteside, Junr.
Joseph Harrison	Joseph King	William Stitt
	Wm. Johnston	Joseph Smyth
Presb. of Dublin	Jas. Davison	Wm. Moore
Wm. Wilson		Hugh Boyland
Ben. McDowel, D.D.		Geo. Dougal
Hugh Moore		Thos. McCay
		Wm. Henry

Presb. of Killyleagh	Presb. of Strabane	Presb. of Derry—con.
Alexr. McCombe	Joseph Osborne	Jas. Patten
Moses Nelson	Robert Nelson	Hugh Brooks
Wm. Steel Dickson, D.D.	Wm. Crawford, D.D.	Wm. Cunningham
Robert Porter	Robert Clarke	Robert Caldwell
Jas. Sinclair	Hugh Hamill	Henry Elder
Jas. Petterson	Mr. Dunlop	Moses Goorley
Jas. Knox		
Presb. of Armagh	Presb. of Derry	Presb. of Antrim
Henry Jackson	David Harvey	John Beatty
Saml. Livingston	Saml. Patten	John Marshal
Robert Dickson	John Law	Robert Sinclair
Boyle Moody	Arthur Kyle	Wm. Bryson
Saml. Sloan	Jas. Knox	Wm. Sinclair
Thos. Cuming	David Young	Futt. Marshall
Andw. Bryson	Robert Black	Wm. Bruce, D.D.
Nath. Shaw	Francis Gray	Mr. Taggart
	John Irwin	Mr. Vance
	Robert Scott	Mr. Neilson, } in 1791

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*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1790.*

Mr Douglas the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Heb. vi. 1. Then constituted it by Prayer, after which there were present from the several Presb<sup>s</sup> the following members:--

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick Presb.		Monaghan Presb.	
Thos. Read		John Davis	
John Bankhead		Matt. Trimble	Henry Simson
John Abernethy		Robt. Montgomery	Saml. Davison
John Gibson		Jas. Whiteside	Wm. Charleton
Robert Orr	Jas. Cuningham	Joseph Lawson	
Robert Thompson		Saml. Kennedy	
John Murphy		Jas. Gouday	
Dromore Presb.		Clogher Presb.	
John Smyth		Joseph Denham	
Isaac Patrick			
Robert McClure	Wm. Carlisle	Tyrone Presb.	
Saml. Barber	Wm. Brown	Wm. Kennedy	Richd. Robinson
Jas. Birch	Robt. Lowrey	John McClelland	
John Thomson	John Burney	Moses Hogg	Wm. Henderson
Joseph Hay		Geo. Murray	
Dr. Little	Joshua Chambers	Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	Andw. Dewiddie
John Sherard	Wm. Thomson	Wm. Stitt	
Wm. Magee		Joseph Smyth	
Wm. Fletcher		Hugh Boyland	Jas. Davison
Jas. Waddell		Thos. McCay	Robt. Carson
John McClelland		Wm. Henry	Geo. Holmes
John McCance	Dr. Hull		
Bangor Presb.		Killyleagh Presb.	
Jas. Cochran		Alexr. McCombe	
Jas. Bryson		Dr. Dickson	
Andw. Craig		Jas. Knox	
David Trotter			
Belfast Presb.		Armagh Presb.	
Thos. Birch	John George	Saml. Livingston	
Sinclair Killburn		Robert Dickson	
Geo. McEwen		Saml. Sloan	
Robt. Carlisle		Thos. Cuming	
		Nath. Shaw	Philip Graham
B.mena Presb.		Derry Presb.	
Joseph Douglas		Robert Black	
Jas. Cuming			
Thos. Henry			
L.kenney Presb.		Rout Presb.	} No Members present.
		Strabane Presb.	
		Dublin Presb.	
Andw. Alexander			



Mod<sup>r</sup> Chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Douglas moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, when the following Brethren were named, viz: Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Bankhead, Sam<sup>l</sup> Barber, Thos Birch, Rob<sup>t</sup> Montgomery, Joseph Denham, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt, D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, & Nath. Shaw. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Barber chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

Clerk  
continuedOrder to  
Presbyteries

The Several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists, to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synod's fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup>.—An account of such ministers as died, been ordained, or Installed, & of such Candidates as have been licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did die. Also of women in their Bounds, who have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

2<sup>d</sup> Sermon

M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod. And M<sup>r</sup> Stitt having been next in votes, to the Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synod's next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of  
Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Comt<sup>ee</sup> to Inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. By T. Patrick Presb. M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead, by Dromore M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson, by Belfast M<sup>r</sup> Killburn, by Bangor M<sup>r</sup> Bryson, by B.mena M<sup>r</sup> Douglas, by L.kenny M<sup>r</sup> Alexander, by Monaghan M<sup>r</sup> Trimble, by Clogher M<sup>r</sup> Denham, by Tyrone M<sup>r</sup> Stitt, by Killyleagh D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, by Armagh M<sup>r</sup> Livingston. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Comt<sup>ee</sup> to report.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Birch preached according to appointment.

Tryals

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several Comt<sup>ees</sup>. Also the accounts ordered which are as follow :—

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scot & M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan, on Tryals, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ben Hall & Chas. Stewart.

Resigned  
Resigned

Armagh Presb. report, that D<sup>r</sup> Campbell resigned his Pastoral charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Armagh 14 Sept<sup>r</sup> last; that M<sup>r</sup> Jackson resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Banbridge, the 6<sup>th</sup> of January following & that on the same day they Installed in that Cong<sup>on</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Shaw, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody & M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart & M<sup>rs</sup> Carlisle.

Installed

Resigned

Ordained

Dromore Presb. report, that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Pherson resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Glentubbert, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. last; That on the 15<sup>th</sup> June Inst. they ordained at Cumber M<sup>r</sup> John M<sup>c</sup>Cance,

who subscribed the W. Conf. of faith, & is a contributor to the widows fund, & that according to Synodical Regulations they licensed M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Licensed Hirshaw who subscribed the W. Conf. of faith. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lawson, Three Ordained at Lissluney, 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1789; M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Kennedy, at Bally James Duff, 4<sup>th</sup> March 1790; & M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Gouday, at Glentubbert, the 25<sup>th</sup> of same month; All Contributors to the widows fund.—They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Makee, M<sup>rs</sup> Algae, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprot, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Harris.

T.Patrick Presb. have ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Murphy, at Island Magee Ordained 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1789. He is a Contributor to the widows fund.—They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

Tyrone Presb. have ordained M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry, at Stewartstown, the Tryals 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March last. He subscribed the W. Conf. of faith, & is a Contributor to the widows fund. They have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Dan. Mc Kee: on Second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John Smyth; & have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, & family of M<sup>r</sup> White.

Belfast Presb. have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Alexander.

L.kenny Presb. have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Delap at Omagh, 15<sup>th</sup> Ordained April last. He is a Contributor to the widows fund. On the fund in their Bounds are M<sup>rs</sup> Mc Gaughey, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, & M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell.

Bangor Presb. have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Ker; & have on the fund, Licensed M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

From Derry, Strabane, Rout, B.mena, & Dublin Presbyteries no Returns.

#### Gen. Synod's fixed Comt<sup>so</sup> for 1790.

Min<sup>rs</sup> from Presb. of Clogher.

Min<sup>rs</sup> from Presb. of Killyleagh.

M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Millar.

M<sup>r</sup> Nelson & D<sup>r</sup> Dickson.

Armagh.

Monaghan.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Sloan.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Davis.

Dromore.

T.Patrick.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Thomson & Birch.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Read & Bankhead.

Min<sup>rs</sup> from Presb. of Tyrone.Min<sup>rs</sup> from Presb. of L.kenny.Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Stitt.Mess<sup>rs</sup> Taylor & Love.

Belfast.

Bangor.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & Killburn.Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cochran & Bryson.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be ministers.

Comtee at  
Killraats

M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson reported that the Comtee met at Killraats according to order of last Synod; & that they had issued the Business for which they had been appointed.

M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay &  
Dundalk

It appearing from a Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Colin Lindsay, that the sum of Eight pounds ordered by last Synod to be paid to him by the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk, had not been paid; This Synod renews the order of last respecting that matter, and orders the Presb. of Armagh to appoint one of their members to exchange Pulpits with M<sup>r</sup> Bryson, & read this minute to the Cong<sup>on</sup>. He is also to inform them, that if a Receipt for said money shall not be produced to this Synod at their next meeting, the Connection between the Synod and Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk, shall be then dissolved.

Resolution  
respecting  
Synods fixed  
Comtees

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That on every occasion in which a Moderator may call a Synod's Comtee, He shall state particularly to every member of such Comtee, the Business for which they are called; & if the occasion will admit, allow time sufficient to converse with their respective Presbyteries, concerning the same. Also that all members of this Synod, attending Synods fixed Comtees by Returns from the several Presbyteries shall be refunded the expence incurred by such attendance, by their respective Presbyteries..

Interlocutor at 5 o'clock, open Synod at 7. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Synods next  
meeting

Moved that the time and place of the Synods next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Stewartstown were proposed. The Roll was called, & it carried to meet at Lurgan on the last Tuesday in June 1791; Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Letter to Presb.  
of Antrim

Complaint having been made to this Synod, that the Presb. of Antrim had encouraged an Erection in the bounds of a Cong<sup>on</sup> under our Care; the Synod resolved that our Mod<sup>r</sup> assisted by a Comtee of the following Brethren, viz. D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, M<sup>r</sup> Killburn, M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson, & M<sup>r</sup>. Jas. Birch, shall write a letter to that Presbytery respecting that matter.



Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch having agreeably to the notice given by him last year now moved, "That the Act of Synod of the year 1737, Impowering the ministers of Dublin to address his Majesty or our chief Governor in the name of the Protestant Dissenters of Ireland be repealed"; The Previous Question was moved, viz. "Shall this Question be put or not?"—The Roll was called & it carried, "Not."

Motion respecting Addresses

Mr Denham reported from the Presb. of Clogher that application had been made to them by the Presbyterian Inhabitants of Newport & Thurlow to have a stated minister placed among them, for whose support they informed the Presb. they would be able to raise about fifty pounds a year. That in consequence thereof the Presb. had appointed Mr Marshal a Probtationer under their care to preach to them for some time; & afterwards a member of the Presb. to take the minds of the People concerning him. That the People were unanimous in giving him a Call; but that the Presb. would not proceed to Ordain him, without the approbation & Consent of the Synod.

Newport & Thurlow

The Synod approve of the conduct of the Presb. of Clogher in that matter; Consent that Newport & Thurlow shall be erected into a Cong<sup>on</sup>, & that the Presb. shall proceed to ordain Mr Marshal, as soon as the People shall satisfy them in respect to a sufficient security for his support.

Erected

Interlocutor tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at the conclusion of the Interl<sup>r</sup>. Session concluded with Prayer—Adjourned.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Morning 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The Minister & Cong<sup>on</sup> of Glentubbert, with the Consent of the Presbyteries of Dromore & Monaghan, are put under the care of the Presbytery of Monaghan.

Glentubbert

Moved & unanimously resolved, that the Rule of this Synod requiring that no Minister or Cong<sup>on</sup>, shall be disannexed from, or annexed to, any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, by any other Authority than that of Synod, Be, and hereby Is, continued in full force.

Rule of Synod enforced

Ordered, that our Moderator shall write a letter to the Presb. of Munster, remonstrating against the Conduct of Mr Blair a member of their Presb., for Irregularly Introducing a Probtationer to Drumurry, a Cong<sup>on</sup> within the Bounds of the Presb. of Bangor, & under the Care of this Synod; & afterwards presiding in drawing up a Call for him.

Letter to Presb. of Munster

Resolved that we approve of the Conduct of the Presb. of Bangor respecting Dunmurry, in deferring the Ordination of Mr Taggart in that place until the matter might come before this Body.

Presb. of Bangor

The following Overture was proposed to this Synod:—"That a Person be appointed to examine the Records of this Synod from the year 1697 until the present time, & have an Abstract drawn out, of all the Laws, Acts, & Regulations of this Synod, arranged in their proper order; & this abstract to be produced to the next meeting of the Gen.

Overture

Synod, to be examined by a Comt<sup>ee</sup> then appointed ; in order to its being printed, for the use of the members of this Synod, & the Congregations under their Care."

Agreed to

The above Overture was unanimously approved & M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson was requested to take the Trouble of examining the Records & arranging the said abstract. With this Request of the Synod M<sup>r</sup> Thomson was so obliging as to comply, & in consequence thereof, all their Records were ordered to be put into his hands.

Mr Henry &  
Ballindrait

Complaint having been made to this Synod that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballindrait had not satisfied the demands of M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry for preaching in that place, the Synod recommend it to the Presb. of L.kenny, to see that Justice be done to M<sup>r</sup> Henry in that matter.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> to meet  
at Killraats

Moved & unanimously agreed to that a Comt<sup>ee</sup> of this Synod consisting of the following Brethren, viz : Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead, Brown of Broughshane, Cochran, Thomson of Larne, & Lindsay, with their Elders, shall meet at Killraats on the last Wednesday of July Ins<sup>t</sup>, to settle a dispute between M<sup>r</sup> John Adams & M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Cuming. The Comt<sup>ee</sup> of the Cong<sup>on</sup> to be present & assist. M<sup>r</sup> Thomson to preach. This Minute to be read in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Killraats on some Lords day previous to the meeting of the Committee.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interlocutor Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock.*

First Report of  
Comt<sup>ee</sup> of  
Accounts

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> of the Synod appointed to Inspect the Acct<sup>s</sup> of our Agent, gave in the following Report, signed by M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead their Chairman which was unanimously approved of, & agreed to, by the Interlocutor.

Lurgan, June 30<sup>th</sup> 1790 7 o'clock A.M.

"Synods Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts met agreeable to appointment, and examined the accounts of their Agent, for R.D. down to the Dec<sup>r</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> 1789 inclusive, all the particulars of which they heartily approve.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock A.M.

"Comt<sup>ee</sup> met according to adjournment, went through M<sup>r</sup> Black's correspondence with the Representative of the late James Lang, from which they are enabled to inform this Synod, that there is a considerable sum, yet due from the latter in respect to R.D. and that in the Opinion of Comt<sup>ee</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blacks conduct in this Troublesome Business is highly worthy of the Thanks of this Synod.—Comt<sup>ee</sup> are clearly of Opinion that the Charge for Negotiations, or Fees, is totally inadmissible ; & therefore that this Synod should order their Agent to call upon the said Representative as soon as may be, for the above Ballance & if Payment is delayed, to take the most speedy & effectual steps for Recovery of the same.

“The Comtee are also of Opinion, that the account against the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe originated from Private Transactions, in which the funds of this Synod are unconcerned; & therefore the Ballance stated against M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe is not to be admitted by their Agent, but that it should be immediately demanded of the Representative of the late James Lang.”

Resolved unanimously, that the Thanks of the Synod be given to M<sup>r</sup> Black for his unremitting attention to the Business of the R.D. and for his great trouble in transacting the same with the Representative of our late Agent; & Thanks were accordingly given him. Thanks to M<sup>r</sup> Black

Moved that a Double portion of the R.D. be continued to M<sup>r</sup> Todd for this year. The Question was put, “Continue or Not?”—The Roll was called & it carried, “Not.” M<sup>r</sup> Todd

M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead gives notice that he will next year move, that the annual subscription of every Contributor to the Widows fund, shall instead of 40 Shillings be three pounds, and that every annuitant on the fund shall receive Twenty pounds a year. Notice of a Motion

*2<sup>d</sup> Interlocutor Thursday Morning.*

The Comtee of Accounts gave in the following Report, signed by M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead Chairman of the Comtee, which was unanimously approved of, and agreed to by the Interlocutor. Second Report of Comtee of Accounts

“Lurgan, Thursday Morning 7 o'clock.

“Comtee went through the whole of the Account of the Widows fund for one year, ending the 1st day of January last past, the Regularity and precision of which meet their warmest approbation; And from the Trouble which attends the Business of the fund, and the Essential service which M<sup>r</sup> Black has already rendered to the same, It is the Opinion of this Comtee That Twenty pounds  $\mathfrak{p}$  annum be allowed him for transacting the Business thereof.”

Resolved, that every minister ordained to the Charge of a Cong<sup>on</sup> shall be entitled to the R.D. from the Quarter day immediately following his Ordination, until the Quarter day immediately following the Dissolution of his Connection with the Congregation. Time of possessing R.D.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Philip Taylor having communicated to our Agent the Opinion of the Ministers of the Southern Association, that a Compliment of Twenty-five Guineas ought to be made to M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Vaughan, the Agent for our English Bounty in consideration of his Attention to, & Trouble with the same; This Synod unanimously concur with our Brethren of the Southern Association; & our Agent is hereby authorised to advance Twelve Guineas & an half, being our Proportion of the said Twenty-five Guineas. Compliment to M<sup>r</sup> Vaughan

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, M<sup>c</sup>Clure & Birch, are appointed to answer the Letters of the Trustees of the Widows fund, & M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Lang.



The Letters to the Trustees & M<sup>r</sup> Lang were read, approved, & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

Inserted 30<sup>th</sup> August 1790, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk of G. Synod.

N.B.—M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop a member of Strabane Presb. was ordained at Badeney 15<sup>th</sup> March 1790, & is to be a Subscriber to the Widows Fund.

The Presbytery of Root ordained M<sup>r</sup> Arthur M<sup>c</sup>Mahon the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1789. M<sup>r</sup> Gideon M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, in Feb<sup>r</sup>y 1790, & M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Martin, 18<sup>th</sup> May 1790, all Contributors to the Widows Fund.

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*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 28<sup>th</sup> June 1791.*

Mr Barber the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Revel. xviii. 20. Then constituted it by Prayer; After which there were present from the several Presbyteries the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presb.		Monaghan Presb.	
Isaac Patrick	Alexr. Arnold	Wm. Moore	
Robert McClure	Jas. Robinson	John Davis	
Saml. Barber	Robert Stewart	Matt. Trimble	Joseph Thomson
Jas. Birch	Jas. McAdam	Robt. Montgomery	Alexr. Ferguson
John Thomson	Geo. Smyth	John Arnold	
Dr. Little	Thos. Lindsay	Jas. Whiteside	
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson	Joseph Lawson	
Wm. Magee	John Boyd		
Wm. Fletcher			Root Presb.
Moses Thomson	John Moore		
Jas. Waddell	Saml. McAdam	Wm. Knox	
John McCance	Malcom Richie	Robert Rentoul	
		Arthur McMahan	
		Alexr. Martin	
Belfast Presb.			
Jas. Huey	Mr. John Gouday		Tyrone Presb.
Saml. Patten			
Jas. Malcom		John McClelland	
Alexr. Henry	Jas. Malcomson	Jas. Whiteside, Senr.	
Thos. Birch	John McWilliam	Moses Hogg	Wm. Gillespie
Andw. Grier		Geo. Murray	
Geo. Brydone		Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Sinclair Killburn		Wm. Stitt	
Geo. McEwen	Wm. Stewart	Joseph Smyth	Jas. Dunlop
Robert Carlisle		Hugh Boyland	
Jas. Simson		Geo. Dougal	
		Thos. McCay	Robt. Vincent
Bangor Presb.			
			Killyleagh Presb.
Jas. Hull	Dr. Lowrey		
Andw. Craig		Moses Nelson	
David Trotter	Mr. Dobbin	Dr. Dickson	
Jas. Porter		Robert Porter	
		Jas. Knox	
B.mena Presb.			
			Armagh Presb.
Joseph Douglass		Saml. Livingston	Mr. John Porter
		Robert Dickson	
		Saml. Sloan	
		Thos. Cuming	
Andw. Alexander	Mr. John Gillespie	Andw. Bryson	Hugh Lilburn
David Allen		Nath. Shaw	Saml. Coulter
		Wm. Henry	Robt. Stirling
			Wm. Cochran
Clogher Presb.			
Jas. Ker			
Andw. Millar	Chas. Stewart		
Joseph Denham			
Jas. Davison	Mr. Charleton		

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presb.		T. Patrick Presb.	
Dr. Craford		Thos. Read	
Robt. Clarke	Thos. Anderson	John Bankhead	
Jas. Henderson	Andw. Sproul	John Abernethy	
		John Gibson	Jas. Cunningham
Derry Presb.		John Savage	
		Adam Hill	
Saml. Patten		Robert Orr	John Bell
John Law		Robert Thomson	
David Young		John Murphy	
Robert Black			
Hugh Brooks			

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen M<sup>r</sup> Barber having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named—viz., Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Ja<sup>s</sup> Ker, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt, Moses Nelson, Sam<sup>l</sup> Sloan, John Law & John Savage.—The Roll was called, & M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch chosen.—M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to Presbs. The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & General Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup>. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; & of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals, since last Gen. Synod.—An account of Annuitants, on the Fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did die. Also of Women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Second Sermon M<sup>r</sup> Stitt is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod & M<sup>r</sup> Moore having been next in votes to the Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen, (except M<sup>r</sup> Nelson who preached before, & M<sup>r</sup> Stitt who is to preach to-morrow) is ordered to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting, at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts The following members were returned by the several Presbs. as a Comt<sup>ee</sup> to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. by Dromore Presb. M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson, by Belfast M<sup>r</sup> M. Ewen, by Bangor M<sup>r</sup> Hull, by Clogher M<sup>r</sup> Davison, by Monaghan M<sup>r</sup> Moore, by Tyrone M<sup>r</sup> M'Cay, by Killyleagh D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, by Armagh M<sup>r</sup> Shaw, by Derry M<sup>r</sup> Young, & by T. Patrick M<sup>r</sup> Savage.—They are to meet in the vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Comt<sup>ee</sup> to report.

Motion Moved that it be an Instruction to the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts to report to the first Interlocutor the amount of the Capital of the Widows Fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund; & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due and payable to them, from the first day of January 1790, to first day of January 1791.



The motion unanimously agreed to.

Agreed to

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning 11 o'clock after prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Stitt preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presb<sup>s</sup> of members for the several Comt<sup>ces</sup>—Also the accounts ordered, which are as follow.—

Killyleagh Presb. report, that M<sup>rs</sup> Armstrong died 8<sup>th</sup> July 1790. Dead That they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Nelson in Sept<sup>r</sup> 1789.—& that they have on Licensed the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Armagh Presb report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody & M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson; not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart, & M<sup>rs</sup> Carlisle.—That they have received under their care M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Ker, a Probationer, from the Presb. of Bangor; and that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Armagh had given a to the Call Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry a member of Tyrone Presb. whose Credentials were sustained; but that he is not yet Installed.

T. Patrick Presb. have on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Alexander—on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

Derry Presb. report, that M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Patten died 24<sup>th</sup> June 1790. Dead That they have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Douglass, Rob<sup>t</sup> Rogers, & John Pinkerton,—Have Licensed Messrs Joseph Osborne John Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Robb & Ja<sup>s</sup> Cannon.—Have ordained at Dungiven, on the first Ordained Tuesday of Nov<sup>r</sup> last M<sup>r</sup> Robert Steel, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bond, & Ferguson.

Clogher Presb. report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Marshal at Ordained Turlogh on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1790. He is a Contributor to the widows fund. They have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ben Hall, & Cha<sup>s</sup> Stewart, and Licensed have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, & M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Bangor Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

Monaghan Presb. report, that M<sup>r</sup> Rogers died in March last. He Dead left a widow, & children. That M<sup>rs</sup> Makee died in Oct<sup>r</sup> last—And Dead that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algae, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Harris.

L.kenney Presb. report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Houston at Ordained Donegal 2<sup>d</sup> of March last & M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Clintock at Cappagh 24<sup>th</sup> May last, both Contributors to the widows fund—They have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Gillespie; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gaughey, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, & M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell.

Dromore Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

- Licensed Tyrone Presb. report, that M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Stewartstown the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> last. They have according to Synodical Regulations Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Read, & Daniel Makee, who subscribed to the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Hogg, & John M<sup>r</sup> Ilwain;—and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, & family of M<sup>r</sup> White.
- Ordained Root Presb. have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Archibald Fullerton, at Aughadowey the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> last. He subscribed the W. Conf of Faith, & is a Contributor to the widows fund—They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Lochridge, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, according to the Synods formula; And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis & M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton.
- Licensed  
Ordained Strabane Presb. report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Henderson at Derg 27th May last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund—They have on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hamilton—On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter & family of M<sup>r</sup> Young.
- Licensed  
Ordained B.mena Presb. have according to Synodical Regulations Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Makee & Samuel Hannah. Have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery at Antrim 31<sup>st</sup> May last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund; & have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brien, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, & M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin.
- Ordained Belfast Presb. report that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Simson Colleague to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Huey in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Newtonards 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. last; He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith & wishes to be a Contributor to the widows fund.—They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Alexander.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for the year 1791.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Killyleagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair, & Petterson.

Armagh Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, & Sloan

T.Patrick Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead, & Abernethy—

Clogher M<sup>r</sup> Millar,

Derry Mess<sup>rs</sup> Law & Black

Bangor Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cochran & Craig

Tyrone Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Stitt,

Dromore Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barber & J. Thomson.

Monaghan Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Whiteside.

Presbs.

Minrs.

L.kenny Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Holmes & Hen. Miller.Root Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Jas. Elder.Strabane M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop.B.Mena Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cuming & Lindsay.Belfast, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch Killburn & M'Ewen,

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup> on any Emergency; fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be ministers.

Moved that the time & place of the Synods next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Dungannon, were proposed.—The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Lurgan, on the last Tuesday in June 1792. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synods next Meeting

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Interlocutor at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7. Adjourned.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock after prayer.*

Resolved, that the Presb. of Antrim, in not taking notice of our Presb. of Antrim letter to them of last year which was delivered by our Mod<sup>r</sup> to the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bryson, a member of that Presbytery, have treated this Synod with unkindness and Disrespect.

Resolved that our Clerk be ordered to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to that Presbytery.

On reading the order of last Synod for the payment of Eight Dundalk Pounds by the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk, to M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay; it was alledged on the part of the Cong<sup>on</sup>, that there was a mistake in the matter. Wherefore the Synod appointed D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, M<sup>r</sup> Hull, & M<sup>r</sup> Stitt, as a Comt<sup>ee</sup> to enquire into it; which they did and reported that "They were clearly of opinion, that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dundalk instead of being indebted to M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay, had overpaid him."

The Report agreed to by the Synod.

In answer to a letter from this Synod to D<sup>r</sup> Campbell Mod<sup>r</sup> of the Presb. of Munster, complaining of the conduct of M<sup>r</sup> Blair one of their members respecting the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Dunmurry, a very Kind & Respectful letter was received by our Mod<sup>r</sup> from the Doctor, in which he informs us; that the Presb. of Munster had expressed their disapprobation of M<sup>r</sup> Blairs Conduct in the Instance complained of; but that M<sup>r</sup> Blair was since dead. Presb. of Munster

On reading the Minute respecting M<sup>r</sup> Thomsons making an Abstract from our Records, consisting of the several Laws & Abstract from Synods Records



Regulations of this Synod; the Synod heard with Regret that Mr Thomsons state of health had prevented him from completing the work; & request that he may resume his Labours so soon as his Health will permit.

Ballindrait

This Synod renews the Order of last to the Presb. of L.kenny to see that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballindrait do satisfy the Just Demands of Mr Henry for preaching there.

Report from a  
Comtee

Mr Robert Thomson reported that the Comtee met at Killraats according to the order of last Synod, & had issued the affair in Dispute, to the satisfaction of both Parties.

The Comtee of Accounts to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.—Interlocutor at 8.—Open Synod at 11. Session concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday morning 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Armagh

The Presb. of Armagh having applied to this Synod for advice in the affair of the Installment of Mr Henry in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Armagh The Synod advise the Presb. to proceed to his Installment with all convenient speed.

Drumquin

A memorial from a part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Derg which statedly worshipped at Drumquin; & a memorial from another Party formerly belonging to said Cong<sup>on</sup>, were presented to this Synod, supplicating to be erected into a separate Cong<sup>on</sup>. After reasoning on the subject, the Question was put—"Appoint a Comtee to determine that matter or not?" The Roll was called and it carried, "Appoint." The Comtee to consist of the following members, viz. From Presb. of Clogher Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ker, Millar, Denham, & Davison. From L.kenny Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander, Leitle, Taylor, & Love. And from Derry Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patten, Young, Cunningham, & Goorley, with their Elders. They are to meet at Drumquin on the second Wednesday of Aug. next, seven ministers & three Elders, to be a Quorum; & Mr Millar to preach. The Comtee are impowered to take into consideration the Relative Situation of Pettigo & Drumquin & to erect them into a Cong<sup>on</sup> if they shall see it expedient. Notice of this to be given to the People of Pettigo, by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Alexander.

Comtee to meet  
there

Mrs Sprat

A memorial from Mrs Sprat, widow of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sprat was presented to this Synod, Supplicating their Interference in respect to the arrear of Localities due by different Cong<sup>ons</sup> in the Presb. of Monaghan & Elsewhere.

The Synod enjoin the Presb. of Monaghan, & the ministers of such Cong<sup>ons</sup> not in their Bounds, as usually paid Localities to Mr Spratt, to make collections in their Repective Cong<sup>ons</sup> & pay the sums collected into the hands of the Rev Robert Montgomery to be by him applied to the Purposes specified in Mrs Sprats memorial.

Session concluded with Prayer Adjourned until 5 o'clock.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Evening 5 o'clock, after prayer.*

Moved & unanimously agreed, That Inasmuch as the Recommendation of this Synod in the year 1789 respecting Psalmody, hath not been read in many of our Cong<sup>os</sup>; It be read immediately, after Divine Service in each Cong<sup>on</sup> belonging to this Synod before Nov<sup>r</sup> next. And the members of this Synod are enjoined to use their utmost endeavours to have Church Musick cultivated in their Respective Cong<sup>os</sup>; and Cong<sup>os</sup> are enjoined to encourage Clerks who are qualified to preside in Singing the Praises of God; and to procure suitable Teachers of Psalmody in their Respective Bounds—And the Particular member of each Presb. to whom the Synods Minutes shall be sent, is hereby enjoined to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to each member of the Presbytery.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interlocutor Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock.*

M<sup>r</sup> Black reported to this Interl<sup>r</sup> that he had received from M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Lang, the Representative of our late Agent, the full amount of every Demand he had against him, on account of R.D. & widows fund.

A Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lang to our Mod<sup>r</sup> was read & it was unanimously resolved, That the Thanks of this Synod be given to M<sup>r</sup> Lang for the fair, candid, & gentleman-like manner in which he had settled the accounts of his late Brother with this Synod; and Dr Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Livingston are appointed to write him accordingly.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts met according to appointment & gave in the following Report signed by M<sup>r</sup> Thomson their Chairman.

"Capital of the Widows fund ..	..	£11682 : 12 : 3
Annual Produce ..	..	£683 : 0 : 0
Number of Contributors 165.		
"Amount paid by Do. for the year ending 29 <sup>th</sup>		
Sep <sup>tr</sup> 1790, ..	..	£336 : 12 : 10
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> 1791, 68.		
Amount of Cash paid & payable to Do. ..	..	£812 : 13 : 8

Comt<sup>ee</sup> examined our Agents Accounts of R.D. down till Dec<sup>r</sup> 1790 inclusive, with the most minute attention; & should think themselves defective in common Justice did they not express to Synod their warmest approbation of his attention & correctness in every part of a very laborious Task."

*2<sup>d</sup> Interlocutor Thursday Morning 8 o'clock.*

The following Report of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts signed by M<sup>r</sup> Thomson their Chairman, was read & agreed to by the Interl<sup>r</sup>.—

Lurgan 30th June 1791.

"On examining our Agents Accounts of the widows fund, Item by Item, they report, That they found them in every particular perfectly satisfactory; & beg leave to submit the following Facts to this Synod.

On M <sup>r</sup> Blacks appointment to the agency in 1789 the			
Productive Capital of the widows fund was	..	£11338 :	6 : 6
Do in 1791 .. ..	...	£11682 :	12 : 3
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Increase in Capital in two years..	..	£344 :	5 : 9
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Rateable Produce in 1789 $\varphi$ annum	..	£604	..
Do. in 1791 .. ..	..	£683	..
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Increase of Do. $\varphi$ annum ..	..	£79	..
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Motion

Moved that our present Agent shall transact the Business of R.D. & widows fund, at one  $\varphi$  cent for R.D. & Two & an half for widows fund.

Rejected

The previous Question was put, viz. "Shall this Question be put or not?" The Roll was called & it carried, "Not."

*3<sup>d</sup> Interlocutor Thursday Evening.*

Mr McPherson

Moved & agreed, That the sum of Thirty Guineas be paid out of R.D. to M<sup>r</sup> M'Pherson, late minister of Glentubbert in consideration of the sum paid by him into the widows fund, & that D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, D<sup>r</sup> Little, & M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson be impowered to draw upon our Agent for the same, & pay it to M<sup>r</sup> M'Pherson to be applied only to the purpose of removing himself & family to America.

Mr Simson

Application was made by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Simson of Newtonards to know on what Terms he can be admitted a Contributor to the widows fund.

On account of the Thinness of the House, & a seeming difficulty attending this Question, the Determination of it was deferred till next Synod. By this however, M<sup>r</sup> Simson is not precluded any Right.

Sale of annuity  
allowed

The children of the late M<sup>r</sup> Henry of Drumbannagher may dispose of the annuity they are entitled to by the Regulations of the widows fund, as their Rights will be made good to their assignees, in the fullest manner.

Mr Allen

Resolved that a Double Portion of R D. be allowed to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Allen of Dunfannaghy for this year.

Mr Rentoul

A Petition from the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rentoul, supplicating to be admitted a snbscriber to the widows fund was presented to this Interl<sup>r</sup>—As a Premium for admission he proposed to pay immediately into the fund, six pounds twelve shillings for the first year after his Installment in Lurgan, which took place 26 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1773, & forty shillings for each year since. And in case he shall die before the expiration of ten years, from this date, the sum of forty shillings for each year, to be deducted from the annuity of his widow or children, until the term of ten years be compleated.

The supplication granted on the Terms proposed.



A memorial from the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Sligo was presented to this Sligo Interl<sup>r</sup> setting forth the declining state of that Cong<sup>on</sup> & requesting that a double Portion of R.D. may be allowed to their minister.

Resolved that the consideration of this Business be postponed until the next meeting of Gen. Synod—And in case an application shall be then made by the Cong<sup>on</sup>, it is required that it shall come recommended by their Presbytery.

M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson & M<sup>r</sup> Magee are appointed to assist the Mod<sup>r</sup> in answering the letter of the Trustees of the widows fund.

Inserted the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1791, by

ROBERT DICKSON,  
Clk. of Gen. Synod.

*Lurgan 14<sup>th</sup> February 1792.*

At a meeting of the Gen Synods fixed Committee at Lurgan on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup>y 1792 there were present the following members, viz: —

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch Mod<sup>r</sup>, Robert Dickson Clerk.

Presb Kilyleagh      Ja<sup>s</sup> Sinclair, Ja<sup>s</sup> Petterson.

Armagh                Sam<sup>l</sup> Livingston, Sam<sup>l</sup> Sloan.

Derry                 Robert Black, Henry Elder.

Bangor                Ja<sup>s</sup> Cochran, Andw. Craig.

Tyrone                Geo Murray, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt.

Clogher               And<sup>w</sup> Millar, Ja<sup>s</sup> Davison

Monaghan            John Arnold, Ja<sup>s</sup> Whiteside

Letterkenny          John Holmes, Henry Miller

Root                  Alex<sup>r</sup> Marshal, Ja<sup>s</sup> Elder

Dromore              Sam<sup>l</sup> Barber, & Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Neilly an Elder

Ballymena            Ja<sup>s</sup> Cuming, John Lindsay

Templepatrick       John Bankhead, John Abernethy

Belfast               Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Sinclair Killburn, Geo. M<sup>c</sup>Ewen

Antrim                Patrick Vance, Ja<sup>s</sup> Nelson

The Mod<sup>r</sup> informed the Comt<sup>ee</sup>, that in consequence of a letter from our Agent M<sup>r</sup> Black, he had called this meeting for the purpose of considering of an Application for an augmentation of R.D.

Resolved that the Thanks of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> be given to our Mod<sup>r</sup> for his very proper conduct in calling this meeting, & for the correct & timely notice given to the several members.

M<sup>r</sup> Black gave a Minute & Circumstantial Detail of the motives which induced him to request the Mod<sup>r</sup> to call this meeting; & of the steps taken by him subsequent to the Call.

From M<sup>r</sup> Black's Report it appears that the Business has been brought to an Happy, & Honourable Issue; & that in the accomplishment of it we are highly indebted to the Zealous, Prudent, & unremitting Exertions of James Stewart Esq<sup>r</sup>., Representative in Parliament for the County of Tyrone, & also that among other friends, we are particularly obliged to the Marquis of Waterford for his unsolicited, & effectual, services.

Resolved that a Comt<sup>ee</sup> consisting of the following members, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray, Millar, Marshal, Bankhead, Livingston, Black, & Stitt be appointed to prepare an Address to his Majesty to be presented as soon as it shall be known that he has comply'd with the address of the House of Commons in our favour.

Resolved that the said Comt<sup>ee</sup> shall prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, requesting him to transmit our Address to his Majesty.

Resolved that said Comt<sup>ee</sup> shall also prepare an Address of Thanks to James Stewart Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Resolved also that a Letter be written to the Marquis of Waterford, expressing our Grateful sense of his services.

Resolved that it appears to this Comt<sup>ee</sup>, That our Agent M<sup>r</sup> Black, has throughout the whole of this Business acted with great Zeal, Wisdom, & Diligence, & that he has essentially promoted the Interest, & supported the Honour of this Body.

Resolved that this Comt<sup>ee</sup> do represent to next Gen. Synod the Grateful sense they entertain of his Services.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock.*

The Addresses to his Majesty, to the Lord Lieutenant & M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, & the Letter to the Marquis of Waterford were read, approved, and ordered to be subscribed by the Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Black be, & hereby is appointed to carry up the Addresses to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

The Addresses are as follow :—

## TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS OF THE  
SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Majesty

We your Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster, beg leave to approach your Majesty, with the sincerest expressions of Loyalty & Respect.

We humbly intreat your Majesty's Acceptance of our Warm & Grateful Thanks, for the Recent Instance of your Majesty's, Generous Consideration & Goodness in the farther Provision which your Majesty has condescended to make for our comfortable support; Agreeable to the Address & Representation, of your Majesty's House of Commons of Ireland.

We humbly beg leave to Assure your Majesty that we continue firm & unshaken in our Attachment to those Principles which seated your Majesty's Illustrious Family on the Throne of these Kingdoms, and that we shall continue to enforce by our Precepts & Example those sentiments of Religion, Virtue, & Good Order, which have had in past times such an happy Influence in promoting Respect for the Laws, as well as a Spirit of Peace, & Good Will, towards those who differ from us in Modes of Faith, & Worship, which we deem perfectly compatible with an Object, than which none is more dear to our Hearts, the preservation of the Protestant Settlement in your Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland.

That your Majesty may long continue to sit on the Throne of your Fathers, guarded by the Love & Attachment of your People, & then be removed full of years & virtue, to an Heavenly Kingdom, shall ever be the earnest Prayer, of your Majesty's Dutiful, & Loyal Subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster.

Done at Lurgan 14<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1792.

Signed by order

JAMES BIRCH, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF WESTMORELAND,  
LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS OF THE  
SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster beg leave humbly to request of your



Excellency, that you would be pleased to forward to our Most Gracious Sovereign, the Humble, & Dutiful, Address which we herewith deliver to your Excellency; and we earnestly & humbly intreat your Excellency to represent us the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster, as Dutiful & Loyal Subjects of his Most Gracious Majesty; ready at all times to promote Peace, & Good Order in Society, & to preserve inviolate the Protestant Settlement in this his Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland.

Signed by order

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JAMES BIRCH, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

#### THE ADDRESS TO JAMES STEWART, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Sir

It is with Particular Pleasure we address ourselves to you, at this time, when our Hopes with Respect to the Augmentation of the Royal Bounty are about to be realized. You have been our constant & steady Friend. In you we have always confided & have never found ourselves disappointed. We are heartily sorry that you have been put to so much trouble in the Progress of this Business; but we are convinced you must feel the highest satisfaction in seeing your exertions crowned with success.

Your Friendship & Zeal in our Cause have made Impressions upon our minds, that can never be erased; & we intreat you to believe, that we shall ever retain a grateful sense, of your kindness and support. Accept, Sir, of our sincere Thanks for all your generous services; & believe us to be, with every sentiment of gratitude, & esteem

Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

Signed by order

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JAMES BIRCH, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

#### THE LETTER TO THE MARQUIS OF WATERFORD.

My Lord

I am directed by the Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Gen. Synod of Ulster met this day to inform your Lordship, that they have had a very particular account, from M<sup>r</sup> Black of your Lordships flattering attention to the Interests of the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod, and that they intreat your Lordship to accept the tender of their warm & Grateful Acknowledgments for the essential services you have rendered to the Presbyterian Cause, which they trust you will ever find intimately connected with the Cause of Religion, Virtue Liberty & Good Order.

I have the Honour to be your Lordships &c.

JAMES BIRCH, Mod<sup>r</sup> of G. Synod.

Inserted 22<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1792 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan 26 June 1792.*

M<sup>r</sup> Birch the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this, by preaching from 1 Cor. 1. 10, 11, 12, then constituted it by Prayer; after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presb.		Tyrone—continued.	
Thos. Birch	John Magee	Moses Hogg	
Sinclare Kelburn		Geo. Murray	
Robert Carlisle		James Whiteside Junr.	
James Simson		William Stitt	
		Joseph Smyth	John Broomfield
	Bangor	Hugh Boyland	
		Thos. McCay	Wm. Carson
James Cochran		Henry McIlree	
James Bryson		James Adams	
Andw. Craig			
Geo. Dobbin			
		Monaghan Presb.	
	Dublin	William Moore	
Dr. McDowel	Mr. Wm. Gilbert	John Davys	
James Horner		Matt. Trimble	Joseph Thomson
		John Arnold	
	B.mena	James Whiteside	
		Joseph Lawson	
James Cuming			
Thos. Henry	Mr. Strayhorn		Killyleagh
Henry Henry	Mr. Armstrong		
	L.kenny	Dr. Dickson	Mr. Alexr. M'Donnel
		Robert Porter	
Andw. Alexander		James Petterson	
		James Sinclair	
	Clogher		Armagh
James Davison			
	Root	Saml. Livingston	Mr. John Porter
		Robert Dickson	
William Knox		Samuel Sloan	
Robert Thomson		Thos. Cuming	
Alexr. Marshal		Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle
Robert Rentoul		Wm. Henry	
Arthur MeMekan			Strabane
	Derry		
		Hugh Hamil	
Robert Black		Mr. Dunlop	
	Tyrone		T.Patrick
John McClelland			
James Whiteside Scur.		John Bankhead	
		John Abernethy	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick—continued.		Dromore	
John Gibson		John Smyth	
John Savage		Saml. Barber	
Robert Orr		James Birch	Henry Boyd
Robert Thomson		John Thomson	Geo. White
		Joseph Hay	
		John Sherrard	Chas. Orr
		Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
		Wm. Fletcher	
		James Waddell	Saml. McAdam
		John McClelland	
		John McCance	James Stitt

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Birch having moved that another Mod<sup>r</sup> be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, James Davison Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomson, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt. D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, Sam<sup>l</sup> Livingston, John Bankhead & John Sherrard.

Clerk continued

The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Stitt chosen—M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup>—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; & of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod—An account of Annuitants on the fund, and of any that have died; And of the time when such did die.—Also of Women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers and are not on the fund.

M<sup>r</sup> Moore is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod; and M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch having been next in votes, to the Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen (except D<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Livingston who preached before) is ordered to preach on the second day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of  
Accounts

The following members were returned by the Several Presb<sup>s</sup> as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent viz. By Belfast Presb. M<sup>r</sup> Birch, by Dublin D<sup>r</sup> McDowel, by Clogher M<sup>r</sup> Davison, by B.mena M<sup>r</sup> Henry Henry, by Monaghan M<sup>r</sup> Whiteside, by Tyrone M<sup>r</sup> McCay, by Killyleagh D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, by Armagh M<sup>r</sup> Livingston, by T. Patrick M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead, by Dromore M<sup>r</sup> Birch, & by Antrim M<sup>r</sup> Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give, or receive Information but not to vote. The Comt<sup>ee</sup> to report.

Comtee of  
AccountsOrder to sd  
Comtee

Ordered that the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the Widows fund with the annual Interest arising from the same.—The number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year; Also the number of Annuitants on the fund and the sum due & payable to them from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1791, to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1792.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.



*2d Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock, after prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Moore preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of members for the several Comt<sup>ees</sup>—Also the following Reports.

Dromore Presb. report, That they have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John Arnold, & have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson & M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Derry Presb. have according to Synodical Regulations, Licensed Three Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Douglas, Robert Rogers & John Pinkerton; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker. Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bond & Ferguson.

Armagh Presb. report, That agreeably to the advice of last Synod, Installed they Installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henry, in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Armagh, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July last. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody & Ferguson, & not on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart.

Tyrone Presb. report, That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Hen: M<sup>c</sup>Ilree, at Two Ordained Vinecash on the 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. last, & M<sup>r</sup> James Adams, at Stewartstown on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last. They subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & are Contributors to the widows fund. They have according to Synodical Regulations Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Hogg, & John M<sup>c</sup>Ilwain, Two Licensed who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harper, & Stewart; & Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, & family of M<sup>r</sup> White. M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell an Annuitant on the fund died 25 March last. Died

Dublin Presb. report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Horner, Ordained as Pastor of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Mary's Abby 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last:—That he subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith according to the Synods formula & is willing to be a Contributor to the widows fund:—And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moore.

Monaghan Presb. report, That on the 16<sup>th</sup> March last they Ordained ordained at Longford the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Osborne, who is a Contributor to the widows fund.—That on the same day they licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Charleton Licensed who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith.—And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers & family of M<sup>r</sup> Harris.

Root Presb. have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Jala, & James Brown, who Two Licensed subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sherriff, & Hugh Watt.—And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth.

Belfast Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Laird died 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last Dead & that they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander, & Laird.

Mr Gouday &  
Donnaghadee

Ordained

Licensed

Bangor Presb. report, That the Relation which subsisted between the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Gouday, & the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Donnaghadee was dissolved on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1791, and that he is no longer a member with them. That on the 1<sup>st</sup> May last they ordained at Moira the Rev<sup>d</sup> Geo. Dobbin, who is a Contributor to the widows fund;—And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

T.Patrick Presb. report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Alexander. Have entered on Tryals for Ordination M<sup>r</sup> Atcheson; And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, & M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

B.mena Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, & M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin.

Strabane Presb. have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Charles Hemphil, & William Hamilton;—And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Young.

From L.kenny Presb. no Return, but of members for Gen. Synods fixed Committee.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for the year 1792 :—

Dromore Presb.	Belfast Presb.
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Birch & Thomson	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Birch & Kelburn
Killyleagh	Bangor
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Sinclair & Knox	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Cochran & Craig
Derry	T.Patrick
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Elder & Black	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Hill
Armagh	Clogher
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Sloan	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Millar & Davison
Tyrone	B.mena
Mess <sup>rs</sup> McClelland & Whiteside Sen <sup>r</sup>	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Christy & Montgomery
Dublin	Strabane
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Wilson & Horner	Dr Craford & M <sup>r</sup> Henderson
Monaghan	L.kenny
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Davys	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Taylor & Love
Root	
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Martin	

These with an Elder from each Presb., and our Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup>, on any Emergency; fifteen to be a Quorum whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Mr Birch the late Mod<sup>r</sup> reported to the Synod, That in consequence of a letter from our Agent, Mr Black, He had called a meeting of the Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> the Proceedings of which are referred to the consideration of the Interloq<sup>r</sup>. Report of Mr Birch

Moved & unanimously agreed, That the Synods next meeting shall be at Lurgan on last Tuesday in June 1793; Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Synods Meeting

A Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bryson Mod<sup>r</sup> of the Presbytery of Antrim addressed to our Mod<sup>r</sup> was read, & was judged to be a Respectful & Satisfactory answer, to our letter to them in the year 1790. Letter from Presb Antrim

On reading the minute of last year respecting the Abstract from the Synods Records by Mr Thomson, Mr Thomson said: That he had not yet fully completed the Abstract nor arranged it to the satisfaction of his own mind; but that he would proceed to do so with all possible expedition; and submitted it to the Judgment of the Synod, whether they would think it proper to appoint some members to revise it, & if approved commit it to the Press. Abstract from Synods Records

On reading the minute respecting Mr Henry, & the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballindrait, Mr Alexander, declared his willingness to lay the affair before Mr Marshal, & the Presb. of L.kenny & see that Justice be done to Mr Henry. Mr Henry & Ballindrait

Mr Alexander reported to the Synod that the number of members sufficient to form a Quorum did not attend at Drumquin & therefore no Business could be done. Report of Mr Alexander

Resolved, That such members as were appointed & did not attend the Synods Committee at Drumquin shall appear at the next meeting of this Synod under pain of Censure to show cause why they did not comply with the order of Synod.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5 o'clock, Open Synod at 7. Session concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock after Prayer.*

The Report made by the Presb. of Bangor, "That the Relation which subsisted between the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Gouday & the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Donnaghadee was dissolved on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1791, & that he is no longer a member with them," (Having received a Certificate from them in order to his going to America) is sustained, & Mr Gouday declared to be no longer connected with this Synod. Report of Presb of Bangor sustained  
Mr Gouday no member of Synod

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock—Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 8. Open Synod at 11. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.



*4th Session Thursday Morning, 11 o'clock after Prayer.*

Comtee to meet  
at Randalstown

Resolved that a Comtee consisting of the following Brethren, viz. from Root Presb. Messrs Rentoul & Marshal, from T. Patrick Messrs Bankhead, & Abernethy, from Belfast Messrs Birch & Kelburn, from Tyrone Messrs McClelland & Murray & from Dromore Mr John Thomson, shall meet at Randalstown on the second Tuesday of Aug. next, to assist the Presb. of B.mena, in judging of an affair of Scandal charged against a Candidate for the ministry under their Care—Mr McClelland to preach.

Mr Bryson's  
Congon

A Petition from the Congregation of the Revd Jas Bryson, was presented to this Synod Stating, "That having sometime since been forced to Erect a new place of worship, they earnestly pray to be continued under our Care." This granted from an Opinion that it did not militate against the Rule of Synod, made in the year 1789, respecting new Erections.

Ray & Allsaints  
Newton  
Cunningham

A Petition from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of the Parishes of Ray, & Allsaints, and a Petition from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of Newton Cunningham, were presented to this Synod, Stating "That they laboured under great Inconveniences on account of their great Distance from any Place of Publick Worship, being obliged to travel upwards of three or four miles to enjoy the opportunity of associating with their fellow Christians in Publick Worship; and therefore praying this Synod to order the Presb. of L.kenny to grant them supplies, or to refer them to a Committee of the Synod."

The Question was put, "Refer them to the Presb. of L.kenny or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Not." A motion was then made to Dismiss the affair, which was carried without a Division.

Pettigo &  
Drumquin

A supplication from the People of Pettigo & Drumquin was presented to this Synod, praying to be Erected into a separate Congregation.

Resolved that the People of Pettigo & Drumquin, shall be supplied by the Presb. of Strabane, until the next meeting of Synod. That during the course of this Summer, the Presb. shall administer the Lords Supper to them if they desire it. And that Commissioners shall be sent from both Places to our next meeting, if they persevere in their desire of being erected into a Congon under the sanction of said Presbytery.

Interloqr at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 8. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*5th Session, Thursday Evening, 8 o'clock after Prayer.*

Overture of an  
Add

It is Overtured to this Synod, That an Address be presented to Mr Wilberforce expressing our Approbation of his Conduct in endeavouring to rescue from a state of Slavery and wretchedness an oppressed Race of our fellow Creatures.

The above Overture unanimously agreed to, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Agreed to Black, Barber, Magee & Shaw, are appointed to prepare & bring in the same.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at 10. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*6<sup>th</sup> Session Friday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The Address to M<sup>r</sup> Wilberforce was reported, agreed to, ordered to be transmitted by the Moderator, & with M<sup>r</sup> Wilberforce's Answer to be published. It is as follows :—

TO WILLIAM WILBERFORCE, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Sir,

We the Ministers and Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster in the Kingdom of Ireland, accustomed Individually to Contemplate your Character with Admiration, & Esteem, Joyfully embrace the opportunity which our Annual Meeting affords of declaring our most cordial Approbation of your Liberal, Dignified, & persevering Struggles, in the Cause of Insulted Humanity. We should think ourselves shamefully defective on our Duty to God, to the world, & our own Consciences, did we not come forward to bear our Publick Testimony against the Unnatural Traffick in Human flesh, which has so long disgraced the Nations of Europe. A Traffick which in our eyes is Barbarous, in itself sinks a part of our species to a level with Beasts of Burthen, Disgraces the Religion of a Mild & Merciful Jesus, and tramples under foot the Sacred Book, stamped with the Authority of the Most High, which expressly declares that "He that stealeth a man & selleth him shall surely be put to Death." At the same time we feel ourselves bound to express our warmest acknowledgments to you Sir, & your faithful associates, for your Noble Exertions in the cause of our Nature. That they may be crowned with Speedy & compleat Success, is the daily & fervent Prayer of our Hearts.—Go on then Generous Man ! Our Hearts go with you.—We Rejoice that your Labours have not been *altogether* in vain. Justice & Mercy will finally prevail, under the Government of a Righteous God. We rejoice in the Hope that your Triumph will be compleat. Drooping Nature looks up to you with anxious Expectation, and the prayers of him who is ready to perish accompany your steps. Humanity revived by the dawn of success which your Efforts have opened, points her eye to that Brighter Day when Liberty & Life shall go hand in hand, through the Nations of the Earth, in safety & in Peace, when the Oppressed shall no longer groan under the lash of the Oppressor, neither hear his voice ; And Slavery like the Gloomy Vision of the night, shall be recognized only by the Remembrance of its Concomitant Horrors.

We are Sir, &c.,

Signed by order

WM. STITT Mod<sup>r</sup> of G. Synod.

The Mod<sup>r</sup> concluded this Synod with Prayer.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interlog<sup>r</sup>, Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.*

First report of  
Comtee of  
Accts

The Comtee of Accounts met according to Order, & report as follows:—

Amount of the Capital of the widows fund in 1791	...	£11682	12	3
Amount in 1792	...	...	12202	18 3
Increase of Capital this year	...	...	520	6 0
Number of Contributors—175				
Sum contributed for the year ending 29 Sept <sup>r</sup> 1791	...	547	3	2
Annuitants on the fund—64				
Money due & payable to them	...	...	809	12 4

Examined & approved, M<sup>r</sup> Blacks Accounts except an error of £20, which M<sup>r</sup> Black made to his own loss, & for which he is to take credit in a new account for this year.

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Chairman.

M<sup>r</sup> Simson

On reading the minute of last year respecting M<sup>r</sup> Simsons admission to be a Contributor to the widows fund, it was unanimously agreed that He be admitted, on paying a sum equal to one years Kings Bounty, and from the expiration of the first year after his Ordination, forty shillings  $\pounds$  annum during his life.

M<sup>r</sup> Allen

Moved that a sum equal to a single Portion of last years R. D. be stopped out of M<sup>r</sup> Allen's Proportion of R. D. for this year.

The previous Question was moved viz "Shall this Question be put or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Put." The original motion was then made, & carried in the affirmative.

Motion for a  
Repeal

Moved, that the Resolution of the Synod of the year 1788, respecting ministers having Collegiate Charges, be now read, and the same be read, It was moved that said Resolution be repealed.

The Question was put "Repeal or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Not."

*2<sup>d</sup> Interlog<sup>r</sup> Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.*

Proceedings of  
Synods fixed  
Comtee approved

The minutes of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee which met at Lurgan 14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> last, were read; and the Proceedings of the Committee approved by the Interlog<sup>r</sup>.

Answers to our Address to His Majesty, to the Lord Lieutenant & M<sup>r</sup> Stewart; & to our letter to the Marquiss of Waterford were read, and ordered to be inserted in our minutes. They are as follow:

#### HIS MAJESTY'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle 21<sup>st</sup> April 1792.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant having transmitted to be laid before the King, the Address to his Majesty from the Presbyterian ministers of



the General Synod of Ulster, I have the Honor to acquaint you by his Excellency's command, That he has received a Letter from the Right Honourable Henry Dundass, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State informing his Excellency ; That he had laid the said Address before the King, and that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same, in the most Gracious manner, and to express the satisfaction which he derives from their warm, & Grateful acknowledgments on the occasion, and their Assurances of Loyalty to his Majesty, and Attachment to our present excellent Constitution,

I have the Honour to be

Sir, your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Black,  
Londonderry.

SACKVILLE HAMILTON.

#### THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

I shall immediately transmit this Dutiful Address to be laid before his Majesty ; and shall have great satisfaction, in representing the Presbyterian Ministers as Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, highly deserving the Bounty His Majesty has been Graciously pleased to confer upon them.

#### M<sup>r</sup> STEWART'S ANSWER.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Members of the Gen. Synods fixed Comtee.

Gentlemen,

I beg you will accept of my sincere and cordial Thanks for the honour conferred on me by your Address ; & be assured that your obliging Acceptance of my Services, affords me a very Sensible Gratification. Any Trouble which may be supposed to have attended the Pursuit is now amply compensated by the accomplishment of an Object, which I have long had much at Heart. In conducting this Business I have been much indebted to the assistance of certain most Respectable members of both Houses of Parliament, whose names have been already mentioned to you.—The Behaviour too of [the] Administration on the occasion, has been Handsome, & Honourable, and it is with Particular Pleasure I can say, that no motion was ever received in the House of Commons with more General Satisfaction than that one, which I had lately the Honour of submitting to them, on Behalf of the Presbyterian Ministers of this Kingdom.

I have the Honour to be with the highest Respect & Esteem

Gentlemen, your Obedient & most Humble Servant.

JAMES STEWART.

## THE MARQUISS OF WATERFORDS ANSWER.

Dublin 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1792.

Sir,

I have the favour of your Letter and take the liberty to request you will be so good to express to the Synod, That I have the greatest Satisfaction in their being pleased with the part I have taken Relative to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod, That I am highly gratified by their Thanks, and that I trust that I shew my Regard to Religion, in being desirous, that those who are to preach it, should have a decent competency. In Justice to the Government I must add, That they took up the Subject with a warm Liberality.

I am Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

To the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Birch, Mod<sup>r</sup>  
of the Gen. Synod of Ulster.

WATERFORD.

*3<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Evening, 5 o'clock.*

Lurgan, 28<sup>th</sup> June 1792. Com<sup>tee</sup> of Accounts examined M<sup>r</sup> Blacks account of R. D. Item by Item, & unanimously approve the whole.

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Chairman.

Report of  
Mr Black

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M<sup>r</sup> Black, reported to this Interloq<sup>r</sup> a variety of circumstances relative to the late grant of five thousand pounds, made to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Kingdom; and that the Proportion allotted to the ministers of the Synod of Ulster was three Thousand seven hundred and twenty nine pounds sixteen shillings, and ten pence, to be Issued at the Treasury at such times as all other Payments on the Civil Establishment.

Order to Mr  
Black

Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Black be ordered to commit to writing the material circumstances Relative to the late Grant, and to present them to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> of next Synod that they may be recorded in our minutes.

Thanks to Noble-  
men & Gentle-  
men

Resolved that our Warm & Grateful Thanks be returned to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, The Right Honourable the Earl of Claremont, The Right Honourable Henry Grattan, The Right Honourable Willian Brabazon Ponsonby, & George Ponsonby Esq<sup>r</sup>, for the kind and Honourable support afforded by them to the late measure of an Increase of the Royal Bounty, recommended by the House of Commons, on our Behalf.

Resolved that James Stewart Esq<sup>r</sup> be requested to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to the Noblemen, & Gentlemen, named therein.

A Piece of Plate  
to Mr Stewart

Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Murray & M<sup>r</sup> Black be directed to Provide & Present to James Stewart Esq<sup>r</sup> a Piece of Plate with a suitable Inscription to record our Grateful Sense of the Signal Services He has rendered to this Body.

Resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, Geo. Murray, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Livingston, be appointed to prepare a Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart to acquaint him with our Request & Determination on these Subjects.

Moved & unanimously agreed, That the Thanks of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> be given to M<sup>r</sup> Black for his Zeal and Diligence in the affair of the late Grant—And Thanks were given him accordingly. Thanks to Mr Black

Resolved unanimously, that a Member from each Presbytery be appointed a Committee to consider what farther mark of Respect, shall be shewn to M<sup>r</sup> Black, for his Services in that matter & report immediately.

The Committee having met according to appointment, M<sup>r</sup> Barber their chairman reported, That they were unanimously of Opinion, That a Present of Plate to the value of one hundred pounds, ought to be presented to M<sup>r</sup> Black with a suitable Inscription. Plate to Mr Black

To this Opinion of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> the Interloq<sup>r</sup> most cordially acceded;—Appointed M<sup>r</sup> Murray to purchase the same; and M<sup>r</sup> Barber and M<sup>r</sup> Livingston to prepare the Inscription.

Resolved that our Agent be impowered to pay to M<sup>r</sup> Barr the sum of Thirty Guineas out of R.D. to be applied to the sole purpose of conveying himself and Family to America. M Barr

Resolved that D<sup>r</sup> Bruce shall be admitted a Contributor to the widows fund, on the same Terms, as other Intrants at the same Period. Dr Bruce

The following Protest was given in, read, & ordered to be inserted in our Minutes. Protest

We whose names are underwritten, do hereby Protest against the Determination of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of yesterday's evening whereby a donation of R.D. granted to the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Allen at the last meeting of Synod is reversed, by ordering a sum equal to said Grant, to be detained out of his Proportion of R.D. for the current year.

1. Because we deem it mean in its object & unworthy of the Character of this Synod.

2. Because the Reasons on which it was obtained are Nugatory, Unconstitutional, and Partial.—Nugatory, inasmuch as, If Opposition to a Rule of Synod lay a foundation for Reversal, the Determination should have comprehended five previous cases.—Unconstitutional, as pleading Absence, or a departure from the Synod-House, before the Business of Synod is done, in Reversal of the Acts of Synod. Partial, as operating to the discouragement of one poor Cong<sup>on</sup> & the Hurt of its Minister, whilst others in the same circumstances & favoured in the same manner by former Synods are passed by unnoticed.—And the assertion, “that M<sup>r</sup> Allens Case was the only one in which a Specified Rule of Synod is violated,” is unfounded, as the cases of the Cong<sup>ons</sup> of Sligo & Moywater, of Killinkcr & Dunluce, are posterior to the date of said Rule & prior to the Case in Question. Lurgan, 28 June, 1792, W<sup>m</sup> Steel Dickson, John Thomson, Benjamin M'Dowel, Robert Porter, Robert Rentoul, Sinclare Kelburn, Nat<sup>h</sup> Shaw, W<sup>m</sup>



Magee, W<sup>m</sup> Knox, James Davison, Tho<sup>s</sup> L. Birch, Alex<sup>r</sup> Marshal, James Neilson, John Davys, James Whiteside, Henry Henry.

I Protest against the above Determination for the Reasons Assigned, the first excepted.—Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming.

Resolution re-  
specting new  
Erections by  
Synod & Presb.  
of Antrim

Whereas the Gen. Synod of Ulster & Presb. of Antrim are connected as one Body, with respect to the Kings Bounty & widows fund; Resolved that as no Presbytery belonging to the Synod of Ulster has authority to make any new erection; If the Presb. of Antrim shall erect into a new Cong<sup>on</sup>, a part of any Cong<sup>on</sup>, now belonging to them or part of any Cong<sup>on</sup> now belonging to this Synod, or shall make any new Erection whatsoever, without the consent of this Body first obtained, the minister or ministers of such new Erection, shall not be Entitled to receive any part of the Royal Bounty, nor be a subscriber to the widows fund.—And this Synod shall not erect, any Cong<sup>on</sup> in future, without allowing such members of the Presb. of Antrim, as attend our meetings to debate & vote with respect to such new Erection, otherwise the minister or ministers of such new Erection shall not be entitled as above.

*4<sup>th</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Friday morning 7 o'clock.*

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read & D<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Cuming appointed to answer it.

The Letters to James Stewart, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and the Letter to the Trustees of the Widows fund were read, approved & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

A Comt<sup>ee</sup>

Resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, John Thomson, W<sup>m</sup> Knox, & Alex<sup>r</sup> Marshal, of Root Presb. & Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, be appointed a Committee, under the sanction, and authority of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> to enquire from what causes, & by what means one Entire Moiety of the English R.D. came to be engrossed by the Southern Association, and to take such measures, as they shall deem expedient to promote the Interest, and secure the Honour of our Body, in this matter; And M<sup>r</sup> Black is impowered to call a meeting of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> at such time & place as He shall judge necessary.

Compensation  
to Clerk  
recommended

Moved & unanimously agreed, That in our opinion a Compensation should be made to our Clerk for his extraordinary labours during the current year. And tho' this Interloq<sup>r</sup> are sensible of their Competency to make such Compensation, yet from a recent case, & in order to avoid a Repetition of the same, this Interloq<sup>r</sup> decline the exercise, of their Power, & warmly recommend it to the Ministers who may constitute the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> at the Meeting of the Synod in the year 1793, to take the same under their serious consideration.

Inserted the 3rd day of August, 1792, by

ROBERT DICKSON,  
Clerk of Gen. Synod.

*A General Synod at Lurgan, 25th June, 1793.*

M<sup>r</sup> Stitt the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Rom. VIII. 1. then constituted it by Prayer; After which were present from the Several Presbyteries the following Members.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presb.		L.kenny.	
James Cochrane		No Member	
Andw. Craig		Killyleagh Presb.	
Geo. Dobbin		Dr. Dickson	
David Taggart		Thos. M'Kibbin	
Dublin.		James Knox	
James Horner		Armagh.	
B.mena.		Saml. Livingston	
James Cuming		Robert Dickson	
Alexr. Montgomery		Thos. Cuming	
Clogher.		Nath. Shaw	
Andw. Millar		Joseph Bell	
Joseph Denham		Wm. Kyle	
James Davison		Strabane.	
Root.		Joseph Osborne	
Willm. Knox		Derry.	
Robert Thomson		Robert Black	
John Glendai		Moses Goorly	
Walter Graham		T.Patrick.	
Monaghan.		John Bankhead	
John Davys		John Abernethy	
Matt. Trimble		John Gibson	
Wm. Millar		Robt. Orr	
Robt. Montgomery		Robert Thomson	
John Arnold		Robert Acheson	
James Walker		Dromore.	
James Whiteside		Isaac Patrick	
Tyrone.		Robert M'Clure	
John M'Clelland		Saml. Barber	
Moses Hogg		James Birch	
Geo. Murray		John Thomson	
James Whiteside, Junr.		John Sherrard	
Wm. Stitt		Francis Turretine	
Joseph Smyth		Wm. Magee	
Hugh Boylan		Wm. Fletcher	
Geo. Dougal		James Waddell	
Thos. M'Cay		John M'Clelland	
Henry M'Ilree		John M'Cance	
		Wm. Adair	
		Belfast.	
		Thos. Birch	
		Wm. Whitlaw	
		Sinclare Kelburn	
		Saml. Neilson	

Mod<sup>r</sup>  
chosen

Mr Stitt having moved that another Mod<sup>r</sup> be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named : viz., Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> David Taggart, Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery, And<sup>w</sup> Millar, W<sup>m</sup> Knox, John Davys, Hugh Boylan, D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, Nath. Shaw, Moses Goorley, John Abernethy, W<sup>m</sup> Magee, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch. The Roll was called & D<sup>r</sup> Dickson chosen.

Clk. continued

—Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to Presb<sup>s</sup>

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their Members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or Installed ; and of such Candidates as have been licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An account of Annuitants on the fund ; of any that have died, & of the time when such did die. Also of women in their Bounds who have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod.

Comtee of  
Accounts.

The several Presbyteries returned the following Members as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent ; viz., Bangor Mr Taggart, B.mena Mr Montgomery, Clogher Mr Millar, Root Mr Knox, Monaghan Mr Davys, Tyrone Mr M'Cay, Armagh Mr Shaw, Strabane Mr Osborne, Derry Mr Goorly, T. Patrick Mr Bankhead, Dromore Mr Sherrard, Belfast Mr Birch, & Antrim Mr Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Comtee to report.

Order to  
s<sup>d</sup> Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund & the sum due & payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1792, to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1793.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.*

Mr Birch preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following accounts.

Dead

Armagh Presb. report, That Mr Sloan died 15<sup>th</sup> March last & left a widow & children. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan ; and not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart.

Licensed

Belfast Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr Samuel Knox who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith ; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, and families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Laird.



Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott & M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Tyrone Presb. report, that they have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Adam Smyth & John Glasgow; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, & family of M<sup>r</sup> White.

Derry Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ross, educated in the <sup>Mr Ross</sup> College of Dublin, applyed to the Presbytery to be put on Tryal, for being licensed to preach the Gospel. This being a new case, at least to the Presbytery of Derry, they have thought it expedient to refer the matter to the Gen. Synod, & to entreat their advice & Direction. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bond & Ferguson.

Monaghan Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> James Jackson, formerly a <sup>Dead</sup> Member of their Presbytery, died in Sept<sup>r</sup> last & left a widow and children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Harris.

Dublin Presb. report, That M<sup>rs</sup> Moore had removed to the bounds of the Presb. of Root; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers.

B.mena Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, & M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin.

Root Presb. report, that M<sup>r</sup> Gideon M'Mullan died 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. <sup>Dead</sup> last, & left a widow. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sherrard & Watt who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith.—And that they have on <sup>Licensed</sup> the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, & M<sup>rs</sup> M'Mullan.

Dromore Presb. have according to Synodical Regulations licensed <sup>Licensed</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Arnold, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Jackson & Robert Elliott; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Semple, M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

T.Patrick Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Read demitted his Pastoral <sup>Demitted</sup> Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Glenarm. That on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1792, they <sup>Ordained</sup> ordained in that Congregation the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Acheson, who wishes to be a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> M'Nish, & on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

Bangor Presb. report, That M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel died 12<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last. <sup>Dead</sup> That M<sup>r</sup> Hull demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Bangor <sup>Demitted</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> May last; on which day they ordained in said Congregation the <sup>Ordained</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> David Taggart who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

Strabane Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Young.

From L.kenny Presb. no Return.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for the year 1793.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Armagh Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Cuming

Belfast Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & Kelburn

Killyleagh Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair & Petterson

Clogher Mess<sup>rs</sup> Johnston & Davison

Tyrone Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smyth & M'Cay

Derry Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elder & Black

Monaghan Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Whiteside

Dublin D<sup>r</sup> M'Dowel & M<sup>r</sup> Horner

Root Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Martin

Dromore Mess<sup>rs</sup> M'Clure, Birch & Magee

B.mena Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay & Montgomery

T.Patrick Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery & Hill

Bangor Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cochran & Bryson

Strabane D<sup>r</sup> Crawford.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup>, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Synods next  
meeting

Resolved unanimously, That the Synods next meeting, shall be at Dungannon on the last Tuesday in June, 1794. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> to revise  
Abstract of  
Synods Records

Agreeably to the minute of last year the following members are now appointed to revise the Abstract of the Synods Records made by M<sup>r</sup> Thomson; viz., Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead, Kelburn, M'Clure, & D<sup>r</sup> Dickson. They are to meet in Belfast at such time as M<sup>r</sup> Thomson shall find it convenient to call them together.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 8. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Thursday morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.*

Report from  
Synods Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
at Randalstown

M<sup>r</sup> M'Clelland reported from the Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed to meet at Randalstown, That only three of the members appointed did attend, and that after hearing several allegations against the character of the

candidate on Tryals before the Presbytery of B.mena which were not proved, They & the Presbytery thought it proper, that the candidate should be continued on his Tryals.

An appeal from a Sentence of the Presbytery of Monaghan was presented to this Synod by John Hassard, Esq<sup>r</sup>, complaining That the Punishment inflicted by said sentence on M<sup>r</sup> Elliott, a Probationer under their Care, was inadequate to his offence. And also, That he was not allowed to bring forward the most criminal charges against the said Elliot. Mr Hassard's  
Appeal

M<sup>r</sup> Hassard, M<sup>r</sup> Elliot & the Presb. of Monaghan were heard at considerable length; and the Parties being removed, after reasoning on the subject the Question was put, "Do the Synod approve of the Punishment inflicted by the Presbytery of Monaghan as adequate to the offence of M<sup>r</sup> Elliot or not?" The Previous Question was moved, viz., "Shall this Question be put or not?" The Roll was called and it carried, "Not."

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 6. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday evening, 6 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The following Addresses to his Majesty & the Lord Lieutenant were overtured, unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be transmitted to M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Hamilton, to be laid before the Lord Lieutenant:—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address to the  
King

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS & ELDERS  
OF THE GEN. SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Majesty

We your Majestys most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, at our annual meeting assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the most unfeigned expressions of Loyalty & Respect.

We humbly assure your Majesty that we & the great Body of your subjects, with whom we are connected, are firmly attached to the Constitution of our country, which has established the form of Government in a King, an Hereditary Peerage, and a Representation of the People in a Commons house of Parliament.

That we continue unshaken in those Principles which placed your Majestys most Illustrious Family on the Throne of these Realms. We will not fail to inculcate, on the People under our Care the Practice of Religion & Virtue, which will at once render them good Citizens here, & qualify them for felicity hereafter.



We pray that your Majestys Reign may be long and Prosperous :  
That your Throne may be established in Righteousness ; and, That  
publick Peace & Tranquility may be speedily restored.

Signed by order,

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Moderator.

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Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN EARL OF WESTMORLAND,  
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL  
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS AND ELDERS OF  
THE GENERAL SYNOD OF ULSTER.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful and Loyal subjects, the  
Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, beg leave to  
express to your Excellency our earnest Desire that your Excellency  
will be pleased to transmit to his Majesty the humble & Dutiful  
Address herewith delivered to your Excellency. And that your  
Excellency would be pleased to represent the Ministers & Elders of the  
Gen. Synod of Ulster and the great Body of People with whom they are  
connected as dutiful & Loyal subjects, attached to the Constitution &  
obedient to the Laws.

Signed by order,

WM. STEEL DICKSON, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Declaration of  
G. Synod

The following Declaration was overtured & agreed to (one Dissent-  
ent) & ordered to be published with the Addresses & Answers.

At an annual meeting of the Ministers & Elders of the Gen.  
Synod of Ulster, held in Lurgan, 25th June, 1793, the following  
Declaration was agreed to and ordered to be published :—

That however unwilling the Synod may be to obtrude their  
Political sentiments on the attention of the Publick, they feel them-  
selves called upon by the various interesting events which have  
occurred in this Kingdom, & in Europe since their last General  
meeting, explicitly to avow & publish their unshaken attachment to the  
Genuine Principles of the British Constitution. An attachment early  
inculcated by the lessons of their Fathers, and since Justified by their  
own Observation and Experience.

That as members of Civil Society they deem it not inconsistent  
with their Publick character to join with the great majority of the  
Virtuous & Enlightened men in this Kingdom in expressing their  
opinion, That a Reform in the Representation of the Commons House

of Parliament, is Essentially necessary to the Perfection of the Constitution, and the security & Maintenance of Public Liberty.

That in seeking this Reform they will not be seduced by the visionary Theories of speculative men, but taking the Principles of the Constitution for their Guide they will co-operate with their fellow-citizens by all constitutional means to obtain this great object, rejecting with abhorrence every Idea of Popular Tumult or foreign aid.

That impressed with that goodwill & Brotherly Love which is inculcated by their Religion towards good men of all Religious Denominations & trusting that this Spirit will always be cherished by the People under their care, they congratulate their Roman Catholick countrymen on their being restored to the Privileges of the Constitution, and they indulge the flattering hope that Irish Catholicks cultivating & maintaining the Principles of Civil & Religious Liberty will prove to the world that the Liberality of Protestants has neither been ill-timed nor unsafe.

And finally, it is their earnest Prayer, That the time may never more return, when Religious Distinctions, shall be used as a Pretext for disturbing Society, or arming man against his neighbour;—That Intolerance of every kind may be trodden under foot; and every equally good subject, shall be equally cherished & protected by the State.

Against the above Declaration the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hogg entered the following Protest:—

Protest  
against  
Declaration

I Dissent from the Declaration of the Synod of Ulster at their present meeting, Because I conceive that it is unnecessary & improper for them at this time to enter upon or discuss Political Principles, as I conceive their attention should be directed to the Business of the Church, & its Concerns, & to that alone.

2. Because said Declaration, was not the unanimous Declaration of the Synod, as there was a Respectable minority who both spoke & voted against it.

MOSES HOGG.

Lurgan, 28 June, 1793.

The consideration of M<sup>r</sup> Hassards Appeal from the sentence of the Presbytery of Monaghan was now resumed; and the Synod, after mature deliberation were of opinion, That they could not take any farther cognisance of a matter where the Party accused had been convicted & Punished, a second Tryal for the same offence, being utterly inconsistent with the Spirit of Law & Justice. But M<sup>r</sup> Hassard was asked whether he had any charges against M<sup>r</sup> Elliot different from the matter alledged and inquired into before the Presbytery of Monaghan, to which M<sup>r</sup> Hassard answered in the affirmative. The Synod were proceeding to appoint a Committee consisting of the Presbytery of Monaghan and assistants to receive M<sup>r</sup> Hassards Complaint, and the Defence of M<sup>r</sup> Elliot, when M<sup>r</sup> Hassard declared that he would give the Synod no farther Trouble, as he was determined to bring his complaint before another court.

Consideration of  
M<sup>r</sup> Hassards  
appeal resumed

Open Synod to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*5th Session Friday morning, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Drumquin &  
Pettigo erected

Appeared from Drumquin M<sup>r</sup> James Boyle & from Pettigo M<sup>r</sup> James Clendinning Commissioners, supplicating this Synod to erect them into a Congregation. After reasoning on the subject the Question was put, "Erect them or not?" The Roll was called & it carried unanimously, to Erect them.

Congon of Porta-  
ferry annexed to  
Presb. of Bangor

A Supplication from the Minister and Congregation of Portaferry to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Killyleagh, & annexed to that of Bangor, was presented to this Synod.

Granted unanimously.

Overture agreed  
to

It is overtured, That our Agent shall be ordered to pay the sum of one pound Sterling at the next Quarterly payment of R.D. after the meeting of each Synod, to each Minister who answers to his name, when the Roll is called, on the first and last days of said Synod, over and above the Dividend of R.D., which is paid to such members of Synod, as do not attend said meeting.

The above overture unanimously agreed to.

M<sup>r</sup> Ross

The Synod considered the Request of the Presbytery of Derry respecting M<sup>r</sup> Ross, & authorise the Presbytery to act in that Business, as upon Deliberation they shall think proper.

M<sup>r</sup> Wilberforce's Answer to our Address to him of last year was read & ordered to be inserted in our minutes. It is as follows :—

London, 16 July, 1792.

Sir,

M<sup>r</sup> Wilberforce's  
answer to  
Synods Address

I should have returned an immediate answer to your favour of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. had I not been extremely occupied for some days by the Business of the Sierra Leone Company.

I beg you will assure the Gentlemen who composed the General Synod, That I entertain a due sense of the Honor done me by their late address; And it affords me particular pleasure to find that the cause I had so deeply at heart has engaged the attention of my fellow-subjects of Ireland. You may be persuaded, That the friends of the oppressed Africans will continue their Exertions, and I trust thro' the Divine Blessing their Labours will e'er long be crowned with Success.

I cannot conclude without begging you to accept my Thanks, for the obliging manner in which you have communicated to me the Synods Address.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, your most obedient & most humble Servant,

WM. WILBERFORCE.

Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stitt, Dungannon, Ireland.

The Mod<sup>r</sup> concluded this Synod with Prayer.



*1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock.*

M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead, Chairman of the Committee of Accounts gave in the following Report. Report from Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts

Capital of the Widows fund	...	... £12383 14 7
Annual Interest arising from the same	...	... £633 10 0
Contributors for the year ending 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> , 1792—173.		
Amount of Contributions	..	.. £411 17 6
Number of Annuitants—64.		
Amount of Annuities due to them	..	.. £822 1 4

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M<sup>r</sup> Black reported to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> That M<sup>r</sup> Simson had become a Contributor to the Widows fund, & had paid the subscription due by him as such. Also that D<sup>r</sup> Bruce had declined becoming a Contributor to the fund on the terms proposed to him by the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last year. Mr Simson a Contributor to the Ws Fund

M<sup>r</sup> Blacks narrative of the Material Circumstances relative to the late grant of R.D. was read, received, & a copy of it ordered to be taken in a fair hand, in order to be bound and preserved among our Records. Narrative respecting late grant of R. D.

Resolved that a Compliment of Ten Guineas shall be given to our Clerk for his Extraordinary Trouble during the years 1792 and 1793.

Moved and unanimously agreed, That the Thanks of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> be given to M<sup>r</sup> Black, for his Trouble and pains in drawing up and presenting the narrative relative to the late Grant of R. D. and for discovering the Honourable Terms on which it was obtained; and Thanks were given him accordingly. Thanks to M<sup>r</sup> Black

Moved, That the Resolution of the year 1788 relative to Ministers having Collegiate Charges be repealed. The Question was put, "Repeal or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried, "Not." Motion of a repeal negatived

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Overtures at 8. Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 10. Open Synod at 11. Adjourned.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock.*

Two Memorials from our Brethren of the Southern Association directed to our Moderator were read, & Messrs. Craig, Millar, Davys, Shaw, M<sup>c</sup>Clure, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch, are appointed to prepare a Letter conveying our Sentiments respecting the Subjects of said Memorials. Letter to Southern Association respecting their Memorials

M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead reported from the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Acc<sup>ts</sup>, That they had examined the Accounts of the widows fund for the last year, & found them in all respects perfectly satisfactory.

*3<sup>d</sup> Interloqr Thursday Evening 5 o'clock.*

Letter from  
James Stewart  
Esqr

Two Letters received from James Stewart, Esqr, were read and ordered to be inserted in our Minutes. They are as follow :—

TO THE REV<sup>d</sup> PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS OF THE G. SYNOD OF ULSTER.

Gentlemen,

The success of the Motion which I had the Honor to make in the House of Commons last session of Parliament respecting the Presbyterian Ministers of Ireland, affords me real satisfaction, and I am highly gratified to find my conduct on the occasion acceptable to you. When your obliging Intention of honouring me with a memorial of your Approbation was first communicated to me by a much respected member of your Body, I wished (with all possible Respect & Gratitude) to decline the sumptuous mode proposed for conveying it. But his Arguments & the Reasons Assigned for adopting that mode were too flattering to be resisted. I acquiesced knowing that I cannot err in submitting mine to your better Judgment. Accept then Gentlemen my most cordial Thanks, for repeated marks of your Regard, and particularly for the distinguished Honor this day conferred upon me; An Honor ever to be remembered with honest Pride which I receive, and shall preserve as a Record of approbation from your truly Respectable & learned Body. Permit me to assure you of my unalterable attachment, and that I shall ever be desirous as far as my poor abilities will permit, to promote your Interest, knowing that in so doing I shall serve that of my Country.

I have the Honor to be with the highest Respect & Esteem,

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sirs, your obliged & obedient humble Servant,

Killymoon, Dec<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>, 1792.

JAMES STEWART.

Dear Sir,

Letter from Jas  
Stewart Esqr

I am much obliged to you for your kind letter mentioning the time fixed for the meeting of the General Synod of Ulster. I request that you will be so good as to present my Respects to the Gentlemen and inform them, That in consequence of their desire I sent copies of their Resolution of the 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1792, to the Duke of Leinster, Lord Charlemont, M<sup>r</sup> Grattan, & the M<sup>r</sup> Ponsonbys; from all of whom I received answers expressing in the warmest Terms their attachment to the Interest of the Synod and the satisfaction they feel in having their conduct approved by that Respectable Body. You saw some of these answers in the country last Christmas. I lament that it is not now in my power to send them to be laid before the Synod.

M<sup>r</sup> Black, who is now in Dublin, has promised to deliver a letter for me, which very imperfectly expresses the sense I have of the particular Honor conferred upon me.

Believe me with great Esteem & Respect Dear Sir, your obedient  
& most humble Servant,

JAMES STEWART.

Dublin, June 22<sup>d</sup>, 1793.

Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> be given to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Black for the faithful Honourable & dignified manner in which they executed the commission entrusted to them by the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last Synod to James Stewart, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and Thanks were given them accordingly. Thanks to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Black

Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> be given to M<sup>r</sup> Murray for purchasing, & to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barber & Livingston for preparing, a suitable Inscription for the Plate ordered to M<sup>r</sup> Black by the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of the Synod last year, and Thanks were given them accordingly. & to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barber & Livingston

On reading the Order of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last year for paying to M<sup>r</sup> Barr thirty guineas, for the purpose of removing himself & family to America, Resolved, That as M<sup>r</sup> Barr & Family had not removed to America the said order be reversed. Mr Barr

*4<sup>th</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Friday Morning 10 o'clock.*

Resolved unanimously, That the sum of fourteen pounds sterling shall this year be paid to each Annuitant on the widows fund. Widows annuity £14 per ann.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, & M<sup>r</sup> Livingston and M<sup>r</sup> James Birch appointed to answer it.

On considering the part of the Trustees letter relative to M<sup>r</sup> Rogers it was moved & unanimously agreed to, That in case any annuitant or annuitants on the widows fund shall commence a suit at Law for recovery of such part of her, his, or their annuity as may be due without first applying to the Trustees of said Fund, or to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of this Synod; The expenses incurred by said fund in consequence of such suit, shall be deducted out of the annuity, which to such person or persons may be then due. Resolution respecting Annuitants commencing Law Suits for recovery of Annuity

Moved and unanimously agreed, That a certificate of any annuitant on the widows fund being alive, signed by a Minister who is a contributor to the fund, & no other shall be deemed by our Agent a sufficient Certificate. Certificate sufficient to Agent

Resolved, That the conduct of the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Horner in employing an Attorney at Law to intimidate our Agent, and induce him to act in contradiction to the Instructions of this Synod, has been highly disrespectful to this Body, & Injurious, to their Reputation and Interest. Mr Horner

Resolved, That our Agent be instructed to write to Sir John Blackwood and inform him, That it is the Determination of the Constituents of the widows fund, that he must pay at the rate of five and an half ¢ cent. Interest for the money in his hands, from the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November next, or pay in the Principal according to the Terms settled in the Loan. Agent to write to Sir J. Blackwood



Mr Walker

Mr Trimble made application to this Interloq<sup>r</sup> That a certain portion of the R.D. should be given to the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Walker to enable him to remove to America.

After some Conversation the motion was withdrawn, on the Principle, "That no part of the R.D. could, with propriety, be applied to such Purposes."

The Letter to our Brethren of the Southern Association was read, approved, and ordered, to be subscribed, and transmitted by the Moderator.

The letter to the Trustees of the widows fund was also read, approved, & ordered to be transmitted.

Inserted 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1793, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

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*A Gen. Synod at Dungannon, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1794.*

Dr. Dickson the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Tit. I. 5. Then constituted it by Prayer; After which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Presb. Dublin		Armagh—continued.	
James Horner	John Stitt	Thos. Cuming	
		Nath. Shaw	
B.mena.		Wm. Henry	Wm. Oliver
		Wm. Charleton	David Bell
James Cuming			
Dr. Henry	Alexr. Petterson	Tyrone Presb.	
	L.kenny.	John McClelland	Wm. Vance
		Jas. Whiteside, Senr.	
James Delap		Moses Hogg	Robert Hogg
Hugh Delap		Geo. Murray	Dr. Murray
James McClintock		Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	Jas. Walker
		William Stitt	Jas. Anderson
Clogher.		Joseph Smyth	Wm. McClure
		William Moore	
William Moorhead		Hugh Boylan	
James Ker		Thos. McCay	James Campbell
Andw. Millar	David Johnston	Henry McIlree	
Joseph Denham		James Adams	Andw. McCord
William Johnston			
James Davison	Wm. Coulter	Killyleagh.	
	Root.	Jas. Sinclair	
		Jas. Petterson	
William Knox			
Robert Thomson			Strabane.
Hugh McClelland			
Robert Rentoul		Dr. Crawford	
		Hugh Hamil	
Monaghan.		William Dunlop	
		Thos. Anderson	
John Davys			
Matt. Trimble			Derry.
William Millar			
Robt. Montgomery	Saml. Ekin	Robert Black	
John Arnold		Robert Steel	
John McCurdy			
James Walker			T.Patriek.
James Whiteside			
Joseph Lawson	Geo. Vogan	John Abernethy	
Saml. Kennedy		Robert Orr	
Jas. Gouday		Robert Acheson	
Joseph Osborne		Thos. Alexander	
Armagh.			
Saml. Livingston			
Robert Dickson			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
	Dromore.		Belfast.
Isaac Patrick		Thos. Birch	James Magee
Saml. Barber	John Niblock	James Simson	Wm. Whitlaw
Jas. Birch	Henry Boyd		
John Thomson	Thos. Brown		Bangor
William Magee			
James Waddell		Jas. Cochran	
John McCance		Dr. Dickson	Hugh Bodin
		Andw. Craig	
		David Taggart	

D<sup>r</sup> Dickson having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz., Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Horner, James Cuming, James M<sup>c</sup>Clintock, W<sup>m</sup> Moorhead, Robert Rentoul, Matt Trimble, James Whiteside, Sen<sup>r</sup>, James Sinclair, Samuel Livingston, Robert Steel, Hugh Hamil, John Abernethy, James Waddell, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, & James Cochran. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Cochran chosen.

Cochran  
Moderator

M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & General Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last general Synod. An account of Annuitants on the Fund: Of any that have died, and of the time when such did die.

M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Millar is appointed to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; And M<sup>r</sup> Trimble to preach on the second day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of  
Accounts

The following Members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz., Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Cuming, James Delap, William Johnston, William Knox, John Arnold, Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Cay, James Petterson, Thomas Cuming, Doctor Crawford, Robert Steel, John Abernethy, James Birch, Thomas Birch, and Doctor Dickson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Committee to report.

Order to said  
Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the Amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due and payable to them, from the first day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1793, to the first day of January, 1794.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.



*2d Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Mr Millar preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their Members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports:—

Armagh Presbytery report, That on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March last they <sup>Ordained</sup> ordained at Markethill, the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Charleton, who is a Contributor to the Widows Fund; And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, and M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert <sup>Licensed</sup> Stewart and John Hopper, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith; And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, and family of M<sup>r</sup> White.

Bangor Presbytery report, That they Installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Knox <sup>Installed</sup> in the Congregation of Donnaghadee on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March last. That M<sup>r</sup> Hull died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the same month, leaving a widow & <sup>Dead</sup> children; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, and M<sup>rs</sup> Hull.

Derry Presbytery report, That M<sup>r</sup> Harvey died in April last. That <sup>Dead</sup> they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ross. That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December <sup>Licensed</sup> last they ordained at Muff the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dill who is a Contributor to <sup>Ordained</sup> the widows fund; And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Ferguson.

Monaghan Presbytery have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Potts, Thomas Kinnier, and William Scott. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson, as they know nothing of M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that M<sup>rs</sup> Henry died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of <sup>2 dead widows</sup> February last; and M<sup>rs</sup> Semple on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May last. That according to Synodical Regulations they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph <sup>Licensed</sup> Jackson and Robert Elliot, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> William Adair, and on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson.

Killyleagh Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Knox <sup>Demitted</sup> demitted his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Drumbannagher in the month of February last. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

B.mena Presbytery report, That they have entered on first Tryals Messrs. M<sup>r</sup> Kean and Davison. That M<sup>rs</sup> Hill died 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1793. <sup>Dead</sup> And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, and M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin.

Dublin Presbytery have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers.

Strabane Presbytery report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas <sup>Ordained</sup> Anderson, Minister of the United Congregation of Drumquin and Pettigo on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March last. That he is a contributor to the

widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Young.

**Dead** Root Presbytery Report, That M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Douglas died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May last, & left a widow and family. That they have entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery. And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Douglas.

**Mess<sup>rs</sup> Malcom & Carlisle dis-annexed**

Belfast Presbytery report, That upon account of Indisposition they disannexed the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Malcom from the Congregation of Drumbo; and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Carlisle, from the Congregation of Ballinderry on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May last. That they have taken M<sup>r</sup> William Whitlaw on Second Tryals, preparatory to his ordination in Ballinderry. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Alexander & Laird.

**Ordained**

T. Patrick Presbytery report, That on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> last, they ordained to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Cairncastle the Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas Alexander, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Miniss. Have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Robert Campbell. And on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, and M<sup>rs</sup> White,

**Licensed**

L.kenney Presbytery have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Dill, M<sup>c</sup>Ilwain, and Dill. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaughey, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, and M<sup>rs</sup> Delap.

Clogher Presbytery have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, and M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1794.

Presbyteries.

Armagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Livingston & Cuming.

Tyrone, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Hogg & Boylan.

Bangor, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Caldwell & Craig.

Derry, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Elder & Black.

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Trimble & Lawson.

Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Birch & J. Thomson.

Killyleagh, D<sup>r</sup>. Neilson & M<sup>r</sup> Porter.

B.mena, M<sup>r</sup> Lindsay & D<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Dublin, D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & M<sup>r</sup> Horner.

Strabane, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Hamil & Dunlop.

Root, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Marshal & Elder.

Presbyteries.

Belfast, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Birch & Kelburn.

T. Patrick, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bankhead & Abernethy.

L. Kenny, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Alexander & Leitle.

Clogher, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Johnston & Ker.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Moderator, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Moved, That the Synods next meeting be in Derry. The Question Synod at Derry was put "Meet in Derry, or Not?" The Roll was called and it carried to meet in Derry on the last Tuesday in June, 1795, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

As M<sup>r</sup> Thomson did not call Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bankhead, Kelburn, McClure, Order renewed & D<sup>r</sup> Dickson, who were appointed to revise the Abstract of the Synods Records, the order of last year to the said members is renewed.

On reading the order of last Synod for paying One pound St<sup>r</sup> to Calls of Roll each Minister who answers to his name when the Roll is called on the first & last days of Synod; Lest any doubt should arise respecting the time of said Calls; Resolved: That the first Call of the Roll on the first day, and the last Call immediately before the conclusion of the Synod, was and is, the design, and meaning of the Synod in said order.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 5 o'clock. Open Synod at 7. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

A supplication from the Congregation of Drumbannagher recom- Drumbannagher mended by M<sup>r</sup> Porter, a member of the Presbytery of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod, praying to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Killyleagh, and annexed to that of Dromore.

This granted unanimously.

A Petition from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of Stratford on Stratford on Slaney erected into a Cong<sup>o</sup>n Slaney in the County of Wicklow, was presented to this Synod stating "That they were for the greater part, Natives of Scotland, and educated in the Principles and Worship of the Scotch Church. That on account of their great distance from any place of Presbyterian Worship, they had no opportunity of Worshipping God, and having the Ordinances of the Gospel dispensed in the way which they conceive most conformable to the Spirit of Christianity, and most pleasing to their consciences; and therefore praying to be Erected into a Congregation, under the care of the Presbytery of Dublin, and to be supplied by them with preaching."



The Prayer of the above Petition granted unanimously.

Ballyhalbert

A Supplication from the Minister and Congregation of Ballihallbert to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Killyleagh and annexed to the Presbytery of Bangor was presented to this Synod.

Granted unanimously.

Markethill

A Supplication signed by Hans Peebles, Robert Peebles, John Grier, William Grier, and several other members of the Congregation of Markethill was presented to this Synod, Praying them "to disannex the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Charleton from the Pastoral care of said Congregation, or to Erect them into a distinct Cong<sup>on</sup>."

The above Supplication unanimously dismissed.

Armagh

A Supplication from several Members of the Congregation of Armagh was presented to this Synod by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Prentice and Geo. Murray, Commiss<sup>rs</sup> praying "to be indulged in procuring a "Clergyman to preach to them every Second Lords Day. as they "could not in Conscience attend upon the ministry of M<sup>r</sup> Henry."

This Supplication unanimously agreed to, and the Presbytery of Armagh, are accordingly ordered, to furnish the Petitioners with preaching until next meeting of Synod.

Overture  
agreed to

Overtured and unanimously agreed to, That from and after the present year the General Synod of Ulster will not hold any Interloq<sup>r</sup> on Business relative to their R.D. Parliamentary Grant, or Widows fund, until the proper Business of the Church shall be transacted, and finished.

Interloq<sup>r</sup> at 7, and also at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Open Synod at 11. Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Morning 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The following Overture is submitted to this Synod, in order to be considered, & disposed of, at their next meeting.

That no Candidate for the Ministry, shall be received on Tryals for Licence, to preach the Gospel by any Presbytery without a Certificate of his Abilities and Learning, from a Committee of this Synod; And that at the next and every succeeding meeting of the same, until this Rule shall be repealed, a Committee consisting of one Member, at least, from the respective Presbyteries, who may have two members present, shall be appointed in open Synod on the first day of every meeting, for the purpose of examining such candidates as may offer. That said Committee shall attend from six till nine o'clock on each succeeding morning during our sitting, or as often as may be necessary for the purpose, \* to be a Quorum.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> *Interloq<sup>r</sup> Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.*

M<sup>r</sup> Birch Chairman of the Committee of Accounts gave in the following Report, examined & approved by the Committee.

Capital of the Widows fund 9 <sup>th</sup> June, Inst...	£12690 : 19 : 6
Interest arising from the same, last year ..	£632 : 14 : 0
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> , 1793—182.	
Amount of Subscriptions to same date ..	£555 : 7 : 8
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> , 1794—65.	
Amount of Annuities due & Payable to them on that day .. ... ..	£877 : 9 : 5

Committee examined the accounts of the Kings Bounty, until March Quarter, 1793 inclusive, and found them satisfactory; and observed, That M<sup>r</sup> Black had made no charge for his Expence and Trouble during his long attendance in Dublin, relative to the late Grant.

Whereas it appears evident from experience, that the Regulations entered into by the Synod of Ulster and Presbytery of Antrim, are not sufficiently determinate and Particular as to one general standard, in disposing of the Produce of the Different Royal Grants made to them. And whereas the Synod of Ulster and Presbytery of Antrim have always exercised Authority over these Grants, as to the mode in which they should be disposed; It is proposed that the following Resolution be agreed to. “That in future only one equal Portion of the Annual Produce of our Grants shall be allotted to each particular Congregation, and this particular Portion is designed as the Property only of the oldest Minister, or of him who has officiated for the greatest length of time in that Congregation; And that where a Minister shall be obliged by age or Infirmities to demit his Charge, he shall enjoy the Bounty during his life, which on his Decease only, shall devolve to his successor in the Pastoral Charge of that Congregation.” R.D. how to  
be divided

The Question was put “Shall this Resolution pass or not?”

The Roll was called and it carried, “Pass.”

2<sup>d</sup> *Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday morning 7 o'clock.*

On reading the Resolution entered into at the preceeding Interloq<sup>r</sup> respecting the manner of dividing the Produce of the Royal Grants made to the Synod of Ulster and Presbytery of Antrim it was agreed by this Interloq<sup>r</sup>, That the Resolution then formed does not affect the Congregations of Drumboe and Ballinderry in their present Circumstances. Drumboe &  
Ballinderry

Upon reading the minute of last year, relative to the Memorials from the Dublin Presbytery of the Southern Association, and the letter from this Interloq<sup>r</sup> to those Gentlemen, it appeared, That they had declined supporting the allegations contained in them; It was therefore resolved, That said memorials be no longer *in Retentis*. Memorials not  
in Retentis

Sir John B<sup>s</sup>  
boud at  
£5½ per cent.

M<sup>r</sup> Black reported to this Interloq<sup>r</sup>, That Sir John Blackwood had agreed to our Terms respecting the money in his Hands, and that it is now at five and one-half  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent. Interest, from the twenty-third day of November last.

M<sup>r</sup> Horner

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting M<sup>r</sup> Horner, He being now present, very fully disclaimed any Intention of Acting in a manner disrespectful to this Body, or Injurious to its Reputation and Interest; Whilst this Interloq<sup>r</sup> are fully perswaded that the Principle upon which their former Resolution was founded was Right, they are now fully satisfied with the Declaration M<sup>r</sup> Horner has made.

Annuity to  
children of  
M<sup>r</sup> Jas  
Jackson

Resolved, That the Annuity of the Widow of the late M<sup>r</sup> James Jackson shall be paid into the hands of D<sup>r</sup> Jackson, for the use of the younger children, as the widow has made no claim, nor is it known whether she be alive.

*3d Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock.*

Notice of a  
motion by  
M<sup>r</sup> Trimble

M<sup>r</sup> Trimble gave notice that he will next year move the following Resolutions :

1. That no minister shall be admitted a Contributor to the Widows fund, but at the meeting of the General Synod immediately following his ordination, where the members may have an opportunity of Judging of his Constitution and general state of health.

2. That any minister who at the time of his Ordination shall have passed his twenty-fifth year, shall over and above the usual or settled, Terms of Admission pay forty shillings for every year he shall have so passed, his age to be taken from his own solemn Declaration.

3. That if it shall appear by proof, that any minister shall have concealed his real age, his widow or family shall forfeit all advantage arising from the Scheme.

4. That any minister marrying a second time, provided at the time of said marriage, he shall not have passed the age of fifty years, shall pay to the Capital of the widows fund fifteen pounds; and if past the age of sixty years thirty pounds.

Inserted 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1794, by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of G. Synod.

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At a meeting of the Gen. Synod's fixed Committee at Dungannon, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1795, called by the Moderator, the following members from the several Presb<sup>s</sup> were present :—

Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Cochran, Mod<sup>r</sup>. Robert Dickson, Clerk.

Presb<sup>a</sup>.

Armagh, Sam<sup>l</sup> Livingston, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming.

Tyrone, Moses Hogg, Hugh Boylan.

Bangor, And<sup>w</sup> Craig.

Derry, Robert Black, Henry Elder.

Monaghan, Matt. Trimble, Joseph Lawson.

Dromore, James Birch.

B.mena, James Cuming.

Strabane, Hugh Hamil, Will<sup>m</sup> Dunlop.

Root, Alex<sup>r</sup> Marshal, Matt. Elder.

Belfast, Tho<sup>s</sup> Leadlie Birch.

Clogher, James Ker, Will<sup>m</sup> Johnston.

The Moderator acquainted the meeting with his Reasons for calling it, stating, That it was in consequence of a Letter to D<sup>r</sup> Crawford from our worthy Friend M<sup>r</sup> Stewart informing him that he had a prospect of obtaining from Parliament a Grant of money for Establishing a University for the Education of Protestant Dissenters. That he had Hopes of success in the affair, and therefore alledged the propriety of calling the Gen. Synod's fixed Committee.

The Committee highly approve of the conduct of the Moderator on this occasion, and return him their thanks.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Committee be given to the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, for his unwearied Exertions in prosecuting the object for which the Committee has been this day summoned, and Thanks were accordingly given him.

Resolved unanimously, That a Letter be written to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart expressing our Gratitude for his unremitting attention to our Interest on this, as well as on former Occasions.

Resolved, That an Address from this Committee be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant; and the following Address being read, it was moved and agreed to (one Dissentient), that the said Address shall be presented to the Lord Lieutenant as the Address of this Committee.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM EARL FITZWILLIAM LORD  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR  
OF IRELAND.

May it Please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Members composing the fixed Committee of the General Synod of Ulster, beg leave to express to your Excellency the unfeigned Satisfaction which we have felt on your appointment to the Government of this Kingdom. From the private virtues of the Earl of Fitzwilliam we naturally anticipated a Publick Conduct at once Dignified, and Just, and it is with Sensations of the most lively Pleasure that we have observed the opening of your Excellency's Administration justifying the Expectations of an anxious People. In the Declarations made by your Excellency to different Classes and Descriptions of men in this country, we discern a Spirit of Generous, and Distributive Policy, commensurate with the wants of a Nation so peculiarly circumstanced for more than a century; and we look forward with confidence to the accomplishment of measures calculated to cement a General Union, and to Establish the Empire of the Laws, on its best and surest Foundation, the Affections, and Confidence of the People.

For ourselves, we intreat your Excellency to believe, That we have not departed from the Principles of our Ancestors,—And, That we will continue to recommend that Reverence for the Supreme Being, and those Sentiments of universal Benevolence, and pure Morality, which our Religious Profession so forcibly enjoins.

This in the name and by appointment of the Committee.

JAMES COCHRAN, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

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Against the foregoing Address, the following Protest was entered :—

I as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ do Protest against the Address agreed to this day by my Brethren, the Ministers of the General Synod of Ulsters fixed Committee, to be presented to his Excellency the Earl of Fitzwilliam Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, not for want of the highest Respect for the Eminent virtues of that distinguished Nobleman, and a wish to pay the most Grateful Tribute to his Liberal Professions as Chief Governor :—But because this Kingdom being at present engaged in a War, the Address does not *expressly* recognise a *Desire for Peace*.

THOS. LEDLIE BIRCH.

Dungannon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1795.

Resolved unanimously, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Cochran, our Mod<sup>r</sup>, the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Black be, and hereby are, appointed Commissioners to proceed immediately to Dublin, in order to present the Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to confer with Government, and to give such Information as may be necessary to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, and such of our friends in both Houses of Parliament, as may be disposed to favour us in that Business.

Instructions given to the Commissioners of the General Synods fixed Committee.

We do hereby appoint you the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Cochran, our Mod<sup>r</sup>, the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Black, or any two of you, to proceed forthwith to Dublin in the Character of Commissioners from the Gen. Synod of Ulster. You are there to confer with Government, with our much respected friend M<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Killymoon, and with such members of the two Houses of Parliament, as are friendly to our Interest, and use your best endeavours to procure the Establishment of an University for the Education of youth under the Patronage and Direction of the Ministers of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, the Presbytery of Antrim, and the Southern Association, Subject to the controul of Parliament, for the expenditure of any sum, or Annual Grant of money which may be made to Establish and support the said University.

The Detail of the various Regulations necessarily connected with a system of Liberal Education, will require mature and Deliberate Consideration; and for the present, we limit your Powers respecting this part of your Commission to engage in our name, That a competent number of Masters may be appointed to teach the following Branches of Science:—viz., Divinity, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, Logick, Metaphysicks, Rhetoric, Composition, Belle-Letters, History, Mathematicks, and Languages, with such other collateral Branches of General Science and Information as our funds may enable us to provide masters for.

With respect to the site of the University, you are to propose Cookstown in the County Tyrone; And provided it shall be thought, that Cookstown is not an eligible situation, you are further authorised to ascertain and fix upon a place, which shall best serve the purposes of the Institution. You are also authorised to use your best endeavours to procure a Charter for securing the Capital, and regulating the application of the Fund, belonging to such Members of the Synod, as are Contributors to the Widows and Orphans fund.

And you are generally charged and Impowered to act in our name, and on our Behalf in every matter relative to those Concerns, according to the best of your Discretion and Judgment.

Signed in our name & by our order

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of G. Synod.



The following Letter to James Stewart, Esq<sup>r</sup>, of Killymoon was read, approved, and ordered to be subscribed and transmitted by the Moderator :—

Sir,

The first Committee of the Gen. Synod of Ulster met at Dunganon agreeably to your very obliging Desire, communicated to our Moderator by D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, embrace the present Occasion to express how much the Presbyterians of Ireland must think and feel themselves Indebted to you for this new Instance of your Attention to their Interest. In their name and particularly in that of the Synod at large, which we represent, we beg leave to return you our respectful and grateful acknowledgments. Formerly on more Occasions than one, you stood forth among the first of our friends, and were an Active and Successful Instrument in procuring Benefits for our Ministers, which have served them Essentially.

Destitute of a proper Seminary for the Education of their Youth the Presbyterians ever since their first Settlement in this Country, a period of many years have been under the disagreeable necessity of sending them abroad for Instruction. This was attended with considerable expence, and many other Inconveniencies. In consequence of being thus disagreeably circumstanced, not only those among us designed for the ministry, but our People sustained a loss in point of Improvement, much to be regretted. We are highly gratified to think that there now opens to our View, a prospect of our being relieved from these Difficulties. For we understand, Sir, that with your usual Goodness you have lately been employing your Endeavours & intend to continue them, in order to procure for us the Establishment of an University. Nothing, we take the Liberty of saying, can be more agreeable to us and to all those of our Religious Denominations, and call forth our warmer acknowledgments, than the accomplishment of this great and Interesting Object.

There is another Object which you have also been so good as to turn your attention to, and given us hopes of obtaining, a Charter for the Security of our Widows fund. This we likewise consider as a matter of high Importance, and one, which for years, we have much wished to have it in our power to Effect.

According to your wishes we have appointed, and vested with full authority to act in the name of the Synod, in respect to both these points, as Commissioners, the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Cochran, our Moderator, the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Black, or any two of them, who are to proceed to Dublin immediately for the purpose. We flatter ourselves that they will render you acceptably every necessary assistance, and that the Instructions we have given them will meet with your approbation.

Suffer us, Sir, to conclude, with expressing once more our sense of the high obligations we owe you, and our Earnest and affectionate wishes, that Providence may long spare you to enjoy the refined and dignified Pleasure resulting from a Consciousness of your private &

Publick virtues, and particularly that you have embraced every opportunity of being the friend and the Benevolent Protector of those who have stood in need of your assistance.

Signed by order

JAMES COCHRAN, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Inserted 10<sup>th</sup> March 1795, by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clk. of G. Synod.

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*A Gen. Synod at Derry, 30<sup>th</sup> June 1795.*

Mr Cochran, the Mod<sup>r</sup> of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts xxvi. 18. Then Constituted it by Prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
B.mena Presb.		Monaghan Presb.	
Jos. Douglass		John Davys	
Jas. Cuming		Matt. Trimble	
Robt. Scott		Wm. Millar	
Henry Henry	John McConnel	Robt. Montgomery	
		Jas. Whiteside	
		Saml. Kennedy	
		Jos. Osborne	
L.kenny Presb.		Tyrone Presb.	
Andw. Alexander		John McClelland	Thos. Hogg
Wm. Burke		Moses Hogg	Mr. Robt. Hogg
Jos. Leitle	David Moore	Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Jas. Taylor		Jos. Smyth	
Jos. Love		Wm. Moore	
Henry Millar		Hugh Boyland	
John Holmes		Geo. Dougal	
Thos. Leech	John Frame	Thos. McCay	Wm. Ross
Wm. Kennedy		Jas. Adams	
Jas. Delap		Killyleagh Presb.	
Wm. Houston		Dr. Neilson	
Jas. McClintock		Jas. Petterson	
Hugh Delap		Jos. Jackson	
Clogher Presb.		Armagh Presb.	
Wm. Moorhead		Robert Dickson	
Jos. Denham		Thos. Cuming	Robert Shaw
Jos. King		Nath. Shaw	Jas. Wallace
Jas. Davison		Wm. Charleton	
Alexr. Marshal		Strabane Presb.	
Root Presb.		Jos. Osborne	
Wm. Knox	Matt. Henry	Dr. Crawford	Pat Fleming
John Logan		Robt. Clarke	
Dr. Marshal		Hugh Hamil	Wm. Osborne
Robt. Thomson		Wm. Dunlop	
Wm. Lynd		Thos. Anderson	
Hugh McClelland	Francis Cathers		
Robt. Rentoul			
Jas. Elder			
Matt. Elder			
Daniel Blair			
Alexr. Martin			
Archd. Fullerton			
John Smyth			



## Derry Presb.

Saml. Patten	Oliver Scott
John Law	
Arthur Kyle	
Jas. Knox	Andw. Gilpin
Dr. Young	Wm. Walker
Robt. Black	Dr. Petterson
Francis Gray	Wm. Osborne
John Irvine	
Hugh Brooks	Alexr. Deen
Wm. Cunningham	
Robt. Caldwell	
Henry Elder	
Robert Steel	Oliver Hamilton
Richard Dill	

## T. Patrick Presb.

John Bankhead  
Robert Orr  
Robert Thompson  
Robert Acheson  
Thos. Alexander

## Dromore Presb.

Isaac Patrick	John Crawford
Saml. Barber	
Jas. Birch	
Jos. Hay	
John Sherrard	
Jas. Waddell	

## Belfast Presb.

Saml. Patten	
Thos. L. Birch	Jas. Magee
James Simson	

## Bangor Presb.

Jas. Cochran	Robert Dunn
Andw. Craig	
Jas. Sinclair	
Jas. Porter	
David Taggart	

## Dublin Presb.

Jas. Horner

Mr Cochran having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, The following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Cuming, John Holmes, William Moorhead, D<sup>r</sup> Marshal, John Davys, Moses Hogg, D<sup>r</sup> Neilson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, Hugh Hamil, Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten, John Bankhead, Isaac Patrick, Sam. Patten, Jun<sup>r</sup>, And<sup>w</sup> Craig, Ja<sup>s</sup> Horner. The Roll was called, and D<sup>r</sup> Marshal chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The Several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the Several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, and Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund; Of any that have died; and of the time when such did die.

Mr Trimble is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock according to appointment of last Gen. Synod; and Mr Patten of Derry Presbytery, to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries, Comtee<sup>s</sup> of as a Committee to Inspect the accounts of our Agent—viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Acct<sup>s</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry Henry, And<sup>w</sup> Alexander, James Davison, Will<sup>m</sup> Knox, John Davys, Joseph Smyth, D<sup>r</sup> Neilson, Nat<sup>h</sup> Shaw, Hugh Hamil, John Law, Robert Orr, Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, And<sup>w</sup> Craig, Ja<sup>s</sup> Horner. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning

at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote. The Committee to report.

Order to  
said Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the capital of the Widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due and payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1794 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1795.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning, 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Mr Trimble preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports.

Dead

Mr Henry  
suspended

Armagh Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Jackson died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last, leaving a widow & children. That on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of last month they dissolved the Pastoral Relation subsisting between the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Henry, & the Congregation of Armagh; and that they had suspended him from the Exercis of the Ministerial Functions *Sine Die*. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Scott & M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Bangor Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson & M<sup>rs</sup> Hull.

Licensed

Dromore Presb. report, That agreeably to Synodical Regulations they have licenssed M<sup>r</sup> Adair, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson and family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Demitted

Killyleagh Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> McComb Demitted his Pastoral Charge of the united Congregation of Cregan and Newtown Hamilton on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> last. That on 11<sup>th</sup> June they ordained in that Congregation M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Jackson, who proposed to become a Contributor to the Widows fund on the following terms. I do hereby Order M<sup>r</sup> Black or the Agent of the Gen. Synod for the time being to pay into the Widows fund, the sum usually paid for the first year by Contributors out of my R.D. as soon as it shall become due to me, according to Synodical Regulations, as also the sum of 40 shillings every year afterwards during my ministry. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Ordained

Resigned

Ordained

Dead

Root Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> McMechan resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Killrea in October last. That on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March last they ordained in his place M<sup>r</sup> John Smyth, who is a Contributor to the Widows fund. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Simson died on 4<sup>th</sup> March last, leaving a widow & children. That they have on Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery & Ben Mitchel. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup>

Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Moore, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Douglas, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> McMullan, and M<sup>rs</sup> Simson.

Belfast Presb. report, That on the first Tuesday of August 1794 <sup>Ordained</sup> they Ordained in the Congregation of Ballinderry M<sup>r</sup> William Whitlaw, who is a Contributor to the Widows fund. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James <sup>Dead</sup> Huey died 24 Oct<sup>r</sup> last leaving no family. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Geo. <sup>Dead</sup> McEwen died 20<sup>th</sup> March last leaving a widow & children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, M<sup>rs</sup> McEwen, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Laird.

Derry Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Goorly resigned his <sup>Resigned</sup> Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Moneyreagh 5<sup>th</sup> August last. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Ferguson.

Strabane Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Young.

Tyrone Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Todd died in January <sup>Dead</sup> last leaving a widow & children. That they have agreeably to Synodical Regulations licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Duff who subscribed the W. <sup>Licensed</sup> Conf. of Faith. Have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hogg and David Grier. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd & family of M<sup>r</sup> White.

Dublin Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell & M<sup>rs</sup> Rodgers.

Monaghan Presb. report, That agreeably to Synodical Regulations <sup>Licensed</sup> they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Geo. Potts, Thomas Kinnier & Malcom Scott; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson.

T.Patrick Presb. report, That they have Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James <sup>Licensed</sup> Bankhead & Robert Campbell; And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar M<sup>rs</sup> White, & M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan.

B.mena Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Lindsay died on the <sup>Dead</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> of May last leaving a widow & children. That M<sup>rs</sup> O'Brian died <sup>Widow dead</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> May last. That according to Synodical Regulations they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Davison. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, <sup>Licensed</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay.

L.kenny Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Marshal died in the <sup>Dead</sup> first week of May last leaving children. That they have Licensed <sup>Licensed</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dill, Stephenson & M<sup>r</sup> Ilwain. Have on Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Culbert & Dill. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gaughey, M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Marshal.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for the year 1795.

Presbs.                      Minrs.

Armagh,    Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Shaw

Clogher,    Mess<sup>rs</sup> Johnston & Davison



Presbs.

Minrs.

Bangor, D<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> CaldwellDromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barber & SherrardKillyleagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Porter & JacksonRoot, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rentoul & ThomsonBelfast, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patten & BirchDerry, D<sup>r</sup> Young & M<sup>r</sup> BlackStrabane, D<sup>r</sup> Crawford & M<sup>r</sup> AndersonTyrone, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyland & AdamsDublin, D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & M<sup>r</sup> HornerMonaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & LawsonT. Patrick. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bankhead & ThomsonB. mena, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry & Hen. HenryL. kenny, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ramsay & M<sup>c</sup>Clintock.

These with an elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Stewartstown when called by the Moderator on any Emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Conduct of  
Synods  
Comtee  
Sustained

The minutes of the proceedings of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee which met at Dungannon on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February last being read, the Conduct of the Committee was unanimously sustained.

Conduct of  
Commissioners  
approved

The Report of the Commissioners delegated by the fixed Committee to negotiate the Establishment of an University in Ulster for the Education of Protestant Dissenters, and to present the Address of the Committee to the Lord Lieutenant being also read, the Conduct of the Commissioners was unanimously approved.

L<sup>d</sup> Lient's  
Answer to  
Address of  
Comtee

The Answer of the Lord Lieutenant to the Address of the Committee is as follows:—

Gentlemen

I return you thanks for this Address. It has been the great Object of my Ambition, since I undertook the Government of this country to secure to his Majesty what he so eminently merits, the Affection & Confidence of his People. On Fidelity to his Royal Person & Government and on Attachment to the Constitution of which He forms so Essential a part, the wellbeing of these Kingdoms ex-

clusively rests. These have been the Principles of your Ancestors, and I am happy to find that you have not departed from them.

The Overture submitted to last Synod respecting the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry, by a Committee of the Synod, being read, It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That said Overture be rejected. Overture rejected

Moved, That the next meeting of the Gen. Synod shall be at Belfast, in the meeting house of the third Congregation on the last Tuesday in June 1796. The Question being put and the Roll called it carried in the affirmative by a great majority. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Synod to meet at Belfast

In consequence of the Report of the Commissioners of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee, it was the unanimous Opinion of the Synod that the Application for the Establishment of an University should be farther prosecuted, and that for this purpose, a letter should be written to the Lord Lieutenants Secretary on the Subject. A Committee being appointed to prepare a letter, it was read, unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be transmitted to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, to be by him forwarded to M<sup>r</sup> Pelham. A Committee was also appointed, consisting of the following members, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Marshal, our Moderator, D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, D<sup>r</sup> McDowel, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, & M<sup>r</sup> Black, vested with full authority to transact all Business on this Head as they may think proper. Application for Establishment of an University to be farther prosecuted

Comt<sup>ee</sup> to attend on M<sup>r</sup> Pelham

The letter to Secretary Pelham is as follows :—

Londonderry 1<sup>st</sup> July 1795.

Sir

We the Ministers and Elders composing the General Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual meeting, take the liberty of Informing you, as holding a Place of high Importance in the Government of this Country; That under the late Administration we applied for the Establishment of an University, for educating the youth of our Religious Denomination through the medium of M<sup>r</sup> James Stewart of Killymoon, a Gentleman of Distinguished Respectability, who has with much Kindness and Zeal, interested himself on our Behalf, on many occasions. We were particularly encouraged to use our Endeavours to Obtain this Important Object by Lord Fitzwilliam's Declaration to Parliament, That it was his Majesty's wish that a system of Education should be adopted favourable to the Improvement of his Subjects of all Religious Descriptions in Ireland. Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Pelham

Permit us Sir to acquaint you, that we had the Pleasure to find, That those in the Confidence of Lord Fitzwilliam were well disposed to gratify us in this matter. Our application was for a Seminary of Instruction Invested with the Privileges of an University to be placed under the Patronage of the ministers of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, the Presbytery of Antrim and the Southern Association, and supported by an annual Endowment of Two Thousand Pounds. In this Seminary Divinity, Philosophy, Rhetorick, Mathematicks, and the Languages were to be taught by a competent number of Professors to which other

Branches of Education were to be added as circumstances might permit.

We understand, That upon the late change of Administration this Business was mentioned to you, and explained by M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, to whom you were so obliging as to say, "That you were well disposed to receive and attend to our Communications on the Subject," informing him at the same time that a general Plan of Education was to be digested and carried into execution, and that Commissioners would be appointed for that purpose. We trust Sir that in framing this Plan, Regard will be paid to our application, which we request you may be so good as to lay before his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and that proper measures will be taken to render it effectual.

At present we constitute a large, and permit us Sir, to say, a Respectable part of the People. When what we have been—What we are—And hope ever will be—in our attachment to the great Principles of the Constitution, and to the Peace, the Order, & the welfare of our Country, are considered, we trust, That the confident expectations we have been led to entertain with respect to the Establishment and support of an University will not be disappointed.

This Letter will be transmitted to you by M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, who has been so good as to consent to take charge of it and forward it. We take the liberty to request, That your answer, and any farther communications on the subject, may be directed to the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Marshal, our Moderator, at Ballymoney, whom with D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, & M<sup>r</sup> Black, we have appointed our Commissioners to attend upon you in Dublin, when you may be pleased to call upon them for the purpose, and whom we have invested with full authority to act for us in all respects, in this Business, as to them may seem expedient.

We are Sir, &c.,

ALEXR. MARSHAL, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Session concluded with Prayer Adjourned till 5 o'clock.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock after prayer.*

Overture  
agreed to

It is Overtured, "That no new Congregation shall be Erected at the meeting of the Synod at which it is first proposed."

This Overture unanimously agreed to.

Drumbo

An Appeal, Memorial, and Supplication from the Congregation of Drumbo were presented to the Synod, by Capt. Kelly Commissioner, complaining that the Presbytery of Belfast had delayed the Ordination of M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, among them and had refused to give them Satisfaction as to several Points in dispute between them and their late minister, M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, respecting money accounts, and Praying that the Synod might take such steps, as to them may seem expedient for settling these Accounts, and forwarding M<sup>r</sup> Hanna's Ordination.



After hearing the Parties at considerable length, the Synod unanimously approve of the conduct of the Presbytery of Belfast, But considering that Party disputes have run high in that Congregation and that the Business itself has been attended with much difficulty, they appoint a Committee consisting of the following members, viz. Dr Dickson, Dr Neilson, Mr McClure, Mr Cochran, Mr Craig, Mr John Thomson, Mr Thomas Cuming, Mr Shaw, & Mr Orr, with Elders, to meet at Drumbo, on the last Tuesday of this month, five to be a Quorum, who are vested with full Powers finally to issue the Business. The Presbytery of Belfast are directed to attend and to give every Information in their power on the Subject. And the Congregation are enjoined to produce their Books to the Committee, & to bring forward all papers that may be called for, tending to throw light on the affair, Mr Cuming to preach.

Comtee to meet  
at Drumbo

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Morning 8 o'clock, after Prayer.*

A Supplication was presented to the Synod from a part of the Congregation of Drumbannagher by Mr John Goorly, Commiss<sup>r</sup>, Praying, That the Presbytery of Dromore might be ordered to take a third Poll for Mr Arnold, as they conceived that the Happiness of their Congregation depended on his settlement among them.

Drumbannagher

Another Supplication from another part of the Congregation of Drumbannagher was also presented to the Synod by Mr Absalom Best, Commissioner, Praying that Mr Arnold might be set aside, and that the Synod would appoint a Probationer to preach four Lord's Days in their Congregation as a Candidate for becoming their minister.

It was unanimously agreed, that both Supplications be dismissed.

Synodical Business being finished, The Interloq<sup>r</sup> is appointed to meet at 11 o'clock. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Morning 11 o'clock.*

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting Drumbo it was moved and unanimously resolved that the Congregation of Drumbo, shall not be an exception to the general Rule, respecting the Distribution of the R.D.

Drumbo

Mr Trimble declined for the present to bring forward the first three Resolutions of which he gave notice last year, but moved the fourth, amended in the following manner. "That every Contributor to the widows fund shall, upon every marriage after the first, contribute fifteen pounds for the benefit of the fund."

Motion by  
Mr Trimble

The Question was put, "Shall this Resolution pass?" The Roll being called, it carried in the affirmative, by a great majority. And in order to carry the Objects of this Resolution into effect, every

Presbytery is enjoined to give immediate Information to our Agent upon the second, or any subsequent marriage, of any of their members.

Mr William  
Millar

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that upon Mr William Millar continuing to pay the sum of 40 shillings annually into the widows fund, his widow or children shall be entitled to the Benefit of the fund.

Report of  
Comtee of  
Accts

Mr Alexander Chairman of the Committee of Accounts gave in the following Report.

Capital of the Widows fund 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1795	..	£13037 : 16 : 6
Interest arising from the same last year	..	£669 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1794—185.		
Sum contributed by them for one year till that date	..	£550 : 13 : 10
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1795—65.		
Amount of annuities due & payable to them at that period	..	£875 : 19 : 2

Examined & approved the account of the R.D. to March Quarter 1795 inclusive; and also the Account of the widows fund to January 1795 inclusive.

ANDW. ALEXANDER.

July 2<sup>d</sup> 1795.

Expences of G.  
Synod's fixed  
Comtee & of  
their Commissrs  
to be defrayed  
out of R.D.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, That the Expences of the several members of the Gen. Synods fixed Committee, which met at Dungannon on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February last; as also the Expences of the Commissioners appointed by them to proceed to Dublin for the purpose of negotiating the Establishment of an University, and presenting their Address to the Lord Lieutenant, be defrayed out of the General Fund of the R.D.

Mr Black to  
pay 5 per cent.  
for ballance of  
Wd's fund in  
his hands

Mr Black having proposed to pay five per cent Interest for the Ballance of the widows fund now in his Hands, until next meeting of Synod, the proposal was agreed to by the Interloq<sup>r</sup>.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read and our Moderator & Mr Craig appointed to answer it.

The Mod<sup>r</sup> concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 14<sup>th</sup> August 1795, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod at Belfast, 28 June 1796.*

D<sup>r</sup> Marshal the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this, by preaching from 1 Cor. xvi. 13. Then constituted it by Prayer; after which appeared from the several Presbyteries the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
L.kenney Presb.		Armagh	
Andw. Alexander		Saml. Livingston	
Jas. McClintock		Robt. Dickson	
	Clogher	Thos. Cuming	
		Nath. Shaw	Jas. Hanna
Wm. Moorhead		Wm. Charleton	
Joseph Denham		Jas. Bankhead	
Jas. Davison		Strabane	
	Root	Dr. Crawford	
		Thos. Anderson	
Wm. Knox			Derry
Dr. Marshal	John Boyd	Robt. Black	
Robt. Thomson		Robt. Steel	Hugh McPherson
Wm. Lynd			T. Patrick
Hugh McClelland			
Robt. Rentoul		John Lewson	
Matt. Elder		John Wright	John Craig
Alexr. Martin		Thos. Read	
Jas. Brown	Robt. Sherrard	Wm. Montgomery	
John Glasgow		John Bankhead	John Horsborough
	Monaghan	John Abernethy	
		John Gibson	
Matt. Trimble		John Savage	Hugh Kirk
Robt. Montgomery		Adam Hill	Robt. Read
John Arnold		Robt. Orr	John Bell
Jas. Whiteside		Robt. Thomson	
Jas. Gouday		John Murphy	
	Tyrone	Robt. Acheson	
		Thos. Alexander	
John McClelland	Thos. Hogg		Dromore
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg		
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	John Oliver	Isaac Patrick	Geo. Crawford
Wm. Stitt	Wm. Sproul	Robt. McClure	Abm. Irvine
Wm. Moore	John McIlwain	Saml. Barber	Archd. Moffat
Hugh Boylan		Jas. Birch	John Baxter
Thos. McCay		John Thomson	John Burnay
Hen. McIlree		Jos. Little	
Jas. Adams	Jas. Arthurs	John Sherrard	Thos. Crawford
	Killyleagh	Francis Turretine	
		Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
Dr. Neilson	Jas. Bingham	Wm. Fletcher	Wm. McMin
Robt. Porter	Bobt Brown	Jas. Waddell	Saml. McAdam
James Petterson		John McClelland	John Petterson
Jos. Jackson	Wm. Donaldson	John McCance	John McKibbin
		Alexr. Petterson	Absalom Best



Belfast.		Bangor—continued	
Saml. Patten	Jas. McCulla	Jas. Sinclair	
Alexr. Henry	Geo. Stewart	Jas. Porter	Wm. Byars
Thos. L. Birch	Thos. Lindsay	Jas. Knox	
Andw. Grier	David Campbell	Geo. Dobbin	
Geo. Brydone	David McCormick	David Taggart	Saml. Bryson
Sinclair Kelburn	David Thoburn		
Jos. Harrison	Henry Rankin		Dublin
Jas. Simson			
Wm. Whitlaw	Edwd. Murray		No member present.
Saml. Hanna	Robt. Smyth		
			B. mena
Bangor			
Jas. Cochran	John Wightman	Jas. Cuming	John Foster
Jas. Bryson	Andw. John Barnet	Robt. Scott	
Jas. Caldwell	John Sinclair	Robt. Christy	John Davison
Dr. Dickson	Hugh Bodin	Thos. Henry	
Andw. Craig	Thos. Potts	Henry Henry	
		Alexr. Montgomery	Jas. Scott
		Wm. Hamilton	Alexr. Brown

Modr chosen

D<sup>r</sup> Marshal having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> James McClinton, William Moorhead, William Knox, William Moore, D<sup>r</sup> Neilson, Samuel Livingston, Robert Steel, John Lewson, Isaac Patrick, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, James Caldwell, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Cuming. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Patrick chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to  
Presbs

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee. An Account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed, and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last General Synod. An account of Annuitants on the fund. Of any that have died, and of the time when such did die.

M<sup>r</sup> Patten who was appointed to preach on the second day of the meeting of this Synod, not attending through Indisposition, M<sup>r</sup> Kelburn the *Pastor loci*, is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. And M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Moore, of Tyrone Presbytery, is ordered to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting at 9 o'clock before noon.

Comtee of  
Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> McClinton, Ja<sup>s</sup> Davison, W<sup>m</sup> Knox, Ja<sup>s</sup> Whiteside, Ja<sup>s</sup> Adams, Ja<sup>s</sup> Petterson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, Robert Steel, John Bankhead, Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, And<sup>w</sup> Craig, Robert Christy, & Pat Vance. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote. The Committee to report.

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The Number of Contributors to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due and payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1795 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1796. Order to sd Comtee

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning 11 o'clock after prayer.*

Mr Kelburn preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports :—

Armagh Presbytery report, That M<sup>r</sup> Bryson resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Dundalk, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June Inst. That M<sup>r</sup> Cuming resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Dromore on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last, and was Installed in the Congregation of Armagh, on 26<sup>th</sup> January following. That on 23<sup>d</sup> March last they ordained in the Congregation of Dromore M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John Mulligan. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, and M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson. Resigned  
Installed  
Ordained

Clogher Presbytery report, That M<sup>r</sup> Marshal resigned his Pastoral Charge of the united Congregation of Newport & Thurlow, and that on the 27 Dec<sup>r</sup> last they ordained in said Congregation M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Hall, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That M<sup>rs</sup> Scott died on 26 Dec<sup>r</sup> last. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan. Resigned  
Ordained  
Dead

Strabane Presbytery have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Young.

L.kenny Presbytery report, That they have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Dill who is a Contributor to the widows fund. Have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill according to Synodical Regulations. Have entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton. And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Marshal. Ordained  
Licensed

Monaghan Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Millar resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Croghan, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1795. That they Installed in that Congregation the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lawson on 16<sup>th</sup> June Inst. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, and M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson. Resigned  
Installed

Killyleagh Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

- esigned T.Patrick Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Abernethy resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of T.Patrick 2<sup>d</sup> January last. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, and M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan.
- Dead Tyrone Presbytery report, That M<sup>r</sup> Smyth died 20 July 1795  
 Dead leaving a widow and children. That M<sup>r</sup> Murray died on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Licensed of September following, leaving children. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hogg who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Murray.
- Resigned Ballymena Presbytery report, That M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Douglas resigned  
 Ordained his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Clough, on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1795 through Age & Bodily Infirmary. That they ordained at B.mena on 21<sup>st</sup> June Inst M<sup>r</sup> William Hamilton who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, and M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay.
- Ordained Dromore Presbytery report, That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Petterson at Drumbannagher, on 14<sup>th</sup> June Inst, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.
- Ordained Root Presbytery report, That they ordained at Garvagh on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1795 M<sup>r</sup> James Brown, and at Coleraine on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1796 M<sup>r</sup> John Glasgow. That both subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and  
 Licensed are Contributors to the widows fund. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery. Have on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Murrell, Ben Mitchel and M<sup>r</sup> Lang. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Douglas, and M<sup>rs</sup> Simson.
- Licensed Bangor Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Hull & John Cochran Wightman agreeable to Synodical Regulations. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, and M<sup>rs</sup> Hull.
- Ordained Belfast Presbytery report, That on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of August 1795 they ordained in the Congregation of Drumbo M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hanna who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith and is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Warrick, W<sup>m</sup> Colvill, Ja<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Culla, and Francis Johnston. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Laird.
- Resigned Derry Presbytery report, That M<sup>r</sup> Irvine (through Bodily Indisposition as he stated) resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Faughan on 22<sup>d</sup> February last. And that the Presbytery accepted his Resignation from a perswasion of his Incapacity, to discharge the ministerial Duties. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, and M<sup>rs</sup> Patten.



Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for 1796.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Armagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Cuming

Clogher, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Millar & Johnston

Strabane, D<sup>r</sup> Crawford & M<sup>r</sup> Anderson

L.kenny, Mess<sup>s</sup> Hugh Delap & Leech

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Whiteside

T.Patrick, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomson & Acheson

Tyrone, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boylan & Adams

B.mena, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry & Hen. Henry

Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & Magee

Root, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown & Glasgow

Bangor, D<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Porter

Belfast, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & Kelburn

Derry, D<sup>r</sup> Young & M<sup>r</sup> Black.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery and our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

D<sup>r</sup> Neilson the Moderator of the Synods Committee which met at Report Drumbo, reported to the Synod, That the Committee had issued the Business for which they had been appointed.

Moved, That next meeting of Synod shall be Armagh. Moved <sup>Synods meeting</sup> also, that it be at Lurgan. It was also moved, That it be at Belfast. The Roll being called, it carried by a great majority to meet at Belfast on the last Tuesday in June 1797. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 5 o'clock.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Evening 5 o'clock after Prayer.*

Upon reading the Return of the Presbytery of Dromore, It was <sup>Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Books</sup> moved, and agreed to, That the ancient Regulation of this Synod

respecting the different Sub-Synods & Presbyteries bringing their Books to the Synod to be there inspected by the Committee appointed for that purpose, be renewed, and for the future strictly observed.

Overture

Overture.—That whereas certain Regulations respecting Intrants, into the Ministry, as to the Extent & Duration of their Course of Study, previous to their being Licensed to preach the Gospel by any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, have been in force for several years, we hereby recognise the wisdom & authority of said Regulations. And we further add and enjoin—That no Person hereafter licensed to preach the Gospel, by any other Body, or Society of Ministers within this Kingdom, or elsewhere, shall be received by any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, as a Preacher to preach in, or be ordained to, any vacant Congregation under our care, without producing satisfactory Credentials of his having passed through a course of Study in Extent and Duration equal to that prescribed by this Synod to young men to be by them Licensed.

After reasoning on the Subject the Question was put, “Dismiss this Overture or not?” The Roll was called, and it carried, “Not” by a great majority.

Clough

A Supplication from the Session and Congregation of Clough was presented to the Synod, stating, “That they understood the Presbytery of Killyleagh was about to be dissolved,” and Praying, “That they might be put under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Presbytery of Bangor.”

The Prayer of the above Supplication was granted unanimously.

Killmore

Dr Neilson and the Congregation of Killmore having requested “the consent and authority of this Synod to cease to be connected with “the Presbytery of Killyleagh, and to be put under the care of the “Presbytery of Armagh.” Their Request was granted unanimously.

Ballee

A Supplication from the Congregation of Ballee was presented to this Synod by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Petterson, Pastor of said Congregation, Commissioner, stating, “That as the Presbytery of Killyleagh, to which they belonged, was about to be dissolved, They wish to be put under the care of the Presbytery of Bangor.”

This granted unanimously.

Creggan

A Supplication from the Minister and united Congregation of Creggan and Newton Hamilton was also presented to the Synod, Praying to be put under the Care of the Presbytery of Dromore.

This also granted unanimously.

Synodical Business being finished, the Interloq<sup>r</sup> is appointed to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Morning 7 o'clock.*

Drumbo

A Memorial was presented from the Congregation of Drumbo stating, That they considered themselves aggrieved by the Resolution

of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last year, which precluded their minister from a share of the R.D., and Praying, That a Proportion of it may be allowed to him.

The Prayer of this memorial granted.

A Supplication was presented from Ann Jackson, widow of the late M<sup>r</sup> Jackson of Ballybay, Praying, That the Annuity due to her as the widow of a member of this Body may in future be paid to herself. Wid<sup>w</sup>  
Jackson

It was moved, "Grant this supplication or not?" The Roll was called, and it carried, "Grant."

Resolved unanimously, That the sum to be paid to each Annui- Annuity £15  
tant on the fund from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1796 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1797 shall be fifteen pounds.

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

Capital of the Widows fund 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1796 ..	£13143 : 16 : 9
Interest from the same last year ..	£713 : 12 : 0
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1795—180.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date .. .. .	£347 : 11 : 8
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1796—71.	
Amount of annuities payable to them at that date	£926 : 18 : 7

Examined and approved, the accounts of the R.D. up to the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1796, inclusive—and also the accounts of the widows fund, up to the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

JOHN BANKHEAD, Chairman.

Belfast, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1796.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock.*

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, and D<sup>r</sup> Marshal and M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson appointed to answer it.

M<sup>r</sup> Black is impowered to lend the Ballance of the widows fund now in his hands, on such securities, as he, with the concurrence of the Trustees, shall deem sufficient.

Resolved that our Agent be, and hereby is, ordered not to pay any R.D. to any minister, who has resigned his Pastoral Charge of a Congregation, unless the Presbytery of which he was a member, shall return him to the Synod, as having resigned through age, or Bodily Infirmary Order to our  
Agent

On reading the Return of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's Ordination, and of the Terms on which he proposed to become a Contributor to the fund, It was proposed and agreed to, That M<sup>r</sup> Jackson and every other minister in Similar Circumstances shall be allowed to become a Contributor, on Mr Jackson  
admitted a  
Contributor  
to the fund



the following terms : That he do pay 40 Shillings annually, together with the Interest of thirty pounds from the day of his Ordination, until a sum equal to the R.D. is paid ; And should M<sup>r</sup> Jackson die leaving a widow or children on the fund before said R.D. is paid ; That said sum shall be paid, before she, or they, shall be entitled to the fund.

M<sup>r</sup> Jackson being asked whether he would become a contributor on these terms, answered in the affirmative.

Against the foregoing Resolution the following Protest was given in.

We do hereby Protest against the Resolution of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, this day entered into, relative to the admission of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jackson of Cregan, as a subscriber to the widows fund, for the following Reasons :—

Protest against  
M<sup>r</sup> Jacksons  
admission

1. Because we deem it in our humble Opinion a Dangerous Innovation as sapping a fundamental Principle of the scheme, and tending to its final Ruin.

2. That it carries with it an Insult to a member of our Body, to whom such Indulgence, or any other, was positively refused, and carries with it the appearance of Partiality & Injustice.

Belfast, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1796.—W<sup>m</sup> Steel Dickson, W<sup>m</sup> Stitt, Adam Hill, Robert Christy, Robert Acheson, John McCance, Sinclair Kelburn.

The Letter to the Trustees of the widows fund was subscribed by the Moderator and transmitted to George McConchy, Esq<sup>r</sup> Dublin,.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 18<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1796, by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of G. Synod.

The following Letter from the Right Honourable Tho<sup>s</sup> Pelham, Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in answer to the letter of this Synod dated Londonderry, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1795, was received but omitted to be entered in its proper place in the Minutes of 1796.

Dublin Castle,

21<sup>st</sup> July, 1795.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, written in the name of the Ministers, & Elders composing the General Synod of Ulster & signed by you as Moderator, in which you inform me that an application had been made for the Establishment of an University, for the Educating the youth of your Religious Denomination ; & that you had the pleasure to find that the Gentlemen in the confidence of Lord Fitzwilliam were well disposed to gratify you in that matter ; you acquaint me also that the application alluded to, was for a Seminary of

Instruction, invested with the Privileges of an University to be placed under the Patronage of the Ministers of the General Synod, of the Presbytery of Antrim, & of the Southern Association, & to be supported by an annual endowment of two thousand pounds.

I must beg leave to observe to you, upon this part of your letter, that I do not find either in the Office, or in any proceeding in Parliament during the last session, any trace of the Plan you have alluded to, and altho' I took some pains on my arrival in this country to find out what measures were in agitation, in order to carry such into effect, as seemed calculated for the general Interests of the Country. I never heard from any one that such a thing was in contemplation, & from M<sup>r</sup> Stewart alone have I ever known of your wishes until I received your Letter.

With respect to the Conversation that passed between M<sup>r</sup> Stewart & me I am satisfied that he repeated it correctly; and in truth it amounted only to a declaration on my part, that whenever the Subject of Education in general (which had been the subject of a long Investigation by a Board appointed for that purpose) was taken up by Government & submitted to Parliament, I should be very happy to confer with M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, or any person belonging to the Synod of Ulster.

Your request that I should submit your wishes & Expectations to the Lord Lieutenant, I shall take the earliest opportunity of attending to. You may rest assured that your Attachment to the great Principles of the Constitution, to the Peace, the Order, & the welfare of the Country have not escaped his Excellency's notice, and that your professions will be duely considered by him upon all occasions.

I have the Honor to be

Sir your Most obedient Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

THOS. PELHAM.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Alexander Marshal, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

A true copy.

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

*Lurgan 16<sup>th</sup> June 1797.*

The Moderator having called the General Synod's fixed Committee, to meet at Lurgan on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1797 the following Members attended, viz.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Isaac Patrick Mod<sup>r</sup>. Robert Dickson Clerk.

Sam Livingston & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming of Presb. Armagh

James Birch & W <sup>m</sup> Magee	Presb. Dromore
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Robert Black	„ Derry
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Henry Henry	„ B.mena
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The following members of Synod were also present viz.

Rev <sup>d</sup> John Sherrard	Presb. Dromore
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Nath Shaw & Ja <sup>s</sup> Bankhead	„ Armagh
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W <sup>m</sup> Hamilton	„ B.mena
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The Moderator read Several Letters, which he had received from several members of Synod, urging him to call the fixed Committee, for the purpose of considering the expediency of postponing the time & changing the place of the meeting of the Synod ; and offering their reasons for this measure.

The Gentlemen present after maturely weighing these Reasons & collecting as much Information on the subject as in their power, were unanimously of Opinion ; That the meeting of Synod ought to be postponed, till the first Tuesday of September next, and they were farther unanimously of Opinion, That the Moderator, after consulting the several Presbyteries & procuring the best advice should, if he deemed it necessary, change the place of meeting & even make a farther postponement.

Inserted by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.

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*A General Synod at Belfast, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1797.*

Mr Patrick the Moderator of the former Synod, opened this, by preaching from Tit. ii. 15., then constituted it by Prayer, after which the following members from the Several Presbyteries were present, viz. :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presb.		T. Patrick—continued,	
None		John Murphy	
Root.		Robert Campbell	John Galt
		Dromore.	
Wm. Lynd		Isaac Patrick	John Arnold
Hugh McClelland		Robert M'Clure	Geo. Maxwell
James Elder		James Birch	Jas. McAdam
Alexr. Martin		John Thomson	Hugh McFarra
John Glasgow		Francis Turretine	
	Monaghan.	James Waddell	
		John M'Clelland	John Patterson
Matt. Trimble		John M'Cance	James Stitt
Robt. Montgomery		Alexr. Patterson	
James Whiteside		Joseph Jackson	
	Tyrone.		Belfast.
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg	Saml. Patten	John McCallum
Wm. Moore		Alexr. Henry	
Thos. M'Cay		Thos. L. Birch	Wm. Shaw
Henry M'Iree	Saml. Kidd	Andw. Grier	John Warnock
	Armagh.	Joseph Harrison	
		James Simson	
		Saml. Hanna	Francis Johnston
Robert Dickson			Bangor
Dr. Neilson		Dr. Dickson	
Nath. Shaw	Alexr. Bower	Robert Porter	
Wm. Charleton	John Burgess	Andw. Craig	Robert Smyth
James Bankhead		James Sinclair	
	Strabane.	James Porter	
	None.	David Taggart	
	Derry.		Dublin.
Robert Black			None.
Henry Elder			B. mena.
Richard Dill			
	T. Patrick.	Joseph Douglas	
		James Cuming	John Foster
Thos. Read		Robert Christy	
Wm. Montgomery		Wm. Hamilton	
John Savage			L. kenny.
Adam Hill			
Robert Orr	John Bell		
Robert Thomson		Francis Dill	

Mod<sup>r</sup>  
chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Patrick having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Lynd, Matthew Trimble, Moses Hogg, Doctor Neilson, Henry Elder, William Montgomery, John McClelland, Tho<sup>s</sup> Birch, Robert Porter, James Cuming, & Francis Dill. The Roll was called, and D<sup>r</sup> Neilson chosen.

Cerk continued

M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their Members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last general Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died, & of the time when such did Die.

Second sermon

M<sup>r</sup> Moore is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock according to appointment of last General Synod; and M<sup>r</sup> William Montgomery is appointed to preach on the second Day of this Synods next meeting at 8 o'clock before noon.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of  
Accts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to Inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> McClelland, McCay, Shaw, Elder, Montgomery, John Thomson, Hanna, James Porter, Hamilton, & Dill. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to  
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Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloquitur the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same; The number of Contributors to the fund, and the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund and the sum due and payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1796, till 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1797.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

*2d Session Wednesday morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Moore preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports.

Ordained

Licensed

Dead

Armagh Presbytery report, That on 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last they Ordained at Dundalk M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Neilson, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That on 2<sup>d</sup> August last they Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Bower, according to Synodical Regulations. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Bryson died in the beginning of March last, leaving a widow and children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson.

Derry Presbytery have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, and M<sup>rs</sup> Patten.

Dromore Presbytery report, That according to Synodical Regulations they have Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John & Samuel Watson, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe died on 3<sup>d</sup> June last, leaving a widow and children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe, and families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mich. & W<sup>m</sup> Henry. 2 Licensed Dead

T.Patrick Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Gibson died on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1796, leaving a widow & children. That on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1796 they Ordained at Templepatrick M<sup>r</sup> Robert Campbell, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson. Dead Ordained

Root Presbytery report, That they ordained at Billy on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last M<sup>r</sup> Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Kee, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Morrell, Mitchell & Lang, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That they have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Little, Sen<sup>r</sup>, & Jun<sup>r</sup>. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, and that M<sup>rs</sup> Douglas died in the beginning of July last. Ordained 3 Licensed Dead

Letterkenny Presbytery report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> David Hamilton according to Synodical Regulations. That they have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Matthew Herron. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Marshal. Licensed

Tyrone Presbytery report, That they have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wallace, Carson & Huey; And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth & family of M<sup>r</sup> Murray.

Belfast Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James M<sup>c</sup>Cullough, Archibald Warriek, Francis Johnston & W<sup>m</sup> Colvill, who all subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have entered on second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Watson. And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkcad, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Laird. 4 Licensed

Bangor Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Warden & John Miles. That M<sup>r</sup> Bryson died on 3<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1796, and M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> following, each leaving a widow and children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson & M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin. 2 Licensed 2 Dead

Ballymena Presbytery report, That they have entered on Second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John M<sup>c</sup>Nish. Have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> William King according to Synodical Regulations; And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay. Licensed

Monaghan Presbytery report, That they Installed M<sup>r</sup> Henry M<sup>c</sup>Iree, in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady on 8<sup>th</sup> March last. That they have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Read; & that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Rodgers, & M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat. Installed

From Presb<sup>s</sup> of Clogher, Dublin, & Strabane no reports.



Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1797.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Armagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cuming & Shaw

Derry, D<sup>r</sup> Young & M<sup>r</sup> Black

Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Thomson & Birch

T.Patrick, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Orr & Thomson

Root, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lynd & Glasgow

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Whiteside

L.kenny, Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Holmes & Ramsay

Tyrone, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg & Moore

Belfast, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & Kelburn

B.mena, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> & Hen. Henry

Bangor, Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. Porter & Taggart.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery and our Moderator and Clerk, are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

The several Comt<sup>ees</sup> are ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till one o'clock afternoon.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session 1 o'clock afternoon, after Prayer.*

Donnoghmore

A Supplication was presented to the Synod, from the Session & Congregation of Donnoghmore, Praying that a second Poll of the Cong<sup>on</sup> might be taken for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Dill, a Probationer in the Presbytery of Letterkenny, or that a scrutiny of a former Poll might be granted.

Comtee to meet  
there

It was moved & agreed to, That a new Poll of the Cong<sup>on</sup> shall be taken by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore, Orr, & Patten on the second Wednesday of October. A list of the Voters regularly made out from the Congregational Book, shall be put into the hands of these Gentlemen, together with the said Book as a voucher to direct them in taking the Poll. As also, That no person shall be allowed to vote on that occasion who shall not have been a Seatholder in the Cong<sup>on</sup> one year previous to the day of Poll; or who shall be in Arrear of Stipend, for more than six months. If the Committee see cause, they are to draw up a Call for

M<sup>r</sup> Dill and give it into the hands of the Presbytery of L.kenny. A Copy of this minute to be read in the Congregation on the first & second Lords days hence.

A supplication was presented to the Synod from that part of the Congregation of Clogh, styling themselves the Majority, Praying, That the Ordination of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Nish might be forwarded among them.

A Supplication was also presented from that part of the Congregation called the Minority, Praying, That M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Nish might be removed from among them or a new Poll taken to ascertain the real sense of the Congregation respecting him.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, That a Committee of Synod consisting of the following members, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, John Savage, James Elder, Will<sup>m</sup> Lynd, Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, & W<sup>m</sup> Montgomery, with Elders, four Ministers & two Elders to be a Quorum, shall meet at Clogh, on the third Tuesday of October, who are to take a Poll of the Congregation, and if they see cause, enjoin the Presbytery of Ballymena, to proceed to the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Nish, with all convenient expedition, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson to preach. No person to be allowed to vote at the ensuing Poll who has not been a Seatholder at Nov<sup>r</sup> 1795, & has not paid up his Stipend till Nov<sup>r</sup> 1796. A List of the voters to be lodged with M<sup>r</sup> Thomson ten days before the meeting of the Committee. A Copy of this minute to be read in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Clogh, on the second & third Lords days hence.

A Supplication from the congregation of Munreagh was presented to the Synod Praying, That the Ordination of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jackson among them may be ordered by the Synod to be expedited.

The Synod appoint a Committee consisting of the following members viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Crawford, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander, Hamil, J. Holmes, & Francis Dill, with Elders, three Ministers & two Elders to be a Quorum, to meet at Munreagh on the third Tuesday of October, who are to Poll the Cong<sup>on</sup>, and if they see cause, direct the Presbytery of Derry to proceed with M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's ordination. M<sup>r</sup> Dill to preach. No person to vote who was not a Seatholder at May 1796, or who had not paid his stipend up till May 1797. A List of the voters to be lodged with M<sup>r</sup> Dill ten days before the day of Poll. M<sup>r</sup> Jackson to be constant supplier till that time. A Copy of this minute to be read in the Congregation of Munreagh on the second & third Lords days hence.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan, on the last Tuesday in June 1798, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*4th Session Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock after prayer.*

A Memorial & Supplication was presented to the Synod from a part of the Session & Congregation of Keady, stating at great length

the Disorders & Confusions, which have long prevailed in that Congregation, and the Grievances under which Memorialists have laboured, by the Introduction of Rev<sup>d</sup> Hen. M'Ilree among them, as a Candidate for taking upon him the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation; The Injury which they alledge his settlement among them would bring on the Interest of Religion; The Irregularity of many of the Proceedings in this Business; The oppressive and overbearing behaviour of M<sup>r</sup> M'Ilree's friends; The unprecedented Conduct of the Presbytery of Monaghan in proceeding to his Installation without the concurrence of the Presbytery of Tyrone, under whose Care the Congregation had been for time Immemorial; And Praying That for these and many other Reasons, the said Installation may be declared Null and Void.

A Narrative of the Presbytery of Tyrone on this subject was laid before the Synod, Stating, That on account of the Refractory Conduct of the majority of the Congregation of Keady and their unamenableness to the Decisions of the Presbytery, they considered themselves under the necessity of declaring the said Congregation not under their Care, which Declaration they however rescinded at their next meeting, and granted supplies to that part of the Congregation which remained amenable to their Authority.

A Memorial & Supplication was also presented to the Synod from the Majority of the Congregation of Keady complaining in many Instances of the treatment which they had received from the Presbytery of Tyrone; and Praying that That Presbytery might be ordered not to send their Probationers into the bounds of that Congregation, as this had a tendency to create Distractions & prevent that Harmony and Happiness which otherwise they were likely to enjoy under M<sup>r</sup> M'Ilree's ministry.

After these matters had engaged a very long and Dispassionate Discussion, and after every evidence which could be procured on the subject had been investigated it was resolved.

First, That M<sup>r</sup> M'Ilree's Installation be declared Null and Void.

It was next resolved, That the conduct of the Presbytery of Tyrone in declaring the Congregation of Keady not under their care was Rash and Irregular; and it was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the said Presbytery be admonished from the Chair, and they were admonished accordingly.

It was also moved & agreed to, That on account of the very Irregular & unprecedented Conduct of the Presbytery of Monaghan in this Business, the said Presbytery be *Earnestly* admonished from the Chair, And they were *Earnestly* admonished accordingly.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session Friday morning, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> M'Ilrees  
Installation  
declared null  
& void

Charges against  
M<sup>r</sup> M'Ilree

Charges and Alligations, affecting the Moral Character of M<sup>r</sup> M'Ilree having been brought forward; Resolved, That a Committee



be appointed to inquire into the same. That said Committee shall consist of the following members, viz. From Armagh Presb. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, Cuming, Shaw & Bankhead. From Dro-more Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patrick, Hay, Sherrard & Birch. From Clogher Mess<sup>rs</sup> Millar, Denham & Davison. From Bangor M<sup>r</sup> Craig. And from Ballymena M<sup>r</sup> Cuming, with their Elders, Seven to be a Quorum, five of whom to be ministers, who shall meet at Armagh on the second Wednesday of October, Invested with Powers of Issuing the affair and of taking such steps for settling the Disputes in the Congregation of Keady as they shall think necessary. M<sup>r</sup> Craig to preach. Till the meeting of the Committee the Congregation to be supplied as follows:—first Lord's day hence by M<sup>r</sup> Patterson; second by M<sup>r</sup> McAlister; third by M<sup>r</sup> Jackson; fourth by M<sup>r</sup> Arnold, and fifth by M<sup>r</sup> Cuming. The Synod do earnestly recommend and enjoin that both Parties in the Congregation do lay aside their animosities, & regularly attend Publick Worship as one Body. All the Papers together with the written evidence, which has been taken before the Synod on the Subject, shall be laid before the Committee, who are empowered to avail themselves of the same if they see it necessary. A Copy of this minute as also of that of the preceeding Session to be read in the Congregation on the first and second Lords days hence.

Comtee to  
inquire into  
the same

Resolved unanimously, That in Polling Congregations no votes shall be taken, but such as are given in Person.

Rule in polling  
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The Business of the Synod being now finished, that of the Interloquitur immediately commenced.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interlog<sup>r</sup> Friday morning 9 o'clock.*

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read & D<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Vance appointed to answer it.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts report as follows.

Capital of the widows fund 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1797	..	£13248 : 12 : 1
Interest from the same last year	..	£718 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributors 29 Sept <sup>r</sup> 1796—172.		
Sum by them contributed for one year till		
that date	...	.. £438 : 3 : 7
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> 1797—70.		
Amount of Annuities due and payable to them		
at that date	..	.. £1022 : 16 : 8

Committee examined the accounts of the widows fund till 1<sup>st</sup> June 1797. Also the accounts of the R.D. till March Quarter 1797, inclusive, and approve the same.

JOHN THOMSON, Chairman.

Belfast 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1797.

M<sup>r</sup> Black is impowered to lend the Ballance of the widows fund now in his hands, on such securities as he shall deem sufficient.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Friday Morning, 11 o'clock.*

Resolution  
respecting  
Contributors  
to the fund

Moved and agreed to, That any minister, a Contributor to the widows fund on his leaving this Kingdom, shall no longer be considered as connected with the said fund.

Resolution  
respecting  
annuitants on  
the fund

Moved & agreed to, That any Annuitant on the widows fund on his, or her, ceasing to reside in Ireland, shall be at liberty to dispose of his or her Interest in the same to the contributors thereto for its sole benefit, at such valuation as shall be made & agreed to by two Gentlemen, the one to be nominated by the Agent for said fund, for the time being, and the other by such Annuitant, and if said Gentlemen shall not agree, That they shall be, and hereby are empowered to call in an Umpire to decide. And that the amount of said valuation shall be paid by our Agent aforesaid out of the R.D. of the Contributors.

Resolution  
respecting  
contributors  
ceasing to be  
entitled to R.D.

Moved & agreed to, That upon any Contributor to the widows fund ceasing to be entitled to the R.D. If said Contributor does not in the space of three months, give notice to his Presbytery or our Agent of his Intention to continue a Contributor, and also ascertain the mode of paying his future subscription, his wife & family shall forfeit all claim upon the fund.

Mr King

A Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph King, was read giving notice, That notwithstanding his Resignation of the Congregation of Sligo, he intends to continue a Contributor to the Widows fund.

Mr Irvine

In consequence of a Representation of Mr Black it was unanimously resolved, That our Agent be ordered to pay 40 shillings annually out of the R.D. into the widows fund, as the contribution of Mr Irvine late minister of Faughan.

A Compt of  
£15 to Mr  
Vaughan agent  
for English  
R.D.

Some members of the Southern Association, having intimated to Mr Black, their Desire that a Compliment of Twenty Guineas or even a larger sum might be made to Mr Ben. Vaughan, the Agent for our English R.D., and that we would concur with them in that matter. Resolved unanimously, That our Agent Mr Black do pay the sum of fifteen pounds, being our proportion of Thirty pounds which we wish to be presented to that Gentleman.

The letter to the Trustees of the Widows fund, was read, approved, & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 3<sup>d</sup> October 1797 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1798.*

Dr Neilson the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Prov. iv. 23. The Synod was then constituted by Prayer, after which appeared from the Several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Root Presb.		T. Patrick.	
Wm. Knox		Wm. Montgomery	
Robt. Thomson		John Savage	
Jas. M'Farland		Adam Hill	
Jas. Elder		Thos. Alexander	Jas. Boyd
Alexr. Martin		Robert Campbell	
Daniel M'Kee			
John Glasgow		Dromore.	
Monaghan.		Isaac Patrick	John Arnold
		Jas. Birch	
		John Thomson	Geo. White
		Joseph Little	
		John Sherrard	Thos. Crawford
		Francis Turretine	
		Jas. Waddell	John Watson
		John M'Clelland	
		Alexr. Patterson	
		Joseph Jackson	Alexr. M'Combe
Tyrone.		Bangor.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg		
Jas. Whiteside			
Wm. Moore	John M'Irwain		
Hugh Boylan			
Henry M'Irree	Saml. Kidd		
John Davison	Andw. M'Caldon	Robert Porter	
Wm. Read		Andw. Craig	Jas. Fulton
Armagh.		B. mona.	
		Jas. Cuming	
Saml. Livingston			
Robert Dickson			
Dr. Neilson			
Thos. Cuming			
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle	Jas. Taylor	
Wm. Charleton		John Holmes	
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron	Wm. Ramsay	
		Francis Dill	
Strabane.		Clogher.	
		Jas. Davison	
Dr. Crawford			
Wm. Dunlop			
Jas. Henderson			
Derry Presb.		Antrim Presbytery.	
		Dr. Bruce	
		Mr. Vance	
Robert Black			
Richard Dill			



It being moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Knox, Ja<sup>s</sup> Gouday, Moses Hogg, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, W<sup>m</sup> Dunlop, Richard Dill, W<sup>m</sup> Montgomery, John Sherrard, & Francis Dill. The Roll was called, & M<sup>r</sup> Cuming chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An Account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals, since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund, of any that have died, and of the time when such did die.

M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery is ordered to preach to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, according to appointment of last Gen. Synod.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of  
Acct<sup>s</sup>

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Knox, M<sup>c</sup>Curdy, Boylan, Shaw, Henderson, Hill, Dill, Birch, Porter, Cuming, Holmes, & Davison. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to sd  
Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due & payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1797, to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1798.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*2d Session Wednesday morning 10 o'clock after Prayer.*

M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery preached according to appointment.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports :—

Licensed

Armagh Presbytery report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson; and that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Mulligan according to Synodical Regulations.

T. Patrick Presbytery report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson.

Licensed  
Licensed

Root Presbytery report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglas. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Lang and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Little. That both subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith,

& the latter, in compliance with a Rule of the Presbytery, took the oath of Allegiance, before a Magistrate; and that they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Jo<sup>s</sup> Little, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & M<sup>r</sup> Kelso. They farther report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Glendy, being charged with Seditious Practices, was M<sup>r</sup> Glendy permitted by Col. Leith to transport himself & Property to America; And that the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Smyth being tried by a Court Martial at M<sup>r</sup> Smyth Maghera, has been transmitted to Belfast, sentence of the Court not known.

Bangor Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Patterson died <sup>Dead</sup> on 7<sup>th</sup> of May last, leaving a widow & family. That M<sup>r</sup> Knox demitted the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Donnaghadee on first of May, on account of Mental Infirmary. <sup>Demitted</sup> And that M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Porter was executed at Grayabby on 2<sup>d</sup> of July, in Consequence of <sup>Mr Porter executed</sup> the sentence of a Military Tribunal which sat at Newtonards. He left a widow & family. They ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Cochran Wightman <sup>Ordained</sup> in the Congregation of Moira on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March last. He is a Contributor to the widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, and M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson.

Clogher Presbytery report, That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> William <sup>2 Licensed</sup> Smyth & Josias Gamble; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Monaghan Presbytery report, That they have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibson and White, and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, & M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat.

Strabane Presbytery report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Porter, <sup>Licensed</sup> & have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet & M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Benj. Holmes died <sup>Dead</sup> on 3<sup>d</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup>y last, leaving a family. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> <sup>Licensed</sup> Samuel Culbertson; Entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Monteith; And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Holmes.

Dromore Presbytery report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Samuel <sup>Licensed</sup> Arnold according to Synodical Regulations. That he subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong & M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe.

Derry Presbytery report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> John <sup>Ordained</sup> Canning in the Congregation of Mallin, on the 23<sup>d</sup> of March last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Knox demitted the Pastoral Office on 7<sup>th</sup> of August last from bodily Infirmary. <sup>Demitted</sup> That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Steel, having pleaded Guilty to a charge of <sup>Mr Steel</sup> Treason & Rebellion before a Court Martial his name was erased from the List of the Presbytery. That John Pinkerton & Ruben Rogers, <sup>Mr Pinkerton</sup> <sup>Mr Rogers</sup> two Probationers, having connected themselves with Treasonable Associations, were declared to be no longer under the Care of the Presbytery. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and M<sup>rs</sup> Patten. That M<sup>rs</sup> Lyle died on the 15<sup>th</sup> <sup>2 W<sup>ds</sup> dead</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>, & M<sup>rs</sup> Adams on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1797.

Dead  
2 Ordained

2 Licensed

Tyrone Presbytery report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Whiteside, Sen<sup>r</sup>, died on 23<sup>d</sup> March last leaving a family. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Davison to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Cookstown on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1797, who is a Contributor to the widows fund:— And on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1798 ordained M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Read to the Pastoral Charge of the united Congregation of Vinecash & Richhill, who is not a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have Licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Wallace & Alex<sup>r</sup> Carson in May last. Have on second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Robert Stewart. On first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John Huey; and on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Whiteside.

From the Presbyteries of Ballymena, Belfast, & Dublin no Reports.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1798.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Armagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Shaw

T.Patrick, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill & Savage

Root, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown & Fullerton

Bangor, M<sup>r</sup> Taggart

Clogher, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Millar & Davison

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Davys & Trimble

Strabane, D<sup>r</sup> Crawford & M<sup>r</sup> Hamil

L.kenny, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Taylor & Ramsay

Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch & J. Thomson

Derry, D<sup>r</sup> Young & M<sup>r</sup> Black

Tyrone, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore & Hogg

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be ministers.

Second sermon  
discontinued

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Second Sermon shall be discontinued at the subsequent meetings of Synod.

3 Presb<sup>s</sup>  
disapproved

This Synod observing that the Presbyteries of Ballymena, Belfast & Dublin have made no returns, and that no member of any of those Presbyteries appears at this time, cannot avoid expressing their pointed Disapprobation of these Presbyteries, and enjoin that they shall account for this shameful neglect at next meeting of Synod.



The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

*3d Session, Wednesday 1 o'clock after Prayer.*

The minute of last Synod respecting the Committee appointed to meet at Donnaghmore being read, it was moved & agreed to, That in consequence of no written Documents of the Proceedings of said Committee being produced, the Business shall be now dismissed, & another Committee appointed to meet at Donnaghmore, invested with full Powers for finally issuing all Matters in dispute there, in such a manner as to them shall seem proper, That the said Committee shall consist of the following members, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dr Crawford, Hugh Hamil, W<sup>m</sup> Dunlop, W<sup>m</sup> Knox, Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomson, Ja<sup>s</sup> McFarland, Ja<sup>s</sup> Elder, John Glasgow, & John Davison, with Elders, five ministers & two Elders to be a Quorum, to meet on the third Tuesday of October, M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop to preach. M<sup>r</sup> Dill is appointed to preach in Donnaghmore on the two Lords Days immediately preceding the meeting of the Committee, and the Congregation are hereby enjoined to send an authenticated List of all their members regularly qualified to vote, (should a Poll be thought necessary) to Dr Crawford, ten days previous to the meeting of the Committee. This minute to be read in the Congregation of Donnaghmore on the second & third Lords Days hence.

It appeared, That the Committee appointed to meet at Clogh had issued the Object of their appointment, & the Synod unanimously approved of their Conduct.

Dr Crawford reported from the Committee appointed to meet at Munreagh, That they had finally issued all matters for which they had been sent thither.

Upon reading the minute respecting Keady & hearing the report of the Committee which met at Armagh, it was unanimously agreed to, that the Conduct of the said Committee be approved. It appearing however, from two long memorials & supplications presented to the Synod from the Congregation of Keady that matters are far from being in a state of Harmony, Peace, & brotherly Concord in that Congregation, but that on the Contrary, Party Spirit, Dissention, & Animositities still continue to run high among them, It was moved & agreed to, as the only measure likely to heal their Divisions, that another Poll should be taken of the Congregation of Keady. A Committee consisting of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sherrard, Shaw, & Bankhead, is therefore appointed, to take the said Poll on the last Wednesday of September. The Committee to be guided in taking the Poll by the regular Stipend Book during the ministry of the late M<sup>r</sup> Smyth; and those only who were paying stipend at the time of his Decease, & the Representatives of such of them as have died since are to be considered regularly qualified voters. This book to be produced & read in the Congregation, & to be furnished to M<sup>r</sup> Shaw, at least ten days previous to the day of Poll. The Committee are impowered to Install M<sup>r</sup> McIlree if they see Cause. This minute to be read in the Congregation of Keady next Lords Day.

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Congon of  
Keady

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The following Addresses to his Majesty, and the Lord Lieutenant, being proposed by the Committee of Overtures, were unanimously agreed to by the Synod; ordered to be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant by the Moderator, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Vance & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Black; And that the Addresses, with the Answers when received, shall be once published in the *Dublin Evening Post, Dublin Journal, and Belfast News-Letter.*

### TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE GENERAL  
SYNOD OF ULSTER ASSEMBLED AT LURGAN ON THE 28TH  
DAY OF AUGUST 1798.

Most Gracious Sovereign

Address to the  
King

We your Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, though prevented by a Daring & Flagitious Rebellion raging in two Counties of this Province, from assembling at our stated season, eagerly embrace the first Opportunity afforded by the return of Tranquility to lay our Sentiments of Loyalty to your Majesty, and of sorrow & shame for the Calamities & Crimes of our Country, at the foot of the Throne.

We cheerfully renew those Declarations of Fidelity to the Crown & Attachment to the Constitution, from which we have never swerved. We can confidently assure your Majesty that these have been the Invariable Principles, & Professions of this Body; and we appeal to History to attest the Inviolable Attachment of the Presbyterians of Ireland to Monarchy, Counsell'd by an Hereditary Nobility, & supported & limited by an Elective Representative of the Commons.

But while we dwell with Exultation on those Periods of our Annals in which our Ancestors firmly resisted the Usurpation of Cromwell, vigorously supported the Exertions of King William, & strenuously defended your Majesty's Illustrious Progenitors from the repeated attempts of a Desperate Pretender to the British Throne, and this Kingdom against the restless Ambition of France; we are constrained to lament, with the deepest Humiliation, that the most Stable & Sacred Principles of many of our People & of some of our members, have been shaken by the Convulsions of this Sceptical & Revolutionary aera.

Though we cannot presume to suggest the general Infatuation of a great part of Europe, nor the incessant & deceitful artifices employed in this country to seduce our People, as Apologies for crimes which we ourselves deem inexcusable, much less for those few unworthy members of our Body, whose conduct we can only view with grief &

Indignation, yet we venture to entreat your Majesty not to impute to the Whole the Transgressions of a part, nor to believe that the Synod of Ulster has fallen off from that line of Conduet which it heretofore uniformly maintained, nor from those Principles which it has often so solemnly avowed.

We Beseech your Majesty to accept the faithful Exertions of those who have withstood the torrent of Popular fury, & the Seductions of Sophistical Philosophy, as an atonement for their deluded Brethren. Let the madness of the Multitude be hidden from your eyes, by the courage, & sufferings of those of our Communion who have fought & died in defence of their King & Country, their Liberty, & Religion, and deign to harken to our Solemn Engagement, to do our utmost to recall the deluded from their Errors & Crimes, to make a strict Inquiry into the Conduct of our delinquent members ; and to withstand to the best of our Abilities those pernicious foreign Principles which threaten alike the Temporal and Eternal Interests of Mankind.

Finally, we Beseech the King of Kings, who stilleth the madness of the People, and maketh the Wrath of men to praise him, & their vices to redound to His Glory, to Bliss & Protect your Majesty, to preserve your Subjects from every fatal Delusion & to convert our follies, Crimes, & Miseries, into Instruments of Wisdom, Piety, & happiness both now & for ever.

Signed in our name & by our appointment,

THOMAS CUMING, Modr.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST NOBLE CHARLES  
MARQUIS CORNWALLIS, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, Address to the  
Ld Lieutenant  
AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers, & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster embrace this our earliest opportunity of expressing our Congratulations on your Excellency's arrival in this Kingdom.

Though the Reasons of our meeting do not lead to the Investigation of Political Subjects, yet we feel ourselves irresistibly called on at this important Period, rendered still more Interesting by the actual landing of a foreign Enemy on our shores, to declare our unfeigned attachment to the Laws & Constitution of our Country, a Constitution in behalf of which our Fathers suffered & bled, & in defence of which we, their Descendants, are also willing to risk everything that is valuable & dear to us.

As we abjure every Idea of foreign Interference in the affairs of this Kingdom, so we view with Sorrow and Indignation the late Attempts which have been made at Home to subvert our Government, under the specious pretext of Reforming it: Attempts, originating



with the Crafty & Ambitious, seconded by the Ignorant & Credulous ; and in too many Instances reduced to practice by the abandoned & Licentious. And we fondly trust that the Firm, Wise & Healing Measures pursued by your Excellency will be the Happy Means, as well of preventing such Attempts in future, as of calming that anxiety & Apprehension with which the Popular mind has been so long agitated.

Our fellow Subjects in far distant Lands, have born ample Testimony to that wisdom & virtue which form most striking features in your Excellency's Character ; and we anticipate with pleasure the Period when we also shall have learned by happy Experience how eminently qualified your Excellency, is to restore Harmony, & Comfort to a distracted Land.

We entreat your Excellency to lay before our Gracious Sovereign our Humble & Dutiful Address, which we herewith deliver to your Excellency, and we rely on your Goodness for a favourable Representation of our Principles & Conduct.

Signed,

THOS. CUMING, Moderator.

The subsequent Overtured Address from the Synod to the People under their Pastoral Care, was unanimously agreed to ; Ordered to be read from the Pulpit, and such a number of Copies to be printed and circulated, as would allow a Dozen at least to be distributed to each Congregation.

Christian Brethren

Influenced by a sincere and Affectionate regard for your Happiness, Temporal and Eternal, and by a sense of the Obligations we are under to promote, as far as in our Power, the Welfare of our Country, we feel it our Duty to address you, on the present deeply Interesting Occasion. Whilst we lament the late Disturbance of the public Peace, we derive no small satisfaction, from the Conviction, that the great Body of the People with whom we are connected have given by their Conduct the most decisive Proof how greatly they condemned all acts of Violence.

Address to the  
People

With respect to those of our Communion who unhappily have been led into open Outrage and Rebellion, we entreat them to reflect dispassionately on their Conduct ; and to Place before their view, the melancholy consequences by which it has been followed. On making an appeal to their own Hearts, they must see, & feel, that it cannot be justified. So many of their fellow creatures deprived of life & hurried into Eternity ; Numbers driven from their Habitations without knowing where to seek for Refuge ; So much property destroyed, and the Commerce of the Country in so many Respects injured. These are Evils of such magnitude, as we are confident, must make upon their minds a very deep Impression. Men may violate the Duty which they owe to themselves, and to their King, to their country, and to their God, from Error or from Passion, but to persist in doing

wrong, where the wrong is so apparent would testify a Depravity of mind, with which we hope they will not be chargeable.

With respect to all of you under our Care, the great Object of our Ambition is that you should maintain that Loyalty to the King & Attachment to the Constitution combined with those Virtuous, Honourable & Pious Principles which distinguished your forefathers, and which have rendered their memories dear to their Posterity.

Here is an Example which we earnestly recommend to your Imitation, an example equally distinguished by Loyalty & by a Veneration for those Rights of the Governed, the securing of which is alike the Duty & the Interest of the Crown.

We beseech you to look back to the Period when these Disputes commenced which have involved this Country in its present Calamities, and say whether in matters of a Political nature on weighing their Blessings, with the evils of which they complained, the People of Ireland could be Justified in rising in Opposition to Government & disturbing the Public Peace. Did not Christians of every Denomination enjoy perfect liberty of conscience? Were not the shackles broken which had confined our Trade? Was not private property secure, and the land every day becoming more prosperous? Can a wise or a virtuous man be found who would not wish to see us brought back to the same comfortable Situation? The accomplishment of this most desirable Object, will be greatly forwarded, by your acting under the influence of a steady regard to the Laws & to the Constitution, by your avowed and manly Opposition to every species of Insurrection, and by those exertions to restore the public Tranquility, which at this critical and important Period, will be the best proof of your regard to your own Interest, of your Loyalty to your King, and your love to your Country.

Thus co-operating with the efforts in behalf of Ireland of our excellent chief Governor, whose name for Dignity of Principle, for Benevolence & true Wisdom, is so eminently distinguished, you will evince, That you know & feel what you owe to your own Character, testifying in the most effectual manner that you reprobate the views of those who would involve this country in the incalculable Horrors of a Revolution, and aid in restoring to it the enjoyment of its former Blessings.

In your endeavours to restore Order & the Public Peace, it is necessary for us to observe how much it is your Duty, on every Occasion to place in the strongest point of view to every one with whom you can have Influence the Danger, and pernicious Consequences of a foreign Connexion. Here in respect to France your argument is simple, it is plain, and not to be resisted. It is the Fact that this nation has exercised a Despotic Power, over every country, which has had the misfortune to apply to it for assistance, or to be conquered by its arms. As a strong additional Motive to excite you to oppose any attempt against this country, of this restless ambitious People, we beseech you to consider how unfriendly their Declarations, & Conduct have been, to those Principles of Religion, which are the support of our present comfort, and the sure foundation of our Eternal Happiness.

Permit us likewise to entreat you to guard against a Party Spirit & to cultivate goodwill towards your fellow-subjects of every Religious Description. Everything contrary to this would be hostile to that Christian Temper, by which you should be animated, would be inconsistent with your Principles as Protestant Dissenters, and a reproach to your Character. Brethren deeply concerned in what respects your Duty & Happiness, & as ministers of the Gospel of Peace, we Beseech you to attend to, & to practice the things that make for Peace. And we offer up our fervent Prayers to the Almighty, that you may conduct yourselves, in the manner, in which your own Hearts will approve, on Reflection, which will give you Comfort at the hour of Death, and which will be approved at the Great Day when you shall stand before the Tribunal of your Judge.

Signed by order

THOS. CUMING, Moderator.

The following Overture was likewise unanimously agreed to by the Synod.

Overture agreed  
to

The Synod reflecting with grief & Indignation on the Conduct of some members of this Body, and of the Licentiates under their Care who have been lately implicated in Seditious & Treasonable Practices, do hereby declare their most pointed abhorrence of a Deportment so inconsistent with the Character of a minister of Religion. And they do strictly enjoin the several Presbyteries within their Bounds, to Institute a Solemn Inquiry into the Conduct and Conversation of their respective members and Probationers, to distinguish impartially between the Innocent & the Guilty, that the ministry may be Blameless, and to make a faithful report of their Procedure at next meeting of Synod, under Penalty of severe Censure.

Synod to meet  
at Lurgan

Moved and agreed to that next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan on the last Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Session concluded with Prayer.

*Interloqr Thursday, 3 o'clock.*

The Committee of Accounts report as follows:—

Capital of the widows fund 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1798	..	£13560: 6: 4
Interest from the same for one year till that date	..	£758: 15: 0
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1797—174.		
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date	..	£570: 14: 4
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> 1798—72.		
Amount of Annuities due & payable to them at that date	..	£1024: 16: 8



Examined the Accounts of the R.D. down to 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1798. Also the Accounts of the widows fund down to the first of June 1798, and approved the same.

WM. KNOX, Chairman,

A Letter from the Trustees of the widows fund to the Moderator was read, and the Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Vance were appointed to answer it.

M<sup>r</sup> King not having paid his subscription to the Widows fund M<sup>r</sup> King for the last year, is no longer to be considered as a Contributor.

M<sup>r</sup> Black is authorised to lend the amount of the Ballance formerly M<sup>r</sup> Black in his hands, together with the sum of £296 : 14 : 3, accruing to the widows fund last year, on such private Securities as he shall think most for the advantage of the fund.

In consequence of an Application in behalf of M<sup>r</sup> McIlree, it was M<sup>r</sup> McIlree unanimously agreed, that if the Committee, appointed to meet at Keady, shall see cause to Install him in the Congregation, M<sup>r</sup> Black shall in due course remit him his share of the R.D.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, That our Agent be instructed £500 to pay the sum of five hundred pounds, out of the June Quarter 1798, into the Treasury, as the Contribution of the members of this Body towards the defence of the Kingdom.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 18<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1798 by

ROBERT DICKSON,  
Clerk of Gen. Synod.

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*A General Synod at Lurgan 25 June 1799.*

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Matt. xi. 5. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which appeared from the Several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presb.		T. Patrick—continued.	
John Davys		Robert Orr	
Matt. Trimble		Robert Thomson	
John McCurdy		Thos. Alexander	
Jas. Whiteside		Robert Campbell	
Saml. Kennedy			
Jas. Gouday	Jas. Kinneer	Dromore.	
Tyrone.		Isaac Patrick	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg	Robt. McClure	Jas. Henderson
Jas. Whiteside		Saml. Barber	Jas Hart
Wm. Stitt		Jas. Birch	Robt. Lowry
Wm. Moore		John Thomson	Matt. Hughes
Hugh Boylan		Joseph Hay	Andw. Wilson
Thos. McCay		Dr. Little	
Jas. Adams		John Sherrard	Henry Dickson
John Davison		Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
Wm. Read	Hugh Mathews	Wm. Fletcher	Robert Urie
Alexr. Carson		Jas. Waddell	David Speer
Armagh.		John McClelland	
		John McCance	
		Alexr. Patterson	John Farson
		Joseph Jackson	Alexr. Donaldson
		Belfast.	
Saml. Livingston	Geo. Gray	Saml. Hanna	
Robert Dickson		Wm. Whitla	
Thos. Cuming	Wm. Kyle	Saml. Watson	Thos. Osborne
Nath. Shaw			
Wm. Charleton	Wm. Herron		
Jas. Bankhead			
Wm. Neilson			
Strabane		Bangor.	
Hugh Hamill		Jas. Cochran	
Wm. Dunlop	Mr. Stevenson	Jas. Caldwell	
		Andw. Craig	
		Robt. Acheson	
	Derry.	David Taggart	
Dr. Young		John Cochran Wightman	Wm. Ker
Robt. Black		Josiah Ker	Wm. Morland
Hugh Brooks		John Arnold	Geo. McMin
Richd. Dill			
		Dublin.	
	T. Patrick.	Dr. McDowel	
John Bankhead			
John Savage			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
	B.mena.		Route.
Jas. Cuming		Robert Thomson	
Wm. Hamilton		Robert Rentoul	
		Jas. McFarland	Jas. Watt
	L.kenny.	Jas. Elder	
		Matt. Elder	
Andw. Alexander	Wm. Patten	Alexr. Martin	
Joseph Love		Jas. Brown	
Francis Dill		John Glascow	
	Clogher.		
Wm. Moorhead			
Andw. Millar			
Joseph Denham			
Wm. Johnston			
Jas. Davison			

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Davys, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, Hugh Hamill, D<sup>r</sup> Young, John Bankhead, D<sup>r</sup> Little, And<sup>w</sup> Craig, W<sup>m</sup> Hamilton, Joseph Love, And<sup>w</sup> Millar, & Robert Thomson. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Millar chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen

Clerk continued

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup>. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the Fund: Of any that have died, & of the time when such did Die.

Order to Presbs

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside, M<sup>c</sup>Cay, Livingston, Hamill, Brooks, Thomson, J. Thomson, Hanna, Taggart, D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, Hamilton, Love, Denham, Brown, & Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accts

Ordered, that said Comt<sup>ee</sup> do report to the first Interloqr the Amount of the Capital of the Widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them, from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1798, till 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1799.

Order to said Comt<sup>ee</sup>

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.



*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Comt<sup>ces</sup>, also the following Reports.

Dead

Armagh Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Boyle Moody, who was not a Contributor to the widows fund, died on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody, M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

T. Patrick Presb. report, That they have on the fund M<sup>r</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson.

3 to America

Bangor Presb. report, That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Hull, John Miles & David Warden, lately Licentiates of their Presbytery, having been charged with being concerned in the Insurrection of June 1798 & not having stood their Tryals, but as they understand having sailed for America, are not to be considered as Probationers under their care. They farther Report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr W<sup>m</sup> Steel Dickson, hath been from the beginning of June 1798, a State Prisoner, & is now such at Fort George, in the Highlands of Scotland. They also report, that they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Josiah Ker, at Ballee on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund, & M<sup>r</sup> John Arnold at Donnaghadee on the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst, who wishes to become a Contributor to the widows fund, but in his case requests the advice of the Synod. That they installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Acheson as minister of Donegal Street Cong<sup>on</sup> of Belfast on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Porter. And that M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth died on the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.

One in  
confinement

Two Ordained

Installed

Widow dead

2 on 2<sup>d</sup> Tryals

2 Licensed

Widow dead

L.kenney Presb. report, That they have entered on second Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Houston & Dill. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Culbertson & Monteith. That they have on the fund the families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Holmes. And that M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon died early in last Spring.

Installed

Ordained

Strabane Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Crawford demitted the Pastoral Care of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Strabane in the latter end of Oct<sup>r</sup> last, & has been succeeded by the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dunlop, who was Installed in that Cong<sup>on</sup> on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> following. That M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop has been succeeded in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Badoney by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Hemphill who was ordained there on 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last, & who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have on Second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Porter, & on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, & M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter.

Dead

Resigned

3 Licensed

Monaghan Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Lawson died on 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last, leaving a widow & child. That M<sup>r</sup> Osborne resigned the Pastoral Care of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Corboy in May last. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Read, White & Gibson according to Synodical Regulations. Have on Second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Morrell. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lawson.

Tyrone Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland died on 28<sup>th</sup> of Aug. last, Dead  
 leaving a family. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Robert Stewart, as an  
 Assistant to the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy, in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Carland, on 9<sup>th</sup> of  
 Oct<sup>r</sup> last, and also ordained M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Carson in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Tobermore 2 Ordained  
 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last. That they subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith.  
 That M<sup>r</sup> Carson is a Contributor to the widows fund; and M<sup>r</sup> Stewart  
 consented to become a Contributor, on such Terms as the Synod requires  
 from Ministers in his situation. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John 2 Licensed  
 Hoey & Tho<sup>s</sup> Grier, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. That they  
 have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Whiteside, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray and M<sup>c</sup>Clelland. And that  
 M<sup>r</sup> Charles Wallace, being charged with Treason & Sedition, got leave  
 to transport himself to America, & is not now under the care of the One to America  
 Presbytery.

B.mena Presb. report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown,  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay.

Route Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Henry resigned the Resigned  
 Pastoral Charge of his Cong<sup>on</sup> on 28<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last, from age, & bodily  
 Infirmary. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Marshal died on 10<sup>th</sup> April last. And Dead  
 that M<sup>r</sup> Smyth (they believe) is confined in Belfast on Charges of a In Confinement  
 Treasonable nature. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gasten, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie  
 (they believe) as the last accounts they had of her she lived in the  
 Isle of Man, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> McMullan,  
 M<sup>re</sup> Simson, family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglas, & M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, if alive, now residing  
 in America.

Dublin Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell & M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers.

Belfast Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> L. Birch & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Two to America  
 Ja<sup>s</sup> Simson, being charged with Seditious Practices, were permitted  
 by Government to leave the Kingdom. That the Presb. declared the  
 Cong<sup>on</sup> of Saintfield vacant on 6<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> last 1798, and the  
 Cong<sup>on</sup> of N.T.Ards on 23<sup>d</sup> May 1799. That M<sup>r</sup> Archibald Warriek,  
 a Probationer under the Care of the Presbytery, having been found  
 guilty of Treason by a Military Tribunal was executed at Kirkcubbin Executed  
 in the month of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1798. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Watson in Ordained  
 Killinchy in Sept<sup>r</sup> 1797 who is a Contributor to the widows fund.  
 And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup>  
 M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Laird.

Derry Presb. report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Wilson according Licensed  
 to Synodical Regulations. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kyle demitted the  
 Pastoral Care of Coleraine from bodily Infirmary. That M<sup>r</sup> Matt. Resigned  
 Culbert was ordained in that Cong<sup>on</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst, who is a Con- Ordained  
 tributer to the widows fund. That on same day M<sup>r</sup> Osborne  
 was Installed in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Screegan. And that they have Installed  
 on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hare, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Patten.

Dromore Presb. report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson,  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Strong & M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>es</sup> for 1799.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Shaw & Bankhead
T.Patrick,	„ Bankhead & Thomson
Bangor,	„ Craig & Taggart
L.kenny,	„ Taylor & Ramsay
Clogher,	„ Johnston & Davison
Strabane,	„ Dunlop & Anderson
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Whiteside
Tyrone,	„ Stitt & Moore
B.mena,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Henry & Hamilton
Route,	„ Matt. Elder & Martin
Dublin,	„ D <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Dowel & Horner
Belfast,	„ Hanna & Whitla
Derry,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Young & Black
Dromore,	„ Birch & J. Thomson.

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup>, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting the non-attendance of the Presbyteries of B.mena, Belfast, & Dublin, at last meeting and their neglecting to make the necessary Returns; it was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Apology offered on the subject by the Presb. of Dublin through D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel is satisfactory. But in consequence of the Inattention with which the Presbyteries of B.mena, & Belfast, have treated the Injunction of the Synod above alluded to; & the Disrespect they have shewn to its Authority; it was moved & ordered accordingly, That the several members of said Presbyteries absent from the last & present meeting, do attend next meeting of Synod, to account for their Conduct.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 1 o'clock.



*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday 1 o'clock, after Prayer.*

After the Address to the King & the Lord Lieutenant, agreed to at las Synod, had been read, M<sup>r</sup> Cuming the late Moderator reported That He, M<sup>r</sup> Black, & M<sup>r</sup> Vance had, in obedience to the order of Synod, proceeded to Dublin, & had presented the Addresses, to his Excellency who received them very Graciously. M<sup>r</sup> Cuming also produced the Lord Lieutenant's Answer, which being read, was ordered to be inserted in the minutes & is as follows.

Report of  
M<sup>r</sup> Cuming

Gentlemen,

I receive with pleasure your Loyal Address and beg you will accept my Cordial Thanks for the favourable Interpretation you give to my Endeavours for restoring this Kingdom to Tranquillity.

Answer to  
our Address

I am sensible that when the Publick safety has formerly been menaced either by Domestic Traytors or foreign Invaders, no Description of his Majesty's Subjects were more active in all the Duties of Allegiance than the Protestant Dissenters of the Province of Ulster.

To find this Disposition so cordial on the Present Occasion affords me Sincere Satisfaction; And your avowing your Principles at the moment when the Hopes of the Disaffected were revived by the actual landing of the enemy, could not fail to have had a Beneficial Influence on the Community.

I shall have particular Pleasure in transmitting your Loyal and Dutiful Address to our Sovereign.

M<sup>r</sup> Black, having also communicated the manner of procuring & circulating, printed Copies of the Address to the People, It was unanimously the Opinion of this Synod, that He & his fellow-Commissioners, have faithfully executed every part of the Trust committed to them.

The following Overture was unanimously agreed to by the Synod.

Overture

That each Presbytery be enjoined to give in their Returns to the Clerk in his Seat, on the evening of the first day of the Synods meeting; And that the several Committees meet at 7 o'clock the next morning to prepare Business for the Synod after Breakfast; And that to facilitate the accomplishment of this Overture it be ordered that Divine Service shall in future begin at 4 o'clock.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, That next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan, on the last Tuesday in June 1800. Divine Service to begin at 4 o'clock afternoon.

Next Synod  
at Lurgan

A Memorial & Supplication were presented to the Synod from the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballindrait, Praying that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Houston, who had regularly received a Call from them might be ordained their minister, with all convenient speed.

Ballindrait

A Counter Supplication was also presented from a part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballindrait, praying That M<sup>r</sup> Houstons Call might be superseded, & a new Poll granted to them.

The Synod after hearing all Parties at considerable length & investigating every Circumstance in the Business with Patience & Impartiality cannot but highly disapprove of the Conduct of the Presbytery of L.kenny in not having proceeded to Ordain M<sup>r</sup> Houston in due Course. And the Synod doth hereby particularly enjoin the Presbytery to ordain M<sup>r</sup> Houston on this day fortnight, M<sup>r</sup> Dill to preach, and M<sup>r</sup> Holmes to Ordain & give the Charge. M<sup>r</sup> Taylor to preach in Ballindrait on the Lords day preceding the Ordination.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Morning 8 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Donoughmore

A long Memorial & Supplication from the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Donoughmore was presented, praying that this Synod may Order the Ordination of Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill to be forwarded among them with all convenient Dispatch; and that for this purpose they may be disannexed from the Presb. of L.kenny & put under the Care of the Presbytery of Derry.

A Supplication was also presented from a former minority of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Donoughmore, cordially concurring in the same Requests.

After deliberating on this affair at some length, it was resolved, That a Committee of Synod consisting of D<sup>r</sup> Young, M<sup>r</sup> Cuninghame & M<sup>r</sup> Henderson shall ordain M<sup>r</sup> Dill in Donoughmore on Tuesday fortnight, M<sup>r</sup> Cuninghame to preach, & D<sup>r</sup> Young to ordain & give the charge. The Presb. of L.kenny are enjoined to attend.

Ballybay

A Supplication from a part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballybay was presented to the Synod praying that another Poll might be taken respecting M<sup>r</sup> Morrell.

After hearing the Commissioner & the Presbytery of Monaghan at some length, it was resolved to dismiss the affair.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday, 10 o'clock after Prayer.*

Keady

The Committee of Synod appointed to take the Poll of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady in Sept<sup>r</sup> last & to Install M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree if they should see cause, reported, That there was not a Synodical Majority in his favour.

The Conduct of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> considered & approved.

A Supplication from that part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady called the Minority was presented to the Synod, praying, That they would forever disannex M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree from that Congregation.

Two Supplications from the majority of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady were also presented, praying that the Synod would disannex them from the Presb. of Tyrone, & annex them to the Presb. of Monaghan; and that they would order the Installation of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree among them with all convenient Expedition.

After the Synod had heard the Commissioners, & M<sup>r</sup> McIlree at great length, and taken the affair into their most mature and serious Deliberation the Question was put, "Is it expedient to Install M<sup>r</sup> McIlree in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady or not?" The Roll was called & it carried, "Not."

It was then resolved that the Cong<sup>on</sup> should for one year be put under the immediate care of the Synod, & that the Moderator with the assistance of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Davys, Cuming, & Jackson, do execute that charge.

It was farther resolved, That M<sup>r</sup> McIlree, at his own request, should be disannexed from the Presb. of Tyrone & put under the Care of the Presbytery of Monaghan. M<sup>r</sup> McIlree annexed to the Presb of Monaghan

The Committee asked the Synod, "whether they should be at Liberty, to send M<sup>r</sup> McIlree, as a Supplier to Keady?"—Upon the Roll being called it carried, That they should be at Liberty.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*6<sup>th</sup> Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The Several Presbyteries having made their Reports according to the Injunction of last meeting, this Synod has the Satisfaction of finding, That the General Conduct of its members, & Probationers, has been conformable to Order & good Government, in the late afflicting Circumstances of the Country. It appears, that of the comparatively small number, who have been implicated, in Treasonable or Seditious Practices, Two only, one a Minister, and the other a Probationer, have been executed.—Two are still in Confinement. Some have expressed their Sincere Contrition; Others are no longer connected with the Synod. And the remainder have either Voluntarily, or by permission of Government removed from the Kingdom. Minute on the Report of the Several Presbs.

On the whole of this melancholy & most painful subject, while the Synod reflects with sorrow, on the Scandal brought upon its Reputation, by the Indiscretion & misconduct, of a few misguided and unworthy Individuals; It feels Confident in declaring that there is no ground for suspecting its Loyalty, as a Body; and it strongly enjoins every Member, and Licentiate, to observe such peaceable Conduct, & Discreet Conversation, as becometh their Profession, and by an unremitting application to the proper Duties of their Ministerial Calling to recommend themselves as Blameless, in the sight of God, & the world.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Interloq<sup>r</sup> Friday, 10 o'clock.*

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund to the Moderator was read. In consequence of that Letter D<sup>r</sup> McDowel is authorised & appointed in conjunction with the other Trustees to open the Iron Order to D<sup>r</sup> McDowel



Chest lodged in Finlays Bank, to examine the Securities therein deposited; to collect the other Securities; and deposit all in a secure place. The Doctor is ordered to report to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> at its next meeting the number of the Securities, the names of the Trustees to whom these Securities have been respectively made, and the names of such Trustees as have declared their Trust.

M<sup>r</sup> Cochran & M<sup>r</sup> Cuming were appointed to answer the letter of the Trustees.

Report of Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
of Accounts

The Committee appointed to Inspect the Accounts of our Agent, report, That they have examined the Accounts of the R.D. to the Dec<sup>r</sup> Quarter 1798, inclusive, & also those of the Widows fund, down to the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst, and that they appear to the Comt<sup>ee</sup> perfectly correct & satisfactory.

SAML. LIVINGSTON, Ch.man.

Capital of the Widows fund 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1799...	£13844 : 6 : 5
Interest from the same for one year till that date	... .. £734 : 18 : 0
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> , 1798—177.	
Sum contributed by them for one year till that date	.. .. £540 : 19 : 11
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> , 1799—70.	
Amount of Annuities due & Payable to them at that date	.. .. £1018 : 8 : 4

Order to M<sup>r</sup>  
Black

It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £544 : 6 : 5 now in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Black shall be laid out by him in purchasing Government Debentures in the 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cents, if he can procure them at or under £85  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent.—provided he cannot purchase on these terms, he is directed to lend the said sum at £6  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent. on such private Securities as He & the Trustees shall think sufficient.

Annuity £16

It was moved & agreed to, That the annuity to be paid to each widow this year shall be Sixteen pounds.

Notice of a  
motion

M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead gave notice, that at the Interloq<sup>r</sup> next year he will move an amendment to the Regulation respecting the manner of appropriating the Royal Bounty.

Notice of a  
motion

M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming also gave notice, that He will next year move, That if any Contributor to the widows fund shall die by Suicide, Duelling, or the hand of publick Justice, his widow or Family shall not be considered as entitled to any advantage arising from the said fund.

M<sup>r</sup> McIlree

A Letter from M<sup>r</sup> McIlree was read, Praying, That the R.D. which has been withholden from him in some time past, may be granted to him.

It was agreed that any Determination on M<sup>r</sup> McIlree's request be postponed, till next meeting of Synod. It is understood at the same time that M<sup>r</sup> McIlree has no claim of Right upon the Synod.

Ordered, That our Agent do discontinue the Payment of R.D. to Mr Douglas  
Mr Douglass of Carnculloch.

Ordered, That our Agent do pay 40 shillings to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Mr Watson  
Watson, a member of the Presb. of Belfast, out of the R.D. of the  
members of said Presbytery.

Mr Black having asked the Opinion of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> respecting the Payment of R.D. to the two members of our Body, now in Confinement, after reasoning on the Subject at some length the Question was put, "Suspend payment for the present or not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Suspend."

Advice respect-  
ing payment of  
R.D. to members  
in Confinement

The Letter to the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, approved, & ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1799, by

ROBERT DICKSON,

Clerk of General Synod.

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*A General Synod at Lurgan, 24 June, 1800.*

M<sup>r</sup> Millar the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Heb : IX. 26. then constituted it by Prayer, after which the following members from the several Presbyteries were present, viz :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presb.		Dromore—continued.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg	Wm. Magee	Jas. Boyd
Jas. Whiteside	John Whiteside	Jas. Waddell	
Wm. Moore	Robt. Simson	John McClelland	
Hugh Boylan	Robt. Irvine	John McCance	
Thos. McCay		Alexr. Patterson	Mark Searight
Jas. Adams		Joseph Jackson	Alexr. Donaldson
John Davison			
Wm. Read	Jas. Matthews		Belfast.
Robt. Stewart	John McKeon		
Armagh		Saml. Patten	
Saml. Livingston		Alexr. Henry	
Robert Dickson		Andw. Grier	
Thos. Cuming	Geo. Burns	Sinclare Kelburn	
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle	Jos. Harrison	Wm. Steel
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron	Wm. Whitla	Saml. Smyth
Wm. Neilson		Saml. Hanna	
		Saml. Watson	
		Hen. Simson	
		Jas. McCullogh	Hugh Warnock
Strabane			
None present		Bangor	
Derry		Robert Porter	
Dr. Young		Andw. Craig	
Robert Black		Jas. Sinclair	
Matt. Culbert		Robt. Acheson	
		Jno. C. Wightman	Hamilton Dobbin
		Josiah Ker	
		John Arnold	
		John Watson	
		Wm. Moreland	Alexr. McDonald
T.patrick.			
John Bankhead			
John Savage			Dublin
Robert Orr			
Robert Thomson		Wm. Wilson	
Robert Campbell			
Nath. Alexander	Archd. Hunter		Ballymena
Dromore		Jas. Cuming	
Isaac Patrick		Robt. Christy	
Robt. McClure	Robt. Elliot	Alexr. Montgomery	Jas. Kirk
Saml. Barber	John Stranachan	Henry Henry	
Jas. Birch	Jas. Sprot	Wm. Hamilton	
John Thomson			
Dr. Little	Thos. Osborne		
John Sherrard	Hen. Dickson		



## Letterkenny

Hugh Delap  
Francis Dill  
Saml. Dill

## Clogher

Andw. Millar  
Wm. Johnston  
Chr. Josias Gamble

## Root

Robert Thomson  
Jas. Elder  
Jas. Brown  
John Glasco

## Monaghan

Thos. Stewart  
John Davys  
Matt. Trimble  
Robt. Montgomery  
John McCurdy  
Jas. Whiteside  
Jas. Gouday  
Jas. Morell

M<sup>r</sup> Millar having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Hogg, D<sup>r</sup> Young, John Bankhead, W<sup>m</sup> Magee, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna, Rob<sup>t</sup> Porter, Robert Christy, Hugh Delap, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston, John Davys & John Glasco. The Roll was called and M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

In Conformity to a Resolution of last Synod, the several Presbyteries now gave in their Returns to the Clerk, of their members for the several Committees. They reported the names of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or Installed, and of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals since last general Synod. They gave an account of the annuitants on the fund; of those that have died; and of the time when such did die.

Their Reports are as follow—

Root Presb. report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Douglas died on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last & the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Cameron, on the 31<sup>st</sup>. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Kelso, who subscribed the W. C. of Faith. Have on first Tryals, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy & Sims. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie in the Isle of Man, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis in America, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglas.

Derry Presb. report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton in the united Cong<sup>os</sup> of Faughan & Buncrana, on 3<sup>d</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> last who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Allison & Cowan. Have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Marshal; on second Tryals, M<sup>r</sup> Allison. That M<sup>r</sup> Patten died on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1799, leaving a family, and M<sup>rs</sup> Hare on 25 Dec<sup>r</sup> last—and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Patten.

Clogher Presb. report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Christopher Josias Gamble at Enniskillen on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

- Dead Dromore Presb. report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Thomson died on 21<sup>st</sup> March last, leaving a widow & child. And that they have on the fund M<sup>r</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>r</sup> McCombe, & M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson.
- Tyrone Presb. report, that they have on first Tryals Messrs Boyle & Caldwell. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, & Whiteside.
- Ordained Bangor Presb. report, That the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Portaferry was declared vacant on 28 Nov<sup>r</sup> last. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Watson at Grayabby on 3<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund.
- Ordained That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Moreland & ordained him in Portaferry on 6<sup>th</sup> June Inst. who is also a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson & M<sup>rs</sup> Porter.
- Ordained Monaghan Presb. report, that they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Morell in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballybay on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund.
- Installed Have Installed M<sup>r</sup> Denham in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Croghan in Sept<sup>r</sup> last. Have on the fund M<sup>r</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat. That M<sup>rs</sup> Algeo, died on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last, and M<sup>rs</sup> Lawson in March last.
- Two dead Dublin Presb. report, That M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers lives in Dublin, and that they believe M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell is still alive, but resides near Strabane.
- B.mena Presb. report, that the Rev. Benj<sup>in</sup> Mitchel from the Presb. of Root passed second Tryals with them, but returned to the Presb. of Root, in consequence of a Call from Ballymoney, a Cong<sup>on</sup> under the Care of that Presbytery. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay.
- Resigned Belfast Presb. report, That on first Tuesday of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1799 the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sinclare Kelburn resigned the Pastoral Charge of the 3<sup>d</sup> Cong<sup>on</sup> of Belfast, on account of the precarious state of his health & bodily Infirmary.
- Ordained That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Simson was ordained in Saintfield on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799, having subscribed the W. C. of Faith & being a Contributor to the widows fund.
- Installed That on 11<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799 the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna was Installed in the 3<sup>d</sup> Cong<sup>on</sup> of Belfast.
- Ordained That on 20<sup>th</sup> May last the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> McCullogh was ordained in the Second Cong<sup>on</sup> of N.T. Ards, having subscribed the W. C. of Faith & being a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Gouday;—and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> McEwen & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan.
- Two ordained Letterkenny Presb. report, that M<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Houston was ordained in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballindrait on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1799, And M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Donnaghmore on 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1799, both Contributors to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>r</sup> Delap, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Holmes.
- Ordained T.Patrick Presb. report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Nath. Alexander at Crumlin on 3<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson.

Armagh Presb. report, That they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Chambers, Two W<sup>ds</sup> Dead on Second Tryals, M<sup>r</sup> Thom; That M<sup>rs</sup> Moody died on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1799, & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1800. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson.

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for 1800.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Root,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Rentoul & Fullerton
Derry,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Young & Hen. Elder
Clogher,	„ Johnston & Davison
Dromore,	„ Thomson & Sherrard
Tyrone,	„ Moore & Read
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Whiteside
Bangor,	„ Caldwell & Ker
Dublin,	„ Wilson & Moore
B.mena,	„ Tho <sup>s</sup> & Hen. Henry
T.patrick,	„ Thomson & N. Alexander
Belfast,	„ Whitla & Watson
L.kenny,	„ Holmes & F. Dill
Armagh,	„ Cuming & Shaw
Strabane,	

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, whereof Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Ordered, that the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts do report to the first Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The Number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1799 to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1800.

The several Committees are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.



*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning 11 o'clock after Prayer.*

Order respecting  
non-attendants  
at Synods

When the minute of last year was read respecting the non-attendance of several members of the Presbyteries of Ballymena & Belfast, some appeared & apologized for their former absence, whose Apologies were sustained. It is now ordered, that the Moderators of these Presbyteries, & others who are not in the Habit of attending our meetings shall write to such members as have not attended this meeting nor sent any apology, informing them, That if they do not in future pay greater Regard to the Injunctions of the Synod it will be under the necessity of adopting some measures which will be extremely disagreeable to them.

Overture  
repealed

It was moved that the Overture of last year, respecting the time of making Returns to the Clerk; of the meeting of the Committees; and of the commencement of Divine Service be Repealed. The Roll being called upon the Question, it passed in the affirmative.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, That next meeting of Synod shall be held at Lurgan on the last Tuesday of June 1801. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Committee for supplying & taking charge of the Congregation of Keady, having made their Report, it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Conduct of the Committee be approved.

Ballymoney

A Memorial was presented to the Synod, from the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballymoney, praying to be disannexed from the Presb. of Root & put under the Care of the Presb. of Ballymena. This memorial was accompanied with some severe Charges and Insinuations against the Presb. of Root on account of the treatment which that Cong<sup>on</sup> had received from the Presbytery in the affair of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Mitchel's being a Candidate for becoming the Stated Pastor of the Congregation.

After considerable Deliberation on this subject, it was moved, That the Prayer of the Memorialists be granted. The Roll was called on the Question, Disannex or not, & it carried "Disannex."

It was then moved & seconded, That by this vote it is not intended to attach Censure to the Presb. of Root in this Business. Upon this the previous Question was moved, viz. "Put this Question or not?" The Roll was called and it carried, "Put." The Original Question was then put & carried by a great majority.

Comtee of Synod  
to meet at  
Magherafelt

It was next moved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Mitchel, a Probationer belonging to this Body. On this motion the Roll was called & it carried "Appoint" by a large majority. The following Brethren were appointed a Comtee for this purpose, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore & Bryson from Tyrone Presb.; Orr & Thomson from Templepatrick; Dunlop & Hamil from Strabane; & Elder & Osborne from Derry, with their Elders. Seven to be a Quorum of whom five must be ministers, Mr Moore to preach. They are to meet at Magherafelt on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July; are impowered to adjourn; To send for Persons, & Papers; and to grant Credentials to Mr Mitchel should they see cause. The Presb. of Root are enjoined

to attend and give light to the Committee, and also Mr Kelso a Probationer under the Care of this Synod.

It was also unanimously resolved that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballymoney be put under the Care of the Presbytery of Ballymena.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Thursday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Two papers were presented from different Parties of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Lisluney Lisluney, the one praying that the Synod may order the Presb. of Monaghan to expedite the ordination of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Riddell in that Cong<sup>on</sup>; The other praying that he may be laid aside, and that the Presb. may be ordered to grant them a hearing of other young men. The Presb. of Monaghan also presented a Request that the Synod would issue the Business as to them might seem right.

It was moved, & unanimously resolved, that these several applications be dismissed.

A Supplication was presented from that part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady Keady called the minority praying that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree may for ever be disannexed from the Cong<sup>on</sup>; and a Counter Supplication was presented from that part of it called the majority, praying that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree's settlement among them may be expedited.

It was moved & unanimously resolved that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree be Installed at Keady, by the Presb. of Monaghan as soon as that Presb. may find it convenient, and that the Cong<sup>on</sup> shall henceforward be under the Care of that Presbytery.

The Presb. of Monaghan are enjoined to take Care that all accounts with the Probationers of Tyrone Presb. & with M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Alister, be paid by the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady, before the Installation of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree shall take place.

A letter from M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree was read, stating an unsettled account M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree between him & the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Vinecash, & praying that the Synod may order the Presb. of Tyrone to have him paid.

The Cong<sup>on</sup> of Vinecash are enjoined to settle their accounts with Vinecash M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree, before the Presb. of Tyrone at first meeting of that Presbytery.

It was Overtured & unanimously agreed to, that the following Address be transmitted to his Majesty, congratulating his Majesty on his late Providential Escape from Assassination; and that said Address be accompanied with one to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, praying him to transmit the same to his Majesty. Overture  
agreed to

## TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE MINISTERS & ELDERS OF THE GEN.

SYNOD OF ULSTER, ASSEMBLED AT LURGAN ON

THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 1800.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We your Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster gladly embrace the Address to the  
King

opportunity afforded us, by our stated annual meeting of expressing to your Majesty our unfeigned sense of the Blessings we enjoy under your Just & Mild Government.

Your Majestys life is deservedly dear to all your Subjects. With its preservation are closely connected the Existence of Regulated Government, the Cause of true Liberty, & the dearest Interests of our common Faith, of the practical Influence of which your Majesty has exhibited in your own Conduct so correct an example. It is therefore with the most lively sentiments of Gratitude to the Giver & Preserver of that we mix our sincere & Heartfelt Congratulations, with those of all your Majesty's faithful Subjects, on your recent Providential Escape from an atrocious attempt upon your Sacred Person.

The Danger to which your Majesty has been exposed heightens our sense of the Blessings which we have enjoyed under your Auspicious Reign, increases our Attachment to your Person, and redoubles our Anxiety for your Safety.

That the Almighty Being to whom belong the Issues of Life & Death, Who in the Moment of Danger shielded your Majesty from the Assassins arm, may continue to watch over, & long preserve your Invaluable Life is our sincere, & earnest Prayer.

Signed in our name & by our appointment

JOHN BANKHEAD, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES MARQUIS CORNWALLIS  
LD. LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL  
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

We his Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster entreat your Excellency to lay before our Gracious Sovereign the Humble & Dutiful Address which we herewith transmit. We embrace with pleasure this opportunity of repeating to your Excellency our high Esteem of the Wisdom, Moderation, & Humanity, which have distinguished your Excellencys Administration, and we humbly hope that your Excellency will represent us as Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, warmly & firmly attached to his Majesty's Person & Government.

Signed in our name & by our Appointment

JOHN BANKHEAD, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Statement of  
Mr Black to the  
Comtee of  
Overtures

M<sup>r</sup> Black having stated to the Comtee of Overtures that he had waited by desire on Lord Castlereagh, Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, when he was informed by his Lordship that it was the Intention of his Majesty's Ministers to make a Provision for the



Dissenting Clergy, on Terms different from those, on which the present R.D. was paid to them; and that his Lordship had expressed a desire that the Synod would appoint one or more of their number to confer with Government on this Subject—and M<sup>r</sup> Black having farther stated to the Comt<sup>ee</sup> that as an Individual he was honoured with much Conversation, relative to the General Concerns of the Synod & found the Dispositions of Government, in his Judgment, Liberal, Conciliatory, & Satisfactory.

In Consequence of this Information the Synod resolved, that three of their members be appointed Commissioners to communicate with Government on this Subject; and M<sup>r</sup> Black, our Moderator, and D<sup>r</sup> Little were accordingly chosen & appointed for this purpose.

Commissioners  
appointed to  
communicate  
with  
Government

It was also Overtured & agreed to, that the several Presbs. under the Care of the Synod, be enjoined to furnish, our Commissioners, (immediately after their next stated meetings respectively) with correct Lists of the number of Families & Stipend paid by each Cong<sup>on</sup> within their Bounds, authenticated by the signature of the Moderator of the different Presbyteries.

A supplication was presented from the Commiss<sup>rs</sup> of the minority of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady, praying that the Synod would take their unhappy state, & the state of their Constituents into its serious consideration as they could not be profited by M<sup>r</sup> McIlree's ministry and that therefore the Presb. of Tyrone might be permitted & authorised to grant them supplies, until next meeting of Synod.

Supplies  
allowed to the  
Minority of the  
Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady

It was moved & carried upon the Roll being called, That the Prayer of said supplication be granted.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

*1<sup>st</sup> Interloq<sup>r</sup> Thursday Evening, 7 o'clock.*

Upon reading the minute of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of last year relative to the Instructions given to D<sup>r</sup> McDowel, for having the Iron Chest lodged in Finlays Bank opened, &c., a letter from the Doctor was read stating that the wishes of the Synod, had in many Instances been complied with, but from unavoidable circumstances not entirely fulfilled.

Report of  
Dr McDowel

The letter was considered satisfactory, and this Interloq<sup>r</sup> entertain a high sense of his attention, and renew their Instructions of last year, till the Objects of them be compleated.

The Report of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts.

Capital of the Widows fund 1<sup>st</sup> June 1800 .. £13911 : 00 : 9

Interest arising from the same for last year .. £764 : 0 : 0

Number of Contributors for the year ending

29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1799—172.

Sum by them contributed for one year till

that date .. .. £428 : 17 : 5

Number of Annuitants 1<sup>st</sup> January 1800—70.

Amount of Annuities due & payable to them

from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1799 till 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1800 .. £1098 : 18 : 1

The Committee have examined the Account of the R.D. from March Quarter 1799 till Dec<sup>r</sup> Quarter 1799, inclusive; and also the accounts of the widows fund for one year till 1<sup>st</sup> June Inst, & find them correct, & satisfactory.

WM. WILSON, Chairman.

Lurgan 25<sup>t</sup> June 1800.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Interloqr Friday morning 6 o'clock.*

A proposed  
motion  
postponed

From the consideration of some circumstances relating to the subject & at present undetermined, M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead begs leave to postpone the motion of which he gave notice last year, until next meeting of Synod. And in order that his Intention may be more clearly understood, he now gives notice that he will then submit a plan by which the members of this Body, resigning their Pastoral Charges, from Age & Infirmary shall be supported out of the Aggregate Sum of the R.D. and by which the Residue of the R.D. shall be appropriated in equal shares to our officiating ministers not allowing more than one share to each Cong<sup>on</sup>.

A proposed  
motion  
withdrawn

Upon reading the minute respecting the motion of which M<sup>r</sup> Cuming gave notice last year, M<sup>r</sup> Cuming begged leave to state to this Interloqr, that although the melancholly Circumstances of the times, did in his opinion fully Justify the Adoption of said motion yet as the case which gave principal rise to the notice was new, & unprecedented & as the Consideration of this Melancholy subject, must be painful to the feelings of this Interloqr, & to his own, & as he trusts an occasion will not again recur calling for that, or any similar Regulation, he will with the consent of this Interloqr decline making his intended motion.

A letter was received from the Trustees of the widows fund, which M<sup>r</sup> Livingston & M<sup>r</sup> Craig were appointed to answer.

Mr McIlree

Ordered, that our Agent do pay to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree, a portion of the R.D. commencing from 25 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1799.

40 shillings to  
each member  
attending  
Synods

It was moved & agreed to, that the members attending every succeeding meeting of this Synod shall each receive 40 shillings in place of 20, the sum now paid.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Livingston & Craig produced a letter in answer to that of the Trustees, which was read, approved, & ordered to be signed by the Mod<sup>r</sup>.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 23<sup>d</sup> July 1800 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of G. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod pro re nata at Lurgan, 8th Oct<sup>r</sup> 1800.*

The Moderator opened the Synod by preaching from Matt. 23, 8. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which the following members were present, viz. from:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presb.		T.patrick—continued.	
Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg	Adam Hill	
Jas. Whiteside,	John Whiteside	Robert Orr	David Watson
Wm. Stitt	Wm. McClure	Robert Thomson	Robt. White
Wm. Moore	Wm. Ramsay	John Murphy	Robt. Colvill
Hugh Boylan		Thos. Alexander	Jas. Patterson
Thos. McCay	Hugh Wier	Robert Campbell	
Jas. Adams	Thos. Seaton	Nath. Alexander	Jas. McAulay
Wm. Read	Robt. Peebles		
Robt. Stewart	Jas. Howard		Dromore.
Armagh.		John Smyth	
Saml. Livingston	Geo. Gray	Isaac Patrick	Geo. Crawford
Robert Dickson		Robt. McClure	Hugh McAlister
Thos. Cuming	Thos. Prentice	Saml. Barber	Jas. Hallidy
Nath. Shaw	Robt. Dunbar	James Birch	John Baxter
Wm. Charleton	Jas. Wallace	John Thomson	Geo. Smyth
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron	Joseph Hay	
Wm. Neilson	Jos. Parks	Dr. Dittle	Thos. Osborne
John Thom	Clem. Gillespie	John Sherrard	Hcn. Dickson
		Fran. Turretine	Andw. Through
Strabane.		Wm. Magee	John Haslet
		Wm. Fletcher	
Wm. Dunlop	David Smylie	John McClelland	
Chas. Hemphill		Jas. Waddell	Wm. Stitt
Wm. Porter		John McCance	Alexr. Stephenson
		Jos. Jackson	
Derry.		Belfast.	
John Law		Saml. Patten	Geo. Birch
Dr. Young	Wm. Law	Geo. Brydone	
Robert Black		Jos. Harrison	
Fran. Gray	Saml. Osborne	Wm. Whitla	Jas. Fisher
Hugh Brooks	Rd. Cunningham	Saml. Hanna	Hercules McCombe
Wm. Cunningham		Saml. Watson	
Henry Elder	John Combe	Jas. McCullogh	Saml. Abernethy
Richd. Dill		Jas. Riddell	
Jos. Osborne	John Irvine		
Jas. Canning	Jas. Mitchel		Bangor
Matt. Culbert		Jas. Caldwell	John Girvin
Jas. Allison		Robt. Porter	Jas. Young
T.patrick.		Andw. Craig	
John Wright	Adam Bole	David Taggart	Jas Savage
Thos. Read	Alexr. Stewart	Robt. Acheson	John Bankhead
Wm. Montgomery		John Wightman	Robt. Agnew
John Bankhead	Robt. McBride	Josiah Ker	Jos. Carson
John Savage		John Arnold	
		John Watson	Wm. Read



Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.	
Dublin		Root.		
Wm. Wilson	Alexr. Gordon	Robert Thomson	Saml. Livingston	
Dr. McDowel		Wm. Lynd		
Hugh Moore		Hugh McClelland		
Jas. Horner		Robt. Rentoul		
B.mena.		Jas. Elder	Jas. Hamil	
Chas. Brown	Jas. Logan	Matt. Elder		
Jas. Cuming	Robt. Craig	Alexr. Martin		
Thos. Henry	John Risside	Archd. Fullerton		
Hen. Henry	Robt. Mecom	James Brown	David Mearns	
Alexr. Montgomery	Jas. Kirk	John Glasco	Monaghan.	
Wm. Hamilton	L.kenny.	John Davys		
		Matt. Trimble		John Thomson
		John McCurdy		
		Jos. Denham	Alexr. Barry	
David Allen	John Tays	Jas. Whiteside	Jas. Todd	
Henry Millar		Henry McIlree		
Wm. Ramsay		Jas. Gouday		
Hugh Delap	Jas. Culbert	Jas. Morrell		Thos. Kinnier
Francis Dill	John Crawford	Antrim.		
Saml. Dill		Foot Marshal	Matt. Smyth	
Clogher.		Dr. Bruce	Henry Joy	
Wm. Moorhead	Saml. King	Jas. Neilson		
James Ker	Geo. Irvine			
Andw. Millar				
Wm. Johnston				
Jas. Davison		Thos. Coote		
Josias Gamble				

One Elder from  
each Cong<sup>n</sup>  
to vote at this  
meeting

Upon Two Elders being returned by the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Derry it was moved, that only one Elder, from any Cong<sup>n</sup>, shall be allowed to vote at this meeting. Upon this the previous Question was moved, "Shall this motion be put?" The Roll was called, and it carried, "Put." The original motion was then carried by a considerable majority.

Report of  
Commissrs

This Synod having been called by the Moderator for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Commissioners appointed at our last meeting to communicate with Government, The said Commissioners now gave in their Reports at considerable length.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock, after prayer.*

Commission  
dissolved

The Synod having heard the Reports of the Commissioners it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Commission be now Dissolved, & it is hereby Dissolved accordingly.

Resolved, that when the Moderator shall receive an official Communication from Lord Castlereagh containing an Arrangement of the Plan on which Government propose to grant a farther Provision to the Clergymen of this Body; He shall again call together the Synod & lay the same before them. When the Synod to be called

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that a letter shall be written to Lord Castlereagh, Expressive of the high Sense which we entertain of his Lordship's Attention to the Interests of this Body, and of our most anxious wish that his Lordship would exert his Influence to Obtain that any addition, which the wisdom & Liberality of Government might see fit to make to our Bounty may be granted on Terms similar to those on which we at present enjoy their favour. And that a Committee consisting of a Minister & Elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to prepare the same. A letter to be written to Lord Castlereagh

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 12 o'clock.

*3d Session Thursday 12 o'clock after Prayer.*

The Committee having produced a letter to the purpose above mentioned, It was read, & unanimously approved, And it was also unanimously agreed, that the Moderator & Dr Birch do present the said letter to his Lordship. The letter is as follows:—

My Lord,

We the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster regularly convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of our Commissioners who were appointed to communicate with your Lordship relative to the Intention of Government, of making a farther Provision for the ministers of this Body, cheerfully embrace this opportunity of conveying to your Lordship, our sincere & warm acknowledgments, for your Lordships persevering Attention to our Interests. The Letter & to be presented by the Moderator & Dr Birch

At the same time we beg leave to assure your Lordship that it is the anxious Desire of this Body, clearly ascertained in a meeting unusually full & particularly distinguished by the number and respectability of its Elders, that whatever addition the wisdom & Liberality of Government shall be pleased to make to the present Bounty, may be conferred on Terms similar to those on which former Grants have been enjoyed. And from your Lordships Knowledge of the Principles of Presbyterians we rely with the firmest Confidence that your Lordship will use your most active Exertions in promoting our wishes.

Signed by order

JOHN BANKHEAD, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

It was moved & agreed to, that our Moderator & Dr Birch be instructed when they wait upon Lord Castlereagh to request that his Lordship will use his Influence for adopting some plan, for enabling use to raise money for the purpose of repairing our Houses of Worship.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 24<sup>th</sup> October 1800 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

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*A Gen. Synod at Lurgan, 30 June 1801.*

Mr Bankhead, the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1 Peter 1, 2. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which appeared from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presb.		Dromore—continued.	
Robert Dickson		Wm. Magee	John Hazlet
Thos. Cuming	Leond. Dobbin	Wm. Fletcher	
Nath. Shaw	Wm. Kyle	Jas. Waddell	
Wm. Charleton	Wm. McAnally	John McClelland	
Jas. Bankhead	Wm. Herron	Joseph Patterson	Thos. McCartney
John Thom	Isaac Wm. Glenney	John McIlwaine	John Moore, Esqr.
Strabane.		Belfast.	
Wm. Dunlop		Sinclare Kelburn	
		Joseph Harrison	
	Derry.	Wm. Whitla	Wm. Steel
Dr. Young		Saml. Hanna	Hercules McCombe
Dr. Black		Saml. Watson	Dr. Lowry
Hugh Brooke		James McCullough	
Wm. Cunningham		Henry Simson	Robert Lockhart
Henry Elder		Jas. Riddell	John Hunter
Richd. Dill		Bangor.	
Jas. Canning		James Cochran	
Matt. Culbert		Andw. Craig	
David Hamilton		James Sinclair	
James Allison		David Taggart	
	T.patrick.	Robt. Acheson	John Bankhead
John Bankhead		Josiah Ker	
John Savage		John Watson	
Adam Hill		John Arnold	
Robert Orr		Wm. Moreland	
Robert Thomson	Jas. Patten	Hamilton Dobbin	Thos. Brown
Thos. Alexander		Dublin Presb.	
Robert Campbell	John Parker	No member present	
Nath. Alexander	Robt. Dickey		
Alexr. Montgomery	Robt. Stewart		
Dromore.		B.mena.	
Isaac Patrick	Geo. Galbraith	James Cuming	
Robt. McClure	Robt. Elliot	Thos. Henry	Jas. Moore
Saml. Barber	Wm. Swan	Henry Henry	Nath. Owens
Jas. Birch	Jas. Porter	Alexr. Montgomery	
John Thomson	Thos. Brown	Wm. Hamilton	Dr. Patrick
Joseph Hay		Benjn. Mitchel	Nath. Boyd
Dr. Little		Thos. Kinnier	Andw. Read
John Sherrard	Jos. Chambers		
Francis Turretine			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
L. kenny.		Monaghan.	
James Delap		Thos. Stewart	
Hugh Delap		Matt. Trimble	
Francis Dill		Robt. Montgomery	Jas. Gibson
James Houston	Thos. Kernachan	John McCurdy	
Saml. Dill	Victor Motherwell	Joseph Denham	
		James Whiteside	
	Clogher.	James Goudy	
Andw. Millar	Chas. Stewart	Hen. McIlree	Saml. Kidd
Wm. Johnston		James Morell	
Josias Gamble		James Wilson	
		Tyrone.	
	Root.	Moses Hogg	Robt. Hogg
James Elder		James Whiteside	
Alexr. Martin		Wm. Stitt	
Archd. Fullerton		Wm. Moore	
James Brown		Hugh Boylan	
John Glasgow		Thos. McCay	Hugh White
		James Adams	
	Antrim.	John Davison	
Dr. Bruce		Wm. Read	Robt. Love
Jas. Wonal	John Sweeny	Robt. Stewart	Robt. Smyth
Joseph Osborne			

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead having moved that another Mod<sup>r</sup> be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Savage, Hay, Harrison, Craig, Cuming, Ja<sup>s</sup> Delap, Johnston, Brown, Stewart, & Hogg. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Hay chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

Order to  
Presb<sup>s</sup>

The Several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning, of their members for the Several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup>. An account of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund. Of any that have died; and of the time when such did Die. Also of such women as have been wives of ministers & are not on the fund.

Comtee of  
Acct<sup>s</sup>

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Bankhead, W<sup>m</sup> Dunlop, Rich<sup>d</sup> Dill, Robt Thomson, John Thomson, Joseph Harrison, David Taggart, W<sup>m</sup> Hamilton, Hugh Delap, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston, Ja<sup>s</sup> Elder, James Goudy, & W<sup>m</sup> Moore. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to  
said Comtee

Ordered, That said Comt<sup>ee</sup> do report to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the Widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, &

the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, and the sum due, & payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1800 till 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1801.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock after prayer.*

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Comt<sup>ees</sup>. Also the following Reports.

Armagh Presb. report, That on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. last they ordained in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Newry, the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Thom, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Moses Chambers; On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson, M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody. Ordained

B.mena Presb. report, That on 12 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1800 they ordained at Ballymoney, M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Mitchel who is not a Contributor to the widows fund. That on 23<sup>d</sup> June 1801 they ordained at Clogh M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Kinnier, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay. Ordained

Bangor Presb. report, That M<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jackson died on 5<sup>th</sup> June. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Porter. That M<sup>r</sup> Knox died on 22<sup>d</sup> March last. That M<sup>r</sup> Wightman was removed from Moira to Hollywood, in the bounds of the Presb. of Antrim. And that M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton Dobbin, who was licensed according to Synodical Regulations since last Synod, was ordained at Moira on 10<sup>th</sup> June, & is a Contributor to the widows fund. Dead  
Dead  
Removed  
Ordained

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Wilson at Corboy on 5<sup>th</sup> March last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have Installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry M<sup>c</sup>Ilree at Keady. Have entered on second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Gibson. On first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Whiteside, & Arthur Windram; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat. Ordained  
Installed

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Derry Presb. report, That they ordained at Cumber, on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last M<sup>r</sup> James Allison. Also on 2<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last at Glendermot M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Monteith, and at Taughboyne, M<sup>r</sup> Matt. Herron, on 2<sup>d</sup> June. All Contributors to the widows fund. That M<sup>r</sup> Scott resigned his Pastoral Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Donagh, through Bodily Infirmary. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten. Three ordained  
Resigned



Ordained

T.patriack Presb. report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery at Glenarm, on 17<sup>th</sup> March last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson.

Installed

Dromore Presb. report, That they Installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> John McIlwaine at Morne, on 23<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & is a Contributor to the widows fund. That M<sup>r</sup> Jackson

Dead

died on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> last. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Malcomson according to Synodical Regulations, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> McCombe, & M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson.

Ordained

Belfast Presb. report, That on 3<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last they ordained in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Drumbo M<sup>r</sup> James Riddell who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith and is a Contributor to the widows fund. That on first Tuesday of May last they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Goudy, who also subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> McEwen, & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan.

Root Presb. report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie in the Isle of Man, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis in America, M<sup>rs</sup> McMullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglas. That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Kennedy & John Syms. Have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Brown; and on second Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Kennedy & Sam<sup>l</sup> Caldwell.

Dead

Tyrone Presb. report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy died on 9<sup>th</sup> April last, leaving a family. That on first Tuesday of May last they ordained at Coagh M<sup>r</sup> Cowan, who subscribed the usual formula & is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have licensed according to Synodical Regulations Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyle, & Caldwell, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. Have admitted to first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Duncan; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, and families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray, McClelland, Whiteside & Kennedy.

Ordained

Dublin Presb. report, That none have died, been ordained or Installed, none Licensed or entered on Tryals. That no widow resides in their Bounds, & refer to the Presb. of Letterkenny respecting M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, but believe she is still living.

L.kenny Presb. report, That they have entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> McCrea; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Holmes.

Ordained

Strabane Presb. report, that they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Porter in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Newton Limavaddy as Colleague to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Osborne, on 2<sup>d</sup> Aug. 1799, who proposed being a Contributor to the widows fund, under the Regulations of Synod in such cases. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Osborne died on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1800 leaving a family. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Neilson died on 8<sup>th</sup> April last. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

Two dead

Gen. Synods fixed Comt<sup>ee</sup> for the year 1801.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Armagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cuming & Shaw

Bangor, „ Craig & Acheson

B.mena, „ Montgomery & T. Henry

Monaghan, „ Trimble & Whiteside

Clogher, „ Johnston & Davison

Derry, „ Dr Young & Dr Black

T.patrick, „ Orr & Thomson

Dromore, „ Thomson & Sherrard

Belfast, „ M<sup>c</sup>Cullough & Whitla

Root, „ Brown & Glasgow

Tyrone, „ Hogg & M<sup>c</sup>Kay

L.kenny, „ Ja<sup>s</sup> Delap & Ja<sup>s</sup> Houston

Strabane, „ Hemphill & Porter

These with an elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Lurgan, when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup> on any Emergency, Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom Twelve at least are to be ministers.

Upon reading the minute of last year, respecting the Mod<sup>rs</sup> of the Presbs. of B.mena, & Belfast & others not in the Habit of attending Synod, writing to the members of their respective Presbs. on this subject it appeared, that with this Injunction the Mod<sup>rs</sup> of Belfast & B.mena had complied, & their conduct was accordingly approved. It not having been observed, however by the Presb. of Strabane, not one of whose members was present, at last meeting, & the Presb. of Dublin not having a single member present at this meeting, It was moved & agreed to, that the members of these Presbyteries be enjoined to attend, or apologize Individually at next meeting for their conduct in this respect.

Order to the  
Presbs of  
Dublin &  
Strabane

M<sup>r</sup> Thomson of T.Patrick Presb. as Mod<sup>r</sup> of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed at last Synod to meet at Magherafelt on the Business of M<sup>r</sup> Mitchel & the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballymoney, reported that they met, & issued the Affairs on which they were appointed.

Report from  
the Comt<sup>ee</sup> at  
Magherafelt

Synod to meet  
at Cookstown

Moved, That the next meeting of Synod shall be held at Cookstown on the last Tuesday of June 1802. It was also moved that Lurgan be the place of meeting. The Question was accordingly put "Cookstown or Lurgan?" The Roll being called, it carried "Cookstown." Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

In settling the above Question a Discussion arose concerning the Presb. of Antrim & their Elders having a right to vote which Discussion terminated in the affirmative.

It was afterwards moved, "That Elders may sit, speak & vote on all Questions of Interloq<sup>r</sup> whatever." To this motion it was moved as an amendment, "That Elders may sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the widows fund excepted."

Motion  
respecting  
Elders  
adjourned  
Keady

The farther Discussion of this Business was deferred till to-morrow immediately after Breakfast.

Upon reading the minute of last year respecting the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady paying all accounts due to the Probationers of Tyrone Presbytery, it appeared, that the Cong<sup>on</sup> had not paid the said accounts in full. After some Investigation into the Particulars of this Business the Synod ordered that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady do immediately pay into the Hands of Mr Boylan the sum of £2 8s 9d, as yet remaining due to the Probationers of Tyrone Presbytery.

Upon reading the Overture, of last year, ordering Returns to be made by every Presbytery, of the number of Famlies & Stipend of each Cong<sup>on</sup> within their Respective bounds, It was moved & agreed to, that by that Overture this Synod is not to be understood as having expressed any sentiment in favour of Classes.

Comtee to meet  
at Portadown  
to settle the  
affairs at  
Vinecash

It appearing that the Order of Synod of last year, respecting the settlement of Accounts, between Mr M'Ilree & the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Vinecash, had not been Obeyed, it was moved & agreed to, that, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, John Sherrard & John Hazlet be appointed a Comtee to meet at Portadown, on the last Thursday of July Inst. who are empowered to settle all accounts, in Question, and that their Decision shall be final.

Collegiate  
charges may  
send an Elder  
with each  
minister

On reading the minute of the *pro re nata* meeting of the Synod on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> last which declares, "that only one Elder from any Cong<sup>on</sup> shall be allowed to vote at that meeting." It was moved & seconded, "That Collegiate Charges may send an Elder with each Minister to the Judicatories of this Church" The Question was put "May they send or Not?" The Roll being called it carried "they may send," by a large majority.

Report of the  
late Mod<sup>r</sup> &  
D<sup>r</sup> Birch

The late Mod<sup>r</sup> reported, that He, & D<sup>r</sup> Birch waited on Lord Castlereagh according to appointment & delivered to his Lordship the Synods letter. That his Lordship received them with much Politeness: said he would always be happy to attend to the Interests of the Presbyterian Body; & that with respect to the Objects comprehended in the Synods letter, his Majesty's Ministers had determined on two points; the one that they would not make any farther Provision for



Presbyterian Ministers on the present plan; and that when they did enter on that measure, unequal Distribution would make a part of the plan.

The late Mod<sup>r</sup> also produced a letter from Lord Castlereagh which was read & is as follows:—

Ipswich June 13.

Sir,

The Change which has taken place in his Majesty's Councils will, I trust, explain to you, why I have felt myself precluded from making to you as Moderator of the Synod, the Communications which I promised, at our last Interview and which nothing but the event above alluded to, could have delayed.

Letter from  
Lord  
Castlereagh

I have in Obedience to Lord Cornwallis's commands fully explained to his Majestys Ministers, of both countries, what had already passed on this Subject; and in doing so I have used my best Endeavours to impress their minds in the strongest manner as well with the general Expediency of the measure, as with the Assurances which the Synod had received from their Predecessors relative to its speedy accomplishment.

I earnestly & Anxiously hope, that the Decision of his Majestys Confidential Servants, will ultimately accord with the purpose which Lord Cornwallis's Government had so much at Heart, and which he flattered himself, (as a part of a General System) would have proved of equal Advantage to the State & to the Dissenters, by ameliorating the Circumstances and Situation of their Clergy.

I beg Sir through you to assure the Synod, that I shall feel the same desire in my Individual Capacity to promote the true Interests of their Body, which I very sincerely entertained, when I had the Honor of being employed in his Majesty's Service, and that they may always very freely command my best exertions.

I have the Honor to remain Sir with much Respect

Your faithful & obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

CASTLEREAGH.

Resolved unanimously, that a letter of thanks be written to Lord Castlereagh, expressive of our Gratitude to his Lordship for his unremitting attention to our Interests, and that D<sup>r</sup> Black, D<sup>r</sup> Little, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Bankhead, John Thomson & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming do prepare the same.

Thanks to Lord  
Castlereagh

It was also unanimously Resolved, that the Thanks of this Synod be returned to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Att<sup>y</sup> General for his favourable Intentions & kind Interference respecting the Interests of this Body, in a letter signed by the Moderator, and that D<sup>r</sup> Black & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barber, Birch, Acheson, & Hugh Delap do prepare the same.

Thanks to the  
Att<sup>y</sup> General

The several Committees are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Thursday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The adjourned motion respecting Elders carried in the affirmative

The amended motion referred to the consideration of this forenoon, viz. "That Elders may sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the widows fund excepted," having undergone a long Discussion, it was at last moved, that the previous Question be put upon the motion. The Roll being called, the previous Question was negatived. The Roll was then called upon the amended motion, which was carried in the Affirmative.

Protest against the above Decision

Against this Decision the following members protested promising to give their Reasons in due time, viz. John Thomson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, Sinclare Kelburn, Tho<sup>s</sup> McKay, & others.

Keady

A supplication was presented from that part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady heretofore known under the Denomination of the minority, praying to be erected into a separate Cong<sup>on</sup>. After considerable Deliberation, it was moved, & unanimously agreed to, that inasmuch, as a standing law of the Synod prohibits any Cong<sup>on</sup> to be erected at the meeting at which it is first proposed, the Presb. of Tyrone be ordered to grant them supplies as they may see fit, till next meeting of Synod.

Maghera

A supplication was presented from a part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Maghera, praying that the Synod would either put a stop to the ordination of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Kennedy in that Cong<sup>on</sup> or should this supplication not be complied with, to erect supplicants into a separate Congregation.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the whole of this Business be dismissed.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Annual Address to the People under our Pastoral Care

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a Comt<sup>ee</sup> be annually appointed to draw up an Address to the People under our Pastoral Care recommending & enforcing the Practice, of Piety & Morality; and that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Millar, Denham, D<sup>r</sup> Little, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, be the Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed for this year.

The protesting Brethren now gave in their Reasons of Protest which were read & are as follow:—

We protest against the Admission of Elders to vote on this Question Because we deem it Incompatible with every Idea of Propriety, that

men should be Judges in their own cause, & assume a Privilege, which they have never enjoyed; Such Procedure is contrary to the practice of every publick Body; whether Ecclesiastical or Civil; A dangerous Innovation Inconsistent with the Government of our Church; & tending to establish a precedent, which may be most destructive in its Consequences.

Reasons of  
Protest against  
the Decision  
respecting  
Elders voting in  
affairs of the  
R.D.

We Protest against the Decision of the Question which has now taken place.

1. Because the ministers of this Synod & of the Presbytery of Antrim have no absolute Right in themselves, but enjoy the Privilege of directing the Application of the Royal Bounty, from the Courtesy & Indulgence of Government only, and therefore cannot, without the greatest impropriety permit the Interference of another class of men, who were never intended by the Donors to have any voice or Authority in its management, and Application.

2. Because the ministers of the Gen. Synod & Presb. of Antrim are competent to manage their pecuniary concerns, in which Elders have never hitherto shewn any Desire to Intermeddle; & which we are perswaded, the greater part of them, have no inclination to engage in, and which may be abused to the purposes of a party spirit, to serve the Interests of Individuals, Inconsistent with the General Interest.

3. Because we deem it Inconsistent with the office of Elders who attend our Judicatories as church officers, to regulate, whatever relates to the Discipline, worship, & Government of the Christian Church, but not to assume, a power over the Property of others, whether ministers or Laymen.

4. Because the Introduction of such a measure at the present Juncture creating an unnecessary change in the Constitution of this Assembly, is peculiarly unwise, and may materially affect the Interest, Prosperity & Tranquillity of the Presbyterian Body.

5. Because the measure so far as it proposes to separate the management of his Majesty's Bounty, & of the widows fund is Impracticable; And if Elders interfere in the Application of the former, out of which the subscriptions of ministers to the latter are defrayed, the support of the fund, must depend upon the controul of men, who are acknowledged on all sides to have no concern in its Interests; and the Institution must be exposed to the hazard of being injured; or it may be, in time wrested from its original Purpose.

6. Because the Question has, in our Opinion, been urged with unbecoming haste, in opposition to our earnest Desire, that it might be deferred until next meeting of Synod, when the several Cong<sup>os</sup> in its Bounds, as well as the ministers now absent, & who never thought of the present Discussion would have an opportunity of expressing their sentiments on a Subject Novel in its nature & introduced without that previous & timely notice which its magnitude demanded. Signed John Thomson, Robert Black, And<sup>m</sup> Craig, Hugh Brooke, Joseph Denham, Tho<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay, David Taggart, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, Matt. Trimble,



David Young, And<sup>w</sup> Millar, James McCullough, Josias Gamble, Josiah Ker, Joseph Harrison, Sinclair Kelburn, James Canning, W<sup>m</sup> Dunlop, James Brown, Alex<sup>r</sup> Martin, Arch<sup>d</sup> Fullerton, David Hamilton, Moses Hogg, Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery, of B.mena Presb., Hugh Delap, Matt. Culbert, James Delap, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session Friday, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Mr Smyth            It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Resolution suspending the payment of the R.D. to Mr Smyth be rescinded.

Address to the        Moved & unanimously agreed to that the following Address be  
Lord Lieutenant    transmitted to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE LORD  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL GOVERNOR  
OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, embrace with pleasure this Opportunity, which our stated Annual meeting affords, us to express to your Excellency, the sense which we entertain of his Majesty's Goodness, in appointing to the Government of this country a Nobleman of your Excellency's high Character & the Representative of a family long distinguished for wisdom & virtue.

Your Excellency's Attachment to the best Interests of this country has been evinced at a Period when everything Dear & valuable to its Inhabitants was in Danger; & we are confident that the same Regard to its Interests, will continue to adorn your present exalted station & ensure the Blessings of Protection, Prosperity, & Peace to this Portion of the United Empire.

We beg leave to renew to your Excellency our Declarations of Loyalty & Attachment to the Person & Government of our beloved Sovereign, for the compleat & Happy Re-establishment of whose Health we are sincerely Grateful to Divine Providence, and we humbly beg that your Excellency may have the Goodness to represent these our Dutiful & Loyal Sentiments to the Father of his People.

Signed in our name & by our Appointment

JOSEPH HAY, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Moved & agreed to, that the Moderator transmit the above Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant & inform him that if his Excellency shall have any Communications to make to the Synod, He

may have the Goodness to make them through him as Moderator, and that he will lay them before this Body.

Resolved that the following letter be transmitted to Lord Castle-  
reagh, in answer to his Lordships letter to our late Moderator.

Letter to Lord  
Castlereagh

Lurgan July 1<sup>st</sup> 1801.

My Lord,

Your letter to our late Moderator of the 13<sup>th</sup> ult. was laid before us at our present meeting.

While we regret that the late change in his Majesty's Councils hath deprived us of your Lordships official exertions, & delayed a measure which you have cherished with steady zeal, we feel ourselves impressed with the most sincere sentiments of Gratitude to your Lordship for your affectionate expressions of Kindness & your unremitting attention, while you continued in office, to our real Interests.

Whatever may ultimately be the success of a measure so conducive to the Interests of the Presbyterians of Ireland, we are proud that this measure originated under the Administration of the Marquis Cornwallis, a Nobleman whose Character we Reverence & love, & whose virtues shall long remain engraven upon our memories.

To him & to your Lordship we are sincerely Grateful, for the pains which you have taken in explaining to his Majesty's Ministers, what has already passed on the subject of the Augmentation of the Royal Bounty, and for recommending the measure to their consideration & Adoption; a Recommendation which we are confident must have its due weight, and of which we already feel the favourable Effects.

For your Lordship's Assurances of Friendship in your Individual Capacity, we beg you to accept our warmest thanks. We wish to open a Communication (through our Moderator the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Hay near Newry) with the present Administration of this country; and hope through your Lordships Exertions co-operating with those of other friends, whether of the late or present Administration, that a measure so Important to the Comfort & Respectability of the Presbyterian Clergy as well as to the People under their care, will ere long be brought to a favourable Issue.

At the same time we beg leave to remind your Lordship of the sentiments which we expressed to you in our letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> of October last, with respect to an unequal Distribution of the projected Augmentation; and with utmost Deference to your Lordships Superior Judgment, we take the liberty of assuring you, that we continue in the same opinion on that subject.

Signed in our name & by our appointment

JOSEPH HAY, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Letter to the  
Attry General

The following letter to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Att<sup>y</sup> General was read, approved, and ordered to be transmitted by the Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Sir,

The Synod of Ulster has this day laid before them your very kind letter to M<sup>r</sup> Delap, & your no less obliging Communications to D<sup>r</sup> Black, for which they return you their Hearty & Sincere thanks.

They are extremely obliged by your communicating to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Objects which Lord Castlereagh had in view, relative to the Augmentation of the Royal Bounty; and the expectations which the Synod had reason to form from his Lordships Intentions.

The Synod is happy to learn that his Excellency will take into his consideration, the Assurances which were held out to the Synod by the late Administration, and Gratefully receive your friendly Communications to them, that his Excellency is ready & Desirous, to forward the views & wishes of the Synod.

The Synod is Happy to find, they have so Willing & Powerful an Advocate with Government, and request you may continue your good offices, in an affair, which has for its object the Interests & welfare of Presbyterians in general & of the Kingdom at large.

Signed in our name & by our Appointment

JOS. HAY, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Lurgan 1 July 1801.

Notice of a  
motion

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna gave notice, that he intends on the next meeting of this Synod to move, That no member of Synod be its Agent.

A motion  
negativ'd by  
the previous  
Question

It was moved & seconded, that the yearly Sallery to be paid to our Agent, for conducting our money Business, shall be the sum of one hundred pounds, & that the mode of payment shall be by Bank Post Bills Quarterly, to each Individual. On this motion the previous Question was put & it carried, "Not."

A Fast Day  
appointed

An Address to the People under the care of the Synod was read & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Bankhead, John Thomson, Robert Acheson, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna, were appointed a Comt<sup>ee</sup> to take care of the printing & Distribution. The number of copies to be printed, fifteen hundred; & the expence to be paid by the Agent.

Dr Dickson

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that a Day of Humiliation be observed in all the Cong<sup>os</sup> under the care of the Synod, on the last Wednesday of July Inst., and if that day be inconvenient to any Cong<sup>on</sup> that it be held on the day before or after.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That as the peculiar Circumstances of D<sup>r</sup> Dickson do not seem to militate against any Rule of this Synod; on his paying 40 shillings a year to our Agent & all arrears, he shall be continued a Contributor to the widows fund.



*At the Interloqr.*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Accounts report :—

Report of  
Comt<sup>ee</sup> of  
Accounts

That the Capital of the widows fund on 1 <sup>st</sup>	
June 1801 was .. ..	£14278 : 4 : 3
Interest arising from the same last year ..	£824 : 1 : 2
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1800—175.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till	
that date ... ..	£636 : 4 : 9
Number of Annuitants 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> 1801—69.	
Annuities payable to them for one year till	
that date .. ..	£1077 : 9 : 1

They examined the accounts of the R.D. from March Qu<sup>r</sup> 1800, till Dec<sup>r</sup> Qu<sup>r</sup> 1800 inclusive ; and also the Accounts of the widows fund from 1<sup>st</sup> June 1800, till 1<sup>st</sup> June 1801, and find them all accurate & fully satisfactory.

JOHN THOMSON, Chairman.

Lurgan 1 July 1801.

Resolved that the Annuitants on the fund be paid this year seven-  
teen pounds each. 17 pounds to  
Annuitants

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, in which they recommend that the Ballance now in the hands of the Agent, be laid out in the purchase of Government Debentures. This agreed to, and our Agent instructed accordingly.

Ordered that the sum of Ten Guineas be paid by the Agent to our Clerk in compensation for his Extra Services in October last. 10 G<sup>s</sup> to Clerk  
for extra  
services

Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Bankhead & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming were appointed to answer the letter of the Trustees.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 26 October 1801 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod at Cookstown, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1802.*

M<sup>r</sup> Hay the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1. Thess. v. 21. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presb.		Belfast Presb.	
Hugh Hamill	Gabriel Holmes	Samuel Patten	
Wm. Dunlop	Patrick Hall	Andrew Grier	
Thos. Anderson		George Brydone	
Chas. Hemphill		Wm. Whitla	
Wm. Porter	James Lindsay	Samuel Hanna	John Milford
		Samuel Watson	Dr. Lowry
		James McCullough	Andw. Goudy
		Hen. Simson	Wm. Killpatrick
		James Riddell	John Hunter
Derry Presb.		Bangor Presb.	
John Law	Wm. Guyler		
Dr. Young	Wm. Law		
Dr. Black	Wm. Walker, Esqr.		
Francis Gray	Isaiah Smyth	James Cochran	Wm. McClure
Hugh Brooke	Richd. Cunningham	Andw. Cralg	
Wm. Cunningham		James Sinclair	
Henry Elder	John Cowan	David Taggart	
Richard Dill	James Risk	Robt. Acheson	John Dickson
James Canning		Josiah Ker	John Menown
Matthew Culbert		John Arnold	
David Hamilton		John Watson	
James Allison		Wm. Moreland	
Wm. Montecth			
Matthew Herron			
Robert Caldwell			
T.patrick Presb.		Dublin Presb.	
John Wright	Adam Boyle	Dr. McDowel	
John Bankhead		Hugh Moore	
Adam Hill		Wm. Wilson	
Robert Thomson	David Forsyth	James Horner	
John Murphy	Jas. Patten		
Thos. Alexander	John Murphy		
Robt. Campbell	Robt. Hussey		
Nath. Alexander	Wm. Moore		
Alexr. Montgomery	Philip Gibbons		
Dromore Presb.		B.mena Presb.	
Isaac Patrick	John Finlay	Joseph Douglas	
Saml. Barber	Saml. Caldwell	Jas. Cumming	Henry Boyd
James Birch	Alexr. Cochran	David Park	John Gordon
John Thomson	Thos. Brown	Robt. Christie	Wm. Rossborough
Joseph Hay		Thos. Henry	Wm. Adams
Dr. Little	Wm. Morrow	Henry Henry	Robert Malcome
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson	Wm. Hamilton	Dr. Patrick
John McClelland		Benjn. Mitchel	Robt. McAfee
John McCance	Wm. Wilson	Thos. Kinnier	Saml. Stephenson
John McIlwain	John Ewing		
Hamilton Dobbin	John Hazlet		
		L.kenny Presb.	
		Henry Millar	
		John Holmes	
		Wm. Ramsay	
		Hugh Delap	
		Wm. Houston	
		Francis Dill	
		James Houston	Andw. McCrea
		Samuel Dill	Thos. Elliot

Minrs.		Elders.	Minrs.		Elders.
<b>Clogher Presb.</b>			<b>Tyrone Presb.</b>		
Wm. Moorhead	Alexr. Irwin	Moses Hogg	James Jones		
Andw. Millar	John Cowan	James Whiteside			
James Ker	Robt. Armstrong	Wm. Stitt	Dr. Hamilton		
Wm. Johnston	Wm. Smyth	Wm. Moore	Jas. Magill		
James Davison	John Wilson	Hugh Boylan			
James Hall		Geo. Dougal	Robt. Duncan		
Booth Caldwell		Thos. McKay	Hugh White		
Josias Gamble	Saml. Gamble	John Davison	Andw. Harkness		
		Wm. Read			
		Alexr. Carson	Saml. Sinclair		
		John Cowan	Gabriel Aiken		
<b>Root Presb.</b>			<b>Armagh Presb.</b>		
Robert Thomson	Wm. Glen	Robert Dickson			
Wm. Lynd	Wm. Hill	Thos. Cuming			
Hugh McClelland		Nath. Shaw	Henry Stirling		
Robt. Rentoul	James Morrison	Wm. Charleton	Robt. Grier		
Jas. McFarland	Jas. Watt	Jas. Bankhead	David McCombe		
James Elder		Wm. Neilson	Joseph Parks		
Matt. Elder	Matt. Brown	John Thom	James Brown		
Daniel Blair	Robt. Barber				
Alexr. Martin	Saml. Allen, Esqr.				
Archd. Fullerton	Hugh Rankin				
John Smyth	Saml. Donnaghy				
Jas. Brown	Matt. Woodburn				
Daniel Makee	John Martin				
Chas. Kennedy	James Ker	Futt. Marshall	Robt. Neilson		
Jas. Boyle	Adam Hunter, Esqr.	James Neilson			
Thos. Grier	Wm. Ker	Joseph Osborne			
		John Wightman			
		Dr. Dickson an Honorary Member			
<b>Monaghan Presb.</b>			<b>Antrim Presb.</b>		
Matt. Trimble					
Robt. Montgomery	Robt. Smyth				
John McCurdy	John Wilkin				
Joseph Denham					
James Whiteside					
James Goudy					
Saml. Kennedy					
Henry Mellree	Wm. Blair				
James Morell	John Power				
James Gibson					
			<b>Elders from vacant &amp; planted Congregations.</b>		
			Stewartstown	John Alexander	
			Carland	Joseph Howard	
			Moirra	Robt. Crawford	
			Skreegan	Alexr. Deans	
			Clare	Robert Boyd	
			Castle Dawson	Matt. Kevin	
			Larne	George Hay	

Mr Hay having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hamil, Dr Young, Hill, Sherrard, Brydone, Craig, Horner, Christie, Holmes, Moorhead, R. Thomson, R. Montgomery, Hogg, & Shaw. The Roll was called & Mr Shaw chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synods fixed Com<sup>tee</sup>. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; And of such Candidates as



have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did Die. Also of such women in their Bounds, as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the fund.

Comtee of  
Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presb<sup>s</sup> as a Committee to Inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunlop, Elder, Alexander, Hay, Hanna, Arnold, Wilson, Christie, Ramsay, Johnston, Trimble, & Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any Member may attend to give or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to said  
Comtee

Ordered, That said Committee do report to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> the amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund & the sum due & payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1801, till 1<sup>st</sup> January 1802.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*2<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday morning 10 o'clock after prayer.*

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports.

Dead  
Dead  
Dead

Armagh Presb. report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Livingston of Clare died on 26 Feb. last, leaving a widow & children. That M<sup>rs</sup> Ferguson died on 27<sup>th</sup> May last. That M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson also died the time not known. That they have licensed according to Synodical Regulations M<sup>r</sup> Moses Chambers. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, & families of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson & M<sup>r</sup> Bryson.

Licensed

Bangor Presb. report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Wright according to Synodical Regulations. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Paterson, & M<sup>rs</sup> Porter.

Licensed  
Deposed

Derry Presb. report, That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> James Marshal & entered on Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Hall. That they deposed from the ministerial office M<sup>r</sup> John Irwin of Faughan for celebrating marriage contrary to the Order and Discipline of the Gen. Synod, on 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. last, & advertised his Deposition according to the Regulation of the Synod. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Patten.

Dublin Presb. report, That they have neither Licensed, Ordained nor entered on first Tryals any person, and that the widow of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Rodgers of Longford resides within their Bounds.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

Two dead  
Three ordained

Root Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Glasgo of Coleraine died on 13<sup>th</sup> July & M<sup>r</sup> Knox of Dunboe on 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1801. That they ordained

M<sup>r</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Kennedy at Maghera on 29<sup>th</sup> July, M<sup>r</sup> James Boyle at Dunluce on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, and M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Grier at Dunboe on 9<sup>th</sup> March last, all Contributors to the widows fund. That they have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Brown, and have entered on second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> John Whiteside. Widows on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylic, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, M<sup>rs</sup> Knox, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglass.

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained at Lissluney on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. last, M<sup>r</sup> James Gibson who is a Contributor to the widows fund. Have Licensed according to Synodical Regulations, Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Whiteside & Arthur Windrum. And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, & M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat.

T.patrick Presb. report, that on 4<sup>th</sup> May last they deposed M<sup>r</sup> John Abernethy, formerly minister of Templepatrick, for celebrating marriage contrary to all Order, from every part of the ministerial Office. They also report that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson.

Belfast Presb. report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sinclair Kelburn died on 31<sup>st</sup> March last leaving a widow. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan & M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn.

Strabane Presb. have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Scott, and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet now residing in Scotland, M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

B.mena Presb. have entered on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Killpatrick; and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay. M<sup>rs</sup> Rankin died some time in February last.

L.kenny Presb. report, That they have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Crea. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal & Holmes.

Dromore Presb. report, That they Installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Hamilton Dobbin at Lurgan on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last. He is a Contributor to the widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe, & M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson. They farther report, that they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Wright, Colleague to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clure at Anahilt, on 24<sup>th</sup> June. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributor to the widows fund.

Tyrone Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Adams died on 26 Dec<sup>r</sup> last leaving a widow & children. That they have licensed since last meeting of Synod Mess<sup>rs</sup> And<sup>w</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Caldon, Arch<sup>d</sup> Maharg, & John Duncan, who all subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Whiteside & Kennedy.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1802.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Armagh, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cuming & Bankhead

Bangor, „ Sinclair & Arnold

Derry, „ D<sup>rs</sup> Young & Black

Dublin, „ D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & Wilson

Clogher, „ Millar & Davison

Root, „ Rentoul & Brown

Monaghan, „ Trimble & Whiteside

T.patrick, „ Bankhead & Thomson

Belfast, „ Whitla & Grier

Strabane, „ Dunlop & Porter

B.mena, „ Hamilton & Hen. Henry

L.kenny, „ Hu. Delap & Fran. Dill

Dromore, „ D<sup>r</sup> Little & M<sup>r</sup>. Hay

Tyrone, „ Stitt & More, Elders H. White & Ja<sup>s</sup> Magill

These with an Elder from each Presb. & our Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Mod<sup>r</sup>, on any Emergency, fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom Twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Elders from  
Vacant Congos  
admitted to vote

It was moved & seconded, That Elders from all Congregations whether vacant, or planted, shall be admitted to sit, speak, & vote, as members on all Questions which shall come before the Synod.

After this motion had been argued at great length, the Question was put, “ Admit or Not?” The Roll was called, and it carried “ Admit.”

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

It was moved & agreed to, that D<sup>r</sup> Dickson be requested to sit as an Honorary Member, at this meeting.

Synod to meet  
at Cookstown

It was moved that Lurgan be the place of the Synods meeting next year. Monaghan & Cookstown were also named. The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Cookstown on the last Tuesday of June 1803. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock Afternoon.



Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Third Session, Thursday morning 7 o'clock after Prayer.*

A Letter from Lord Castlereagh, in answer to the Synod's Letter of last year was read & is as follows :—

Letter from  
L<sup>d</sup> Castlereagh

Harrowgate 21 July.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, written by Direction of the Synod, It is only necessary for me to acknowledge the Receipt of it, and to offer my Congratulations to you personally, on your being appointed Moderator. It will afford me the greatest satisfaction to find the Arrangement in Question brought to a prosperous Issue.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most faithful Servant,

CASTLEREAGH.

Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hay.

*Fourth Session Thursday 11 o'clock after Prayer.*

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Committee nominated last year to prepare an Address to our People, recommending the Practice of Piety & Morality, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Millar, Denham, D<sup>r</sup> Little, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, be appointed this year to prepare, and bring forward a Similar Address. And that the Presb. of Strabane be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to prepare an Address recommending the Practice of Piety & Morality & to bring it forward at our annual meeting for the year 1803. And also that the Presbytery first on the Roll shall be annually appointed to prepare & bring forward a Similar Address each succeeding year.

Resolution  
respecting the  
Annual Address  
to the People  
under the  
Pastoral Care  
of this Synod

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

*Fifth Session Friday morning 6 o'clock after Prayer.*

It was Overtured and unanimously agreed to, that an Address be presented to his Majesty to express to his Majesty our sincere Congratulations on the Happy Restoration of Peace. And that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, requesting him to transmit the same to his Majesty. And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Rentoul, Horner, & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming are appointed a Committee to prepare the same.

Overture

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 11 o'clock.

*Sixth Session Friday, 11 o'clock, after Prayer.*

It was moved & agreed to, that the Resolution of last year respecting the Right of Elders to sit, speak, & vote, on all Questions, those

Resolution of  
last year  
amended

relating to the Widows fund excepted to be thus amended:—"That Elders are acknowledged to have a Right to sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the Distribution of the Royal Bounty & Widows fund excepted. And that in future should any addition to or change in the Administration of the Royal Bounty be offered to this Synod, That Elders shall have a Right to sit, speak & vote on the Terms of such Addition or Change."

Answer to our  
Address of last  
year

A letter from the Secretary of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant in answer to our Address of last year, was received by our late Moderator, & is as follows:—

Dublin Castle 18<sup>th</sup> July 1801.

Sir,

Your letter transmitting the Address of the Gen. Synod of Ulster has been laid before my Lord Lieutenant, and I am directed by his Excellency to desire that you will take an Opportunity to return the Synod his warm Acknowledgments for their kind expressions, on his appointment to the Government of this part of the United Kingdom, and to assure them that it will be his anxious Endeavour to continue their Esteem by an Invariable Attention to its welfare & Prosperity.

His Excellency will not fail to represent to his Majesty the Loyal & affectionate feelings of the Gen. Synod, on the Re-establishment of his Majesty's Health, an Event which so Justly calls for the Effusions of their Gratitude to Divine Providence.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most Obedient Humble servant,

E. COOKE.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Hay

Mod<sup>r</sup> of the Gen. Synod of Ulster.

Comtee to revise  
& publish an  
Abstract of the  
Laws of Synod

Resolved that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, John Bankhead, And<sup>w</sup> Craig, Rob<sup>t</sup> Acheson, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna, be appointed a Comtee to revise & publish an Abstract of the Laws & Regulations of the Minutes of the Gen. Synod, now in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, unless they shall see Cause to defer the Publication, and that if they shall see it necessary to publish, that two Copies be sent to each Congregation in the Bounds of the Synod.

Two letters  
from his  
Excellency the  
Lord Lieutenant

Two Letters by D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to our late Moderator, were presented, & read from the Chair. They are as follow:—

Dublin Castle 23 June 1802.

Sir,

It has been represented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, That at the last meeting of the Synod of Ulster a Question was brought forward as to the Mode in which the fund called the Regium Donum should be administered, and that attempts have been made at that meeting to controul the form of proceeding, which has

been so long pursued and which his Majesty has placed under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant.

His Excellency being of opinion that such attempts would tend to Introduce Discussions of matters not properly before the Synod; and that a departure from the present mode would be highly Inexpedient; I am directed to signify to you his Excellency's Pleasure that the mode hitherto pursued, be strictly adhered to, and that the Administration of the fund remain Exclusively under the Direction of the Ministers as has heretofore been the uniform practice.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

A. MARSDEN.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Hay.

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Dublin Castle 26 June 1802.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Lord Lieutenant to convey to you, for the Information of the Presbyterian Ministers of Ulster, the substance of a letter which has this day been received from Lord Pelham & which his Excellency has great pleasure in communicating.

Lord Pelham informs his Excellency that his Majestys Confidential servants have come to a Determination to recommend to the King to encrease the Regium Donum in the next year; and a future communication will be made as to the Amount, and the Regulations which it may be thought Adviseable to adopt.

I have the Honor to be Sir, your most Obedient humble Servant,

A. MARSDEN.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Hay.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to the Lord Lieutenant in answer to the above letters, & that the Comtee be the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, & Black & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna.

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna declined to bring forward his promised Motion, "That no member of Synod be its Agent."

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock.

*Seventh Session Saturday morning 5 o'clock after prayer.*

The Comtee appointed to prepare an Address to the People under our Care, produced the same, which being read, was referred to the Presbytery of Dublin, to revise, correct, publish and Distribute, fifty Copies to each Cong<sup>ns</sup> under the Care of the Synod.

The Committees appointed to prepare the Addresses to the King & Lord Lieutenant now laid them before the Synod which being read & approved, It was Resolved, that our Moderator, D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, & M<sup>r</sup>



Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, with Adam Hunter, Esq<sup>r</sup> & D<sup>r</sup> Lowry, Elders, be appointed to present the same to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

The Addresses are as follow :—

### TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address to the  
King

We your Majestys most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders composing the Gen. Synod of Ulster, embrace with pleasure the opportunity afforded us, by our Annual Meeting of declaring our Attachment to your Majestys Person & Government.

We entreat permission to offer to your Majesty our warm and Respectful Congratulations, on the Happy Re-establishment of Peace, accomplished since our last meeting, under Divine Providence, by the Wisdom & firmness of your Majestys Councils. And we beg leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall continue to Inculcate on the People under our Care, those Principles of Religion, Order & good morals, which are alike conducive to their Eternal Happiness, & to the Tranquillity of Society. Nor shall we cease to offer up our Prayers to Almighty God for the Peace & Welfare of the Empire; And that your Majestys Reigu over it may be long & Prosperous.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown, this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1802.

NATH. SHAW, Moderator.

### TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

We his Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Synod of Ulster, beg leave to approach your Excellency with the most lively sentiments of Respect, Earnestly requesting that your Excellency may transmit our Address to our most Gracious Sovereign, assuring his Majesty of our unfeigned Loyalty & Attachment to his Person & Government.

We are happy in this opportunity of expressing the high Veneration and Esteem which we entertain for your Excellencys exalted Character. We admire those virtues which so eminently adorn it, and we are highly Grateful for your Excellencys Attachment to the true Interests of this part of his Majestys United Kingdom, & for the Advantages which we enjoy under your Excellencys Administration.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1802.

NATH. SHAW, Moderator.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE LORD  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL  
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's Loyal & Dutiful Subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the Synod of Ulster assembled at our Annual Meeting at Cookstown on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1802, deeply impressed with a sense of your attachment to the Interests of the Presbyterian Body, beg leave most Respectfully to acknowledge the Honor done us by your Excellency's Communication through D<sup>r</sup> McDowel, respecting a Resolution of last Synod.

Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

We feel the deepest Concern that any Question brought forward at that meeting, should have given cause to your Excellency to consider us, as attempting to Controul the usual Mode of administering the fund called the Regium Donum, which has been most wisely placed under the Discretion of your Excellency & your Predecessors in the Government of this part of the United Kingdom, and which the ministers of this Body enjoy, by the Beneficence of our most Gracious Sovereign.

Permit us to assure your Excellency that we have not the most distant Idea of changing the mode hitherto pursued in the Administration of any fund, which the goodness of Government, has from time to time been pleased to grant for the support of the ministers of this Body. We hope what the Synod has this year done, will be satisfactory to your Excellency in this Respect. Firmly attached as we are to the Excellent Constitution of this Realm, under which we certainly feel that we enjoy the most distinguished Blessings, we trust that your Excellency will have the goodness to believe that we will carefully guard against all Innovations, that might tend to Infringe on the Rights of Government, or Impede its kind Intentions towards us.

We acknowledge with Lively Gratitude your Excellency's kind & Condescending Communication Informing us "That his Majesty's Confidential Servants have come to a Determination to recommend to the King to encrease the Regium Donum in the next year; and that a future Communication will be made as to the Amount, and the Regulations which it may be thought Adviseable to adopt."

Your Excellency will easily conceive the Grateful Emotions which this Gracious Communication excited in our Breasts; and confiding in your Excellency's friendly Disposition and Influence we look forward with pleasing Expectation to the accomplishment of this Benevolent Intention.

Signed in our name, & by our Order, at Cookstown, this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1802.

NATH. SHAW, Moderator.

The Answer of  
the Lord  
Lieutenant

To the foregoing Addresses his Excellency was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:—

I shall have great satisfaction in transmitting to his Majesty your Dutiful, & Loyal Address, and am convinced that the sentiments which you have expressed, of Loyalty, & Attachment to the Person & Government of our most Gracious Sovereign, as well as your Congratulations, on the success of his Majesty's Endeavours to restore to his Dominions the Blessings of Peace, will afford the highest Gratification to his Majesty's mind.

I beg leave to return you, my Grateful Acknowledgments, for the very flattering Expressions of your Esteem, and to assure you, that I am the more sensible of the value of your good Opinion, as I am fully perswaded of the Zeal & Sincerity, with which you will continue to inculcate & to confirm both by your Influence & Example, the Essential Principles of Religion, Order, & good Morals.

In the situation in which I have the Honor to be placed, my utmost Ambition is to deserve the Approbation of those who best understand the true Interests of their Country, by a Just & Impartial administration of his Majestys Government, and an unremitting Attention to whatever is likely to ensure the Tranquillity & promote the Prosperity of Ireland.

HARDWICKE.

Overtured.

Overture  
respecting  
Elders deferred

That this Synod do determine, for the Information of both Clergy & Laity, what are the Qualifications necessary for Enabling the Laity to act as Regular Elders in this Church. And it is submitted to this Synod that These be the Qualifications;—That they be chosen freely by the People;—That their Election be publicly announced to the Congregation;—That the persons chosen do publicly declare their Acceptance of the office of Elders;—That their names be recorded in the Session book;—And also in the Books of the several Presbyteries to which the Congregations respectively belong. It is also to be understood, that Students in Divinity & Probationers, in this Church may act as Elders for the Congregations in which they reside.

The consideration of the above Overture was deferred till next year.

Keady Erected

A Supplication from that part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady, heretofore known, by the name of the minority, was presented to the Synod praying to be Erected into a separate Cong<sup>on</sup> & to have leave to build a Meeting-house.

The Prayer of the above Supplication was granted & the Congregation put under the care of the Presb. of Tyrone.

N.T.Stewart

A Supplication from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of N.T.Stewart praying to be erected into a New Congregation, was also presented to the Synod.

The Consideration of this Supplication was deferred till next year.



*Interloquitur.*

The Committee of Acccunts report, That they have examined the Accounts of the R.D. from March Quarter 1801, till Dec<sup>r</sup> Quarter 1801, Inclusive. And also the Accounts of the widows fund, from 1<sup>st</sup> June 1801, till 1<sup>st</sup> June 1802, and have found them correct & Satisfactory. They farther report :—

Capital of the Widows fund on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1802.. £14622 : 11 : 6  
 Interest arising from the same last year .. £841 : 10 : 0  
 Number of Contributors 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1801—177.  
 Sum by them contributed for one year till that  
 date .. .. £613 : 15 : 9  
 Number of Annuitants 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1802—72.  
 Amount of Annuities payable to them at that date £1178 : 19 : 8

WM. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein, after having inspected the accounts, they observe that the fund still continues to encrease, and recommend to the Synod that the Ballance now in the hands of the Agent, viz. £322 : 11 : 6, be laid out, purchasing 3½ % Cent. Debentures, as it is probable those Debentures will never be drawn.

The Moderator is requested to answer the Letter of the Trustees, acknowledging their Attention to our Interests, and that it is our opinion their advice should be complied with.

Resolved that the sum of Eighteen pounds be paid this year to each Annuitant on the fund. £18 0 0 to Annuitants

Resolved that Mr Benjamin Vaughan be requested to accept of a Compliment of fifteen Guineas, as a mark of our Grateful sense of his Services, to be deducted out of the first money, he may have an opportunity of sending ; and that our Agent be directed to inform him of said Resolution. Compliment of fifteen Guineas to Mr Vaughan

A Supplication from the Congregation of Drumbo was presented to the Interloq<sup>r</sup>, praying that their present minister may enjoy an equal share of the R.D. as well as their late minister. Drumbo

The consideration of the foregoing Supplication was postponed till our next Annual meeting.

Mr James Bankhead gave notice, that he would at our next Annual Meeting, move for a Reduction in our Agent's Fees. Notice of a motion

Mr McCance gave notice that he would also move at that meeting, for a Repeal of the Resolution of Synod, allowing forty shillings to be paid to each minister, who shall answer to his name at the first & last call of the Synods Roll. Notice of a motion

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 17<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1802 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod at Cookstown 28 June 1803.*

Mr Shaw the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Acts xxvi. 18. Then constituted it by Prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presb.		Bangor Presb.	
Dr. Black		Andw. Craig	
Hugh Brook		Josiah Ker	
Wm. Cunningham		John Watson	
Henry Elder		John Arnold	
Richd. Dill		Wm. Moreland	
Jas. Canning		John Mulligan	
Matt. Culbert		Andw. Gowdy	Hugh Galbraith
David Hamilton			
Wm. Monteith		Dublin Presb.	
Andw. McCaldon	Robt. Little	Dr. McDowel	
		Hugh Moore	
T. Patrick Presb.		Wm. Wilson	
John Wright	Adam Bole	James Horner	
John Bankhead	Alexr. Horseborough		
John Savage	Robt. Lochart	B. mena Presb.	
Adam Hill		James Cuning	John McClure
Robert Orr	Jas. Barber	Thos. Henry	Mr. Kilpatrick
Robert Thomson		Henry Henry	John Brownlee
Thos. Alexander	Wm. Brown	Wm. Hamilton	Dr. Patrick
Robt. Campbell	Wm. Watt	Benjn. Mitchel	John Cochran
Nath. Alexander	Geo. Macklin	Thos. Kinnier	Saml. Stephenson
Alexr. Moutgomery	Phil. Gibbon		
Dromore Presb.		L. kenny Presb.	
James Birch	John Baxter	Henry Millar	
John Thomson	Geo. White	John Holmes	
Dr. Little		Wm. Ramsay	
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson	Hugh Delap	
Wm. Fletcher		Wm. Houston	
John McClelland		James McClintock	
Alexr. Patterson	Geo. Scott	Alexr. Marshal	
John McIlwain		Francis Dill	
Hamilton Dobbin	John Livingston	James Houston	Thos. Kernachan
John Huey	Daniel Downes	Saml. Dill	Thos. Elliott
		Joseph Lytle, Junr.	
Belfast Presb.		Clogher Presb	
Andw. Grier		Wm. Moorhead	Saml. King
Wm. Whitlaw		James Ker	Robt. Armstrong
Saml. Hanna	Henry Cavert	Andw. Millar	Chas. Stewart
Saml. Watson	Dr. Lowry	Wm. Johnston	
Jas. McCullough		Jas. Davison	Thos. Cooke
Henry Simson		James Hill	
Jas. Riddell			

Minrs.

Elders.

Minrs.

Elders.

Clogher Presb.—continued.

Booth Caldwell  
Josias Gamble      Saml. Gamble

Root Presb.

James Elder      John Coulter  
Matt. Elder      James Rynolds  
Alexr. Martin      Saml. Allen, Esqr.  
John Smyth      John Kelso  
James Brown      John Matthews  
Chas. Kennedy      Thos. Smyth  
James Boyle      Adam Hunter, Esqr.  
Thos. Grier      Saml. Craig  
John Whiteside  
Solomon Brown      Matt. Kevan

Monaghan Presb.

John Davys      Arthur Windrum  
Matt. Trimble  
John McCurdy  
Joseph Denham  
James Walker  
Saml. Kennedy  
James Gowdy  
Henry McIlree  
James Morell      John Jackson  
James Wilson  
James Gibson

Tyrone Presb.

Dr. Dickson      Saml. Cumming  
James Whiteside      Robt. Fulton  
Wm. Stitt      Dr. Hamilton  
Wm. Moore      Jas. Smyth  
Hugh Boylan      Jas. Black  
Geo. Dougal      Ben. Barefoot  
Thos. McKay      Hugh White  
Wm. Read      Ben. Mathewson

Tyrone Presb.—continued.

John Davison      Andw. Rynolds  
Robert Stewart      John Anderson  
John Cowan      John Leadlie  
Moses Chambers      John Alexander  
Robt. Hogg      Richard White

Armagh Presb.

Robert Dickson  
Dr. Neilson  
Thos. Cuming      John Prentice  
Nath. Shaw  
Wm. Charleton      John Stephenson  
James Bankhead  
Wm. Neilson      Joseph Parks  
John Thom

Strabane Presb.

Wm. Dunlop  
James Henderson  
Thos. Anderson  
Chas. Hemphill  
Wm. Porter  
David Guilkey

Presb. Antrim

James Neilson  
Joseph Osborne  
Wm. Drummond

Elders from vacant Congregations.

John Gordon from Buckna  
Wm. Gibson from Broughshane  
Saml. McGowan from Tobermore  
Robt. Smyth from Bailyborough

M<sup>r</sup> Shaw having moved that another Mod<sup>r</sup> be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named viz., Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cunningham, McClelland, Grier, Holmes, Moorhead, Elder, Boylan, Horner, Charleton, Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, & Trimble. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Henry chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Dickson continued Clerk.

Mod<sup>r</sup> chosenM<sup>r</sup> Dickson  
continued Clerk

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained or Installed; And of such Candidates as have been Licensed or entered on Tryals since last Gen. Synod. An Account of Annuitants on the Fund: Of any

Order to Presbs.



that have died, and of the time when such did Die. Also of such women in their Bounds as have been wives of ministers, & are not on the fund.

Comtee of  
Accounts

The following members were returned by the several Presbyteries as a Committee to inspect the Accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dill, Thomson, Birch, Hanna, Ker, Cuming, Ramsay, Johnston, Boyle, Grier, Morell, Davison, Thom, Dunlop, & D<sup>r</sup> McDowel. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Any member may attend to give, or receive Information, but not to vote.

Order to Comtee

Ordered. That said Committee do report to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> the Amount of the Capital of the Widows fund, with the annual Interest arising from the same. The number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the Number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them, from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1802, till 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1803.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session Wednesday morning 10 o'clock after prayer.*

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees. Also the following Reports:—

Armagh Presb. report, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, & Bryson; Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Suspended

Derry Presb. report, that they have suspended D<sup>r</sup> Young from the exercise of all ministerial Functions, *sine die*. That on 8<sup>th</sup> March last they ordained at Dungiven M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> McCaldon, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have on Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hall & Mitchel; On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten. And that M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Sen<sup>r</sup>, died in March last.

Ordained

Died  
Ordained

L.kenny Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Burke died on 9<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> last leaving a widow & children. That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Lytle assistant to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Lytle, Sen<sup>r</sup>, in Letterkenny on 31<sup>st</sup> May last who is a Contributor to the widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal and Holmes.

Dead

Ordained

Bangor Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Cochran of Ballywalter died on 22<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last leaving a widow and children. That on the last Tuesday of Nov<sup>r</sup> they ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Mulligan in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Moira; And on third Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> they ordained M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Gowdy in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Ballywalter, both Contributors to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnick, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter, & M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran.

Ordained

Root Presb. report, That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Whiteside in Coleraine on the last Tuesday of July, and M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Brown at

Castledawson on first Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> last, both subscribers to the W. Confess. of Faith & Contributors to the widows fund. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Henry of Castledawson died on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last, leaving a family. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smylie, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> McMillan, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, M<sup>rs</sup> Knox, and families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Douglas & Henry.

Dromore Presb. report, That they Ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Huey Ordained minister of the United Congregation of Cregans & N.T. Hamilton on 17<sup>th</sup> of Aug. last. He subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, and is a Contributor to the widows fund. That M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hay late minister of Dead Donnoughmore died on 15<sup>th</sup> of May last, leaving a widow & children. That they have entered on first Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Finlay, W<sup>m</sup> 3 on Tryals McGowan, & Fletcher Blakely. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> McCombe, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, & M<sup>rs</sup> Hay.

T. Patriek Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Lewson died on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last, Dead leaving a family. That they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Hay. And on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.

Tyrone Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hogg died on 23<sup>d</sup> Dead Nov<sup>r</sup> last leaving a widow & son. That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Two Ordained Chambers in N.T. Stewart, on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, & M<sup>r</sup> Robert Hogg at Cloveneden on 16<sup>th</sup> March last; That both subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith, & are Contributors to the widows fund. That they Installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> 1 Installed Dr W<sup>m</sup> Steel Dickson in Keady on 4<sup>th</sup> March last, who continues to be a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have Licensed M<sup>r</sup> Licensed Toaze, who subscribed the W. Conf. of Faith; Have on first Tryals 1 on Trials M<sup>r</sup> Campbell; & on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M<sup>rs</sup> Todd, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray, McClelland, Whiteside, Kennedy, & Hogg.

Clogher Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

B. mena Presb. report, That they have licensed according to Licensed Synodical Regulations M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Guiler. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay.

Dublin Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers.

Belfast Presb. have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> McEwen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn.

Strabane Presb. report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Guilky Ordained in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Omagh, on 3<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> last, who is a Contributor to the widows fund. That they have on first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Scott; and on 1 on Tryals the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet residing in Scotland, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

Monaghan Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Whiteside died on 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Two Dead last, & M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last, each leaving a widow & children. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside & M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1803.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Cuming & Shaw
Derry,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Black & M <sup>r</sup> Cunningham
L.kenny,	„ Ramsay & W <sup>m</sup> Houston
Bangor,	„ Craig & Taggart
Root,	„ Ja <sup>s</sup> Brown & Boyle
Dromore,	„ Birch & Thomson
T.patrick,	„ Bankhead & Thomson
Tyrone,	„ Moore & Boylan
Clogher,	„ Johnston & Davison
B.mena,	„ Hen. Henry & Hamilton
Strabane,	„ Dunlop & Porter
Belfast,	„ Grier & Watson
Dublin,	„ D <sup>r</sup> McDowel & Wilson
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Morell

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any Emergency, Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom Twelve at least are to be ministers.

The several Committees are to meet immediately. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Wednesday, 2 o'clock, after prayer.*

Synods meeting

Moved that the Time & Place of the Synods next meeting be now determined. Lurgan & Cookstown were named. The Roll was called & it carried to meet at Cookstown on the last Tnesday of June 1804. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Abstract to be published

Upon reading the minute of last year, appointing a Comt<sup>ce</sup> to revise & publish the Abstract of the Laws of Synod, prepared by M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, the said Comt<sup>ce</sup> reported, That they thought the Publication of the Abstract Inexpedient, until the meeting of the Synod. The Synod having taken this subject into consideration, ordered, That D<sup>r</sup>



McDowel & M<sup>r</sup> Wilson do immediately take the charge of having 600 copies of said Abstract published, for the use of the Synod and of the Congregations under their Care, and that the Expence of the Publication be paid by our Agent out of the R.D. It was also unanimously agreed to, That the Thanks of this Synod be presented to M<sup>r</sup> Thomson for the care & fidelity with which he has executed the Task of preparing this Abstract; And Thanks from the Chair were returned to M<sup>r</sup> Thomson accordingly.

The Presb. of Strabane produced an Address to the People under the Pastoral Care of the Synod according to the order of last year. It was read, considered, & approved, and committed to the charge of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Horner & Moore, to have 50 copies for each Cong<sup>on</sup> printed & Distributed as soon as convenient. Address to the People

Ordered, That the Presb. of Derry as being next in the Roll do prepare a similar Address for the next year:

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock after prayer.*

Upon reading the Overture respecting Elders, proposed last year, a long Discussion took place which ended, in appointing a Committee consisting of the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> McDowel, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, Henry Henry, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna, to revise, modify & bring it forward at next session.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session Thursday 11 o'clock after prayer.*

The Committee appointed to revise & modify the Overture respecting Elders, produced it, & [it] is as follows:— Overture respecting Elders

That all persons chosen to act as Elders in any Cong<sup>on</sup> under the care of this Body, & attend our Judicatories, shall be Regular members of the Cong<sup>on</sup> for which they act as Elders; Entitled to its Privileges and contributing to its support. That the choice shall rest with the members of the Cong<sup>on</sup> qualified to vote for a minister:—And that the nomination shall be by the minister & those who have formerly acted as Elders, in that Cong<sup>on</sup>:—And where they refuse to nominate it shall devolve upon the Regular members of the Cong<sup>on</sup> assisted by a minister appointed by the Presbytery for that purpose. That the persons so chosen shall Publicly signify their Acceptance of the office of Elders. And their Election shall be confirmed by the Presbytery, at the next stated meeting, after their Election.

The above Overture unanimously agreed to.

Agreed to  
unanimously

The Application from the Presbyterian Inhabitants of N.T. Stewart & its vicinity, to be erected into a Congregation & deferred for Consideration from last year to this, was renewed. After reasoning on N.T. Stewart  
Erected

the Subject at much length, The Question was put "Erect or Not?" The Roll was called & it carried "Erect." The Congregation was put under the care of the Presbytery of Strabane.

Ruben Rogers

A memorial from Reuben Rogers formerly a Probationer under the care of the Presb. of Derry, was presented to this Synod stating his having been suspended by that Presbytery, from his office as a preacher, some years ago and praying that he may be restored; That he may receive Credentials; and that he may be permitted to put himself under the Care of any Presbytery which he may consider convenient.

The Prayer of the Memorialist unanimously Granted.

John Pinkerton

A Memorial was also presented to the Synod from John Pinkerton, formerly a Probationer under the care of the Presb. of Derry, under similar Circumstances & with a similar Prayer. This also unanimously granted. Both these young men desired to be put under the care of the Presbytery of Tyrone who have agreed to receive them.

Overture  
agreed to

Overtured, That each Presbytery be enjoined to recommend to each member under its care to be Exemplary in keeping up the worship of God in his family, or where he resides, and in visiting his Cong<sup>m</sup> from House to House, and in Catechising.

This Overture agreed to unanimously.

Overture  
agreed to

Overtured, That every minister of this Synod shall have Liberty to celebrate marriage upon Proclamation on one Lords Day. This overture also agreed to.

Overtured & unanimously agreed to, That the following Addresses be presented to his Majesty & his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

May it Please your Majesty,

Address to his  
Majesty

We your Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, embrace with Gladness the opportunity offered, by our Annual Meeting to Express to your Majesty our Zealous & unshaken Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family & Government.

At this awful Crisis, when the Peace & Liberty of the Empire are threatened by the Restless Ambition of an Insulting Enemy, We beg permission to make a tender of our best Exertions, in union with the rest of your Majestys Subjects, to avert the Common Danger.

May He by whom Kings reign, bless your Majesty with his richest Blessings. May He give Wisdom to your Majestys Councils, Strength to your Arms, and persevering Fortitude to your People. May they feel that it is for their dearest Interests, that your Majesty is contending; And in this conviction, may their Hearts be united as the Heart of one man, until the Sovereign of the Universe, shall have crowned with success your Majesty's Endeavours to Re-establish Peace, upon an honourable and lasting foundation.

Signed in our name & by our Order at Cookstown

1<sup>st</sup> July 1803.

THOS. HENRY, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

May it please your Excellency

We the Ministers and Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster, take the Liberty of respectfully entreating your Excellency to transmit to our most Gracious Sovereign the humble Address herewith delivered to your Excellency. Address to the  
L<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant

Permit us to take the Opportunity of expressing our unfeigned and grateful sense of the Benefits derived to this Country, from your Excellency's wise, Impartial, & Conciliatory Administration and to unite our voice with that of an approving People, in offering an humble Tribute to Public worth so Conspicuous, and to private virtue so exemplary.

Signed in our name & by our order at Cookstown.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1803.

THOS. HENRY, Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Ordered. That the Address to his Majesty & the Lord Lieutenant be signed by the Mod<sup>r</sup> & by him transmitted to his Excellency; and that They, with his Excellency's Answer, when received, be published in the *Dublin Evening Post*, *Dublin Journal*, *Belfast News-Letter*, & *Londonderry Journal*. Address to be  
Published

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

6<sup>th</sup> Session Friday morning, 7 o'clock, after Prayer.

Moved, That the Minute of 1785, respecting marriage be read; Marriage which being read is as follows:

“Every Minister of this Synod who shall join in Marriage any  
“man or woman not under his particular Care, or if not duly certified  
“by the Minister or Session of the Cong<sup>oa</sup> of which they are members;  
“shall for the first Offence be suspended *ab officio* for three Lords days,  
“and for the second offence be Degraded.—And when either of  
“the Parties shall be members of the Established Church, he shall not  
“celebrate any Matrimonial Contract, without the consent in writing  
“of the Rector, Curate, or other officiating Clergyman, of the Parish  
“in which said Party shall reside, under pain of incurring the like  
“Penalties.”

On which it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Penalties be thus amended; That any Minister violating that Rule, shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio* one month, for the second three months & for the third shall be Degraded.

A Copy of this minute, with the Regulation to which it refers, to be forwarded by the member of the respective Presbytery, to whom the Synods Minutes shall be sent, to every member of his Presbytery, & by them shall be read from the Pulpit, for the Information of their Congregations.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till half-past 10 o'clock.



*7<sup>th</sup> Session Friday half-past 10 o'clock after prayer.*

Notice of a  
motion

Mr James Bankhead gave notice that he would at next meeting of the Synod bring forward a motion for amending, the Law respecting the admission of men, not members of the Synod to officiate in our Congregations.

A Letter from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, addressed to the Ministers of the Synod through the Moderator, was read, communicating the Plan for Augmentation & Distribution of his Majestys Bounty, which his Majestys Ministers have formed.

The Letter & Plan are as follow : —

Dublin Castle, 26 June, 1803.

Sir,

Letter from the  
Lord Lieutenant

In pursuance of the Communication made to the Ministers of the Synod of Ulster at their last meeting of the Disposition entertained by his Majestys Ministers to advise his Majesty to augment the Royal Bounty, hitherto given by his Majesty & his Predecessors to the Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, under such Regulations, as might appear to them most adviseable, I have the Honor of Inclosing, by the Lord Lieutenants Command, the proposed system of Distribution & Regulation and am to request that you will lay it before the Ministers of the Synod, and to acquaint them, that in the Event of their accepting of the same the Kings Ministers will be disposed, humbly to move his Majesty to carry the measure, into immediate Execution.

This system studiously avoids Interfering with the Discipline of the Presbyterian Church. It is wholly confined to the Administration of the fund itself, and rests upon two simple & obviously wise Principles of Policy; the one calculated in aid of the vigilance of their own Body, to give Additional Protection against the Disgrace & Evil that would attend the appointment of a Disloyal Minister; the other to hold out to Individuals the means of advancing themselves by the superior endowments of Piety & Learning. The latter effect cannot fail to be produced by a proper Gradation of Emolument, and the former will be in a great Degree secured by the proposed Regulations, without affecting the Usage of choosing & retaining ministers who may possess their Confidence, which has been invariably exercised by the respective Congregations.

I have the Honor to be Sir your most obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

A. MARSDEN.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> the Moderator of the Synod of Ulster.

#### THE PLAN.

The 186 Congregations, of which the Protestant Dissenters in the North of Ireland, forming the Synod of Ulster are composed, to be divided into three Classes, regulated according to the number of their respective Congregations, & the stipend allowed to their ministers.

In the first class each minister to receive £100 *per* an. In the second class each minister to receive £75 *per* an. In the third class each minister to receive £50 *per* annum.

The Particular Congregations of which each Class is respectively composed, to be hereafter named.

In the amount of the above sum, the Royal Bounty, now received by the Protestant Dissenting Ministers, is of course included.

The Bounty to be payable to each minister by the Agent appointed by Government, for the Distribution of his Majesty's Bounty upon a Warrant specifying the names of the several ministers, to whom the same is respectively payable.

The names of all Congregations to be included as of course in the Original Warrant: and the Bounty once granted in no case to be withdrawn from any minister during his continuance in the Charge of that particular Congregation. so long as it shall please his Majesty to continue the Bounty to the Body at large.

Upon any Congregation becoming vacant, the Moderator of the Synod shall certify the same to the office of the Chief Secretary; and upon the appointment of a minister to the Congregation, the minister so appointed shall transmit his memorial certified by the Moderator to the Lord Lieutenant desiring that a warrant may Issue granting to the memorialist the usual Bounty paid to the minister of the said Congregation. In case his Excellency shall see no reason to the contrary, a warrant in the usual form to Issue, entitling the minister named therein, to the Bounty, so long as he shall continue in that Congregation.

The same proceeding to take place upon the removal of a minister from one Congregation to another, as upon his first appointment.

The memorial to be accompanied by a Certificate signed by Two Magistrates, stating that the Memorialist has taken, & subscribed before them the oath of Allegiance.

Moved by D<sup>r</sup> Black that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to thank him for his kind Communication of the Plan, on which his Majesty's Ministers were disposed to augment the Royal Bounty and to express our hearty & grateful Acceptance of the same.

Motion for an  
Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

On this motion the previous Question was moved & argued at considerable length. At last the Roll being called on the Question "Put" or "Not?" It carried "Put."

The Original motion being then put, it carried in the Affirmative.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 6 o'clock.

*8<sup>th</sup> Session Saturday morning half-past six o'clock, after prayer.*

On reading the minute of yesterday, respecting the Address to the Lord Lieutenant, It was moved, That the Consideration of that Business

be adjourned till Tuesday se'nnight. After some Discussion the Question was put "Adjourn, or Not?" The Roll being called it passed in the Negative.

Protest against  
said Address &  
Reasons

Against this Decision, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Henry entered a Protest for the following Reasons :—

1. Because I conceive our Heavenly Master has forbidden Classification in his Church, and the Example of the only Synod recorded in the New Testament is in opposition to it.

2. Because the Synod refused to submit the Government Plan of Classification with its Conditions to the Consideration of its respective Cong<sup>os</sup>.

3. Because Classified Churches are & have been the most venal of all others, generally surrounded with external Pomp & Luxury.

4. Because the Synod is Classified by a Power without itself viz. the Magistracy of the Country, who as such are not Church Governors, & therefore have no right to Classify this Synod.

5. Because the Conditions of the above Plan will at least Indirectly Intrench on the Privileges of Presbyterians relating to the Election & Emoluments of their Clergy.

Henry Henry.

Agreeably to Dr Blacks motion, an Address to the Lord Lieutenant was now produced, read, & unanimously agreed to, and our Moderator, Dr McDowel, Dr Black, Mr Shaw, & Adam Hunter, Esqr. an Elder, were appointed Commissioners to present the same to his Excellency.

It is as follows :—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP EARL HARDWICKE,  
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL  
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

We the members of the Gen. Synod of Ulster beg leave to express our Warm & Grateful acknowledgements for your Excellencys kind Communication of the Intention of his Majesty's confidential Ministers, to advise his Majesty to augment the Provision for the Support of the Ministers of this Synod, according to a Plan which your Excellency has been so good as to submit to our Consideration.

We Entreat your Excellency to believe, That we are highly Sensible of the Generous, & Liberal Terms, on which his Majesty's Bounty is proposed to be extended; And that we shall accept the offered Kindness with a Gratitude proportioned to the value of the Gift.

Signed in our name & by our order at Cookstown.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1803.

THOS. HENRY, Mod<sup>r</sup>.



*Interloq<sup>r</sup> Friday 4 o'clock afternoon.*

The Committee of Accounts report, That the

Capital of the Widows fund 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1803 was	£14690 : 17 : 4	Report of Comtee of Accounts
Interest arising from the same last year ..	£848 : 10 : 0	
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1802—	179.	
Sum by them contributed for one year till that date .. .. .	£602 : 15 : 1	
Annuitants on the fund 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> 1803—	78.	
Amount of Annuities payable to them at that date .. .. .	£1308 : 12 : 7	

That they examined the Accounts of the R.D. till Dec<sup>r</sup> Qu<sup>r</sup> 1802, Inclusive, and also the Accounts of the Widows fund till 1<sup>st</sup> June 1803, & found them correct and satisfactory.

SAMUEL HANNA, Chairman.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, stating that the accounts of the fund had been examined & found correct. That four Debentures in the 3½ % Cents had been purchased agreeably to the Resolution of last year. That the number of Annuitants had increased, but that no Inconvenience or Diminution of the Capital had taken place, tho' the Addition of consequence was very small viz., £68 : 5 : 10.

Ordered, that the Mod<sup>r</sup> do answer the letter of the Trustees.

Mod<sup>r</sup> to  
answer it

*Saturday morning.*

D<sup>r</sup> Black reported, That agreeably to Order, he had paid the sum of fifteen Guineas to M<sup>r</sup> Vaughan.

The minute of last year concerning Drumbo was read, and after much Discussion, the Question was put, "Is M<sup>r</sup> Riddell entitled to R.D. or Not?" The Roll being called it carried, "Entitled."

It was then moved, That M<sup>r</sup> Riddell be entitled to R.D. from his Ordination; on which the Roll being called it carried "Not."

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Resolution of the year 1794 "That only one equal Share of the Royal Bounty should be allowed to each Congregation" be repealed.

A memorial was presented from M<sup>rs</sup> Barr, widow of M<sup>r</sup> Barr, formerly minister of Moywater praying that this Synod would take her distressed state into their Charitable Consideration. After some Conversation it was resolved, That our Agent be directed to pay her the sum of £75 : 0 : 0, out of the first R.D. which he shall receive.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 2<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1803 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

*A Gen. Synod at Cookstown, 26 June, 1804.*

M<sup>r</sup> Henry, the Moderator of the former Synod opened this, by preaching from Matt. xxiii. 9, 10. Then constituted it by Prayer. After which were present from the Several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presb.		Ballymena Presbytery—continued.	
Adam Hill		Henry Henry	Jas. Kennedy
Robert Orr	Wm. McMaster	Wm. Hamilton	
Robert Thomson		Benjamin Mitchel	
Robert Campbell			
Nath. Alexander	Thos. Hyndman	Letterkenny Presb.	
Dromore Presb.		David Allen	
Saml. Barber	Gilbert Adams	Henry Millar	
James Birch	James McAdam	John Holmes	
John Thomson	John Brice	Wm. Ramsay	
Dr. Little		Hugh Delap	
John Sherrard	Henry Dickson	Francis Dill	
John McClelland		Saml. Dill	
Alexr. Patterson		Joseph Lytle, Junr.	
John Mellwaine		William Burke	
John Hoey	Jas. Clark	Alexr. Marshal	
Belfast Presb.		Clogher Presb.	
Wm. Whitlaw		James Kerr	
Saml. Hanna	John Kilpatrick	Andw. Millar	John Johnston
Jas. McCullough	Thos. Moore	Wm. Johnston	
Henry Simson		James Davison	
James Riddell		James Hall	
Bangor Presb.		Booth Caldwell	
James Sinclair		Josias Gamble	
David Taggart		Root Presb.	
Robert Acheson	John Kelly	Robert Thomson	
Josiah Kerr		Robert Renton	John Giffen
John Arnold		Matthew Elder	
John Watson		Daniel Blair	
Wm. Moreland		James Boyle	John Boylan
John Mulligan		Thos. Greer	David Kennedy
Dublin Presb.		John Whiteside	
Doctor McDowel		Solomon Brown	Jas. Cooper
James Horner		Monaghan Presbytery	
Ballymena Presbytery.		William Moore	
James Cuming	John Foster	Matt. Trimble	
Alexr. Speer		James Walker	
Thos. Henry	Alexr. Kirkpatrick	Saml. Kennedy	
		James Gowdy	
		Henry McIlree	Joseph Gibson
		James Morell	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery—continued.		Strabane Presb.	
James Gibson	Wm. Gray	Wm. Dunlop	
John Kelso	Robert Smyth	Charles Hemphill	
Archd. Maharg	Adam Henry	William Porter	
Tyrone Presb.		Derry Presb.	
Dr. Dickson	Henry McWilliam	Doctor Black	
James Whiteside		Francis Gray	
Wm. Moore	Wm. Harkness	Wm. Cunningham	
Hugh Boylan	Geo. Barton	Robert Caldwell	
Geo. Dougal	Wm. Dunlop	Henry Elder	
Thos. McCay	John Sloan	Richard Dill	
John Davison	Josiah Fleming	Matt. Culbert	
William Read		James Allison	John Mitchel
Robert Stewart	John Kennedy	Wm. Monteith	
John Cowan	Gabriel George	Matt. Herron	
Moses Chambers	Alexr. Holmes	Andw. McCaldin	
Armagh Presbytery.		Elders from vacant Congregations.	
Robert Dickson		John McMurry	Lurgan
Dr. Neilson		Dr. Hamilton	Dungannon
Thos. Cuming		Andw. McGowan	Port Norris.
Nath. Shaw	Henry Wier		
Wm. Charleton	Wm. McClean		
Wm. Neilson			
James Bankhead			

M<sup>r</sup> Henry having moved, that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Hanna, Sinclair, Horner, Ja<sup>s</sup> Cuming, Holmes, Kerr, Rentoul, Moore, Boylan, & Charleton.—The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Horner, chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Dickson, continued Clerk.

Modr chosen  
Ck. continued

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or Installed. And of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on Tryals since last General Synod. An account of the Annuitants on the Fund; of any that have died; and of the time when such did die. Also of such women in their Bounds as have been wives of Ministers & are not on the fund.

Order to Presbs

The following members were returned by the several Presbs. as a Committee to inspect the accounts of our Agent, viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, Ja<sup>s</sup> Birch, Henry Simson, Josiah Kerr, Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, Ja<sup>s</sup> Cuming, Hugh Delap, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston, Robt. Thomson, Root W<sup>m</sup> Moore, Monaghan, John Davison, W<sup>m</sup> Charleton, Francis Gray & James Neilson. They are to meet in the Vestry Room to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock; Any member may attend to give, or to receive Information, but not to vote.

Comtee of  
Accounts



Order to said  
Comtee

Ordered, That the said Committee do report to the Interloq<sup>r</sup> the Amount of the Capital of the widows fund, with the Annual Interest arising from the same. The Number of Contributors to the fund, & the sum by them contributed during the last year. Also the number of Annuitants on the fund, & the sum due & payable to them from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1803 till 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1804.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Comt<sup>ees</sup>. Also the following Reports.

Two ordained

Monaghan Presb. report, That they ordained at Bailyborough John Kelso, on 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last, & Arch<sup>d</sup> Maharg, at Stonebridge, on 5<sup>th</sup> June Inst. both Contributors to the widows fund. And that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sprat, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, & M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside.

Ordained

L.kenny Presb. report, That they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Burke, in the Congregation of Rathmelton on 20<sup>th</sup> June Inst. He is a Contributor to the Widows fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Holmes.

Belfast Presb. report, That David Bennet, is under first Tryals, That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan & M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn.

B.mena, Presb. report, That they have entered on Tryals Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Johnston, & — Kennedy.—Widows on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay.

Armagh Presb. report, That they have admitted to first Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Robert Neilson; and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Bryson. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Retired

The Presb. of Clogher report, That M<sup>r</sup> Gamble, retired from the exercise of the ministerial functions in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Enniskillen on the first Tuesday of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last. That they have on Second Tryals M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Stephenson, preparatory to his Ordination. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.

2 Licensed

Dromore Presb. report, That they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Finlay & W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gowan, who subscribed the Confession of Faith. That M<sup>r</sup> John Smyth, died on 27<sup>th</sup> of May last & left a widow & family. That M<sup>r</sup> Francis Turretine, died on 9<sup>th</sup> of June Inst, being a Bachelor. That M<sup>rs</sup> Neilson, widow of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Neilson, died on 9<sup>th</sup> of April last. They have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Combe, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth.

Two dead

A widow dead

Dead

Strabane Presb. report, That M<sup>r</sup> Hamill died on 7<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last leaving a widow & family. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Scott, & have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter, M<sup>rs</sup> Torbet, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill & family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

Derry Presb. report, That they licensed Mr John Hall to preach <sup>Licensed</sup> the Gospel the second of August last. They have on first Tryals Mr John Mitchel. That Mr Scott of Donagh died on first of Oct<sup>r</sup> last <sup>Dead</sup> leaving a widow & family. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> Patton, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Patton.

Bangor Presb. report, That they have licensed according to Synodi- <sup>Licensed</sup> cal Regulations on the first Tuesday of Nov<sup>r</sup> last Mr James Lunn, and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter & M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran.

Root Presb. report, That they have entered on Tryals Mr Charles Gray. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> McMullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, M<sup>rs</sup> Knox, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgow, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

T.patrick Presb. report, That they have entered on first Tryals Mr W<sup>m</sup> Moore, and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.

Dublin Presb. report, That they have licensed Mr W<sup>m</sup> Burke who <sup>Licensed</sup> subscribed the West<sup>m</sup> Conf. of Faith. That they have in their bounds, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers widdow of the late Rob<sup>t</sup> Rogers of Corboy County Longford.

Tyrone Presb. report, That the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stitt departed this life <sup>Dead</sup> on the first of Sept<sup>r</sup> last, leaving a widow & family. M<sup>rs</sup> Todd died <sup>Widow dead</sup> on the sixth of Sept<sup>r</sup> last. They have on first Tryals Mr Campbell & Mr Black. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Peebles, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, & families of M<sup>r</sup> McClelland, M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy & M<sup>r</sup> Hogg.

General Synods fixed Committee for the year 1804.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Gowdy

Letterkenny, „ Hu. Delap & Fr. Dill

Belfast, „ Simson & Whitlaw

B.mena, „ Hamilton & Mitchel

Armagh, „ Cuming & Shaw

Clogher, „ Johnston & Davison

Dromore, „ Barber & Thomson

Strabane, „ Dunlop & Guilkie

Derry, „ Dill & Monteith

Bangor, „ Taggart & Acheson

Presbs.

Minrs.

Root,        Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyle & Matt. Elder

T.patrick,    „   Hill &amp; Thomson

Dublin,       „   Horner &amp; Moore

Tyrone,       „   Dr Dickson & M<sup>r</sup> Whiteside

Committees to meet immediately. Adjourned till half-past twelve o'clock.

*Third Session Wednesday half-past 12 o'clock.*

Moved, that the time & place of our next meeting be now settled. Cookstown & Lurgan were put in nomination. The Roll was called & the vote was carried for Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

According to the order of last year the Presb. of Derry produced a Pastoral Address to the People under the Care of the Synod, which was read, considered, & approved of, & committed to the care of our Moderator to have fifty copies for each Cong<sup>on</sup> printed & distributed without delay. And the Presb. of Templepatrick as being next in the Roll is ordered to prepare a similar Address for the ensuing year.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Fourth Session Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock after Prayer.*

Proclamation  
optional

On reading the Overture of last year permitting Ministers to celebrate marriage, on one days Proclamation, it was moved & agreed to "that Proclamation be Optional." Against this Resolution Dr

Protest against  
it by Dr McDowel

McDowel entered his Protest & begged leave to assign his Reasons in due time.

Motion  
respecting  
Marriage  
adjourned till  
next Synod

The Regulations of last year & of 1785, respecting marriage being read the following farther Amendments were moved:—That any minister belonging to this Body who shall Join in marriage any man or woman, not under his particular Care, but belonging to the Pastoral Charge of some other minister of this Body, without the consent of the minister, or, in case of vacancy, of the Session, to which such Person or Persons may belong, shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio*, one month; for the second, three months; & for the third be degraded. And that no minister of this Synod shall on any account or under any pretext whatever, solemnize marriage between any man & woman, when either of the Parties, shall be a member of the Established Church, under the penalty of being for the first Offence suspended *ab officio* for three months, and of being for the second Offence degraded.



After a long Discussion it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the farther consideration of this subject be adjourned till next year.

Moved, That it is the sense of this Synod that its members are in duty bound to marry their Hearers without any pecuniary Charge whatsoever. On this Motion the previous question was put & carried.

Motion yt ministers do marry their hearers gratis not put

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna gave notice, that at next meeting of Synod, he will bring forward, a motion for prosecuting according to Law, for celebrating Marriages, those persons who once were members of this Body but have been degraded.

Notice of a motion by M<sup>r</sup> Hanna

Agreeably to the notice of last year M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead brought forward the following motion :—

Whereas it appears, that our Laws respecting the Admission of men, not members of this Body, or Licentiates under its Care to officiate for us, are too generally expressed to be of practical use, It is now enacted that no man, not a member of this Body, or a Licentiate under its care (The Presbytery of Antrim & Southern Association excepted) shall be permitted to officiate for us in our Congregations, until he shall first submit, his credentials to the Presbytery in whose bounds he wishes to preach & until he shall be approved of by the Presbytery.— And any Minister of this Body, violating this Law, shall for the first Offence be publicly rebuked by his Presbytery before his Congregation; and for the second, be suspended *ab officio, sine die*.

Motion of Mr Jas Bankhead respecting such ministers as are to be admitted to preach in our Pulpits agreed to

The above motion agreed to. Dr McDowel, dissented & signified his Intention of producing his Reasons for protesting in due time.

Protested against by Dr McDowel

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Fifth Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that no Minister of this Synod, shall on any account whatever, demand or exact money for celebrating marriage, or Commute Proclamation for money. And it is ordered that this Rule be read from the Pulpit in every Congregation, within the bounds of the Synod.

Min<sup>rs</sup> not to demand or exact money for celebrating marriage

Dr Black, by order of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, stated for the Information of the ministers of the Synod, that it was his Excellency's direction—"That when any Person shall be appointed as Assistant to the minister of any Congregation with the view that such Assistant shall succeed to said Congregation on the demise of the said minister, the same Communication shall be made to his Excellency as is directed in the Appointment of a minister to a vacant Congregation; and when his Excellency shall have approved of the Appointment of such Assistant, no Communication of his afterwards succeeding to the Cong<sup>on</sup> shall be deemed necessary."

Assistant ministers once approved not to be again certified

D<sup>r</sup> Black also, in pursuance of the Order of his Excellency, read the Instructions which he had received as Agent for his Majesty's Royal Bounty, an attested Copy of which he afterwards delivered to the Moderator, which is *in Retentis*.

### OVERTURES.

Students to be  
examined  
previous to:  
going to College

I. 1. That Students who intend to become Candidates for the ministry, shall be examined before their going to College by the Presbyteries, in whose bounds they reside, of their skill in the Greek, Latin, & English Languages, Geography and Roman & Grecian History.

2. That the Books used for Examination in Latin & Greek, shall be Virgil, Horace, Salust & Cicero de Officiis; Greek Testament, Lucian, Epictetus, Homer, & Xenophons, Cyropaedia.

3. That the Presbyteries shall report to the Synod, at its Annual Meetings the names of such Students as they have examined & approved of.

Three years  
study & a degree  
in Arts &  
afterwards two  
years attendance  
on Lectures in  
Divinity  
necessary

4. That no Candidate for the Ministry shall be received on Tryals in any Presbytery belonging to this Synod, until he shall have produced satisfactory Testimonials of his having studied in some regular Seminary of Learning at least three full sessions: of his having taken a Degree in Arts: and afterwards attended for two sessions of five months, at least, each, Lectures in Divinity & during the same time, studied the Hebrew Language & Church History.

5. Should any Presbytery license any young man to preach the Gospel in violation of these Rules, such License shall be deemed null & void, & the Presbytery so offending subjected to the severe Censure of this Synod.

It is understood, that these Regulations shall not affect any student, who may have at this date attended more than two sessions of College, provided the Regulations of 1770 for the admission of Candidates for the ministry on Tryals shall have been complied with.

The above Regulations were considered & unanimously adopted accompanied with an Earnest Recommendation to all Students in Divinity, to pay particular attention to the Study of Elocution.

II. That the sum paid to Probationers for supplying vacant Congregations under the Care of this Synod by Presbyterial appointment shall be for each Lords Day as follows:—

Sum to be paid  
to Probationers

From every Congregation paying less than £40 stipend half a Guinea: From every Cong<sup>on</sup> paying £40  $\text{p}$  annum & less than £60, sixteen shillings & three pence: And from every Congregation paying £60  $\text{p}$  annum & upwards one Guinea.

## III. ADDRESS TO THE KING.

Address to the  
King

May it please your Majesty

We your Majestys most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual Meeting, beg leave to offer to your Majesty our humble & Grateful acknowledgments for the liberal addition which your Majesty has been graciously pleased to make to the Royal Fund for maintaining a Christian Ministry among us.

Our forefathers were originally settled in this Kingdom, by the Invitation, & under the Protection of one of your Majesty's Predecessors; and they & their Posterity have enjoyed in Succeeding Reigns very flattering Proofs of Royal favour. But it has been reserved for your Majesty to have conferred on the Presbyterians of Ireland more efficient marks of Protection & Regard, than they had experienced, since the Period of their first Settlement. We are now called for the third time to the pleasing Duty of returning to your Majesty our warm & heartfelt Thanks.

By your Majesty's Bounty, in Addition to the contributions of the People connected with us, a Provision is now made, which we trust will be found adequate to the encouragement & moderate support, of a well educated & faithful ministry in our Communion. And while our Children's Children shall enjoy the fruits of your Majesty's Liberality, in the Provision thus made, for their Moral & Religious Instruction, their Blessings will Embalm the Memory of the Prince, to whom under Providence they owe it.

To the Arduous, but Dignified Contest in which your Majesty is at present engaged, we look with earnest but not desponding eyes: Independently of the Zeal, Spirit & Loyalty of your Majestys Subjects, (which at no period of our History were ever greater) we believe that there is a God who presides over the Affairs of men, and that tho' for wise Reasons, He may permit the wicked to proceed to certain lengths in their unrighteous Career, yet when he shall arise in Judgment, "the wrath of man shall be made to praise him, & the remainder of wrath shall he restrain."

In your Majesty's Recovery from a late Indisposition we recognise with gratitude the Kindness of God, to this United Empire: We Bless him for his Goodness, and we Join our earnest Prayers to those of all your Majesty's Loyal Subjects, that He may grant to your Majesty a long & Prosperous Reign, give you the Victory over all your Enemies & finally an Enterance into his Everlasting Kingdom.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown, this 28 day of June 1804.

JAMES HORNER, Moderator.



To the Lord  
Lieutenant

#### IV. ADDRESS TO THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, request that your Excellency may be pleased to transmit to our Gracious Sovereign, the humble & dutiful Address, which we herewith present to your Excellency.

We have great satisfaction in again adding our acknowledgments of your Excellency's enlightened Just & Impartial Administration to those of a Grateful People : And we feel particular pleasure in reflecting that the Important Measure of providing a decent & competent Support for the the Teachers of Religion among the Presbyterians of Ireland, has been finally accomplished during your Excellency's Government.

We are well informed of your Excellencys kind & favourable Representations on our behalf & we are heartily Grateful for the beneficial Effects which they have produced. These we trust will be sensibly felt & acknowledged, & that not only the present Generation of Irish Presbyterians, but their most remote Posterity will be taught to associate the revered name of Hardwick with those of their most distinguished Benefactors.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown 28 June 1804.

JAMES HORNER, Moderator.

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To Lord  
Castlereagh

#### V. ADDRESS TO LORD CASTLEREAGH.

My Lord,

We the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, having discharged an Incumbent and most agreeable Duty in tendering to our Sovereign our grateful thanks for the late Extension of his Royal Bounty, would consider ourselves deficient in Gratitude, if we omitted to express to your Lordship, the strong & affectionate feelings which your Lordships zealous & persevering friendship has impressed upon our minds.

We are happy to reflect that this Important Measure, so beneficial in its publick & private Consequences, originated with an Administration of which your Lordship formed an Efficient part ; And we are gratefully sensible that you never ceased to employ your powerful Influence, derived from great Talents, & Eminent Services, until it was brought to a happy Issue.

We beg permission therefore to enter on our Records, & by so doing to transmit to Posterity, this Testimonial of our Gratitude to a Nobleman, whom we are proud to call our Hereditary Friend. We earnestly pray, that your Lordships valuable life may be prolonged until you see

the fruits of your labours in the encreased Learning, Piety, & usefulness of that Portion of his Majesty's Subjects to which your Lordship has extended your Patronage & Support.

Signed in our name, & by our Order at Cookstown 28 June 1804,

JAMES HORNER, Moderator.

The above Overtures were unanimously agreed to, and our Moderator, Dr M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, Mr John Thomson, Dr Black & the Lord Mayor of Dublin were appointed Commissioners to present to the Lord Lieutenant the Addresses to his Majesty & to his Excellency: and it was ordered, that the Address to Lord Castlereagh be signed by the Moderator, & be by him transmitted to his Lordship, and that the Addresses with their Answers be published in the *Dublin Journal*, *Dublin Evening Post*, *Belfast News-Letter* & *Derry Journal*.

Mr Henry the late Moderator read the following letter from Lord Pelham in answer to the Synods Address of last year to his Majesty:—

Whitehall 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1803.

My Lord,

I have had the Honor to present to the King the very Answer to our Address of last year Loyal & Dutiful Address of the ministers & Synod of Ulster, and I have the satisfaction of informing your Excellency that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most Gracious manner.

I am with Truth & Respect my Lord, your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

PELHAM.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

A Memorial was presented to the Synod from certain persons Clare in the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Clare, praying to be disannexed from the Presb. of Armagh & be put under the Care of the Presbytery of Tyrone. A Supplication was also presented from another part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Clare, praying to be continued under the Care of the Presb. of Armagh, & expressing Gratitude for the Attention which that Presbytery had always shewn to the Interests of that Congregation.

The Commissiioners from both Parties being ordered to withdraw, and the members of the Presb. of Armagh being heard on the subject, at considerable length, It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the Prayer of the memorial be rejected; that the Conduct of the Presb. of Armagh throughout be approved; and that the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Clare be put under the Care of a Committee of the Synod, consisting of the following Members viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Reid, Trimble, Barber, & Patterson, who are to take charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> until they see fit to restore it to the Presbytery of Armagh.

A Paper was presented from the Second Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady, praying Keady the Synod to give Information, why it had not been included in the late negociation of the Synod with Government, & why it should be precluded the Benefit of Bounty. The Synod not considering itself

competent at present to give the Cong<sup>on</sup> any aid in this Business, resolved to dismiss the Application.

Donegal Street  
Cong<sup>on</sup>

A Memorial was presented from the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Donegal-Street, Belfast, complaining of being aggrieved in being put in the Second Class, in the late arrangement of Royal Bounty ; & praying the Interference of this Body, so that memorialists may be placed in the situation they are entitled to by the spirit of the Classification.

The Synod resolved, that it was not competent to interfere in this business.

Appeal against  
Presb. of  
L. Kenny

A Supplication was presented to the Synod by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Francis Dill & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Dill, complaining of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, for not having tried the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Delap in respect to several Immoralities alledged against him, furnishing the Reasons of Suppliants Protest, against the Decision of said Presbytery & praying the Synod to take these Reasons into Consideration.

These Gentlemen being heard at considerable length in Support of their supplication ; and Mr Ramsay & other members of the Presbytery in Answer ; a motion was made, that the Appeal should be sustained, & that the Conduct of the Presbytery should be disapproved of ; which was agreed to. It was then moved & unanimously agreed to, That the Presbytery of Letterkenny be admonished with respect to its Irregular Conduct, in this Business, by the Moderator, and the Presbytery was accordingly admonished.

Dr Little & Jos  
Morrison

A Memorial signed Joseph Little, a member of the Presb. of Dromore, appealing from the Judgment of his Presbytery in approving the Conduct of its Committee in polling the Congregation of Donoughmore : As also the supplication of Joseph Morrison, in his own name & in the name of near one hundred others, complaining that their Rights & Privileges had been violated by the Principle on which the Poll for Mr Finlay had been taken, & praying for a new Poll, were read. After hearing the Parties for & against the Appeal & Supplication, it was moved & agreed to, that the Appeal & Supplication be dismissed.

Mrs Whiteside

A Memorial from the widow of the late Mr Whiteside of Stonebridge, praying the Synod to adopt such measures, as will cause an Arrear of Stipend due to her late husband to be paid, being read, it was resolved ; that a Committee consisting of the following members, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> And<sup>w</sup> Millar, Hugh Boylan, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston, & James Davison, shall meet on the first Tuesday of August next at Stonebridge, to settle the affair.

Newton Stewart

A Memorial from certain members of the lately erected Cong<sup>on</sup> of Newton Stewart, praying the Synod to direct them how the Cong<sup>on</sup> may procure a Share of the R.D. being read, it was determined that the Synod cannot at present interfere in this Business.

Notice of a  
motion by Mr  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry

Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry gave notice that he will at next meeting of Synod bring forward a plan for the relief of Congregations, which are excluded from a share of Royal Bounty, according to the present Establishment.



A Memorial from Josias C. Gamble, praying to be restored to the <sup>Mr Gamble</sup> Pastoral Charge of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Enniskillen, till such time as another shall be ordained in his stead, being submitted to the consideration of the Synod, it was moved that the Prayer of the memorial be refused. Upon the call of the Roll it was carried in the affirmative.

Session concluded with Prayer.

*Interloquitur Saturday Morning, 6 o'clock.*

The Committee of Accounts report—

The Capital of the Widows Fund on 1<sup>st</sup> June

1804	..	..	... £14754 : 9 : 8
Interest arising from the same last year	..	..	£855 : 10 : 0
Number of Contributors 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> , 1803—178.			
Sum by them contributed for one year till			
that date	..	..	£576 : 5 : 1
Annuitants on the fund 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>ry</sup> , 1804—82.			
Amount of Annuities payable to them at that			
date	..	...	£1373 : 4 : 0

That they examined the Accounts of the widows fund till the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. & also of the R.D. for March Quarter, 1803, old Irish Grants & the year 1803 English, & find them correct.

They observe that the above closes, D<sup>r</sup> Blacks Account of R.D. as Agent to the Ministers of this Synod; and that there is at present a Ballance in hands of £51 15s 4d, at the disposal of the Interloquitur.

Ordered that the above Ballance of £51 15s 4d, remain in D<sup>r</sup> Black's hands, for defraying contingent expences.

D<sup>r</sup> Black having now ceased to be any longer the Agent to the Synod, in matters of R.D., It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that our Moderator do return the warmest thanks of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> to D<sup>r</sup> Black for his zealous, faithful & Important Services while in that Office. Thanks to D<sup>r</sup> Black, Agent for R.D.

Thanks were returned from the Chair accordingly.

D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel is ordered to apply to the Trustees of the widows fund, for D<sup>r</sup> Blacks Securities as Agent for R.D. & deliver them to D<sup>r</sup> Black.

Moved & agreed to, that the last clause of the Resolution of the Interloq<sup>r</sup> of 1797 respecting the Disposal of Annuitants Interest in the widow's fund, be thus amended:—"That the amount of the said valuation shall be paid by our Agent, out of the Capital of the Fund." Amendment of a Resolution of 1797

The following Resolution & Regulations, respecting the Widows Fund, were submitted to the Consideration of the Contributors by D<sup>r</sup> Black & after mature Deliberation agreed to. Resolutions respecting the Widows Fund

I. That from the great Increase of the Widows and Families on the fund, during the last two years, the Annuity to each must have necessarily been diminished, but from the Seasonable Assistance, derived from the late Liberal Arrangement of his Majesty's Bounty.

II. That in consequence of this Aid the Annuity of each widow & family be raised to twenty pounds & so continue for the term of seven years, from the first day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> next, inclusive.

III. That for the term of seven years from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September next inclusive, each minister of the first Class, who is or shall become a Contributor to the Fund, do pay an additional subscription of three pounds :—Each minister in the second Class an additional subscription, of two pounds five shillings :—and each minister in the third Class, an additional subscription of thirty shillings  $\text{p}$  annum. This Regulation not to extend to such ministers as have resigned from Age, or Infirmary, or to such ministers in the third Class as are not in the receipt of the intire Bounty.

IV. That such ministers, as have become partially entitled to the Receipt of R.D. by the late Arrangement, & are Contributors to the fund; shall, upon the Decease of their respective Predecessors, who are now in Receipt of a share of the Royal Bounty, pay into the fund the difference between the portion of the first years Bounty they may receive, & the nett sum allotted to the Cong<sup>os</sup> of which they are respectively the Ministers.

V. That on any ministers being removed from a Cong<sup>on</sup> in a lower to one in a higher Class; he shall for the first year after such Removal pay into the fund the difference between the Royal Bounty allotted to the Cong<sup>on</sup> to which he shall be so removed, & the one in which he had lately been placed.

VI. That such Assistant ministers, not in the Receipt of R.D. as now are, or may become Contributors to the Fund shall pay an Annual Subscription of two pounds, until such time as their title to the R.D. shall commence; and if any of such assistant ministers shall die, before he becomes entitled to the Receipt of one years Bounty, a sum equal thereto shall be deducted from the first Payments to which his widow or family (if he should leave such) shall be entitled.

VII. That such Contributors to the fund as have not Pastoral Charges in the bounds of the Synod, or Presbytery of Antrim, or who are not in the Receipt of R.D. do pay during the above Period, an additional subscription of three pounds  $\text{p}$  Annum.

VIII. That during the above Period, these additional subscriptions together with such surplus as may remain after paying the Annuities as aforesaid, shall annually be put to Interest, either on Publick or Private Securities as the Constituents, with the Concurrence of the Trustees, shall direct.

IX. That from & after the first day of January, which shall be in the year 1812, the Annuitants on the fund shall receive in equal shares the largest Dividend of its annual Produce, arising from Interest,

Subscriptions, premiums, on marriages or surplus of R.D. which a Just Regard to the Stability of the Institution will warrant the Constituents, for the time being, to direct.

X. That in future the Premium payable by a Contributor on a second marriage, shall be equal to one year's Annuity from the fund, at the time such marriage shall take place; on a third marriage to two years Annuity; and so on in proportion for every succeeding marriage, he shall contract.

XI. That the subscriptions of the ministers, who shall become Contributors to the fund shall commence the Quarter day next following their Ordination, & cease the Quarter day next following their decease.

XII. That the Annuities of Widows shall commence the Quarter day next following the Decease of their Husbands, & cease the next Quarter day following their own.

XIII. That in future any minister who shall resign his Pastoral Charge, in order to engage in a Secular Profession or Employment, shall not be permitted to continue a Contributor to the Fund, or his widow or family to derive any Benefit or Annuity from it inasmuch as the Institution in its original Establishment, in the publick Collections, & private Donations, and Bequests made in aid of its Fund, as well as the late Royal Appropriation of the Surplus of his Majesty's Bounty was intended for the exclusive Advantage of ministers as such, & not for those who should voluntarily lay down the ministerial Character.

Moved & agreed to, that a Committee consisting of a minister from each Presbytery, do withdraw and consult together on what may appear to be a proper sum as an annual salary to the Agent of the widows Fund.

Moved & agreed to, that M<sup>r</sup> Horner be admitted a Contributor to the widows Fund, on the same Terms, on which M<sup>r</sup> Rentoul was admitted. M<sup>r</sup> Horner

The Committee reported, that it was their opinion that £40 <sup>per</sup> Annum is a proper sum to be given to the Agent as his Annual Salary. The Interloq<sup>r</sup> unanimously concurred in opinion with its Committee & resolved accordingly:—That the Salary of the Agent to the Fund be from henceforth fixed at £40 <sup>per</sup> Annum. £40 the annual salary of the Agent for the widows fund

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of this Interloq<sup>r</sup> be returned to D<sup>r</sup> Black for his Diligence, Attention, and Zeal in executing the office of Agent to the widows Fund. And Thanks from the Chair were accordingly given to D<sup>r</sup> Black.

Resolved unanimously, that D<sup>r</sup> Black be requested to continue our Agent. It was accordingly so requested by the Moderator in the name of the Interloquitur, & He signified his acquiescence. D<sup>r</sup> Black the Agent

Ordered. That our Agent do in the current year, pay the widows nine months Annuity, in the month of October next, & that in future the Annuitants shall receive their Annuities in said month. Widows to be paid in October

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Inserted 30<sup>th</sup> August 1804 by

ROBERT DICKSON, Clk. of Gen. Synod.



## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REVEREND ROBERT BLACK, D.D.

AGENT FOR THE ROYAL BOUNTY, TO THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS  
OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to order that the Royal Bounty to the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod of Ulster should be encreased, and it being expedient, that such encreased Bounty should be distributed in a three-fold Proportion, of one hundred pounds  $\text{p}$  annum to each minister of the first class—Seventy-five pounds  $\text{p}$  annum to each minister of a second class—And fifty pounds  $\text{p}$  annum to each minister of a third class—His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to direct that the Arrangement of the said three Classes shall be as follows :—

## FIRST CLASS.

Ministers of	Ministers of
No.	No.
1. Belfast 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregation	32. Clare
2. Do. 2 <sup>d</sup> Do.	33. Armagh
3. Do. 3 <sup>d</sup> Do.	34. Downpatrick
4. Dromore 1 <sup>st</sup> Do.	35. Strabane
5. Do. 2 <sup>d</sup> Do.	36. Moneymore
6. Glendermot 1 <sup>st</sup> Do.	37. Maherafelt
7. Omagh 1 <sup>st</sup> Do.	38. Brigh
8. Cumber Co. Derry	39. Cookstown
9. Burt	40. Rathmelton
10. St. Johnston	41. Ballibay
11. Moneyrea	42. Ballimena
12. Drumboe	43. Connor
13. Killinchy	44. Randalstown
14. Saintfield	45. Colerain 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
15. Dramerah	46. Ballikelly
16. Annahilt	47. Ballimoney
17. Killileagh	48. Donegore
18. Donaghmore Co. Down	49. Ballieaston
19. Rathfryland	50. Ballicarry
20. Carnmoney	51. Carrickfergus
21. Ballinahinch	52. Killead
22. Cumber Co. Down	53. Larne 1 <sup>st</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
23. Donoughmore Co. Donegal	54. Broughshane
24. Ballyroney	55. Raphoe
25. Loughbrickland	56. Clough Co. Antrim
26. Tullylish	57. } Londonderry 2 Ministers
27. Bangor	58. }
28. Portaferry	59. } Mary's Abbey two
29. Lisburn	60. } Ministers
30. Banbridge	61. Newtown Ardes 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
31. Newry	62. Letterkenny

## SECOND CLASS.

Ministers of	Ministers of
No.	No.
1. Bovevagh	32. Carntal
2. Benburb	33. Badony
3. Faughanvale	34. Donaghedy 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
4. Creggan & Newtownhamilton	35. Urney
5. Knowhead	36. Colerain 1 <sup>st</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
6. Castlereagh	37. Convoy
7. Kirkeubbin	38. Lurgan
8. Hollywood 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>	39. Lifford
9. Maherawly	40. Belfast 4 <sup>th</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
10. Mourne	41. Monaghan
11. Dundonald	42. Castleblaney
12. Glastry	43. Corboy
13. Balliwalter	44. Killisandra
14. Ballinure	45. Antrim 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
15. Donaghadee	46. Lisluney
16. Ballee	47. Castledawson
17. Clough Co. Down	48. Dumboe
18. Kilmore	49. Ballywillan
19. Markethill	50. Drumachose
20. Balliclare	51. Dervoeck
21. Newtown Lemmavady	52. Aghadowey
22. Donaghedy 1 <sup>st</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>	53. Garvagh
23. Ardstraw	54. Maghera
24. Carlan	55. Finvoy
25. Dungannon	56. Kilraights
26. Minterburn	57. Larne 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
27. Stewartstown	58. Carncastle
28. Tobermore	59. Crumlin
29. Keady	60. Templepatrick
30. Cough	61. Dunluce
31. Aghnacloy & Balligawly	62. Newtown Ardes 1 <sup>st</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>

## THIRD CLASS.

Ministers of	Ministers of
No.	No.
1. Banagher	11. Moira
2. Donagh	12. Narrowwater & Carlingford
3. Moville	13. Dundalk
4. Malin	14. Hollywood 1 <sup>st</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
5. Faghan & Bumeranna	15. Antrim 1 <sup>st</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
6. Millisle	16. Dunmurry
7. Ballinderry	17. Omagh 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
8. Drumbanagher	18. Drumquin & Pettigoe
9. Monreagh	19. Glendermot 2 <sup>d</sup> Cong <sup>n</sup>
10. Mountnorris	20. Derg

## THIRD CLASS—continued.

Ministers of	Ministers of
No.	No.
21. Loughgall	42. Balieborough
22. Dungiven	43. Ervey & Carrick-mac-clin
23. Vinecash & Richhill	44. Balli-James-duff
24. Fintona & Dromore	45. Cootehill
25. Clogherney	46. Ahoghill
26. Cavanaleck	47. Buckna
27. Enniskillen	48. Cullybackey
28. Sligo & Ballimote	49. Dunean & Grange
29. Turlogh	50. Portglenone
30. Crossroads	51. Ballirashane
31. Stranorlane	52. Kilrea
32. Ray	53. Billey
33. Fanet	54. } Usher's Quay 2 Ministers
34. Dunfanagh & Kilmacrenan	55. }
35. Donegall & Ballyshannon	56. Ramoan
36. Douglas & Clady	57. Ardmoy
37. Moywater	58. Macosquin
38. Stonebridge	59. Grayabbey
39. Glennan	60. Islandmagee
40. Glentubret	61. Glenarm
41. Drum	62. Stratford

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant directs that the said Agent shall pay to the Ministers of the above-mentioned Congregations respectively, the annual sums of one hundred pounds, seventy-five pounds, & fifty pounds, according to the Class to which each Minister belongs, and that said payment shall be made half-yearly without any deduction whatever, the mode of payment to be the same hitherto used in distributing his Majesty's Royal Bounty to the Ministers of the Synod of Ulster. The present Ministers of the above-named Congregations, shall be entitled to receive the said sums according to the above arrangement until the death or removal of each respectively. And after such death or removal, the same sums shall be paid in like manner to their Successors—provided always that such successor shall have been first certified to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant & approved of by him, in pursuance of the plan communicated by his Excellency to the Ministers of the Synod of Ulster on the 26<sup>th</sup> June last.

His Excellency is however pleased to direct that, inasmuch as the Rev. Tho. Reid, James Malcom, James Knox, Arthur Kyle, Joseph Douglas, & Robert Scott, have hitherto, by direction of the Synod received, the annual dividend of the Royal Bounty, though, through age or infirmity incapacitated for the duties of their Ministry, the said Agent shall still continue to pay to each of the aforesaid superannuated Ministers, during his natural life the sum of thirty-two pounds per Annum, and shall deduct the same from the yearly quota of such Minister as is now, or may be hereafter settled in the Congregation wherein said aged or infirm Minister last officiated.



His Excellency further directs, that from the surplus which shall remain in the said Agent's hands each year, after paying their respective salaries to all such Ministers, as shall according to the above directions, be entitled to the same, said Agent shall every year deduct, as his own salary, the sum of four hundred pounds sterling, together with whatever sum he shall have expended during the year for stamps and postage, of Letters. He shall next pay out of said surplus, the annual sum of fifty pounds sterling, to the Clerk of the General Synod of Ulster, And also the annual sum of thirty two pounds sterling to the Rev. Robert Carlisle, formerly Minister of Ballinderry, but now incapacitated by infirmity of mind, during said Carlisle's natural life; and whatever farther surplus shall still remain, his Excellency directs, that the same shall annually be paid without farther deduction, into the Fund instituted for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Presbyterian Ministers of the Synod, it being his Excellency's desire, that whatever sum of Money may remain unapplied from temporary vacancies, in any of the above Congregations, after fulfilling all purposes already mentioned, the said fund should have the benefit of the same.

Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1804.

By His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Command.

A. MARSDEN.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1805.*

Mr Horner, the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from the last clause of Titus II. 15, then constituted it by prayer.

Mr Horner, informed the Synod that the Rev. Robt Dickson, Clerk of the Synod had died since the last meeting, and requested to know how he was to proceed in consequence of this event. The Synod desired their Moderator to request the Rev. Mr Thom, who as Co-presbyter and neighbour to the late Clerk, had taken charge of all his Synodical books and papers, to act as Clerk, until such time, as a successor to Mr Dickson, shall be appointed. The following members from the several Presbyteries were present, viz. from—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presbytery.		Bangor Presbytery—continued.	
Isaac Patrick	Geo. Crawford	Wm. Moreland	
James Birch	John Baxter	John Mulligan	Wm. McCaa
John Thomson	James Simpson	Dublin Presbytery.	
Dr. Little			
John Sherrard	Wm. Copeland	James Horner	Wm. Gilbert
William Fletcher		Ballymena Presbytery.	
James Waddel	Wm. Gowdy		
Jno. McClelland			
Jno. McCance			
Alexr. Patterson	Mark Searight	James Cuming	Jno. McClure
John McIlwain	Archd. Stevenson	David Park	Robt. Jno. Dickey
William Wright		Alexr. Spear	John Davison
John Hoey		Robt. Christie	David Love
Hamilton Dobbin	R. Cunningham	Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick
Moses Findlay	Andw. Murdoch	Henry Henry	Nath. Owens
Hugh McAllister	Andw. Potts	Alexr. Montgomery	
Willm. McGowan	Andw. Trew	William Hamilton	
		Benjamin Mitchel	James Hopeton
Belfast Presbytery.		Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Saml. Patten	Jno. McCulloch	James Taylor	Saml. Blak
George Brydone		Henry Millar	Wm. Lithgow
Wm. Whitlaw	Fras. Murray	John Holmes	Andw. Robinson
Samuel Hanna		James Delap	
James McCulloch	Robt. Patterson	Willm. Ramsay	
Henry Simpson	David Bennet	Willm. Huston	Robt. Adams
Saml. Watson	Dr. Lowry	Francis Dill	
Bangor Presbytery.		James Huston	James Johnston
Andrew Craig	Joseph Fulton	Samuel Dill	James Teenan
James Sinclair		Joseph Lytle	
David Taggart		William Burke	
Robt. Acheson	John Bankhead	Clogher Presbytery.	
Josiah Ker	Allan Martin		
John Arnold	Adam Orr	William Moorhead	Hugh Wallace
John Watson		James Ker	Saml. Fenton

## Clogher Presbytery—continued.

Andw. Millar	John Johnston
William Johnston	
James Davison	James Irwin
Booth Caldwell	

## Root Presbytery.

Robt. Thomson	William Glen
Robt. Rentoul	James Morrison
James Elder	
James McFarlan	Richd. McLaughlin
Daniel Blair	Hen. Morell
Alexr. Martin	Saml. Allen
John Smyth	Hill Collins
James Brown	David Rankin
Chas. Kennedy	Archd. Grimes
James Boyle	Adam Hunter
Thos. Greer	James Guthrie
John Whiteside	James Black
Solomon Brown	John Wier
Archd. Fullarton	

## Monaghan Presbytery.

William Moor	
John Davis	Dr. Windrum
John McCurdy	
James Gowdy	Wm. Millar
Henry McIlree	Joseph Gibson
James Morell	James Brakey
James Gibson	Willm. Gray
James Wilson	
John Kelso	John Jones

## Tyrone Presbytery.

Dr. Dickson	Saml. Cuming
James Whiteside	
William Moor	Wm. Ramsay
Hugh Boylan	Bert Fair
George Dougal	Robt. Duncan
Thos. McKay	Saml. Greer
John Davison	John Young
William Reid	Richd. Best
John Cowan	John McCormick
Moses Chambers	John Boyd
Robt. Hogg	Geo. White
Tho. Waughope	Dr. Hamilton

## Armagh Presbytery.

Dr. Neilson	Robt. Neilson
Tho. Cuming	Tho. Prentice
Nath. Shaw	Brice Smyth
Wm. Charleton	Robt. McCalla
James Bankhead	David McComb
Dr. Wm. Neilson	Dr. Jno. Getty
John Thom	

## Strabane Presbytery.

Wm. Dunlop	Jas. Stevenson
Tho. Anderson	
Chas. Hemphill	John McFarlan
William Porter	
David Guilkie	
Wm. McCrea	
John McFarlan	John Gray

## Derry Presbytery.

John Law	
Dr. Black	William Walker
Fras. Gray	Reuben Rogers
Hugh Brook	Andw. Cunningham
Wm. Cunningham	James Marshal
Robt. Caldwell	
Henry Elder	Alexr. Cowan
Richd. Dill	
James Canning	
David Hamilton	
James Allison	James Mitchel
Wm. Monteith	Richd. Cochran
Matth. Heron	Jas. Motherwell
John Mitchel	Jas. McCullogh
George Hay	Robt. McIntyre

## Templepatrick Presb.

John Wright	Adam Bole
John Savage	
Adam Hill	
Robt. Orr	Tho. Hunter
Robt. Thomson	James Patten
John Murphy	
Tho. Alexander	
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Steven
Nath. Alexander	Geo. Forsythe

## Elders from vacant Congns. &amp;c.

John Harbison	Rathfryland
Wm. Gibson	Broughshane
Robt. Harvey	Omagh
John McEwen	Clare

## Antrim Presbytery.

Dr. Bruce	
James Nelson	
John Wightman	Robt. Greenfield
Joseph Osborne	

## Elders.

James Watt	Ballyclare
James Wallace	Antrim



Mr Rentoul  
chosen  
Moderator

M<sup>r</sup> Horner having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> McClelland, Hanna, Craig, H. Henry, Holmes, Moorhead, Rentoul, William Moor, Boylan, Charleton, Guilkie, Gray, & Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomson. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Rentoul chosen.

It was moved & seconded that M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cuming be chosen Clerk in the room of the late M<sup>r</sup> Dickson. It was also moved & seconded, that M<sup>r</sup> Shaw be chosen Clerk. After some discussion it was resolved that the consideration of this matter be deferred till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Order to  
Presbyteries

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synods fixed Committee—An account of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, or Installed; of such Candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod, and of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries:—an account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock.*

Previous  
Question

After prayer the discussion of the former evening was resumed, when the *previous* question on the original motion as amended, was put. The Roll was called and it carried *Not* by a great majority. The original amended motion was then put, and M<sup>r</sup> Cuming chosen Clerk, by a large Majority.

Mr Cuming  
chosen Clerk

Thanks to  
M<sup>r</sup> Thom

It was unanimously resolved that the thanks of this Synod be given to M<sup>r</sup> Thom for his acting as Clerk *pro tempore*, and for his care of the books & other papers belonging to the Synod.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees, also the following reports:—

Ordained

Dromore Presbytery report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Moses Findlay at Donaghmore the 4<sup>th</sup> September last; M<sup>r</sup> Hugh McAllister at Loughbrickland, the 11<sup>th</sup> December last, and M<sup>r</sup> William McGowan, at Mountnorris the 18<sup>th</sup> of same month. They all subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order. They are also all contributors to the Widows' Fund. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher Blakely according to Synodical regulations the 15<sup>th</sup> October last, who subscribed the Confession of Faith. They have Widows on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> McComb, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, who is removed to Ballnaveigh in the County Donegall and M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth who is removed to Dublin.

Licensed

Widows

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> David Bennet, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, & that they have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkcad, M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>rs</sup> McEwen, M<sup>rs</sup> Widows Rowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn. Licensed

Bangor Presbytery report, that in August last they degraded the Rev. Alexander Gowdy from the exercise of all the ministerial functions: that on the first Tuesday of November last they licensed according to Synodical regulations M<sup>r</sup> Andrew George Malcom; and on the first Tuesday of May M<sup>r</sup> Edward Reid:—That they have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter, and M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran. Degraded  
Licensed  
Widows

Dublin Presbytery report, that they installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew McCalidin, in the Congregation of Stratford on Slaney, in the month of December last; and that they have in their Bounds M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, Widow of the late Robert Rogers of Corboy, County Longford. Installed  
Widows

Ballymena Presbytery report, that they have licensed the Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Kennedy, and James Johnston; and that M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kinneer resigned the charge of the Congregation of Clough, the second Tuesday of December last. Have widows on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Brown and M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay. Licensed  
Resigned  
Widows

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev. Joseph Lytle died on the 7<sup>th</sup> January last & has left no family. That they degraded from the ministerial office on account of immoral behaviour, M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Delap of Omagh on the 21<sup>st</sup> May last. M<sup>r</sup> Delap appealed from the sentence of the Presbytery to the General Synod. And that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ramsay, as ordered by the Synod, previous to his going to College. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Holmes. Died  
Degraded  
Examined  
Widows

Clogher Presbytery report, that on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Stevenson, in the Congregation of Enniskillen, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund, and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan. Ordained  
Widows

Root Presbytery report, that they have examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Elder & James Armor previous to their going to College for the first time, and John Cook, previous to his going to College for the second time. That M<sup>rs</sup> Knox died in July last. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> McMullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Douglass and Henry. Examined  
Widows

Monaghan Presbytery report, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trimble & Porter were examined at November last, previous to their going to College, and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Sprott, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, and M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside. Examined  
Widows

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Waughope in Dungannon, on the 28<sup>th</sup> August last, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith & became a contributor to the Widows' fund. They licensed M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, to preach the Gospel on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Ordained  
Licensed

Widows	October; M <sup>r</sup> Black, & M <sup>r</sup> Beard, on the 7 <sup>th</sup> May. Have on first trials
Died	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Wylie & Ledlie: On the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M <sup>rs</sup> Adams, M <sup>rs</sup> Stitt, and family of M <sup>r</sup> Hogg. M <sup>rs</sup> Peebles died on the 4 <sup>th</sup> March.
Mr Carson	M <sup>r</sup> Carson being cited by the Moderator to attend the meeting of Presbytery in May, wrote an official letter to the Presbytery, saying that he declined all connection with, and subjection to, the General Synod of Ulster, assigning some of his reasons, and declaring that he would publish them more fully in due time: upon which the presbytery ordered M <sup>r</sup> Moor to write to the Session of Tobermore, subjoining a copy of M <sup>r</sup> Carson's letter, to enquire how far they adhered to M <sup>r</sup> Carson's new proceedings, which he did, but as yet had received no answer.
Died	Armagh Presbytery report, that the Rev. Rob <sup>t</sup> Dickson died on the 7 <sup>th</sup> October last, leaving a family; that on the 13 <sup>th</sup> August last
Licensed	they licensed M <sup>r</sup> Robert Neilson to preach the Gospel; and that they
Examined	examined in October last Mess <sup>rs</sup> William Cuming and William Heron,
Widows	previous to their going to College. Have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Sloan, M <sup>rs</sup> Livingston & families of Mess <sup>rs</sup> Bryson & Dickson; not on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Moody.
Ordained	Strabane Presbytery report, that they ordained in the old Congregation of Donaghedy M <sup>r</sup> William M <sup>c</sup> Crea, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund, on the 13 <sup>th</sup> December last; and on the 19 <sup>th</sup> of the same month they ordained in the new Congregation of Newtown Stewart M <sup>r</sup> John M <sup>c</sup> Farlan, who wishes to become a Contributor. They have
Examined	on first trials M <sup>r</sup> Robert Adams, & have examined M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Armar,
Widows	previous to his going to College a second time. Have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Coulter, M <sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, M <sup>rs</sup> Hamill, and the family of M <sup>r</sup> Osborne.
Resigned	Derry Presbytery report, that M <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Caldin resigned the pastoral
Licensed	charge of Dungiven, the 6 <sup>th</sup> November last. They licensed M <sup>r</sup> John
Ordained	Mitchel to preach the Gospel the 7 <sup>th</sup> August last; they ordained him at Dungiven the 19 <sup>th</sup> March last; and M <sup>r</sup> George Hay at Derry the 18 <sup>th</sup> June Inst. They are both contributors to the Widows' fund.
Widows	Have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Walker, M <sup>rs</sup> Patten, M <sup>rs</sup> Scott, and family of M <sup>r</sup> Patten.
Licensed	Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have licensed M <sup>r</sup>
Examined	George Hay, & William Moor. That Mess <sup>rs</sup> Carley, Findlay, Lyons, & Montgomery underwent the examination appointed last Synod, previous to their entering College. Have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M <sup>rs</sup> White, M <sup>rs</sup> Cowan, M <sup>rs</sup> Gibson, & family of Lewson.
Widows	
Connection dissolved	Antrim Presbytery report, that the connection between the Rev. William Taggart & the Congregation of Dunmurray was dissolved on the 14 <sup>th</sup> May 1805.
Synod to meet at Cookstown	Moved that the time & place of next meeting be now settled. Cookstown and Lurgan were put in nomination. The Roll was called & the vote was carried for Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.
	Committees to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Open Synod at 10.



Gen. Synods fixed Committee for 1805.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Dromore,	M <sup>r</sup> Birch & D <sup>r</sup> Little
Belfast,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Brydone & Whitlaw
Bangor,	„ Watson & Acheson
Dublin,	„ Horner & Moor
Ballymena,	„ Hamilton & Mitchel.
Letterkenny,	„ S. Dill & Ja <sup>s</sup> Huston
Clogher,	„ Johnston & Davison
Root,	„ Ja <sup>s</sup> Brown & Sol. Brown
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	„ Moor & Davison
Armagh,	„ Cuming & Shaw
Strabane,	„ M <sup>c</sup> Crea & Guilkie
Derry,	„ Law & Brook
Templepatrick,	„ Savage & Alexander.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Third Session. Thursday morning 10 o'clock.*

After Prayer, according to the order of last year the Presbytery of Templepatrick produced a pastoral address to the people under the care of the Synod, which was read, considered & approved of, and committed to the care of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Horner to have fifty copies for each Congregation printed, & distributed without delay. And the Presbytery of Dromore, as being next in the Roll is ordered to prepare a similar address, for the ensuing year.

Address to the People

The minute of last year respecting marriage which was referred to this meeting of Synod, was read, & being now amended stands thus :—

That any Minister of this body, who shall join in marriage, any man or woman, not under his pastoral care, but under the care of some

Amended  
regulations  
respecting  
Marriage

other regular Minister of the Christian Church, without the consent, in writing (in the words of the following certificate) of the Minister under whose pastoral care the person or persons may be: or of the Session in case of vacancy, or absence of Minister; or of the parents in case of the refusal of the Minister or Session specified by him, or them to arise only from the want of compliance with the proclamation of bands; shall for the first offence be suspended *ab officio*, one month; for the second three months; for the third be degraded. And in the case of either of the parties belonging to the established Church, no Minister of our body shall, under the above penalty celebrate marriage without the full consent, in writing of the Clergyman to whom the party shall belong.

Form of  
certificate

I certify that the bearer A.B. is a regular member of the Congregation of C., is an unmarried person, and that there is no objection to his (or her) being married to D.E. of the congregation of F., by the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> G. H., consent of parents, (or Guardians as the case may be) being already sought and obtained by me, J. K., Minister of C.

Rule respecting  
the admission of  
strangers to  
officiate for us  
amended

On reading the rule of last year respecting the admission of men not members of this body, or Licentiates under its care to officiate for us, it was unanimously agreed to that the rule be thus amended; "That no man not a member of this body, or a Licentiate under its care (the Presbytery of Antrim, Southern Association, & Church of Scotland excepted) shall be permitted to officiate for us, &c.

Instructions to  
the Presbytery  
of Tyrone  
respecting the  
Cong<sup>n</sup> of  
Tobermore

The report from the Presbytery of Tyrone, relative to the congregation of Tobermore, which they have declared vacant, having been read, & approved, & the Presbytery having earnestly requested the advice of this Synod, and the appointment of some of its members to meet them in Tobermore at as early a day as may be convenient, for the purpose of devising & recommending such measures as may seem best adapted to preserve and promote the true interests of religion among that deserted people: This Synod advises the presbytery of Tyrone to have the Congregation of Tobermore, duly declared vacant on the first Lord's day in July next; and the following brethren are hereby appointed to meet with said Presbytery in Tobermore on the Tuesday following, for the purpose above-mentioned, viz.:—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, Garvagh; Spear, Portglenone; Henry, Randalstown; Kenedy, Mahera; Brown, Castledawson.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Friday morning 6 o'clock.*

Rule suspended

After prayer, on reading the Overture of last year respecting the examination of Students, who intend to become Candidates for the Ministry, it was moved & agreed to, that the operation of the fourth resolution be suspended for this year.

M<sup>r</sup> Horner, the late Moderator, read the following answers to the Synod's addresses of last year.

## LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

I will immediately transmit to his Majesty the loyal and dutiful address of the General Synod of Ulster, and am confident that his Majesty will receive with great satisfaction the assurances which it contains of attachment to his Royal Person, as well as the sentiments which you express, with equal piety, firmness, and Patriotism, on the important contest in which we are engaged.

I am highly flattered by the favourable opinion, which you are pleased to entertain of my publick conduct in the Administration of his Majesty's Government; and am particularly gratified in reflecting that I have been in any degree instrumental in promoting a measure which you consider important to the support of the Teachers of Religion amongst the Presbyterians of Ireland.

HARDWICKE.

## ANSWER TO THE ADDRESS TO THE KING.

Dublin Castle 24<sup>th</sup> July 1804.

Sir,

The Address to the King from the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster having been transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant to be laid before his Majesty, I have the honor to acquaint you, that his Excellency has received a letter from Lord Hawkesbury, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying that the said Address had been laid before his Majesty, and that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your

most obedient humble servant

A. MARSDEN.

Rev. James Horner,

Moderator of the Synod of Ulster.

## LORD CASTLEREAGH'S ANSWER.

London July 14, 1804.

Sir,

I have been favoured with your letter, conveying to me the Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Ulster.

I beg you will express to the Synod, how much personal satisfaction it affords me, to have been instrumental, in any degree, in bringing the interests of their Clergy under the favourable consideration of the Crown.

In addition to the flattering expressions of regard, with which they have honored me, I observe with peculiar pleasure, that the



grateful sense, which the Synod entertains of his Majesty's paternal care so graciously manifested in the recent addition made to the *Regium Donum*, is accompanied by a full conviction on their part, of the importance & value of those principles upon which this provision has been conferred upon their body.

Accept, Sir, my peculiar thanks for the obliging manner in which you have conveyed to me the address of the Synod, And assure them from me, of the anxious solicitude I shall always feel, that the late arrangement so happily concluded may be productive of all the good effects, not only in augmenting the individual comfort, but in improving the condition and endowments of their Clergy, which in common with them I confidently anticipate from it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, with great truth & regard,  
your obedient, & faithful servant

CASTLEREAGH.

To the Rev. James Horner,  
Moderator of the Synod.

#### BILLS.

Loughbrickland

I. A memorial from John Atcheson Smyth, eldest son of the late Rev. John Smyth, on behalf of himself, his mother, brothers & sister complaining that the Presbytery of Dromore had proceeded to ordain the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Allister, in the congregation of Loughbrickland, without first causing the arrear of Stipend due the heirs of his late father to be paid or satisfactorily secured; and also that said ordination was in direct opposition to an express Synodical Law, was presented to the Synod. This memorial was accompanied with a statement of the account, between M<sup>r</sup> Smyth and the Congregation of Loughbrickland & with a protest by the said John A. Smyth, which had been lodged with the Presbytery of Dromore, previous to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Allister's ordination, against the ordination of another Minister in Loughbrickland, until full justice was done to the heirs of his father.

Mr Barber's  
appeal & protest

A letter to the Moderator was also read, from the Rev. Samuel Barber, a member of the Presbytery of Dromore, referring the Synod to his protest and appeal against the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Allister, recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore; & praying that the Synod may have this matter fully investigated in order "that the different Presbyteries, and the people under our care, may be convinced that it is vain for any Presbytery to ordain until the arrears due the former Minister be discharged."

M<sup>r</sup> David Heron appeared as Commissioner from the Congregation of Loughbrickland.

M<sup>r</sup> Smyth was heard at great length in support of his protest, and of the Allegations contained in his Memorial. And the Presbytery of Dromore in support of their conduct.

The Commissioner was also heard, at full length, on behalf of the Congregation of Loughbrickland.

When the parties having withdrawn, & the subject having undergone a long & serious discussion, the Synod unanimously came to the determination, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Dromore be disapproved of. Presbytery of Dromore

Ordered, that a Committee consisting of Mess<sup>rs</sup> A. Millar, William Moor, Tyrone, and Adam Hunter, Esq<sup>r</sup>, do meet this evening and ascertain what balance is due to the heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Smyth from the Congregation of Loughbrickland, according to the entries made in M<sup>r</sup> Smyth's Stipend book & such other documents as M<sup>r</sup> Smyth & M<sup>r</sup> Heron, shall lay before them; and that M<sup>r</sup> David Heron the Commissioner from Loughbrickland be enjoined to pay, or satisfactorily secure the said balance to M<sup>r</sup> Smyth's heirs before our next *sederunt*. Committee appointed to settle Mr Smyth's accounts

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Saturday morning, 6 o'clock.*

After prayer, The Committee appointed to settle the account between the Congregation of Loughbrickland and the heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Smyth made their report, by which it appears that there is a balance of £230 : 0 : 8 due to M<sup>r</sup> Smyth's heirs. The Commissioner on the part of the congregation expressed his intention to abide by the determination of the Committee, with which M<sup>r</sup> Smyth signified his acquiescence. Report of the Committee

II. A memorial from the congregation of Clare was presented to the Synod, complaining of the irregularity of the proceedings of the Committee appointed last year to take charge of this congregation in the mode of its taking a poll for the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Reid, and praying this Synod to order his installment, either by the committee who took charge of the congregation last year, or in any other manner, which the Synod may deem fit. Clare

A counter-memorial was also presented to the Synod by the Minority of the Congregation of Clare supplicating that the Rev. William Reid may not be appointed their Minister, being in their opinion, a measure likely to be attended with the most ruinous consequences to that Congregation.

After hearing the Committee & the Commissioners on both sides, it was unanimously resolved, that this business be dismissed, the Committee dissolved, and the Congregation restored to the Presbytery of Armagh.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.*

III. An appeal from the Rev. Hugh Delap, lately Minister of the Old Congregation of Omagh, was presented to the Synod against the sentence of degradation pronounced upon him by the Presbytery of Appeal against the Presbytery of Letterkenny

Letterkenny ; and praying this Synod for the Sake of Justice, and for the cause of innocence, to appoint a Committee of their body to give the matter a full and fair investigation, alledging that a great deal of new light can be thrown upon the subject.

A memorial was also presented from a number of the members of the Congregation of Omagh, expressing their conviction of the innocence of the Rev. Hugh Delap, and entreating the Synod to take his case into its serious consideration, and to institute such enquiry into his character, as may be the means of promoting the interests of religion, and of restoring peace and concord to the Congregation.

Appeal dismissed      The Presbytery of Letterkenny being heard in their defence, & the evidence on which they founded their sentence being gone over with great care, and maturely considered ; and Mr Delap & a Commissioner from the Subscribers to the memorial, being heard in support of the appeal, and of their supplication ; it was moved and seconded that the Appeal be dismissed. After serious deliberation the Roll was called and the appeal dismissed by a large Majority.

Mr Smyth      IV. A memorial was read from the Rev. John Smyth praying to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Root, and annexed to the Presbytery of Ballymena.

Granted.

N. T. Stewart      V. A memorial from the newly erected congregation of Newtown Stewart, praying the Synod to take such measures as may induce Government to allow them a portion of the R.D., was presented to the Synod.

The Synod resolved that it could not interfere in this business.

Keady      A similar memorial on the part of the newly erected Congregation of Keady was withdrawn.

Dr Dickson's  
men<sup>l</sup>      VI. A memorial from the Rev. William Steel Dickson, D.D., requiring the Synod to declare explicitly " whether or no he is alluded to in a part of a minute of 1799, which has been construed into a reflexion on his character, as a man "implicated in treasonable or seditious practices," and if so, to explain what they then meant by being implicated in " practices treasonable or seditious," was presented to the Synod.

Dismissed      It was unanimously resolved to dismiss this memorial.

*Interloquitur. Saturday 3 o'clock, Afternoon.*

The accounts of the Agent to the Widows' fund were inspected and found correct.

A statement of the receipts and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty, ending 25 March 1804, was submitted to this Interloquitur by Dr Black, & found correct and satisfactory.



A letter from the Trustees of the Widow's fund was read, in which they recommend, that the balance in the Treasurers hands, as well as the Government debentures, belonging to the fund, be vested in Government consolidated Stock, at the Bank of Ireland. <sup>Letter from the Trustees</sup>

In this proposal the Interloquitur concurs, & D<sup>r</sup> Black is instructed to co-operate with the Trustees in such measures, as may be necessary, to effect the same.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with prayer.

Inserted 15<sup>th</sup> August 1805 by

THOMAS CUMING,  
Clerk of General Synod.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, June 24<sup>th</sup> 1806.*

M<sup>r</sup> Rentoul, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Timothy II. 15, then constituted it by prayer : After which were present from the several Presbyteries the following Members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presbytery.		Root Presbytery.	
Saml. Watson	Wm. McCredie	Robert Thomson	
Hen. Simson		Robert Rentoul	
James Riddel		James Elder	
		Tho. Greer	Wm. Smirl
Bangor Presbytery.		John Whiteside	
Andrew Craig		Sol. Brown	Hen. Lennox
James Sinclair		John Sims	
Josiah Ker		Monaghan Presbytery.	
John Arnold		John Macurdy	
Willm. Moreland		James Gowdy	
Andrew Gowdy		James Morell	
Dublin Presbytery.		Archd. Meharg	
Dr. McDowel		John Kelso	
James Horner		Tyrone Presbytery.	
Ballimena Presbytery.		Willm. Moor	Tho. Sloan
James Cuming		Hugh Boylan	
Tho. Henry	Andw. Picken	Tho. McKay	
Hen. Henry	Joseph Allen	John Davison	Andw. Harkness
Alexr. Montgomery		Robert Stewart	
Willm. Hamilton		John Cowan	John Vance
Benjamin Mitchel		Moses Chambers	John Boyd
John Hall	John Maxwell	David Bennet	Dr. Hamilton
Letterkenny Presbytery.		Armagh Presbytery.	
John Holmes		Tho. Cuming	
William Ramsay		Nathl. Shaw	
Fras. Dill	Hugh Turretine	James Bankhead	
James Huston	Jas. Hamilton	Dr. Wm. Neilson	
Willm. Huston		John Thom	
Saml. Dill		Saml. Arnold	
Saml. Cuthbertson		Strabane Presbytery.	
Clogher Presbytery.		Willm. Dunlop	
Willm. Moorhead		Tho. Anderson	
Andw. Millar	John Johnston	Charles Hemphill	
Willm. Johnston		William Porter	
James Ker		David Guilkie	John Little
James Davison		William McCrea	
		John McFarlan	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.		Dromore Presbytery.	
Dr. Black		Samuel Barber	
Hugh Brooke		John McCance	
Henry Elder		Alexr. Patterson	
Richd. Dill		Moses Findlay	
James Canning		Wm. Magowan	Robert Haddan
David Hamilton		James Black	Mark Seawright
Wm. Monteith			
Matthew Heron		Antrim Presbytery.	
John Mitchel		Dr. Bruce	
George Hay		Joseph Osborne	
Templepatrick Presbytery.			
		Elder.	
Robert Orr	Wm. McMaster		
Robert Thomson		John Haslett	Lurgan
Robert Campbell			
Nath. Alexander			
James C. Ledlie	Wm. Ferguson		

M<sup>r</sup> Rentoul having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz—the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam. Watson, Craig, Mitchel, Holmes, Moorhead, Thomson, M<sup>c</sup>Kay, D<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Neilson, Anderson, R. Dill, Thomson, T.patriek, and M<sup>c</sup>Cance. The Roll was called & D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson chosen.

D<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Neilson  
chosen  
Moderator

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed Committee—An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, since last Gen. Synod; and of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries:—An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women, in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers, and are not on the fund.

Order to  
Presbyteries

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday Morning ten o'clock.*

After prayer, Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees, also the following reports.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, Widows M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Kilburn.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> John Davis, have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull now in America, M<sup>rs</sup>



Widows	Bryson supposed to be living in England, M <sup>rs</sup> Dobbin, M <sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M <sup>rs</sup> Porter, and M <sup>rs</sup> Cochran.
Widow	Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Rogers, Widow of the late Rev. Rob <sup>t</sup> Rogers of Corboy, for information respecting M <sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, Widow of the late Rev. James Caldwell of Usher's Quay, they refer to the Presbytery of Letterkenny, in whose bounds she resides, if living.
Died	Ballimena Presbytery report, that M <sup>r</sup> Douglas died 18 <sup>th</sup> November last, & left a Widow & family, that they ordained M <sup>r</sup> John Hall at Clough, on the 17 <sup>th</sup> Inst. who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; & that they have suspended the Rev. Alexander Montgomery from preaching for two Lord's days, for celebrating marriage contrary to the rules of the Synod of Ulster, from which sentence he appealed to the Synod. Widows on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Brown, and M <sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay.
Ordained	
Suspended	
Widows	Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev. W <sup>m</sup> Burke, resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Ramelton, on the 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup> last, that they ordained M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Cuthbertson in the old Congregation of Omagh, on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Inst. who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Delap, & M <sup>rs</sup> Burke.
Resigned	
Ordained	
Widows	Clogher Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials, M <sup>r</sup> John Johnston. That they have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Mulligan.
Widow	Root Presbytery report, that the ordained M <sup>r</sup> John Sims as assistant & successor to M <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Lynd, in the Congregation of Ramoan, on the 28 <sup>th</sup> July last. He subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, & is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That they licensed Mess <sup>rs</sup> Chas. Gray, & Paul Boreland, on the 29 <sup>th</sup> January last. They have on first trials Mess <sup>rs</sup> Andrew Shannon, Henry Macook, & John Samson. They have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M <sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M <sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M <sup>rs</sup> Elder, M <sup>rs</sup> Davis, M <sup>rs</sup> Mullian, M <sup>rs</sup> Simson, M <sup>rs</sup> Cameron, M <sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, & families of Mess <sup>rs</sup> Henry & Knox.
Ordained	
Licensed	
Widows	Monaghan Presbytery report, that they have suspended from preaching, Arthur Windrum, a Probationer under their care; and that they have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M <sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M <sup>rs</sup> Sprott, M <sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M <sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, & M <sup>rs</sup> Whiteside.
Suspended	
Widows	
Licensed	Tyrone Presbytery report, that they licensed Mess <sup>rs</sup> James Crawford Ledlie, & William Wylie, according to Synodical regulations, & have on first trials, M <sup>r</sup> James Philips. That M <sup>r</sup> Waughope resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Dungannon on the 9 <sup>th</sup> November last, & was suspended by the Presbytery <i>sine die</i> the March following: and that M <sup>r</sup> David Bennet was ordained on the 17 <sup>th</sup> Inst. in said place. He is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. They have examined previous to going to College, according to Synodical appointment, the following young men, viz, Mess <sup>rs</sup> Joseph Johnston, W <sup>m</sup> Fleming, William Brown, John Sloan, Robert Winning, Robert Hawthorn, John Anderson, Matthew Elder, David Reid, Thomas Dunn, Robert Wilson, Robert Cunningham, & John Howard. Have on the fund M <sup>rs</sup> Duffin, M <sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M <sup>rs</sup> Adams, M <sup>rs</sup> Stitt, M <sup>rs</sup> Simpson, & the family of M <sup>r</sup> Hogg.
Suspended	
Ordained	
Examined	
Widows	

Armagh Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Samuel <sup>Ordained</sup> Arnold in the united Congregations of Narrow-water, & Carlingford, on the 2<sup>d</sup> September last, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund : That they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Woods ; and that they <sup>Examined</sup> examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Lockhart, Samuel Sloane, & Edward Prenter previous to their going to College. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloane, M<sup>rs</sup> Livingston, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, & Dickson. <sup>Widows</sup> Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Robert <sup>Widows</sup> Adams, that M<sup>rs</sup> Coulter died 21<sup>st</sup> January last, & that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

Derry Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, <sup>Widows</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have received on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Harpur, & have taken under their care M<sup>r</sup> Wightman, a Probationer certified by the Presbytery of Bangor. That they ordained <sup>Ordained</sup> at Donegore, on the 8<sup>th</sup> April last, M<sup>r</sup> James Crawford Ledlie as Co<sup>adj</sup> adjutor & Successor to M<sup>r</sup> Wright, who is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan, <sup>Widows</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Patterson resigned the Pastoral <sup>Resigned</sup> charge of the Congregation of Drumbanagher, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> last, & was installed in the Congregation of Maherally, as assistant & Successor <sup>Installed</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Patrick, on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> James <sup>Ordained</sup> Black, in the Congregation of Drumbanagher, on the 4<sup>th</sup> March last, he is a Contributor to the Widows' fund, & subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. That they have examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, <sup>Examined</sup> Davis, & McClelland, previous to their going to College. <sup>Widows</sup> on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, McComb, Thomson, Magee, Hay, & Smyth.

Antrim Presbytery made no report, but by an official communication received by the Clerk from that Presbytery since the Synod's meeting, it appears that M<sup>rs</sup> Drennan died on the 6<sup>th</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Crawford <sup>Died</sup> on the 20<sup>th</sup> February last.

Gen. Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1806.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Belfast,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Brydone & Whitlaw
Bangor,	„ Ker and Arnold
Dublin,	„ D <sup>r</sup> McDowel & M <sup>r</sup> Horner
Ballymena,	„ Tho. & Hen. Henry
Letterkenny,	„ Sam. Dill & Cuthbertson
Clogher,	„ Ker and Johnston

Presbs.	Minrs.
Root,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Thomson & Sims
Monaghan,	,, Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	,. Moore & M <sup>c</sup> Kay
Armagh,	,, Shaw & Bankhead
Strabane,	,, Anderson & Hemphill
Derry,	,, Gray & Mitchel
Templepatrick,	,, N. Alexander & Ledlie
Dromore,	,, Barber & Patterson

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown; when called by the Moderator on any Emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned till one o'clock.

*Third Session. One o'clock.*

Synod to meet  
at Cookstown

It was moved that the time & place of next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Cookstown were put in nomination. The Roll was called & it carried Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock, afternoon.

Address to the  
People

According to the order of last year, the Presbytery of Dromore presented a pastoral address to the people under the care of the Synod, which was read, considered, & committed to the care of the Commissioners appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant to revise; and the Moderator is requested to have fifty copies for each Congregation printed & distributed without delay: And the Presbytery of Belfast, as being next in the Roll, is ordered to prepare a similar Address for the ensuing year.

On reading the regulation of last year respecting Marriage it was moved & agreed to, that the Parenthesis ("in the words of the following certificate") be expunged.

Regulations  
respecting  
Marriage

It was also resolved, that no Minister belonging to this Synod shall, under pain of the penalties for transgressing said regulation, celebrate Marriage, where one the parties at least, is not a member of his own Congregation, except in the following cases, viz:—

1. In case of vacant Congregations, where the parties are duly certified by the Session of the vacant Congregation.



2. In case of the absence, sickness, or special request, of a neighbouring Minister, upon the parties being duly certified, by said Minister, or his Session.

On reading the Amendment of the rule of 1804 respecting the admission of men, not members of this body to officiate for us, it was moved & seconded that the rule of 1804 as amended in 1805 be repealed. The Roll was called and it carried not.

But it is *now* agreed and declared, that this resolution is not intended to prevent any Minister of this Synod *occasionally* to employ any member of any other Protestant Church, whom he knows to have been regularly set apart to the work of the Ministry, according to the forms of the Church to which he belongs; whose character he knows to be suited to his holy office; & of whose zeal to promote the great objects of the Ministry he has reason to think favourably: That it is only intended to prevent employing men to preach, who are not regular Ministers of any Church, and, who, under pretence of spreading the Gospel, give reason to suspect, that they have only in view to promote their own private interests, by exciting dissensions, & disturbing the peace of Congregations.

Explanation of a  
rule of 1804

It was moved that the examination of young men previous to their going to College, be conducted by Committees & not by Presbyteries. Upon calling the Roll it was carried that the examination be conducted by Presbyteries.

### OVERTURES.

I. It was unanimously agreed to, that the following Address be presented to the Lord Lieutenant.

TO HIS GRACE JOHN DUKE OF BEDFORD, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Grace,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster take the first opportunity, afforded by our annual meeting, of offering our congratulations on your Grace's appointment as Chief Governor of this part of the United Kingdom.

Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

Accustomed to consider your Grace's illustrious family with sentiments of more than ordinary veneration, and entertaining for your Grace's Character that unaffected respect, which private virtue when united with high rank never fails to inspire, we anticipate with confidence the happiest results from your Grace's administration.

We beg leave to assure your Grace, that in our respective situations, we shall continue to inculcate on the people connected with us, an inviolable attachment to his Majesty's person, family, & government;

an unceasing regard for the Authority of the Laws ; and a temper of kindness towards our fellow-subjects ; satisfied that by thus discharging our duty, we shall best recommend ourselves to your Grace's protection, and obtain from your Grace, a favourable representation to our most gracious King.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1806.

WILLIAM NEILSON, D.D., Moderator.

Resolved that our Moderator, the Ministers of the Presbytery of Dublin, Dr Black, & Mr Thomas Henry, be appointed to present this Address to the Lord Lieutenant, and that the Address, with his Grace's answer be published.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday Morning ten o'clock.*

Instructions to  
the members  
appointed to  
wait on the  
Lord Lieutenant

After prayer, it was moved that the members appointed to wait on the Lord Lieutenant be instructed humbly to suggest to his Grace, the propriety, the policy, & the advantage, of an equalization of his Majesty's Bounty, comprehending the two Congregations which at present receive no Bounty. This motion was resisted on the point of order, a memorial to the same effect having already been rejected in the Committee of Overtures. The Roll was called on the question, "Is this motion in order, or not?" which was carried in the affirmative.

Against this decision the Rev. Mr Rentoul, and a number of other members signified their intention of protesting & assigning their reasons in due time.

The original motion was then put & debated at considerable length, when the Roll was called & the motion carried. Against this decision the Rev. Dr McDowel and others protested, & promised to assign their reasons.

It was farther resolved, that the members appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant be instructed, that if they find it convenient, they do confer with his Grace, on the great necessity & utility of extending the benefits of education to the Children of the poor in the bounds of our Congregations.

Farther  
regulations  
respecting  
Students who  
intend to become  
Candidates for  
the Ministry

II. 1. Overtured & agreed to, that Students be permitted to enter on Presbyterial trials, upon their studying Divinity, Hebrew, & Church History, in a regular Seminary of learning, *one* session after taking a degree in Arts.

2. That every Student shall be examined at the first meeting of his Presbytery, after his return from College each session, in the sciences which he has studied during that session.

3. That the intervals between the College Sessions shall be spent in studying the following subjects, under the inspection of a Minister appointed by the Presbytery, viz, 1<sup>st</sup> Summer, Civil History & Jewish Antiquities. 2<sup>d</sup> Summer, Greek Testament with Commentaton. 3<sup>d</sup> Summer, Ecclesiastical History and Divinity. 4<sup>th</sup> Summer, Divinity. And during these several seasons, particular attention shall be paid to composition, elocution, and devotional exercises.

III. It is overtured & agreed to, that each Minister of this Synod be enjoined to ascertain with all possible accuracy, how the families of the poor in his Congregation are supplied with Bibles; that he do faithfully report to the Presbytery of which he is a member, what number of Bibles would be necessary to supply them; & that such Presbytery do faithfully report to the next meeting of this Synod, the number of copies of the Scriptures, that would be wanting to supply the Poor, within the bounds of the Congregations connected with it. And it is to be understood by each Minister, that, in taking the necessary steps to ascertain the wants of the poor in the above respect, he inform the poor in his Congregation that it is the intention of this Synod to furnish with Copies of the Bible, at an easy rate, such of them as wish to read the Scriptures, but are unable to purchase them at their present high prices.

Order to ascertain the number of Bibles wanted by the poor in the bounds of the Synod

### BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented to the Synod by the Rev. Samuel Dill complaining of the Conduct of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, in reprehending him for refusing one of the ordinances of the Christian Church to M<sup>r</sup> Waughope a member of his Congregation; and appealing (in which he was joined by the Rev. Francis Dill a Co-presbyter) against the sentence of the Presbytery to this Synod.

Appeal from the Pres. of Letterkenny

After hearing the parties for some time, it was agreed to defer the farther consideration of this appeal until the next Sederunt.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at Six o'clock.

### *Fifth Session. Friday Morning six o'clock.*

After prayer, on reading the Minute of yesterday's sederunt respecting the instructions to the members, appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant, it was moved that the members of the Presbytery of Dublin, & D<sup>r</sup> Black be laid aside, & that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Millar & M<sup>r</sup> Shaw be substituted in their place. This motion on the call of the roll was carried. D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & several other members protested, & promised to assign their reasons.

The members appointed to present the Address to the Lord Lieutenant changed

The consideration of the appeal from the sentence of the Presbytery of Letterkenny was now resumed when D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Horner, Millar, Tho. Henry, & Dunlop, were ordered to withdraw & confer with the Presbytery of Letterkenny & the Appellants on the subject of their Appeal. On their return D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel reported that



the Appellants had, with the consent of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, withdrawn their appeal, & that a fair prospect was opened of a happy settlement of all differences between the parties.

II. A memorial from the Congregation of Tubermore was presented to the Synod, requesting that this Synod would devise measures to put them in possession of their meeting-house, on which their well-being as a worshipping society intimately depends.

The Synod resolved that Mr Moore & Mr Davison be directed to take such legal steps, as they may deem necessary, to put the Congregation of Tubermore in possession of their meeting-house; & that it be recommended by this Synod to the Interloquitur, to defray the expense of doing so.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday Morning ten o'clock.*

The protesting members now gave in their reasons of protest which were read & ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and that a Copy of said reasons of protest be furnished to the members appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant.

Protest

Protest against laying aside the members of the Presbytery of Dublin, & Dr Black.

We protest against this resolution.

Because in our opinion, it is subversive of all order, of dangerous tendency, & disrespectful to the individuals dismissed.

Benjamin McDowel, D.D.  
Robert Rentoul  
Thomas Cuming  
Josiah Ker

James Horner  
Henry Elder  
Thomas McKay  
William Ramsay.

Protest against instructing the members appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant, to suggest to his Grace, the propriety, &c., of an equalization of his Majesty's Bounty.

Protest

We protest against the present decision for a variety of reasons which press upon our minds, of which we shall mention only the following :

1. Because, the motion was introduced in violation of the established order of proceeding, in this Synod. As *new matter*, it ought to have been first proposed to the Committee of Overtures & approved of; but it is notorious, that a measure substantially the same, in the form of a Memorial to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, was this morning rejected by that Committee.

2. Because, the Synod was taken by surprise, as no notice was given of any intention to agitate the question at this meeting, in which a great majority of the Congregations are not represented, & when the

attendance is less by more than one half, than at the meeting in 1803, when the late arrangement was approved of, as will appear by a reference to our Minutes: Nor can the majority on the Poll be considered as expressing the sense of the body at large, the numbers for the motion being 46 Ministers, & 12 Elders,—against it 29 Ministers & 4 Elders.

3. Because we cannot suggest to the Representative of our Sovereign the propriety of depriving one third of the Ministers of this Synod of a considerable portion of an income, of which they have, for some years, been in possession, on the faith of his Majesty's Government, "that the Bounty once granted, shall in no case be withdrawn from any Minister, during his continuance in his Congregation, so long as it shall please his Majesty to continue the Bounty to the Body at large," in reliance on which, many Ministers have formed their domestic arrangements, & commenced a course of education for their families.

4. Because in firm reliance on this publick engagement, Students have devoted themselves to our profession, young Ministers have been settled in Congregations, & aged & infirm pastors have relinquished their stipend to Assistants, reserving the Royal bounty alone, for their support in their declining years.

5. Because, no proof has been, or in our opinion can be adduced, that the present mode of distribution is *improper*, or *impolitic*, or *disadvantageous*—it being an incontrovertible truth, that Ministers placed in Cities or large Towns, or in extended or populous Congregations have a fair claim to a larger Bounty from the State than others, whose situations subject them to less expense, & whose ministerial labours, however respectable, cannot have so extensive an influence on society.

6. Because, this mode of proceeding may establish a precedent for frequent application to Government for a change in the mode of distribution, thereby endangering the comfort & security of Ministers, discouraging Parents from devoting their Sons to our profession, fomenting a Spirit of Discontent & Discord among the people & thus defeating the gracious purpose of his Majesty in the late extension of the Royal Bounty to the Ministers of this Body.

Cookstown 26<sup>th</sup> June 1806.

Benjamin McDowel, D.D.

Robert Black, D.D.

William Bruce, D.D.

Robert Rentoul

Samuel Barber

John M<sup>c</sup>Cance

John Thom

Andrew Craig

George Hay

William Moreland

Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Kay

Thomas Cuming

William Monteith

Hugh Brooke

Samuel Cuthbertson

Joseph Osborne

John Whiteside

John Davison

Josiah Ker

William Hamilton

James Horner

William Ramsay

Robert Orr

William Dunlop

Henry Elder

Alexander Montgomery for the second reason.

Henry Simson for Do.

Benjamin Mitchel for Do.

William Moore for Do.

Samuel Watson for the third reason.

Mr Montgomery

III. A Memorial was presented to the Synod from the Rev. Alexander Montgomery, a member of the Presbytery of Ballymena, complaining of the proceedings of said Presbytery, as precipitate & irregular, in their sentence against him, of suspension for two Lord's days, and admonition by the Moderator, for marrying Elizabeth Agnew contrary to Synodical regulations, and appealing from the sentence of his Presbytery to the General Synod.

Appeal  
dismissed

After hearing M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery in support of his appeal, & the Presbytery in support of their sentence, the parties were desired to withdraw; when, after serious & mature consideration, it was unanimously resolved, that the appeal be dismissed, that the sentence of the Presbytery of Ballymena has been too lenient, and that the Presbytery of Ballymena be directed to revise this sentence & make it conformable to the rule of Synod in such cases.

Mr Wm Burke

The Memorial of the Rev. William Burke, so far as it relates to the settlement of his, & his late Father's accounts with the Congregation of Ramelton, is referred to the Presbytery of Letterkenny, who engage to see justice done in this case, before the Ordination of another Minister. The remaining part of the Memorial is referred to the Interloquitur.

Session concluded with prayer.

*Interloquitur. Friday 3 o'clock Afternoon.*

Thanks to the  
Clerk

It was moved, & unanimously agreed to, that our Clerk shall receive the thanks of this Interloquitur for his zeal & diligence in recovering the Minutes respecting the Widows' fund from its Origin, and for the great pains he has taken in transcribing them into a Book for the information of the Contributors. And thanks were given accordingly.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's Bounty ending 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1805, was submitted to this Interloquitur by D<sup>r</sup> Black, & found correct, & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Agent to the Widows' fund were inspected & found correct.

Trustees' Letter

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows' fund was read in which they recommended to the Contributors to invest as soon as possible, the present balance in the Agent's hands in consolidated Bank stock. D<sup>r</sup> Black is ordered to co-operate with the Trustees in carrying this recommendation into effect.

Mr Horner a  
Trustee

Resolved unanimously, that the Rev. James Horner be added to the number of the Trustees for the Widows' fund. M<sup>r</sup> Horner signified his acceptance of the Trust.



Dr Black stated, that, previous to the last meeting of Synod, he had made an humble representation to his Majesty's Government relative to the English Bounty, which had not been included in the estimate, for providing for the arrangement of 1803. <sup>Dr Black's report</sup>

That on the second of July last, he received an order from the Right Honourable, N. Vansittart, Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, by which the said Bounty is appropriated in aid of the Widows' fund, without deduction for Agent's fees, or any drawback whatever.

That anxious that the Annuitants on the fund should experience without delay the effects of his Majesty's Royal Munificence, he lost no time in consulting the several Presbyteries, &, with their concurrence, he paid the Annuitants of last year the sum of £25, each—That in so doing he hopes for the approbation of this Interloquitur, as the said increase of the Annuities, will not affect the regulations for augmenting the Capital of the fund, entered into in 1804, at which time this valuable addition to its annual income was not calculated on.

Resolved that this Interloquitur feel a grateful sense of the great liberality of Government in the munificent Donation made by them, in the course of the last year, to the Widows' fund; and, that Dr Black, our Agent, is deserving of our warmest thanks for his assiduous & successful labours in obtaining said Donation.

Resolved that this Interloquitur do approve of our Agent's conduct in paying £25 to each Annuitant on the Widows' fund last year, & that he be instructed to pay the same to each Annuitant this year.

Inserted July 23<sup>d</sup> 1806, by

THO. CUMING,  
Clerk of Gen. Synod.

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*A Gen. Synod at Cookstown June 30, 1807.*

D<sup>r</sup> William Neilson the Moderator opened this Synod by preaching from Psalm cxxx, 4, then constituted it by prayer : after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Presbytery.		Monaghan Presbytery.	
James Sinclair		John Davys	
Robt. Atcheson	Jas. Carson	John McCurdy	
Josiah Ker		Joseph Denham	
John Arnold		James Morell	
Andrew G. Malcom		James Gibson	
		Archibald Meharg	
Dublin Presbytery.		Tyrone Presbytery.	
Dr. McDowel		Dr. Dickson	Hen. McWilliam
James Horner		William Moore	Wm. Cusack
Ballymena Presbytery.		Hugh Boylan	
James Cumming		George Dougal	Jos. Cowan
Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick	Tho. McKay	David Millar
Hen. Henry	Wm. Smith	John Davison	Josias Fleming
Benjamin Mitchel		Robert Stewart	Robt. Somerville
L.Kenny Presbytery.		John Cowan	John Brown
		Moses Chambers	Jno. Alexander
		Robert Hogg	
		David Bennet	Jas. Anderson
James Taylor		Armagh Presbytery.	
John Holmes		Dr. Neilson	
William Ramsay		Tho. Cumming	
William Huston		Nath. Shaw	
Alexr. Marshal		Dr. W. Neilson	James Dickie
Francis Dill		Saml. Arnold	
James Huston		Robert Adams	Robt. Boyd
Samuel Dill		Strabane Presbytery.	
Joseph Lyttle		William Dunlop	
Edward Reid		Tho. Anderson	
Clogher Presbytery.		Wm. McCrea	
James Ker		John McFarland	
Andrew Millar		Derry Presbytery.	
William Johnston		Dr. Black	
Jas. Davison	John Baird	Hugh Brooke	
Ephraim Stevenson		Richard Dill	
James Hall		James Canning	
Root Presbytery.		Matth. Heron	
John Whiteside		George Hay	
Robert Rentoul			
Tho. Greer	Sam. Leslie		
Sol. Brown	John Brady		
John Sims			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patrick Presbytery.		Dromore Presbytery—continued.	
Robert Thomson		Ham. Dobbin	John Magee
Tho. Alexander		Wm. Magowan	Jas. Turretine
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Steen	James Black	
Nath. Alexander	Geo. Foresythe		
Jas. C. Ledlie	Upton Marshal	Belfast Presbytery.	
Dromore Presbytery.		Andrew Greer	
Jas. Birch	Robt. Kinghan	Sam. Hanna	John Smylie
Dr. Little		Sam. Watson	
John Sherrard		James McCullogh	
Wm. Fletcher		Henry Simson	
John McClelland			Elder.
John McCance			
John McIlwain	Archd. Stevenson	Reuben Rogers	Bovevagh

Dr Neilson having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Acheson, Mr Hen. Henry chosen Moderator, Hen. Henry, Taylor, Stevenson, Greer, Denham, M<sup>c</sup>Kay, S. Arnold, Anderson, Brooke, T. Alexander, D<sup>r</sup> Little, & M<sup>r</sup> Hanna. The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Henry chosen. M<sup>r</sup> Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee—An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College, by their respective Presbyteries: an account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die;—Also of such women, in their bounds, as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday morning, ten o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Bangor Presbytery report, that, in consequence of a supplication Ordained from the Congregation of Dunmurry, they took it again under their care, and ordained M<sup>r</sup> Andrew George Malcom in that Congregation, on the 11<sup>th</sup> March last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Wightman, on the first Tuesday in November last previous to going to College, according to Synodical appointment: that M<sup>rs</sup> Dobbin died about the 12<sup>th</sup> April last. Have Died on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, now in America, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson,



supposed to be living in England, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter, & M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran.

Died Dublin Presbytery report, that they have, in their bounds, upon the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, widow of the late Robert Rogers of Corboy: that the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Wilson died on the 9<sup>th</sup> June last, leaving a widow & family.

Died Ballymena Presbytery report, that M<sup>rs</sup> Douglas died some time in Spring last; & that they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Robert Stewart. Widow on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay.

Ordained Letterkenny Presbytery [report], that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Reid at Ramelton on the 18<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; that they suspended, *sine die*, M<sup>r</sup> James Delap of Fannit on the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last: that they examined previous to going to College, according to Synodical appointment, M<sup>r</sup> William Ray. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap & M<sup>rs</sup> Burke.

Died Clogher Presbytery report, that the Rev. William Moorhead died on the 15<sup>th</sup> September last: that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Johnston on the first Tuesday of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1806: that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Henry Carson, at same time, previous to his going to College. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan, & M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Root Presb. report, that they have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Andrew Shannon, Henry Macook, & John Samson: that they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Campbell, David Caldwell, Henry Graham, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Graham, previous to their going to College according to Synodical appointment. Have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Mullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Cameron, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry & Knox.

Monaghan Presb. report, that they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> William Lyster, & on second trials, M<sup>r</sup> John Johnston. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming, M<sup>rs</sup> Spratt, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, and M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside.

Tyrone Presb. report, that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> James Philips according to Synodical regulations: Have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunlop, Willis, Johnston, Fleming, & John & Joseph Howard. Examined previous to going to College for the first time, John Harkness, Robert Allen, James Ferguson, John Whyte, & John Wilson. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg & Kenedy. M<sup>rs</sup> Duffin died on the 15<sup>th</sup> January last.

Died

Ordained

Died

Armagh Presb. report, that they ordained the Rev. Robt. Adams in Clare, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund, & that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Woods on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. M<sup>rs</sup> Livingston died on the 5<sup>th</sup> July last. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloane, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Dickson. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Strabane Presb. report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

Derry Presb. report, that in August last they licensed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Lithgow according to Synodical regulations: That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kydds and Cuthbertson previous to their going to College. That

they have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dill and Glendy. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

Templepatrick Presb. report, that they licensed on the first Tuesday [of] Aug<sup>t</sup> last, M<sup>r</sup> James Harper : that they examined M<sup>r</sup> William John Bell previous to his going to College, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Carley, Findlay, & Montgomery after their return. That M<sup>r</sup> Wright died on the first & M<sup>rs</sup> Cowan on the 31<sup>st</sup> May last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.

Dromore Presb. report, that they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Aulay : That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, & M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth.

Belfast Presb. report, that the Rev. James Malcom died Oct<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1805, & left a Widow & family. That the Rev. Alexander Henry died on the 14<sup>th</sup> July last, leaving a Widow & family. That they ordained the Rev. Charles Gray in the Congregation of Castlereagh on the 3<sup>d</sup> March last, who subscribed the Westminster confession of Faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> William M<sup>c</sup>Ewen. That they twice examined M<sup>r</sup> John Walker, previous to his going to College. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn, M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, and M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

#### General Synod's fixed Committee for 1807.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Bangor,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Taggart & Acheson
Dublin,	„ D <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Dowel & M <sup>r</sup> Horner
B.mena,	„ Tho. Henry & Hamilton
L.Kenny,	„ Ja <sup>s</sup> Huston & Reid
Clogher,	„ Millar & Johnston
Root,	„ Greer & Whiteside
Monaghan,	„ Denham & Morell
Tyrone,	„ M <sup>c</sup> Kay & Moore
Armagh,	„ Shaw & Thom
Strabane,	„ Anderson & M <sup>c</sup> Farland
Derry,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Black & M <sup>r</sup> Brook
T.Patrick,	„ T. Alexander & Ledlie

Presbs.

Minrs.

Dromore, Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland & Sherrard

Belfast, „ Greer &amp; Brydone

These with an Elder from each Presbytery & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator on any emergency : fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past two o'clock. Adjourned.

*Third Session. Half-past two o'clock, P.M.*

It was moved that the time, & place of next meeting be now fixed. Lurgan & Cookstown were put in nomination. The roll was called, & it carried Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Address to the  
people

It was moved that the order of last Synod to the Presbytery of Belfast, to prepare an address to the people under the care of the Synod be rescinded, & that the pastoral address be in future discontinued. On the call of the roll this motion was negatived, and the address prepared by the Presbytery of Belfast being then read, was received and approved of, & committed to the care of Dr M<sup>c</sup>Dowel & M<sup>r</sup> Horner to have fifty copies to each Congregation belonging to this Synod, printed & distributed without delay. And the Presbytery of Bangor as being next on the roll is ordered to prepare a similar address for the ensuing year.

Order to Clerk

Ordered that our Clerk, with the assistance of Mr Shaw & Dr William Neilson, do publish, along with the Minutes of this year, an abstract of our laws & rules from the year 1800 till the year 1804, & furnish a copy to each Minister of the Synod.

It was moved that the regulations of 1804, respecting the qualifications of candidates for the Ministry, be revised & amended. This motion agreed to, & Dr<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowel, Little, Dickson, & W<sup>m</sup> Neilson, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hanna & M<sup>c</sup>Cance, are appointed to prepare the amendments, & to report them to the Synod at its next *Sederunt*.

Open Synod to-morrow morning at seven o'clock. Session adjourned with prayer.

*Fourth Session. Thursday Morning, seven o'clock.*

After prayer, the members appointed to revise & amend the regulations respecting the qualifications of Candidates for the Ministry, now made their report, which is as follows :—



On reviewing the Minutes of Synod, respecting the admission of Candidates for the Ministry from the year 1770, the following regulations were adopted in place of all former regulations.

I. That Students intending to become candidates for the Ministry, shall be examined & approved of, by a Presbytery of this Synod, in the Greek & Latin Languages, Geography, & English Grammar.

Amended regulations respecting the admission of Candidates for the Ministry

That such students having read Virgil, Horace, Sallust, & Cicero de Officiis, the Greek Testament, Homer, & Xenophon's Cyropaedia, may be examined in such of these books as the Presbytery may find sufficient to satisfy them of their possessing a competent knowledge of the Greek & Latin languages.

That the Presbytery report annually to the Synod the names of the students they have examined & approved of, & shall give such students certificates of their approbation.

II. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries, that every Student shall be examined by his Presbytery on his return from College, each Session, in the sciences he has studied during that session.

That the intervals between the College Sessions, shall be spent in studying the following subjects, Civil History, Jewish Antiquities, Ecclesiastical History, Bible Criticism, and Divinity, as the Presbyteries may find proper to prescribe. The Presbyteries to require specimens of composition, elocution, & devotional exercises.

III. That Students be permitted to enter on presbyterial trials upon their studying Divinity, Hebrew, and Church History, in a regular Seminary of Learning one Session after taking a degree in Arts.

IV. If any Student shall have commenced his Studies without a particular view to the Ministry, or should come from another Church, & afterwards direct his attention to the Presbyterian Ministry: upon presenting himself to a Presbytery, he shall be examined as other Students are at their entrance, & if found qualified, he shall be placed on the same footing with Students who have attended the same number of Sessions at College he has done.

V. Should any Presbytery license any young man to preach the Gospel, in violation of these rules, such license shall be deemed null & void, & the Presbytery so offending subjected to the severe censure of this Synod.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Thursday Morning ten o'clock.*

After prayer, Dr William Neilson, the late Moderator read a report of the manner in which he & his fellow commissioners appointed to wait upon the Lord Lieutenant, had executed their commission; upon which it was moved & unanimously agreed to, that thanks be returned to the Commissioners for the faithful manner in which they had executed their commission. Thanks were returned from the chair accordingly.

Dr Wm Neilson reports

D<sup>r</sup> Neilson read also the Lord Lieutenant's answer to our address of last year, likewise a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Elliot, in answer to the application of the Synod for an equalization of his Majesty's bounty which were ordered to be inserted in the minutes & are as follows.—

### LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

The Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster are entitled to my best thanks, for the cordiality with which they express their satisfaction at my appointment to the Government of this part of the United Kingdom. I can assure them that it shall ever be the most important object of my administration, as it is the most anxious wish of my heart to secure to every class & description of his Majesty's subjects in Ireland, all the blessings connected with civil & religious liberty: and it will give me sincere pleasure to convey to our most gracious Sovereign the assurances contained in the Address now presented to me, of gratitude for his paternal care, & of loyal attachment to his sacred Person & Government.

### THE SECRETARY'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle 26<sup>th</sup> July 1806.

Sir,

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, having given the most mature deliberation to the suggestions which you were deputed to communicate to him, in respect to the arrangement of the Regium Donum, and having also taken the sentiments of his Majesty's confidential servants on the subject, I am commanded to acquaint you, for the information of the respectable persons, who compose the Presbyterian Synod of Ulster, that it is not judged advisable to recommend to his Majesty any alteration in the mode at present adopted in the distribution of that Fund.

I have the honour to be

Sir, your Most obed<sup>t</sup> humble servant

W. ELLIOT.

Rev. D<sup>r</sup> Neilson, Dundalk.

Committee to  
devise a plan for  
supplying the  
poor wt Bibles

On reading the order of last year to the different Presbyteries to ascertain the number of Bibles, that may be necessary to supply the families of the poor in the Congregations within their bounds; it was moved & agreed to, that a committee consisting of a member from each Presbytery be appointed to devise some expedient method, for immediately carrying said object into effect. The committee to meet in the Meeting-house this evening at 8 o'clock & to report to-morrow morning.

The Presb. of  
B.mena

The Presbytery of Ballimena being asked whether they had put the sentence of suspension against M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery in execution, according to the Synod's order of last year, answered that they had ordered

one of their members to signify to the Congregation of Antrim the Synod's order; but that they had been induced to defer putting the sentence of suspension in execution, on account of M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery's Congregation having, at present, no Meeting-house of their own to assemble in for publick worship. The Presbytery having requested advice how they should proceed under these circumstances, the Synod advises to put the sentence of suspension against M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery in execution, without delay.

### OVERTURE.

It was overtured and unanimously agreed to, that the following Address be presented to the Lord Lieutenant.

TO HIS GRACE CHARLES DUKE OF RICHMOND, LORD  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, & GENERAL  
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Grace,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to offer to your Grace our respectful congratulations on your Grace's appointment, as Chief Governor of this part of the United Kingdom. Address to the  
Lord Lieutenant

We have observed, with particular satisfaction, the declarations which your Grace has been pleased to make of a fixed determination to afford equal protection to all classes of his Majesty's Subjects entrusted to your government; & we feel a confident hope, that the Presbyterians connected with the Synod of Ulster will merit your Grace's favourable opinion, by an unshaken loyalty to the person of their most Gracious Sovereign, accompanied by a temper of kindness & conciliation towards their fellow-subjects, of every religious denomination.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1807.

HENRY HENRY, Moderator.

D<sup>r</sup> McDowel & M<sup>r</sup> Horner are appointed to present this Address to the Lord Lieutenant, & to have the Address, with his Grace's Answer published.

### BILLS.

I. A Memorial was presented to the Synod by the Rev. Francis Dill, a member of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, complaining of that Presbytery for refusing to take into their consideration a charge brought by Memorialist against the Rev. And<sup>m</sup> Alexander, a member of said Presbytery, and appealing from the Presbytery's decision to the General Synod. Rev. Fras Dill



Rev. Samuel Dill

A Memorial was also presented to the Synod by the Rev. Samuel Dill, complaining that the Presbytery of Letterkenny had disannexed him from said Presbytery in violation of the rules of the General Synod, & praying to be annexed to some other Presbytery belonging to the Synod.

The Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dills were heard in support of the allegations in their respective memorials, & the Presbytery of Letterkenny in defence of their conduct, when it was resolved that, on account of the lateness of the hour the further consideration of this affair be deferred till to-morrow morning.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.*

Report re-committed

After prayer, the Committee appointed to devise a plan for supplying the poor in our Congregations with Bibles, produced their report, which was read & considered at some length, when it was re-committed in order more completely to meet the wishes of the Synod.

The adjourned discussion of the matter at issue between the Presbytery of Letterkenny & the Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dills was then resumed & proceeded in at considerable length, when the consideration of this business was further adjourned till the next *sederunt*.

*Seventh Session. Friday morning ten o'clock.*

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dills & the Presb. of Letterkenny

After prayer, the consideration of the complaint of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Francis & Samuel Dill against the Presbytery of Letterkenny being again resumed, & maturely considered; it was resolved that the memorial of M<sup>r</sup> Francis Dill be dismissed, but that this Synod do declare their decided disapprobation of the principle on which, the Presbytery of Letterkenny refused to consider the charge brought against one of their members.

It was further resolved, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, in disannexing M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill, has been irregular & disorderly, & that they be rebuked from the chair.

Ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fra<sup>s</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill be disannexed from the Presbytery of Letterkenny, and annexed to the Presbytery of Root, & that our Moderator be instructed to advise M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill to temper his zeal with prudence & discretion, in future.

The Presbytery were rebuked, & M<sup>r</sup> S. Dill admonished accordingly.

Mr William Burke

II. Two Memorials were presented to the Synod by M<sup>r</sup> William Burke, late pastor of the Congregation of Ramelton: The first com-

plaining of the Presb. of Letterkenny for unjustly disannexing him from the Congregation of Ramelton, & praying the Synod to restore to him his first year's subscription to the Widows' fund.

The second praying to have justice done to the family of the late Mr W<sup>m</sup> Burke, & to consider the justice of Memorialist's claim to the stipend & bounty, payable to the Minister, during the interval between his disannexation from the Congregation of Ramelton, & the Synod's sanction thereof.

The first memorial was dismissed because the disannexation of Mr Burke from the Congregation of Ramelton had been sustained last year, & the conduct of the Presbytery approved of, & because the latter part of this memorial belongs only to the Interloquitur. Meml dismissed

With respect to the second Memorial, the Synod enjoins the Presbytery to see justice done to the family of the late Mr Burke, but It judges Mr Burke's claim to the stipend & Bounty during the interval of disannexation inadmissible.

III. A Supplication was presented to the Synod from the congregation of Tobermore, praying the Synod to devise & adopt such methods, as in their wisdom may seem most effectual, to recover for them possession of their meeting-house. This supplication referred to the Interloquitur. Tobermore

IV. Two supplications were presented from the United congregations of Fintona & Dromore, the supplication from Fintona praying to be erected into a separate congregation, & that from Dromore, to be continued united to the congregation of Fintona. Fintona & Dromore

Resolved that these supplications be referred to the Presbytery of Clogher, & that they report on them, at the next meeting of Synod.

V. A Memorial was presented from the Rev. James Delap, appealing from the sentence of suspension pronounced upon him by the Presbytery of Letterkenny, & praying to be restored to the exercise of the ministerial office, or to have a fair trial in the Meeting-house of Fannit before his Congregation. Meml of the Rev. Jas Delap

Connected with this Memorial, two supplications were read, one from the Session of the Congregation of Fannit, praying to have the sentence of the Presbytery confirmed; & the other from a number of the members of the Congregation, praying that Mr Delap's supplication may be granted.

Resolved that the sentence of the Presbytery of [Letterkenny] be affirmed, & their conduct in that matter approved of. Dismissed

The Committee appointed to devise a plan to supply the poor in our respective Congregations with Bibles, now made their report, which is as follows:—

That it is their unanimous opinion that this Synod would most materially promote the cause of pure & undefiled religion, by adopting & recommending the following plan:— Report of the Committee for supplying the poor with Bibles

1. That the Ministers of this Synod, on the last Sabbath of July, or as soon after as they conveniently can, after preaching to, or addressing their respective Congregations, on the necessity, & advantages of procuring for the poor, in their congregations, & neighbourhoods, copies of the holy Scriptures, do, for themselves subscribe, & take a collection from their people, for the purpose of purchasing Bibles.


2. That the different sums thus produced be paid into the hands of the Moderators of the Presbyteries to which said Ministers shall belong, who shall forward the sums they shall so receive to the Rev. Mr Thomson, of Carnmoney, the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hanna, & Atcheson of Belfast, or the Rev. Mr Simpson, of Saintfield, who are hereby appointed a committee for conducting the affairs, & managing the funds of this charitable institution.

That this Committee after taking every step necessary to obtain satisfactory information, shall order the required number of Bibles, wherever they can be procured on the best terms, & shall forward to every Presbytery a number of Bibles, in proportion as nearly as may be, to the sums they may have respectively advanced, to be by them distributed *Gratis*, or at reduced prices as they shall think proper.

The Committee appointed for conducting this business to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod adopts this plan, & recommends it to its members, & the Congregations under their care.

Erratum in  
Synod's Minutes  
of 1805

 Whereas an error appears in Section fifth in the Minutes of our Sixth Session, in the year 1805, it is ordered that said error be now corrected thus:—

A petition presented on the part of the new erected Congregation of Keady, praying an answer to the following question, viz, “Why were we not included in your negotiations with Government respecting Bounty?” was withdrawn.

## INTERLOQUITUR.

*Friday, 5 o'clock, afternoon.*

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's Bounty, ending the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1806, was submitted to this Interloquitur by Dr Black, & found correct & satisfactory,.

The accounts of the Agent for the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

Order to Dr  
Black

Ordered that Dr Black do lend out, under the direction of the Trustees, the balance in his hands.

Resolution  
respecting  
Non-subscribers

Resolved that the members of this Interloquitur, who are not at present Subscribers to the Widows' Fund, be entitled to become subscribers, on their paying into the fund one year of their Regium



Donum, provided they signify their intention to the Agent, within three months from this date, but not otherwise.

Moved & carried, that M<sup>r</sup> Burke be refunded the money which he has paid into the Widows' fund, but that this shall not be a precedent <sup>Mr Burke refunded</sup> for future applications.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

Inserted Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1807.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1808.*

The Rev. Henry Henry, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from John xv. 12; then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Presbytery.		Tyrone Presbytery.	
James Horner	Wm. Gilbert	Dr. Dickson	
Andw. McCaldin		James Whiteside	
William McEwen		William Moore	Jas. McIlwaine
		George Dongal	
Ballymena Presbytery.		Tho. McKay	Alexr. Ferguson
Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick	John Davidson	John Young
Henry Henry	George Jackson	William Reid	
Alexr. Montgomery	John Ferguson	Robert Stewart	
William Hamilton		John Cowan	Robt. Davison
		Moses Chambers	Alexr. Holmes
		David Bennet	
Letterkenny Presbytery.		Armagh Presbytery.	
Edward Reid		Dr. Neilson	
Clogher Presbytery.		Tho. Cuming	
		Nathaniel Shaw	
Andrew Millar		Strabane Presbytery.	
James Ker	Robt. Armstrong	William Dunlop	
William Johnston		Tho. Anderson	Saml. Armar
James Davidson		John McFarlan	Nathl. Patten
Booth Caldwell			
Root Presbytery.		Derry Presbytery.	
Daniel Blair		Dr. Black	
Alexr. Martin	John Hamill	Richard Dill	Willm. Lithgow
James Brown		David Hamilton	Wm. McConkey
Samuel Dill	Richard Dill	Matthew Herron	Wm. Glendy
Charles Kenedy	John Little	George Hay	
James Boyle		Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Thomas Greer	John Leslie	Robert Thomson	
John Whiteside		Nathaniel Alexander	
Solomon Brown	Matth. Kevan		
John Sims			
Monaghan Presbytery.		Dromore Presbytery.	
Matthew Trimble		James Birch	John McMurray
Joseph Denham		John Thomson	William Farquar
Samuel Kenedy		Alexr. Patterson	Geo. McClelland
James Morell		William Wright	
Archd. Melharg		Hamilton Dobbin	
John Johnston		Moses Findlay	
		James Black	

Minrs.

Elders.

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## Belfast Presbytery.

## Bangor Presbytery.

Andrew Greer  
James McCulloch    John Corry  
Henry Simson  
Charles Gray

Andrew Craig  
Robert Acheson  
John Mulligan  
Andrew G. Malcom

M<sup>r</sup> Henry having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following Brethren were named, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> McCaldin, Caldwell, Blair, Denham, Makay, Dunlop, R. Dill, Thomson, Patterson, Greer, & Mulligan. The Roll was called and M<sup>r</sup> Denham chosen Moderator

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning of their members for the several committees of overtures, bills, books, Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries: an account of annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women in their bounds, as have been wives of Ministers & are not on the fund. Order to Presbyteries

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday morning ten o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Dublin Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. William D. H. McEwen on the 16<sup>th</sup> March last as Colleague to the Rev. Hugh Moore, of Usher's Quay, & that he is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have in their bounds M<sup>r</sup> Cochran, Widow of the late James Cochran of Ballywalter, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers widow of the late M<sup>r</sup> Rogers of Corboy, and M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson. Ordained

Ballimena Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Stewart & Samuel Butler; & on second trials M<sup>r</sup> Henry Cook. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay, & family of the late M<sup>r</sup> Douglas.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev. Joseph Love died on the 26<sup>th</sup> September last, leaving a family, also that the Rev. Andrew Alexander died April 30<sup>th</sup>, & left a widow & family. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> James Marshal in the Congregation of Fannit, on the 17<sup>th</sup> February last, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, & is a Contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have examined M<sup>r</sup> John Hamilton previous to his going to College. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, M<sup>rs</sup> Alexander, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Love. Ordained



Died

Clogher Presbytery report, that M<sup>rs</sup> Mulligan died on the 25<sup>th</sup> December last, and that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Died

Root Presbytery report, that they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Shannon, Cook, & Samson, in the month of July last, according to Synodical regulations — Examined William M<sup>c</sup>Clenaghan, John Brown, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hill, & Benjamin Jameson, previous to going to college, & on their return; also Samuel Caldwell on his return from a second Session. They have entered on first trials, James Huey. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry & Knox. M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Mullan died 10<sup>th</sup> April 1807.

Ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Johnston at Coothill, on the 2<sup>d</sup> February last, as assistant & successor to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart: M<sup>r</sup> Johnston is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Lyster, Matthew Trimble, Patrick Whyte, & James Porter. M<sup>rs</sup> Spratt died on the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. last, & M<sup>rs</sup> Fleming about the same time. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, & M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside.

Died

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> James Dunlop according to Synodical regulations. Have examined previous to their going to college, Mess<sup>rs</sup> William & James Fleming, Alexander Henry, James Magill, John Harkness, & William Aiken. That the Rev. Hugh Boylan died on the 9<sup>th</sup> October last leaving a Widow and family. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Boylan, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg & Kenedy.

Died

Connection dissolved

Armagh Presbytery report, that they licensed according to synodical regulations M<sup>r</sup> William Maclaine to preach the Gospel, on the 13<sup>th</sup> April last. That they dissolved the connection between M<sup>r</sup> Charleton & the Congregation of Markethill on the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, & families of Livingston & Dickson. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have examined M<sup>r</sup> Moore previous to his going to College—have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Armar: on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Osborne.

Derry Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, & M<sup>rs</sup> Patten.

Resigned

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Ledlie resigned the charge of the Congregation of Donegore, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May last, & received credentials from the Presbytery. That they entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Carley, Montgomery, & Whyte; and have on the funds M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> Whyte, M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.

Died

Dromore Presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, who subscribed the Westminster confession of Faith. They have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Livingston & George M<sup>c</sup>Clelland. They examined previous to their going to college, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stewart, Hanna & M<sup>c</sup>Ewen. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Smith. M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Comb died in February last.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. That they examined M<sup>r</sup> John Walker previous to going to College the third time; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Simson, William Skelly, and William M<sup>c</sup>Cullagh, previous to going to College the first time. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn, M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, & M<sup>rs</sup> Henry.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Davis, according to Synodical regulations on Tuesday 2<sup>d</sup> February last. That the Rev. David Taggart died on the 16<sup>th</sup> March last, leaving neither Died Widow nor family. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson supposed to be living in England, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter, & M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran.

Antrim Presbytery report, that on the 23<sup>d</sup> Inst. they installed Installed the Rev. James C. Ledlie in the first congregation of Larne.

Gen. Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1808.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Dublin,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Caldin & M <sup>c</sup> Ewen
Ballymena,	„ Hall & Mitchel
L.Kenny,	„ Ramsay & Holmes
Clogher,	„ Johnston & Davidson
Root,	„ Greer & Sol. Brown
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Dickson & M <sup>r</sup> Bennet
Armagh,	„ Shaw & Adams
Strabane,	„ Hemphill & Guilkie
Derry,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Black & R. Dill
T.Patrick,	„ Thomson & N. Alexander
Dromore,	„ Birch & Thomson
Belfast,	„ Greer & Gray
Bangor,	„ Mulligan & Malcom.

These with an elder from each Presbytery, and our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any

emergency; Fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at 1 o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, 1 o'clock, P.M.*

Synod to meet  
at Cookstown

After prayer, it was moved that the time & place of next meeting be now fixed. Cookstown & Monaghan were put in nomination. The Roll was called and it carried Cookstown. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock, afternoon.

Address to the  
people

The Presbytery of Bangor according to the Synod's order of last year, produced an address to the people under the pastoral care of the Synod, which was read, considered & approved of, & committed to Mr Horner & Mr McEwen, to have fifty copies printed & distributed to each Congregation belonging to this Synod, without delay. And the Presbytery of Dublin, being next on the Roll, is ordered to prepare a similar address for the ensuing year.

Presbytery of  
B.mena

The Presbytery of Ballimena reported, that they had put the sentence of suspension against Mr Montgomery in execution, according to the order of Synod at its last meeting.

The Committee appointed to conduct the business of supplying the poor in our respective Congregations with Bibles made their report which is ordered to remain *in retentis*.

Thanks to the  
Bible Comtee

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Synod be returned to the committee for the great labour & pains they have taken in forwarding & conducting this business during the last year; that they be requested with the assistance of the Rev. Mr Malcom, to continue their exertions in so laudable a cause; & that it be warmly recommended to the Ministers of this Synod to be active & diligent in promoting subscriptions to an institution so well calculated to diffuse the knowledge of Divine truth among the poor in the congregations under the pastoral care of the Synod.

It is farther recommended that the subscriptions for purchasing the holy Scriptures, be forwarded to the Rev. Mr Hanna before the 1<sup>st</sup> October next.

Lord Lieutenant's Answer to the Synod's address of last year.

Gentlemen.

I beg leave to return my most sincere thanks to the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Ulster, for their very obliging congratulations on my appointment to the Government of this country in the administration of which it is my firm purpose to afford equal protection to all classes of his Majesty's subjects—And I receive with the greatest satisfaction, & confidence your assurances that the Presbyterians connected with the



Synod of Ulster, will ever merit that protection, by their unshaken loyalty to the person of our most gracious Sovereign, and a temper of kindness & conciliation towards their fellow subjects of every religious denomination.

### BILLS.

Two Supplications from the united congregations of Fintona & Dromore were presented to the Synod; the supplication from Fintona praying to be separated from the Congregation of Dromore; and that from Dromore praying to be continued united to the Congregation of Fintona.

Resolved that the supplication from Fintona be rejected, & that the supplication from Dromore be granted.

Mr Horner gave notice, that he will move, at the next meeting of Synod, that a Committee be then appointed to draw up a code of Disciplinary laws for the Government of this Body.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at seven o'clock.

### *Fourth Session. Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the Presbytery of Dublin stated that the Rev. John Boyle, an ordained Clergyman in the established church, having produced satisfactory testimonials of his moral character from the Vicar General of the Diocess of Derry during the time he had officiated as a clergyman in that Diocess, had since the meeting of this Synod, applied to be admitted into said Presbytery, with the view of becoming a minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian church; & requested the Synod to direct them how to proceed in this case.

This business was entered into & proceeded on at some length, when its farther consideration was postponed till our next sederunt.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

### *Fifth Session. Ten o'clock.*

After prayer, the farther consideration of the affair respecting Mr Boyle was resumed, when it was moved & seconded that, "it be recommended to the Presbytery of Dublin to receive Mr Boyle." The Roll was called & it carried "recommend to receive."

The Presbytery of Dublin having then requested instruction, in what capacity, whether as a student, a Probationer, or an Ordained Clergyman, they should receive Mr Boyle, it was moved that "Mr Boyle be received on trials, as the young men of our own Body who have finished their education at a regular seminary of learning." On the call of the Roll this motion was negatived.

The question was then put whether M<sup>r</sup> Boyle be received on trials as "an ordained Clergyman without a Charge," or as "a Probationer?" On the call of the Roll it was carried that he be received as "a Probationer."

Synod concluded with Prayer.

### INTERLOQUITUR.

*Thursday, 3 o'clock afternoon.*

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1807 was submitted to this Interloquitur by D<sup>r</sup> Black, and found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Agent of the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

D<sup>r</sup> Black informed the interloquitur, that he had let out the balance in his hands according to the order of last year, & that it had been vested in Government consolidated Stock.

It was moved & carried, that, in order to create a fund for discharging the debts incurred by this Interloquitur, the Agent for his Majesty's bounty be requested to retain in his hands £2 per \* from the ministers in the first class, £1 : 10 : 0 from each minister in the second class, & £1 from each minister in the third class.

It was then resolved that whereas M<sup>r</sup> Burke has not yet been paid the sum ordered by the Interloquitur of last year, that the said sum be paid to him out of this fund.

It was also resolved that our Agent be requested to continue his exertions to put the Congregation of Tobermore in possession of their Meeting-house, & that the expense be defrayed out of the same fund.

Resolved that our Agent be requested to take such measures as may appear to him most likely to procure an act of Parliament to incorporate the institution of our Widows' fund.

A Memorial from Jos. C. Gamble was presented to the Interloquitur, praying to be permitted to pay the arrears & interest, due on his subscription to the Widows' fund, & to be continued a Subscriber. Granted.

M<sup>r</sup> Horner gave notice, that he will move in the Interloquitur of next year, in order to inforce a due attendance of the Min<sup>rs</sup> at the annual meeting of this Synod, that a fine of 40s. shall be imposed on such Min<sup>rs</sup> as shall not answer to their names at the first and last call of the Roll : And if it be carried in the affirmative he will move that it shall take effect next year.

Ordered that our Agent do lend the balance in his hands to the Corporation of Derry.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of G. Synod.

Inserted August 24<sup>th</sup> 1808.

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\* Word omitted.

*A General Synod at Cookstown, the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1809.*

The Rev. Joseph Denham the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Peter iv. 8, then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballimena Presbytery.		Tyrone Presbytery.	
Tho. Henry	Alex. Kilpatrick	Dr. Dickson	
Benjamin Mitchel	Wm. Knox	James Whiteside	Jas Whiteside
John Smith		Wm. Moore	Wm. Harkness
John Hall		Geo. Dougal	Dr. Graham
Henry Cook		Tho. Makay	Hugh White
Robert Stewart	Robt. Elder	John Davidson	John Young
Joseph Howard	John McClure	Robt. Stewart	John Burns
		John Cowan	
Letterkenny Presbytery.		Moses Chambers	Jno. Alexander
William Huston		Robert Hogg	
Edward Reid		David Bennet	
James Marshal	Richd. Dill	Andrew Shannon	
Clogher Presbytery.		Armagh Presbytery.	
Andrew Millar	Henry Carson	Dr. Neilson	
James Ker	Tho. Cunningham	Thomas Cuming	
William Johnston		Nathl. Shaw	John Howard
Ephraim Stevenson		Dr. Wm. Neilson	
John Samson		Andrew G. Malcom	
		Robert Adams	Robt. Boyd
Root Presbytery.		Strabane Presbytery.	
James McFarlane		William Dunlop	
James Brown	Wm. McClenaghan	David Guilkie	
Francis Dill	Hugh Turreline	Wm. McCrea	
Samuel Dill	Wm. Rea	John McFarlane	
Thomas Greer	Wm. Ker		
Solomon Brown	John McCurdie	Derry Presbytery.	
Monaghan Presbytery.		Dr. Black	
Wm. Moore		Hugh Brooke	
Jno. Davis	John Livingston	Richard Dill	
Matth. Trimble	James Porter	Wm. Monteith	
Jno. McCurdie	Dr. Spear	Matthew Heron	
Joseph Denham		John Mitchel	
James Gowdy		George Hay	
Hen. McIlree	Jos. Gibson	Reuben Rogers.	
James Morell		Templepatrick Presbytery.	
James Gibson	John Vogan	Robert Thomson	
John Kelso		Robert Campbell	
Archibald Meharg		Nath. Alexander	Jas. Whitla
John Johnston			



Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Presbytery.		Bangor Presbytery.	
Saml. Barber	Sam. Dickson	John Arnold	
John Thomson	Wm. Bryson	William Moreland	
John Sherrard		Hugh Woods	
Alexander Patterson			
William Wright		Dublin Presbytery.	
John Hoey			
Hamilton Dobbin		Dr. McDowel	
Wm. McGowan	James Turretine	James Horner	
James Black	James White	Wm. McEwen	Richd. Maxwell
Belfast Presbytery.			
Andrew Greer			
Sam. Hanna	James Munfod		
Jas. McCullogh	Hugh Boyd		
Henry Simson			
James Riddle			
Charles Gray			

Mr Hanna Modr

Mr Denham having moved that another Modr be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz, Messrs Mitchel, Wm Huston, Jas McFarlane, Samson, Moore, Makay, Malcom, Dunlop, Monteith, Thomson, Sherrard, Hanna, Arnold, & McEwen. The Roll was called & Mr Hanna chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

Order to  
Presbyteries

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed Committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed, of such candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod, & of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to college by their respective presbyteries:—An account of annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die:—also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the Fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Three ordained

Ballymena Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr Robert Stewart, & Mr Samuel Butler: that they have ordained Mr Henry Cook in the Congregation of Denain Novr 10<sup>th</sup> 1808, & Mr Robert

Stewart in Broughshane, May 9<sup>th</sup>, & Mr Joseph Howard in Ahoghill June 20<sup>th</sup> 1809, who are contributors to the Widows' fund. They have on second trials Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Butler. They have examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craig & Wallace previous to their going to college for the first time. The Rev. James Cuming died the third of March last, leaving a Widow. Died Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay, & the family of Mr Douglas.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mr John Two ordained Allen to preach the Gospel, on the 8<sup>th</sup> August last; that they ordained Mr James Nelson in the Congregation of Stranorlane, on the 2<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>, & Mr John Gillespie in the congregation of Urney, on the 26<sup>th</sup> January last, who are contributors to the Widows' fund. They have examined Mr John McIlheney & John Ray previous to their going to college for the first time. M<sup>rs</sup> Alexander died on the 3<sup>d</sup> January last. Died Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, and the families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Love.

Clogher Presbytery report, that they ordained Mr Samson in the Ordained united congregation of Fintona & Dromore on the 6<sup>th</sup> September last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Root Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Mr James Huey. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> McMullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgo, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry & Knox.

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Matthew Trimble, Patrick White & James Porter according to Synodical regulations; & that they have on second trials Mr Andrew McAulay, & have examined Mr John Smith previous to going to College. Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, & M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that they examined previous to going to college John & James Patterson, & W<sup>m</sup> Lyle. Have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, Anderson, Reid & Cunningham. Have ordained Mr Ordained Shannon in Minterburn, on the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have licensed William Fleming, Joseph Johuston, & John & Joseph Howard. M<sup>rs</sup> Smith died on the 12<sup>th</sup> February last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Adams, M<sup>rs</sup> Simson, M<sup>rs</sup> Boylan, & Died families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg and Kenedy.

Armagh Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam. Sloane, & Geo. Lockhart, & on second trials Mr Paul Boreland. The Rev. Mr Thom died on the 18<sup>th</sup> July last leaving a widow & family. Died They installed in the Congregation of Newry Mr And<sup>w</sup> George Malcom Installed on the 14<sup>th</sup> March last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sloan, & families of Livingston & Dickson. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they licensed Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Armar in August last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt & M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill.

Derry Presbytery report, that they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dill & Glendy to preach the Gospel on the 2<sup>d</sup> August last. They ordained the Rev. Ordained Reuben Rogers at Donagh on the 27<sup>th</sup> September last, who is a con-

- Died           tributor to the Widows' fund. M<sup>r</sup> Kyle died in Aug<sup>t</sup> last leaving a family, they have examined M<sup>r</sup> David Duncan previous to going to College. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle.
- Died           Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, White & Carley; Have on first trials William Finlay. That the Rev. William Montgomery died in May last leaving a Widow and family. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, M<sup>rs</sup> White, M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.
- Connection dissolved   Dromore Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Livingston & George McClelland, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith; and examined M<sup>r</sup> Hanna previous to going to college a second time. The Presbytery, at their last stated meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, dissolved the connection between M<sup>r</sup> John Hoey & the united congregation of Creggan & Newtownhamilton, from which sentence M<sup>r</sup> Hoey appealed to the Gen. Synod. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Smith.
- Died           Belfast Presbytery report, that the Rev. Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten died on the 20<sup>th</sup> February last leaving a family. That they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> John Walker. That they examined previous to going to college the first time Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Bailie & Henry Coulter. That according [to] Synodical rule they examined & received specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Simpson, W<sup>m</sup> Skelly, & W<sup>m</sup> McCulloch after their return from college. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kinkead, M<sup>rs</sup> McEwen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburn, M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, M<sup>rs</sup> Henry, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.
- Ordained       Bangor Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Hugh Woods in the congregation of Bangor on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November last, who is a contributor to the widows' fund. That the Rev. Andrew George Malcom resigned the charge of the congregation of Dunmurry on the 11<sup>th</sup> December last. That they examined M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sinclair & M<sup>r</sup> James Craig previous to their going to college, & M<sup>r</sup> William Campbell after his return. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull now in America, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter, & M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran.
- Resigned       Dublin Presbytery report, that, agreeably to the recommendation of the Synod of last meeting, they received the Rev. John Boyle under their care as a probationer, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July last, & that he resigned, by letter, all further connection with the Synod on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, which resignation the Presbytery accepted. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, & M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson.
- Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, M<sup>rs</sup> Cromie, M<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair, & M<sup>rs</sup> Nevin.
- On reading the return of the Presbytery of Tyrone, it was moved & agreed to that the license of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Johnston be withdrawn & the Presbytery censured for having granted said license in violation of the rule of Synod. The Presbytery of Tyrone was censured accordingly by the Moderator, & M<sup>r</sup> Johnston's license declared to be withdrawn: but as the violation of the rule of Synod appears to have been unin-



tentional on the part of the Presbytery, they are empowered to restore M<sup>r</sup> Johnston's license when they see proper.

General Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1809.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Ballimena, Mess <sup>rs</sup> H. Henry & Hall	
L.Kenny, „	Ramsay & Nelson
Clogher, „	Millar & Stevenson
Root, „	F. Dill & Sol. Brown
Monaghan, „	Morell & Johnston
Tyrone, „	D <sup>r</sup> Dickson & Moore
Armagh, „	Shaw & Malcom
Strabane, „	Anderson & Hemphill
Derry, „	Mitchel & Hay
T.Patrick, „	Thomson & Campbell
Dromore, „	Barber & Thomson
Belfast, „	Greer & Gray
Bangor, „	Craig & Mulligan
Dublin, „	D <sup>r</sup> McDowell & Horner

These with an elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency : fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at  $\frac{1}{2}$ -past 2 o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, half-past two o'clock, P.M.*

It was moved that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Lurgan was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Synod to meet  
at Cookstown

The Presbytery of Dublin according to the Synod's order of last year, produced an address to the people under the pastoral care of the Synod, which was read, considered, & consigned to the Presbytery of Dublin to revise and abridge & publish & distribute in the usual manner to our respective congregations.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna on behalf of the committee appointed by the Synod to conduct the business of supplying the poor in our respective congregations with Bibles made their report which was ordered to be inserted in the minutes, & is as follows:—

Bible com-  
mittee's  
report

“Sensible of the importance & utility of the measure you committed to our care, your committee have been employed since your last meeting in endeavouring to carry it into effect. We have now to communicate our report, which will be as gratifying to this body, as it has been pleasing to us—That our success has exceeded our expectations. The recommendation of Synod has received the zealous support of many Ministers. In various congregations the sums collected have been very considerable, & under your sanction the way is now opened for a wide dissemination of the Word of life among the people under our charge & in our respective neighbourhoods.

Since the commencement of this business in September 1807, your committee have received the following remittances in gold:—

Third Cong <sup>n</sup> Belfast	..	..	£58	12	11
Monaghan Presb.	..	..	50	0	0
M <sup>r</sup> Reid Rathmelton	..	..	13	6	2
M <sup>r</sup> Hogg ..	..	..	11	14	0
Dublin Presb.	..	..	44	11	6½
D <sup>r</sup> Black for self	..	..	1	2	0
M <sup>r</sup> Thomson Carnmoney	..	..	29	4	7½
M <sup>r</sup> Ledlie Donegore	..	..	15	18	6
T.Patrick Presb.	..	..	18	13	9
M <sup>r</sup> Simson St.field	..	..	7	7	10½
M <sup>r</sup> Acheson Belfast	..	..	11	7	6
M <sup>r</sup> Henry Connor	..	..	9	4	7
M <sup>r</sup> Bankhead	..	..	4	14	4
M <sup>r</sup> Harrison Holywood	..	..	5	0	0
M <sup>r</sup> Dugall, Maherafelt	..	..	6	0	0
D <sup>r</sup> Neilson Dundalk	..	..	25	7	0
M <sup>r</sup> Patten Moneyrea	..	..	18	19	2½
M <sup>r</sup> Riddel Drumbo	..	..	45	3	6
M <sup>r</sup> Greer Dunbo	..	..	42	12	5
M <sup>r</sup> Whiteside Colerain	..	..	11	7	6
M <sup>r</sup> Simms Ballycastle	..	..	4	11	0
M <sup>r</sup> Fullarton Aghadoc	..	..	3	3	6½

Mr Brown Garvagh ..	..	£3	1	0½
Mr Blair N.T.Lemavady ..	..	6	18	3
Mr Kenedy Maghera ..	..	19	0	11
Mr Millar Clogher ..	..	16	6	8
Mr McCulloch N.T.Ards ..	..	82	4	4
Mr Hill Ballynure ..	..	3	5	3½
Mr Finlay Donoughmore ..	..	9	8	6
Mr Montgomery Ballyeaston ..	..	10	4	10½
Mr McCance Comber ..	..	25	12	0
Mr Hanna Belfast ..	..	76	18	0
Mr Reid Vinecash ..	..	4	3	1½
Mr Gowdy Ballywalter ..	..	26	9	9½
Mr Osborne N.T.Ards ..	..	21	12	8½
Mr Acheson Belfast ..	..	7	14	4
Mr Savage Carrickfergus ..	..	26	16	8
Mr Henry Connor ..	..	33	4	5½
Mr Sinclair Ballyhalbert ..	..	18	8	8
Mr Hamilton Ballymena..	..	25	19	8½
Mr McKay Bray ..	..	3	0	0
Mr Reid Rathmelton ..	..	7	15	3
Mr Rentoul Ballykelly ..	..	87	2	6
Mr Simpson Saintfield ..	..	25	18	8
Mr Thomson Carnmoney ..	..	2	6	10
Mr Dill Ardmore ..	..	33	9	10
Mr S. Dill Castlefin ..	..	30	16	0
Mr Morell Ballybay ..	..	48	17	6
Mr Anderson Drumquin ..	..	7	10	2½
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		£1102	8	3

We would now turn your attention to this fact that in many places where it might be presumed copies of the Scriptures most abounded, the collections have been the largest, & from places where our books were received we have had renewed demands and repeated remittances.

We have again to acknowledge our obligations to the incorporated society in Dublin for promoting the knowledge & practice of Christianity. We have received from them during the last year, one thousand Testaments at their reduced prices.

“We have to regret that there are still many members of this body, who have not found it convenient to attend to your recommendation. We hope Ministers will urge their people to avail themselves of the present opportunity of procuring copies of the Scriptures, at such reduced prices, which we cannot but consider as a blessing to the poor, & an accommodation to the publick.

“The remittances your committee have received since the commencement of this business, now amount to £1102 : 8 : 3 and altho’ we have at present in hand £203 : 7 : 5½ for which we have not yet been able to return books, we have distributed 600 family Bibles in



quarto, 130 Octavo Bibles, 1222 Bibles in 12<sup>mo</sup>, 1424 in 24<sup>to</sup>, 2674 Testaments, and 100 Psalm Books. These remittances have been received from 38 Ministers only, & to their congregations 6149 Books have been distributed.

“From this unexpected success, your committee have no doubt you will be induced to continue your encouragement to a measure so powerfully calculated to promote the civilization of our country, the increase of religious knowledge, & the salvation of immortal souls.”

Thanks to the  
Bible  
Committee

Resolved unanimously, that the warmest thanks be returned to the committee, particularly to M<sup>r</sup> Hanna & M<sup>r</sup> Munfoad for their unwearied & highly useful exertions in this business, & that they be requested to continue their services.

Dr McDowel's  
report

D<sup>r</sup> McDowel informed the Synod, that the British & foreign Bible Society in London have generously voted £100 to this body, to assist in purchasing & dispensing the holy Scriptures in this country.

Thanks to the  
British &  
foreign Bible  
Society

Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be returned by D<sup>r</sup> McDowel to the Society for their liberal donation, & that they be furnished with an account of the increasing demand for the Scriptures in this part of the united kingdom, & the progress which the Synod's Bible Society has made in furnishing the people, under the care of the Synod, with copies of the holy Scriptures.

Ordered that the above donation of £100. remain in the hands of the committee, as a fund for forwarding the object of this institution.

The Synod renews its recommendation, that the subscriptions for purchasing the holy Scriptures be forwarded to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Hanna before the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> next.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

#### *Fifth Session. Thursday 10 o'clock, A.M.*

Mr Horner in pursuance of his notice of last year, moved, that a committee be appointed to draw up a code of laws for the future government of this Church. This motion agreed to, & the several presbyteries are ordered to return each a Minister & Elder to the next Sederunt to constitute said committee.

#### OVERTURE.

Overtured & agreed to, that each Presbytery do report, annually, to this Synod, the attendance of its members at its different meetings during the year.

#### BILLS.

[I.] A Mem<sup>l</sup> from the Session & congregation of Castleblaney was presented to the Synod, praying that it may sanction the proceedings of the Presbytery of Monaghan in acquitting the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> McAulay, a probationer under the care of that Presbytery, from charges

of an immoral nature which have been brought against him, & to have the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay in the Congregation of Castleblayney, to which he had been previously called, appointed as soon as to their wisdom may seem meet.

A Memorial was also presented from five members of the Presbytery of Monaghan alledging that the charges against M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay were well founded, protesting against the decision of the Presbytery, & praying that the minutes of the evidence which governed the proceedings of the Presbytery on that occasion, & the reasons of Protest may be considered, & to decide on this affair as to their wisdom may seem right. <sup>Appeal</sup>

The members of the Presbytery of Monaghan on the trial of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, & the reasons of the Protest of the appellants being read, & the Presbytery and appellants being heard at great length, It was unanimously agreed to, that the appeal & protest of the majority [minority] of the Presbytery of Monaghan be sustained. <sup>Sustained</sup>

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the several Presbyteries made their returns for the committee to draw up a code for the government of this Church, which are as follows :—

Ballymena, M <sup>r</sup> Tho. Henry	Strabane, M <sup>r</sup> Dunlop
L.Kenny, M <sup>r</sup> Ramsay	Derry, M <sup>r</sup> Mitchel
Clogher, M <sup>r</sup> Johnston	T.Patrick, M <sup>r</sup> N. Alexander
Root, M <sup>r</sup> Jas. Elder	Dromore, M <sup>r</sup> Thomson
Monaghan, M <sup>r</sup> Denham	Belfast, M <sup>r</sup> Hanna
Tyrone, D <sup>r</sup> Dickson	Bangor, M <sup>r</sup> Craig
Armagh, M <sup>r</sup> Cuming	Dublin, D <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Dowel

The Committee will hold its first meeting in Belfast on the last Tuesday in March next.

It is understood that the Presbyteries shall at a future meeting, appoint the Elders who are to accompany the Ministers.

It was moved & seconded that those members of the Presbytery of Monaghan, who composed the majority at the meeting, which acquitted M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, be reprehended. The Roll was called, & the motion agreed to. The members were reprehended by the Moderator accordingly. <sup>Presb. censured</sup>

Adjourned with prayer.

The several Committees are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*3<sup>d</sup> Session Thursday Morning 10 o'clock, after Prayer.*

The adjourned motion respecting Elders carried in the affirmative

The amended motion referred to the consideration of this forenoon, viz. "That Elders may sit, speak, & vote on all Questions, those relating to the widows fund excepted," having undergone a long Discussion, it was at last moved, that the previous Question be put upon the motion. The Roll being called, the previous Question was negatived. The Roll was then called upon the amended motion, which was carried in the Affirmative.

Protest against the above Decision

Against this Decision the following members protested promising to give their Reasons in due time, viz. John Thomson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cuming, Sinclair Kelburn, Tho<sup>s</sup> McKay, & others.

Keady

A supplication was presented from that part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Keady heretofore known under the Denomination of the minority, praying to be erected into a separate Cong<sup>on</sup>. After considerable Deliberation, it was moved, & unanimously agreed to, that inasmuch, as a standing law of the Synod prohibits any Cong<sup>on</sup> to be erected at the meeting at which it is first proposed, the Presb. of Tyrone be ordered to grant them supplies as they may see fit, till next meeting of Synod.

Maghera

A supplication was presented from a part of the Cong<sup>on</sup> of Maghera, praying that the Synod would either put a stop to the ordination of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Kennedy in that Cong<sup>on</sup> or should this supplication not be complied with, to erect supplicants into a separate Congregation.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that the whole of this Business be dismissed.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*4<sup>th</sup> Session Friday Morning 7 o'clock, after Prayer.*

Annual Address to the People under our Pastoral Care

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a Comt<sup>ee</sup> be annually appointed to draw up an Address to the People under our Pastoral Care recommending & enforcing the Practice, of Piety & Morality; and that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Birch, Millar, Denham, D<sup>r</sup> Little, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Henry, be the Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed for this year.

The protesting Brethren now gave in their Reasons of Protest which were read & are as follow :—

We protest against the Admission of Elders to vote on this Question Because we deem it Incompatible with every Idea of Propriety, that



men should be Judges in their own cause, & assume a Privilege, which they have never enjoyed; Such Procedure is contrary to the practice of every publick Body; whether Ecclesiastical or Civil; A dangerous Innovation Inconsistent with the Government of our Church; & tending to establish a precedent, which may be most destructive in its Consequences.

Reasons of  
Protest against  
the Decision  
respecting  
Elders voting in  
affairs of the  
K.D.

We Protest against the Decision of the Question which has now taken place.

1. Because the ministers of this Synod & of the Presbytery of Antrim have no absolute Right in themselves, but enjoy the Privilege of directing the Application of the Royal Bounty, from the Courtesy & Indulgence of Government only, and therefore cannot, without the greatest impropriety permit the Interference of another class of men, who were never intended by the Donors to have any voice or Authority in its management, and Application.

2 Because the ministers of the Gen. Synod & Presb. of Antrim are competent to manage their pecuniary concerns, in which Elders have never hitherto shewn any Desire to Intermeddle; & which we are perswaded, the greater part of them, have no inclination to engage in, and which may be abused to the purposes of a party spirit, to serve the Interests of Individuals, Inconsistent with the General Interest.

3. Because we deem it Inconsistent with the office of Elders who attend our Judicatories as church officers, to regulate, whatever relates to the Discipline, worship, & Government of the Christian Church, but not to assume, a power over the Property of others, whether ministers or Laymen.

4. Because the Introduction of such a measure at the present Juncture creating an unnecessary change in the Constitution of this Assembly, is peculiarly unwise, and may materially affect the Interest, Prosperity & Tranquillity of the Presbyterian Body.

5. Because the measure so far as it proposes to separate the management of his Majesty's Bounty, & of the widows fund is Impracticable; And if Elders interfere in the Application of the former, out of which the subscriptions of ministers to the latter are defrayed, the support of the fund, must depend upon the controul of men, who are acknowledged on all sides to have no concern in its Interests; and the Institution must be exposed to the hazard of being injured; or it may be, in time wrested from its original Purpose.

6. Because the Question has, in our Opinion, been urged with unbecoming haste, in opposition to our earnest Desire, that it might be deferred until next meeting of Synod, when the several Cong<sup>os</sup> in its Bounds, as well as the ministers now absent, & who never thought of the present Discussion would have an opportunity of expressing their sentiments on a Subject Novel in its nature & introduced without that previous & timely notice which its magnitude demanded. Signed John Thomson, Robert Black, And<sup>m</sup> Craig, Hugh Brooke, Joseph Denham, Tho<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay, David Taggart, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cumming, Matt. Trimble,

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29<sup>th</sup> of September last, was submitted to the Interlocutor by Dr Black & found correct & satisfactory.

The Accounts of the Agent for the Widows' fund were examined and found correct.

Dr Black informed the Interlocutor, that he had lent out the balance in his hands to the corporation of Derry, according to the order of last year.

Dr Black's  
report

On reading the minute of last year relative to an Act of Parliament for securing the Capital of the Widows' fund, Dr Black reported, 'that in executing the trust reposed in him, he felt it his duty to consult in the first instance, the long tried & powerful friend of the Presbyterian Ministers of Ulster, Lord Viscount Castlereagh, & found as he expected, his Lordship's dispositions to promote their interests in no degree abated. Other members of his Majesty's government were afterwards consulted, & in every quarter a ready acquiescence was expressed. That with his encouragement he prepared a bill which he considered as effectual to the proposed object, & which had the further recommendation that its enactments extended to every similar institution in the kingdom, and being put in the form of a publick bill, was unattended with expense. That he committed this bill to the Right honourable Sir George Fitzgerald Hill, member for Derry, & one of the Lords of his Majesty's treasury in Ireland, who in the most obliging manner introduced it in the House of Commons, & bespoke protection for it in its progress through the Lords'. That it passed both houses without opposition, & having received the Royal Assent is now the law of the land.'

Dr Black then read the Act, & delivered the same at the table to be *in retentis*.

Thanks to Lord  
Castlereagh &  
Sir Geo. Hill

Moved & unanimously agreed to that this Interlocutor have a grateful sense of the kindness of his Majesty's government on this occasion, & that Dr Black be instructed to return the warmest thanks of this meeting to Lord Castlereagh, & Sir, Geo. Fitzgerald Hill, for their honourable and effectual support to a measure so long desired by the contributors to the Widows' fund & now so happily accomplished.

Dr Black having submitted an abstract of the laws & regulations now in force for the government of the Widows' fund, & the same being read & approved of, it was ordered to be signed by the Moderator, & presented by Dr Black to the Assistant Barrister & Justices at the next ensuing Quarter Sessions for the City & County of Londonderry, to be registered pursuant to the fore-mentioned Act of Parliament, & that a Copy of the same be transcribed into the minutes of this Interlocutor as follows :—

Regulations of  
the Widows'  
fund

I. Each Minister who shall become a Contributor to said fund shall pay to the treasurer appointed for the management thereof, the full amount of his first years Royal bounty as the same now stands, or hereafter may stand, so soon as he shall receive the same, as his

contribution for the first year, and an annual subscription of forty shillings for every year afterwards.

II. From the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September next ensuing, until the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September which shall be in the year 1810 both inclusive, each Minister of a Congregation in the first class, shall pay an additional subscription of three pounds; each Minister of a Congregation in the second class, an additional subscription of two pounds five shillings; & each Minister of a Congregation in the third class an additional subscription of thirty shillings per Annum. This regulation not to extend to such Ministers as have resigned from age or bodily infirmity, or to such Ministers in the third Class, as are not yet in receipt of the intire bounty.

III. Such Ministers as have become partially entitled to the receipt of the Royal Bounty, by the arrangement made with his Majesty's Government, in the year 1803, & are contributors to said fund, shall upon, the decease of their respective predecessors, who are now in receipt of a share of the Royal Bounty allotted to the Ministers of the Congregations in which they had respectively officiated, pay to the Treasurer of said fund, the difference between the portion of the first year's bounty they have received, & the net sum allotted to the Congregations of which they are respectively the Ministers.

IV. Any minister who shall be removed from a Congregation in a lower to one in a higher class, shall for the first year after such removal, pay to the treasurer of said fund the difference between the royal bounty allotted to the Congregation to which he shall be removed & the one in which he had latterly been placed.

V. Such Assistant Ministers, not in the receipt of the Royal Bounty, as now are, or may become contributors to said fund, shall pay to the treasurer thereof an annual subscription of two pounds, each, until such time as their title to the Royal Bounty shall commence, & if any of such assistant Ministers shall die before he become entitled to the receipt of one years bounty, a sum equal thereto shall be deducted from the first payment to which his Widow, or family (if he should leave such) shall become entitled.

VI. Such contributors to said fund as have not pastoral charges in the bounds of the Synod, or Presbytery of Antrim, who are not in the receipt of the Royal bounty shall pay during the afore-mentioned period, an additional subscription of three pounds per Annum.

VII. Every contributor to said fund who shall contract a second marriage, shall pay to the treasurer thereof a premium equal to one year's Annuity from the same, at the time such marriage shall take place; on a third marriage a premium equal to two years' annuity, & so on in proportion, for every succeeding marriage he shall contract.

VIII. The Subscription of Ministers who shall become contributors to said fund, shall commence the quarter day next following their ordination or installment, and cease the quarter day next following their decease.



IX. If any contributor to said fund shall die before ten years shall have elapsed from the commencement of his subscription to the same, the sum of forty shillings annually shall be deducted after his first years subscription shall have been paid, from the annuity payable to his widow, or family, as the case may be, until such deduction added to the several sums before by him paid, shall amount to the subscriptions of ten full years.

X. Any Minister a contributor to said fund, who shall receive a call to become a pastor of a Congregation in the bounds of the Southern Association of Presbyterian Ministers, shall have the privilege of continuing his subscriptions to the same, if he shall be so disposed.

XI. Any Minister a contributor to said fund who shall resign his pastoral charge, in order to engage in a secular profession, or employment, shall not be permitted to continue a contributor thereto, or his widow or family derive any benefit or annuity therefrom, inasmuch as the institution in its original establishment, in the publick collections and private donations & bequests made in aid of its fund, as well as in the late royal appropriation of the surplus of his Majesty's bounty, was intended for the exclusive advantage of Ministers as such, & not for those who should voluntarily lay down the Ministerial character. This regulation not to extend to the present ex-contributors, D<sup>r</sup> Stephenson & M<sup>r</sup> Gamble, provided their subscriptions be paid to the treasurer on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in every year.

XII. Any minister a contributor to the said fund, who shall leave the kingdom to reside abroad, shall no longer be considered as connected therewith.

XIII. If a contributor to said fund shall die leaving a family & no widow, such family shall receive an annuity therefrom, for a period of eight years next ensuing after their father's death.

XIV. If a widow, an annuitant on said fund shall die before she shall receive an annuity therefrom for the full term of eight years, leaving a child or children by her husband who was a contributor thereto, said child or children shall continue to receive such annuity, until the term of eight years from the death of their father shall be completed.

XV. If a widow or annuitant on said fund, shall marry a second husband, having a child or children by a former husband who was a contributor thereto, such widow shall receive but one moiety of the annuity arising therefrom, the remaining moiety shall be paid to the said child or children ; but if said child or children shall die the whole shall revert to the mother during her life.

XVI. Every contributor to said fund shall have the power to order the distribution of the annuity arising therefrom to his family in the event or his not leaving a widow in such proportions as he, by his last will shall direct.

XVII. Such widows & families as now are annuitants on said fund or as shall become annuitants thereon, between this date, & the

first day of October which shall be in the year 1810 inclusive, shall receive an annuity therefrom, at the rate of twenty-five pounds per Annum.

XVIII. From the first day of October which shall be in the year 1810 inclusive, the Annuitants on said fund whether widows, or families, shall receive in equal shares, the largest dividend of its annual produce, from whatever source arising, which a just regard to the stability of the institution shall warrant the contributors, for the time being, to direct.

XIX. The annuities shall be remitted to the persons respectively entitled to the same in the month of October in each year, until otherwise ordered by the contributors, by the treasurer of said fund, on his receiving a certificate from each widow, signed by a contributor thereto, stating that said widow was living the first of said month, or if dead, the date of her decease, & naming the person or persons entitled to receive the annuity, or share of annuity which may be then due.

XX. The annuities of widows shall commence the quarter day which shall next follow the decease of their husband, & cease the quarter day next following their own. The quarter days are the first of January, April, July & October in each year.

XXI. The foregoing are to be considered as fundamental rules, orders, and regulations, of said Society, not to be altered or repealed without one year's notice of such intended alteration or repeal given to the contributors at their annual meeting during the sitting of the General Synod of Ulster, or at some subsequent meeting of the contributors to be then appointed for the purpose of taking such proposed alteration or repeal into consideration & to determine thereon.

XXII. All questions respecting the amounts of annuities payable from the said fund, & the time or times of the payment thereof; or the lending any part of the capital stock of said fund, or the changing or transferring of the securities of the same; or the appointment or removal of a treasurer or treasurers, trustee or trustees; shall be determined by a majority of the contributors at their several annual meetings or at any adjournment thereof, or by a committee of the same to be hereafter annually appointed to be assembled by the Moderator of the General Synod on any emergency which may arise, affecting the interests, security, or management of said fund.

XXIII. William Colvill, Esq., The Rev. Benjamin McDowel, D.D., The Rev. James Horner, John Orr & Bartholomew Matiere, Merchants, all of the City of Dublin are appointed Trustees of said fund.

XXIV. The Rev. Robert Black, D.D., of the City of Londonderry, who for twenty years past has acted as Agent for said fund, is hereby continued in the management thereof as treasurer, under the security formerly perfected by him to the trustees thereof, with a salary of forty pounds per annum, for his trouble in executing the duties of said office.

Resolved that the members of the General Synod's fixed committee do form the committee for the management of the affairs of the Widows' fund, on any emergency that may arise.

Thanks  
D<sup>r</sup> Black

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of this Interlocutor be given to D<sup>r</sup> Black for his care & attention to the interests of our funds, & particularly for having obtained from parliament an Act to secure the monies subscribed for the benefit of our Widows & families.

Resolved that the thanks of this Interlocutor be returned by D<sup>r</sup> Black to the Executors of the late Andrew Caldwell, Esq., for their payment of one hundred guineas being a bequest by M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell to the Widows' fund.

Moved by M<sup>r</sup> Horner, pursuant to his notice of last year that each Minister of this Synod who does not answer to his name on the first, & last call of the roll at its annual meeting, shall pay for every such offence the sum of forty shillings, except such Ministers as have through age or infirmity taken an assistant, or such Ministers as are not in the receipt of his Majesty's bounty: That said penalty be levied by each Presbytery yearly off such of their members as by non-attendance on this Synod, have incurred it, & transmitted to D<sup>r</sup> Black, our Agent, who is requested to form a fund by such fines for defraying the contingent expenses of this Synod, & that this regulation be enforced by each presbytery this year.

This motion was agreed to, & our Clerk is ordered to send with the Synod's minutes, each year, a certified list of the Ministers who shall answer to their names on the first & last call of the Roll.

Ordered that our Agent do lend out the balance in his hands, on such securities as he may deem sufficient.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

Inserted Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1810.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1810.*

The Rev. Samuel Hanna, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Cor. vi., 4 ; then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Presbytery.		Tyrone Presbytery.	
Hen. Millar		Dr. Dickson	
John Holmes		James Whiteside	
Joseph Lytle		Wm. Moore	John Ritchie
Sam. Cuthbertson		Geo. Dougal	Robert Duncan
Edward Reid		Tho. Makay	Hugh Wier
James Marshal		John Davidson	John Young
John Gillespie		Wm. Reid	
		Robert Stewart	
		John Cowan	Tho. Bell
		Moses Chambers	John Boyd
		Robert Hogg	
		David Bennet	
		Andrew Shannon	
		Armagh Presbytery.	
		Dr. Neilson	
		Tho. Cuming	Sam. Sloane
		Nathl. Shaw	
		James Bankhead	
		Saml. Arnold	
		A. G. Malcom	
		Robert Adams	Robt. Boyd
		Paul Borland	
		Wm. MacLaine	
		Arthur Neilson	
		Strabane Presbytery.	
		Willm. Dunlop	
		Tho. Anderson	
		Chas. Hemphill	Alexr. Irwin
		Wm. Porter	
		David Guilkie	John Little
		Wm. McCrea	
		John McFarlane	
		Derry Presbytery.	
		Dr. Black	
		Francis Gray	
		Hen. Elder	Wm. Cuthbertson
Clogher Presbytery.			
Andrew Millar			
James Ker			
William Johnston			
James Hall			
Booth Caldwell			
Ephraim Stevenson			
John Samson			
Root Presbytery.			
James Elder			
Alexr. Martin			
James Brown			
Daniel McKee			
Charles Kenedy	David Thomson		
Samuel Dill	Wm. Reid		
James Boyle			
Tho. Greer	John Leslie		
John Whiteside			
Solomon Brown	Tho. Lockhart		
John Sims			
James Dunlop			
Monaghan Presbytery.			
John Davis			
John McCurdie			
Joseph Denham			
James Walker			
James Gowdy			
Henry McIlree			
James Wilson			
Archibald Meharg			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery—continued.		Bangor Presbytery.	
Richd. Dill		James Sinclair	
James Canning		Josiah Ker	
Wm. Montieth		John Arnold	
John Mitchel		John Watson	
Geo. Hay		John Mulligan	
		Andrew Gowdy	
		Hugh Woods	
		Hen. Montgomery	
Templepatrick Presbytery.		Dublin Presbytery.	
Robert Orr			
Robert Thomson			
Tho. Alexander			
Robert Campbell		James Horner	
Nathl. Alexander	Geo. Foresythe	Andw. McCaldin	
		William McEwen	
Dromore Presbytery.		Ballymena Presbytery.	
John Thomson	John Brice	Alexr. Spear	John Davidson
John McClelland		Tho. Henry	Alexr. Kilpatrick
John McCance		Hen. Henry	Sam. Carson
Hamilton Dobbin		Benjn. Mitchel	Wm. Knox
Wm. Wright	Sam. Waterworth	John Smyth	
Hugh McAlister		John Hall	
Moses Finlay		Henry Cook	
Wm. McGowan	James Turretine	Robert Stewart	
James Black		Richard Dill	
Belfast Presbytery.		Elders from vacant Congns.	
Andrew Greer			
Saml. Hanna	James Munfoad	Ahoghill	Hen. Boyd
Saml. Watson		Ballee	Alan Martin
Henry Simson			
James McCullogh			
Fletcher Bleakly			

Mr Hanna having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Reid, Caldwell, James Elder, James Gowdy, Makay, Jas. Bankhead, Dunlop, Hay, Robert Thomson, McCance, McCullogh, Sinclair, McCaldin, & Smyth. The Roll was called, & Mr Dunlop chosen.

Mr Dickson continued Clerk.

The several presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, since last General Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to college by their respective presbyteries:—An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die:—also of such women, in their bounds, as have been wives of Ministers, & are not on the fund.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined the following young men before & after their return from College, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Ray, John Ray, John M<sup>c</sup>Elheney, & John Rogers. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, Burke, & the families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Love.

Clogher Presbytery report, that they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Henry Carson: on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Root Presbytery report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> James Dunlop on the second Tuesday of December last as assistant & successor to the Rev. John Logan, in the Congregation of Ballyrashane, he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Huey & Elder. Examined Henry Haslet, John Blair, Samuel Templeton, William Johnston, & James Keith, previous to going to college for the first time; & on their return Henry Haslet, James Kieth, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston, John Brown, Robert Anderson, Benjamin Jameson, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hill, W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clenaghan, Jackson Graham, Henry Graham, & John Greer. Have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smylie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, Glasgo, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

Monaghan Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Kelso died on the 23<sup>d</sup> March last, & left neither widow or family: have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Lester to preach the Gospel, & have examined M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Waughope on his return from College his fourth season. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery & Whiteside.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that since the last meeting of Synod they have admitted on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elder, Stone, Winning, White, Allen, Harkness, Wilson, & Ferguson. Have examined previous to their going to College Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gray, Gibson, Collins & Lyle; have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Adams, Simpson, Boylan, & families of Hogg & Kenedy. They report farther that M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Henry of Ballysuddan, a student within their bounds, was on account of immoral conduct, declared to be an improper person to be a Candidate for the Christian ministry.

Armagh Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Thom died on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1808, leaving a Widow & family: that they examined previous to going to college Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray & Jenkins; have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edward Prenter & W<sup>m</sup> Heron; that they licensed on the 11<sup>th</sup> April last Samuel Sloane & George Lockhart to preach the Gospel: and that they ordained the Rev. Paul Borceland in the Congregation of Markethill, on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last, the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> MacLaine in the united Cong<sup>n</sup> of Creggan & Newtownhamilton, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December last, & the Rev. Arthur Neilson at Kilmore, on the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst, as assistant &



successor to his father the Rev. D<sup>r</sup> Neilson : They are all subscribers to the Widows' fund. M<sup>rs</sup> Sloane died on the 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1809. They have on the fund the family of M<sup>r</sup> Dickson & M<sup>rs</sup> Thom. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Moore previous to his going to College the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt & Hamill.

Derry Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Law died in January last, leaving a Widow. That they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Scott, Patten, Law, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined William Baird, previous to his going to College & on his return. That they licensed William Finlay, agreeably to Synodical regulations on the 25<sup>th</sup> December last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, White, Gibson, Montgomery & family of M<sup>r</sup> Lewson.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they have entered upon first trials M<sup>r</sup> James Turretine : Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Strong, Magee, Hay, and Thomson with her daughter.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Fletcher Bleakley in the Congregation of Moneyrea, on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sep. last, who subscribed the confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Walker on the 7<sup>th</sup> November last, and ordained him in the Congregation of Millisle on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April last, as assistant & successor to the Rev. Andrew Greer ; that he subscribed the Confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That according to Synodical regulations Mess<sup>rs</sup> Simpson, Skelly, & M<sup>c</sup>Culloch were examined, & gave in the necessary Specimens during the last summer after their second Session at College. That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Coulter & Bailie were examined & gave in Specimens during the same time, after their first session at College ; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> William Harrison previous to his going to College for the first time. M<sup>rs</sup> Kinhead died on the 24<sup>th</sup> March last. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Rowan, Kelburn, Malcom, Henry & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Henry Montgomery in the Congregation of Dunmurry on the 14<sup>th</sup> September last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. Josiah Ker resigned the Congregation of Ballee on the 26<sup>th</sup> August last ; and that on account of immoral conduct they suspended him for six months from the ministerial office, when the suspension was removed. Have examined M<sup>r</sup> William Campbell on his return from College the third time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Hull now in America, Patterson, Porter, & Cochran. That in May last M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell, from age & infirmity requested the Presbytery to supply his Congregation, & that they be permitted to choose an assistant & successor to him, which was granted. Examined Henry Andrew, & James Purse, previous to going to College for the first time.

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers & Wilson.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that they have ordained M<sup>r</sup> Richard Dill in the Congregation of Buckna, as assistant & Successor to the Rev. David Park, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have examined M<sup>r</sup> Matthew Adams previous to his going to College for the first time, & after his return, & M<sup>r</sup> John Wallace after returning from College for the second time. The Rev. Joseph Howard died the second of May last leaving a widow. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay, Cuming, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglas.

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, Cromie, Sinclair, & Nevin.

General Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1810.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Letterkenny, Mess <sup>rs</sup> Cuthbertson & Lytle	
Clogher,	„ Samson & Johnson
Root,	„ Jas. Brown & Kenedy
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Morell
Tyrone,	„ Bennet & Reid
Armagh,	„ Adams & Arnold
Strabane,	„ Anderson & Hemphill
Derry,	„ Montieth & Hay
T.Patrick,	„ Thomson & T. Alexander
Dromore,	„ Thomson & M <sup>c</sup> Clelland
Belfast,	„ Greer & Bleakley
Bangor,	„ Craig & Acheson
Dublin,	„ Horner & M <sup>c</sup> Caldin
B.mena,	„ Cook & Dill

These with an Elder from each Presbytery and our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator on any emergency ; fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at 2 o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday 2 o'clock, P.M.*

The Presbytery of Derry having requested the direction of the Synod whether they shall take M<sup>r</sup> Cuthbertson, a student in Divinity who had not studied Hebrew one Session, according to the regulations of Synod, after taking his degree in Arts, on Presbyterial trials: It was moved that it be recommended to the Presbytery of Derry to take M<sup>r</sup> Cuthbertson on trials, & to enjoin him forthwith to apply himself to the study of the Hebrew Language, & not to license him to preach the Gospel until he shall have acquired a competent knowledge of that language. To this motion the following amendment was moved, that it be recommended to the Presbytery of Derry to adhere to the rules of Synod. The Roll was called & the amendment negatived. The original motion was then put & carried.

Synod to meet  
at Cookstown

It was moved that Lurgan be the place of the Synod's meeting next year: Cookstown was also nominated. The Roll was called & Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Report of the  
Bible Committee

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Synod to supply the poor in our respective Congregations with Bibles made the following report.

“ Since your last meeting your committee have been engaged in carrying into effect your recommendation respecting the dissemination of the holy scriptures among the people under your care. Between the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1809 & the 23<sup>d</sup> June 1810, they received the following remittances in Gold, viz., from :—

M <sup>r</sup> Ja <sup>s</sup> Brown, Garva, ..	..	£14	2	10
M <sup>c</sup> Cance, Comber, ..	..	8	5	0
Reid, Vinecash, ..	..	10	3	6
Brydone, Kircubbin, ..	..	2	0	11½
Thomson, Carnmoney, ..	..	9	13	2
Dill, Ardmore, ..	..	7	3	2
Reid, Rathmelton, ..	..	0	19	7½
Savage, Carrickfergus, ..	..	6	6	7½
Mitchel, Ballymoney, ..	..	72	5	8
S. Dill, Castlefin, ..	..	29	10	0
Hamilton, B.mena, ..	..	8	17	7
Rentoul, Ballykelly, ..	..	6	5	11
Hill, Ballynure, ..	..	1	0	7
Kelso, Bailieboro', ..	..	4	10	5
F. Dill, Manorcunningham, ..	..	8	12	10½
Elder, Finvoy, ..	..	59	7	2½
Stewart, Broughshane, ..	..	48	2	2
Brown, Castledawson, ..	..	6	4	5½
Greer, Dunbo, ..	..	5	10	11
Gowdy, Glentubbret, ..	..	2	4	6
Dickson, Keady, ..	..	7	13	7
Guilkie, Armagh, ..	..	6	3	0
Mitchel, Dungiven, ..	..	19	12	0



Spear, Portglenone, ..	..	£16	15	11½
Cook, Denain, ..	..	13	11	3
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		£375	2	11½

Your Committee have forwarded to members of Synod since your last meeting 467, 4to—56, 8vo—203, 12mo—1004, 24mo Bibles, 55 8vo and 1118 12mo Testaments, in all 1730 bibles and 1173 Testaments. They have yet in their hands £85 : 13 : 4½, for which they have not been able to return books.

In February last your Committee received a donation of Bibles & Testaments in sheets, from the british & foreign bible Society in London, to the amount of £100. They were found on inspection to be without Psalms. Your Committee have been taught by experience that in this state they are not so acceptable to the people in the North of Ireland. They therefore ordered Psalms from Edinburgh, for the different kinds of bibles & Testaments which they had received, & now request that this Synod will advise them how to dispose of these books when bound & ready for delivery.

Your committee regret, that in many instances they have been unable to execute the orders they received from ministers with the despatch they would have wished. This arose from circumstances which they could not prevent; & when it did occur, it was as painful to their feelings, as it could be to those who received a disappointment by the delay.

Your Committee issued a circular letter, in April last, to the ministers under the care of this body who had not forwarded remittances, urging them to comply with your recommendation, which will, they hope produce the desired effect."

The Synod received this report with much satisfaction & finding that there is still occasion for a further supply of Bibles to our respective congregations, request the committee to accept our grateful acknowledgements, & to continue its benevolent labours.

With respect to the advice requested in the report, the Synod authorises the committee to dispose of the books received from the british & foreign bible Society in the the way which it may judge best calculated to forward the purposes of this institution.

On reading the Overture of last year respecting the attendance of ministers at their different Presbyteries it was moved & agreed to, that it will be considered as sufficient, if each Presbytery do report the names of such members as generally absent themselves from their meetings, & that their report be dispensed with for this year, but strictly required at each succeeding Synod. Overture explained

Session adjourned with prayer. Open Synod to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the committee appointed to prepare a code of laws for the future government of this church having made its report, it

was moved that the further consideration of this subject be deferred until next year. To this motion was moved as an amendment that after the word "that," in the original motion, the remainder of the motion be left out, & the following substituted in its place, "that a committee be nominated to proceed in preparing a plan of discipline for the government of this Church." On the call of the Roll this amendment was carried.

Committee to  
prepare a Code  
of discipline

It was then moved & agreed to that the Rev. John Thomson, the Rev. James Horner, & the Rev. Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna, be the committee to prepare a plan for the government of this church, & that they be instructed to confine themselves to matters of discipline alone.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Fifth Session. 10 o'clock, A.M.*

License  
withdrawn

After prayer, the committee appointed to meet at Loughbrickland, to try the affair respecting the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, reported that they had issued the business for which they were appointed, by withdrawing M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay's license.

Vote of censure  
rescinded

On reading the minute of last year which censures the Presbytery of Dromore for suspending the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Hoey, it was moved and carried that the vote of censure be rescinded.

It having appeared that the arrears due to the heirs of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Moorhead had not been discharged; it is ordered that said arrear be paid to M<sup>r</sup> Moorhead's heirs on or before the first of August next; & if this be not done, the Presbytery of Clogher is enjoined to deprive the Congregation of Fintona of publick ordinances until the debt be discharged.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomson & M<sup>r</sup> Hanna read their answer to the letter from the Secretary of the Belfast Academical Institution. M<sup>r</sup> H. Henry was instructed to inform the Managers, that the Synod will be happy in taking any plan into their consideration which may be submitted to them, whereby they can promote the interests of the institution.

OVERTURE.

It was overtured & agreed to that in all cases in which any Presbytery may find it necessary to suspend or publicly rebuke any of its members for misconduct such Presbytery shall report the same in its next return to this Synod.

BILLS.

Donegore

A memorial from the majority of the Congregation of Donegore was presented to the Synod, complaining of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in the case of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Butler, by refusing to forward his ordination agreeably to the regulations of this

church, appealing from their decision, praying the Synod to have M<sup>r</sup> Butler ordained among them with all convenient speed, & requesting to be placed under the care of a committee of the Synod until his ordination shall take place.

A supplication was also presented from a part of the Congregation styling themselves the *Synodical* majority of the congregation of Donegore, praying the Synod to confirm the decision of the Presbytery of Templepatrick respecting M<sup>r</sup> Butler, & by no means to suffer him to be ordained in Donegore.

The Presbytery & Commissioners on both sides having been heard at great length, & having withdrawn, it was resolved unanimously that the appeal from the majority of the Congregation of Donegore be sustained. Appeal sustained

It was then moved & unanimously agreed to that the conduct of the Presbytery in this case has been highly irregular, & that they be rebuked from the chair.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick was rebuked by the Moderator accordingly. Presb : rebuked

Resolved that a Committee consisting of the following members, Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thompson, Hanna, Wright, M<sup>c</sup>Cance, & John Arnold, do meet at Donegore on the second Tuesday of August next to poll the Congregation, & if they see cause, to proceed to M<sup>r</sup> Butler's ordination at such time as they may see fit. The committee is directed to admit as voters, those members of the congregation, who were qualified to vote on the first poll for M<sup>r</sup> Butler. Committee at Donegore

M<sup>r</sup> Arnold is appointed to preach at Donegore on Sunday next, read this minute to the Congregation & explain to them the views & wishes of the Synod.

An attested list of the members qualified to vote on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August last to be lodged with M<sup>r</sup> John Thompson, ten days at least before the day of poll.

M<sup>r</sup> Butler is appointed constant supplier to the congregation of Donegore, commencing from the second sunday in July, until the meeting of the committee, & to preach for M<sup>r</sup> Arnold on Sunday next.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday Morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, an appeal from the Session & majority of the Congregation of Ballee against the conduct & decision of the Presbytery of Bangor respecting their minister the Rev. Josiah Ker, & praying for a redress of the grievances which they have so long suffered, was presented to the Synod. Ballee

M<sup>r</sup> Ker was heard at considerable length in support of the Allegations in the appeal, when the Synod adjourned till ten o'clock.



*Seventh Session. Ten o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Ker proceeded in his farther support of the appeal of the Session & Congregation of Ballee. The commissioners were also heard on behalf of the appeal.

The Presbytery of Bangor were then heard at great length, in defence of their conduct, when it was moved & agreed to, that the further consideration of this affair be deferred till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

*Eighth Session. Saturday morning 6 o'clock.*

After prayer, the Presbytery of Bangor concluded their defence. The Presbytery & the commissioners having withdrawn; the Synod after mature & serious deliberation came to the following resolutions.

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Bangor, relative to M<sup>r</sup> Ker & the congregation of Ballee, has not in all respects been proper.

Committee at  
Ballee

Resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> Ker be appointed constant supplier to the Congregation of Ballee until the last Tuesday in July next, when a committee consisting of the following members, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Henry, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, & M<sup>r</sup> R. Thomson shall meet at Ballee to poll that congregation, when if a Synodical majority shall appear in M<sup>r</sup> Ker's favor, the committee are directed to reinstate him in the pastoral charge of that Congregation.

Against this last resolution Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Elder, Ja<sup>s</sup> Brown, Rich<sup>d</sup> Dill, Sam<sup>l</sup> Dill, & John Hall protested, & promised to assign their reasons in due time.

M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead is appointed to preach at Ballee on Sunday se'night & read this minute to the Congregation.

Newtownstewart

A memorial from the Congregation of Newtownstewart was presented, praying the Synod to use its influence with Government in procuring to that congregation a portion of his Majesty's bounty.

The prayer of this memorial was granted, & the Moderator instructed to draw up a memorial pursuant to the spirit of the supplication of Newtownstewart, and have it presented to Government in the name of this Synod.

## INTERLOCUTOR.

Tubermore

D<sup>r</sup> Black stated the progress of the Suit respecting Tubermore. His conduct was approved of in this matter, & he was requested to persevere.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty ending 29<sup>th</sup> September 1809, was submitted to this Interlocutor & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Agent to the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

D<sup>r</sup> Black informed the Interlocutor that he had lent the balance in his hands to Sir George Fitzgerald Hill & Marcus S. Hill, Esq.

M<sup>r</sup> McCullogh gave notice that he will move next year for the repeal of the regulation which imposes a fine of 40s. on the absent members.

Moved that the different Presbyteries belonging to this Synod be instructed to levy the fines off the members who have been absent for the last & current year; & that they treat as contumacious such members as refuse to pay the fine. To this motion it was moved as an amendment that the words "last year" be omitted. The Roll was called & the amendment negatived: The original motion was then put & carried.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows' fund to the Moderator [was read] which the Mod<sup>r</sup> is authorised to answer.

D<sup>r</sup> Black is authorised to lend out the money in his hands belonging to the Widows' fund, on such private security as he may deem sufficient.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1811.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1811.*

The Rev. William Dunlop, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Cor. xiv. 20. Then constituted it by prayer : after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz, from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presbytery.		Armagh Presbytery—continued.	
Andrew Millar		Nathaniel Shaw	
James Ker	Tho. Clarke	James Bankhead	
James Hall		Dr. Wm. Neilson	
John Samson		Andrew G. Malcom	
Jacob Scott		Paul Boreland	
		Arthur Neilson	
Root Presbytery.		Strabane Presbytery.	
James Elder		William Dunlop	
James Brown		Thomas Anderson	
Daniel McKee		Chas. Hemphill	Samuel Armar
Charles Kenedy		William Porter	
Samuel Dill		Daniel Guilkie	
James Boyle		William McCrea	
Thomas Greer	Willm. Ker	John McFarlane	
John Whiteside			
Solomon Brown	Matth. Kevan		
Monaghan Presbytery.		Derry Presbytery.	
John McCurdy		Dr. Black	
Joseph Denham		Henry Elder	William Cuthbert
James Gowdy		Richard Dill	
Henry McIlree		David Hamilton	
James Gibson		William Monteith	
Patrick White		John Mitchel	John Kidd
James Harpur		George Hay	
John Johnston		Andw. McCaldin	William Galt
Tyrone Presbytery.		Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Dr. Dickson	James Barclay	John Bankhead	
James Whiteside		John Savage	James Millar
William Moore	James Smith	Adam Hill	David Forsythe
Tho. Makay	Wm. Harbinson	Robert Orr	Tho. Hunter
John Davidson	Adam Lynn	Robert Thomson	
William Reid		John Murphy	
Robert Stewart		Thomas Alexander	
John Cowan	Robt. Hutcheson	Robert Campbell	
Moses Chambers	John Alexander	Nathaniel Alexander	
David Bennet		Hen. Cook	Wm. Ferguson
William Brown			
Armagh Presbytery.		Dromore Presbytery.	
Dr. Neilson		James Birch	
Thomas Cumming		John Thomson	John Brice
		Dr. Little	
		John Sherrard	Hen. Dickson



Minrs.

Elders.

Minrs.

Elders.

## Dromore Presbytery—continued.

John McClelland  
John McCance  
Alexander Patterson  
John McIlwain  
Hamilton Dobbin  
Wm. Wright  
Moses Finlay  
William McGowan  
James Black

## Belfast Presbytery.

Andrew Greer  
Joseph Harrison  
Samuel Hanna  
James McCullogh  
Charles Gray  
Fletcher Bleakley  
John Walker

## Bangor Presbytery.

Andrew Craig  
James Sinclair  
Robert Atcheson  
Josiah Ker  
John Arnold  
John Mulligan  
Hugh Woods  
Hen. Montgomery  
William Finlay

## Dublin Presbytery.

James Horner  
William McEwen

## Ballimena Presbytery.

Tho. Henry  
Hen. Henry  
Benjamin Mitchel  
Robert Stewart  
Richard Dill  
Geo. McClelland  
Matth. Elder

Sam. Butler  
Sam. Armstrong  
Wm. Agnew  
Jas. McMullan

## Letterkenny Presbytery.

John Holmes  
Wm. Ramsay  
Wm. Huston  
James McClintock  
James Huston  
Joseph Lytle  
Edward Reid  
James Marshal  
James Neilson  
John Gillespie

Wm. Glendy

## Elder from vacant Congregation

Ballimena, Dr. Patrick

M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ker, James Elder, Gowdy, Makay, James Bankhead, Hemphill, Hay, Hill, M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Harrison, John Arnold, M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Stewart, & Ramsay.

The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead  
Mod<sup>r</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College by their respective Presbyteries:—An account of annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; of the time when such did die; also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of Ministers & are not on the fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several Committees, also the following reports :—

Clogher Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Booth Caldwell of the Congregation of Sligo & Ballymote, died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October last. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Scott in that Congregation, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That on the first Tuesday of June Inst. they suspended M<sup>r</sup> Davidson of Aughnacloy, for two months. That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Henry Carson on same day agreeably to Synodical rules. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Root Presbytery report, that the Rev. Daniel Blair died on the 10<sup>th</sup> February last leaving a widow & family. They licensed to preach the Gospel M<sup>r</sup> James Hughey, on the last Tuesday of July, & M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Elder on the second Tuesday of October; they both subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. Have on first trials Henry Graham. Examined Sam<sup>l</sup> Templeton, Samuel Hamilton, James Lynd, & William Kevan, previous to going to college for the first season & also on their return. Henry Haslet & William Johnston, on their return from college the second season, John Brown & John Greer on their return the third, & Benjamin Jameson, Samuel Hill, Jackson Graham, & W<sup>m</sup> McClenaghan the fourth. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smilie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMullan, Glasgo, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Henry.

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Monaghan Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Patrick White in the Congregation of Bailieboro' on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August last, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they ordained the Rev. James Harpur as assistant & successor to the Rev. John Davys, in the Congregation of Castleblaney on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Waughope on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October last, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. That they have received on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Thomson, & examined M<sup>r</sup> McClelland previous to his going to College for the first time. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, Smith, Montgomery, Whiteside, and Rogers now in Dublin.

Tyrone Presbptery report, that since last meeting of Synod they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, Anderson, Reid, Cunningham, Elder, Winning, & Willis. Entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Magill, James & W<sup>m</sup> Fleming, Ferguson, Stone, White, Wilson, Harkness, & Allen. Examined previous to going to College first time, Mess<sup>rs</sup> John & Francis Magowan, James Kilpatrick, John Leslie, Rob<sup>t</sup> Wiley, John Hogg, Robert Park, Walter Gourley, and John Adams. M<sup>r</sup> Brown was ordained in Tobermore on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November last, & is a contributor to the Widows' fund. M<sup>r</sup> Dougal died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, leaving a widow & family, & M<sup>r</sup> Shannon on the 22<sup>d</sup> of Feb. last leaving a Widow. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Simson, Adams, Boylan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Hogg.

Armagh Presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Edward Prenter on the 3<sup>d</sup> of September, & William Heron on the first Tuesday in November last to preach the Gospel. That they examined at the November meeting M<sup>r</sup> Kenedy previous to his going to College. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thom, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Dickson. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have examined M<sup>r</sup> John Davis previous to his going to College, & that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbit & M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill.

Derry Presbytery report, that they installed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Caldin as assistant & successor to the Rev. Matthew Culbert in the Congregation of Colrairie on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March last. That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hugh & John Brook, Samuel Gilfillen, & Hugh Mills, previous to their going to College, & have entered on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> William Cuthbertson. They have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle. •

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined Samuel Eccles & William Hood, in October last previous to their going to college, & in May on their return & M<sup>r</sup> Baird on his return from College for the second time. That they installed the Rev. Henry Cook in Donegore on the 22<sup>d</sup> of January last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, White, Gibson, & Montgomery.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Hanna, & James M<sup>c</sup>Clelland who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They have on trials M<sup>r</sup> James Turretine. They examined Samuel Crory in October last, previous to his going to College the first time. Have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, Hay, Thomson & her daughter.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Skelly & W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Culloch. That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Simson, Henry Coulter, John Bailie, & William Harrison were examined & gave in the necessary Specimens during the last summer. That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Cochran, & Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Aulay previous to their going to College for the first time. M<sup>r</sup> Watson generally absented himself from the meeting of Presbytery last year, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brydone and Whitlaw have attended no meeting of their Presbytery since before the last Meeting of Synod. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Rowan, Kelburn, Malcom, Henry, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November they ordained the Rev. William Finlay, in the Congregation of Dundonald, as assistant & successor to the Rev. James Caldwell, he is a contributor to the widows fund. Have on first trials William Campbell. Examined James Craig, James Purse, & Henry Andrews, on their return from College. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Hull, now in America, Patterson, Porter, & Cochran.

Dublin Presbytery report, that the Rev. Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Caldin resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Stratford on Slaney on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 1810. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers & Wilson.



Ballimena Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. George McClelland on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, in the congregation of Ahoghill, & the Rev. Matthew Elder as assistant & successor to the Rev. Robert Scott, in the congregation of Denain on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June Inst, who are both contributors to the Widows' fund. That they have examined M<sup>r</sup> Matthew Adams after his return from College the second time. The Rev. Charles Brown died on the 9<sup>th</sup> September leaving a Widow & family, & the Rev. William Hamilton on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January leaving a family. The Rev. Hen. Cook resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Denain on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Douglas.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined the following young men after their return from College, viz., W<sup>m</sup> Ray, John Ray, John McElheny, & Matthew Clarke. Have on first trials W<sup>m</sup> Ray. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Alexander & Love.

Antrim Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. James Carley as assistant & successor to the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Bryson at Antrim on the 3<sup>d</sup> of April last. M<sup>r</sup> Carley is a contributor to the Widows fund. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, Cromie, Sinclair, & Nevin.

Gen. Synods fixed Committee for the year 1811.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Clogher, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stephenson & Samson

Root, „ Kenedy & Greer

Monaghan, „ McIlree & Gibson

Tyrone, „ Moore & McKay

Armagh, „ D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson & A. Neilson

Strabane, „ Guilkie & M<sup>c</sup>Crea

Derry, „ Allison & Mitchel

T.Patrick, „ Orr & T. Alexander

Dromore, „ Thomson & Sherrard

Belfast, „ Simson & Bleakley

Bangor, „ Craig & Atcheson

Dublin, „ Horner & M<sup>c</sup>Ewen

Ballimena, „ Dill & McClelland

Letterkenny, „ Gillespie & Neilson

These, with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator on any emergency: fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, half-past one o'clock, P.M.*

It was moved that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Lurgan was also put in nomination. The Roll was called, & Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock, Afternoon.

The Synod's Bible Committee made the following report.

"Your committee have received since your last meeting the following remittances,

M <sup>r</sup> Arnold, Donaghadee, ..	..	£9	17	0
M <sup>r</sup> Marshal, Rathmelton, ..	..	10	7	6
M <sup>r</sup> Hemphill, N.T.Stewart, ..	..	18	15	1½
M <sup>r</sup> Anderson, Drumquin, ..	..	6	3	2½
M <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Crea, Strabane, ..	..	21	0	1
M <sup>r</sup> Monteith, Glendermot, ..	..	14	11	8
M <sup>r</sup> Sam. Dill. Castlefin, ..	..	21	7	6
M <sup>r</sup> Greer, Dunbo, ..	..	9	2	0
M <sup>r</sup> Canning, Malin, ..	..	2	16	0
M <sup>r</sup> Sinclair, Ballyhalbert, ..	..	5	2	8
M <sup>r</sup> Gowdy, Coolemain, ..	..	3	7	9
M <sup>r</sup> Christy, Cullybacky, ..	..	13	15	7½
M <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cance, Comber, ..	..	0	17	1
M <sup>r</sup> Richard Dill, Buckna, ..	..	40	3	0
M <sup>r</sup> Hall, Clough, ..	..	21	17	1½
M <sup>r</sup> Denham, K.Shandra, ..	..	3	8	3
M <sup>r</sup> Hamilton, B.mena, ..	..	3	8	3
M <sup>r</sup> Morell, Ballybay, ..	..	21	14	2
M <sup>r</sup> Mitchel, B.money, ..	..	9	13	5
M <sup>r</sup> Millar, Clogher, ..	..	2	10	0
M <sup>r</sup> Stewart, Broughshane, ..	..	8	19	0½
M <sup>r</sup> Brown, Garva, ..	..	1	14	1½
M <sup>r</sup> Elder, Kilraghts, ..	..	5	15	9
D <sup>r</sup> Neilson, Kilmore, ..	..	1	8	5
M <sup>r</sup> F. Dill. M.Cunnigham, ..	..	1	1	7
M <sup>r</sup> Gowdy, B.Walter, ..	..	1	1	6
M <sup>r</sup> Thomson, Carnmoney, ..	..	4	9	4½
M <sup>r</sup> Finlay, Donaghmore, ..	..	2	7	6
M <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Clelland, Ahoghill, ..	..	15	13	8½
M <sup>r</sup> Hogg, Loughgall, ..	..	12	0	2

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They have distributed during the last year 964 Bibles, & 513 Testaments,

They had occasion to apply to the Association in Dublin for a supply of Testaments, & obtained for [from] them a grant of 500 at their reduced prices.

Your committee have now on hand the following Books, formerly received as a donation from the British & Foreign Bible Society; 33 8vo. 70 royal 12mo. & 97 common 12mo. Bibles: 72 8vo. 728 12mo. Testaments, with Psalms. The Committee not having been able to dispose of these books in a manner satisfactory to themselves, request that the Synod may direct what may be done with them.

Your committee beg leave to suggest that the formation of different branches of the Hibernian Bible Society in this province has in a great measure superseded the necessity of their labours. The purposes for which your Bible Committee was appointed will now be accomplished by your recommending it to the Ministers of this Synod to encourage the formation of branches of the Hibernian Bible Society, in such places as may be thought expedient; & to become members of such branches as may be established in their respective neighbourhoods."

The Synod received this report with a grateful sense of the great trouble which the committee have had in the management of this business; & in compliance with the suggestion of the committee, earnestly recommend it to the members of the Synod to encourage the formation of branches of the Hibernian Bible Society in their respective vicinities, to avail themselves of the aid of such as are already established, for the purpose of disseminating still more extensively a knowledge of the holy Scriptures.

The Synod authorises the committee to dispose of the books on hand in such manner as they may judge best.

Rule amended

It was moved & agreed to, that the regulation of last year respecting the members who absent themselves from the meetings of Presbyteries, be thus amended, that each Presbytery do report the names of such members as generally absent themselves from their meetings. "Without assigning to their respective Presbyteries a sufficient reason for their absence."

Code of discipl-  
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The committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the future government of this church having reported, that they had made some progress in the work to which they had been appointed, but had not been able to finish it;

It was moved & seconded, that the further prosecution of this business be laid aside, to which motion this amendment was moved, "that the committee be requested to proceed, & if possible to prepare a report to be submitted to the Synod at its next meeting." This amendment on the the call of the Roll was carried.

The Presbyter of Clogher informed the Synod that the affair respecting the arrears due by the Congregation of Fintona, to the heirs of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Moorhead had been finally settled.



A Letter was presented to the Synod from the Chairman of the Board of visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution, accompanied by the act of incorporation, & Bye-laws of that seminary of learning.

The Act of Incorporation, &c. is ordered to be *in retentis* & the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, & M<sup>r</sup> Hen. Henry are instructed to express the satisfaction of this Synod at the progress which this institution has made. Belfast Ac.  
Institution

On reading last year's Overture, it was moved & agreed to, that in reporting the suspension or publick censure of any of its members for misconduct, the Presbytery report also the cause of such suspension, or publick censure. Overture amend-  
ed

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna reported from the Committee appointed to poll the Congregation of Donegore, that the committee did not see cause to proceed in the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> Butler. Donegore

It was moved & seconded, that the vote of censure of last year on the Presbytery of Templepatrick be rescinded. To this motion the following amendment was moved, that the consideration of this subject be postponed till the next meeting of Synod, when the Presbytery of Templepatrick shall produce their minutes relative to M<sup>r</sup> Butler & the congregation of Donegore.

After the motion of amendment had been debated at considerable length, it was resolved, that the Synod do adjourn till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Session concluded with prayer.

*Fourth Session. Thursday Morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the subject of postponing the consideration of rescinding the vote of censure on the Presbytery of Templepatrick was resumed & argued at great length, when the roll was called, & it carried, postpone. Adjourned.

*Fifth Session. 10 o'clock. A.M.*

The conduct of the committee which met at Donegore was approved of.

The committee appointed to poll the congregation at Ballee reported, that finding M<sup>r</sup> Ker had not a Synodical Majority, they did not see cause to re-instate him in the pastoral charge of that congregation.

The protesting members against the decision of last year, in the matter of Ballee, & M<sup>r</sup> Ker, gave in their reasons of protest, which are ordered to be inserted in the minutes & are as follows:—

“ We protest against the proceedings of this Rev. Synod in this affair for the following reasons:— Protest

1. Because the Rev. Josiah Ker denied the doctrine of the Trinity which we consider a fundamental article of the Christian faith, the denial of which is utterly subversive of Christianity.

2. Because of his immorality & imprudence, for the Apostle Paul says, "a Bishop should be sober, of good behaviour, not given to wine, no striker, of good report, not a novice."

3. Because continuing the Rev. Josiah Ker a member of this Synod must be dishonourable to its reputation, and destructive of the souls under his care, therefore we consider him unworthy of being a member of this body."

James Elder,  
James Brown,  
Richard Dill,  
Samuel Dill,  
John Hall,  
Solomon Brown,

Charles Kenedy,  
William Wright,  
Thomas Greer,  
W<sup>m</sup> D. H. M<sup>c</sup>Ewen,  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Dill, Jun<sup>r</sup>,  
James Marshal.

James Gowdy,  
James Horner,  
Samuel Hanna,  
John Thomson,  
Joseph Harrison,

Resolved that this meeting on hearing the report of the Committee sent by them to Ballee, & from other circumstances are now convinced, that though the Presbytery of Bangor might have fallen into some irregularity in point of forms, yet that their conduct throughout all their proceedings in M<sup>r</sup> Ker's business, has been actuated by the best intentions.

Newtown-  
stewart.

M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop reported that he had presented a memorial to the Lord Lieutenant pursuant to the order of last Synod, praying his Excellency to place the congregation of Newtownstewart on the list with those who are in receipt of his Majesty's Bounty, & that he had the pleasure of informing the Synod that his Excellency had been pleased to grant the prayer of the memorial.

### OVERTURES.

I. The following addresses to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, & his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant were unanimously agreed to, & the Moderator is ordered to transmit them to the Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, & have them with the Answers published in the *Dublin Evening Post*, the *Patriot*, & the two Belfast newspapers.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE REGENT OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We the Ministers & Elders of the Gen. Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to express to your Royal Highness the deep & unfeigned sorrow with which we have been penetrated on account of the indisposition of our revered & most gracious Sovereign.

Protected during his long & equitable reign, in the enjoyment of civil & religious liberty, & distinguished by many marks of his Royal favour, we feel impelled by the united sense of duty & of gratitude to offer our earnest prayers to the Supreme disposer of all events for his speedy & complete recovery.

We entreat your Royal Highness to accept the assurance of our dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness's person, & of our humble acknowledgments for those liberal, dignified & constitutional sentiments, which your Royal Highness has taken occasion to express, & which cannot fail to inspire all classes of his Majesty's loyal subjects with an entire reliance on the wisdom of your Royal Highness's councils in the administration of the Government of this United Kingdom, during the indisposition of your Royal father.

Signed in our name & by our order, at Cookstown, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1811.

JAMES BANKHEAD, Moderator.

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TO HIS GRACE CHARLES LENNOX, DUKE OF RICHMOND,  
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL & GENERAL  
GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Grace,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, request your Grace may be pleased to transmit to his Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, the address which we herewith forward.

We have great satisfaction in embracing the occasion which now offers, to present to your Grace our cordial acknowledgments of your Grace's mild & temperate government of this part of the United Kingdom, as well as for the particular kindness which we have experienced during your Grace's administration.

Signed in our name & by our order, at Cookstown, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1811.

JAMES BANKHEAD, Moderator.

II. That it is the declared sentiment of this Synod, that every member of it has a right to have extracts from its Minutes, upon paying to the Clerk a reasonable compensation for his trouble in giving the same.

#### BILLS.

I. A memorial signed by 114 names, from a part of the Tullylish Congregation of Tullylish was presented to this Synod, complaining of the Presbytery of Dromore, & of the conduct of their Minister, the Rev. John Sherrard respecting a donation to the congregation by D<sup>r</sup> Sims, & praying that as M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard's Ministry can be no longer useful in Tullylish, the connection between him & that congregation may be dissolved. On the commissioners appointed to present this memorial being asked what they meant by the dissolution of the connection which they requested, they answered that they only wished M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard to take an assistant & successor in the ministry; but that



they did not wish to bring any charges against his moral character, or to deprive him of his Majesty's bounty during his life.

A memorial was also presented from another part of the congregation in behalf of M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard & the Presbytery of Dromore, alledging that should M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard's opponents be permitted to persist in their opposition to the decision of the Presbytery of Dromore, their congregation will be ruinēd, & praying that the decision of the Presbytery of Dromore may be confirmed.

M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard & the commissioners on both sides being heard, the Presbytery of Dromore, gave a narrative of their proceedings, & the reasons on which they were founded, after which a protest against the proceedings of the Presbytery as inconsistent & irregular, signed by James Birch, John Thomson, Alex<sup>r</sup> Patterson, W<sup>m</sup> Wright, Moses Finlay, and Samuel Waterworth Elder, was read, & some of the protesting members heard in support of their reasons of protest; when it being the hour of dinner the farther consideration of this business was deferred till next Sederunt.

Adjourned till to morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the protesting members of the Dromore Presbytery having concluded their reasons for protesting, the Presbytery were heard in their defence at very considerable length, when the meeting adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Seventh Session. Ten o'clock A.M.*

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that this Synod do earnestly recommend it to M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard & the commissioners on both sides to forget all past causes of jealousy & estrangement, & to return in friendship to their respective homes, & that the congregation of Tullylish be permitted to choose an assistant & successor to M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard without lett or hindrance, so soon as the congregation may wish it. To which recommendation M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard most heartily acceded, as did the commissioners on both sides.

M<sup>r</sup> Shaw is ordered to exchange pulpits with M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard on Sunday next, to read this minute from the pulpit, & to enforce the recommendation of the Synod on the congregation of Tullylish.

A similar recommendation from the Synod to the Presbytery of Dromore was received by that body in a similar manner.

Sligo &  
Ballymote

II. A memorial from the united congregation of Sligo & Ballymote was presented to this Synod praying to be erected into two separate congregations.

Resolved, that for the present year Sligo & Ballymote have the publick services of their Minister equally divided between them; & that the Presbytery of Clogher do meet at Sligo or Ballymote, shortly

before the next meeting of Synod, & report to the Synod the state of that Congregation.

III. A Memorial was presented by the Rev. Dr Dickson, complaining of the conduct of the Clerk, the Rev. Thomas Cuming, in refusing him copies of certain Synodical papers which he had required, & requesting the Synod to grant him copies of said papers.

Resolved, that Mr Cuming our Clerk acted with propriety & strictly conformable to the nature of his office in refusing official copies of the papers required.

Resolved, that copies of the following minutes of Synod be given to Dr Dickson by our Clerk, viz. :—

1. A minute of a rule of Interlocutor 1797, consequent on the death of the late Mr Millar, who died in America.

2. That of 1801, authorising supplies to be granted to the Separatists from the old congregation of Keady.

3. That of their erection in 1802.

A memorial from a part of the congregation of Ballee was dismissed, <sup>Meml dismissed</sup> inasmuch as it was irregularly brought.

IV. Three Memorials were presented to the Synod from the majority & committee of the congregation of Ballyeaston <sup>Ballyeaston</sup> complaining of the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in refusing to forward the call & Ordination of the Rev. Samuel Butler, as their stated pastor, & praying to be taken from under the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick, & put under the care of some other presbytery.

A memorial was also presented from the minority of that congregation alledging that the poll for Mr Butler had been irregular, & praying this Synod to dismiss him altogether from the consideration of the congregation as their Minister, as the only means of preserving the peace & promoting the welfare of the congregation; and to continue them under the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick.

The commissioners on both sides were heard, as were the Presbytery in their defence, at considerable length, when the Synod adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

*Eighth Session. Eight o'clock, P.M.*

The Presbytery of Templepatrick concluded their defence, when the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at seven o'clock.

*Ninth Session. Saturday morning, seven o'clock.*

The Synod proceeded to interrogate the commissioners & Presbytery of Templepatrick respecting the proceedings on the poll, &c. for Mr Butler, when the meeting adjourned.

*Tenth Session. Ten o'clock. A.M.*

The presbytery of Templepatrick & commissioners having withdrawn, & the Synod having maturely deliberated on the subject; it was resolved that a committee consisting of the following brethren, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Bankhead, Thomas Henry, Nathaniel Shaw, Samuel Hanna, and William Wright be appointed to take the congregation of Ballyeaston under their care until the meeting of Synod immediately after their settlement & that said committee do meet at Ballyeaston on last Tuesday in July to poll the congregation respecting M<sup>r</sup> Butler, in taking which poll the committee is to confine itself to the list furnished to M<sup>r</sup> Campbell on the former poll: and shall forward a call & proceed to the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> Butler, or not, as they see cause: and if they do not see it proper to proceed with the settlement of M<sup>r</sup> Butler, they are to take such steps as to them may appear regular to forward the settlement of that congregation.

Resolved that the consideration of the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick be postponed till next meeting of Synod.

#### INTERLOCUTOR.

D<sup>r</sup> Black reported, that he had, under the advice of counsel, prosecuted the business of Tubermore, but the congregation having obtained the actual possession of the meeting-house further proceedings became unnecessary.

Resolved, that D<sup>r</sup> Black's conduct be approved of, & that he be requested, should any attempt be made to recover possession of the meeting-house by the opposite party to resist it by every legal means.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's Bounty ending the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1810 were submitted to the Interlocutor, & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Treasurer for the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

M<sup>r</sup> McCulloch, in pursuance of his notice last year, moved that the regulation imposing fines for absence be now rescinded.

On the call of the Roll this motion was carried, & all fines paid under the operation of that rule are ordered to be refunded.

D<sup>r</sup> Black reported that he had lent the balance of last year to the corporation of Londonderry.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows' fund was read, which D<sup>r</sup> Black is appointed to answer.

Resolved that the following contributors, viz, Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Moore, W<sup>m</sup> Dunlop, Tho. Henry, And<sup>w</sup> Millar, & W<sup>m</sup> Porter, be the committee for managing the affairs of the Widows' fund for the present year, & that they shall meet at Londonderry on any emergency that may arise.

Resolved that for the present year, the annuity to be paid to the Widows be £36.



Mr Malcom gave notice that he will move the Interlocutor next year, that the annuity be continued to the children of the contributors *ten* years instead of *eight*.

Dr W<sup>m</sup> Neilson gave notice that he will next year move

1. That the eleventh regulation of the Widows' fund as published in 1809, be repealed.

2. That no minister having once become a contributor to the fund, shall be at liberty to cease being a contributor, so long as he is in the receipt of his Majesty's bounty.

Resolved that the Agent be requested to deduct 30s. from the next half-year's R.D. of each Minister in the first class, 22s. & 6d. from the R.D. of each Minister in the second class, & 15s. from the R.D. of each minister in the third class, & to apply the amount in discharging the debts of the Synod.

Mr Hanna gave notice that he will move the Synod next year to afford some support to the society lately formed in London for promoting the conversion of the Jews.

Synod concluded with prayer.

THOMAS CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1812.*

The Rev. James Bankhead, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Peter iii, 15, then constituted it by prayer: after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members, viz. from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Route Presbytery.		Derry Presbytery.	
James Elder	Saml. Elder	Dr. Black	
James Brown	John Macurdy	Richard Dill	
Saml. Dill		George Hay	
Tho. Greer		James Johnson	
John Whiteside			
Solomon Brown		Templepatrick Presbytery.	
John Sims		Adam Hill	David Forsythe
James Dunlop		Robert Orr	
Richard Dill		Robert Thomson	
Monaghan Presbytery.		Tho. Alexander	
Samuel Kenedy	Tho. Kenedy	Robert Campbell	
James Gowdy	James Porter	Nat. Alexander	Archd. Hunter
James Morell		Henry Cook	Wm. Ferguson
Patrick Whyte		Wm. Glendy	
James Harpur		Dromore Presbytery.	
Robt. Winning		James Birch	Robt. Kinghan
Tyrone Presbytery.		John Thompson	John Brice
Dr. Dickson		James Waddle	
William Moore	Tho. Sloane	Alexr. Patterson	
Tho. Makay	Hugh Whyte	William Wright	
John Davison	Geo. Ledlie	William Magowan	
Moses Chambers		James Black	
David Bennet		John Thomson	Tho. Crawford
William Brown		Belfast Presbytery.	
Bobt. Cunningham		Saml. Hanna	James Munfoad
Armagh Presbytery.		Henry Simson	
Thomas Cuning		James McCullogh	
James Bankhead		Fletcher Bleakly	
Samuel Arnold		Bangor Presbytery.	
Andrew G. Malcom		Josiah Ker	
Robert Adams		John Mulligan	
Paul Boreland	Andw. Scott	Hen. Montgomery	
Willm. MacLaine		David Whyte	
Strabane Presbytery.		Dublin Presbytery.	
William Dunlop		James Horner	
Charles Hemphill		William McEwen	
William Porter		John Baird	
John McFarlane			

## Ballimena Presbytery.

## Clogher Presbytery.

Tho. Henry	James Davison	Andrew Millar
Henry Henry		James Ker
Robert Stewart		John Samson
Geo. McClelland	John Clarke	James Philips
Wm. Waughope	Dr. Patrick	John Anderson

## Letterkenny Presbytery.

## Elders from vacant Congns. &amp;c.

Joseph Lytle		Cairneullogh, Saml. Allen
Edward Ried		Antrim, Joseph McCrory
Tho. Kernaghan	Willm. Rae	Carlin, John Kenedy.

Mr Bankhead having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod the following brethren were named, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Elder, Gowdy, Makay, Arnold, McFarlane, Hay, Hill, Wright, McCullogh, D. Whyte, Baird, Stewart, Reid, and Samson. Mr Makay  
Moderator

The Roll was called and Mr Makay chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of overtures, bills, books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen. Synod; of such students as have been examined previous to their going to, & after their return from College by their respective Presbyteries, and such other returns as our regulations require:—an account of annuitants on the fund:—of any that have died:—of the time when such did die:—also of such women in their bounds, as have been wives of ministers, and are not on the fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.*

After prayer returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Route Presbytery report, that on the 30<sup>th</sup> July last they licensed Mr Henry Graham to preach the Gospel who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They have on first trials Benjamin Jameson, Samuel Hill, Jackson Graham, and W<sup>m</sup> McClenaghan. Have examined previous to their going to College for the first time, John Greer, Joseph Scott and Clarke Huston. That on the 10<sup>th</sup> March last, they installed Installed the Rev. Richard Dill in the congregation of Drumachose, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They have entered on first trials John Brown, Tho. Campbell and John Greer. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smylie, Hamilton, Elder, Davys, McMullan, Glasgo Widows and Blair.



Died  
Ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Moore died on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1811, leaving a widow & family. That they ordained, on the 9<sup>th</sup> June last, the Rev. Robert Winning to the charge of the united congregation of Ervey and Carrickmaglin, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. John Johnston resigned the charge of the Congregation of Coothill, in the month of August last. That they examined M<sup>r</sup> John Smith, on his return from college, and have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Thomson & John Smyth. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore & Rogers who resides at present in Dublin.

Resigned

Widows

Ordained

Widows

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 6<sup>th</sup> August last they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Allen, John Harkness, James Wilson, John Whyte, and James Ferguson, to preach the Gospel. They have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Harkness, W<sup>m</sup> Lyle, James & John Patterson. They ordained M<sup>r</sup> Robert Cuningham at Minterburn on the 24<sup>th</sup> September last who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Adams, Boylan, Dougal, Simson and family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.

Suspended

Widow

Armagh Presbytery report, that they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Kenedy and Johnson Neilson previous to their going to college for the first time; & John Kenedy, Joseph Jenkins, John Blakely, and Johnson Neilson on their return. That they admonished and suspended for one Lord's day, the Rev. Robert Adams, for neglect of his pastoral duty in not visiting the sick, and for transgressing the regulations of Synod respecting the celebration of Marriage. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thom, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Dickson.

Widows

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Moore. On the the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt and Hamil.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined William Baird, David Davidson, and Samuel Eccles on their return from college. Have on second trials M<sup>r</sup> William Glendy. On the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar, White, Gibson and Montgomery.

Ordained

Widows

Derry Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> John & Henry Kidd & M<sup>r</sup> Makay. That they ordained the Rev. James A. Johnston, in the Congregation of Banagher, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle.

Died

Widows

Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. Samuel Barber died on the 5<sup>th</sup> September last, leaving a Widow & family. They installed the Rev. John Johnson at Tullylish on the 1<sup>st</sup> October last, as assistant & successor to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard. They licensed M<sup>r</sup> James Davys, on the 4<sup>th</sup> September last, to preach the Gospel, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. Have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> James Turretine, & on second trials M<sup>r</sup> James McClelland. David Watson, William Scott and James Gardiner were examined previous to their going to college the first time. James Black and Samuel Crory before their going to college the second time, and James Thomson and John Dickson, before their going to college the third time. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, Thomson and daughter, Magee and Barber.

Belfast presbytery report, that they licensed to preach the Gospel William Skelly and William M<sup>c</sup>Cullogh, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. That they have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Simson, John Bailie & Henry Coulter. That they examined & received the necessary specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Harrison James Cochran, & Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Aulay after their return from college. That they examined & approved of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Hutton, M<sup>c</sup>Cormick, Mayne, Johnston, and the two Mess<sup>rs</sup> Heron previous to their going to college for the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy Widows M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Rowan, Kelburn, Malcom, Henry, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten

Bangor presbytery report, that the Rev. John Arnold died on the 10<sup>th</sup> August last, leaving a widow & family. That on the 27<sup>th</sup> August they ordained the Rev. David Whyte in the congregation of Ballee, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That on the 29<sup>th</sup> October they licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Campbell to preach the Gospel. That they examined M<sup>r</sup> Robert Stevenson on his return from college the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Hull, now in America Widows Patterson, Porter, Cochran & Arnold.

Dublin presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. John Baird in the congregation of Stratford upon Slaney, on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1811, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell & Wilson. Widows

Ballymena presbytery report, that the Rev. Richard Dill resigned his pastoral charge of the congregation of Buckna, on the 11<sup>th</sup> February last. They ordained the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Waughope in the congregation of Ballymena on the 23<sup>d</sup> of June, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyd & Anderson previous to their going to college the first time, & also after their return. M<sup>r</sup> Matthew Adams gave the necessary specimens during last Summer, & was examined on returning from college the third time. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, and the families of Widows Douglas and Hamilton.

Letterkenny presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Ray, to preach the Gospel, on the 16<sup>th</sup> October last. That they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kernaghan in the united congregation of Altocladay and Douglas, as assistant and successor to the Rev. Thomas Leitch, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November last. Also, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> John Allen in the united congregation of Kilmacrenan & Dunfanaghy, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March last, both of whom are contributors to the Widows' fund. The Rev. David Allen died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January last, leaving a widow & family. They examined David Rogers and Stuart Bates, previous to going to college for the first time; Matthew Clarke & John Hamilton on their return from college the second time; John Ray and John M<sup>c</sup>Elheney, on their return the fourth time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, Delap, Allen, and the families of Alexander & Love. Widows

Clogher presbytery report, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, the Rev. James Davidson resigned the pastoral charge of the united congregation of Aughnacloy and Balligawly. That on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May last the

Ordained

Rev. James Philips was ordained in the Congregation of Cavanaleck, as assistant and successor to the Rev. William Johnston. He is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That the Rev. John Anderson was ordained in the united congregation of Aughnacloy and Balligawley on the 23<sup>d</sup> of June last, who is also a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Antrim Presbytery report, that the Rev. William Bruce was ordained Co-pastor with the Rev. D<sup>r</sup> Bruce in the first presbyterian congregation of Belfast, on the 3<sup>d</sup> of March, 1812. That he is a subscriber to the Widows' fund; and that they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Cromie, Sinclair, Nevin & Vance.

General Synod's fixed committee for the year 1812.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Route,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Ja <sup>s</sup> Brown & Ja <sup>s</sup> Boyle
Monaghan,	„ Morell & Whyte
Tyrone,	„ D <sup>r</sup> Dickson & M <sup>r</sup> Moore
Armagh,	„ Malcom & MacLaine
Strabane,	„ Guilkie & M <sup>c</sup> Crea
T.patrick,	„ Orr and Thomson
Derry,	„ Mitchel & Johnson
Dromore,	„ Thomson & Waddle
Belfast,	„ Blakely & Walker
Bangor,	„ Woods & Montgomery
Dublin,	„ M <sup>c</sup> Ewen & Baird
Ballymena,	„ Stewart & Waughope
Letterkenny,	„ Nelson & Gillespie
Clogher,	„ Scott & Hall

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, and our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency: Fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.



*Third Session. Wednesday, half-past one o'clock, P.M.*

Resolved unanimously that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine service to begin at five o'clock, afternoon. Synod to meet at Cookstown

M<sup>r</sup> Munfod on the part of the Synod's late Bible committee stated that there was still a balance of £42 : 16 : 3½ in the hands of the Committee, & requested instructions how to apply this money.

The Synod instruct the Committee to hand this money over to the Hibernian bible Society.

In consequence of an application from the Belfast branch of the Hibernian bible Society, it was unanimously resolved that it be recommended to the members of this Synod to exert their utmost influence in procuring subscriptions & donations in their respective neighbourhoods in favour of the Hibernian bible Society; and that the members of our body in the counties of Down, Antrim & Derry do give their utmost aid to the Belfast branch of the Society in forming minor branches in said counties; and that it be recommended to them to preach a Sermon in their respective congregations, & make a collection for the Society, agreeably to the application which they may receive from the Belfast branch. Belfast bible Society

The committee appointed to draw up a code of discipline for the regulation of this Church, reported progress, & asked leave to sit again. Code of discipline Granted.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick having produced their minutes respecting M<sup>r</sup> Butler & the Congregation of Donegore, according to the order of last year, it was resolved that this Synod do not see cause to rescind the resolution of censure; but are ready to declare, from the statement now made by that presbytery, that their irregularity did not originate in evil intentions. Presb. of T.patrik

On reading the addresses of last year to the Prince Regent & the Lord Lieutenant, M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, the late Moderator, produced the Prince Regent's & the Lord Lieutenant's answers, which were read. But the addresses and answers not having been published by M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead according to the order of the last Synod, it was unanimously resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead's conduct in declining to publish the addresses and their answers, is highly reprehensible. The Answers to our addresses are ordered to be inserted in our minutes; but while the Synod regrets that the addresses with their answers have not been published in due time, according to the order & intention of this body, it judges it unnecessary to publish them now.

## THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle, July 3<sup>d</sup> 1811.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant has received the Address of the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, with their address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

And I am commanded by his Grace to acquaint you that he will immediately transmit the Address to the Prince Regent, to be laid before his Royal Highness: and that his Grace feels great satisfaction from the sentiments the Gen. Synod of Ulster have expressed respecting his Government.

I have the honor to be Sir,  
your most obedient humble servant,

W. W. POLE.

Rev. James Bankhead, Moderator.

### THE PRINCE REGENT'S ANSWER.

Dublin Castle, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1811.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant having transmitted the address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent from the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Ulster, assembled at their annual meeting, I have to acquaint you by his Grace's command that he has received a Letter from the Right Honourable Richard Ryder, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying that his Royal Highness was pleased to receive the said address in the most gracious manner.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

W. W. POLE.

Rev. James Bankhead, Moderator of the Synod of Ulster.

Session concluded with prayer. Open Synod to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

### *Fourth Session. Thursday morning, 7 o'clock.*

Mr Sherrard

After prayer, on reading the minute of last year respecting Mr Sherrard and the Congregation of Tullylish, a letter from Mr Sherrard to the Synod was read, complaining of some expressions in said minutes as reflecting on his moral character, & praying the Synod either to expunge said expressions from their minutes, or to appoint a committee to hear Mr Sherrard's statement of facts, & report their opinion to the Synod.

After some discussion, the commissioner who answered the question of the Synod last year, being present, declared that the Congregation of Tullylish never had any charges against the moral character of Mr Sherrard.

Presb. of  
Clogher

It having appeared that the Presbytery of Clogher had neglected to comply with the order of the Synod last year, respecting Sligo & Ballymote, the Synod expresses its strong displeasure at this inattention to their duty & enjoins the Presbytery to meet at Sligo in the course

of the present year, & make a report of the state of that congregation to the Synod at its next meeting.

Adjourned till half-past ten o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Half-past ten o'clock, A.M.*

On reading the minute of last Synod respecting Dr Dickson's memorial, Dr Black begged leave in pursuance of previous notice, to call the attention of the Synod to a book published since our last meeting by Dr Dickson, in which as Dr Black alledged, were contained false and unfounded assertions & reflections upon the character of this Synod, & being heard at great length in refutation of said assertions and in justification of this Synod; and Dr Dickson being likewise heard at great length in reply; it was unanimously agreed to, on referring to the Synod's minute of 1799, that by the phrase "implicated in treasonable or seditious practices," the Synod did not mean to express anything more than that Dr Dickson & Mr Smyth, two of the persons therein alluded to, had been confined by Government under suspicion of treason or sedition, & that the Synod now attaches no other meaning to that expression, & if that expression has been otherwise understood or applied, the meaning of the Synod has been misconceived.

Dr Dickson's  
narrative

Resolved unanimously, that it is the opinion of this Synod that in the narrative published by Dr Dickson there are a number of gross mistatements & misrepresentations, highly injurious to the reputation of the ministers of this body.

The Synod having thought proper that Dr Dickson should publicly retract his mistatements & misrepresentations, & Dr Dickson having expressed a wish that the Synod should prepare a declaration to that effect, the Synod appoints Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Thomson, James Horner, Samuel Hanna, William Wright, and James Bankhead, to meet this evening and draw up a form of declaration for Dr Dickson to sign.

*Sixth Session. Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the committee appointed to draw up a form of declaration for Dr Dickson's signature, submitted it to the Synod, which after an amendment was approved of, and handed to Dr Dickson for his consideration until next *Sederunt*.

The declaration is as follows :—

From the sense of the duty I owe to myself, to the publick, and especially to the Rev. Synod of Ulster, I feel myself called upon to acknowledge and declare, in the most publick and solemn manner that my publication entitled "a narrative of the confinement & exile of William Steel Dickson, D.D.," contains a number of mistatements & misrepresentations (partly arising from misconception) injurious to the character of the Ministers of this body, & to the Presbyterian cause, and I hope this Rev. Body will now accept my acknowledgments of my deep regret and sincere contrition for having published them.

Adjourned till half-past ten o'clock.



*Seventh Session. Half-past ten o'clock, A.M.*

D<sup>r</sup> Dickson having considered the form of declaration offered to him by the Synod, expressed his determination to decline giving it his signature.

Motion of  
Suspension

Moved that D<sup>r</sup> Dickson be suspended *ab officio*, until he shall publicly retract his mistatements & misrepresentations respecting the ministers of this body, in a manner satisfactory to the Synod.

Postponed

To this motion the following amendment was moved and agreed to, that the consideration of this business be postponed till the meeting of the Synod next year, to allow D<sup>r</sup> Dickson an opportunity of publicly retracting his mistatements & misrepresentations.

Thanks to  
D<sup>r</sup> Black

Resolved unanimously that the Synod return D<sup>r</sup> Black their hearty thanks for the display of zeal & ability manifested by him in vindicating the honor & character of this body from the aspersions contained in D<sup>r</sup> Dickson's narrative & that he be requested to publish his statement in vindication of the ministers of the Synod.

D<sup>r</sup> Black was thanked accordingly from the Chair, & promised to comply with the request of the Synod.

Report of the  
Ballyeaston  
committee

The committee appointed last year to take charge of and poll the congregation of Ballyeaston reported, that they had polled the congregation according to the order of the Synod, but from the great difficulties of this case, they had thought proper to postpone M<sup>r</sup> Butler's ordination, and refer the matter to the Synod.

## BILLS.

Ballyeaston

I. Connected with the report a memorial was presented to the Synod by the majority of the Congregation of Ballyeaston, which was rejected on account of the indecency and scurrility of its language.

A memorial was also read from the minority of that congregation.

After hearing the committee at large in accounting for the line of conduct they had thought proper to pursue, & two persons on the part of the majority, & as many on behalf of the minority being appointed to act for their respective parties, the farther consideration of this business was adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Eighth Session. Saturday morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna on the part of M<sup>r</sup> Butler, the candidate for the congregation of Ballyeaston, signified M<sup>r</sup> Butler's intention to resign the call from that Congregation.

The Synod express their great satisfaction at the evidence now given by M<sup>r</sup> Butler of his disinterested regard to the peace of that

congregation, and order it to remain under the care of the committee of last year, with the addition of the Rev. John Thomson on account of the dangerous illness of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw, one of its members.

The congregation of Ballyeaston is ordered to make out with all convenient speed, a list of such persons or their representatives, as paid stipend to the publick collector at the time of M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery's death, and deliver the same to the committee at their fixed meeting in Ballyeaston; and that in case the committee shall find occasion to poll the congregation respecting a candidate, they shall take the votes of such persons only being members, or representatives of members, as above stated, who shall have paid their stipend to the term immediately preceeding the taking of such poll.

The consideration of the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick, on account of the great press of business, is postponed till next year.

II. A memorial was presented to the Synod signed by fifty-eight <sup>Clare</sup> members of the congregation of Clare, complaining of the conduct of certain disorderly persons in that congregation in shutting the doors of their meeting-house against the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Adams their minister, thereby preventing them from enjoying the benefit of publick worship for more than three months, & praying the interposition of the Synod to have the doors of their meeting-house opened, for the publick worship as usual.

A memorial was also presented from a part of the congregation styling themselves a Synodical majority of the congregation of Clare, expressing their dissatisfaction at the decision of the Presbytery of Armagh, on certain charges brought against M<sup>r</sup> Adams, & praying for a re-hearing of said charges before the Synod.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Armagh respecting the whole of this business were read, when the Synod adjourned till eleven o'clock.

*Ninth Session. Saturday, eleven o'clock, A.M.*

The business respecting the congregation of Clare being resumed and the commissioners from the majority being asked, Were they prepared to deliver the keys of their meeting-house to this Synod? Answered they were not. Whereupon it was resolved that they could not be received as commissioners, & that their memorial be dismissed.

Resolved unanimously, that the proceedings of the Presbytery of <sup>Presb. of</sup> Armagh in this affair be highly approved of.

Ordered, that a committee, consisting of the following members, viz, the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore, Patterson, & Morell, with Samuel Allen, and Hugh Whyte Esq<sup>rs</sup> Elders, be appointed to meet in Armagh on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. at 11 o'clock A.M. then & there to issue every matter in dispute between M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the congregation of Clare. Three to be a quorum, of which two at least are to be ministers.

M<sup>r</sup> Malcom is ordered to exchange pulpits with M<sup>r</sup> Adams on Sunday se'night & read this minute to the congregation. The Presbytery of Armagh are enjoined to attend the meeting of the committee, & give them such information as they may require.

Cavanaleck

III. A memorial from the congregation of Cavanaleck was read, complaining of the Presbytery of Clogher for refusing to hear their charges against the moral character of the Rev. William Johnston their Minister, and praying the advice of the Synod.

Presb. of  
Clogher rebuked

After hearing the Presbytery of Clogher in explanation of their conduct, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery of Clogher be rebuked for their very great neglect & inattention to the interests of religion in their proceedings respecting M<sup>r</sup> Johnston & the congregation of Cavanaleck.

The presbytery were rebuked by the Moderator accordingly.

Resolved that the following members, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> W. Dunlop, J. Gowdy, Guilkie, Hemphill, P. Whyte, Trimble and Harpur, with their Elders, be appointed to meet at Fivemiletown on the Second Tuesday of August next, to enquire into the moral character of the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Johnson of the Presbytery of Clogher, & to do therein as to justice shall appertain. Five to be a quorum, of which two at least are to be ministers.

IV. A supplication from the protestant dissenters of Magilligan praying to be erected into a congregation was presented to the Synod.

After hearing M<sup>r</sup> Macurdy, the commissioner who presented this memorial, the Synod, in consequence of the rule which forbids any congregation to be erected at the meeting to which the application for an erection is made, deferred the consideration of this subject till next year, & recommended it to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rentoul, Greer & Dill, the neighbouring ministers to supply the supplicants with preaching as often as possible.

M<sup>r</sup> Ker

V. A memorial from the Rev. Josiah Ker, late minister of Ballee, was read complaining that the Presbytery of Bangor had ordained the Rev. David Whyte to the pastoral charge of that congregation without having first settled M<sup>r</sup> Ker's accounts with the congregation, & praying redress.

The Synod refer this affair to the presbytery of Bangor, and recommend it to them to re-examine the accounts and if any money be due to M<sup>r</sup> Ker, to have it paid.

Motion  
postponed

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna stated, that at the request of the committee of overtures, he had determined to postpone his motion respecting the society for promoting the conversion of the Jews, until next year.

London  
Missionary  
Society

A letter was presented to the Synod from the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Waugh, which was read, when it was unanimously resolved, that this Synod express their approbation of the object of the London Missionary Society, and leave it to the members of this body who may consider it expedient, to invite the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Waugh to explain in their respective places of Worship the views and success of this society & solicit contributions for its support.



## INTERLOCUTOR.

A statement of the receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1811, was submitted to the Interlocutor, & found correct and satisfactory.

The Accounts of the Treasurer of the Widows' fund up to 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1811, were examined & found correct.

The committee for managing the affairs of the Widows' fund for the last year reported, that they had lent £700 of the capital of the Widows' fund to James Galbraith Esq<sup>r</sup>, on a mortgage of the lands of Langfield, in the county Tyrone. <sup>Committee's report</sup>

On the report of Dr Black it was ordered that the annuity to be paid the Widows this year be £40. <sup>Annuity £40</sup>

Mr Malcom withdrew the motion of which he gave notice last year.

Dr Will<sup>m</sup> Neilson by letter to the Moderator, begged leave to postpone his intended motions till next year.

Dr Black reported, that he had discharged the debts of the Synod and had in his hands a balance of £26 : 2 : 7.

Ordered that Dr Black do lend the balance of the capital of the widows' fund in his hands, on such security as he may deem eligible. <sup>Order to Treasurer</sup>

Synod concluded with Prayer.

THO. CUMING, Clerk G.S.

Inserted Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1812.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1813.*

The Rev. Thomas Makay, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from Ephesians ii, 20 : then constituted it by prayer : after which were present from the several Presbyteries, the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery.		Derry Presbytery—continued.	
James Morell		James Allison	
James Gibson		William Monteith	
Patrick Whyte		John Mitchel	John Kidd
James Harpur		George Hay	
Robert Winning		James Johnston	
Robert Campbell	Andw. Boyle	Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Tyrone Presbytery.		Robert Orr	
Dr. Dickson	George Kidd	Robert Thomson	
James Whiteside		Thomas Alexander	
William Moore	James Smith	Robert Campbell	James Blow
Tho. Makay	Hugh White	Nath. Alexander	Tho. Hunter
John Davidson	Adam Lynn	Alexr. Montgomery	
John Cowan	John McCormick	Henry Cook	Andw. Thomson
Moses Chambers		William Glendy	
Robt. Hogg	James Lawson	Dromore Presbytery.	
David Bennett		James Birch	
Wm. Brown	Geo. Ferguson	John Thomson	Robt. Lewis
Robert Cunningham		John McCance	
Armagh Presbytery.		Alexr. Patterson	
Thomas Cuming		John Mellwain	
James Bankhead	Wm. Heron	Ham. Dobbin	Joseph Boyd
Dr. Wm. Neilson		William Wright	
Andw. G. Malcom		Moses Finlay	
Robert Adams		Wm. Magowan	
Paul Boreland		James Black	
Strabane Presbytery.		Wm. McEwen	Alexr. McEwen
		James McClelland	
		Belfast Presbytery.	
William Dunlop		Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Charles Hemphill		Henry Simson	
Willm. Porter	Hugh Boyle	James McCullogh	Tho. Moore
Wm. Macrea		Bangor Presbytery.	
John McFarlane		Andrew Craig	
Samuel Armar		Robt. Acheson	John Haslet
Derry Presbytery.		John Mulligan	
Dr. Black		Hugh Woods	Hen. Andrews
Hugh Brooke	Wm. Cuthbertson	Henry Montgomery	
Henry Elder		David White	Edward Prenter
Richard Dill		William Skelly	
David Hamilton			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Presbytery.		Clogher Presbytery—continued.	
James Horner		John Samson	
John Baird		James Philips	
		John Anderson	
Ballinena Presbytery.		Root Presbytery.	
Robert Christie	Sam. Cunningham	Robert Rentoul	
Henry Henry	Robt. Malcom	James Elder	
John Smyth		Matth. Elder	
Robert Stewart		James Brown	
Wm. Waughope	John Patrick	Fras. Dill	Alexr. Millar
Letterkenny Presbytery.		Saml. Dill	
		Chas. Kenedy	Tho. Smith
Henry Millar		James Boyle	
John Holmes		John Whiteside	Wm. Guiler
William Ramsay		Solomon Brown	
William Hnston		Richard Dill	
Joseph Lytle		James Huey	
Sam. Cuthbertson		Synod's Committee.	
Edward Reid			
James Marshal		Saml. Elder	Jas. Agnew
John Gillespie		Elders from vacant Congregations &c.	
Clogher Presbytery.		John Kenedy	
Andw. Millar	Hen. Carson	John Graham	
James Ker		John Lockhart	
William Johnston		Samuel Allen	
James Hall		Samuel Butler	

Mr Makay having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Morell, Cowan, Malcom, McFarlane, Brooke, Orr, McCance, McCullogh, Craig, Christie, Reid, Hall, & Jas. Elder.

The Roll was called, & Mr Morell chosen.

Mr Morell  
Moderator

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's fixed committee. An account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed: of such candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last general Synod; of such students as have been examined previous to their going to & after their return from College, by their respective presbyteries, and such other returns as our regulations require:—An account of annuitants on the fund, of any that have died; of the time when such did die: also of such women in their bounds as have been wives of ministers, and are not on the fund.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.



*Second Session. Wednesday morning ten o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

1 ordained

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they ordained on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1812, the Rev. Robert Campbell as assistant and successor to the Rev. Thomas Stewart, in the congregation of Coothill. M<sup>r</sup> Campbell is a subscriber to the Widows' fund. That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> and James White, Thomas Kenedy, & John Gray previous to their going to college for the first time, and William White & Tho. Kenedy on their return. That they have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore & Rogers who resides in Dublin.

6 Widows

5 Widows &amp; 1 family

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August last they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James and William Fleming to preach the Gospel, and that on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas, William & George Smith, & Robert Clarke previous to their going to college for the first time; that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May last they admitted on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Collins, Robert Park & Robert Lyle. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Adams, Boylan, Dougal, Simson & family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.

1 Died

1 Widow  
1 Family

Armagh Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Shaw died on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July last leaving a family. They have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jenkins & Kenedy, & have examined M<sup>r</sup> Wilson on his return from college the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thom and family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw. Not on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moody.

1 ordained

3 Widows

Strabane Presbytery report, that they entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Matthews. That they examined John Davis previous to his going to college the third time & William Love previous to his going the first time. That they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Moore on the first of November last. That on the 7<sup>th</sup> December last they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Armar, as assistant & successor to M<sup>r</sup> Anderson, in the united congregation of Drumquin & Pettigo, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund: And that M<sup>r</sup> Anderson died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December last leaving a Widow and family. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, Hamil & Anderson.

1 Ordained

3 Widows

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined William Hood on his return from college the second time, and Samuel Eccles on his return the third time: That they admitted on first trials William Baird. They ordained the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Glendy in the congregation of Broad-island as assistant & successor to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July last, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That M<sup>rs</sup> Dunbar died on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, Gibson & Montgomery.

4 Widows  
1 Family

Derry Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John & Henry Kidd, & W<sup>m</sup> Makay. That they have examined M<sup>r</sup> Robert Thomson previous to his going to college. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, and family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle.

Dromore Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> James McClelland was or- <sup>1 ordained</sup>  
 dained at Ballinahinch on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August last, as assistant &  
 successor to his father M<sup>r</sup> John McClelland; he subscribed the West-  
 minster confession of faith, & is a subscriber to the Widows' fund.  
 M<sup>r</sup> Turretine, who has been for some time under first trials before the  
 Presbytery, has not latterly attended their meetings, & they cannot at  
 present say anything determinate concerning him. Joseph Lyttle &  
 William McCance were examined previous to their going to college the  
 first time, & David Watson, James Gardiner, William Scott, & W<sup>m</sup>  
 Adair, previous to their going to College a second time. They have <sup>4 Widows</sup>  
 the following widows on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, Thomson & daughter,  
 Magee & Barber.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have licensed to preach the  
 Gospel, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Simson & Henry Coulter, who subscribed the  
 Westminster Confession of faith. That they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup>  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Harrison. That they examined and received the necessary  
 specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, Harrison, Hutton, Mayne, McCormick,  
 Johnston, & James & Alex<sup>r</sup> Heron after their return from college.  
 That they examined M<sup>r</sup> John Orr, previous to his going to College for  
 the first time. That the Rev. John Walker having voluntarily acknow-  
 ledged his offence, & expressed his sincere contrition, was publicly  
 rebuked for antenuptial fornication, and the Presbytery followed this  
 censure by the adoption of other measures which they deemed necessary  
 for promoting the interests of religion, the respectability of this church,  
 and the welfare of M<sup>r</sup> Walker's congregation. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> <sup>5 Widows</sup>  
 Kenedy, McEwen, Rowan, Kelburn, Henry & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten. <sup>1 Family</sup>  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Malcom died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February last.

Against sustaining that part of this report which relates to M<sup>r</sup>  
 Walker, M<sup>r</sup> Richard Dill and others protested & promised to assign <sup>Protest</sup>  
 their reasons in due time.

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 1812, <sup>1 ordained</sup>  
 they ordained M<sup>r</sup> William Skelly in the Congregation of Donaghadee.  
 He is a contributor to the Widows' fund. That they have on first  
 trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Purss and Henry Adams. That they examined  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> David Thom, Robert Dunn and Adam Millar previous to their  
 going to college the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson, Hull <sup>6 Widows</sup>  
 now in America, Patterson, Porter, Cochran, and Arnold.

Dublin Presbytery report, that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May last they or- <sup>1 ordained</sup>  
 dained the Rev. James Carlisle as assistant to the Rev. D<sup>r</sup> McDowel  
 and successor to the second ministerial charge in the congregation of  
 Mary's Abbey, when it shall become vacant. M<sup>r</sup> Carlisle adhered to  
 his former subscription of the Westminster Confession of faith, &  
 declared his intention of being a Contributor to the Widows' fund.  
 That the Rev. William McEwen resigned his pastoral charge of the <sup>1 resigned</sup>  
 congregation of Usher's Quay on the 30<sup>th</sup> June Inst. They have on <sup>2 Widows</sup>  
 the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell and Wilson.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that the Rev. Robert Scott died on  
 the 17<sup>th</sup> of April last leaving neither Widow nor family: That they have  
 entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Craig & Matthew Adams: examined

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyd & Anderson after returning from college the second time :  
And have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, and the  
families of Douglas & Hamilton.

4 Widows  
2 families

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have on first trials John  
M<sup>c</sup>Elheney & John Ray. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, Burke, Allen,  
& the families of Alexander & Love.

3 Widows  
2 families

Clogher Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Davidson died on  
the 3<sup>d</sup> of February last, leaving a family. That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
John Hamilton & Archibald Armstrong, previous to their going to  
college the first time, & also on their return. That they have on the  
fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorehead, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Davidson.

1 Widow  
1 Family

Root Presbytery report, that they licensed to preach the Gospel  
according to Synodical regulations, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hill, Benjamin Jameson,  
Jackson Graham, W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clenaghan, John Brown, Tho. Campbell, &  
John Greer. That on the first of December last they ordained the  
Rev. James Huey as assistant and successor to the Rev. Robert  
Thomson in the congregation of Ballywillan; he subscribed the West-  
minster confession of faith, & became a contributor to the Widows'  
fund. They have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry Haslett, Robert  
Anderson, & William Johnston. That the Rev. Tho. Greer died on  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of December last & the Rev. Archibald Fullerton on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of Jany. last, both leaving widows and families. Have on the fund  
M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smilie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, M<sup>c</sup>Millan, Glasgo, Blair,  
Greer, & Fullerton.

1 Ordained

2 Died

10 Widows

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Crombie,  
Vance, Nevin, & Sinclair.

4 Widows

General Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1813.

Presbs.

Minrs.

Monaghan, Mess<sup>rs</sup> White & Harpur

Tyrone, „ Makay & Davidson

Armagh, „ Malcom & Maclaine

Strabane, „ M<sup>c</sup>Farlane & Guilkie

T. Patrick, „ Orr and Cook

Derry, „ Hay & Johnston

Dromore, „ M<sup>c</sup>Cance & M<sup>c</sup>Ilwaine

Belfast, „ Blakely & Riddle

Bangor, „ Woods & Montgomery



Presbs.	Minrs.
Dublin,	„ Horner & Baird
B.mena,	„ Waughope & M <sup>o</sup> Clelland
L.Kenny,	„ Huston & Cuthbertson
Clogher,	„ Samson & Ker
Root,	„ M. Elder & Huey

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, & our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency: Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at two o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P.M.*

Cookstown & Belfast were put in nomination as places of the Synod's meeting next year. The Roll was called & Cookstown carried. Synod to meet at Cookstown  
The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next. Divine Service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

M<sup>r</sup> Munfoad reported that £42 : 16 : 3½, being the sum in the hands of the Synod's late Bible Society, has been handed over to the Hibernian Bible Society, according to the instructions of the Synod at its last meeting.

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna reported that the recommendation of the last Synod Bible societies in favour of extending the Societies in connection with the Belfast branch of the Hibernian Bible Society, had been attended with the happiest effects.

M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson, on the part of the committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the government of this church, read an outline of a plan for that purpose, which the committee for want of time, had not been able to complete. Code of discipline

Resolved that this Synod entertain a strong sense of the zeal and ability with which the committee have taken up & prosecuted so far as they have gone, the business committed to their care: that they instruct the committee to proceed in this most necessary work, & that the code of discipline be preceded by a form of Presbyterian church Government.

The Presbytery of Clogher having made their report respecting the united congregation of Sligo & Ballymote, the Synod are of opinion that the circumstances of that congregation do not warrant a dissolution of the Union & that M<sup>r</sup> Scott's publick ministerial services be equally divided between Sligo & Ballymote.

Dr Dickson

On reading the minute of last year respecting Dr Dickson, Mr Porter signified his intention of moving that the entire minute shall be rescinded; but in order to come to his purpose with more effect, he intended to move separately on certain points pending between Dr Dickson & the members of this Synod. Accordingly, adverting to the first of Dr Black's charges against Dr Dickson, he moved that the Synod of 1799 acted inconsiderately in declaring, without enquiry & without evidence, that two members of their body, then in confinement, "were implicated in treasonable or seditious practices."

This motion was opposed as being out of order, and after a tedious discussion, its further consideration was deferred till the next sederunt.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday morning at 7 o'clock.*

Previous  
question  
negatived

After prayer, the debate on Mr Porter's motion was resumed, when after a long discussion, the previous question was put & negatived. Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Thursday morning 10 o'clock.*

Amendment  
negatived

After prayer, the discussion on Mr Porter's motion was resumed, & the following amendment moved, that after the word "that" the remaining words of the original motion be omitted, and the following substituted in their place: "it is not expedient to proceed further in the business respecting Dr Dickson." On the call of the roll this amendment was negatived, after which the motion, with the consent of the mover & seconder, was thus amended, "that in the minute of 1799, the phrase 'implicated in treasonable or seditious practices,' as applied to two of its members then in confinement, was inaccurately used, inasmuch as it appears to be liable to an unfavourable construction respecting them." On the call of the Roll, the motion thus amended was carried.

Amendment  
carried

Moved that this Synod regrets that the Synod of 1805 dismissed, without an answer, a memorial presented to them by Dr Dickson, requiring them to declare whether the expression "implicated in treasonable or seditious practices" in the minute of 1799, alluded to him, & if so, what was the meaning attached to it. The Roll was called & the motion carried.

Against these two resolutions Mr Wright & several other members signified their intention of protesting, & assigning their reasons in due time.

Synod adjourned with prayer, till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday Morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, it was moved that an insinuation against the Synod contained in a book lately published by Dr Dickson entitled "a

narrative, &c." of having from motives of hostility to him & his present congregation of Keady, wilfully neglected their interests in the late arrangement of bounty is unfounded.

In the course of the debate on this motion, John Haslet an elder from the 4<sup>th</sup> Congregation of Belfast, having asserted, that the portion of bounty, intended by Government for the newly erected congregation of Keady, had been given to pay the Synod's Clerk in 1805, & he believed he could prove it; it was unanimously resolved, that the above assertion is a gross and unfounded calumny against the Agent for the distribution of his Majesty's bounty, & the Synod.

Moved & seconded, that the name of John Haslet be expunged from the Roll of this Synod. On the call of the roll, this motion was carried by a great Majority.

John Haslet's  
name expunged  
from the  
Synod's Roll

Adjourned till half-past ten o'clock.

*Seventh Session. Half-past 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The discussion of the motion of the last sederunt respecting Dr Dickson's insinuation against the Synod being resumed the following amendment was moved that after the word "that" the remaining words of the motion be left out, & the following substituted in their place: "That the Synod as a body had not the means of informing the Congregation of Keady, why they were not included in the negotiation for bounty in 1803, but that this Synod is ready to aid a memorial to Government, that that congregation may be included in the bounty list."

Amendment

This amendment on the call of the roll was negatived.

negatived

The original motion was then agreed to.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that an assertion made by Dr Dickson, in his "Narrative," "that during his confinement, a motion was made in Synod & supported by certain members for suspending him from the ministerial office" is unfounded.

Moved & unanimously agreed to, that a complaint made by Dr Dickson in the same publication against the ministers of this body, for having excluded him from being a contributor to the Widows' fund," is unfounded.

Moved that a charge preferred at our last meeting, by Dr Black & Mr Thomson of Carnmoney against Dr Dickson, of having grossly violated truth & decency, in the account given by him of a discussion which took place at the meeting of Synod in the year 1799 relative to the exclusion of Mr<sup>s</sup> Porter from the Widows' fund, has not been substantiated.

On this motion the previous question was put and carried.

Previous  
Question

Against the previous question on this motion, Mr Porter & others signified their intention to protest & to assign their reasons in due time.

Notice of Protest



Moved that this Synod does not consider itself responsible for the Book published since our last meeting by D<sup>r</sup> Black, entitled "Substance &c."

Motion  
withdrawn

D<sup>r</sup> Black rose and declared that he took the whole responsibility of that publication on himself, on which the motion was withdrawn.

Ordered that a copy of the three resolutions respecting D<sup>r</sup> Dickson be given him for his consideration, till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Ballyeaston

The committee appointed to take charge of the congregation of Ballyeaston reported that the Rev. Sam. Elder had been ordained on the 23<sup>d</sup> ultimo as stated pastor of that Congregation, & that complete harmony had been happily restored.

T. Patrick

Resolved that the Presbytery of Templepatrick did not act incorrectly with respect to the congregation of Ballyeaston.

Mr Johnston

The committee appointed to enquire into the moral conduct of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Johnston reported that the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Johnston's character had been withdrawn, & that the committee considered the business as issued.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

*Eighth Session. Saturday morning 6 o'clock.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna begged leave to postpone his intended motion respecting the conversion of the Jews till next year.

Belfast  
Academical  
Institution

M<sup>r</sup> John Thomson presented a letter from the manager and visitors of the Belfast academical institution, referring to a former letter to the Synod.

Resolved, that this Synod is ready to confer with the Belfast Academical institution on the best means of promoting its interests, & for this purpose appoint a Committee consisting of the following members, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Thomson, A. Malcom, R. Acheson, D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson, N. Alexander, Jno. Whiteside, W. Moore, W. Dunlop, S. Hanna, T. Alexander, R. Stewart, W. Porter, A. Millar, R. Hogg, Jas Bankhead and G. Hay, to meet the managers in Belfast, on the second Wednesday in August next. The Moderator is ordered to communicate this minute to the board of managers.

A memorial from certain Students in Glasgow College was received & referred to the above committee to be reported on at our next meeting.

OVERTURE.

The following declaration was agreed to, & ordered to be published.

That however reluctant we may be to obtrude our political sentiments on the attention of the publick, we feel ourselves called on, at this time, explicitly to avow our unshaken attachment to the principles

of the British constitution, an attachment inculcated by our fathers and confirmed by our own observation & experience.

Sensible of the blessings of that civil & religious liberty which we enjoy, we cannot be uninterested Spectators of the exertions which are made to extend them to all our fellow-subjects. Actuated by the spirit of the Gospel, which teaches us to promote "peace on earth & good-will towards men," and earnestly desirous that this benevolent spirit should be cherished by the people under our care, we consider it our duty to declare, that from the abolition of political distinctions on account of religious profession, so far as may be consistent with the principles of the constitution, we anticipate the happiest consequences. Hence we conceive would arise a union of interest, the firmest bond of society, and a sense of gratitude, the sure ground of fidelity & attachment; while the baneful operation of party spirit would be restrained, & the pretext removed which selfish & designing men employ to agitate & pervert the publick mind.

### BILLS.

I. A supplication was presented from certain members of the con- New erectiongregation of Ballykelly, Drumboe, & Drumacose returning their grateful thanks to the Synod for their attention to their petition last year, & praying to be erected into a separate congregation.

This supplication is unanimously granted, and the congregation put under the care of the Presbytery of Root.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

### *Ninth Session. Saturday, ten o'clock, A.M.*

II. A supplication was presented to the Synod from that part of Clare the congregation of Clare, which adhered to M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the Synod, stating that the refractory members of the congregation continued to exclude M<sup>r</sup> Adams from the meeting-house & had called in Seceders, who had supplied & continue to supply that part of the congregation with preaching. Supplicants pray the interposition of the Synod to put M<sup>r</sup> Adams in possession of his Meeting-house.

A supplication was also presented from 81 members of said congregation declaring their unwillingness to connect themselves with the Seceders, & praying the disannexion of M<sup>r</sup> Adams from the congregation as the only means of restoring peace, & preserving the congregation under the care of the Synod.

After hearing the Commissioners, M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the Presbytery of put under the Armagh, it was unanimously resolved, that this congregation shall be care of a put under the care of a committee of the General Synod, & that the Committee of committee may allow the people to invite a probationer on trial; and if elected, may ordain him as Assistant & Successor to M<sup>r</sup> Adams. The congregation to be informed that an assistant Minister is to be granted them, provided the friends to order & discipline in that place

will submit respectfully to the Authority of the Synod, & give their countenance & aid to the Ministers sent there by this body.

Names of the committee, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna, W<sup>m</sup> Wright, John M<sup>c</sup>Cance, W<sup>m</sup> Magowan, David Bennet, Moses Finlay, John Johnston.

D<sup>r</sup> Dickson's  
Apology

D<sup>r</sup> Dickson having been heard at considerable length on the subject of the resolutions given to him yesterday, handed a paper to the Clerk, as his apology & explanation.

disapproved of

Resolved, that this Synod disapprove of what D<sup>r</sup> Dickson has offered as an Apology ; but that under all the circumstances, they dismiss this subject, & order said paper to be returned to D<sup>r</sup> Dickson.

Notice of protest

Against this resolution M<sup>r</sup> Wright & others signified their intention of protesting, & of assigning their reasons in due time.

III. A memorial was presented to the Synod from the congregation of Ballyeaston, requesting to be taken from under the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick & put under the care of the Presbytery of Belfast.

Ordered that the Congregation of Ballyeaston remain under the care of the Synod's committee for the present year.

M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Ker, in consequence of his application to the Synod, is disannexed from the Presbytery of Bangor & put under the care of the Presbytery of Armagh.

Protest

Reasons of protest against sustaining the report of the Belfast Presbytery respecting M<sup>r</sup> Walker.

We whose names are subjoined protest for the following reasons, viz :—

1<sup>st</sup>. Because a minister of the Gospel to be useful, must be "blameless."

2<sup>d</sup> Because M<sup>r</sup> Walker's confession & marriage of the woman cannot, from the circumstances in which he stood, be regarded as satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance.

3<sup>d</sup> Because the censure appears to bear no suitable proportion to the magnitude of the offence, & is not agreeable to the usage or discipline of this body.

4<sup>th</sup> Because it establishes a precedent which is dangerous to the interests of religion & morality in general & in particular cherishes a spirit of resistance to the exercise of discipline in our congregations.

Richard Dill

Samuel Dill

Richard Dill Jun<sup>r</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>, reasons

Henry Cook for do. do. do.

Francis Dill

W<sup>m</sup> Magowan

R. Rentoul

Hugh White Elder.



Protest against the previous question in the case of M<sup>rs</sup> Porter. Protest

We the undersigned members of Synod protest against the foregoing decision, for the following reasons.

1<sup>st</sup>. Because the moving of the previous question in this case, when the merits of the original motion had been only partly entered into, appears to us an infringement on the right on free discussion.

2<sup>d</sup>. Because we are now convinced that what D<sup>r</sup> Dickson has stated in his "Narrative" on this subject is substantially true, though perhaps in one unimportant point, not literally correct—inasmuch as it hath appeared from incontrovertible testimony, that an animated discussion did take place, not only in 1799, but in the year preceding, relative to the exclusion of M<sup>rs</sup> Porter from the list of annuitants on the Widows' fund; and also from a letter from a member of this body read by D<sup>r</sup> Black, in opposition to the original motion, which letter contains a statement to this affect, that "it was thought unnecessary to *put* the *question*," thus admitting that the observations which introduced the affair, were considered as *equivalent* to a motion.

Ministers	Ministers	Elders
William Porter	John Smith	Sam. Cunningham
H. Montgomery	R. Stewart for 1 <sup>st</sup> reason	Robert Malcom
John Mulligan	W. Waughope for do.	Will <sup>m</sup> Guiler
Hugh S. Woods	W. D. H. McEwen for do.	George Kidd
Rob <sup>t</sup> Acheson	J. A. Johnston	Adam Lynd
Hen. Henry	Robert Christie	James Blow
David Whyte	William Glendy	Tho. Hunter
Tho. Alexander	John Baird	John Kenedy
Will <sup>m</sup> Dunlop	Ham. Dobbin	John Patrick
N. Alexander	Robert Campbell	James Agnew
Robert Thomson	Alex <sup>r</sup> Montgomery	

#### INTERLOCUTOR.

A statement of the receipts and payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29<sup>th</sup> September last, was submitted to the Interlocutor & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the treasurer of the Widows fund up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1812 were examined & found correct.

D<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Neilson begged leave to postpone his intended motions till next year.

D<sup>r</sup> Black reported that he had lent the balance, in his hands, of the capital of the Widows' fund, to William Todd Esq., & John McIlwain.

Ordered, that D<sup>r</sup> Black do lend the balance of the capital of said fund, now in his hands, on such security as he may deem eligible.

Ordered that the annuity to be paid the widows this year be £40.

Instruction to  
Treasurer of  
W. Fund

On the representation of D<sup>r</sup> Black he is instructed to pay £20, one moiety of said annuity, so soon after the 1<sup>st</sup> of April next, as he may have sufficient funds in his hands.

Notice of a  
Motion

Mr Boyle gave notice that he will move at the meeting of the Interlocutor next year, that the annual subscription of the contributors to the Widows' fund be encreased from two to three pounds.

Synod concluded with prayer.

THO. CUMING, Clerk of Gen. Synod.

Inserted August 3<sup>d</sup> 1813.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1814.*

The Rev. James Morell, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Kings 10. 16 : then constituted it by prayer : after which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Presbytery.		Dromore Presbytery—continued.	
Dr. Dickson		John Johnston	Hugh Lockhart
William Moore	Tho. Sloan	James McClelland	
John Davidson	John Young	John White	Gilbert Cromie
John Cowan	John Campbell		
William Brown		Belfast Presbytery.	
Robert Cunningham		Henry Simson	
James Wilson	Wm. Dunlop	James McCulloch	
Robert Allen	Hen. Hunter	James Riddle	
Armagh Presbytery.		Fletcher Blakely	
Dr. Neilson		Bangor Presbytery.	
Thomas Cuning		Robert Acheson	
James Bankhead		John Mulligan	
Dr. Wm. Neilson		Hugh Woods	
Andw. G. Malcom		Hen. Montgomery	
Robert Adams	Archd. Aston	William Skelly	
James Davis	Wm. Graham		
Strabane Presbytery.		Dublin Presbytery.	
William Dunlop		John Baird	
William Porter		Ballymena Presbytery.	
David Guilkie		Tho. Henry	
John McFarlane		Henry Henry	John Brownlees
Derry Presbytery.		John Hall	
Dr. Black		Robert Stewart	
George Hay		Matthew Elder	
James Johnston		George McClelland	John Smith
Templepatrick Presbytery.		William Waughope	
Robert Orr		Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Robert Campbell		Edward Reid	
Nathl. Alexander	John Mairs	John Gillespie	
Henry Cook	Wm. Baird	John Allen	
Dromore Presbytery.		Tho. Kernaghan	
John Thomson	Robt. Lewis	Clogher Presbytery.	
James McIlwain		James Ker	
Hamilton Dobbin		John Samson	
William Wright	John Hanna	James Philips	
William Magowan		John Anderson	



Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Roote Presbytery.		Monaghan Presbytery—continued.	
James Elder		James Gibson	
Daniel McKee		James Harpur	
Sol. Brown	Wm. McKelvy	Robert Winning	
Wm. Lyle	Wm. Ker		
Monaghan Presbytery.		Synod's Committee	
Joseph Denham		Samuel Elder	John Allen
Henry McIlree		Elder from Brigh	Oliver Junk
James Morell			

Mr Morell having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cullogh, Cunningham, Malcom, M<sup>c</sup>Farlane, Hay, Campbell, M<sup>c</sup>Ilwain, Woods, Baird, Stewart Reid, Anderson, Elder & Harpur.

Mr Hay Modr                      The Roll was called & Mr Hay chosen.

Mr Cuming continued Clerk.

Order to Presbyteries                      The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, since last Gen. Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to and after their return from College by their respective presbyteries; & such other returns as our regulations require:—An account of Annuitants on the fund; of any that have died; & of the time when such did die.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session, Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports.

1 died                      Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 3<sup>d</sup> of August last they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Harkness, William Lyle, James & John Patterson, to preach the Gospel. That the Rev. Mr Chambers died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August last, leaving a widow & family. That on the 24<sup>th</sup> September last they ordained the Rev. James Wilson in the congregation of Maherafelt, & on the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. the Rev. Robert Allen in the congregation of Stewartstown, who are both contributors to the widows' fund. That on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October last they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Geo. Smith, W<sup>m</sup> Brown, Robert Clark, & Rob<sup>t</sup> Creighton, previous to their going to College for the first time. Have on trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Hogg, Walker Gourley, John Gibson, John Adams, James Collins, Robert Park, &

2 Ordained

Robert Lyle. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Adams, Boylan, <sup>7</sup> Annuitants Dougal, Simson, Chambers, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.

Armagh Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. James <sup>1</sup> Ordained Davis in the congregation of Banbridge on the 23<sup>d</sup> of March last, who is a contributor to the widows' fund. That they have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy & Jenkins. Have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Thom and the <sup>2</sup> Annuitants family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw.

Strabane Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> John Davis, and have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, Hamill & Anderson. <sup>3</sup> Annuitants

Derry Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Knox died on the <sup>1</sup> died 21<sup>st</sup> of November last, leaving neither widow nor family. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle. <sup>5</sup> Annuitants

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Baird, Samuel Eccles, and David Davidson. That M<sup>r</sup> Reid died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February last leaving neither widow nor <sup>1</sup> died family, & that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> White, Gibson, and <sup>3</sup> Annuitants Montgomery.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they installed the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> D. <sup>1</sup> Installed H. M<sup>c</sup>Ewen at Killyleagh on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, & ordained M<sup>r</sup> <sup>1</sup> Ordained John Whyte at Rathfriland on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September last. They both subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith according to order. M<sup>r</sup> White is a contributor to the widows' fund. D<sup>r</sup> Little, late minister of Killyleagh, died in the month of July last leaving a widow <sup>1</sup> died & family. They have licensed M<sup>r</sup> James Turretine since last meeting, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. Have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Nicholson, William Dickson, and James Thomson. Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, Carson, Crozier, & Carlisle, were examined in October last, previous to their going to College for the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hay who lives in the county of Donegall, M<sup>rs</sup> <sup>5</sup> Annuitants Thomson & daughter, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, Barber, & Little.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Harrison to preach the Gospel, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. That they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> James Cochran. That they examined & received the necessary specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Hutton, Mayne, M<sup>c</sup>Cormick, Orr, James & Alexander Heron, after their return from college for the first time. That the Rev. Charles Gray resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Castlereagh on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, and was at the same time suspended *ab officio* <sup>2</sup> Suspended *sine die*, for drunkenness & neglect of duty. That they have suspended until this meeting of Synod, the Rev. John Walker for solemnising the rite of marriage between Philip Savage Esq., & M<sup>rs</sup> Arnold, neither of them members of his congregation, but both of Donaghadee, the lawful wife of M<sup>r</sup> Savage being still alive. The Presbytery do now request the advice of the Synod, as to what further steps they shall take in M<sup>r</sup> Walker's case. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Rowan, <sup>6</sup> Annuitants Kelburn, Henry & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 22<sup>d</sup> of September last, they ordained the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Campbell in the congregation of Clough, as



- 6 Annuitants assistant & successor to the Rev. Robert Porter, & that he expressed his desire to become a contributor to the widows' fund. That they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Purss and Henry Andrews to preach the Gospel. That they have examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Stevenson, David Thom, & Robert Dunn on their return from college; and Hugh Greenfield previous to his going to college the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hull now in America, Patterson, Bryson, Porter, Cochran & Arnold.
- 2 Annuitants Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers, Wilson & Cochran.
- 1 died  
6 Annuitants Ballimena Presbytery report, that they licensed to preach the gospel, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Craig on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, & M<sup>r</sup> Matthew Adams on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February last. They examined M<sup>r</sup> Marshal Moore previous to his going to college the first time, & after his return: also Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyd & Anderson after returning from college the third time. The Rev. David Park died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March last, leaving a widow & family. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lyndsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, & the families of Douglas & Hamilton.
- 5 Annuitants Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have licensed to preach the Gospel John M<sup>c</sup>Ilheney, & John Wray: have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clark & Hamilton; have examined previous to their going to and after their return from college, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bates, Allison & Rogers; and previous to his going to college, James Seaton Reid. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, Allen, & the families of Alexander & Love.
- Annuitants  
1 died  
1 on the fund Clogher Presbytery report, that they examined George Taylor previous to his going to college for the first time, and John Hamilton & Archibald Armstrong, on their return the second time. M<sup>rs</sup> Charleton died on the 23<sup>d</sup> of February last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.
- 2 Ordained Roote Presbytery report, that on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December last. they ordained the Rev. John Brown to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Aghadooey; and on the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst, the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Lyle to that of Dunbo. They both subscribed the W. Confession of Faith & are contributors to the Widows' fund. Have on first trials Henry Haslet, Rob<sup>t</sup> Anderson, W<sup>m</sup> Johnston, Hugh Hamill, Samuel Templeton & James Lynd. On second trials the Rev. Jackson Graham. The Rev. Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Clelland died in the beginning of Oct<sup>r</sup> last leaving a widow & family.
- 1 died  
11 Annuitants Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smilie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, Glasgo, Blair, Greer, lately married a second time having children by her former husband, Fullerton & M<sup>c</sup>Clelland.
- 6 Annuitants Monaghan Presbytery report, that they examined John Agnew, Andrew Breakey & William Kenedy, previous to their going to college the first time, & William Whyte on his return from college the second time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, Smith, Montgomery, White-side, Moore, & Rogers who resides in Dublin.
- 2 died  
2 Ordained Antrim Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Wightman died on the 2<sup>d</sup> of July last, leaving a family, & M<sup>r</sup> Marshal in October last also leaving a family. That they ordained the Rev. William Heron in the congregation of Ballyclare, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, and the Rev. Sam<sup>l</sup> H.



Sloane in the congregation of Holywood on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April last, both are subscribers to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Crombie, 6 Annuitants Vance, Nevin, Sinclair, & families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wightman & Marshal.

General Synod's fixed committee for the year 1814.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Tyrone,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Hogg & Allen
Armagh,	„ Bankhead & Davis
Strabane,	„ M <sup>c</sup> Crea & M <sup>c</sup> Farlane
Derry,	„ Mitchel & Johnston
Templepatrick,	„ Orr & Alexander
Dromore,	„ Thomson & M <sup>c</sup> Ilwain
Belfast,	„ Watson & Hanna
Bangor,	„ Woods & Montgomery
Dublin,	„ Horner & Baird
Ballymena,	„ M <sup>c</sup> Clelland & Waughope
Letterkenny,	„ J. Huston & Nelson
Clogher,	„ Samson & Stephenson
Roote,	„ Solomon Brown
Monaghan,	„ Denham & Harpur

These with and Elder from each presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk, are to mee at Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency; Fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at 1 o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, 1 o'clock, .PM.*

Moved that Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Belfast was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next, in the meeting-house of the third congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock Afternoon. Synod to meet at Belfast

Code of  
discipline

Mr Thomson on the part of the committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the government of this Church, reported that they had not been able to complete the work, but that they had made some progress, & were willing if desired, to prosecute the business until its completion.

Resolved that the committee be continued, & instructed to proceed to fulfil their appointment, with as little delay as possible.

Mr Wright's  
reasons of  
protest

Mr Wright according to his notice of last year, gave in his reasons of protest, which are as follows :—

1. Because I feel confident that the Synod of 1813 was less competent to judge on the subject alluded to than the Synods of 1799 and 1805.

2. Because the proceedings of last year on this subject cast a reflection & stigma on characters high in the estimation of this body, men who are now no more.

3. Because the proceeding was irregular, unprecedented, & of dangerous tendency.

On reading the minute of last year respecting the publication of Dr Black's speeches, it was moved that each Minister of the Synod be ordered to pay for 20 Copies of his pamphlet, published at their request. To this motion the following amendment was moved,—“That it be recommended by the Moderator to each minister of this Synod to pay Dr Black for 20 copies of his publication.” The motion thus amended was carried, & the Moderator recommended accordingly.

Report &  
recommendation  
the Synod's  
Committee

Mr Thomson as chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the Managers & visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution, reported that the Committee had met at Belfast according to appointment, where they had been waited on by the Managers & Visitors, who communicated to the committee the means by which they conceived the Synod had it in their power to promote the interest of the institution. In consequence of this communication the committee agreed to recommend to the Synod.

1. That the same respect be paid by the Synod of Ulster to the certificates of the Belfast Academical Institution, of attendance & progress of the Students in learning, as to the certificates from foreign universities ; so soon as adequate professors are appointed to lecture, in this institution, on the different branches of Science which the Synod points out to the Students under its care.

2. The committee recommend to the serious consideration of the Synod the expediency of establishing in the Belfast Institution a Professorship of Divinity, Hebrew & Ecclesiastical history.

3. They recommend to the members of the Synod to assist in raising subscriptions in their different congregations, which will be appropriated solely to the literary department of the Institution.

Moved & seconded that the consideration of this subject be postponed, & recommended to the serious consideration of the Synod till its next meeting. After some discussion, the Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the discussion of the motion for postponing the consideration of the recommendation of the Synod's committee respecting the Belfast Academical Institution, being resumed, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolved that the following letter to the Rev. John Thomson, Chairman of the Synod's deputation be inserted in the minutes.

Belfast 25<sup>th</sup> June 1814.

Reverend Sir,

Since the Managers & visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution had the honor of meeting you & the other Gentlemen who composed the deputation from the Synod of Ulster in August last, several very important circumstances have occurred in the affairs of the Institution, which they wish you to communicate to the other members of the deputation, and also to the Synod.

Letter from the  
Managers &  
Visitors of the  
B. A. Institution

All the principal schools of the Institution have been opened & masters selected eminently qualified to give to youth a critical knowledge of the Greek, Latin, English & French languages; as also of Arithmetic & Mathematics. The writing department has also been remarkably well filled. The Managers & Visitors have also to inform you, that there is now delivering a course of lectures on Natural Philosophy, another on Chymistry, and a third on Mechanics by a very able professor, D<sup>r</sup> Andrew Ure from the Andersonian Institution, Glasgow:—a gentleman well acquainted with those sciences, and familiar with all the late important discoveries.

The Managers & Visitors have farther to inform you that in the month of November last they had a petition presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant praying that his Lordship would be pleased to sanction an application from them to the Imperial Parliament, for pecuniary aid. This his Excellency has been graciously pleased to do. In the course of the Winter a petition was presented to the House of Commons; & in the month of March their Secretary had an official letter from M<sup>r</sup> Fitzgerald the Irish Chancellor of the Exchequer, stating that he would present the petition to Parliament, & move for a grant of money in aid of their funds. In the progress of the session their petition was presented, & referred to a Committee, who reported favourably on the prayer of the petition, & in a few days the Managers & Visitors expect to have an account of a grant being voted in aid of their funds.

Thus situated, they feel confident that it will shortly be in their power to appoint additional Professors, particularly one for Moral Philosophy, Logic & Metaphysics, which were considered by the deputation in their individual capacities, as most necessary to complete the studies of Students in Divinity, under the charge of the Synod of Ulster.

The Managers & Visitors beg the favour of your communicating these particulars to the Gen. Synod of Ulster. They have no doubt



but collections could be made for an ample provision for the endowment of a Professorship of Divinity, Hebrew & Church History, in the several congregations under the charge of the Synod, the establishment of which would meet the wishes of the present students, & in future render the migration of Irish Students to another country unnecessary.

With much respect, I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Signed by order

DONEGALL President.

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Synod's deputation to the Belfast Institution be approved of.

Magilligan

Resolved, that the Moderator be instructed to apply to Government for a portion of his Majesty's bounty to the newly erected congregation of Magilligan.

The committee appointed to take charge of the congregation of Clare, made their report.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Thursday, ten o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Wright gave in his reasons of protest against dismissing the subject of D<sup>r</sup> Dickson's apology last year, which are as follows :

'Because by dismissing this subject the Synod does not do justice to its character as a body, nor to individual members of it, whose characters have been attacked by D<sup>r</sup> Dickson in his narrative & retractation.'

Ordered that the congregation of Ballyeaston do return to the care of the Presbytery of Templepatrick.

## OVERTURES.

I. The following addresses to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, & his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant were unanimously agreed to.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE REGENT OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND.

May it please your Royal Highness,

Address to the  
Prince Regent

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to offer to your

Royal Highness our humble congratulations on the re-establishment of peace among the states of Europe, & to express our anxious hope for a speedy & honorable issue of the contest in which your Royal Highness is still engaged.

During the late war with France & her dependencies, now so happily terminated, we ceased not to offer up our prayers to Him who ruleth over the nations to guide & prosper the counsels of your Royal Father, our beloved King, in his endeavours to maintain the rights & liberties of his people, & to restore order to a distracted world.

We beheld with gratitude & satisfaction the measures pursued by your Royal Highness in furtherance of the same great & salutary objects, & we have now to join in thanksgiving to Almighty God who hath so signally manifested his protection of this realm, during a long & arduous contest.

Under the direction of his unerring Providence the efforts of your Royal Highness, & those of your august allies, have been crowned with the desired success; the arrogant pretensions of lawless ambition have been humbled; the sword has been wrested from the hand of the Oppressor; and suffering Europe enjoys the prospect of a long repose.

We return your Royal Highness our sincere thanks for the exertions which you have made to procure the entire abolition of the Slave trade. We regret the failure of those exertions for the present; but we entertain the fullest confidence that your Royal Highness will embrace every opportunity which may offer for putting an end to that inhuman traffic.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness that we are duly sensible in our humble sphere, of the blessings we enjoy under a free constitution, & mild & beneficent Government, & that we shall continue to inculcate on all those of our communion the principles of peace, exemplified by an obedience to the laws, & good will & affection to our fellow-subjects.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1814.

GEORGE HAY, Moderator.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES LORD VISCOUNT WHITWORTH, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, &  
GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster assembled at our annual meeting, take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to transmit the enclosed Address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

We entreat your Excellency to be assured of the high estimation in which we hold your Excellency's character, & of our perfect reliance on the wisdom & firmness of your Excellency's administration in the impartial execution of the Laws, & the maintenance of order & tranquillity in this part of the United Kindgom.

Signed in our name, & by our order, at Cookstown, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1814.

GEORGE HAY Moderator.

Resolved that fair copies of these addresses be made out & transmitted by the Moderator to the Lord Lieutenant.

Ordered, that the Addresses with their answers be published in the *Dublin Evening Post*, the *Correspondent*, the two Belfast Papers, the *Newry Telegraph*, & the *Londonderry Journal*.

Overture  
postponed

II. Overtured that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cook, John Thomson, & Stewart, do prepare a petition to Parliament for the purpose of preventing distillation on the Sabbath & submit it to the the Synod to-morrow.

The petition was drawn up & submitted accordingly, but as it could not be engrossed & ready for signatures at this meeting, the consideration of this overture was postponed till next year.

III. Overtured & unanimously agreed to, that our Moderator be enjoined to write to the Moderator of the Gen. Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to enquire whether the law of the Assembly which excludes from their pulpits, Ministers of a particular description, be intended to apply to the ministers & licentiates of the General Synod of Ulster; & if so, to request a copy it.

## BILLS.

Millisle

I. A supplication was presented to the Synod from the congregation of Millisle praying the Synod to instruct the Presbytery of Belfast to restore M<sup>r</sup> Walker, suspended until this meeting, to the congregation of Millisle, when the Synod may think prudent; as they are convinced that M<sup>r</sup> Walker must have been deceived in the matter of M<sup>r</sup> Savage's marriage with M<sup>rs</sup> Arnold; & that though they admit M<sup>r</sup> Walker's imprudence, yet they have the highest opinion of his goodness & integrity, & think that he would be more useful in the congregation than any other minister.

Mr Walker  
degraded

The Presbytery of Belfast, & the commissioners from the congregation, being heard at great length & ordered to withdraw, it was moved & seconded that M<sup>r</sup> Walker be degraded from the ministerial Office.

This motion passed unanimously.

Resolved that the Presbytery of Belfast ought to have issued this business when it came before them, without referring it to the Synod; and that we highly disapprove of the hesitation of the Presbytery in declaring their final Judgment on a matter so flagrantly immoral as



the conduct of M<sup>r</sup> Walker ; and that we feel particularly indignant at the conduct of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cullogh, a member of that Presbytery, in endeavouring to skreen M<sup>r</sup> Walker from the punishment due to his gross immorality.

II. A memorial was presented to the Synod from a part calling <sup>Carlan</sup> themselves the Synodical majority of the Congregation of Carlan, complaining of partiality & irregularity in taking a poll for M<sup>r</sup> Willis, a candidate for that congregation, & praying the Synod to take them from under the care of the Presbytery of Tyrone, to place them under the care of a committee of the Synod, & to instruct the committee to grant them a second hearing & poll for M<sup>r</sup> Willis.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the consideration of the memorial from the Congregation of Carlan was entered into, & the commissioners & Presbytery of Tyrone being heard, it was moved & agreed to, under all the circumstances, that a new poll be granted to that congregation.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Seventh Session. Friday ten o'clock, A.M.*

Ordered that the Presbytery of Tyrone do take a new poll for M<sup>r</sup> Willis in the Congregation of Carlan, strictly according to Synodical regulations.

III. A supplication was presented from the congregation of Clare, <sup>Clare</sup> detailing at great length, the difficulties in which that part of the congregation who wish to remain in connection with the Synod are still involved, & praying the Synod to procure them a portion of the Royal bounty without which they conceive themselves utterly unable to procure & support an able & zealous Minister, without whose exertions the congregation must, in their opinion, fall into ruin : and to continue the congregation under the Synod's Committee.

The committee, & commissioners from the congregation, having been heard at great length, & the commissioners having withdrawn :

It was moved & agreed to, that the prayer of the supplication respecting the Royal Bounty cannot be complied with ; but that when a minister shall be settled in that congregation, this Synod will be disposed to give their countenance & sanction to any practicable measure that may be devised for his support.

M<sup>r</sup> Adams signified his determination to give a full discharge to the Congregation for all stipend, on his being paid up till May 1812.

Resolved that the Synod do highly approve of the conduct of the committee appointed to take charge of the congregation of Clare, with the exception of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance who appears to have entirely neglected his duty. The conduct of Clare committee approved of

Resolved that the congregation be continued under the care of the committee of last year, with the exception of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, & the addition of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Allister, M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin & M<sup>r</sup> Cunningham.

Empowered to  
supply the  
Cong<sup>n</sup> *gratis*  
for 1 year

Resolved that said committee be empowered to supply the congregation of Clare with preaching by the ministers of this Synod, who are enjoined to give their services *gratis* for the space of one year, unless the congregation shall be sooner settled with a minister.

M<sup>r</sup> Gray  
degraded

The return from the Presbytery of Belfast being read, the Presbytery were asked why they did not degrade M<sup>r</sup> Gray for such gross immorality as *drunkenness* and *neglect of duty*, instead of suspending him *sine die*; & the Presbytery being heard in accounting for their conduct: It was moved & agreed to that M<sup>r</sup> Gray be degraded from the ministerial office.

Thanks to the  
Inhabitants of  
Cookstown

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Synod be given to the inhabitants of Cookstown, for the uniform attention which they have discovered towards the comfort & accommodation of its members during a period of thirteen years.

Ordered that this resolution be published in the Belfast Newspapers.

#### INTERLOCUTOR.

A statement of the Receipts & payments of his Majesty's bounty, ending the 29<sup>th</sup> of September last, was submitted to the Interlocutor & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Widows' fund were examined & found correct.

D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson declined making the second motion of which he had given notice in 1811, but proceeded to make the first viz., that the eleventh regulation of the Widows fund, as published in 1809, be repealed. This motion after some discussion was withdrawn.

M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead gave notice that he will bring forward a motion next year to permit, under certain restrictions, degraded ministers to continue connected with the Widows' fund.

D<sup>r</sup> Black reported, that he had lent the balance of the widows' fund in his hands, according to the instructions of last year's Interlocutor, to W<sup>m</sup> Todd Esq., & that he had taken a mortgage on the lands of Bunerana for that balance & the sum formerly lent M<sup>r</sup> Todd.

Annuity £40

Ordered that the annuity to the Widows this year be £40, & that the payments be half-yearly.

Capital of the widows' fund in the year 1813	£26,652 :	5 :	4
Interest arising from the same ..	..	1,549 :	10 : 0
Number of contributors—211.			
Sum by them contributed ..	..	982 :	10 : 0
Number of Annuitants—74.			
Amount of Annuities paid them ..	..	2,880 :	0 : 0

Ordered that D<sup>r</sup> Black be requested to retain in his hands 10 shillings from the next half-year's bounty of each minister in the first class, 7<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> from each minister in the second class, & 5 shillings from each minister in the third class, as a fund for defraying the Synod's debts.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted July 25<sup>th</sup> 1814 by

THO. CUMING, Clk. Gen. Synod.

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*A General Synod at Belfast June 27<sup>th</sup> 1815.*

The Rev. George Hay, the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Cor. 12, 13: Then constituted it by prayer: After which were present from the several presbyteries the following members, viz., from:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Presbytery.		Belfast Presbytery.	
Thomas Cuming		Geo. Brydone	Hen. Coulter
James Bankhead	Robt. Dickson	Joseph Harrison	Matth. Morrow
Andrew G. Malcom		Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad
Samuel Arnold		Samuel Watson	Wm. McEwen
Robert Adams		Hen. Simson	Adam Boyd
James Davis		James McCullogh	Hn. Boyd
		James Riddle	John Hunter
Strabane Presbytery.		Fletcher Bleakly	Gavin Orr
		John Hanna	Tho. Hill
No member attended		Bangor Presbytery.	
Derry Presbytery.		Andw. Craig	James Ward
George Hay		James Sinclair	
Andw. McCaldin	Robert Lyle	Robt. Acheson	Wm. Boyd
James Johnston	Henry Kidd	John Watson	John Cooper
Templepatrick Presbytery.		Wm. Moreland	Tho. Gelston
John Bankhead		John Mulligan	James Lunn
John Savage	Tho. Herdman	Andrew Gowdy	Robt. McKee
Adam Hill		Hugh Woods	Henry Rankin
Robert Orr	John Bell	Hn. Montgomery	Wm. Hunter
John Murphy		David Whyte	
Thomas Alexander		Wm. Finlay	John Sinclair
Robert Campbell	James Blow	William Skelly	
Nathl. Alexander	John Wilson	William Campbell	
Henry Cook	Andw. Thomson	Dublin Presbytery.	
William Glendy		John Baird	
Samuel Elder		James Carlisle	Wm. Gilbert
		Samuel Simson	
Dromore Presbytery.		Ballymena Presbytery.	
James Birch	Jas. Birch Black	Tho. Henry	James English
John Thomson	Robt. Lewis	Hen. Henry	Geo. Jackson
James Waddel		Alexr. Montgomery	Jos. McRory
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson	Robert Stewart	Adam Duffin
Alexr. Patterson	Geo. Galbraith	George McClelland	
Hamilton Dobbin	James Boyd	William Wauhope	John Patrick
Wm. Wright	Rob. Gardiner	Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Moses Finlay			
Hugh McAllister			
Wm. Magowan	Dr. Turretine		
James Black	John White	Edward Reid	
Wm. McEwen	Wm. Shields	John Gillespie	Tho. Smith
John Johnston	Wm. Crozier		
James McClelland	Jno. Armstrong		

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Clogher Presbytery.		Monaghan Presbytery—continued.	
John Anderson	James Irwin	Patrick Whyte	
		James Harpur	
Roote Presbytery.		Tyrone Presbytery.	
Matthew Elder		Dr. Dickson	
John Whiteside		John Davison	Jno. Adams
Richard Dill		David Bennet	
James Huey		Robert Cunningham	
John Brown	Hugh Rankin	Robert Allen	Robt. Park
Samuel Butler			
Monaghan Presbytery.		Elders from vacant congregations &c.	
Matthew Turnbull		Dunluce	Adam Hunter
James Gowdy		Castlereagh	Wm. Clawson
Henry McIlree		Carlin	Jno. Kenedy
Archibald Meharg			

M<sup>r</sup> Hay having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod the following brethren were named, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Malcom, M<sup>c</sup>Caldin, Savage, M<sup>c</sup>Cance, Brydone, Acheson, Baird, Stewart, Reid, Anderson, Huey, M<sup>c</sup>Ilree, & Cunningham.

The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night & to Standing Order prepare lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & Gen. Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials since last general Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to, & after their return from college by their respective presbyteries: and such other returns as our regulations require. An account of Annuitants on the fund, of any that have died, & of the time when such did die.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-[morrow] morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday Morning 10 o'clock.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several presbyteries of their members for the several committees, also the following reports:—

Armagh Presbytery report, that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Kenedy & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Jenkins in October last, to preach the Gospel. That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clarke & Smith previous to their going to college the first time, & M<sup>r</sup> Bleakley previous to his going to college the third time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thom & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw.

Strabane Presbytery, No report.

Derry Presbytery report, that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Robert Thomson previous to his going to college. They have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> John Gilfillan & M<sup>r</sup> David Mills. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten & M<sup>rs</sup> Law.

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Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Baird, Samuel Eccles & Dav<sup>d</sup> Davidson. That they examined previous to their going to college & on their return Mess<sup>rs</sup> Crawford, Shaw, & Thomson. That the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Thomson died about the middle of August last, leaving a Widow. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, Montgomery, & Thomson.

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Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. Isaac Patrick died in October last leaving a widow and family. That since last meeting of Synod they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Nicholson, W<sup>m</sup> Dickson, Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Crory, who all subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, agreeable to order. They entered upon first trials James Birch Black, James Gardiner, David Watson, W<sup>m</sup> Scott, & W<sup>m</sup> Adair. M<sup>r</sup> James Thomson was on first trials, but having been appointed teacher of Mathematicks in the Belfast Academical Institution, has discontinued proceeding with his trials for the present. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hay who resides in Donegal, M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson & daughter, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, Barber, Little, & Patrick.

1 ordained

Belfast Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. John Hanna in the Congregation of Millisle on the first Tuesday of May last, as assistant & successor to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Greer: he subscribed the Westminster confession of faith & is a subscriber to the Widows' fund. That the[y] licensed M<sup>r</sup> James Cochran on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, who also subscribed the W. confession of faith. That they have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bailie, M<sup>c</sup>Cormick, Harrison James & Alex<sup>r</sup> Heron. That they examined & received the necessary specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Orr, Neilson, and Hutton, after their return from college, & examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kirk & Reid previous to their going to college for the first time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kenedy, M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Rowan, Kilburn, Henry, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

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Bangor Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Caldwell died on the 2<sup>d</sup> of October last, & the Rev. Robert Porter on the 22<sup>d</sup> March last, each leaving a widow. That they have examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> David Thom & Rob<sup>t</sup> Dunn previous to their going to college the fourth time, & Hugh Greenfield previous to his going to college the second time. That they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, now in America, Patterson, Bryson, Porter, Arnold, Caldwell, & M<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Porter.

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Dublin Presbytery report, that on the 23<sup>d</sup> May last they ordained the Rev. Samuel Simson in the congregation of Usher's Quay, as colleague to the Rev. Hugh Moore. M<sup>r</sup> Simson adhered to his former subscription to the Westminster confession of faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' fund. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson & M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran.



Ballymena Presbytery report, that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Allison previous to his going to college for the first time, & M<sup>r</sup> Marshal Moore, after his return the 2<sup>d</sup> time. Have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyd & Anderson. That the Rev. Benjamin Mitchel resigned the pastoral <sup>1 resigned</sup> charge of the congregation of Ballymoney on the 9<sup>th</sup> May last. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, Park, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they have licensed to preach the Gospel Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clarke & Hamilton; that they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Reid & Gibson previous to their going to, & after their return from college the first time: Mess<sup>rs</sup> Allison & Bates, after their return the second time; and M<sup>r</sup> Rogers after his return the third time. They have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, Burke, Allen & the families of Alexander & Love.

Clogher Presbytery report, that they examined M<sup>r</sup> James Clements previous to his going to, & on his return from college the first time. That they examined and received specimens from M<sup>r</sup> John Hamilton on his return from college the third time, & from Archibald Armstrong & James M<sup>c</sup>Williams on their return the second time. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Roote Presbytery report, That on the 15<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> last, they ordained <sup>2 ordained</sup> to the pastoral charge of Armoy the Rev. Jackson Graham, & on the 15<sup>th</sup> September the Rev. Samuel Butler to that of the newly-erected congregation of Magilligan; both subscribed the Westminster confession of faith, & became contributors to the Widows' fund. On the 26<sup>th</sup> July they licensed to preach the Gospel Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry Haslet, Robert Anderson, & W<sup>m</sup> Johnston who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith: have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Hamill, James Lynd, & Samuel Templeton. They examined previous to their entering college & after their return Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Neilson, John M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, & And<sup>w</sup> Mitchel. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smylie, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, M<sup>c</sup>Mullan, Glasgo, Blair, Fullerton, Greer & children, and M<sup>c</sup>Clelland.

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they examined Robert Rusk & W<sup>m</sup> Kenedy on their return from college the first time, and Tho. Kenedy, And<sup>w</sup> Breakey & James White, on their return from college the second time. That they suspended *ab officio* for three months the Rev. Archibald Meharg for irregularity of conduct. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, Smyth, Montgomery, Whiteside, Moore, & Rogers who resides in Dublin.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 2<sup>d</sup> August last, they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Collins, Robert Park, & Rob<sup>t</sup> Lyle to preach the Gospel. That they examined Ja<sup>s</sup> Morgan, James Collins, James Adams, Samuel Sloan, William Anderson, & Andrew Campbell previous to their going to college for the first time. They examined W<sup>m</sup> Smith, & Robert Creighton on their return from College, & have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair, Hutcheson, Hamilton, John & Francis Magowan. That on the 31<sup>st</sup> March last, they ordained the Rev. Joshua Willis as <sup>1 ordained</sup> assistant & successor to the Rev. James Whiteside in the congregation

Wid. dead  
1 died

of Benburb, He is a contributor to the Widows' fund. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Boylan, Dougal, Simson, Chambers, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart. M<sup>r</sup> Adams died on the 23<sup>d</sup> December last.

Presb. of  
Strabane

Antrim Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Bryson died on the 6<sup>th</sup> May last, leaving a family; & that they have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Crombie, Vance, Nevin, Sinclair, & the families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wightman, Marshal, & Bryson.

The Clerk having read a letter from the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop of the Presbytery of Strabane in which he attempts to apologise for the absence of himself & Co-presbyters at this meeting; the Synod feels itself called upon to declare, that the Apology is by no means satisfactory, & that it cannot receive the report annexed to M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop's letter, inasmuch as it does not come before the Synod in an official form.

The Presbytery of Strabane are strictly enjoined to attend the next meeting of Synod.

Gen. Synod's fixed Committee for the year 1815.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Armagh,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Arnold & Davis
Strabane,	„ No return
Derry,	„ Hay & Johnston
T.Patrick,	„ N. Alexander & Cook
Dromore,	„ Thomson & Paterson
Belfast,	„ Riddle & Jno. Hanna
Bangor,	„ Acheson & Gowdy
Dublin,	„ Baird & Simson
B.mena,	„ Elder & Wauhope
L.Kenny,	„ Reid & Gillespie
Clogher,	„ Millar & Philips
Roote,	„ Whiteside & Huey
Monaghan,	„ Trimble & Whyte
Tyrone,	„ Davison & Cunningham

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk are to meet at Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency; fifteen to be a Quorum, of whom twelve, at least, are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, half-past one, P.M.*

On the second reading of the report from the Presbytery of Ballimena, it was moved & seconded, that the Presbytery be called on for a narrative of the proceedings which led to their acceptance of Mr Mitchel's resignation. On this motion the previous question was put and carried.

Moved that Belfast be the place of the Synod's meeting next year; <sup>Synod to meet</sup> Armagh was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Belfast <sup>at Belfast</sup> carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday in June next in the meeting-house of the third congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock, P.M.

Mr Hanna on the part of the committee appointed to prepare a code of discipline for the government of this church, read a skeleton of a <sup>Code of discipline</sup> directory for divine worship, & also of Presbyterian Church government.

Resolved, that these papers together with the outlines of a plan of discipline formerly read by Mr Thomson before this Synod, be printed by the committee, & that a copy be sent to each member of the Synod: and that the committee be requested, in the meantime to fill them up, & lay them before the Synod at it next meeting, for its consideration.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday morning seven o'clock.*

After prayer, on reading the minute of last year which recommends it to each minister to pay for 20 copies of Dr Black's pamphlet, it was moved that as Dr Black is not present, Dr Dickson be permitted at our next meeting in 1816 to bring forward such charges against Dr Black, & this body, as he shall have given regular notice concerning. <sup>Previous Question</sup>

On this motion the previous question was put & carried.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Thursday 10 o'clock, A.M.*

Mr Thomson presented the following letter from the managers & visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution. <sup>Belfast Academical Institution</sup>



Belfast 24<sup>th</sup> June 1815.

Rev. Sir,

The managers & visiters of the Belfast Academical Institution embrace the opportunity of the annual meeting of the General Synod of Ulster, to lay before them, through you, the farther progress of the Institution since the former communications they had the honor of making to that respectable body. Their letters to the Moderator of the Synod of the 22<sup>d</sup> June 1809, & of the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1813, their conference with the deputation of the same year, & their letter to the Rev. John Thomson, Moderator of the deputation, of the 22<sup>d</sup> June 1814, would fully inform the Synod, of the plan & objects of the Institution, & of the progress made to that date, in carrying them into effect.

It is with much pleasure the managers & visitors have now to state to the General Synod, that in a few days after their communication to M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, a grant of fifteen hundred pounds was made by the legislature, in aid of the funds of the Institution. A grant of the like sum has been made in the present session of Parliament, and having been classed by his Majesty's Ministers along with other national establishments which are annually provided for, there can be no doubt of the permanence of the grant, or of the stability of the institution.

Thus situated, the managers & visitors are preparing by degrees, to carry into effect the whole plan of education detailed in their prospectus, & sanctioned by the legislature in the act of incorporation. They have advertised for a professor to lecture on moral philosophy & metaphysics, and a professor to lecture on Logick, Rhetoric & Belles Lettres; and several highly respectable candidates have already offered themselves for these situations. These professorships, with the lectures on Chemistry, Natural philosophy, & Mechanics already established, will, with Divinity, Hebrew, & church history, (as they understand) complete the course of studies enjoined by the General Synod to the young men under their care who are intended for the ministry.

It was with much satisfaction, the managers & visitors understood from several members of the deputation, that the Idea of a home education was often entertained by the General Synod & cherished by some of its most respectable members. That at an early period of the establishment of the Presbyterians of Ulster, the young men intended for the ministry were taught philosophy at Antrim, at Newtown & at Killileagh, & that the same idea has lately been taken up by the Irish students of Divinity at Glasgow.

The advantages & practicability of a home education are evident, nor can the establishment, or endowment of a professor of Divinity be a matter of difficulty with the numerous population with which the General Synod is connected; and it now rests with them, to draw still closer the connexion with the Belfast Academical Institution, already established by the Legislature in the act of incorporation, & by which the Moderator of the General Synod of Ulster is made a perpetual visiter of the Institution.

The managers & visitors have entrusted the care of this letter to the Rev. John Thomson, the Moderator of the committee with which they held the conference, and they have appointed the Rev. Samuel Hanna, D<sup>r</sup> Stevenson, D<sup>r</sup> Drennan, D<sup>r</sup> Tennent, & M<sup>r</sup> William Boyd, to make such further communications as the General Synod may require, on the nature, objects, & prospects of the Institution.

Signed by order of the joint boards of managers & visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution.

ROBERT GETTY, Chairman of the joint Boards.

To the Moderator of the General Synod of Ulster.

This letter together with the former correspondence between the Synod & the Institution being read, it was moved & unanimously agreed to—"that the same respect be paid by the Synod of Ulster to the certificates of the Belfast Academical Institution, of attendance & progress of the Students in learning, as to the certificates from foreign universities; so soon as adequate professors are appointed to lecture in this Institution on the different branches of science which the Synod points out to the students under its care; provided a committee of this body who shall be annually appointed for the purpose shall concur in such certificates, & signify its approbation by the signature of its Moderator."

Certificates from  
the Belfast Ac.  
Ins. to be  
received by th  
Synod

The Synod having been informed that Hebrew is already taught in the institution by the Rev M<sup>r</sup> O'Beirne, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a professorship of Divinity & Church history be established by this Body in the Belfast Academical Institution, & that a committee be now appointed for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to carry this measure into execution.

Professorship  
of Divinity &  
Church History

Resolved that said committee be composed of a Minister & Elder from each Presbytery; and that the following be the members.

Committee

Presbyteries	Ministers	Elders
Armagh	James Bankhead	Tho. Prentice
Derry	George Hay	Rob <sup>t</sup> Kyle
Templepatrick	John Bankhead	James Blow
Dromore	John Thomson	W <sup>m</sup> M. Wilson
Belfast	Samuel Hanna	James Munfod
Bangor	Andrew Craig	John Crawford
Dublin	James Carlisle	William Gilbert
Ballimena	Thomas Henry	John Patrick

Presbyteries	Ministers	Elders
Letterkenny	Edward Reid	Nathaniel Scott
Clogher	Andrew Millar	James Irwin
Roote	John Whiteside	Adam Hunter
Monaghan	Matthew Trimble	Patrick Gibson
Tyrone	D <sup>r</sup> Dickson	Hugh White

The presbytery of Strabane are enjoined, to appoint a Minister & Elder to be members of said committee, at their first stated meeting.

Thirteen to be a quorum whereof eight at least are to be ministers. The committee to hold its first meeting this evening, in the Meeting-house, at eight o'clock, & report to the Synod, to-morrow morning.

M<sup>r</sup> Hay, the late Moderator, informed the Synod that he had in compliance with their order of last year, forwarded a Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant, praying his Excellency to grant a portion of his Majesty's bounty to the newly erected congregation of Magilligan; and that his Excellency had been pleased to order the sum of £50 to be included in the Annual estimate for the Minister of that congregation.

Ordered that the presbytery of Templepatrick & the committee for conducting the affairs of the Congregation of Ballyeaston do meet in the retiring-room at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning, to make arrangements for the payment of the Arrears due probationers, for supplying that congregation.

M<sup>r</sup> Hay reported that he had caused the addresses to the Prince regent & Lord Lieutenant to be printed, agreeably to the order of last year, & read an answer to the address to the Prince, which is as follows :—

Dublin Castle, 20 July 1815.

Sir,

The Lord Lieutenant having transmitted the address to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent from the Presbyterian Ministers & Elders of the Synod of Ulster, I am directed by his Excellency to acquaint you, that he has received a letter from the Viscount Sidmouth, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying that his Royal Highness was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

W. GREGORY.

To the Rev. Geo. Hay, Londonderry.



Answer to the address to the Lord Lieutenant.

Dublin Castle 9<sup>th</sup> July 1814.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing two addresses from the General Synod of Ulster, one to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the other to the Lord Lieutenant, which I immediately laid before his Excellency, who has commanded me to acquaint you that he will forward, forthwith, the Address to be laid before the Prince Regent. His Excellency at the same time directs me to return his best thanks for the approbation the Synod have expressed of his conduct, in the Administration of the government of Ireland.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. GREGORY.

Rev. George Hay, Londonderry.

M<sup>r</sup> Cook read the following petition to the house of Commons against distillation of spirits on the Lord's day which was approved of, ordered to be engrossed, & transmitted by the Moderator to the Right Honourable Lord Castlereagh, with the request of this Synod, that he would present it to the house of Commons. Petition against distillation on the Lord's day

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,  
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The petition of the Ministers & Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, assembled at their Annual meeting

Humbly sheweth,

“That whereas by an act of Parliament passed in the 46<sup>th</sup> year of our gracious Sovereign king George the third for the purpose of granting to his Majesty certain duties on spirits made & distilled in Ireland it is provided, “that every still shall be presumed to be kept *regularly* at work from the time of commencing to work, until the working shall be discontinued in manner specified: and that during every four weeks of said time every such still shall be presumed to continue working & be chargeable with duties for twenty-eight days,” which provision is understood to authorise distillation to continue on the Lord's day.

“Now we your petitioners considering that by the divine law, Christians are commanded to abstain from working on the Lord's day:—approving highly of those statutes by which its religious observance is enjoined;—convinced that its profanation has an immediate tendency to promote immorality & weaken the sense of religious obligation;—and understanding that an act permitting distillation to continue upon the Lord's day in Scotland has been repealed; do therefore most humbly pray, that so much of the aforesaid act as permits distillation to

continue upon the Lord's day in Ireland may be repealed, & such measures adopted as your honourable house shall in its wisdom consider adequate, effectually to guard it from profanation, agreeably to the intent of his Majesty's gracious proclamation issued upon the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1760."

And as in duty bound your petitioners shall every pray."

Ordered that a similar petition to the house of Lords be transmitted to the Marquis of Hertford, and that the Marquis be requested to present the same.

Mr Hay's report

Mr Hay informed the Synod that in compliance with their order, he had written, to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to enquire whether the law of the Assembly, which excludes from their pulpits, ministers of a particular description, be intended to apply to the general Synod of Ulster; & if so to request a copy of it.

In answer to this application Mr Hay read an un-official letter from the Moderator of the Assembly; containing the following extracts from the printed acts of that Church.

Extracts from  
printed acts of  
the General  
Assembly of the  
Church of  
Scotland

Anno 1799, C. 5. "That it is agreeable to the constitution, the laws & the decisions of this church, that no Probationer who has obtained a license without the bounds of this Church, or who has not obtained a license from a Presbytery of this church, or who either by going without the bounds of the church to obtain ordination, although he was not called to a particular congregation in another country, or by any other part of his conduct, has forfeited the license which he has obtained, shall be held qualified to accept of a presentation, or call, to any parish in this church, or to any chapel of ease connected therewith." All such presentations and calls are declared null & void. The second part of the Act "Prohibits all the ministers of this church & the ministers of all chapels of ease connected therewith from employing to preach, upon any occasion, or to dispense any of the other ordinances of the Gospel within any congregation under the jurisdiction of the church persons who are not qualified, according to the laws of this church to accept of a presentation, & from holding ministerial communion, in any other manner, with such persons."

Resolved, that our Moderator be directed to write to the General Assembly, stating, that we feel ourselves much aggrieved by the Act which excludes our ministers & licentiates from the pulpits of the church of Scotland, & requesting to know if the Assembly be disposed to alter its acts, in so far as it respects the members & licentiates of the Synod of Ulster, as we should be extremely sorry that anything should occur, or be suffered to continue, which might tend to interrupt that ministerial communion which we wish to maintain with that church.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Friday morning 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the committee for establishing a professorship of divinity & ecclesiastical history in the Belfast Academical Institution, made the following report :—

Resolved that it is the opinion of your committee that a fund shall be raised for the support of this professorship, and that a sum not less than three thousand pounds will be adequate to this purpose.

Report of the  
Committee for  
establishing a  
professorship of  
Divinity &  
Church history  
in the Belfast A.  
Institution

Resolved that your committee being of opinion that this fund be raised by voluntary subscriptions, recommend that Ministers subscribe liberally themselves, & that they with the assistance of their respective Sessions & committees be active in raising subscriptions through their congregations by application to individuals, & if ministers shall deem it prudent, they may make a public collection in their congregations for this purpose.

Resolved that Ministers forward the sums so raised by subscriptions, or collections, to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Hanna who is appointed treasurer to the committee, on, or before the first of November next.

Resolved that the Moderator together with the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Cuming, Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Maxwell Wilson, & M<sup>r</sup> James Munfod, be a sub-committee for superintending & forwarding the general designs of the committee.

Resolved that the committee do meet in Belfast on the first Thursday in November next, in the meeting house of the third congregation, at the hour of twelve o'clock.

JOHN THOMSON, Moderator.

After some discussion it was resolved, unanimously that the report be approved of, and that the Synod do earnestly recommend it to its Members & the congregations under its care, to be active & zealous in procuring the means of carrying into execution an object so important to the Presbyterian body in this country.

Report approved  
of & recom-  
mended by the  
Synod to its  
members & the  
congregations  
under its care

Resolved that a committee be now appointed for the purpose of attending the examinations of such students in Philosophy, in the Belfast Academical Institution, as may be entered in the reports of presbyteries to this Synod, & of expressing their satisfaction in their proficiency, by concurring with the professors in signing their certificates : And that the committee do consist of the following members :—

Committee of  
Examination

Armagh, M<sup>r</sup> Malcom

Ballimena, M<sup>r</sup> Stewart

Derry, M Hay

Letterkenny, M<sup>r</sup> Reid

T.patrick, M<sup>r</sup> T. Alexander

Clogher, M<sup>r</sup> Anderson

Members for the  
year 1815



Dromore,	M <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cance	Roote,	M <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Dill
Belfast,	M <sup>r</sup> Bleakley	Monaghan,	M <sup>r</sup> Morell
Bangor,	M <sup>r</sup> Montgomery	Tyrone,	M <sup>r</sup> Moore
Dublin,	M <sup>r</sup> Carlisle	Strabane,	M <sup>r</sup> Dunlop

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Seventh Session. Friday ten o'clock, A.M.*

Mr M<sup>c</sup>Cance

On reading the minute of last year, which censures M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance for neglecting his duty as a member of the Clare committee, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance assigned such reasons for his apparent neglect of duty in this case, as were judged satisfactory by the Synod.

BILLS.

Clare

I. A supplication was presented from the congregation of Clare praying the Synod to dissolve the connexion between them and the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Adams, & to continue them under the care of the committee which had charge of them for the last year.

The committee appointed to take charge of that congregation reported to the Synod their proceedings during the last year; and the commissioners from Clare being heard; it was moved & agreed to that a committee consisting of a few members of Synod be ordered to withdraw with M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the commissioners, & to endeavour to accommodate matters between M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the congregation of Clare. The Synod in the meantime proceeded to the consideration of the remaining bills.

Mrs Gray

II. A supplication was presented to the Synod by M<sup>r</sup> Charles Gray, late minister of Castlereagh, complaining that the sentence of degradation pronounced on him by the Synod at its last meeting, was hasty, & unprecedented, & praying the Synod to rescind its sentence and leave him as he formerly stood, under the sentence of suspension *sine die* passed upon him by the Presbytery of Belfast. After reasoning on this subject at considerable length, and it having been stated by undoubted authority that M<sup>r</sup> Gray's conduct since the meeting of last year had been correct & irreproachable: The Synod on this account, as well as on account of the consequences resulting from the sentence of degradation to his innocent family, do grant the prayer of the supplication.

M<sup>r</sup> Walker

III. A supplication from M<sup>r</sup> John Walker, late minister of Millisle, was presented complaining that the Synod had taken his business out of the hands of an inferior Court before that Court had pronounced a final judgment, & of irregularity and cruelty in the Synod's sentence; and praying the Synod to appoint a Committee of their body to take his case into consideration.

AT BELFAST, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1815.

After considerable discussion it was moved, that the Act of Synod which degrades M<sup>r</sup> Walker be rescinded, on this motion the previous question was put & carried.

Resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> Walker's memorial be dismissed: but in dismissing this memorial the Synod has no intention of attaching blame to the Presbytery of Belfast, or of supposing for a moment that the Presbytery were actuated by indifference to the interests of religion & morality in the case of M<sup>r</sup> Walker.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Eighth Session. Saturday morning July 1<sup>st</sup> seven o'clock.*

After prayer, the committee appointed to converse with M<sup>r</sup> Adams Clare & the commissioners from Clare, reported that they had been unable to accommodate matters between the parties.

The Synod discussed this affair at great length, when it adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Ninth Session. Sat. 10 o'clock. A.M.*

The adjourned discussion respecting the Cong<sup>n</sup> of Clare being resumed, M<sup>r</sup> Adams, in order to terminate this unhappy business, voluntarily offered to contribute thirty pounds, *per annum* towards the support of a minister in Clare, so long as he shall be in receipt of the Royal Bounty, on account of the respect he bears to many of the members of that congregation, and his regard to the interest of the Presbyterian church.

Resolved that this offer be received by the Synod & recommended to the acceptance of the congregation: and although the Synod cannot comply with the entire prayer of their memorial, they continue the congregation under the care of the committee of last year, to whom they return their thanks for the great trouble they had in conducting the affairs of that congregation.

IV. A memorial from certain members of the congregation of Stonebridge was presented to the Synod, complaining of the Presbytery of Monaghan for refusing to try certain charges against the moral character of their minister the Rev. Arch<sup>d</sup> Meharg, & praying the Synod to give them such redress as to their wisdom may seem meet.

The Synod declines entering on this business at present, as it is given to understand that this case is intimately connected with a suit at present pending in a civil court: and in the meantime earnestly exhorts, by its Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Meharg & the commissioners from Stonebridge, to lay aside all causes of past animosity, & return to their friendly dispositions towards each other.

V. A memorial was submitted to the Synod from the congregation Ballyeaston of Ballyeaston praying to be disannexed from the Presbytery of Templepatrick, & put under the care of such other Presbytery as the Synod may appoint.

Keady

Resolved that the congregation of Ballyeaston, be disannexed from the Presbytery of Templepatrick, but for the present the Synod do not deem it expedient to annex them to any other Presbytery.

VI. A memorial was presented from the lately erected congregation of Keady stating that D<sup>r</sup> Dickson had resigned the pastoral charge of that cong<sup>n</sup> through infirmity; & praying the Synod to disannex them from the Presb. of Tyrone, & put them under the care of the Presb. of Armagh, & to apply to Gov. for a portion of his Majesty's bounty to that congregation.

Resolved, that this cong<sup>n</sup> be disannexed from the Presb. of Tyrone, & put under the care of the Presb. of Armagh; that our Moderator be instructed to apply to the Lord Lieutenant for a portion of his Majesty's bounty to that cong<sup>n</sup> so soon as a minister shall be ordained among them by the Presbytery under whose care they are now placed.

#### INTERLOCUTOR.

R.D.

A statement of the receipt & payments of his Majesty's royal Bounty for the year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1814 was submitted to the Interlocutor, on the part of the Agent (who was absent through indisposition) by M<sup>r</sup> Hay, & found correct & satisfactory.

Widow's fund

The accounts of the Widows' fund for the year ended the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1814, were in like manner submitted, & on examination found correct.

D<sup>r</sup> Black

While this Interlocutor expresses its satisfaction at the correctness of the above accounts; it feels itself called on by a sense of its obligation to D<sup>r</sup> Black, for his invariable attention to the interest & prosperity of its funds, from his important services to this body in general, as well as from its sincere respect & esteem for him as a Christian brother, to express its unfeigned concern for the cause of his absence.

Notice of a motion

At the request of M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, the following motion is placed upon our minutes, for the consideration of Ministers until next year. "That in case of the degradation of any minister who is a contributor to the fund, if there be a wife or family at the time of degradation, he or they, or any person for them, shall be permitted to continue their annual subscriptions in order that they may be entitled to the benefits of the fund."

Ordered that our treasurer do pay M<sup>r</sup> Cook the expenses incurred by engrossing & forwarding the petition to the two houses of Parliament against distillation on the Lord's day.

Resolved that the annuity to the widows be this year £40.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Interlocutor that all the capital of the Widows' fund should be vested in real landed security, and that a committee consisting of the following ministers, the Moderator, D<sup>r</sup> Bruce, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson & M<sup>r</sup> Hanna be now appointed for the purpose of corresponding with D<sup>r</sup> Black & Trustees, respecting the securities, on which the sums constituting that capital have been lent,



which committee are farther authorised, in conjunction with D<sup>r</sup> Black & the Trustees, to make such changes in these securities as may be necessary.

Capital of the W. Fund 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup> 1814	..	£27,002 : 6 : 9
One year's Int. arising from the same	..	1,567 : 10 : 0
Number of contributors—205.		
Sum by them contributed ..	..	864 : 0 : 0
Number of Annuitants—76.		
Am <sup>t</sup> of Annuities due & payable to them	..	2,930 : 0 : 0

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1815 by

THO. CUMING, Clerk of General Synod.

*A General Synod at Belfast, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1816.*

The Rev. John McCance the Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching from Proverbs iii, 17. then constituted it by Prayer ; after which were present from the several Presbyteries the following members : viz., from :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Presbytery.		Fletcher Bleakly	Adam McKittrick
William Dunlop	Dr. Gamble	John Hanna	Will. Campbell
William Porter		Willm. Harrison	Hugh Dunn
Derry Presbytery.		Bangor Presbytery.	
Doctor Black		Andrew Craig	Willm. Wightman
Richard Dill		James Sinclair	
David Hamilton		Robt. Acheson	Willm. Boyd
George Hay		John Watson	John Cooper
Andw. McCaldin	A. Mitchel	Willm. Moreland	Dr. McKibbin
Templepatrick Presbytery.		John Mulligan	
John Bankhead		And. Gowdy	Robt. Bailly
John Savage	Dr. Forsyth	Hugh Woods	Henry Andrews
Adam Hill	H. Hetherington	H. Montgomery	Will. Hunter
Robert Orr	John Bell	David White	David Davidson
John Murphy		Willm. Finlay	John Sinclair
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Blow	Wm. Skelly	John Catherwood
N. Alexander	Arch. Hunter	William Campbell	
Henry Cooke	Saml. Lorimer	Dublin Presbytery.	
Will. Glendy		James Horner	
James Cochran		John Bain	
		Samuel Simson	
Dromore Presbytery.		Ballymena Presbytery.	
John Thomson	Jas. Simson	Henry Henry	George Jackson
John Sherrard		Robert Stewart	
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson	Geo. McClelland	Robert Craig
A. Patterson	James Lunn	Letterkenny Presbytery.	
John McIlwain	James Boyd	Edward Reid	
Hamn. Dobbin	Jas. Gardner	Clogher Presbytery.	
Willm. Wright		John Anderson	
Moses Finlay			
W. M. H. McEwen	A. H. Rowan Esqr.		
John Johnston	John Lockart		
James McClelland	Jas. Dunwoody		
John White			
Belfast Presbytery.		Route Presbytery.	
George Brydone		James Elder	
Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad	Matthew Elder	
Samuel Watson		James Dill	
Henry Simson	Hugh Boyd	Samuel Dill	
James McCullogh	Thomas Moore	James Boyle	Adam Hunter
James Riddle	John Hunter	John Whiteside	
		James Dunlop	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Route Presbytery—continued.		Armagh Presbytery.	
Richard Dill	Henry Haslet	Doctor Nielson	
James Huey		Thos. Cuming	Thos. Prentice
John Brown	John McCleery	James Bankhead	R. Dickson
William Lyle	William Carr	Dr. William Nielson	
Jackson Graham		A. G. Malcom	
		Robert Adams	
		Arthur Nielson	
		James Davis	
		Joseph Jenkins	George Kidd
		Samuel Elder	
		Elders from vacant Congregations	
Monaghan Presbytery.			
Patrick White			
James Harpur			
Tyrone Presbytery.			
Doctor Dickson			
John Davison	James Duff	Castlereagh	David Stewart
John Cowan			
Robert Hogg		Dramara	Robert Kingan
Robert Cunningham			
John Hogg			

The Roll of the several Presbyteries, belonging to the Synod having been called, it was moved that the names of the Ministers of the Presbytery of Antrim, be called over. To this it was moved as an amendment, that after the list of the Synod is completed, the Presbytery of Antrim be called in order to ascertain what members of that Presbytery are present. On this motion the previous question was put & carried.

M<sup>r</sup> McCance having moved that another Moderator be chosen to this Synod, the following brethren were named; viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Porter, R. Dill, Campbell, Patterson, Brydone, J. Watson, S. Simpson, Stewart, Reid, M. Elder, P. Whyte, Cunningham and Malcom.

The Roll was called & M<sup>r</sup> Stewart chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Cuming continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, & to prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synod's fixed committee. An account of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod; & of such students as have been examined previous to their going to & after their return from College, by their respective Presbyteries; and such other returns as our regulations require: An account of annuities on the Fund, of any that have died, & of the time when such did die.

D<sup>r</sup> Black, after stating that he was anxious to obtain the fullest information on a very important Subject that would come under the consideration of the Synod at this meeting, moved, that M<sup>r</sup> Thomson be appointed to wait upon the Secretary of the Belfast Academical Institution, & request that he may furnish the Clerk of this Synod, for the information of its members, with the following documents.



1. A Copy of a Petition of the managers & visitors presented to the Lord Lieutenant in November 1813.

2. A copy of a letter from the Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer, to the Secretary of the Institution, dated in March 1814.

3. A copy of a letter from the same, & of the answer thereto, dated in November 1815.

4. A copy of a statement relative to the Institution signed by the secretary, & addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in February 1816.

5. A copy of a letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the secretary of the Institution, dated in April 1816, with the answer thereto from the joint Boards of managers & visitors.

6. A copy of any other correspondence between the secretary, or managers of the Institution, & any members of his Majesty's government, which may have taken place, between the last mentioned date & the meeting of this Synod.

On this the previous question was put & negatived, after which the original motion was agreed to.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, returns were made by the several Presbyteries of their members for the several Committees & also the following reports:—

Strabane Presbytery report that they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Matthews in August 1814, & M<sup>r</sup> Davis in November last; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Alexander, previous to his going to College in October last, & on his return in May last; that they have admitted on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> Love, & have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbit, Hamil, & Anderson.

Derry Presbytery report that they have entered on first trials Robert Thomson, & have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, Patten, Scott, Law, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined previous to their going to College for the first time, & on their return, Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee, & Blair, & on their return from College the second time, Messrs. Crawford, Thomson & Shaw; that they have ordained the Rev. James Cochran on the 22<sup>d</sup> of December last, in the second congregation of Larne, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund: that the Rev. Alexander Montgomery has not attended their meetings for the last twelve months; have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, Montgomery, & Thomson, & that on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May last they suspended M<sup>r</sup> Cochran for seven Lord's days, & resolved to supplicate the Synod for advice.

Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Waddel died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July last, leaving a Widow & Family; that they licensed since last meeting of Synod, M<sup>r</sup> James Birch Black, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith, according to order; that they have Messrs. James Gardner, David Watson, William Scott, & William Adair on first trials; on second trials M<sup>r</sup> James Birch Black. They have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, residing in the County of Donegal, M<sup>rs</sup> Thompson, & daughter, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Barber, M<sup>rs</sup> Little, M<sup>rs</sup> Patrick, & M<sup>rs</sup> Waddel. On the first of August last they suspended M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, on account of his having (by his own acknowledgment) two or three times, celebrated marriage irregularly, & also habitually neglected to attend on publick worship. They afterwards farther suspended him for three months or longer, on account of his contumacy, & having no reason to believe that he had reformed. And that on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February last having ample evidence of his having celebrated marriage between two of the domestics of the Bishop of Dromore, both members of the established Church, & the woman having another husband, & this, whilst he was under sentence, of suspension; the Presbytery further suspended him until this meeting of the General Synod, & refer his case to the Synod, that they may dispose of it, as to their superior wisdom may seem fit.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> John Orr; that they examined Messrs. Moore, Wallace, Shaw, Hunter, & Alexander Orr, previous to their going to College for the first time; that they examined & received the necessary specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kirk, & Reid, after their return from College the first time; & William Johnston, after his return the second time. That the Rev. Joseph Harrison being unable from age & infirmity, to discharge his pastoral duties, requested the Presbytery on the first of August, to allow his Congregation to choose him an assistant & successor, & that he died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, leaving a Widow & family. That the Rev. Charles Grey died on the 24 Feb. leaving a Widow. That they ordained the Rev. William Harrison, in the second congregation of Holywood, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, who adhered to his former subscription of the Westminster Confession of faith, & is a contributor to the Widows' Fund: have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> Ewen, Rowan, Kelburn, Henry, Harrison, Grey, & Family of M<sup>r</sup> Patten.

Bangor Presbytery report, that they have on trial David Thom & Robert Dunn, & on extra judicial trials Hugh Greenfield, that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, now in America, Patterson, Bryson, Porter, Arnold, Caldwell, & M<sup>rs</sup> Robert Porter.

Dublin Presbytery report that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Cochran, & M<sup>rs</sup> Rodgers.

Ballimena Presbytery report, that the Rev. Benjamin Mitchel died in the month of August last leaving a Widow & family: that they examined Messrs. Thomson, & Montgomery, previous to their going to College, for the first time, & after their return; also Mess<sup>rs</sup> Reafield & Moore, on their return the second time; have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyd & Anderson. They ordained, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November,

the Rev. William Wray to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Buckna, who is a contributor to the Widows' fund; have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay, Cuming, Howard, Brown, Park, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Steel previous to his entering College for the first time, M<sup>r</sup> Reid on his return from it the second time; Bates & Allison on their return for the third time. Have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Rodgers. They ordained the Rev. Henry Carson, as Assistant & successor to the Rev. Henry Millar in the Congregation of Glendermot, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March last, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund. Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke, Allen, & the family of M<sup>r</sup> Alexander.

Clogher Presbytery report that they have entered on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> John Hamilton, after undergoing the necessary examinations; that they have examined M<sup>r</sup> Archibald Armstrong, on his return from College the third time, have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

Roote Presbytery report, that they licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Lynd, Samuel Templeton, & Samuel Hamil, to preach the Gospel, who subscribed the Westminster confession of faith; have on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Irvin, Cowan, Greer & Scott: examined previous to their going to College for the first time Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Whiteside, Archibald King & Joseph Bell: that the Rev. Robert Thomson died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July last, leaving a family, the Rev. James McFarland on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, leaving a Widow & Family, & the Rev. John Logan, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, leaving a Widow & family. Have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, Smily, Hamilton, Elder, Davis, McMillan, Glasgow, Blair, Fullarton, Greer & children, McClelland, McFarland, Logan, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Thomson; & that they suspended M<sup>r</sup> John Greer, one of their licentiates from preaching the Gospel, "*sine die*."

Monaghan Presbytery report, that they have examined M<sup>r</sup> James Shannon previous to his going to College for the first time; that in February last, they received under their care the Rev. John Boyle, a licentiate of the associate Synod; that they have entered on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kennedy; examined M<sup>r</sup> William White, on his return from College the third time, & M<sup>r</sup> Robert Rusk, on his return the 2<sup>d</sup> time; have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside, M<sup>rs</sup> Moore & M<sup>rs</sup> Rodgers, who resides in Dublin.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the first of August last they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Hogg, Walter Gourly, John Gibson & John Adams, to preach the Gospel: they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Dougall, Christopher Williams, & John McGeagh, previous to their going to College for the first time. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October last they ordained the Rev. John Hogg, in the Congregation of Carland, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund; have admitted on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Gray, William Smith, Robert Clarke, & Robert Creighton; have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt, Boylan, Dugall, Simson, Chambers, & family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.



Armagh Presbytery report, that they ordained the Rev. Joseph Jenkins in the 2<sup>d</sup> Congregation of Keady, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March last, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund. They have examined M<sup>r</sup> Melvill previous to his going to College for the first time; have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Thom & family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw.

Antrim Presbytery report, that D<sup>r</sup> Drummond resigned the pastoral charge of the second Congregation of Belfast on the first of November last, have on the fund M<sup>rs</sup> Crombie, Vance, Nevin, Sinclair, & the families of Messr<sup>s</sup> Wightman, Marshal, & Brison.

On reading the report of the Monaghan Presbytery, it was moved & agreed to, that the act of that Presbytery, in receiving M<sup>r</sup> Boyle, under their care, is null & void, being in direct violation of the Synodical rule.

On reading the report of the Presbytery of Templepatrick it was resolved that the Presbytery shall re-consider, & finally decide on M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's case.

M<sup>r</sup> Savage having returned D<sup>r</sup> Forsyth as Elder from his Congregation, & some members having alleged that he was not admissible, according to the Synodical rules, it was moved & seconded that D<sup>r</sup> Forsyth be admitted as an Elder to represent the Congregation of Carrickfergus. On the Roll being called, the motion was carried.

#### General Synods fixed Committee for 1816.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Strabane,	Hemphill & Gilkie
Derry,	Hay & M <sup>c</sup> Caldin
T.patrick,	Campbell & Orr
Dromore,	Patterson & M <sup>c</sup> Ewen
Belfast,	M <sup>c</sup> Cullogh & Hanna
Bangor,	Watson & Skelly
Dublin,	Horner & Simson
B.mena,	H. Henry & Wray
L.kenny,	Allen & Lyttle
Clogher,	Philips & Kerr
Route,	R. Dill & Graham
Monaghan,	Morell & Winning

Presbs.

Minrs.

Tyrone, Moore &amp; Davison

Armagh, Bankhead &amp; Arnold

These, with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency: fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday half-past one o'clock,*

On the second reading of the report of Templepatrick Presbytery, it was moved and agreed to, that that Presbytery be enjoined to summon M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery to attend their next meeting, in order to take such steps as our discipline admits, to bring the offending member to a sense of his duty.

On the second reading of the report of the Presbytery of Dromore, it was moved and agreed to, that that Presbytery be directed to re-consider and finally to decide on M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard's case.

Moved that Cookstown be the Synod's place of meeting next year. Belfast was also put in nomination. The Roll was called & Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next, in the meeting-house of the third Congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at five o'clock, afternoon.

Upon reading the Minute of the last year, respecting the Skeleton of a code of discipline &c. which had been laid before this Body, at its meeting, it was moved & agreed to, that the consideration of this business be postponed until next year.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session. Thursday morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, a letter from the boards of Managers & Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution to the General Synod of Ulster, in which they detail, for the information of the Synod, the various occurrences which have taken place in the Institution, since they last addressed them, was read, together with the documents which were moved for in the first session of this meeting.

Adjourned till a quarter-past 10 o'clock.

*Fifth Session. Thursday, a quarter past 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Minute of last year on the subject of the petition to the Houses of Lords & Commons against distillation of spirits on the Lord's Day, having been read, M<sup>r</sup> McCance, the Moderator of last year, reported, that he had duly forwarded the petitions as directed, by the Synod; that he had received two communications on the subject from the Marquis of Hertford who had been so good as to present the petition to the House of Lords; & that by a letter from D<sup>r</sup> Black, written at the desire of Sir George Hill, he had learned that in the absence of Lord Castlereagh, Sir George had been so obliging as to present the Petition to the House of Commons, but that not having arrived until the last day of the business of the Session, it had been presented too late.

Resolved unanimously, that a Committee consisting of the following members, viz, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, M<sup>r</sup> Cooke, M<sup>r</sup> McCance & M<sup>r</sup> Johnston, be appointed to prepare new Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, & to take such farther steps as may be likely to carry into effect the wishes of the Synod for preventing distillation of spirits on the Lord's Day.

The Moderator of last year stated, that through D<sup>r</sup> Magill, of Glasgow College, he had transmitted a letter, as ordered by the Synod, to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to which he had not received any answer.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

*Sixth Session. Thursday 2 o'clock, P.M.*

The consideration of the matter relating to the General Assembly, having been resumed, it was moved & agreed to, that no official communication on the subject in question, be made to the Assembly before the next meeting of General Synod.

The Committee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity & Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution reported that they had not been able to hold a meeting, a sufficient number of members to form a quorum not having attended. That they had received remittances from M<sup>r</sup> Reid of Ramelton and M<sup>r</sup> Watson of Killinchy which they had lodged at interest in the Commercial Bank.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of attending the examination of students of Philosophy in the Belfast Academical Institution made the following report:—

That they have to express their approbation of the progress made by the Students in that Institution—a progress equally honourable to the Professors, & to the young men under their care; & that they consider it a happy omen of the eminence to which that Seminary of learning would yet rise in the literary world.

The following Ministers were then appointed to attend the examinations next year, viz. :—



M <sup>r</sup> Hanna	M <sup>r</sup> Craig
M <sup>r</sup> Cooke	M <sup>r</sup> N. Alexander
M <sup>r</sup> Montgomery	M <sup>r</sup> Stewart
M <sup>r</sup> Thomson	M <sup>r</sup> Bleakly
M <sup>r</sup> Acheson	M <sup>r</sup> McCance
M <sup>r</sup> Harrison	M <sup>r</sup> Wright
M <sup>r</sup> Woods	M <sup>r</sup> McEwen
M <sup>r</sup> R. Hogg	M <sup>r</sup> Glendy

Any other Ministers of the Synod who may attend shall have the privilege of sitting & voting with the Committee.

Moved & seconded, that this Synod do provide a sum equal to the support of a Professor of Divinity & Church History, in the Academical Institution, during next winter. To this the following amendment was moved, that instead of endowing a Professorship a Committee be appointed by the Synod to prescribe a course of reading to the Students in theology—that the books, &c., be specified, & young men be examined by Presbyteries as usual.

Neither of these motions having met the approbation of the House, a Committee of the following members, viz., M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, & M<sup>r</sup> McCance, was appointed to meet for the purpose of digesting some plan which may be likely to promote the object of establishing a Professorship of divinity & church history in the Belfast Academical Institution to report to the Synod at its next sederunt.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Seventh Session. Friday morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the Committee appointed at last sederunt made their report, which is as follows :—

Having maturely considered the subject referred to us at the conclusion of the last Session, we, with great deference, submit the following :—

That the Ministers of the Synod shall provide for the support of a Professor of Divinity & Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution for the first year after his election, & in order to secure this measure, that they request the Agent of Government to stop out of their next half year's bounty the sum of £2 : 10 : from each Minister in the first class, £2 : 0 : 0 from each Minister in the second class, & £1 : 10 : 0 from each Minister in the third class, & to remit the same to a Committee, now to be appointed by the Synod, to be vested by them in one of the Banks, till required.

That after this contribution on the part of the Ministers of the Synod, an application be made by each Minister to his congregation, for such contribution as their circumstances will enable them to give, to be applied to the purpose of supporting the Professor or purchasing a

Library, as the Synod at its next meeting shall direct. This contribution to be made & transmitted to the Committee, on or before the month of March next.

That in case this contribution shall be found insufficient for the support of a Professor, & that circumstances shall warrant the measure, an application shall be subsequently made to Government, for an annual grant for his future support.

That the Committee now to be appointed to receive the contributions of the Ministers & people, be also empowered to write to the Principal of each of the Colleges in Scotland, requesting him with the concurrence of the Professors, to recommend a Person who shall appear to him well qualified to discharge the duties of Divinity Professor in the Belfast Academical Institution; & the election of a Professor shall be made on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of September by the Synod, or a Committee now to be appointed by the Synod; & that said Professor, so elected, shall commence his course of Lectures on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November & continue the same till the 15<sup>th</sup> of April next.

This report having been read it was moved & seconded, that in order to establish a Professorship of Divinity, & Church history in the Belfast Academical Institution, the ministers in the first class shall contribute £2 : 10 : those in the second, £2 & those in the third £1 : 10 : for this year; & that the Agent for the distribution of his Majesty's Bounty be requested to retain the above mentioned sums out of the next payment of Royal Bounty, & transmit them to the Committee appointed to receive the same.

This motion was agreed to.

The Moderator having signified the request of the Synod, to D<sup>r</sup> Black, he replied, that "it gave him pain to refuse any request made by the Synod, but that in the distribution of his Majesty's Bounty, he could be guided only by the instructions of his Majesty's Representative."

Adjourned till a quarter past 10 o'clock.

*Eighth Session. Friday a quarter-past 10 o'clock.*

In consequence of D<sup>r</sup> Black having stated that he could not comply with the request of the Synod expressed at last sederunt, it was moved & seconded that this Body shall enjoin the several Presbyteries to exert themselves in collecting from their several members the sums above mentioned, & that the Moderator of each Presbytery shall make a return of the same to the Committee, on or before the first of November next.

Moved as an amendment the above "That various difficulties having occurred in carrying into effect the intentions of this Synod respecting the endowment of a professorship of Divinity & Church History, which appear insurmountable, that measure is relinquished &

the young men who propose to become candidates for the Ministry in the bounds of this Synod are hereby directed to pursue their studies, under the Regulations of 1804 & 1806 until circumstances shall warrant a departure from the system then established.

The Roll be called on the amendment it was negatived by a large Majority. The original motion was then put & carried.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

*Ninth Session. Friday, 3 o'clock, P.M.*

Against the motion passed at last sederunt D<sup>r</sup> Black & M<sup>r</sup> James Elder signified their intention of protesting, & promised to assign their reasons in due time.

In accordance with the second suggestion of the committee, it was moved & agreed to that the Elders now present be addressed from the Chair, & warmly pressed to use every exertion in their power, in the Congregations to which they respectively belong, to raise money for the purpose of consolidating a Fund, the interest of which may be applied to the support of a Professorship of Divinity & Church History, in the Belfast Academical Institution; & that the Ministers of the Synod be enjoined to use their influence with their people for this purpose.

The Moderator addressed the Elders accordingly.

Resolved, that the Committee for receiving contributions from the Ministers & Congregations do consist of the following members, viz. :—

M <sup>r</sup> Thomson	M <sup>r</sup> Cooke
M <sup>r</sup> Acheson	M <sup>r</sup> Munfoad
M <sup>r</sup> Hanna	M <sup>r</sup> Boyd
M <sup>r</sup> McCance	M <sup>r</sup> W. M. Wilson
M <sup>r</sup> Montgomery	M <sup>r</sup> Shaw

Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Thomson be the Treasurer of this Committee.

Moved & seconded that the election of a Professor be deferred until next meeting of Synod.

Moved as an amendment to the above, that the Synod shall meet on the first Tuesday in November next, for the purpose of electing a Professor of Divinity & Church History to lecture in the Belfast Academical Institution.

On a call of the Roll, the amendment was carried.

Moved & agreed to, that Cookstown be the place of meeting, the hour of meeting 12 o'clock.

Resolved, that the Committee be permitted to advertise in the Newspapers, as they may consider expedient, the object of the above meeting; in order that candidates for the Professorship may offer themselves to the attention of the body, through the Moderator, previous to the meeting—and likewise to make such inquiries & communications as they may judge necessary.



Resolved that the successful candidate for the Professorship shall, upon his being appointed, take the oath of allegiance to his Majesty.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

*Tenth Session. Saturday morning, 6 o'clock.*

After prayer, the Committee appointed to take charge of the Congregation of Clare made their report which is as follows:—

The Committee for the Congregation of Clare report, that some time after the last meeting of Synod, a supplication for a hearing of the Rev. H. Haslett, of the Presbytery of Route, having been presented, they obtained a hearing of him for four sabbaths, on trial, & sent M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin afterwards to take the minds of the people with regard to him; an unanimous call for M<sup>r</sup> Haslett, was the pleasing result, but he declined accepting it. The Committee continued to supply the Congregation for some time farther, till the Congregation having heard of the Rev. Francis Dill, ordained Minister of the Presbytery of Route, as a person who might be a suitable Minister for them, requested a hearing of him for two or more sabbaths might be obtained, that they might judge of his ministerial qualifications. A hearing of M<sup>r</sup> Dill for two sabbaths on trial was accordingly procured: M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin was sent to take the minds of the people with regard to him, & a call nearly unanimous, was drawn up, signed, & forwarded to the Presbytery of Route, to be presented to M<sup>r</sup> Dill. The Congregation, having, however, for *some reasons*, requested that M<sup>r</sup> Dill might not be required to give an immediate answer to their Call, the Committee have not yet been assured of his mind. In addition to these things they have only to add, that they have endeavoured to have the Congregation regularly supplied, which they have been enabled to do with very few exceptions. And having anxiously & with considerable trouble, so far attended to the important trust reposed in them, they hope not without some success, they beg they may now be exonerated from their charge, & others appointed to attend to it.

It being understood that a Bill concerning the Congregation of Clare will be laid before this Synod, the consideration of this report was deferred until the reading of that Bill.

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, the Moderator of last year, stated, that he had applied to the Lord Lieutenant for a portion of his Majesty's Bounty, for the second Congregation of Keady, as directed by last Synod, & that his Excellency had been pleased to order the sum of £50 to be included in the annual estimate, for the minister of that Congregation.

## OVERTURES.

I. Overtured & agreed to, that Presbyteries on examining young men, previous to their going to College, or to the Academical Institution, shall give them certificates of their fitness for entering College, signed with the names of all the Ministers who are satisfied with their

proficiency ; & that Presbyteries be enjoined not to give certificates to any students of whose learning & qualifications they are not fully satisfied.

II. Overtured & agreed to, that a certificate of approbation, signed by all the Professors & Teachers in the collegiate department of the Belfast Academical Institution, on a public examination of the students connected with the General Synod of Ulster, at the close of their studies in that seminary, be received in place of a *degree in arts* which the Synod requires from Young men who have studied at the universities ; provided that the said certificates shall have the concurring signature of the Moderator of the Synod's Committee of examination, affixed to them, in their name, & by their authority.

Against this overture D<sup>r</sup> Black signified his intention of protesting & promised to assign his reasons in due time.

### BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented to the Synod from the Committee appointed to conduct the affairs of the intended new erection in Drumlough in the Parish of Dromore, County of Down ; in which Memorialists express a wish to obtain the advice & to come under the protection of the Synod & pray that suppliers may be sent to them every Lord's Day.

Moved & seconded that this memorial be dismissed.

This motion having been withdrawn, the following was agreed to—that the Petitioners be referred to the Presbytery of Dromore, & that M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead be invited to sit with the Presbytery in deliberating on this matter.

II. A memorial signed by 20 members of the 2<sup>d</sup> Congregation of Larne, was presented to the Synod, stating that the conduct of their Pastor, the Rev. James Cochran had rendered his ministry useless amongst them, & his continuation injurious to the interests of religion & praying that M<sup>r</sup> Cochran be discontinued from the pastoral charge of their Congregation.

To this a counter-memorial was presented signed by 212 Members of that Congregation, stating, that as M<sup>r</sup> Cochran had given them ample satisfaction & full proof of his sincere repentance, they pray that his suspension may be taken off.

A third memorial was presented by M<sup>r</sup> Cochran, stating, that he been suspended for seven weeks without any decisive sentence having been passed upon him ; that his Congregation have petitioned the Presbytery, for his restoration ; but that the affair having been referred to the Synod, he prays that Rev. Body, that he may be restored agreeably to the wishes of his congregation.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick who had been enjoined to reconsider & finally to decide in M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's case, reported that they

had come to a decision, against which three of their members had protested.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Eleventh Session. Saturday 10 o'clock. A.M.*

The Presbytery of Templepatrick having been heard at great length in explanation of their conduct respecting M<sup>r</sup> Cochran, & the Commissioners from both parts of the Congregation, on the subjects of their memorials, it was moved & agreed to, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's case, be disapproved of, & that there was ground for appeal.

Moved & seconded that M<sup>r</sup> Cochran be suspended "*ab officio, sine die.*"

To this it was moved as an amendment, that while this Synod considers M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's conduct deserving of the severest punishment in the power of this house to inflict, yet in consideration of his youth, his former good conduct, & the consequences of degradation or suspension *sine die* to his family, they resolve to suspend him for six months, & so long after as the Presbytery of Templepatrick may deem requisite to satisfy them of his sincere reformation; & that on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July next, he be rebuked by a member of the Presbytery in the face of his Congregation.

The amended motion having been withdrawn, & the Roll called on the original motion, it was negatived.

Against this decision, D<sup>r</sup> Black, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson & others signified their intention of protesting, & promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Moved & seconded, that M<sup>r</sup> Cochran be suspended "*ab officio,*" until the meeting of General Synod, in June next & that the Presbytery of Templepatrick do then report to the Synod, on M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's conduct within that period of time.

The consideration of this motion was postponed until next sederunt.

Session concluded with Prayer. Adjourned till Monday next at 12 o'clock.

*Twelfth Session. Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> 12 o'clock.*

After prayer, D<sup>r</sup> Black, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, & others, gave in their reasons of protest, as promised at last sederunt & are as follows:—

We the undersigned do solemnly protest against the foregoing decision for the following reasons:—

1<sup>st</sup> Because we consider M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's original offence to be of such a nature that it merited at least the punishment of suspension "*sine die.*"



2<sup>d</sup> Because M<sup>r</sup> Cochran highly aggravated his original offence by gross prevarication & wilful deception, when in a most solemn appeal to God, from his own Pulpit, on the Lord's day he declared that he was privately married in May 1815—which declaration he well knew his own Congregation & the Publick at large must understand to mean, that his marriage was privately solemnised by a Clergyman in the usual manner.

3<sup>d</sup> Because M<sup>r</sup> Cochran afterwards acknowledged that the marriage alluded to was celebrated by himself, no witnesses having been present; which if he *believed possible*, indicated a deficiency of *understanding*; which if he *did not believe*, indi[cated] such a want of *integrity*, as proves him, in either case, *totally* disqualified for discharging the duties of the ministerial office.

4<sup>th</sup> Because although sincere repentance of such crimes would justify M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's admission to every *lay privilege* of the Christian Church, we do not consider that it would justify his restoration to the *Ministry*; besides, that of the sincerity of his repentance we have reason to entertain the most serious doubts.

5<sup>th</sup> Because we consider the interests of religion in general, & the honour of the Synod of Ulster in particular, would be vitally injured by M<sup>r</sup> Cochran's continuance in the Gospel Ministry.

Robert Black	John Johnston	Geo. Hay
John Thomson	Richard Dill, Sen	W. M. Wilson, Elder
James Horner	Richard Dill, Jun	A. G. Malcom
Henry Cooke	Samuel Dill	Edward Reid
William Wright	(with the exception	Will <sup>m</sup> Glendy
Francis Dill	of 4 <sup>th</sup> reason)	Geo. McClelland
H. Henry	Moses Finlay	

The motion made at the close of the last sederunt was then put & carried.

The Presbytery of Dromore reported that in obedience to the order of the Synod, they had reconsidered M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard's case & had farther suspended him for six months. The minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, respecting M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard having been read, & the Presbytery having been heard at considerable length in explanation of their conduct in this case, & after reasoning on the subject for some time, it was moved & agreed to, that the conduct of the Presbytery of Dromore in this business is highly reprehensible, & that it be disapproved of.

Resolved that a Committee consisting of two Ministers & one Elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to investigate the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, & to issue the business; & that they be instructed to hear no new charges against M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, unless the individual preferring the same, shall have given at least ten days previous notice to M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard of such charges, together with the names of the witnesses who are to support them.

The following Ministers were returned for this Committee by the several Presbyteries :—

William Porter	Henry Montgomery	R. Dill, Junr.
William Dunlop	James Horner	John Brown
And <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Caldin	Samuel Simson	James Morell
George Hay	Robert Stewart	Patrick Whyte
Henry Cooke	Henry Henry	Robert Hogg
Robert Orr	John Gillespie	David Bennet
James M <sup>c</sup> Culloch	James Neilson	James Davis
Fletcher Bleakly	John Anderson	A. G. Malcom
Robert Acheson	James Philipps	

The Committee to meet at Dromore, on the last Wednesday of July at the hour of 12 o'clock. Five to be a quorum.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Dromore is ordered to put the minutes of that Presbytery into the hands of the Synod's Clerk at this meeting in order that they may be laid before the Synod's Committee.

Session concluded with prayer. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

*Thirteenth Session. Tuesday morning, 7 o'clock.*

After prayer the Synod having proceeded to consider what farther instructions it was proper to give to the Committee appointed to investigate the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, it was moved & agreed to, that it is the sense of this Synod that the sentence of disapprobation passed on the Presbytery of Dromore is founded on the clear conviction of the Synod that they should have degraded M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard—that the design of sending the Committee to Dromore is merely to afford him an opportunity of defence, & unless he can satisfy them that the transgressions recorded in the Minutes of the Dromore Presbytery are unfounded, it is the duty of the Committee to degrade him.

It having appeared that some flagrant instances of M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard's misconduct had come to the knowledge of Messrs James Bankhead, Patterson, & Davis, these Gentlemen are enjoined to attend the meeting of the Committee & to furnish whatever information they can on this business.

The Presbytery of Dromore are likewise enjoined to attend the Meeting for the same purpose.

Resolved that a respectful letter be written by our Moderator to the Rev. Charles Hamilton, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Dromore, & to the Rev. Holt Waring, requesting them to attend the meeting of the Committee, & furnish them with whatever information they may have in their Power.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Fourteenth Session. Tuesday 10 o'clock, A.M.*

III. A memorial was presented from the Congregation of Ballyeaston requesting that they may not be again joined to the Presbytery of Templepatrick, but be united to whatever other Presbytery the Synod may think proper.

M<sup>r</sup> Elder & the Commissioners having been heard on the subject of this Memorial, & the Synod having taken it into consideration, it was moved & seconded, that the Congregation of Ballyeaston be joined to the Presbytery of Belfast.

Moved as an amendment, that they be re-united to the Presbytery of Templepatrick. On a call of the Roll the amended motion was carried.

IV. A memorial from the Session & Congregation of Clare was presented to the Synod, in which Memorialists express their gratitude for the care & attention they have experienced from the Committee to which they have been given in charge; & pray the Synod to aid them in providing for a Minister, or to disannex M<sup>r</sup> Adams from them, in order that they may be enabled to have a suitable pastor settled among them, who shall receive the Bounty intended for the Minister of their Congregation; & farther, that they may be continued under the care of the Committee who had charge of them for the last year.

The Commissioners having been heard at some length on the subject of their memorial, a Committee of three Members was desired to withdraw with M<sup>r</sup> Adams, & the Commissioners, & consult together on this business, with a view of accommodating matters between him & the Congregation of Clare. In the meantime it was thought proper to proceed with the next Bill.

V. A memorial was presented in the name of upwards of 100 families, residing in the village of Ballintrain & its vicinity, in the County of Monaghan, whose names are annexed, with a statement of the stipend which they are able to pay to a Minister amounting to upwards of £50—stating, that Memorialists are connected with the the General Synod, that they live at a distance of more than six Miles from any place of worship under the care of the Synod,—that they have been supplied with preaching by the Ministers of the Presbytery of Monaghan who are favourable to their views—& praying that they may be erected into a Congregation, under the care of the Synod.

The Commissioners having been heard on the subject of this memorial, it was moved & agreed to, that the Presbytery of Monaghan, be enjoined to attend the meeting of Synod in June next, & give such information respecting the numbers, ability & other circumstances of the memorialists, as may enable this Body to judge of the propriety of granting the prayer of their supplication.

The Committee appointed to confer with M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the Commissioners of Clare, reported, that notwithstanding their most zealous endeavours, they had not been able to accommodate matters between M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the Commissioners.



Moved & agreed to, that the Synod do not see any practicable means of assisting the Congregation of Clare, in their funds at present, & that they do not see reason to dissolve the connexion between M<sup>r</sup> Adams & his Congregation.

Moved & seconded that they enjoin M<sup>r</sup> Adams and the Congregation of Clare to adhere to the arrangement which was made last year in pecuniary matters.

To this the following amendment was moved—that inasmuch as the offer of M<sup>r</sup> Adams last year, did not terminate the business respecting Clare, M<sup>r</sup> Adams is exonerated from his proposal of last year; but that it be recommended to M<sup>r</sup> Adams to contribute to the support of that Congregation.

The Roll being called, the amended motion was carried.

The above Resolutions having been read to M<sup>r</sup> Adams & the Commissioners from Clare, M<sup>r</sup> Adams renewed his offer of £30 per Annum to the support of an assistant Minister in Clare, so long as he shall be in the receipt of his Majesty's Bounty; on condition that no farther application shall be made to the General Synod, or any other quarter, on this subject.

The Synod approved of this proposal of M<sup>r</sup> Adams.

Resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> Adams be enjoined to reside within the bounds of his Congregation.

Resolved, that the Congregation of Clare be continued under the care of the Committee of last year, till the meeting of General Synod in June next.

A Letter from the Proprietors of the Belfast Academical Institution expressing their satisfaction at the late proceedings of the Synod, with respect to their Establishment, & their thanks to the Body, for the steps it has taken to found a Professorship of Divinity & Church History in the Institution, was read, & ordered to be "*in retentis*."

M<sup>r</sup> Thomson having declined to act as Treasurer to the Committee appointed to receive contributions for the establishment of a Professorship in the Institution, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna was appointed in his room. M<sup>r</sup> Thomson was then appointed Chairman of that Committee & it was ordered to meet immediately after the business of the Interloquitur shall be concluded.

The Moderator concluded the Synod with Prayer.

#### INTERLOQUITUR.

A sta[te]ment of the receipt and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty for the year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1815, was submitted to the Interloquitur, & found correct & satisfactory.

The accounts of the Widows' fund for the year ended the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1815, were in like manner submitted, & on examination found correct.

After some discussion on the subject, M<sup>r</sup> Bankhead withdrew the motion of which had given notice last year.

The Committee appointed by the Interloquitur of last year for the purpose of corresponding with D<sup>r</sup> Black & the Trustees respecting the securities of the Widows Fund, reported, that they had several communications with D<sup>r</sup> Black & M<sup>r</sup> Horner & that in consequence they are fully persuaded of the propriety of adhering to the resolution of the Interloquitur "that all the Capital of the Widows' Fund, should be vested in real landed security."

Moved & agreed to, that the proceedings of the Committee be approved of; but that after a minute examination of the securities of Fund, we are satisfied of its present safety, & think it neither prudent nor necessary to carry the resolution of last year into immediate effect.

Resolved that the Ministers of the Synod's fixed Committee, together with D<sup>r</sup> Bruce & M<sup>r</sup> Carley from the Presbytery of Antrim, be a Committee for superintending the affairs of the Widows' Fund for one year—This Committee to meet in Cookstown, when called on any emergency. Five to be a quorum.

Resolved that M<sup>rs</sup> Grey, widow of Charles Grey, late Minister of Castlereagh, be an annuitant on the Fund.

Resolved that D<sup>r</sup> Black be instructed to lend the present balance on landed security.

Resolved that the Annuity to the widows for this year be £40.

Inserted the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1816 by (in consequence of the decease of the Clerk)

\* ROBERT BLACK,

from the printed copy certified by the Rev. A. G. Malcom, acting Clerk for 1816.

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\* A line has been drawn through Dr. Black's name.

[*Special meeting of Synod at Cookstown, 5th November, 1816.*]

At a special meeting of the General Synod of Ulster held at Cookstown on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1816, according to appointment; M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, the Moderator, having constituted by prayer, there were present from the several presbyteries, the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Route Presbytery.		Strabane Presbytery.	
Robt. Rentoul	Wm. Wilson	Wm. Dunlop	Hugh Houston
James Elder	John Greer	Jas. Henderson	
Mattw. Elder		Chas. Hemphill	John Hemphill
Jas. Brown		Wm. Porter	William Moody
Francis Dill		David Gilkey	John Orr
Saml. Dill		Wm. McCrea	
Chas. Kennedy	Alexr. Clarke	John McFarland	Saml. Matthews
Solomon Brown	Robt. McCrory		
Jas. Dunlop		Derry Presbytery.	
Richd. Dill	Robt. Morell	Doctor Black	Henry McClintock
John Brown	John Hunter	Henry Elder	Saml. Cuthbertson
Wm. Lyle		Richd. Dill	
Jackson Graham		Jas. Canning	
Saml. Butler	John Kane	David Hamilton	
Monaghan Presbytery.		Jas. Allison	John Gilfilland
Jas. Gowdy	John Gowdy	Wm. Monteith	Hugh Mills
Jas. Morell	Alexr. Waddel	Mattw. Heron	
Arch. Meharg		John Mitchel	Henry Haslett
Patk. White		Geo. Hay	James McCrea
James Harpur		Reuben Rogers	
Robt. Campbell	Robt. Johnston	Andw. McCaldin	
		Jas. A. Johnson	Jas. Stevenson
Tyrone Presbytery.		Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Wm. Moore	Thos. Sloan	John Savage	Robt. Lockart
Thos. Mackay	Hugh White	Adam Hill	Hugh Hetherington
John Davison	Josias Fleming	Robt. Orr	Thos. Hunter
John Cowan	Robt. Hutcheson	Thos. Alexander	
Robt. Hogg		Robt. Campbell	James Blow
David Bennet	Thos. Hamilton	Nat. Alexander	Langford Manderson
Wm. Brown		Henry Cooke	Wm. Baird
Robt. Cunningham		Wm. Glendy	John Allen
Jas. Wilson	John Ekin		
Robt. Allen	Robt. Creighton		
Joshua Willis	George Whiteside		
John Hogg	George McClelland		
Armagh Presbytery.		Dromore Presbytery.	
Joseph Jenkins	James Kydd	Ham. Dobbin	James Boyd
		Wm. Wright	Robt. Gardner
		Wm. McEwen	Sidney H. Rowan
		John Johnston	Hugh Lockhart



Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Belfast Presbytery.		Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Saml. Hanna	Jas. Munfoad	John Holmes	
Saml. Watson	Thos. Osborne	Wm. Ramsay	
Jas. McCullogh		Jas. McClintock	John Hamilton
Jas. Riddal		Jas. Houston	David Rogers
Fletcher Blakely	Wm. Gamble	Joseph Little	
John Hanna		Saml. Cuthbertson	Wm. Johnstone
Wm. Harrison		Edward Reid	John Fullarton
Henry Haslet		Jas. Nelson	
		John Gillespie	
		Thos. Kernaghan	Hugh Stewart
		John Allen	
		Henry Carson	Carey McClelland
Bangor Presbytery.		Clogher Presbytery.	
Robt. Acheson	Wm. Boyd	James Ker	Wm. Buchanan
John Mulligan		John Sampson	Foster Scott
Andw. Goudie		Jas. Philips	
Hugh Woods	Henry Andrews	John Anderson	
Henry Montgomery	Walter Roberts		
David White			
Wm. Finlay	Jas. Russel		
Wm. Skelly			
Dublin Presbytery.		From congregations whose ministers have not attended written appointments were produced by the following Elders:—	
James Horner		Archd. Aston	from Clare
James Carlile		John Davis	„ Drumquin
		John Moore	„ Ardstraw
		John McClelland	„ Boveva
		Richd. Cunningham,	„ Burt
		Wm. Maxwell Wilson,	„ Cumber(Down)
		Doctor Patrick	„ Ballimena
		Joseph McCrory	„ Antrim
Ballimena Presbytery.			
Thos. Henry	Thomas Allison		
Henry Henry	John Brownlees		
John Smith	Aaron Workman		
Robt. Stewart	Robert Estler		

Death of  
Mr Cuming

The Moderator having stated that the Rev. Thomas Cuming was dead; Doctor Black was requested to call the Roll.

Wood Haslet offered himself as an Elder from the Congregation of Larne, and produced a written appointment signed by the session Clerk—His admission was resisted on the ground of his not being an Elder—The Roll was called “admit” or “not” and it carried “not.”

It was moved and seconded that the Rev. George Hay be appointed Clerk to the Synod, in the room of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas Cuming.

To this it was moved as an amendment that ‘all the words of the foregoing motion except the word “that” be expunged, and the two following resolutions inserted in their place.

Salary for 1 year  
continued to  
Mr Cuming's  
Family

1<sup>st</sup>. That the salary attached to the Clerkship be continued for the current year to the family of the late Clerk—This Resolution passed without opposition.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That the election of a Clerk be deferred till the next Annual Meeting of Synod; and that M<sup>r</sup> Campbell act as Clerk in the interim. The Roll being called this Resolution was negatived—Against this decision, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen and others signified their intention of protesting, and said they would assign their reasons in due time. Protest against the election of a Clerk at the present meeting

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

*Second Session, Wednesday, 8 o'clock. A.M.*

After prayer, the consideration of the motion of last sederunt being resumed, it was moved and seconded, "that the Rev. William Porter be appointed Clerk." It was also moved and seconded, "that the Rev. Henry Montgomery be appointed Clerk." It was also moved and seconded "that the Rev. William M<sup>c</sup>Ewen be appointed Clerk." It was also moved and seconded. "that the Rev. John Johnstone be appointed Clerk."

M<sup>r</sup> Johnstone, M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery, and M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, declined being candidates for the present, on the ground, of their considering this meeting not competent to elect.

M<sup>r</sup> Hay and M<sup>r</sup> Porter being thus the only candidates, a question arose previous to the calling of the Roll respecting the right of the Presbytery of Antrim to vote in the choice of a Clerk.—It was submitted "have they a right" or "not."—The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative. Presby of Antrim admitted to vote in choice of a Clerk to the Synod

Adjourned till twelve o'clock.

*Third Session Wednesday, 12 o'clock.*

The question respecting the choice of a Clerk was resumed. After some discussion the Roll was called, and M<sup>r</sup> Porter chosen. After Mr Porter chosen Clerk

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen and others gave in their reasons of protest against the decision of yesterday in favour of electing a Clerk, at this meeting, which are as follows :— Reasons of Protest

Cookstown, Nov<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1816.

We the undersigned protest against the election of a Clerk, to the General Synod of Ulster at this meeting for the following reasons :—

1<sup>st</sup> Because so far as precedent serves to regulate our procedure in this business, it appears that no such appointment (as far as we know) has taken place, except at an annual meeting of the General Synod of Ulster, or at a meeting convened for the express and avowed purpose of electing a Clerk.

2<sup>nd</sup> Because from the general impression which this uniform practice has produced in the body at large, not only individuals, but a

great majority of several Presbyteries, have not attended this meeting—a circumstance which precludes the possibility of ascertaining the general sense of the Synod of Ulster, by a vote taken at present relative to the Clerkship of the Synod.

3<sup>rd</sup> Because we have been assembled at this time, solely to discharge a particular and specific duty, prescribed at the annual meeting of the General Synod of Ulster in July last; for the discharge of which we are accountable to the Synod at our next meeting in June next and beyond which we have neither warrant nor authority to proceed—  
Signed by

			Elders
W <sup>m</sup> McEwen	Joseph Jenkins	Hugh Woods	James Kydd
W <sup>m</sup> Skelly	Patk. White	Fletcher Blakely	Tho <sup>s</sup> Osborne
David White	And <sup>w</sup> Goudie	Rob <sup>t</sup> Campbell	John Gowdy
W <sup>m</sup> Harrison	Sam <sup>l</sup> Watson	Rob <sup>t</sup> Acheson	John Patrick
W <sup>m</sup> Finlay	John Mulligan	Rob <sup>t</sup> Orr	S. H. Rowan
Jno. Anderson	Ham. Dobbin	John Smith	W <sup>m</sup> Boyd
Hen. Montgomery	Jas. Gowdy	N. Alexander	James Blow

Synod adjourned till 4 o'clock.

*Fourth Session, Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P.M.*

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be returned to Doctor Black, for the kind and correct manner in which he has performed the duties of Clerk "*pro tempore*."

Report of the  
Comtee for  
establishing a  
Professorship of  
Divinity in B.A.  
Institution

The Committee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity and Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution, gave in a Report of their proceedings which was ordered to be held by the Clerk *in retentis*.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and particularly to M<sup>r</sup> Munfod who acted as their Clerk, for the zeal and propriety with which they have discharged the trust reposed in them.

The following communication was received by the Moderator, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

Communication  
from the  
Managers &c  
of B.A.  
Institution

"The Joint Boards of Managers and Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution beg leave most respectfully to acquaint the Rev. the General Synod of Ulster, that a deputation from their body, was appointed to wait on the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Viscount Castlereagh, for the purpose of soliciting his Lordship's influence with his Majesty's Government in aid of its funds—and that during the conference which took place on that occasion, his Lordship deprecated the measure of connecting the Synod of Ulster with the Institution, as proposed at the present time. His Lordship said, he considered the measure premature, owing to the Institution not being of sufficient standing to warrant such a connection, and to the Synod not having apprized Government of such being their intention—that the Synod did not act



with becoming respect to his Majesty's Government, in withholding from them their intention of appointing a Professor of Divinity to lecture in the Institution, and resolving to accept of certificates from a Committee of their own body, in lieu of a degree of A.M. from a regular college. In his opinion, such a measure if adopted, would be deemed an act of hostility by his Majesty's Government—and his Lordship recommends to the Synod, that no such appointment should be made at present. When the Institution has been matured, such a connection may become a measure of adjustment between Government and the Synod. His Lordship requested it may be understood that the above sentiments are his as an individual, without any reference whatever to those of his Majesty's Government."

The Boards submit the foregoing to the consideration of the Rev. Synod; and beg leave to assure them, that it would be matter of extreme regret to the Boards, should any circumstance arise to lessen the confidence and harmony which ought always to exist between his Majesty's Government and the Synod of Ulster.

Signed by order

JOSEPH STEVENSON, Secty.

Institution Buildings  
Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1816.

The Synod adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Fifth Session, Thursday 8 o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, some discussion took place on the business of yesterday morning.

Adjourned till half-past 10 o'clock.

*Sixth Session, Thursday half-past 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The consideration of the establishment of a Professorship of Divinity and Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution being resumed, it was moved and seconded, that the Rev. Samuel Hanna be appointed Professor.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that inasmuch as only one candidate has been named, and as several individuals have been recommended as competent to discharge the duties of the intended Professorship, who from the Committee being unable to offer security as to the amount and permanency of the emoluments of the office, have not appeared as candidates on the present occasion—therefore the Synod thinks it right, to defer the appointment of a Professor till its next meeting in June, and exhorts all its members to continue in the meantime their exertions to raise the sum requisite for carrying the proposed measure into effect. This amendment was carried by a large majority.

Divinity  
Professorship

Election of a  
Professor  
delayed

By desire of Doctor Black, it was ordered to be inserted in the minutes, that he concurred in delaying the appointment of a Professor, but dissented from the subesquent part of the foregoing amendment.

Deputation to  
L<sup>d</sup> Castlereagh

In consequence of the communication from the Managers and Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution, it was moved and agreed to, that a deputation consisting of the following members, the Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> McCance, M<sup>r</sup> Nat. Alexander, and M<sup>r</sup> McEwen, Ministers, and M<sup>r</sup> Sidney Hamilton, Rowan, and M<sup>r</sup> William Maxwell Wilson, Elders, be appointed to wait on Lord Viscount Castlereagh on the earliest day possible, and explain to his Lordship the principles which have guided this Body in forming a connexion with the Belfast Academical Institution.

M<sup>r</sup> Porter was requested to transmit to each Presbytery, a written copy of the minutes of this Synod.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Inserted December 1<sup>st</sup> 1816

WILLIAM PORTER Clk. Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod.

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*A General Synod at Belfast, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1817 (Seventeen.)*

The Rev. Robert Stewart, Moderator, having preached from Col. 3<sup>d</sup> Ch. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> verses, constituted the Synod by prayer. The following members were present:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.		Belfast Presbytery—continued.	
Doctor Black		Wm. Harrison	Jos. Harrison
Wm. Monteith		Henry Haslet	John McNair
Mattw. Heron		Bangor Presbyty.	
John Mitchel	Henry Haslet	Jas. Sinclair	Henry Millar
George Hay		Robt. Acheson	Wm. Boyd
Andw. McAldin		John Watson	John Cooper
Jas. A. Johnson		Wm. Moreland	Thos. Gelston
Templepatrick Presby.		John Mulligan	Jas. Lunn
John Bankhead	Robt. McBride	Andw. Goudie	R. McCracken
John Savage	Dr. Foresythe	Hugh Woods	Robt. Allen
Adam Hill		Hen. Montgomery	Walter Roberts
Robert Orr	J. Montgomery	Wm. Finlay	Saml. Carson
John Murphy	A. Cameron	David White	Jos. Russel
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Blow	Wm. Skelly	J. F. Catherwood
Nat. Alexander	J. Wilson	William Campbell	
Henry Cooke	Jas. Owen	Dublin Presbyty.	
Wm. Glendy		Jas. Horner	
Saml. Elder	Wm. Speer	Jas. Carlile	
Dromore Presbytery.		Saml. Simpson	
James Birch		Ballimena Presbyty.	
John Thomson	Jas. Simpson	Thomas Henry	Jas. Moore
John Mcleland		Henry Henry	Jno. Brownlees
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson	John Smith	
Alexr. Patterson	Davd. Lindsay	John Hall	
Ham. Dobbin	Jas. Boyd	Robt. Stewart	Adam Duffin
Wm. Wright	Saml. Waterworth	Geo. Mcleland	
Moses Finlay		Robt. Park	Jas. Boyle
Hugh McAlister		Letterkenny Presbyty.	
Wm. McGowan	Hu. Lockhart	No member attended.	
John Johnstone	Wm. Davison	Clogher Presbyty.	
Jas. McCleland	Gilbt. Adams	Jacob Scott	
John White	E. B. Gilmour	John Anderson	Dav. Coulter
Jas. B. Black	Robt. Stewart	Route Presbyty.	
Jas. Collins		Robt. Rentoul	Wm. Wilson
Belfast Presbytery.		Jas. Elder	Ben. Grifflith
Saml. Hanna	Jas. Munfoad	Mattw. Elder	
Saml. Watson			
Henry Simpson	Adam Boyd		
Jas. McCullogh	Hugh Boyd		
Jas. Riddal	John Hunter		
Fletcher Blakely	Gavin Orr		
John Hanna	Thos. Hill		



## Route Presbty.—continued.

James Brown  
John Whiteside  
Jas. Dunlop  
Richard Dill      David Cather  
James Huey  
John Brown  
Jackson Graham

## Monaghan Presbty.

Mattw. Trumble

## Tyrone Presbty.

Doctor Dickson  
David Bennet      Jas. Shaw  
Robt. Cunningham  
Robt. Allen      Robt. Creighton

## Armagh Presbty.

Jas. Bankhead      Robt. Dickson  
A. G. Malcom  
Bobt. Adams  
James Davis      Henry Stirling  
James Garduer

## Strabane Presbty.

Wm. Dunlop      Jas. Orr  
Wm. Porter      Wm. Moody  
David Gilkey  
Wm. McCrea

Elders from Congregations either  
vacant or whose Ministers have not  
attended.

John Mcleland      from Boveva  
Wm. Fleming      „ Cookstown  
Henry Weaver      „ Killileagh  
Wm. Cavan      „ C. Dawson  
Wm. Craig      „ Buckna

Mr Alexander  
Modrtor

Mr Stewart having moved that a Moderator be chosen for the present year, the following Ministers were put in nomination, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Monteith, N. Alexander, M<sup>c</sup>Alister, Henry Simpson, J. Watson, S. Simpson, Park, Cunningham, Malcom, Gilkey, and J. Elder. The Roll was called and M<sup>r</sup> Alexander chosen.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that M<sup>r</sup> Porter who was elected Clerk of the Synod at the late special meeting in Cookstown, be now continued.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and to prepare lists to be given in to the Clerk to-morrow morning of the members appointed by them for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's Fixed Committee—an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials, and of such students, as have been examined previous to their going to College & after their return, since the last annual meeting of Synod; a report of their annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died during the last year, and of the time of their decease; and such other returns as our regulations require.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session, Wed: Mornng 10 o'clock.*

D<sup>r</sup> Stevenson

After prayer, it was moved and seconded, that the name of D<sup>r</sup> Stevenson, formerly minister of Greyabbey, be inserted in the roll of the Synod. The Roll was called and the motion negatived.

Returns were made by the several Presbyteries of the members appointed by them for the several Committees, also the following Reports:—

Derry Presbytery report, that they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Robert Thompson; have licensed to preach the Gospel Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mills and Gilfilland; have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, 5 Annuitants M<sup>rs</sup> Law, and Family of M<sup>r</sup> Kyle.

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they examined previous to their going to College, for the the first time, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Erskine and Dogherty, and M<sup>r</sup> Erskine on his return; Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>o</sup>Kee and Blair on their return from College the second time, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Shaw and Crawford on their return the third time—Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gibson, 3 Annuitants M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, and M<sup>rs</sup> Thompson.—The Rev. James Cochrane's Mr Cochrane's Conduct conduct since the last annual meeting of Synod, has been such as to meet the entire approbation of the Presbytery.

Dromore Presbytery report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> James Birch Black at Dromara, as Assistant and successor to the Rev. James Birch, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, and M<sup>r</sup> James Collins, as minister of the second Congregation of Dromore on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 1816, who both subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and are Contributors to the Widows' Fund. They report that the Rev. W. D. H. M<sup>o</sup>Ewen, relinquished the charge of the congregation of Killileagh on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April last. Since the last annual meeting of Synod, they have licensed to preach the Gospel Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Adair, James Gardner, David Watson, and Will<sup>m</sup> Wier, who all subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, according to order. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, 7 Annuitants (residing in the County Donegal) M<sup>rs</sup> Thompson and daughter, M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, M<sup>rs</sup> Barber, M<sup>rs</sup> Little, M<sup>rs</sup> Patrick, and M<sup>rs</sup> Waddell.

Belfast Presbytery report, that they ordained M<sup>r</sup> Henry Haslet in the congregation of Castlereagh on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 1816, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and is a contributor to the widows' Fund: that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>o</sup>Cormick, Harrison, and James & Alexander Heron, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith: that they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Neilson and Johnson on their return from College the third and fourth times, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore, Shaw, Wallace Hunter, Cleland and Alex<sup>r</sup> Orr on their return the first time: that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Armour previous to his going to College the first time: and that they have withdrawn his license to preach from M<sup>r</sup> John M<sup>o</sup>Kane formerly a probationer under their care—Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>o</sup>Ewen, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan, 7 Annuitants M<sup>rs</sup> Kelburne, M<sup>rs</sup> Henry, M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison and M<sup>rs</sup> Grey.

Bangor Presbytery report that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Colquehoun previous to his going to College—have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> David Thom, and on extrajudicial trials M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Greenfield: that D<sup>r</sup> Dickson Dr Dickson requested to be readmitted a member of the Presbytery of Bangor, and having produced ample credentials from the the Presbytery of Tyrone was re-admitted accordingly—They have on they Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hull, now 7 Annuitants in America, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, M<sup>rs</sup> Porter, M<sup>rs</sup> Arnold, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, and M<sup>rs</sup> Robert Porter.



3 Annuit<sup>s</sup>

Dublin Presbytery report, that they have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, M<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell, and M<sup>rs</sup> Cochrane.

Rev. M. Elder  
suspended  
*sine die*

Ballimena Presbytery report that the Rev. Matthew Elder resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Denain on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1817 was suspended *ab officio sine die*, for breach of trust and falsehood; that on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1817 they ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Ballimoney the Rev. Robert Park, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund—that they have licensed to preach the gospel, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Boyd and Anderson; received on first trials Robert Magill and Marshal Moore, and examined Mr Reafield previous to his going to College the third time, and after his return—and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Allison, Montgomery, Rogers and Thomson previous to their going the second time and Montgomery and Thomson on their return—have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay, M<sup>rs</sup> Howard, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel, and the Families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton and Park.

Mr Park ordnd  
B.money

7 Ann<sup>ts</sup>

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that they examined previous to their going to College the first time Mess<sup>rs</sup> Allen Russel and Johnstone, M<sup>r</sup> Steel on his return for the first, and M<sup>r</sup> Reid on his return for the third time—that they have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Allison, and licensed M<sup>r</sup> David Rogers in October 1816, to preach the Gospel—on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July last, they suspended for four months the Rev. Thomas Leech for twice celebrating Marriage irregularly—have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Delap M<sup>rs</sup> Burke and M<sup>rs</sup> Allen.

Mr Leech  
suspended  
3 Ann<sup>ts</sup>

Clogher Presbytery report, that in February last, they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Hamilton to preach the Gospel, that they have entered on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Archibald Armstrong and James M<sup>c</sup>Williams after having undergone the prescribed examinations on their return from College the fourth time—and have examined And<sup>w</sup> Clements on his return the second time. Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorhead.

1 Ann<sup>t</sup>

Route Presbytery report, that they examined James M<sup>c</sup>Cartney Smith, James M<sup>c</sup>Anaul, Robert Martin, and James Whiteside M<sup>c</sup>Kay previous to their going to College—George Whiteside and Joseph King Bellis on their return from College the first season; and William Nelson, John M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin and Andrew Mitchel on their return the second season—that they have licensed to preach the Gospel Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Cavan, James Irvine, and John Greer who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith—have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott, and on second trials M<sup>r</sup> John Patterson—Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyly, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, M<sup>rs</sup> Simpson, M<sup>rs</sup> Macmullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Glasgow, M<sup>rs</sup> Blair, M<sup>rs</sup> Fullarton, M<sup>rs</sup> Greer and Family, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>leland, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Farland, M<sup>rs</sup> Logan, and Family of M<sup>r</sup> Thompson.

15 Ann<sup>ts</sup>

Deaths of M<sup>r</sup>  
Wilson and M<sup>r</sup>  
Stewart

Monaghan Presbytery report, that the Rev. James Wilson died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1816, leaving a widow and family, and the Rev. Thomas Stewart on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1816 leaving a family—that in November last they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kennedy to preach the Gospel, that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May last, they ordained him in the Congregation of Corboy, and that he is a contributor to the Widows' Fund—that in May last they examined M<sup>r</sup> James Shannon after his

Mr Kennedy  
ordained Corboy



second return from College, and entered on first trials Messrs Andrew <sup>8 Annts</sup> Breaky and John Agnew. Have on the Fund Mrs Warnock, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whiteside, Mrs Moore, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Rogers who resides in Dublin, Mrs Wilson, and Family of Mr Stewart.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August last, they licensed Messrs Sinclair, Hutcheson, Hamilton, and John and Francis McGowan to preach the Gospel—have entered on first trials Mr Brewer—have examined previous to their going to College the first time James Sinclair and Thomas McCormick, to whom certificates were given according to synodical order—that they have also examined Thomas Dougal on his return from College the first time, and James Collins and James Morgan on their return the second time. Have on the Fund, <sup>6 Annts</sup> Mrs Stitt, Mrs Boylan, Mrs Dougal, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Chambers, and Family of Mr Stewart.

Armagh Presbytery report, that the Rev. Thomas Cuming died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1816 leaving a widow and Family—that they have <sup>Death of Mr Cuming</sup> on second trials Mr Samuel Eccles. Have on the Fund, Mrs Thom, <sup>3 Annts</sup> Mrs Cuming, and the family of Mr Shaw.

Strabane Presbytery report, that in May last they examined Mr Alexander on his return from College the second time—have on first trials Mr Love. On the Fund Mrs Turbitt, Mrs Hamill and Mrs <sup>3 Annts</sup> Anderson.

Antrim Presbytery report, that on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1816, they <sup>Mr McEwen installed</sup> installed the Rev. William D. H. McEwen in the second congregation of Belfast—that they have on the Fund Mrs Crumbie, Mrs Vance, Mrs <sup>7 Annts</sup> Nevin, Mrs Sinclair, and the families of Messrs Wightman, Marshal, and Bryson.

#### General Synod's Fixed Committee for 1817.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Derry,	Messrs Monteith & Allison
T.patrick,	„ Cooke & Glendy
Dromore,	„ Thomson & McCance
Belfast,	„ Harrison & Haslet
Bangor,	„ Finlay & White
Dublin,	„ Horner & Simpson
B.mena,	„ Smith & McClelland
L.kenny,	No return
Clogher,	„ Philips and Kerr

Presbs.

Minrs.

Route,      Messr<sup>s</sup> Jno. Brown & Graham

Monaghan,    „    Morell &amp; White

Tyrone,        „    Moore &amp; Davison

Armagh,       „    Davis &amp; Jenkins

Strabane,     „    McFarlane &amp; Armar

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator and Clerk, are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator on any emergency—fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at two o'clock.

*Third Session, Wednesday 2 o'clock afternoon.*

Mr Montgomery

The minute of last year enjoining the Presbytery of Templepatrick to summon M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery to attend their ensuing meeting, in order to take with respect to him, such steps as our discipline requires, being read, the Presbytery reported that M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery had regularly attended their meetings during the past year.

Moved that Belfast be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Armagh was also put in nomination. The Roll was called and Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next, in the Meeting-house of the third congregation of Belfast. Divine service to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Code of  
Discipline

On reading the minute of last year respecting "The Skeleton of a Code of Discipline, &c.," it was moved, that the Committee to whom this business was intrusted, shall proceed to fill up the *first* part of the skeleton, which relates *exclusively to Discipline*: that they shall revise the *second* part, containing "An outline of a Directory, &c.," and submit the whole to the Synod at its next meeting.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that no farther steps be taken in the preparation of the Code. The Roll being called this amendment was negatived. The original motion was then put and carried.

Petition against  
Distillation

The Committee appointed to manage the Petition to the House of Lords and Commons against Distillation on the Sabbath, stated that they had prepared a Petition as directed, and given it to a Gentleman to be carried to the special meeting of Synod at Cookstown in order to have signatures affixed to it, but that it was accidentally lost by the way. Ordered that the Committee shall prepare another petition and have it ready for signatures on Friday morning.

Respecting the application to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to which an answer had not last year been returned, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance stated that he had since received a letter from D<sup>r</sup> Gill, Moderator of the Assembly. The letter was read, and the consideration of this business deferred till next sederunt.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Fourth Session, Thursday Morning 7 o'clock.*

Moved and seconded that no answer be returned to the letter from the General Assembly.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that an answer be prepared by the following Committee, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomson, Hanna, Horner, and James Bankhead.

After some discussion, the Synod adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Fifth Session, Thursday Morning 10 o'clock.*

The consideration of the correspondence with the General Assembly being resumed, the amendment proposed at last sederunt was agreed to, and the Committee was ordered to submit to the Synod before its conclusion, an answer to the letter from D<sup>r</sup> Gill.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to attend the examination of students in the B.A. Institution, made the following Report:—

“Belfast April 29<sup>th</sup> 1817.

“At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster to attend the examination of students under their care, in the B.A. Institution—present

R. Stewart Mod <sup>tor</sup>	H. Montgomery	H. Cooke
John Thomson	Rob <sup>t</sup> Acheson	W <sup>m</sup> Glendy
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hanna	J. M <sup>c</sup> Cance	W <sup>m</sup> Harrison
Nat. Alexander	F. Blakely	

“Having attended examinations, by Professor Knight in Natural Philosophy, and by Professor Young in Moral Philosophy—Ordered, that our Moderator do join the Professors in granting certificates to the following students, viz., In Natural Philosophy, to James Templeton, James Morgan, James Collins, and Samuel Crawford.

“In Moral Philosophy, to Joseph Bell, James Shannon, Thomas Dryall, W<sup>m</sup> Blair, Alexander Orr, Andrew Clements, Hugh Rogers, W<sup>m</sup> Ellison and W<sup>m</sup> Hunter.

“April 30<sup>th</sup>—The Committee attended examinations on Logic by Professor Cairns, on Greek and Latin by M<sup>r</sup> O'Beirne, and on Mathematics, by Professor Thompson. Ordered, that our Moderator do join in granting certificates to the following students, viz.



“ In Logic, to W<sup>m</sup> Erskine, W<sup>m</sup> Moore, and James Makay. In Greek and Latin, to William Erskine and James Makay.

“ In Mathematics, to Andrew Clements, Hugh Rogers, James Shannon, and Joseph Bell.

“ May 1<sup>st</sup>—James Templeton, James Morgan, James Collins, and Samuel Crawford, having been re-examined by the several Professors, and also by the Synod's Committee, on Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics—Ordered that our Moderator do join with the Professors of the B.A. Institution in granting to the students so re-examined, the General Certificate required by Synodical regulations in place of a Degree in Arts.

“ The Committee feel much pleasure in reporting to the Synod, their approbation of the general progress in their studies made by the students of the Institution to whom they have granted certificates. They regret to have farther to report, that two students were judged unqualified to receive certificates; and with the greatest deference, they beg leave to recommend to Presbyteries, a strict attention to the qualifications of such young men, as are by them authorized to go to College.

Extracted by

HENRY COOKE, Clerk of the Com<sup>tee</sup>.

The following Ministers are appointed a Committee of examination for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Mr N. Alexander Mod <sup>r</sup>	Mr Acheson	Mr Blakely
„ M <sup>c</sup> Cance	„ Woods	„ Wright
„ S. Hanna	„ Harrison	„ Glendy
„ Cooke	„ Thomson	„ Davis
„ H. Montgomery	„ R. Stewart	„ Jas. Bankhead

Any other Minister of the Synod who may attend, shall have the privilege of sitting and voting with the Committee.

Against the resolution of last year, enjoining the several Presbyteries to collect from their Ministers certain specified contributions to support for one year a Professor of Divinity in the B.A. Institution Dr Black and others gave in the following reasons of protest:—

We dissent because we consider the whole plan of which the resolution agreed to forms a part, as ill calculated to attain its professed object, unlikely to be followed by beneficial results; and tending to distract the minds of parents and guardians in directing the studies of young men intended for the ministry in this Synod.

Robert Black	Adam Hill
James Elder	Jas. M <sup>c</sup> Cullogh

Synod adjourned till 3 o'clock.

*Sixth Session, Thursday Afternoon 3 o'clock.*

The minutes of the Special meeting of Synod at Cookstown were read.

Adverting to the resolution continuing for the current year to M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming and her family, the salary attached to the Clerkship, it was stated by D<sup>r</sup> Black, that M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming and her family had authorized him to express in the warmest terms, their sense of this mark of esteem and respect for the memory of M<sup>r</sup> Cuming; and at the same time to add, that they must beg leave to decline the acceptance of it, conceiving that the salary attached to the Clerkship, belongs of right to the person who does the duties of the office.

On this, it was moved and agreed to, that in order to perpetuate the respect which this Body entertains for the memory of their late Clerk, the several Presbyteries be requested to enter forthwith into a voluntary subscription; the amount of which shall be forwarded to the Rev John Thomson, and that our Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, and M<sup>r</sup> Horner, shall expend the sum so subscribed, in the purchase of a piece of Plate, to be presented, with a suitable inscription, to M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming and her family.

The Deputation appointed at the special meeting in Cookstown to wait on Lord Castlereagh, for the purpose of explaining the principles which guided this Synod in forming a connexion with the B.A. Institution, gave in a written report of their conference with his Lordship. Being asked, whether they had anything to add to this statement, the Deputation mentioned several facts, which were deemed so important, that they were requested to commit them to writing in addition to their original report.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Seventh Session, Friday Mornng 7 o'clock.*

An address from the Managers and Visitors of the B.A. Institution was presented to the Synod by Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Tennent, W. D. H. M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Adam M<sup>c</sup>Clean, W<sup>m</sup> Boyd, and Robert M<sup>c</sup>Cluney, who were authorized to give such information respecting the Institution as the Synod may require.

The above Gentlemen handed to the Moderator a copy of a letter from the Right Honourable Robert Peel, secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, addressed to the Secretary of the B.A. Institution, and dated London March 10<sup>th</sup> 1817, and also a copy of certain resolutions relative to said letter, passed at a special meeting of the Proprietors of the Institution, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1817, both of which papers were read, and ordered to be held *in retentis*.

A letter was also read, addressed to the Moderator by certain students in the B.A. Institution, praying the Synod to adopt such measures as may enable them to complete their Collegiate Education in that Seminary.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Eighth Session, Friday Mornng. 10 o'clock.*

The Deputation appointed at the special meeting in Cookstown, to wait on Lord Castlereagh, gave in their written report, with the additions required.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the warm thanks of the Synod be given to the Deputation for the prudent, able and dignified manner, in which they discharged the trust reposed in them, and that their report be held *in retentis*.

In reference to the above report, it was moved and seconded, as a declaratory resolution, "that the regulations for the education of our young men intended for the ministry, are strictly a matter of *Discipline*."

After a long discussion, the Roll was called and the resolution carried by a great majority.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

*Ninth Session, Friday Afternoon 3 o'clock.*

By desire of the members who voted against the Resolution respecting the education of our young men intended for the ministry, the Clerk was ordered to record their declaration, that they sincerely concur in the *principle* of the resolution; and opposed to it *only* on the ground, of its being at present uncalled for, and of dangerous tendency.

It was then moved and agreed to, that the Rev. Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanna be appointed Professor of Divinity and Church History under the direction of the Synod, and that he commence his course of Lectures, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November next.

Moved and seconded, that it is expedient to enjoin M<sup>r</sup> Hanna to deliver his lectures in his own Meeting-house.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that M<sup>r</sup> Hanna be enjoined to deliver his lectures in the B.A. Institution.

After some discussion the Synod adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tenth Session, Saturday Morn.g 7 o'clock.*

After prayer, the amended motion of last sederunt was discussed.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Eleventh Session, Sat. Morning, 10 o'clock.*

The discussion respecting the place in which M<sup>r</sup> Hanna should deliver his lectures, being resumed, the Roll was called, and it was



carried by a large majority that he should deliver them in the B. A. Institution.

Against this decision M<sup>r</sup> Horner and M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead protested, and assigned the following reasons.

1<sup>st</sup> Because we cannot perceive any peculiar advantages likely to result, either to the Synod of Ulster, or to the B. A. Institution, from our Professor delivering his lectures on Divinity and Church History within its walls.

2<sup>nd</sup> Because we are of opinion, that previous to our Professor delivering his lectures in the B. A. Institution, the negotiations at present pending between the Government of the country, and the Managers of that Institution, respecting certain changes in its constitution, should have been satisfactorily terminated.

James Horner.  
James Bankhead.

Resolved, that the measures proposed at the last annual meeting for raising a Fund to support our Theological Chair, be persevered in; that the several Presbyteries be urged to carry them forthwith into effect, and that the Committee appointed last year to manage the Fund, be continued, with the exception of M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, in whose place M<sup>r</sup> Harrison is nominated.

Resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> Hanna be guided by the directions of this Committee, as to the duration of his course of lectures, and the mode of delivering them.

In consequence of the letter from M<sup>r</sup> Peel secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, addressed to the secretary of the B. A. Institution, and submitted to the Synod by the deputation from that Body, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed, to prepare a respectful address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, stating to his Excellency, the powerful motives by which the Synod have been induced, to adopt a plan of Home Education for their young men intended for the ministry.

Against this decision the following Protest was given in.

We the undersigned, protest against addressing the Lord Lieutenant for the following reasons.

1<sup>st</sup> Because we consider any communication to the Government on the subject in question as unnecessary and inexpedient.

2<sup>nd</sup> Because we consider the measure agreed on, to be of dangerous tendency inasmuch, as it appears to recognize a right in the Government, to interfere with our regulations for the education of candidates for the ministry, which we conceive to be strictly a matter of discipline.

William Harrison.  
W<sup>m</sup> Steele Dickson.

In consequence of the Report of the Deputation appointed at the special meeting at Cookstown to wait on Lord Castlereagh, it was resolved, that the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Lord Lieutenant on the plan of Home education, shall be farther instructed, to prepare a letter to his Lordship on the same subject.

Resolved, that the Committee shall consist of the following members M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, and M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.

Adjourned till 12 o'clock on Monday.

*Twelfth Session, Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> 12 o'clock.*

After prayer, the Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the communication from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, submitted the copy of a letter, which was read, and ordered to be transmitted, by our Moderator, to the Moderator of the Assembly.

A Copy of an address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on the subject of Home Education, was produced by the Committee appointed to prepare it. The address was read, considered, and on a call of the Roll, agreed to, as the address of this Synod.

Against this decision, M<sup>r</sup> Wright and others signified their intention of protesting, and promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Moved and agreed to, that the Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, and M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, shall present the address to his Excellency.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morn'g.

*Thirteenth Session, Tuesday Morn'g 7 o'clock.*

After prayer,—On reading the overture of last Synod, dispensing with the testimonial of a Degree in Arts from students intended for the ministry—D<sup>r</sup> Black requested, that his dissent might be recorded for the Reasons assigned by him and the Rev. James Elder against the endowment of a Professorship of Divinity &c. in the B. A. Institution. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elder, Hill, and M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, joined D<sup>r</sup> Black in the above expression of Dissent.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to investigate the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, gave in a report of their proceedings, the consideration of which was deferred till next sederunt.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Fourteenth Session, Tuesday Morn'g. 10 o'clock.*

The following abstract was made out of the report of the Committee in M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard's case.

"The Committee having heard M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard in his defence, it was decided by a majority, that the charges against him recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, were founded.

"It was then moved and seconded, that as M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard seems to have laboured under misapprehension of the Synod's laws concerning marriage, and as he has proposed to make a solemn asseveration, that he will not, till next meeting of Synod, marry any person whatever—instead of being degraded, he is now suspended "*sine die*."

"To this the following amendment was moved, that in obedience to the order of the Synod, M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard be degraded from the office of the Christian ministry." On this amendment the previous question was put and negatived. The amendment was then put and negatived. Against the latter decision Messrs Hay, Cooke, Horner, Malcom, Stewart, and Brown protested. With the consent of the Committee the original motion was then withdrawn.

"It was next moved and seconded, that as M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard has proposed to make a solemn asseveration, that he will not till next meeting of Synod, marry any person whatever—instead of being degraded, he be now suspended *sine die*. The roll being called, this motion carried—Against this decision a protest was entered by M<sup>r</sup> Hay, and the members who protested with him before.

"Previous to the conclusion of the business, Messrs Montgomery, Orr, Blakely, and Davis signified their intention of protesting against the first decision of the Committee, viz., that the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, were founded."

The parties having withdrawn, it was moved and seconded, that the Synod approve of the conduct of the Committee, in not degrading M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, inasmuch as all the guilt contemplated by the Synod when they gave instructions to the Committee, was not proved against him. The Roll being called, this motion carried.

Moved and agreed to, that the Synod cannot sustain the sentence of the Committee, suspending M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard "*sine die*," because the Committee had no authority to inflict that punishment.

M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard was ordered to be in attendance on the Synod at its meeting to-morrow morning.

A letter from the Proprietors of the Belfast Academical Institution, was presented to the Moderator, expressing their thanks for favours formerly received from the Synod, and particularly for the recent appointment of a Professor of Divinity to lecture in the Institution.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Fifteenth Session, Wednesday, A.M. 7 o'clock.*

After prayer—Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the minute of last Synod expressing disapprobation of the conduct of the Presbytery of Dromore, in the case of M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard, be now rescinded.



Resolved unanimously, that in order to mark the Synod's disapprobation of the conduct of M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard in celebrating marriages irregularly, he be now rebuked from the chair; and assured, that for the very first instance of irregularity in this respect, which shall be proved against him, he shall be punished with degradation—M<sup>r</sup> Sherrard was rebuked and admonished accordingly.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Sixteenth Session, Wed. 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The minute of last Synod respecting an application from certain families, residing at or near Ballintrain, to be erected into a congregation, was read, but the Presbytery of Monaghan, who were ordered to attend this meeting for the purpose of giving information on the subject in question not having done so, the business was necessarily dropt for the present.

On reading the minute of last Synod respecting Clare, the Committee appointed to take charge of that congregation reported,

“That on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March last, they ordained the Rev. James Gardner, as assistant and successor to the Rev. Robert Adams, in the Congregation of Clare—that M<sup>r</sup> Gardner subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and is a contributor to the Widows' Fund—and that there is a fair prospect of harmony and prosperity in the congregation.”

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Clare Committee, has been highly satisfactory, and that M<sup>r</sup> Gardner and the congregation be now annexed to the Presbytery of Armagh.

M<sup>r</sup> Hanna having begged leave to decline the situation of Treasurer, to the Committee for establishing a Professorship of Divinity, M<sup>r</sup> Munfod was appointed in his place.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomson having begged leave to decline the situation of Chairman to the same Committee, the Committee were authorized to nominate their own Chairman.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry Montgomery gave notice, that at the next meeting of Synod, he will bring forward certain resolutions, for the purpose of preventing irregularities on the part of Ministers of this body in the celebration of marriages.

## OVERTURES.

I. In order to render the education of Candidates for the ministry in this Church, more complete, it was overtured and agreed to, that not less than two years study of Theology, Hebrew, and Church History, after the prescribed course of philosophical study has been completed, shall entitle candidates for the sacred office, to admission into the presbyteries belonging to this body.

II. Overtured, that no Presbytery shall license any young man to preach the Gospel, under the age of twenty-four years. The consideration of this Overture deferred till next meeting of Synod.

III. Overtured and agreed to, that no candidate for the ministry shall be licensed to preach the Gospel, in less than one year after he shall have finished the prescribed course of theological study, and that any license granted in violation of this rule shall be null and void.

### BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented from the second Congregation of Larne, stating, that the memorialists had respectfully submitted to the decision of last Synod with regard to their Pastor, the Rev. James Cochrane; that they are now fully satisfied of the sincerity of his contrition; and therefore pray, that he may be restored to the ministerial office.

To this a counter-memorial was presented signed by a few members of the congregation of Larne, stating their unwillingness to receive M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane as their Pastor; and praying the Synod to take all the circumstances of this case into serious consideration.

The Presbytery of Templepatrick, and the commissioners from both parties of the Cong<sup>tn</sup> of Larne, having been heard at considerable length, the Synod adjourned till 3 o'clock.

### *Seventeenth Session, Wed. 3 o'clock, P.M.*

Moved and seconded, that M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane be rebuked by the Moderator, and restored to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Larne.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that the sentence of suspension "*sine die*" be now passed on M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane.

After a long discussion, the Roll was called, and the amendment was negatived.

Against this decision the following protest was entered.

We the undersigned protest.

1<sup>st</sup> Because we consider M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane's original offence, to be of such a nature, that it merited, at least, the punishment of suspension "*sine die*."

2<sup>nd</sup> Because M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane highly aggravated his original offence, by gross prevarication and wilful deception, when in a most solemn appeal to God, from his own pulpit on the Lord's day, he declared that he was privately married in May 1815; which declaration, he well knew his own congregation and the public at large, must understand to mean, that his marriage was privately solemnized by a clergyman in the usual way.

3<sup>rd</sup> Because M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane afterwards acknowledged that the marriage alluded to was solemnized by himself, no witness having been present, which if he *believed possible*, indicated such a want of

*understanding*, and which if he did *not believe*, indicated such a want of *integrity*, as proves him *in either case* totally disqualified for discharging the duties of the christian ministry.

4<sup>th</sup> Because, although sincere repentance of such crimes, would justify M<sup>r</sup> Cochranes admission to every *lay privilege* of the christian church, we do not consider that it can justify his restoration to the ministry: besides that of the sincerity of his repentance, we have reason to entertain the most serious doubts.

5<sup>th</sup> Because, we consider the interests of religion in general, and the honour of the Synod of Ulster in particular, to be vitally injured, by M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane's restoration to the Gospel ministry.

6<sup>th</sup> Because we consider the foregoing decision of the Synod, destructive of the discipline of this Church in future.

7<sup>th</sup> Because, we believe M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane's restoration must be ultimately injurious to the interests of religion in the congregation of Larne.

Signed by

Rob <sup>t</sup> Stewart	J. Thomson	John Brown
Jas. Brown	W <sup>m</sup> Wright	Moses Finlay
Jas. Horner	John Johnson	John White
Henry Cooke	Henry Henry	Richd. Dill Jun <sup>r</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Glendy	Jackson Graham	James Carlile

The original motion (viz. that M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane be rebuked and restored) was then agreed to.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow mornng.

*Eighteenth Session, Thursday 7 o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Cochrane was rebuked by the Moderator conformably to the resolution of last sederunt.

II. A memorial was presented from Alexander Charlton, son in law to the late Rev. James Davison, minister of the united congregation of Ballygawly and Aughnacloy, complaining of the Presbytery of Clogher, for not having procured memorialist certain arrears of stipend alleged to be due by said congregation to M<sup>r</sup> Davison, at the time of his decease.

The parties having been heard, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that this memorial be dismissed.

III. A memorial was presented from M<sup>r</sup> Smith a member of the Presbytery of Ballymena complaining of the conduct of the Presbytery of Route with respect to a charge of immorality against M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Campbell, a licentiate under their care, which Memorialist had merely reported to them, and praying the Synod, to institute a re-investigation of the charge against M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, and to say, whether mem<sup>ist</sup> *had*, or had *not*, sufficient grounds for reporting it.



The minutes of the Presbytery of Route on this subject, having been read by their Clerk, the Synod adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Nineteenth Session, Thursday 10 o'clock A.M.*

The subject of M<sup>r</sup> Smith's memorial was resumed, the witnesses in support of it were examined, and the Presbytery of Route were heard in their defence. The parties were ordered to withdraw, and the consideration of the case was entered on.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

*Twentieth Session, Thursday 3 o'clock P.M.*

The consideration of M<sup>r</sup> Smith's memorial was again resumed ; it was unanimously resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> Smith was only discharging his duty as a minister of this body, in directing the attention of the Presbytery of Route, to the report against the moral character of M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, and that the Synod highly disapproves of the spirit in which that Presbytery received his communication.

Resolved, that it appears from the minutes of the Presbytery of Route, and from the testimony of the witnesses this day examined, that M<sup>r</sup> Campbell had in his possession, a Bank-note taken from the house of Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Kay, which he immediately returned on being asked for it—that it does not appear in evidence that he took it with a felonious intention, but not having given a satisfactory account of the manner in which he obtained it, that he was not entitled to an "*honorable acquittal*."

Resolved, that the minute of the Presbytery of Route, in which M<sup>r</sup> Smith is said to have accused M<sup>r</sup> Campbell "*falsely, scandalously, and maliciously*," is highly reprehensible ; and an unworthy reflection on the character of M<sup>r</sup> Smith.

IV. A memorial was presented from certain families in the neighbourhood of Drumlough in the County of Down, stating, that since the last Meeting of Synod, they had been supplied by the Presbytery of Dromore, with preaching, on one sabbath in each month ; that their numbers are greatly increased ; that they are able to pay more stipend than is required by the rules of Synod for the erection of congregations, and praying that they may be erected accordingly.

The Report of the Presbytery of Dromore on this subject having been read—the Synod adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Twenty-first Session, Friday 7 o'clock A.M.*

After prayer, the consideration of the memorial from Drumlough, being resumed, it was moved and seconded, that the association at that place be erected into a Congregation under the care of the Synod.

As an amendment to this it was moved and agreed to, that the consideration of this business be delayed till the next meeting of Synod ;

and that the memorialists be referred as they were last year to the Presbytery of Dromore.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, submitted the copy of a letter to Lord Castlereagh, on the subject of Home Education ; which was read, and ordered to be transmitted by the Moderator.

Synod concluded with prayer.

#### INTERLOQUITUR.

A statement of the Receipt and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty, for the year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1816, was submitted to the Interloquitur, and found exact and satisfactory.

The accounts of the Widows' Fund, for the year ended the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1816, were in like maner submitted and on examination found correct.

Resolved, that the ministers of the Synod's Fixed Committee, together with Dr Bruce and Mr Carley from the Presbytery of Antrim, be a Committee for superintending the affairs of the Widows' Fund for one year. This Committee to meet in Cookstown when called by the Moderator on any emergency. Five to be a quorum.

Dr Black stated that in obedience to the order of last Interloquitur, he had lent the balance in his hands on landed security. His conduct was approved of.

Resolved that the Annuity to the Widows, be for this year £40.

A memorial was presented from Mr Gamble, an ex-contributor to the Fund, stating that the Agent had refused to receive his subscription for the year 1815, on account of its not having been transmitted in due time.

Resolved unanimously, that by the 11<sup>th</sup> Regulation, Mr Gamble has forfeited all claims on the Fund.

Resolved, on Dr Black's request, that his narrative of the circumstances connected with the augmentation of Royal Bounty in the year 1792, be no longer "*in retentis*."

Inserted Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1817.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. G. Synod.

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*A Pro re nata Meeting of Synod, held in Belfast on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1818.*

The Rev. Nat. Alexander constituted by Prayer. Present the following members :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Presbytery.		B.mena Presbytery.	
George Hay		Thos. Henry	
Templepatrick Presbty.		Henry Henry	Robt. Malcom
		John Smith	
John Savage		Robt. Stewart	Adam Duffin
Adam Hill		Geo. Meleland	
Thos. Alexander		Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Robt. Campbell	Jas. Blow	No member attended	
Wm. Glendy		Clogher Presbytery.	
Jas. Cochrane		No member attended	
Saml. Elder		Route Presbytery.	
Dromore Presbytery.		No member attended	
John McCance	W. M. Wilson	Route Presbytery.	
Alexander Patterson		No member attended	
Ham. Dobbin		Monaghan Presbytery.	
Wm. Wright		Mattw. Trumble	
Moses Finlay		Tyrone Presbytery.	
Jas. Birch Black		Thos. Mackay	
James Collins	Robt. Stewart	John Hogg	
Belfast Presbytery.		Armagh Presbytery.	
Saml. Hanna	Jas. Munfoad	James Bankhead	
Henry Simpson	Alexr. Turner	Andw. G. Malcom	
Jas. McCullogh		Robert Adams	
James Riddal		Arthur Neilson	
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr	James Gardner	
Wm. Harrison	Joseph Harrison	Strabane Presbytery.	
Henry Haslet		William Porter	
Alexr. McEwen		Elders from Congregations, either vacant, or whose ministers have not attended	
Bangor Presbytery.		Adam Bole from Donegore	
Andrew Craig		No member attended	
James Sinclair			
Robt. Acheson	Robt. Grogan		
John Mulligan			
Andw. Goudie			
Wm. Finlay	Saml. Carson		
David White			
Dublin Presbytery.			



The Moderator having stated, that he had called the present meeting in compliance with requisitions addressed to him by two Presbyteries—it was unanimously resolved, that the reasons specified in the requisitions alluded to, were not sufficient to justify a call of the Synod,—and therefore that the meeting be now dissolved—It was accordingly concluded with Prayer.

Inserted Feby. 1<sup>st</sup> 1818, by

WM. PORTER Clerk of G.S.

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At a Meeting of the Committee for superintending the Widows' Fund, convened in Cookstown, on Tuesday, March 3<sup>d</sup> 1818—the following members were present.

M <sup>r</sup> Alexander, Mod <sup>r</sup>	M <sup>r</sup> McClelland
M <sup>r</sup> Glendy	„ Philips
„ Harrison	„ Moore
„ Haslet	„ Davison
„ Finlay	„ Armar
„ White	D <sup>r</sup> Bruce
„ Horner	M <sup>r</sup> Carley
„ Smith	„ Porter, Clerk.

In making out the foregoing list, it became a subject of discussion whether M<sup>r</sup> Porter, the Clerk, was of right a member of the Committee—The question was put “Is he” or “Is he not” and it was decided in the affirmative.

The Moderator announced the death of Doctor Black, Treasurer to the Fund; and stated, that he had convened the Committee that they might provide for the management of that institution till the next meeting of the Contributors.

The Committee, having taken the affairs of the Fund, into serious consideration, resolved unanimously to recommend to the Contributors the following measures—

1<sup>st</sup> To submit the securities, and other concerns of the Fund to two eminent Lawyers, that they may make a report to the Treasurer, of the state of the same, and of any measure which it may be expedient for they Contributors to adopt, and that the Treasurer, shall then apply to the Moderator, to call a meeting of the superintending Committee, if this step shall be deemed necessary.

2<sup>nd</sup> To take the opinion of persons experienced in such calculations, as to the annuity which the Fund can afford to pay, the probable increase of Annuitants, the Maximum of Annuitants, and the period, at which it may be expected.

3<sup>d</sup> To require the Treasurer, to furnish every Contributor to the Fund, with a printed copy of its laws and regulations; and to reserve a number of copies for the use of new contributors.

4<sup>th</sup> To require the Treasurer every year, at as early a period as possible before the stated meeting of the Contributors, to transmit a particular statement, of the Securities, Receipts, and Disbursements of the Fund, to each Presbytery, or to each Contributor, as may hereafter be determined.

In both these cases, the expense of printing to be born[e] by the Fund.

5<sup>th</sup> To require the Treasurer, annually to invest the balance which may remain in his hands, in Government securities, in the name of the Trustees, until, the Contributors shall order the sum arising from these investments, to be laid out on *landed* security which shall always be

done by the advice of a Lawyer, chosen by the Contributors or the Trustees.

6<sup>th</sup> That defaulters, who shall forfeit by degradation or otherwise, shall not be restored to the privileges of the Fund without the consent of the Contributors, who shall prescribe the terms of restoration.

After agreeing to recommend the above measures, the Committee unanimously resolved, that it is expedient, now to appoint a temporary Treasurer, who shall manage the Fund till the next meeting of the Contributors, and shall give adequate security for the due discharge of his trust.

Moved and seconded, that it is expedient, that the agency for Royal Bounty, and the treasurership of the Fund, should be committed to the same hands, and therefore that the Rev. George Hay (recently appointed Agent for R.D. by his Majesty's Government) be appointed to act as Treasurer of the Fund, till the time mentioned above.

To this it was moved as an amendment, that the Rev. Robert Acheson be appointed temporary Treasurer.

The Roll was called, and Mr Hay chosen.

Resolved unanimously, that Mr Hay, shall forthwith provide a surety or sureties, who shall become bound to the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry, in the penal sum of £5000, for Mr Hay's due discharge of the trust now reposed in him.—Dr Bruce and the Rev. John Thomson to be satisfied with respect to the sufficiency of the security, and to see that the necessary bonds shall be duly perfected.

Resolved unanimously, that on re-consideration we deem it expedient, that the first of the measures recommended above to the Contributors, should not be delayed till the stated meeting of that Body; and therefore we do now instruct Mr Hay to have the securities on which the Capital of the Widows' Fund is lent, submitted to the consideration of Counsellors Joy and Smyly, and to get their opinions as to the sufficiency of the same. He is also instructed, to propose to those Lawyers such queries respecting said securities as he may deem important, and to obtain their answers. Mr Hay is requested to have these things done with all convenient speed; and to report the result to the Moderator that he may take such steps as circumstances may require.

The meeting concluded with Prayer.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk.

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*A General Synod at Belfast June 30<sup>th</sup> 1818.*

The Rev. Nat. Alexander, Moderator, having preached from 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 14<sup>th</sup> chap. 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> verses, constituted the Synod by prayer. Present the following members:—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presbytery.		Bangor Presbytery—continued.	
John Savage		William Moreland	Willm. McLeery
Adam Hill		Andrew Goudie	Willm. Warnock
Robert Orr	John Montgomery	Hugh Woods	Robert Allen
John Murphy		Henry Montgomery	Walter Roberts
Thomas Alexander	Joseph Shaw	William Finlay	James Ballentine
Robert Campbell		David White	John Stitt
Nat. Alexander	John M'Auley	William Skelly	Dr. Catherwood
Henry Cooke	James Owens	William Campbell	Anty. Downing
William Glendy			
James Cochran	Patrick Allen	Dublin Presbytery.	
Dromore Presbytery.		James Horner	
John Thompson	James Simpson	Saml. Simpson	
John Sherrard		Ballymena Presby.	
John M'Canee	Wm. M. Wilson	Thomas Henry	John Reside
Alexr. Patterson	James Lunn	Henry Henry	Samuel Beggs
William Wright	Saml. Waterworth	Robert Stewart	Robert Magill
Hamilton Dobbin	James Boyd	George McLeland	
Moses Finlay		W. M'Clintock Wray	
James Black		Robert Park	James Boyd
John Johnstone	William Weir	Letterkenny Presbytery.	
James McClelland	William Davison	Henry Carson	
James B. Black	James Nicholson	Clogher Presbytery.	
James Collins		No member attended	
Belfast Presbytery.		Route Presbytery.	
William Whitlaw	Fran. Murry	Matthew Elder	
Samuel Hanna	James Munfoad	Samuel Dill	
Saml. Watson	Thomas Reid	James Boyle	
Henry Simpson	Alexr. Turner	Solomon Brown	
James M'Culloch	John Currie	James Dunlop	
James Riddall	Samuel McKee	Richard Dill	
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr	John Brown	
John Hanna	James Baillie	William Lyle	
William Harrison	Joseph Harrison	Jackson Graham	
Henry Haslett	Hugh McLune	Samuel Butler	John Moody
Alexander McEwen	Alexr. Philson		
Bangor Presbytery.			
Dr. Dickson			
Dr. Stevenson			
Andrew Craig	Henderson Wightman		
James Sinclair			
Robert Acheson	William Boyd		
John Watson			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Presbytery.		Armagh Presbytery—continued.	
James Harpur		Arthur Neilson	John Blakely
Thomas Kennedy		James Davies	
John Adams		Joseph Jenkins	
		James Gardner	
		Samuel Eccles	
Tyrone Presbytery.		Strabane Presbytery.	
Thomas Mackay			
John Davison	Daniel M <sup>c</sup> Cook	William Porter	
John Cowan			
Robert Hogg			
Robert Allen			
John Hogg			
Armagh Presbytery.		Richard Dill	
James Bankhead	Thomas Neil	George Hay	
Dr. Wm. Neilson	John Getty	James Johnson	
Samuel Arnold			
Andw. G. Malcom		Elder from vacant congregation	
William Maclaine		Samuel Cunningham	Cullybackay

Mr. Montgomery  
Moderator

Mr Alexander having moved that a Moderator for the present year be now chosen, the following Ministers were put in nomination—Messrs Cooke, Patterson, S. Watson, Montgomery, S. Simpson, Wray, Carson, Butler, Kennedy, R. Hogg, Malcom, & R. Dill, sen. The roll was called and Mr Montgomery chosen.

Mr Porter continued clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and prepare lists to be handed to the clerk to-morrow morning, of the members whom they appoint for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, & General Synod's fixed Committee—an account of such Ministers belonging to them as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such candidates as have been licensed or admitted on trials; and of such students as have been examined previous to their going to College, & after their return since the last annual meeting of Synod; a report of their annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died, during last year, and the time of their decease; and such other returns as our regulations require.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Second Session. Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.*

Doctor  
Stevenson

After prayer, on reading the minute of last year respecting Dr Stevenson it was moved that his name be now inserted in the list of the Synod; the roll was called and the motion carried.

The different Presbyteries made returns of their members for the several Committees—also the following reports—

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that they have examined, previous to their going to College, the first time Messrs Thomas Logan, Hugh Hamilton, James Alexander, Robert Niel, and John Montgomery, Mr Doherty on his return the first time; Mr Erskine on his return the second time; Mr McKee on his return the third time; and Messrs Crawford and Shaw on their return the fourth time. Have on the Fund Mrs Gibson and Mrs Thompson. Mrs Montgomery died on the eig[h]th of May last.

2 Annuitants  
Death of Mrs.  
Montgomery

Dromore Presbytery report, that the Rev. John McLeland died on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March last, leaving a Widow & family; that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Mr William McCance, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, according to the Synod's formula; that they have on first trials, Messrs John Carson, William Crozier, and John McCauly; that they have examined, previous to their going to College the first time, Alexander Patterson, John Mulligan, Thomas Hay, Robert Little, John Bell, William Murphy, Charles Adams, Robert Phares, George Thompson, John Martin, George Jardine, John Davison, William Hays & John Cavan: have on the Fund, Mrs Hay, (residing in County Donegal) Mrs Thompson and daughter, Mrs Magee, Mrs Barber, Mrs Little, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Waddle and Mrs McLeland.

Death of Mr.  
McLeland

8 Annuitants

Belfast Presbytery report, that they Rev. George Brydone, being unable from age and infirmity to discharge his pastoral duties, requested the Presbytery, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1817, to allow his congregation to choose an assistant and successor; and that he died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September following, leaving neither widow nor family; and that on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1817, they ordained the Rev. Alexander McEwen in Kircubbin, who adhered to his former subscription to the Westminster Confession of Faith, and become a contributor to the Widows' Fund: that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs John Orr, and William Johnstone, who both subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith; that they examined Messrs John Hutton, Alexander, and McEwen previous to their going to College the first time; Messrs Hugh Hutton, Moore, Shaw, Wallace, Hunter, and Cleland, on their return the second time; and Messrs Reid and Maine on their return the third time; have on the Fund, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McEwen, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Kelburne, Mrs Henry, Mrs Harrison, and Mrs Grey.

Death of Mr.  
Brydone

7 Annuitants

Bangor Presbytery report, that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October last, they licensed Mr David Thom to preach the Gospel; that they examined Hugh Gamble and James Mulligan, previous to their going to College; have on extra-judicial trials, Mr John Blakely; on the Fund Mrs Hull, now in America, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Byrson, Mrs Porter, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Robert Porter, and the family of Mr Arnold.

7 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that the Rev. John Baird died on the— of August 1817, leaving neither widow nor family; have on the Fund, Mrs Wilson, and Mrs Cochran: Mrs Rogers died in the month of May last.

Death of Mr.  
Baird  
2 Annuitants  
Death of Mrs.  
Rogers



6 Annuitants

Ballimena Presbytery report, that on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June last the [y] licensed M<sup>r</sup> Marshal Moore, to preach the Gospel; that they examined Messr<sup>s</sup> Thompson, Allison, Rogers, and Montgomery, previous to their going to College the third time: and have on second trials Messr<sup>s</sup> William Cuthbertson, and Archibald Hucheson, on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay, M<sup>rs</sup> Howard, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown, M<sup>rs</sup> Mithell, and the families of Messieurs Hamilton and Park.

3 Annuitants

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the licensed M<sup>r</sup> Allison to preach the Gospel in October 1817, and M<sup>r</sup> Reid in April, 1818; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Henderson previous to his going to College the first time; and Messr<sup>s</sup> Allen, Russel, and Johnston, on their return the first time, M<sup>r</sup> Steel on his return the second, and M<sup>r</sup> Gibson on his return the third; have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, M<sup>rs</sup> Burke and M<sup>rs</sup> Allen.

1 Annuitant

Clogher Presbytery report, that on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May they licensed Messr<sup>s</sup> James M<sup>c</sup>Williams and Archibald Armstrong, to preach the Gospel; have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Moorehead.

Mr. Patterson  
ordained in  
Macosquin

14 Annuitants

Route Presbytery report, that on the second day of September 1817, they ordained the Rev. John Patterson in the Congregation of Macosquin, who subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and became a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 1817, they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott to preach the Gospel, who also subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith; that they have examined Messr<sup>s</sup> George Bellis, and Archibald King on their return from College the second time; and Messr<sup>s</sup> Joseph King Bellis, and William Neilson on their return the third time; to whom specimens of composition were prescribed according to the Synodical order: that they have entered on extrajudicial trials Messr<sup>s</sup> Hamill and M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, who attended Theology in the B.A. Institution; have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyley, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis (supposed to be in America), M<sup>rs</sup> Simpson, M<sup>rs</sup> Macmullan, M<sup>rs</sup> Blair, M<sup>rs</sup> Fullarton, M<sup>rs</sup> Greer and family, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Leland, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Farland, M<sup>rs</sup> Logan, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Thompson.

Deaths of Mr.  
M<sup>c</sup>Ilree & Mr.  
Davis

Mr. Adams  
ordained in  
Monaghan

8 Annuitants

Monaghan Presbytery report, that the Rev. Henry M<sup>c</sup>Ilree died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 1817, leaving a widow and family; and the Rev. John Davis on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, leaving neither widow nor family; that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1818, they ordained the Rev. John Adams as assistant and successor to the Rev. Matthew Trumble, in the congregation of Monaghan, who became a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> John King previous to his going to College the first time, and also on his return; that on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May last, they licensed Messr<sup>s</sup> Andrew Breaky and John Agnew to preach the Gospel; have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> John Boyle; on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, M<sup>rs</sup> Whiteside, M<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, M<sup>rs</sup> Moore, M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August last, they licensed to preach the Gospel, Messr<sup>s</sup> Grey, Smith, Clarke, and Creighton; have on first trials William Brown; examined on their return from college the third time, Messr<sup>s</sup> Collins, Morgan and Adams,

and on their return the second time, Messr<sup>s</sup> Dugall and Sloan; M<sup>rs</sup> Deaths of Mrs. Glasgow died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and M<sup>rs</sup> Stitt on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May Glasgow & Mrs. Stitt last; have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Boylan, M<sup>rs</sup> Dugall, M<sup>rs</sup> Simpson, M<sup>rs</sup> 5 Annuitants Chambers, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart.

Armagh Presbytery report, that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1817, they ordained the Rev. Samuel Eccles to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Armagh, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund; they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Thom, M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw. Mr. Eccles ordained in Armagh 3 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November last, they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Love to preach the Gospel; that they examined John Scott Porter, previous to his going to college the first time, and M<sup>r</sup> Alexander on his return the third; have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Turbitt, M<sup>rs</sup> Hamill, and M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson. 3 Annuitants

Derry Presbytery report, that the Rev. Henry Elder died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, the Rev. Francis Gray on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, and the Rev. D<sup>r</sup> Black on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December last, all leaving widows and families; that on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant they ordained the Rev. Henry Kidd in the Congregation of Boveva, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund; they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> Robert Thompson; on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Walker, M<sup>rs</sup> Patten, M<sup>rs</sup> Scott, M<sup>rs</sup> Law, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Gray, and M<sup>rs</sup> Black. Deaths of Mr. Elder, Mr. Gray and Dr Black Mr. Kydd ordained in Boveva 7 Annuitants

Antrim Presbytery report, they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Crombie, M<sup>rs</sup> Vance, M<sup>rs</sup> Nevin, M<sup>rs</sup> Sinclair, and the families of Messr<sup>s</sup> Wightman, Marshall, and Bryson. 7 Annuitants

#### General Synod's fixed Committee for 1818.

Presbs.	Minrs.
T. Patrick,	Messr <sup>s</sup> Orr & T. Alexander
Dromore,	„ Thompson & M <sup>c</sup> Cance
Belfast,	„ Watson & M <sup>c</sup> Culloch
Bangor,	„ Craig & Acheson
Dublin,	„ Horner & Simpson
Ballimena,	„ Waughop & Wray
L. Kenny,	„ Reid & Kernaghan
Clogher,	„ Philips & Anderson
Route,	„ Butler & Lyle
Monaghan,	„ White & Winning

Presbs.

Minrs.

Tyrone,      Messrs Moore &amp; Wilson

Armagh,      „ Bankhead &amp; A. Neilson

Strabane,      „ Gilkey & M<sup>c</sup>Crea

Derry,      „ Mitchell &amp; Kydd

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator & Clerk, are to meet at Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency; fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned. Committees to meet immediately. Open Synod at half-past one o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1 o'clock P.M.*

Presbyteries to  
bring their  
books to the  
Synod

The Presbytery of Bangor having assigned as their reason for not having returned any Members for the Committee of Books, "that this Committee had now become a nonentity" it was ordered that the several Presbyteries shall bring their Books, for inspection, to the next and every subsequent meeting of Synod; and that they shall return every year, members for the Committee of Books, according to our standing regulations.

Moved that Armagh be the place of the Synod's meeting next year. Belfast was also put in nomination. The roll was called and Belfast carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next, in the Meeting-house of the third Congregation. Divine service to commence at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Code of  
Discipline

It was stated by the Committee for preparing "A Code of Discipline" &c that their proceedings had been retarded by the ill health of one of their members, and they requested another year for executing the business committed to them. This request was granted.

Petitions against  
Distillation on  
the Sabbath

The Committee for managing the petitions against Distillation on the Lord's Day, reported, that not having had an opportunity of procuring a sufficient number of signatures, they had deemed it expedient not to forward the Petitions. Ordered that Mr Cooke shall have the Petitions ready for signatures to-morrow morning.

The Committee which was last year appointed to attend the examination of Students belonging to this body in the B.A. Institution, made the following report:—

"Belfast April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1818.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster, to attend the examination of Students under their care in the B.A. Institution—present:



N. Alexander Mod<sup>r</sup>  
 Professor Hanna  
 R. Acheson

J. McCance  
 H. Montgomery  
 W<sup>m</sup> Wright

H. Cooke  
 F. Blakely  
 W. Harrison

“ Dr Neilson, Mr Campbell, and Mr Patterson were also present and sat and voted with the Committee.

“ Having attended examinations in Natural Philosophy and Greek—ordered, that our Moderator do join with the Professors in granting Certificates to the following Students, viz.

“ In Natural Philosophy, to Alexander Orr, William Ellison, Hugh Rodgers, James Shannon, Joseph Bell, and Thomas Dugall.

“ In Greek, to Hugh Gamble, John Doherty, George Bellis, John Davison, Robert Kennedy, George Thompson, John Martin, John Bell, Thomas May, John Mulligan, John Hutton, George Jardine, Alexander Patterson, James Mulligan, Robert Little, James Cowan, and John Scott Porter.

“ April 30<sup>th</sup> The Committee attended examinations in Logic and Mathematics—Ordered, that our Moderator do join in granting Certificates to the following Students, viz.

“ In Logic, to James Cowan, Hugh Gamble, John Doherty, George Bellis, John Davison, Robert Kennedy, George Thompson, John Martin, John Bell, Thomas May, John Mulligan, John Hutton, George Jardine, Alexander Patterson, James Mulligan, W. Smith, Robert Little, and James Ferguson.

“ In the Senior class of Mathematics, to James Cowan, John Davison, and John Martin.

“ In the Junior Class, to William Ellison, Arch<sup>d</sup> King, Thomas Dugall, and Joseph Bell.

“ May 1<sup>st</sup> The Committee attended examinations in Moral Philosophy and Latin—Ordered that our Moderator do join in granting Certificates to the following Students viz.

“ In Moral Philosophy, to John Shaw, William J. Erskine, and Archibald King.

“ In Latin, to Thomas May, Robert Little, John Hutton, John Doherty, John Bell, James Mulligan, Hugh Gamble, William Hay, George Bellis, Alexander Patterson, and John S. Porter.

“ Alexander Orr, William Ellison, Hugh Rodgers, James Shannon, Joseph Bell, and Thomas Dougal, having been examined in Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics,—Ordered, that our Moderator do join with the Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, in granting to these Students the General Certificate required by Synodical regulations, in place of a Degree in Arts.

“ The Committee feel highly gratified in being able to state, that the examinations afforded the most satisfactory evidence of the great

assiduity both of the Professors and Students. Indeed, the general progress was so great, that even in the largest classes, there was not a single Student who did not acquit himself very creditably."

Signed &c.

Resolved that the following Ministers be the Committee of examination for the current year.

H. Montgomery Mod <sup>r</sup>	J. Thompson	A. G. Malcom
J. M <sup>c</sup> Cance	R. Stewart	W. Finlay
Professor Hanna	F. Blakely	A. Craig
H. Cooke	W. Wright	R. Campbell
R. Acheson	W. Glendy	H. Simpson
H. Woods	J. Davis	H. Haslett
W. Harrison	Jas. Bankhead	

Any other Ministers of the Synod, who may attend the examinations, shall have the privilege of sitting and voting with the Committee.

The Committee for purchasing a piece of plate, to be presented to M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming and her family, stated that they would be ready to make their report, to-morrow morning.

B.A. Institution

A letter was read from the Joint Boards of Managers and Visitors of the B.A. Institution, stating, that they begged leave to present to the Synod some copies of a publication detailing the system of education pursued in that seminary; and that they had deputed the Rev. H. Montgomery, and the Rev. W. D. H. M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, to give any farther information respecting the Institution, which the Synod might require.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Fourth Session. Thursday 10 o'clock, A.M.*

Mrs. Cuming

After prayer—the Committee for purchasing a piece of Plate, to be presented to M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming and her family, reported that they had not received contributions sufficient to carry into effect the object of their appointment—Ordered that the Moderator of each Presbytery, shall at its next stated meeting, collect the contributions of his co-presbyters, and transmit them forthwith to the R. John Thompson, Belfast.

Establishmen  
of a Board of  
Faculty in the  
B.A. Institution

A letter was received by the Moderator from the Professors of the B.A. Institution, stating, that they had been recently formed into a Board of Faculty, possessing full powers to take cognizance of every thing connected with the literary arrangements and moral discipline of the Collegiate Department.

Resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery and M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen be requested to communicate to the Board of Faculty, our assurance of the satisfaction which the arrangement now communicated has afforded us.

The Moderator of last year, reported that he had transmitted to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the letter committed to his care ; and that no answer had been returned. Letter to the General Assembly

Moved, that inasmuch as the Church of Scotland, passed an Act in 1799, which excludes the Ministers and Licentiates of this Body from preaching in *their* Congregations ; and though respectfully and repeatedly applied to, have not made any alteration of said act in our favour,—it is therefore resolved that the Ministers and Licentiates of the Church of Scotland shall not be admitted to preach in *our* Congregations. Ministers of the Church of Scotland not allowed to officiate in our Congregations

To this it was moved, as an amendment—that as the Church of Scotland passed an act in 1799, which excludes the Ministers and Licentiates of this body, from preaching in their congregations ; and though respectfully and repeatedly applied to, have not made any alteration of said act in our favour,—it is therefore resolved, that we deem it a duty which we owe to our Licentiates and to ourselves to declare, that the Ministers and Licentiates of the Church of Scotland shall not be eligible to any of our congregations, nor allowed to preach in any of our vacancies.

The roll was called and this amendment was negatived.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Against this decision the following Ministers, viz., Messrs<sup>a</sup> Thompson, John Brown, Cooke, Stewart, Johnstone, Horner, Hanna, S. Simpson, H. Simpson, Kennedy, Boyle, R. Dill Jun<sup>r</sup>, Lyle, Graham, Campbell, and George McLeland, together with Robert Magill and Samuel Beggs, Elders, gave in reasons of protest, which were ordered to be *in retentis*. Protest

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

#### *Fifth Session. Thursday, 4 o'clock, P.M.*

The Deputation which was last year appointed to present an address to the Lord Lieutenant on the subject of Home Education, gave in their report.

Resolved unanimously, that the conduct of the Deputation has been highly satisfactory ; and that their report be *in retentis*.

M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery requested, that he might be allowed another year for bringing forward his promised regulations respecting marriage. His request was granted. Regulations respecting Marriages postponed

In reference to the first and third overtures of last year, it was moved, that it is not the intention of the Synod, that young men who had commenced their collegiate education before these overtures were passed, should be subject to their operation. First and third overtures of year

After a long discussion, the Synod adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.



*Sixth Session. Friday, 7 o'clock A.M.*

restricted in  
their operation

After prayer,—it was moved as an amendment to the motion of last sederunt, that such young men as had commenced their collegiate education before the enactment of the first and third overtures of last year, shall be admitted on judicial trials immediately on the close of the first session which they shall have devoted to the study of Divinity; and be licensed as soon after the close of the second session, as their Presbyteries shall think right.

The roll was called, and this amendment carried.

Overture  
rejected

The adjourned consideration of the overture of last year, prohibiting Presbyteries from licensing candidates under the age of twenty-four years, being resumed, it was moved and agreed to that the overture be rejected.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Seventh Session. Friday, 10 o'clock A.M.*

Case of Mr  
Smyth and Mr  
Campbell

On reading the minute of last year, respecting Mr Smyth's memorial against the conduct of the Presbytery of Route, in the case of Mr Campbell, a licentiate under their care,—it was moved, that the resolution of last Synod, declaring part of the minutes of the Presbytery "highly reprehensible," be rescinded.

To this, the following amendment was moved and agreed to, that as Mr Campbell declares he can produce witnesses in his favour, who were not present when the business was last year discussed, a Committee be now appointed to re-investigate and determine the whole matter at issue between him, Mr Smyth and the Presbytery of Route—This Committee to consist of the following Ministers—the Moderator. Messrs T. Alexander, A. Patterson, Thomas Henry, H. Henry, Davis, Malcom, Hay, Cooke, Allen, Harrison, Dr Stevenson, Davison, Stewart, and Park. These, with each an Elder, to meet in Ballimoney, on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, instant at 12 o'clock. The attendance of at least seven ministers is necessary to form a quorum.

Mr Campbell having acknowledged himself the author of a publication entitled "A Letter to the Rev. the General Synod of Ulster, &c, &c." the Committee are instructed to take such steps respecting this publication, as they may deem expedient

Mr Smith and Mr Campbell are enjoined to furnish each the other, with a list of his witnesses, ten days previous to the day of trial.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

*Eighth Session. Friday, 3 o'clock P.M.*

Divinity  
Professorship

The Committee for managing the concerns of the Synod's Divinity Professorship, gave in a report of their proceedings during the last twelve months, which was ordered to be *in retentis*.

Resolved, that a committee consisting of Messrs Bankhead, Malcom, Wright, Patterson, and R. Hogg, shall meet this night, and prepare a plan, to be submitted to the Synod to-morrow morning, for the farther support of our Divinity Professorship.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Ninth Session. Saturday, 7 o'clock A.M.*

After prayer, the Committee appointed for the purpose, presented the following plan for the support of the Divinity Professorship :—

“From the accounts submitted to them, the Committee find, that the sums subscribed by *congregations* for the permanent fund, amount to £241 14s. 5½d.; and that the subscriptions of *Ministers* for the support of the Professorship for one year, amount to £85 10s. Plan for support of Divinity Professorship

“From this statement it appears, that a great majority of the Ministers and congregations of the General Synod, have neglected to comply with the instructions of the Synod, on this important subject. The Committee therefore are of opinion, that it ought to be warmly recommended by the Moderator, to such Ministers as have not yet paid their subscriptions, to do so with as little delay as possible, as they value the importance of the object in view, and the credit of the Presbyterian body; the more particularly, as the contributions of the Ministers for the present year, are inadequate to compensate the Professor for his extraordinary labour during the session, and as it is the opinion of the Committee, that no part of the permanent fund should be applied to the payment of the Professor.

“With respect to the congregational collections, the Committee are of opinion, that it ought to be again warmly recommended to Ministers, to collect money from their people in aid of the permanent fund, as soon as they conceive they can do so with a prospect of success; and in congregations where a considerable sum cannot be raised at present in aid of the permanent fund, a collection be raised in support of the Professorship in the meantime in whatever manner ministers shall judge most proper. But the Committee recommend, that Ministers do take pains to inform their people, of the great advantages of the establishment which their contributions are intended to support, and urge them to lend their liberal assistance, in promoting the objects of the present promising plan of home education.

“The Committee think that the collections might, with propriety be made in the month of August or of September next.

“They recommend that the Committee appointed last year for the management of the concerns of the Professorship, be continued; and that they shall have the power of determining the salary of the Professor for the last year.

“They farther recommend that Mr Munfod be requested to continue treasurer.”

A. G. MALCOM, Clerk of Committee.

Resolved unanimously, that the foregoing plan be adopted ; and its execution most earnestly recommended, to all the Ministers and Elders of this body.

Resolved unanimously, that our warm thanks be returned to the Second Congregation of Presbyterians in Belfast, for their liberal donation of fifty pounds in support of our Divinity Professorship.

### OVERTURES.

I. The following address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, was overtured and unanimously agreed to.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, EARL TALBOT, LORD LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

Address to Lord  
Lieutenant

We, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, embrace the first opportunity afforded us by our annual meeting, of congratulating your Excellency on your appointment to the Government of this Country—an event which we regard with much satisfaction, and from which we anticipate the most beneficial results.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we are actuated by the same principles of loyalty to his Majesty's Illustrious House, and devoted attachment to the British Constitution by which our ancestors were distinguished ; and that we will zealously inculcate the same sentiments on the minds of our people, particularly of the rising generation. We trust that in the course of your administration, your Excellency will feel yourself warranted in representing us to his Majesty's Government, as worthy of a continuance of that favour and confidence, which Presbyterians have enjoyed, from their first settlement in Ireland.

Signed in our name and by our order.  
at Belfast, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1818.

HENRY MONTGOMERY, Moderator.

Students to re-  
main at College  
from 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
till 1<sup>st</sup> May &  
Presbyteries to  
report the  
duration of each  
Session

II. Overtured and agreed to, that the term of study at any collegiate seminary of learning, which students under the care of Presbyteries of this Body, shall each session be required to complete, be at least from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May ; and that Presbyteries, in their annual reports, shall specify the dates, as stated in the Professors' certificates, at which the students under their care, commenced and terminated their studies, each session at college.

Penalty  
attached to  
above regulation

III. Overtured and agreed to, that if any Presbytery shall license any young man, contrary to the foregoing regulation, the Presbytery so offending, shall be subject to the severe censure of the Synod, and the license so granted shall be null and void.



## BILLS.

I. A memorial was presented from certain families in the neighbourhood of Drumlough, stating that during the last year, they had been regularly supplied with preaching by the Presbytery of Dromore; and praying that they may be erected into a congregation under the care of the Synod.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Dromore, stating their proceedings with regard to the association at Drumlough, were read by their clerk; the members of the Presbytery communicated some additional information, and the commissioners deputed by the association were heard.

The commissioners having withdrawn, it was moved and agreed to, that the association at Drumlough be erected into a Congregation, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Dromore. The Presbytery however are enjoined not to ordain a minister among them, until the debt due for the building of their Meeting-house be liquidated.

II. A memorial was presented from the Presbyterian inhabitants of Carlow, stating various reasons, which in their opinion ought to induce the Synod to erect them into a Congregation; and praying that they may be erected accordingly, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Dublin.

A letter was handed to the Moderator, containing certain resolutions of the Presbyterian Synod of Munster. The resolutions were read, and as bearing on the subject of the memorial from Carlow, were ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

“At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Munster, held in Dublin on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1818.

Resolution of  
the Synod of  
Munster

“Resolved unanimously, that we contemplate with peculiar satisfaction, the recent exertions made by our brethren of the Synod of Ulster, to extend the Presbyterian interest in the South of Ireland.

“Resolved unanimously, that we will co-operate with the Synod of Ulster, in any means they may adopt for promoting this desirable end.

“Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Synod are due to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Cooke, and the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, who have recently supplied the Congregation of Carlow, for the zeal, prudence, diligence, and ability, exhibited by them, in fulfilling the objects of their mission.

“Resolved unanimously, that a copy of these resolutions, signed by our Moderator and Clerk, be sent to the Moderator of the Synod of Ulster, to be communicated to that body.

“PH. TAYLOR, Moderator.

“JAMES ARMSTRONG, Clerk.”

Carlow erected

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that the worshipping association at Carlow, be erected into a Congregation, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Dublin.

Resolution to promote Presbyterianism in the South

Resolved unanimously, that we will most cordially co-operate with our brethren of the Synod of Munster, in promoting the Presbyterian interest in the South of Ireland.

Resolved unanimously, that for this purpose, we authorize the Trustees of the General Fund in Dublin, to invite to preach in the South, such ministers of our body, and for such periods of time as they may think proper; and that the Presbyteries to which such ministers belong, shall, during their absence, supply their congregations free of expense.

Moved and unanimously agreed to, that our Moderator shall write a respectful letter to the Moderator of the Synod of Munster, enclosing a copy of the foregoing resolutions and expressing the happiness we feel in the prospect of extending Presbyterianism, and our sense of the liberal conduct of our brethren in the South.

Resolved unanimously that our warm thanks be returned to our own members, Messrs Horner, Cooke and Stewart, for their zealous exertions in this business—Messrs Horner, Cooke and Stewart were accordingly thanked by the Moderator.

Presbyteries to return the names of their Moderators in their reports and to announce to the Treasurer the death of any of their members & of any of their annuitants  
New regulations respecting the annual reports of annuitants

Ordered that each Presbytery, shall, at their meeting immediately previous to the stated meeting of Synod, appoint a Moderator for the year, and return his name as such in the annual report.

Ordered that on the death of any minister of this body, or of any widow on the Fund, the Presbytery to which he or she belonged, shall at their meeting immediately subsequent to such death, transmit an official report of the same to the Treasurer.

Ordered that the *Christian* name of each annuitant shall in future be inserted by Presbyteries, in their annual reports, and also the name of the congregation of which each annuitant's husband was minister. In cases of subsequent marriages, annuitants shall still be designated in the reports of Presbyteries, by the name of their husbands through whom they became entitled to the fund, with the names by which they are known at the time of making such reports, immediately subjoined.

Notice of a motion by Mr Johnstone

Mr Johnstone gave notice that he will move at our next annual meeting, that the amount of stipend required previous to the erection of congregations, shall be reduced from fifty pounds to forty.

Synod concluded with prayer.

Attested by

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk of G. Synod.

## INTERLOQUITUR.

It was officially announced to the Interloquitur that in consequence of the death of D<sup>r</sup> Black, Treasurer to the Widows' Fund, a meeting of the Committee for superintending that institution, had been held at Cookstown, on the third of March last, to provide for the management thereof till the present time. The minutes of that meeting were read, and on them the following proceedings were grounded.

Resolved, that M<sup>r</sup> R. Hogg, M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, M<sup>r</sup> Hay and M<sup>r</sup> Bruce, be requested to submit to the next stated, or official meeting of the contributors, which shall be convened, such data as they may deem necessary, for calculating the annuity which the Fund can afford to pay, the probable increase of annuitants, the maximum of annuitants, and the period at which it may be expected. The same gentlemen are also requested, to ascertain as nearly as they can, the expense of obtaining the desired calculations.

Resolved, that the Treasurer shall furnish each contributor to the Fund, with a printed copy of its laws and regulations, and shall reserve a number of copies for the use of future contributors. Instructions to  
the Treasurer

Resolved, that the Treasurer shall transmit (every year) at as early a period as possible before the stated meeting of the contributors, a particular statement of the securities, receipts and disbursements of the Fund, to the Moderator of each Presbytery. In both these cases, the expense of printing to be borne by the Fund.

D<sup>r</sup> Bruce gave notice that at the next annual meeting of the contributors, he will propose a regulation to the following effect, viz. that no defaulter who shall forfeit by degradation or otherwise, shall be restored to the privileges of the Fund without the consent of the contributors, who shall prescribe the terms of restoration. Notices of  
motions by Dr  
Bruce and by Mr  
Bruce.

M<sup>r</sup> Bruce gave notice that at the next annual meeting, he will propose an alteration of the seventh rule, to this effect, viz. that the premium to be paid by ministers on second marriages, shall be regulated by the tables used for that purpose, by annuity companies.

On reading the resolution of Fund Committee, assembled at Cookstown, appointing M<sup>r</sup> Hay to act as Treasurer till this meeting, it was stated that M<sup>r</sup> Hay had *gratuitously* discharged the duties imposed on him, by this appointment—Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this body are due to M<sup>r</sup> Hay for his disinterested conduct. Thanks were accordingly returned to him by the Moderator.

Resolved unanimously, that M<sup>r</sup> Hay be now appointed Treasurer of the Fund. For the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, he is required to give security to the amount of two thousand pounds to the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry. D<sup>r</sup> Bruce and M<sup>r</sup> Hanna to be satisfied as to the validity of the security. Mr Hay  
Treasurer

The Treasurer stated, that in obedience to instructions given to him by the Fund Committee at Cookstown, he had taken the opinion of Serjeant Joy and Counsellor Smyly as to the validity of the



securities, on which the capital of the Fund is lent. The opinions were read, and the Treasurer was enjoined to carry into immediate execution, certain measures therein recommended.

Instructions to  
the Moderator  
and to the  
Treasurer

Ordered that the Moderator shall in due time convene a committee consisting of M<sup>r</sup> Thompson, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, M<sup>r</sup> Hogg, and M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, and submit to them the case which was laid before Serjeant Joy and Counsellor Smyly, that they may add to it such queries as they may think proper. The case with these additional queries to be transmitted to the Treasurer, who is hereby instructed to procure a consultation with respect to it, between the two lawyers above mentioned. So soon as he shall have obtained their joint opinion, he is to inform the Moderator of his having done so. The Moderator is then to call a special meeting of the contributors at Belfast, that said opinion may be laid before them, and such measures adopted as shall be deemed expedient.

A Committee consisting of Messrs Hanna, Horner, Bankhead, D<sup>r</sup> James Neilson and M<sup>r</sup> Bruce was appointed to examine the accounts of the late D<sup>r</sup> Black as agent for R.D., and Treasurer of the Fund; and also those of M<sup>r</sup> Hay as Treasurer of the Fund *pro tempore*.

This Committee reported, that they had examined the accounts of M<sup>r</sup> Hay as Treasurer of the Fund *pro tempore*, and found them correct.

The Committee farther reported, that not having D<sup>r</sup> Black's books before them, they had not been able to execute that part of their commission which related to his accounts as agent for R.D. and Treasurer of the Fund.

Resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs Horner, Porter, Dunlop, and R. Dill Jun<sup>r</sup>, shall forthwith repair to Londonderry, in order to examine D<sup>r</sup> Black's books, and make a final settlement of his accounts.

Fund  
Committee

Resolved that the Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Thompson, D<sup>r</sup> Bruce, M<sup>r</sup> Hanna, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, M<sup>r</sup> R. Hogg, M<sup>r</sup> Blakely, and M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen be a committee for superintending the affairs of the Fund for one year. This Committee to meet in Belfast, when called by the Moderator, on any emergency—five to be a quorum.

Annuity to  
Widows

Resolved that the annuity to the widows for the current year, shall be fixed by the contributors at the special meeting in Belfast, which the Moderator has already been instructed to convene.

Resolved that the deputation appointed by the Synod of this year, to present an address to the Lord Lieutenant, shall write to the Rt. Hon. Robert Peel, and to M<sup>r</sup> Vaughan of London, and return them our sincere thanks for their good offices in procuring a more desirable arrangement of English R.D.

The deputation are farther instructed to wait, when in Dublin, on the Rev. Joseph Hutton, and to communicate to him our acknowledgments for his exertions in the same business.

Dr William Neilson, stated that in consequence of having accepted the situations of Classical Head Master and Professor in Hebrew in the Belfast Academical Institution, he intended to resign the Pastoral charge of the congregation of Dundalk; and wished the Interloquitur to inform him, whether by such resignation, his connection with the Widows' Fund would be affected. Dr Neilson farther stated that it was by no means his intention, to lay down the "ministerial character," that he was resolved to continue a member of a Presbytery; to perform such clerical duties as his circumstances would allow; and to accept of any congregation in Belfast, or its immediate vicinity, which might choose him for their pastor.

Dr. William  
Neilson

Resolved that Dr William Neilson's connexion with the Fund, and the interest of his family therein, cannot, in our opinion, be affected by the resignation contemplated, inasmuch, as we do not think that the instruction of youth can be considered as a *secular employment*, within the meaning of our regulations, provided, that the minister, who may resign for this purpose, his pastoral charge, shall continue under the care, and subject to the appointments of some Presbytery, either of the Synod of Ulster, or the Synod of Munster.

A letter was read from Mr Gamble, praying that he might be restored to his privileges as a contributor to the Fund. To this application the Interloquitur refused to accede.

Mr Gamble

Mr Hanna gave notice that at our next annual meeting, he will bring forward a motion to the following effect, viz.—That the widow or family of a degraded minister, a contributor to the Fund, shall on his death be entitled to all the benefits thereof, provided his annual subscription be paid to the Treasurer, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in every year.

Notice of a  
motion by Mr  
Hanna

Mr Campbell gave notice, that at our next annual meeting, he will move for the repeal of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regulation of the Fund.

Notice by Mr  
Campbell

Inserted November 12<sup>th</sup> 1818.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk, G. Synod.

Attested by

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. G. Synod.

*A General Synod at Belfast June 29<sup>th</sup> 1819.*

The Rev. Henry Montgomery, Moderator, having preached from 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 1<sup>st</sup> Chap. 21<sup>st</sup> verse, constituted the Synod by Prayer.

Present the following Members :

Dromore Presbytery.		Dublin Presbytery.	
Ministers	Elders	Ministers	Elders
John Thompson	James Simpson	James Horner	
John McCance	Wm. M. Wilson	Samuel Simpson	
Alexr. Patterson	William Dixon		
John McIlwain	Jos. Nicholson	Ballymena Presbytery.	
William Wright	Robt. Gardner	Ministers	Elders
Moses Finlay			
William Magowan		Thomas Henry	Hugh Rodgers
Henry Cooke	Wm. Davison	Henry Henry	Hugh Lynn
James McLeland	Thos. Kennedy	John Smith	
James B. Black		Robert Stewart	Robert Magill
William Craig	George McAdam	George McClelland	
Samuel Crory		William Wachope	
		William Wray	
		Robert Park	William Orr
		Wm. Cuthbertson	
Belfast Presbytery.		Letterkenny Presbytery.	
Ministers	Elders	Ministers	Elders
Doctor Hanna	James Munfoad		
Henry Simpson	William Duff		
James McCullogh	John Dalzell		
James Riddell		Clogher Presbytery.	
Fletcher Blakely	Gawin Orr	Ministers	Elders
John Hanna	Robert Patton		
William Harrison	Joseph Harrison		
Henry Hazlett	David Stewart	John Anderson	
Alexander McEwen			
Bangor Presbytery.		Route Presbytery.	
Ministers	Elders	Ministers	Elders
Dr. Stephenson		James Elder	
Andrew Craig	Joseph Fulton	Mathew Elder	
James Sinclair		John Brown	
Robert Acheson	James McKain	William Lyle	
John Watson		Jackson Graham	
William Moreland	R. McDonald	Monaghan Presbytery.	
John Mulligan	James Lunn	Ministers	Elders
Hugh Woods			
H. Montgomery	Walter Roberts	Joseph Denham	
William Finlay	Samuel Carson	James Goudie	
David White	Richard Stitt	James Morell	Arch. Martin
William Skelly	John Hanna	Patrick White	
William Campbell		James Harpur	



Monaghan Presbytery—continued.		Strabane Presbytery	
Ministers	Elders	Ministers	Elders
Robert Winning Thomas Kennedy John Alexr. Adams		William Porter	
		Derry Presbytery.	
		Ministers	Elders
Tyrone Presbytery.		Mathew Heron John Mitchell George Hay Andw. McCaldin	James Lynd
Ministers	Elders	Templepatrick Presbytery.	
Thomas Mackay David Bennet William Brown Robt. Cunningham Robert Allen John Hogg	Robert Clarke	Ministers	Elders
		John Savage Adam Hill Robert Orr John Murphy Robert Campbell Nat. Alexander William Glendy Samuel Elder James Cochran	J. Montgomery William Gregg John Wilson Wm. Robinson
Armagh Presbytery.		Elders from congregations either vacant or whose Ministers have not attended.	
Ministers	Elders	James Owens from Donegore	
Dr. Neilson James Bankhead Dr. Wm. Neilson Samuel Arnold And. G. Malcom Robert Adams Arthur Neilson James Davis James Gardner Samuel Eccles David Davison	Robert Dickson John Blakely James Harden	Robert Anderson Robert McCracken	Bushmills

M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery having moved that a Moderator for the present year be now chosen, the following Ministers were put in nomination :—  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, H. Simpson, Moreland, S. Simpson, Wauchope, J. Elder, Goudie, Cunningham, Malcom, McCaldin, and Orr. The Roll was called, and M<sup>r</sup> Patterson chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Patterson  
Moderator

M<sup>r</sup> Porter continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and prepare lists, to be handed to the the Clerk to-morrow morning, of the members whom they appoint for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's Fixed Committee; the names and addresses of their respective Moderators for the year; an account of such Ministers belonging to them, as have died, been ordained, or installed; of such Candidates as have been licensed, or entered on trials; and of such Students as have been examined previous to their going to College, and subsequently to their return, since the last meeting of Synod; a report of their Annuitants on the Fund; of any that have died during the last twelve months, with the time of their decease; and such other returns as our regulations require.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

*Second Session, (Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.)*

After prayer, the Presbyteries made returns of their Members for the several Committees; also the following Reports:—

Mr Cooke  
installed

Messrs Craig and  
Crory ordained

Mr Adair's  
License with-  
drawn

8 Annuitants

Death of Mr  
Greer

Death of Mr  
Rowan  
6 Annuitants

Dromore Presbytery report, that on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, 1818, they installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Cooke in the Congregation of Killileagh—That on the 2<sup>d</sup> of February last, they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Craig, at Carnmoney, as assistant and successor to the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Thomson; and on 23<sup>d</sup> of March last, the Rev. Samuel Crory, as Minister of the newly erected congregation of Drumlough, who both adhered to their former subscription of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and are contributors to the Widows' Fund. That they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Mess<sup>rs</sup> John McCauley, and John Carson; and that on the 18<sup>th</sup> of last month, they withdrew his license from M<sup>r</sup> William Adair. They have entered on first trials M<sup>r</sup> James Templeton. Have received certificates from Alexander Patterson, John Mulligan, Thomas May, Robert Little, John Bell, William Murphy, and William Hay, stating their regular attendance at College, from the 3<sup>d</sup> of November until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, during the last Session, in the classes of Moral Philosophy, Junior Mathematics, and Greek. Charles Adams attended the Logic and Greek classes from the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1818, until the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 1819; and Robert Ferris attended the same classes during the period prescribed by the Synod. They examined Edward Allen, previous to his going to College the first time. The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Craig, Carnmoney, Belfast, is their Moderator for the year. They have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Hay of Donoughmore Congregation now residing in Donegal; M<sup>rs</sup> Thomson (now M<sup>rs</sup> Campbell) and daughter, of Mourne Congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, of Lurgan; M<sup>rs</sup> Eliza Barber, of Rathfryland; M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Little, of Killileagh; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Patrick, of Magherally; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Waddel, of Dromore; and M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret McClelland of Ballynahinch.

Belfast Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew Greer died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1819, leaving neither widow nor family—That they have entered on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Neilson, Hugh Maine, Thomas Reid, and Alexander Orr—That M<sup>r</sup> Campbell Blakely having obtained a General Certificate, in the Belfast Academical Institution, having produced from a seceding Minister a satisfactory testimonial as to his moral conduct, having undergone all examinations according to the rules of Synod, and having studied Divinity during one Session, has been entered by them on first trials—That they have received the necessary specimens from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moore, Shaw, and Hugh Hutton, on their return from College the third time; all of whom attended lectures from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. That they have examined, previous to their going to College the first time, John Carn-duff, and John Mawhinney—The Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Haslett, Castlereagh, Belfast, is their Moderator for the year. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowan died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1819. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, of Holywood Congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane McEwen, of Killinchy; M<sup>rs</sup> Frances Kelburn, of Belfast; M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Henry, of Castlereagh; M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Grey, of Castlereagh; and M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Harrison (now M<sup>c</sup>Ilveen) of Holywood.



Bangor Presbytery, report, that they examined William Neilson, and John Byers, previously to their going to College the first time; Hugh Gamble and James Mulligan, after their return the first time; and James Cahoon and Henderson Wightman, after their return the second time; who all attended the full session—That on the first Tuesday of May last, they licensed M<sup>r</sup> John Blakely to preach the Gospel—That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew Goudy died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1818, leaving a widow and family—The Rev<sup>d</sup> David Whyte, Ballee, Downpatrick, is their Moderator for the year. Have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Hull, (now in America), of Bangor Congregation, M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, of Ballee; M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, of the fourth congregation Belfast; M<sup>rs</sup> Ann Porter of Grayabbey; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Caldwell, of Dundonald; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Cochrane, of Ballywalter; M<sup>rs</sup> Porter of Clough; M<sup>rs</sup> Matilda Goudy, of Ballywalter, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Arnold of Donaghadee.

Death of Mr  
Goudy

9 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that on the 23<sup>d</sup> of September, 1818, they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Scott, in the congregation of Stratford-on-Slany; that he signed the Westminster Confession of Faith, and declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund—That M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, widow of the late Rev<sup>d</sup> William Wilson, one of the ministers of Usher's Quay, Dublin, died in the month of January last. The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Horner, 23, Lower Dorset Street, Dublin, is their Moderator for the year.

Mr Scott  
ordained in  
Stratford

Death of Mrs  
Wilson

Ballymena Presbytery report, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September last, they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Cuthbertson to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Cullybaeky; and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November last the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Hutchinson to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Dunean; both of whom are contributors to the Widows' Fund—That M<sup>r</sup> Christy died on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August last, leaving neither widow nor family—That they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> Robert Magill to preach the Gospel—That they have entered on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thompson and Montgomery; and have received specimens in Divinity from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Allison and Rogers. Their young men have attended College, from the commencement to the end of the last session. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Lindsay, of Ballymena Congregation, M<sup>rs</sup> Victoria Brown, of Broughshane; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Howard, of Ahoghill; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Mitchel, of Ballymoney; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Park, of Buckna. The Rev<sup>d</sup> W. McClinton Wray, Buckna, Ballymena, is their Moderator for the year.

Mr Cuthbertson  
and Mr Hutchin-  
son ordained

Death of Mr  
Christy

5 Annuitants

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Leitch died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September last, leaving neither widow nor family; and M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Marshall, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February last, leaving a widow and family—That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses and John Rogers, and John Ramsay previously to their going to College the first time; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Allen, Russel, and Johnstone, on their return the second time; and M<sup>r</sup> Steele on his return the third time. Have on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> Gibson. M<sup>r</sup> Steele appeared at the meeting of the Presbytery in April last, and produced certificates of his having attended lectures on Divinity, Church History, and Hebrew, (in the College of Glasgow) from the commencement of the session, until the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. He assigned bad health, as the reason of his not having continued at College until

Death of Mr  
Leitch and of  
Mr A. Marshall



3 Annuitants

the 1<sup>st</sup> of May ; which reason, the Presbytery believe to be true. They request the direction of the Synod with respect to him. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Burke, of Rathmelton Congregation ; M<sup>rs</sup> Delap, of the old Congregation of Omagh ; and M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Allen, of the united Congregations of Leater and Dunfanaghy. The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Ramsay, of Raphoe, is their Moderator for the year.

1 Annuitant

Clogher Presbytery report, that they examined M<sup>r</sup> James Beatty previously to his going to College the first time, and also on his return, after studying there a full session. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Moorhead, of the United Congregations of Fintona and Dromore.

Mr. McKee

14 Annuitants

Route Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Kee, finding himself unable, from infirmity, and the agitated state of his Congregation, to discharge his pastoral duties with advantage requested the Presbytery, on the 15<sup>th</sup> February last, to allow his Congregation to choose an Assistant and Successor. They have examined M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay, in Natural Philosophy ; and have on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, Hamill, and Watson, who all attended College during the time prescribed by Synod. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Gaston, M<sup>rs</sup> Smyly, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Hamilton, M<sup>rs</sup> Elder, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, (supposed to be in America), M<sup>rs</sup> Simpson, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Macmullin, M<sup>rs</sup> Blair, M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Fullerton, M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Greer and family, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Farland, M<sup>rs</sup> Logan, and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Thompson. The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Patterson, Macosquin, Coleraine, is their Moderator for the year.

Death of Mrs.  
Warnock  
8 Annuitants

Monaghan Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> William White, and M<sup>r</sup> Robert Rusk, having attended College from the commencement to the conclusion of the last session, were, on completing their trials, licensed by them to preach the Gospel. That they examined M<sup>r</sup> James Goudy on his return from College the first time, and M<sup>r</sup> James Shannon, after his return the third time, who both completed the Session required by Synod ; and they also examined M<sup>r</sup> John King, on his return from College the second time, having attended there from the beginning of the Session till the 10<sup>th</sup> April. M<sup>rs</sup> Warnock died in the month of April last. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith of Stonebridge Congregation ; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Montgomery (now Gibson) of Bailieborough ; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Whiteside (now Gunn) of Stonebridge ; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Moore, of Ervey and Carrickmaclim ; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Wilson, of Longford ; M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree of Keady ; M<sup>rs</sup> Ann Jackson, of Ballybay ; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Cootehill. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Winning, Kingscourt, is their Moderator for the year.

4 Annuitants

Tyrone Presbytery report, that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August last, they licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Brown to preach the Gospel. That they examined M<sup>r</sup> William Henry, previously to his going to College the first time. Have on first trials Mess<sup>rs</sup> Collins, Morgan, and Adams, who have finished their collegiate course, according to Synodical regulations, and also, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Sloane, who has attended Divinity one full session. Have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Boylan, of Minterburn Congregation ; M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Dougall, of Magherafelt ; M<sup>rs</sup> Matilda Chambers, of Stewartstown ; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Carland. The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Hogg, of Carland, Stewartstown, is their Moderator for the year.

Armagh Presbytery report, that on the 23<sup>d</sup> of July, 1818, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr William Neilson resigned the charge of the Congregation of Dundalk, and that they ordained there, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 1819, the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Davison, who is a contributor to the Widows' Fund. They examined previously to their going to College the first time, Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Vogan, Maurice M<sup>c</sup>Caw, Samuel Moore, and James Hutton, whose time of attendance on their several classes was comfortable [conformable] to the regulation of Synod. The Presbytery resolved to supplicate the Synod for advice with respect to the Carlingford part of the United Congregations of Narrow-water and Carlingford. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Anne Thom, of Newry Congregation : M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Cuming of Armagh ; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw of Banbridge. The Rev<sup>d</sup> A. G. Malcom, Newry, is their Moderator for the year.

Resignation of  
Dr. W. Neilson  
and ordination  
of Mr. Davison

Carlingford  
3 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that M<sup>r</sup> Henderson died on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1818, leaving a widow and family. That they have received on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> James Alexander ; and that they have examined, on his second return from College, M<sup>r</sup> John Scott Porter, who produced certificates of attendance from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last. They have on the Fund M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Turbitt, Donaghedy Congregation ; M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Hamill, Donaghedy ; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Anderson, Drumquin ; and M<sup>rs</sup> Margery Henderson, Derg and Killeter. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Hemphill, Gortin, Newtownstewart, is their Moderator for the year.

Death of Mr.  
Henderson

4 Annuitants

Derry Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mathew Cuthbert died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January last leaving a family. That in August last, they licensed M<sup>r</sup> Robert Thompson to preach the Gospel. That they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Walker, and Cunningham, after their return from College the first time, whose term of study there was conformable to the Synodical regulation. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Walker, of Malin Congregation ; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Patton, Knowhead ; M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Scott, Malin ; M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Law, Banagher ; M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Grey, Boveva ; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Elder, Muff ; M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Black, Derry ; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Cuthbert, Colerain ; The Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Kydd, Dungiven, is their Moderator for the year.

Death of Mr.  
Cuthbert

8 Annuitants

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 1818, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Cooke resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Donegore. In October last they examined M<sup>r</sup> Stephenson Hunter, previously to his going to College the first time, and in May, on his return. They have also examined M<sup>r</sup> Doherty on his return the second time ; M<sup>r</sup> Erskine on his return the third time ; and M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee on his return the fourth time. They have licensed to preach the Gospel, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Crawford, and Shaw. Have on second trials, M<sup>r</sup> James S. Reid. On the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Gibson, Crumlin Congregation ; and M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Thompson, Larne. The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Glendy, Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, is their Moderator for the year.

Mr. Cooke's  
resignation of  
Donegore

2 Annuitants

Antrim Presbytery report, that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Crombie, first Congregation, Belfast ; M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Vanco, second Congregation, Belfast ; M<sup>rs</sup> Alicia Nevin, Downpatrick ; M<sup>rs</sup>

7 Annuitants

Elizabeth Sinclair, Larne; and the families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wightman, Holywood; Marshal, Ballyclare; and Bryson, Antrim. The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Heron, of Ballyclare, Moderator.

General Synod's Fixed Committee for 1819.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Dromore, Mess <sup>rs</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cance & Cooke,	
Belfast,	Harrison & M <sup>c</sup> Ewen,
Bangor,	Mulligan & Woods,
Dublin,	Horner & Simpson,
Ballymena,	M <sup>c</sup> Clelland & Cuthbertson,
Letterkenny,	Reid & Carson,
Clogher,	Sampson & Philips,
Route,	Boyle & Butler,,
Monaghan,	Harpur & Winning,
Tyrone,	M <sup>c</sup> Kay & R. Hogg,
Armagh,	A. Neilson & Jenkins,
Strabane,	Gilkey & M <sup>c</sup> Crea,
Derry,	Johnson & Kydd,
Templepatrick,	Campbell & Glendy,

These with an Elder from each Presbytery, our Moderator and Clerk, are to meet at Belfast when called by the Moderator on any emergency—fifteen to be a quorum, of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Letterkenny  
Report

No member of Letterkenny Presbytery having attended this meeting, it was resolved, that though we allow the report transmitted from that body to be inserted in our Minutes, it is not to be considered as stamped with our sanction; because we have not the means of making inquiry concerning its correctness. With respect to M<sup>r</sup> Steele, however, we consider the reason assigned for his non-conformity to the Synodical regulation of last year as valid. On the proceedings with regard to the other young men, mentioned in the report, we can give no opinion whatsoever. The several members of the Presbytery are enjoined to attend our next meeting, and to account for their absence from the present.



On reading that part of the report from the Presbytery of Route, Mr. McKee which states, "That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Daniel McKee had requested them to allow his Congregation to choose an Assistant and Successor," the circumstances connected with this application were minutely investigated; and it appearing, that the Presbytery had sanctioned an arrangement, by which M<sup>r</sup> McKee was to resign the whole of his stipend, and the half of his R.D. to an assistant, when chosen; and that M<sup>r</sup> McKee had concurred in this arrangement, in order to stop the prosecution of certain charges which had been preferred against his moral conduct—It was resolved, that we cannot countenance any such compromise as that which seems to have taken place on the occasion in question; and that the Presbytery be enjoined to investigate said charges, without delay, and decide thereon, conformably to our discipline.

Adjourned—Committees to meet immediately—Open Synod at half-past three o'clock.

*Third Session, (Wednesday afternoon, June 30, ½ past 3 o'clock).*

On the second reading of that part of the report from the Presby- Carlingford tery of Armagh, which relates to Carlingford, it was stated by the Presbytery, as their decided opinion, that the persons now worshipping in that place are so very few, and the augmentation of their numbers so very improbable, that M<sup>r</sup> Arnold's usefulness as a Minister would be greater, were he to discontinue his present practice of preaching there every sixth Sabbath, and devote his whole time to the Congregation of Narrow-water.

After considerable discussion, it was moved as a resolution, That in our opinion, M<sup>r</sup> Arnold ought to continue to supply Carlingford, as he has hitherto done; that the Presbytery of Armagh ought to assist him in supplying Narrow-water, and avail themselves of the services of such members of the Presbytery of Dromore, as may be willing to preach occasionally in Carlingford, during the ensuing year. The roll was called, and the resolution carried.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session, (Thursday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup> 7 o'clock).*

After prayer, it was proposed as a resolution, that it is conducive Synod's place of to our interest as a body, that our Synodical meetings be held by turns, meeting to be in many different places; and not longer in the same place than two changed frequently years in immediate succession. This resolution was unanimously agreed to, and the members present pledged themselves to use their influence to have it acted on in future.

Conformably to the foregoing resolution, it was moved, that Cookstown the Cookstown be the place of the Synod's meeting next year; Lurgan also place of meeting was put in nomination. The roll was called and Cookstown carried. The meeting to take place on the last Tuesday of June next; divine se[r]vice to commence at five o'clock afternoon.

Code of  
discipline

The Committee for preparing "A Code of Discipline &c." requested that they might be allowed another year to complete the business for which they had been appointed. The request was granted. M<sup>r</sup> Thompson, on account of his present state of health was permitted to avail himself of M<sup>r</sup> Cooke's assistance, in preparing the part of the Code allotted to him.

Petition against  
Distillation on  
Sabbath

The Committee for managing the Petitions against Distillation on the Lord's Day, reported, that the petition to the House of Lords had been presented by Lord O'Neill, on the request of Lord Hertford; and that, to the House of Commons, by Lord Castlereagh. They farther reported, that they had been informed by M<sup>r</sup> Vansittart, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that a regulation was contemplated, which would put an end to the practice complained of.

Report of  
Examination  
Committee

The Committee for the examination of Students belonging to the Synod, in the Belfast Academical Institution, made the following report:—

"Belfast, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1819.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster, to attend the examination of students under the care of that body in the Belfast Academical Institution—present, H. Montgomery, Moderator, A. Craig, R. Acheson, J. Thomson, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, R. Campbell, H. Simpson, and F. Blakely.

"Having attended examinations in Natural Philosophy and Greek—ordered that our Moderator join the Professors D<sup>r</sup> Knight and D<sup>r</sup> Neilson, in granting Certificates to the following students, viz. :—

In Natural Philosophy, to Clarke Houston, William Erskine, William Hunter, John Shaw and Robert Carlisle.

"In Greek, to Edward Allen, William Henry, William Neilson, James Beattie, James Bones, James Hutton, John Byers, John Carnduff, Robert Ferris, and Stephenson Hunter.

"Edward Alexander having been prevented by sickness from being publicly examined in Greek, at the end of last session, offered himself for this purpose, after the general examination of the Class had been concluded. The Committee considering a separate examination informal, enjoined him to attend the public examinations in Greek at the close of the ensuing Session.

"April 29<sup>th</sup>—Present, H. Montgomery, Moderator, R. Acheson, J. Thomson, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, R. Campbell, F. Blakely, W. Finlay, W. Harrison, W. Wright, and W. Glendy.

"Having attended Examinations in Mathematics and Logic—ordered, that our Moderator join Professors Thomson and Cairns, in granting Certificates to the following students, viz. :—

"In Mathematics, to Alexander Patterson, Clarke Houston, George Bellis, William Erskine, William Neilson, James McCay, James Mulligan, James Hutton, John Bell, John Doherty, John Scott Porter, Robert Little and Thomas May.

"In Logic, to Edward Allen, William Henry, William Neilson, James Beatty, James Bones, James Hutton, John Byers, John Carnduff, John Scott Porter, Maurice M<sup>c</sup>Caw, Robert Ferris, Stephenson Hunter and Edward Alexander.

"April 30<sup>th</sup>—Present, H. Montgomery, Moderator, R. Acheson, J. Thompson, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, H. Simpson, F. Blakely, W. Wright, W. Glendy, J. M<sup>c</sup>Cance, R. Campbell, and W. Harrison—T. Alexander, who was present sat with the Committee.

"Having attended examinations in Moral Philosophy—Ordered that our Moderator join Professor Young in granting certificates to the following Students, viz. to Alexander Patterson, George Bellis, George Jardine, James M<sup>c</sup>Cay, James Mulligan, John Bell, John Doherty, Robert Little, Thomas May, Edward Alexander, John Hutton, James Cowan, George Thomson, John Mulligan, William Hay, and Hugh Gamble.

"Clarke Houston, William Hunter, John Shaw and Robert Carlisle, having been examined in presence of the Committee, in Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics, Ordered that our Moderator join the Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, in granting to these Students the General Certificate, received by the Synod as equivalent to a Degree in Arts.

"The Committee having attended the examinations of William Erskine, with a view to his obtaining a General Certificate—Agreed unanimously that his answers were satisfactory, in the different departments, with the exception of Mathematics. He was therefore enjoined to continue his studies in that Science until our Moderator shall deem it proper to convene the Committee, for his re-examination.

"The Committee feel much pleasure in reporting, that the examinations, afforded convincing proof of the abilities of the professors, and the diligence of the Students; the proficiency being so great and general in each of the classes as to give high satisfaction to all present.

"Signed,

F. BLAKELY, Clerk of the Committee.

Resolved, that the Committee of last year be continued for the present; and that any other Ministers of the Synod, who may attend the Examinations, shall have the privilege of voting with regard to them.

By a letter addressed to the Moderator, the Joint Boards of Managers and Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution informed the Synod of the prosperous state of that Seminary and their having recently established in it a professorship of Anatomy and Medical Philosophy—The Moderator was desired to express the satisfaction which this Communication has afforded to the Synod.

Professorship of  
Anatomy in the  
B.A.I.

The Committee for purchasing a piece of Plate, to be presented to Mrs. Cuming Mr<sup>s</sup> Cuming and family, were instructed to expend for that purpose the amount of whatever contributions they shall have received on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November next.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.



*Fifth Session, (Thursday morning, 10 o'clock).*

Church of  
Scotland

On reading the regulation of last year, which goes to prohibit Clergymen of the Church of Scotland from preaching on any occasion, in our pulpits—it was moved, that the regulation be re[s]cinded, and the following enacted in its stead—"That as the Church of Scotland passed an Act in 1799 which excludes the Ministers and Licentiates of our body from preaching, in their Congregations, and though respectfully and repeatedly applied to, have not made any alteration of said Act, favourable to us; therefore we deem it a duty which we owe to our Licentiates and to ourselves, to declare that the Ministers and Licentiates of the Church of Scotland shall not be eligible to any of our Congregations, nor allowed to preach in any of our vacancies."—The roll was called, and the motion carried. Against this decision, the following Protest was entered.

Protest

We the undersigned protest,

First—Because the Act of the General Assembly of 1799, was an unhandsome and unkind violation of the amity which had long subsisted between that Church and ours.

Secondly—Because, when we applied for a revision and alteration of said unkind Act, the Assembly treated our remonstrance, at first with total neglect, and finally with insult.

Thirdly—Because, after duly considering all the circumstances, we resolved in the year 1818, to protect the interests of our Licentiates and the peace of our Congregations, by preventing persons in connexion with the Church of Scotland from preaching in our pulpits—and as no change has taken place in that Law of the Assembly, we think the present decision of Synod discovers an unwise and vacillating policy.

Fourthly—Because, there can be no real friendship, where there is not a mutual return of civilities, and where the parties are not upon an equality. We therefore consider it highly disgraceful to the Synod, to fawn upon a Body of men who have treated them with unmerited contempt and insult.

Fifthly—Because, in our opinion, neither honour nor advantage is likely to accrue from a re-union with the Church of Scotland; and even if there were, we think the present decision will have the most powerful tendency to prevent it.

(Signed)

H. Montgomery  
W. Harrison,  
J. Anderson,  
Adam Hill,  
Thomas Henry,  
W. Finlay,  
David Whyte,  
James Harpur,

Moses Neilson  
J. A. Adams  
R. Acheson,  
James Riddel,  
J. Murphy,  
John Smith,  
W. Wright,  
W. Glendy,

D. Davison  
Samuel Eccles.  
Elders,  
W. M. Wilson  
James McKean,  
John Montgomery  
Joseph Harrison,  
J. Lunn.

Synod adjourned till half-past two o'clock.

*Sixth Session, (Thursday, ½ past 2 o'clock, afternoon).*

M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery stated, that after consulting some aged members of Synod, he had resolved not to bring forward, at present, any new regulations respecting marriage. Marriage Regulations

The Committee, last year, appointed to determine the matter at issue between M<sup>r</sup> Smith, M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, and the Presbytery of Route; and also to consider the pamphlet published by M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, reported —That they had met at Ballymoney, according to instructions; and after a laborious investigation, (the minutes of which were read to the Synod by their Clerk) had come to the following resolutions:— Case of Mr. Smith and Presbytery of Route

“I. Resolved, That in reporting to the Presbytery of Route, the charge against M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, M<sup>r</sup> Smith did an act of duty, as a Minister of the Synod; though we cannot wholly approve of the manner in which he did it, inasmuch as we think he ought to have made more particular inquiry respecting the truth of the charge, before he reported it to the Presbytery.”

From the latter part of the foregoing resolution, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison declared that he dissented, because it appeared to him, that M<sup>r</sup> Smith had made sufficient inquiry before he reported the charge.

“II. Resolved unanimously, That we highly disapprove of the spirit in which the Presbytery of Route received M<sup>r</sup> Smith’s communication of the charge against M<sup>r</sup> Campbell—That we also disapprove of the manner in which the majority of that body seem to have acted, during the investigation, towards the witnesses examined in support of said charge, But, above all, that we disapprove of the conduct of the Presbytery, in having, at a subsequent meeting in Garva, altered their decision, at the request of M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, so as to cast a severe and unmerited reflection on the moral character of M<sup>r</sup> Smith; and this at a time when M<sup>r</sup> Smith had regularly entered an appeal to the Synod against their original decision: and when they knew that that gentleman was in prison, and utterly unapprised of their proceeding.

“III. Resolved, That as M<sup>r</sup> Campbell has declined entering on his defence, and as no new evidence in his favour has appeared during the investigation, we see no reason for altering the decision of the Synod of 1817, with respect to him.”

From this resolution M<sup>r</sup> Cooke expressed his dissent.

The Committee, after hearing M<sup>r</sup> Campbell at great length, in support of certain statements in his pamphlet,

“IV.—Resolved, That a pamphlet entitled ‘Letter to the Rev<sup>d</sup>, the Synod of Ulster,’ &c., &c., of which M<sup>r</sup> Campbell has acknowledged himself the author, is a scandalous invective against the Synod of Ulster, abounding with the most groundless, indecent, and malicious representations.” Mr. Campbell's pamphlet

Having received the foregoing report, the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Seventh Session, (Friday morning, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 o'clock).*

After prayer, resolved unanimously—That the decision of the Committee which met at Ballymoney be approved of; and that the thanks of the Synod be returned to them, for their assiduous and acute investigation of the case on which they were appointed to decide.

Mr Campbell's  
credentials  
declared null

The Presbytery of Route having admitted, that since the decision of the Committee with regard to M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, they had given him credentials as a preacher of the Gospel, previously to his departure from the Kingdom—it was moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the credentials thus improperly given, be declared null and void.

It was farther moved—That the conduct of the Presbytery of Route, in the whole affair of M<sup>r</sup> Smith and M<sup>r</sup> Campbell; has been highly reprehensible, and that those members of that body who signed the credentials given to the latter; and also, those members who concurred in the alteration made at Garva of the original decision respecting M<sup>r</sup> Smith, shall be suspended from preaching for one Lord's day.

Moved, as an amendment—That we highly disapprove of the conduct of the Presbytery of Route, in the case of M<sup>r</sup> Smith and M<sup>r</sup> Campbell; and that the act of a majority of that body, in signing credentials for the latter, is particularly reprehensible—it is therefore resolved, that the Presbytery shall be most seriously admonished to conduct themselves with more propriety for the time to come, and as only a few members of that body are now present, it is farther resolved, to express, in a written document, to be transmitted to their Moderator, and publicly read by him at their next meeting, the strong displeasure which we feel at their irregular proceedings; and a solemn warning, never again to be guilty of similar misconduct—The roll was called and this amendment negatived.

Presbytery of  
Route sus-  
pended

The original motion for suspension was then put and carried. The following members desired that their dissent from this decision should be entered on the Minutes [Minutes], viz. G. Hay, J. Horner, A. G. Malcolm, H. Cooke, R. Stewart, R. Park, J. Mitchell, M. Heron, W. Wauchope, P. White, W. Craig, R. Allen, T. M<sup>c</sup>Kay, H. Haslett, and Robert Magill, Elder,

Ordered, that the suspension shall take place on the second Sabbath of August next: and accordingly, those members of the Presbytery of Route, who either signed M<sup>r</sup> Campbell's credentials, or who concurred in the procedure at Garva, are hereby suspended for that day.

A Committee appointed to devise the mode of carrying this sentence into effect, reported, that according to the best evidence they could obtain, the following members of Route Presbytery came under the operation of the foregoing order of Synod, viz:—



R. Rentoul,	his cong <sup>n</sup> to be supplied, and his suspension announced by	H. Kydd.
J. Elder,	Do.	T. Henry.
M. Elder,	Do.	H. Henry.
A. Martin,	Do.	G. McClelland
James Brown,	Do.	A. McCaldin.
Chas. Kennedy,	Do.	W. Moore.
Richard Dill,	Do.	J. Mitchell.
James Boyle,	Do.	R. Stewart.
J. Whiteside,	Do.	W <sup>m</sup> Porter.
S. Butler,	Do.	J. A. Johnson.

The Committee farther reported their opinion, that the Probationers supplying the pulpits of the Ministers appointed to announce the suspensions, should be paid one Guinea each by the respective persons suspended.

The decision of the Committee was sustained, and the measures recommended by them were adopted by the Synod.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Eighth Session, (Friday morning, 10 o'clock).*

A Letter from the Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution, was presented to the Moderator by a deputation from that body, and read by the Clerk. As certain suggestions in this communication (respecting the discipline of the Theological Class), were connected with an affair, understood to be referred [to], in the report of the committee for managing the concerns of the Divinity Professorship, it was agreed to postpone the consideration of these suggestions, till that report should be presented.

Letter from  
Faculty of the  
B A I.

The Committee for managing the concerns of the Divinity Professorship, gave in a report of their proceedings during the last twelve months. The report contained a charge against M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Hutton, a Student in the Theological Class, for contumacious behaviour towards the Committee, and Professor Hanna.

Divinity  
Professorship

M<sup>r</sup> Hutton was heard in his defence.

Adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock.

Mr. Hutton

*Ninth Session, (Friday afternoon,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock).*

D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, and the Professorship Committee were, heard on the subject of M<sup>r</sup> Hutton's behaviour.

Resolved—That the conduct of the committee, and of D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, as Professor, is entitled to our highest approbation.

Resolved—That the Presbytery of Belfast, to which M<sup>r</sup> Hutton belongs, be ordered to admonish him with respect to his conduct during the last Session, as a Student in the Theological Class; and to inform

him, that unless he submit to the regulations, he cannot be continued under the care of the Synod. Against this decision, M<sup>r</sup> Blakely and others signified their intention of protesting and promised to assign their reasons in due time.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Tenth Session, (Saturday morning, July 3<sup>d</sup> 7 o'clock).*

Resolved—That as Mr Hutton's conduct in the Theological Class, during last session, has been disrespectful and contumacious, both towards the Managing Committee and D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, he shall not again be admitted into the class without acknowledging to the Committee and D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, severally, that his behaviour has been improper.

That part of the Report of the committee, which relates to the funds for supporting the Divinity Professorship, being taken into consideration, it appeared that the amount of contributions,

State of the  
Funds for  
support of  
Divinity  
Professorship

Received, prior to last meeting of Synod, from 10 Congregations is .. .. .	£241	14	3½
Received, since last meeting of Synod, from 3 Congregations .. .. .	58	2	11½
Making amount of permanent Fund	£292	17	3
Received, prior to last meeting, from 41 Ministers	85	10	0
Received, since last meeting of Synod, from 13 Ministers .. .. .	23	10	0
Making for the support of the Professorship during 2 years only. .. .. .	£109	0	0

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Eleventh Session, (Saturday morning, 10 o'clock).*

Moved, that every Minister of the Synod, who shall not, before our next annual meeting, have paid his own quota of contribution in support of the Divinity Professorship, and endeavoured to make a collection for the same purpose from his people, shall at that meeting, be publicly admonished from the Chair.

Moved, as an amendment, that for each Presbytery belonging to this body, two Ministers not members thereof, be appointed, who shall visit its respective Congregations, and endeavour to raise money for the support of our Divinity Professorship, either by private contributions, or by congregational collections, made, after suitable addresses to the people; or by both these modes conjointly.

The original motion was withdrawn, and the amendment agreed to.

For the above-mentioned purpose, the following persons were appointed to make collections in the different Presbytery's [Presbyteries.]

Dromore,	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Blakely & Davis
Belfast,	Woods & W. Finlay
Bangor,	Wright & H. Simpson
Dublin,	Morell & Cooke,
Ballymena,	John Brown & W. Craig,
Clogher,	R. Campbell, Sen. & Harpur,
Letterkenny,	J. A. Johnson & J. A. Adams,
Route,	Glendy & Park,
Monaghan,	Malcolm & Eccles,
Tyrone,	Anderson & Harrison,
Armagh,	Bennett & R. Allen,
Strabane,	H. Henry & E. Reid,
Derry,	Porter & R. Dill, Jun.
Templepatrick,	Stewart & D. Whyte.

These Gentlemen are to apply for the contributions of such ministers in their respective circuits, as have not yet obeyed the injunction of Synod—The money collected, to be forwarded without delay, to Mr James Munfod, Belfast. Whatever expense they shall incur in fulfilling the object of their appointment, on being reported to the Synod at its next meeting, shall be defrayed out of the sums collected.

They are, in due time, to notify to each Minister in the several districts allotted to them, the particular day on which they will visit his Congregation; and on receiving such notification, each Minister is enjoined to announce the same to his people; and read from the pulpit, the whole of the Minute on this subject, that they may be prepared with their Contributions.

Ordered—That during their absence, on this business of general concern, their pulpits shall be gratuitously supplied by the Presbyteries to which they respectively belong.

Resolved—that our Moderator shall write to the Moderator of the Synod of Munster as representative of that body, and to the several members of the Presbytery of Antrim, requesting their co-operation in support of our Divinity Professorship—an establishment so highly conducive to the interests of Presbyterianism in Ireland.

Resolved—That the Professorship Committee of last year, be requested to meet this evening, and consult on the means of carrying into effect the suggestions transmitted from the Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution, respecting the discipline of the Theological Class, and to report to the Synod the result of their deliberations.

Adjourned till 12 o'clock on Monday next.

*Twelfth Session, (Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 o'clock).*

After prayer, the Committee, requested to take into consideration the discipline of the Theological Class, recommended it as expedient,



Discipline of  
Theological  
Class

that the Professor and Students of that class, so far as relates to entrance, lectures, examinations, and the support and management of the Theological library, be continued under the direction of the Committee, annually appointed, to manage the concerns of the Professorship; but, that in all other matters, they be placed under the government and control of the Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution.

The above recommendation was adopted by the Synod.

Course of  
Summer reading  
prescribed to  
Students in  
B. A. I.

The Faculty of the Belfast Academical Institution informed the Synod, that they had recommended to such students as had passed through the Logic class, to read, during the summer recess, Cicero's Offices, and, in the Greek Testament, the Gospels, and Acts of the Apostles, preparatory to an examination, to be held at the commencement of the ensuing session; and that they had, in like manner, recommended to such students as had passed through the Moral Philosophy class, to read, for a similar examination, the two first Books of Livy, and the Epistles and Revelation in the Greek Testament. They farther stated, that a prize shall be given to the best answerer in each class; and the proficiency of those who excel, mentioned in their class certificates. Of these measures the Synod highly approved.

Professorship  
Committee

Resolved—That the Committee of last year for managing the concerns of the Divinity Professorship, be requested to continue in office for the ensuing year. With this request the Committee complied. M<sup>r</sup> Munfod continued Treasurer.

Powers of the  
Committee

Resolved—That all affairs relating to the interests and management of the Theological class, as well as the government of the students whilst assembled in the class room, be committed, for the ensuing year, to the above appointed Committee, and Professor Hanna; but that in all other respects, the Theological Students shall be under the government and control of the Faculty.

The members last year appointed, to present an Address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, viz., Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, Moderator, Horner, D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson, and M<sup>r</sup> Hay, reported, that they had been most graciously received by his Excellency, and had been favoured by him with the following answer:—

Lord  
Lieutenant's  
answer to the  
address of  
last year

“I return you many thanks for the very flattering manner in which you have been pleased to express yourselves towards me.

“I can have no doubt, that your loyal conduct during my stay in this country, will fully warrant me in representing you to his Majesty's Government, as amply deserving that confidence and favour, which have been so long and so deservedly extended to you.

Synod adjourned till a quarter past 4 o'clock.

## OVERTURES.

*Thirteenth Session, (Monday  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4 o'clock).*

I. Overtured—That with a view to preserve a knowledge of important facts relative to the Presbyterians of Ireland, the Ministers

of the Synod shall prepare accounts of their Congregations, and submit them to their respective Presbyteries.

That ministers shall state the situation and extent, with the dates and circumstances of the original settlement, of their Congregations—the names of the Ministers, from the earliest period, with the dates and circumstances of their ordinations, installations, removals, depositions, and deaths—And shall particularly mention in what respects, important to Presbyterianism, any of the Ministers, or their Congregations, or any individuals belonging to their Congregations, have distinguished themselves.

They shall also give an account of Congregational records, and shall enter into such detail of facts, as they may judge proper, respecting their houses of worship, religious services, psalmody, elders, observance of Church discipline, funds, stipend paid at different periods, collections and subscriptions, zeal of their Congregations, number of families, state of education, and the numbers and influence of other denominations of Christians within their bounds.

Ministers will take notice of any other particulars respecting their Congregations, which they may consider worthy of being recorded.

Moved and agreed to, that the consideration of this overture be deferred till next meeting of Synod.

II. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to—That no Presbytery shall ordain or install an Assistant minister in any Congregation, until the Minister of said Congregation shall have obtained leave from the General Synod, to take an assistant and successor.

No Assistant Minister to be ordained without leave from Synod

III. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to—That Presbyteries shall at their meeting immediately previous to that of the General Synod, nominate one of their members, to be returned as a candidate for the office of Moderator to the Synod. Any Presbytery neglecting this rule, shall forfeit the privilege of returning a candidate.

Candidates for Moderatorship of Synod to be nominated by Presbyteries at a previous meeting

IV. Overtured and unanimously agreed to—That every Minister of this Synod shall keep, or cause to be kept, a regular registry of all the marriages celebrated by him; stating the date of each marriage, the names of the parties, the Congregations or Parishes in which they reside, and the names of at least two of the witnesses present at the celebration of the ceremony. And every Minister is enjoined to give in annually to his Presbytery, at the meeting immediately previous to that of the General Synod, a correct list, authenticated by his own signature, of the marriages which he has celebrated during the foregoing year. These marriages are to be registered by the Clerk of each Presbytery, in a book kept for the purpose. Any Minister who shall not return such correct list, will be liable to the same penalties, as if had celebrated marriage irregularly.

Ministers to keep a Registry of Marriages

V. Overtured and unanimously agreed to—That every minister of the Synod be enjoined to register, or cause to be registered, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the names of all children baptised by him; the dates of their birth and baptism; the names of their parents, and the places of residence. This book shall be carefully preserved, and

and Baptism

considered as the property of the congregation—to remain with them on the death, resignation, or removal of the Minister, and to be handed to his Successor, for the purpose of continuing the registry.

Mode of  
licensing  
Candidates

VI. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to—That when candidates for the Ministry have gone through the course of education and trials, prescribed by the Synod, they shall be licensed to preach the Gospel, in the following manner, viz. Their respective Presbyteries shall license them in public, and at a regular meeting. A member of Presbytery, previously appointed for the purpose, shall, from the pulpit, deliver to to the Licentiates an address, suitable to the occasion, and tending to impress on their minds, the importance and responsibility of the Ministerial office.

### BILLS.

Memorial  
respecting  
Congregational  
Farm of Corglass

I. A Memorial was presented from the Minister, Session and Congregation of Corglass, praying for the countenance and support of the Synod, in defending their title to a farm, set apart for their benefit, upwards of one hundred years ago, by M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton, of Bailieborough.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Fourteenth Session, (Tuesday morning, July 6<sup>th</sup> 7 o'clock).*

After prayer, the consideration of the memorial from Corglass was resumed. Resolved—That we highly approve of the manner in which M<sup>r</sup> Whyte, the Minister of Corglass, has conducted himself in this business, and that he merits the efficient support of the Synod, in defending his own claim, and that of his congregation, to the farm in question.

M<sup>r</sup> Hay, agent of R.D. having signified his willingness to advance to M<sup>r</sup> Whyte for this purpose, the sum of £150, on behalf of the Ministers of the Synod, the offer was accepted; and it was resolved—That M<sup>r</sup> Hay is entitled to our warmest thanks, for his kind and accommodating proposal, and also, for his ready concurrence in the following plan for repaying to himself the money to be advanced, viz. —That out of the next half-yearly payment of R.D. he shall stop from

Ministers in the first class	..	.. £1 : 6 : 8
Ministers in the second class	..	.. 1 : 0 : 0
Ministers in the third class	..	.. 0 : 13 : 4

The foregoing plan was unanimously agreed to; and the members present pledged themselves to M<sup>r</sup> Hay, for the reimbursement of the sum to be given to M<sup>r</sup> Whyte.

This cause appears to the Synod of such interesting importance, that it is trusted and expected, that no member of the body will offer any objection to the plan proposed; and it is recommended that the Ministers who are now present, shall take pains, at the next meeting of their respective Presbyteries, to explain to those who are absent,



the imperious sense of duty, which has dictated to the Synod the resolution to assist M<sup>r</sup> White and the congregation of Corglass in maintaining possession of their farm.

II. A memorial was presented from the newly erected congregation of Drumlough, praying, that as a Minister has now been ordained there, the Synod may assist them in procuring for him and his successors, a portion of his Majesty's Bounty. The prayer of this memorial was granted; and Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, Hay, and Cooke, were appointed to prepare the necessary memorial to Government, that it may be signed and transmitted by the Moderator.

III. A memorial was presented from certain inhabitants of the Parish of Anaghlonge, who have hitherto adhered to the congregation of Loughbrickland, stating, that as they reside at a considerable distance from any place of worship, they cannot regularly attend on the public ordinances of religion—That they have obtained a piece of ground, on which they propose building a meeting-house; and that they supplicate the Synod to countenance and protect them in this undertaking.

After a minute inquiry into the circumstances of the case, it was resolved—That memorialists may proceed to build a meeting-house; and that they be referred to the Presbytery of Dromore, who shall grant them preaching as they may see cause.

IV. A memorial was presented from certain Members of the congregation of Donaghadee, stating, that in the month of November last, a charge against their Minister, the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Skelly, for criminal conversation with M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Hamilton, was investigated by the Presbytery of Bangor, which charge the Presbytery decided was "not proved." Against this decision, memorialists appealed, declaring their belief of M<sup>r</sup> Skelly's guilt, and praying, that the Synod may institute a re-investigation of the case.

A counter-memorial was presented from other members of the congregation, who declared their conviction of M<sup>r</sup> Skelly's innocence; and prayed, that the foregoing application should be dismissed.

Moved—That the whole of this case be referred to a committee of the Synod.

Moved as an amendment—That the consideration of the case be entered on immediately.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Fifteenth Session, (Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock).*

The roll was called, and the amended motion of last sederunt negatived. The original motion was then passed; and a committee appointed, consisting of the following Ministers: the Moderator, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cooke, Glendy, Malcom, Wright, James Bankhead, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson, T. Henry, M<sup>c</sup>Cance, Stewart, Hay, Park, H. Henry, Anderson, Eccles, N. Alexander. These with each an Elder, are ordered to meet

at Comber, on the last Tuesday of the present month, at twelve o'clock ; to issue this matter. Nine Ministers to be a quorum. Those members of the Committee who do not attend according to appointment, shall, at the next meeting of Synod, be rebuked from the chair.

The committee are authorized to take cognizance of any other charge affecting the moral character of M<sup>r</sup> Skelly, which may be regularly brought before them.

M<sup>r</sup> Skelly must be furnished, ten days previous to the trial, with a copy of any additional charges which may be brought against him ; together with a list of the witnesses by whom they are to be substantiated ; and also, with a list of any new witnesses who may be produced in support of the charge already preferred.

The Presbytery of Bangor are enjoined to attend the meeting of the Committee. Their Minutes on this subject are to be considered as admissible evidence ; and their Clerk is ordered to produce them at the trial.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

*Sixteenth Session, (Tuesday 2 o'clock, afternoon).*

Mr. S. Elder

Several members having stated, that after the commencement of the present meeting of Synod, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Elder had appeared before the Committee of Bills in a state of intoxication, the Presbytery of Templepatrick, to which he belongs, are enjoined to take cognizance, at their next meeting, of this and other similar irregularities, of which he is reported to be guilty.

The Presbytery having stated, that they are to meet at Larne on the first Tuesday of August next, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cooke, Wauchope, and W. Finlay, are ordered to attend there on that day, and give testimony as to the offence alleged to have been committed before the Committee of Bills. M<sup>r</sup> Elder to be furnished with a copy of this Minute ten days previous to the investigation ; and also with the names of any witnesses, besides the three mentioned above, who may be produced against him. Our Moderator to issue a Citation to M<sup>r</sup> Elder to appear before the Presbytery, at the aforesaid time and place.

Committee of  
Books

The Committee of Books having reported, that several Presbyteries had not obeyed the order of last year, respecting the production of their records,—these Presbyteries are most strictly enjoined, to conform to the order in future.

Notice  
respecting  
Synodical  
appointments

M<sup>r</sup> Hay gave notice, that at the next annual meeting, he will move for a repeal of that rule, which prohibits Synodical appointments from being imposed on brethren who are absent, when such appointments are made.

Notice  
respecting  
Marriage  
regulations

M<sup>r</sup> Denham gave notice, that he will, next year, move an amendment of the rule of 1805, respecting marriage, viz.—that the part of it which requires the consent of clergymen of another church, be

rescinded; as implying the subjection of Presbyterian ministers to an authority which they do not acknowledge, and over the exercise of which, the Presbyterian Church has no control.

Synod concluded with prayer.

### INTERLOQUITUR.

A Statement of the receipts and payments of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, for the year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 1818, was submitted to the Interloquitor, and found correct.

The accounts of the Widows' Fund, for the year ended the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 1818, were also submitted and found correct.

Resolved—That the opinion of an experienced calculator be taken, Queries to [be] submitted to a Calculator on certain queries respecting the interests of the Fund; which are to be drawn up and submitted to him by a Committee consisting of the following members:—Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bruce, M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, Ledlie, D<sup>r</sup> Stephenson, Thompson, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, Malcom, Acheson, R. Hogg.

The Treasurer stated that according to the order of last Interloquitor, he had transmitted to each contributor a printed copy of the laws and regulations of the Fund; and had reserved a number of copies for the use of future contributors.

On reading the third resolution of last Interloquitor it was ordered Order to Treasurer—That every year, at as early a period as possible, before the stated meeting of the contributors, the Treasurer shall transmit to the Moderator of each Presbytery, a particular statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Fund.

The motions, of which notices were last year given by D<sup>r</sup> Bruce, and M<sup>r</sup> Bruce were allowed to lie over till the next meeting of Interloquitor.

For the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him as Treasurer Treasurer's Security of the Fund, M<sup>r</sup> Hay proposed M<sup>r</sup> John Thompson, merchant, of Londonderry, as his security, to the amount of £2,000. The security was deemed sufficient, and ordered to be perfected.

The Treasurer stated, that in obedience to his instructions, he had obtained the joint opinion of Sergeant Joy and Counsellor Smyly, as to the validity of the securities on which the capital of the Fund is lent.—The opinion was read; and the Treasurer was ordered to make certain inquiries respecting the security marked N<sup>o</sup> 3, and report the result to the next meeting of Interloquitor. Order to Treasurer

Resolved—That the Treasurer be requested to procure a final settlement of all accounts with the Representatives of D<sup>r</sup> Black.

Resolved—That the Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Thomson, D<sup>r</sup> Bruce, D<sup>r</sup> Fund Committee Hanna, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, M<sup>r</sup> H. Montgomery, M<sup>r</sup> R. Hogg, M<sup>r</sup> Blakely, and M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen be a Committee for superintending the affairs of the Fund, during the ensuing year. The Committee to meet in Belfast, when called by the Moderator, on any emergency—Five to be a quorum.



The Treasurer reported—That as the Committee which was appointed at the last meeting of Interloquitur to fix the annuity to the Widows for the current year, had not been convened according to expectation, he, in order to save the annuitants from inconvenience, had advanced to each of them the sum of £14 for the half-year ended the 1<sup>st</sup> of April last. His conduct was highly approved of; and he was directed to reimburse himself by deducting the amount so advanced, from the annuities for the present year.

English R.D. to  
be annually  
added to capital  
of Fund

Resolved—That the English R.D. shall, every year, be reserved from the expenditure, and added to the capital of the Fund; and that the remaining produce of the Fund, after deducting the necessary expenses of its management, shall be annually distributed amongst the annuitants.

Mr. Gamble

A memorial was presented by M<sup>r</sup> Gamble, requesting to be re-admitted as contributor to the Fund. The memorial was dismissed.

Motion by Dr.  
Hanna deferred

The consideration of the motion, of which D<sup>r</sup> Hanna last year gave notice, was deferred till the next meeting of Interloquitur.

M<sup>r</sup> Campbell declined making the motion, of which he last year gave notice.

Printing of  
Minutes

Resolved—That the expense of annually printing the Minutes of Synod and Interloquitur shall in future be defrayed by the Ministers of the Synod, and of the Presbytery of Antrim; and that M<sup>r</sup> Hay be requested to advance the sum of £8, to pay for printing the Minutes of the present year. With this request M<sup>r</sup> Hay re[a]dily complied.

Fund for  
incidental  
expenses

Moved that 3s 4d, shall be annually deducted from the R.D. of each Minister in the first class, 2s 6d, from that of each Minister in the second class, and 1s 8d, from that of each Minister in the third class, for the purpose of defraying expenses incidentally incurred by the Synod and the Presbytery of Antrim.

A Letter was read from Miss Mary Kerr, stating that her father the Rev<sup>d</sup> Josiah Kerr, formerly a contributor to the Fund, went to America in 1816, intending to return to Ireland, as soon as he should have accomplished a certain business which was not likely to detain him long but that he had died whilst preparing to embark for home—The letter further stated, that during his absence his subscription was tendered to the Treasurer who refused to receive it, until he (M<sup>r</sup> Kerr) should return to the country.

An affidavit and other documents corroborating the foregoing statement were submitted to the Interloquitur.

On these grounds Miss Kerr rested her own claim conjointly with that of her brothers and sisters, to the benefit of the Fund, since their father's death, which it appears took place at New York on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1817.

Their claim was admitted by the Interloquitur.

Mr Bruce gave notice, that in explanation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Rule, he will move at the next meeting of Interloquitur, that in future any contributor to the Fund who shall be absent from Great Britain, or Ireland for the space of nine months; or who shall leave the United Kingdom, without signifying his intention to the Moderator of the Synod, shall be considered to have gone, with the intention of residing abroad.

Transcribed July 25<sup>th</sup> 1819.

I certify that the foregoing copy of the Minutes of 1819, is correct.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. Gen<sup>l</sup> Synod.

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*A General Synod at Cookstown, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1820.*

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Alexander Patterson, Moderator, having preached from Luke 19<sup>th</sup> chapter, 40<sup>th</sup> verse, constituted the Synod by prayer.

Present the following members :—

## BELFAST PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Doctor Hannah	James Munfod	3d Belfast
Henry Simpson		Saintfield
James McCullogh	John Corry	2d Newtonards
William Harrison	Joseph Harrison	2d Holywood
Henry Hazlett	Arthur Clarke	Castlereagh
Alexander McEwen		Kircubbin

## BANGOR PRESBYTERY.

Robert Acheson	Thomas Ekenhead	4th Belfast
John Watson		Grayabbey
Hugh Woods		Bangor
Henry Montgomery	William McCance	Dunmurry
William Finlay	John Cuming	Dundonald
William Campbell		Clough, Down

## DUBLIN PRESBYTERY.

James Horner	Marys-Abbey
Samuel Simpson	Ushers Quay
Joseph Scott	Stratford-on-Slaney
James Morgan	Carlow

## BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY.

Thomas Henry	Pooley Henry	Randalstown
Henry Henry	Mathew Adams	Connor
John Smith		Kilrea
John Hall		Clough, Antrim
Robert Stewart		Broughshane
George McClelland	William Hamilton	Ahoghill
William Wauhop		Ballymena
William M. Wray		Buckna
Robert Park		Ballymoney
William Cuthbertson	James Carr	Cullybackney
Archibald Hutcheson	Robert Dunsheath	Dunean
Robert Magill		Antrim

## LETTERKENNY PRESBYTERY.

James Huston	Ballindreat
Joseph Lytle	Letterkenny
Samuel Cuthbertson	1st Omagh
Edward Reid	Rathmelton
John Gillespie	Urney
Henry Carson	Glendermot



## CLOGHER PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Andrew Millar	John Hamilton	Carantall
James Ker		Clogherny
James Hall		Turlough
John Simpson		Fintona and Dromore
James Philips		Five-miletown
John Anderson		Aughnacloy

## ROUTE PRESBYTERY.

James Elder	John Greer	Finvoy
Mathew Elder		Kilrats
James Brown	William Rankin	Garva
Francis Dill	Samue[l] Philson	Manorcunningham
Samuel Dill		Donaghmore, Donegall
Charles Kennedy	John Carr	Maghera
James Boyle		Dunluce
John Whiteside	James Lynn	Colerain
Solomon Brown	William Cavan	Castledawson
James Dunlop		Ballyrashane
Richard Dill	Robert Anderson	Drumachose
James Huey		Ballywillin
John Brown	William Gilland	Aghadoey
William Lyle		Dumbo
Jackson Graham		Armoy
Samuel Butler		Magilligan
John Patterson	Richard McLaughlin	Macosquin

## MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY.

James Goudie		Glentubret
James Morell	Alexander Waddel	Ballybay
Archibald Meharg		Stonebridge
Patrick White		Bailieborough
James Harper		Castleblaney
Robert Winning		Kingscourt
John A. Adams		Monaghan
Andrew Breakey		Keady

## TYRONE PRESBYTERY.

William Moore	Thomas Sloane	Moneymore
Thomas Makay	Robert Robson	Brigh
John Davison	Daniel McCook	Cookstown
John Cowan	James Gibson	Coagh
Robert Hogg	Nathaniel Beggs	Loughgall
David Bennet		Dungannon
William Brown	John Dickson	Tobermore
Robert Cunningham		Minterburn
James Wilson	Dr. Graham	Magherafelt
Robert Allen	Joseph White	Stewartstown
John Hogg	William Henry	Carlan

## ARMAGH PRESBYTERY.

James Bankhead	Dromore
Dr. William Neilson	
Dr. Malcom	Newry
James Gardner	Clare
Samuel Eccles	Armagh
David Davison	Dundalk

## STRABANE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Charles Hemphill		Badoney
William Porter		Newtownlimavady
David Gilkey		2nd Omagh
William McCrea		Donaghedy

## DERRY PRESBYTERY.

William Monteith		Glendermot
John Mitchel		Derry
George Hay		Derry
James A. Johnson		Banagher
Henry Kydd		Boveva
Marshall Moore		Faughanvale
Robert Gray		Scrigan

## TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY.

Robert Campbell	John Johnston	Templepatrick
Nathaniel Alexander		Crumlin
William Glendy		Ballycarry
James Reid	William Baird	Donegore

## DROMORE PRESBYTERY.

Alexander Patterson		Magherally
Hamilton Dobbin		Lurgan
Moses Finlay		Donaghmore
William McGowan		Mountnorris
Henry Cooke		Killileagh
John Johnston		Tullylish
James McClelland		Ballynahinch
James Collins		Dromore
William Craig		Carnmoney
Samuel Crory	Samuel Nicholson	Drumlough

## Elders from vacant Congregations.

Hugh Galbraith	Ballywalter
John Hutchison	Donaghadee

Dr. Malcom  
Moderator

M<sup>r</sup> Patterson having moved that another Moderator be now chosen, the following Ministers were put in nomination:—Mess<sup>rs</sup> E. Reid, Anderson, J. Elder, R. Hogg, D<sup>r</sup> Malcom, Hemphill, Monteith, and Campbell. The roll was called and D<sup>r</sup> Malcom chosen.

M<sup>r</sup> Porter continued Clerk.

The several Presbyteries are ordered to meet this night, and prepare returns, to be delivered to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of the names and addresses of their respective Moderators for the year; of such of their Ministers as have died, been ordained, or installed, since the last meeting of Synod; of such candidates as they have licensed, or entered on trials; of such students as they have examined before their going to College, and after their return; of their members

for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, and General Synod's fixed Committee; of their annuitants on the Fund, of any that have died during the last twelve months, with the time of their decease; and of all such Presbyterial transactions as our rules require to be reported.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Second Session. (Wednesday, June 28, 10 o'clock, a.m.)*

After prayer the Presbyteries made returns of their members for the several committees; also the following reports:—

Belfast Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alexander McEwen, Kircubbin, is their Moderator for the year; that they have licensed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Reid, Hugh Maine, Samuel Neilson, Alexander Orr and Campbell Blakely, who all subscribed the "Westminster Confession of Faith," with the exception of M<sup>r</sup> Maine; against his being licensed D<sup>r</sup> Hanna protested. They have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy, Holywood Congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane McEwen, Killinchy; M<sup>rs</sup> Frances Kelburn, 3<sup>d</sup> Belfast; M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Henry, and M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Grey, both Castle-reagh; and M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Harrison (now McIlveen) Holywood. 6 Annuitants

Bangor Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Campbell, Clough, is their Moderator for the year: that M<sup>r</sup> John Gibson terminated his second trials; but that, on account of circumstances which will come before this meeting in another form, they held it right to delay his ordination, until they should obtain the advice of Synod; that they have examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henderson Wightman, and James Cahoon, on their return from college the third time; Hugh Gamble, James Mulligan, and John Byers, on their return the second time; and James Montgomery previously to his going to college the first time; that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Hull (now in America) Bangor congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Patterson, Ballee; M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson, 4<sup>th</sup> Belfast; M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Porter, Greyabbey; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Caldwell, Dundonald; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Cochrane, Ballywalter; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Porter, Clough; and M<sup>rs</sup> Matilda Goudie, Ballywalter. 8 Annuitants

Dublin Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Carlisle, Mary's-Abbey, is their Moderator for the year: that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June inst., they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Morgan in the Congregation of Carlow; that he subscribed the "Westminster Confession of Faith" and declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund. Mr. Morgan  
ordained in  
Carlow

Ballymena Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Cuthbertson, Cullybackey, Ballymena, is their Moderator for the year; that on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Magill, as assistant and successor to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Alexander Montgomery, in the congregation of Mill-Row, Antrim; and that he declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Raphael to preach the Gospel, and have entered M<sup>r</sup> Rogers on first trials; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Pooley Henry before his going to college for the first time and after his return: that M<sup>r</sup> William McClure having previously Mr. Magill  
ordained in  
Antrim



to his going to college the third time, requested to be taken under their care, they examined him agreeably to Synodical regulations; have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Lindsay, Ballymena Congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Victoria Brown, Broughshane; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Howard, Ahoghill; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Mitchell, Ballymoney; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Park, Buckna. On account of his age and infirmities, M<sup>r</sup> Spear of Portglenone, has supplicated, that his congregation may be allowed to chose an assistant and successor.

Leave was granted to M<sup>r</sup> Spear's congregation.

Letterkenny Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Huston, Ballindreat, Strabane, is their Moderator for the year: that they have on second trials, M<sup>r</sup> Rodgers, and on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibson and Steele; that they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> John and Moses Rogers, and John Ramsey on their return from College the first time; John Henderson, on his return the second time; and M<sup>r</sup> Johnstone, on his return the third time: that M<sup>rs</sup> Allen of the united congregations of Leater and Dunfanaghy, died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July last, leaving a family: that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Delap 1<sup>st</sup> Omagh congregation; and M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Burke, Rathmelton; that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last, they suspended *ab officio*, for three months, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Millar, for celebrating marriage irregularly, being the second offence.

Clogher Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Anderson Aughtnacloy, is their Moderator for the year: that they examined M<sup>r</sup> James Beattie, before his going to college the second time; and that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Moorhead, of the united congregations of Fintona and Dromore. They have received no return of marriages from M<sup>r</sup> Stephenson, or from M<sup>r</sup> Scott. They suspended, *ab officio*, the Rev. William Johnstone, for one month, from the 9<sup>th</sup> of March last, for an irregular celebration of marriage; and three weeks longer, for other instances of misconduct.

Route Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Elder, Finvoy, Kilrea, is their Moderator for the year; that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October last, they licensed to preach the Gospel, Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin and Hamill, who subscribed the "Westminster Confession of Faith," and that they have since entered M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin on second trials, that they examined Maleom M<sup>c</sup>Quig, Gordon Ewing and Archibald Jamieson, before their going to college the first time, and after their return; that having examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bellis, Mitchell, and Huston, on their return the fourth time, they admitted them on first trials, together with M<sup>r</sup> Nelson—All these students attended full sessions. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Gaston, Ballywillin Congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Smyly, Ballymoney; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Hamilton, Aghadowey; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Elder, Garva; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Simpson, Colerain; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Macmullan, Garva; M<sup>rs</sup> Blair, Drumachose; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Fullarton, Aghadowey; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Grier and family, Dunbo; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Armoy; M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Farland, Macosquin; M<sup>rs</sup> Logan, Ballyrashane; and family of M<sup>r</sup> Thompson, Ballywillin. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, they suspended the Rev<sup>d</sup> Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Kee, *sine die*; and on the 13<sup>th</sup> June inst. degraded him for drunkenness, and irregular celebration of marriages.

Monaghan Presbytery report, that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August last, they ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Keady, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew Breaky, who declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund; they have since appointed him Moderator for the year; that they examined Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Denham, and William Fleming before their going to college the first time, and M<sup>r</sup> Denham on his return; M<sup>r</sup> James Goudie, on his return the second time, and M<sup>r</sup> John King, on his return the third time. Have on the fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Stonebridge congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Montgomery (now Gibson) Bailieborough; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Whiteside (now Gunn) Stonebridge; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Moore, Ervey and Carrickmaclin; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Wilson, Longford; M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ilree, Keady; M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Jackson, Ballybay; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Coothill. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, they suspended *ab officio*, for three months, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Meharg, for celebrating marriage irregularly, being the second offence; and three months longer, for encouraging a respectable female to elope, and marry contrary to the wishes of her parents. At their last meeting, the Rev<sup>d</sup> John M<sup>c</sup>Curdy signified his desire, that his congregation should be allowed by the Synod, to choose an assistant and successor—Leave granted to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Curdy's congregation.

Mr. Breaky  
ordained in  
Keady

8 Annuitants

Mr. Meharg  
suspended

Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Curdy  
to take an  
Assistant

Tyrone Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Hogg, Carlan, Stewartstown, is their Moderator for the year; that the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Hooley, an ordained minister without a charge, put under their care by the Synod, died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April last; that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Collins, James Morgan, and James Adams; and have on first trials, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sloane and Dugall; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> William M<sup>c</sup>Kay, before his going to college the first time; and Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Sinclair and William Henry, on their return the first time. They have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Boylan, Minterburn congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Dugall, Magherafelt; M<sup>rs</sup> Matilda Chambers, Stewartstown; and family of M<sup>r</sup> Stewart, Carlan.

Death of Mr.  
Hooley

4 Annuitants

Armagh Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Adams, Banbridge, is their Moderator for the year; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> Maurice M<sup>c</sup>Caw, on his return from College the first time, who had attended there the full session required by the regulation of Synod; and that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Ann Thom, Newry congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Cuming, Armagh; and the family of M<sup>r</sup> Shaw, Banbridge.

3 Annuitants

Strabane Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> William M<sup>c</sup>Crea, Donaghedy, Dunnimana, is their Moderator for the year; that they examined M<sup>r</sup> James Alexander before his going to college the fifth time, and M<sup>r</sup> John Porter, before his going the first time: and that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Tarbet, Donaghedy congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Hamill, Donaghedy; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Anderson, Drumquin; and M<sup>rs</sup> Margery Henderson, Derg and Killeter. On the 3<sup>d</sup> of August last, M<sup>r</sup> Clarke, of Ardstraw, obtained leave for his congregation to choose an assistant and successor, provided the sanction of Synod should be granted; and on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February last, M<sup>r</sup> Dunlop, of Strabane, obtained a similar permission for his congregation.

4 Annuitants

Leave granted to the congregations of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clarke and Dunlop.



Mr. Mitchell  
installed in  
L Derry

Mr. Moore  
ordained in  
Faughanvale;  
and Mr. Gray in  
Serigan

8 Annuitants

Mr. Caldwell  
to take an  
Assistant

Derry Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Marshal Moore, Muff, is their Moderator for the year; that in August last they installed the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Mitchell in the congregation of Londonderry, as colleague to the Rev<sup>d</sup> George Hay: that in November last, they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> Marshal Moore to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Faughanvale; and, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December last, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Gray, to that of Serigan; both of whom are contributors to the Widows' Fund; that they examined the two Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dill, before their going to college the first time; and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smyth, Walker, and Cunningham, on their return from college the second time: that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Walker, Malin congregation; M<sup>rs</sup> Eliza Patton, Knowhead; M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Scott, Malin; M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Law, Banagher; M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Gray, Boveva; M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Elder, Muff; M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Black, Derry; and the family of M<sup>rs</sup> Cuthbert, Colerain. That on account of his age and infirmity, the Rev. Robert Caldwell, of Carn, requests that his congregation shall have leave to choose an assistant and successor.

Leave granted.

Mr. Reid  
ordained in  
Donegore

2 Annuitants

Case of Church  
discipline

Templepatrick Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Savage, Carrickfergus, is their Moderator for the year: That on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July last, they ordained the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Reid in the Congregation of Donegore, who declared himself a contributor to the Widows' Fund; that they have on first trials M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee; and have examined M<sup>r</sup> Stephenson Hunter, on his return from college the second time; and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Doherty and Thompson, on their return the third time: that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Gibson, Crumlin Congregation; and M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Thompson, Larne.

The Presbytery requests the advice of Synod, in the following case of Church discipline:—James Hamilton, of Larne Congregation, has formed a matrimonial connexion with his deceased wife's niece, she having a husband living.

Resolved—That the Presbytery of Templepatrick be enjoined, not to admit the parties referred to, to Church privileges, until they shall have dissolved their adulterous and incestuous connexion, and given satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Mr. Weir  
ordained for Port  
Gibson, America

Dromore Presbytery report, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Crory, Drumlough, Dromore, is their Moderator for the year; that having received what they deemed a regular application, they ordained, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 1819, the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Weir, as the intended minister of Port Gibson (New Orleans America) that they have licensed M<sup>r</sup> William Crozier to preach the Gospel: have on first trials, M<sup>r</sup> James Templeton; and have received certificates of regular attendance on their respective classes during the last session of college, from John Mulligan, Robert Little, John Bell, William Hay, George Thompson, Edward Allen, John Fisher, and Thomas May; that they examined before their going to college the first time, John Fisher and John Poole; that they have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Hay, Donaghmore congregation, now residing in Donegal; M<sup>rs</sup> Thompson (now Campbell) and daughter, Mourne; M<sup>rs</sup> Magee, Lurgan; M<sup>rs</sup> Eliza Barber, Rathfryland; M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella



Little, Killileagh, now residing at Banbridge; family of M<sup>r</sup> Patrick, <sup>8 Annuitants</sup> Magherally; M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Waddel, Dromore; and M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, Ballynahinch.

Antrim Presbytery report, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> S. H. Sloan, resigned the charge of the old congregation of Holywood on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June; have on the Fund, M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Crombie, first Congregation, Belfast; M<sup>rs</sup> <sup>7 Annuitants</sup> Margaret Vance, second Congregation, Belfast; M<sup>rs</sup> Alicia Nevin, Downpatrick; M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Sinclair, Larne; and the families of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wightman, Holywood; Marshall, Ballyclare; and Bryson, Antrim.

General Synod's fixed Committee for 1820.

Presbs.	Minrs.
Belfast, Mess <sup>rs</sup> Blakely & J. Hanna	
Bangor,	Mulligan & Campbell
Dublin,	Horner & Carlile
Ballymena,	T. Henry & H. Henry
Letterkenny,	Kernahan & Marshall
Clogher,	Sampson & Anderson
Route,	J. Elder & Butler
Armagh,	Bankhead & Arnold
Monaghan,	Adams & Breaky
Tyrone,	Moore & M <sup>c</sup> Kay
Strabane,	Gilkey & Armar
Derry,	Moore & Gray
Templepatrick	Campbell & Glendy
Dromore,	Patterson & Cooke

These, with our Moderator and Clerk, and an Elder from each Presbytery, are to meet at Cookstown, when called by the Moderator, on any emergency; fifteen to be a quorum; of whom twelve at least are to be Ministers.

Adjourned—Committees to meet immediately—Open Synod at 2 o'clock.

*Third Session. Wednesday, June 28, 2 o'clock, p.m.*

Notice  
respecting Clare

Mr Stewart gave notice of his intention to move at our next meeting, that the connexion between Mr Adams, & the Congregation of Clare, shall be dissolved.

Carlingford

The state of Carlingford congregation being reported by the Presbytery of Armagh, it was ordered, that during the ensuing year, the remnant of that worship[p]ing society shall be supplied with preaching as frequently as possible, by the Presbytery of Armagh: aided by such ministers belonging to other Presbyteries, as may be willing to afford their services.

Cookstown place  
of meeting

Resolved—That our next annual meeting shall be held in Cookstown, on the last Tuesday of June; divine service to commence at five o'clock, afternoon.

Notice  
respecting the  
day of Synod's  
meeting

Mr Bankhead gave notice of his intention to move, at our next meeting, that the Synod shall in future be convened on the last Monday of June.

Code of  
Discipline

The Committee for preparing a 'Code of Discipline, &c.," reported that they had executed the business assigned to them, and recommended that another Committee should now be appointed, for the purpose of revising their manuscript. A Committee was accordingly nominated, consisting of the following members, the Moderator, Dr Hanna, Messrs. Thompson, T. Henry, H. Henry, N. Alexander, James Bankhead, Cooke, William Finlay, H. Montgomery, R. Stewart, Park, Glendy, and John Brown. These members are to prepare a corrected copy of the Code; which they are to circulate, or not, as they shall deem expedient. Should they resolve on circulation, they are invested with a discretionary power as to the form and manner in which it shall be done.

Report of  
examination  
Committee

The Committee for the examination of such students in the Belfast Academical Institution, as are connected with the Synod, made the following report.

"Belfast, April 26<sup>th</sup> 1820.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of Ulster, to attend the public examination of students, under their care in the Belfast Academical Institution—present, A. Patterson, Moderator, Dr William Neilson, Dr Hanna, Henry Simpson, Henry Montgomery, Henry Hazlett, Robert Campbell, Fletcher Blakely, William Glendy;—the following Students were examined, and the Moderator was ordered to join the respective Professors in signing their certificates:—

"In Latin, Archibald Jamison, William Loughridge, Hugh Hamilton, John Porter, Malcom McQuig, Pooley Henry.

In Natural Philosophy, Edward Alexander, George Bellis, George Jardine, George Thompson, William Hay, William McClure, Hugh Gamble, James Cowan, James McKay, James Mulligan, John Bell,

John Doherty, John Mulligan, Moses Thompson, Robert Little, Thomas May.

“April 27<sup>th</sup>—Present, A. Patterson, Moderator, D<sup>r</sup> W. Neilson, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, H. Montgomery, R. Campbell, R. Orr, W. Wright, John Johnstone;—the following students were examined and the Moderator was ordered to join the respective Professors, in signing their certificates :—

“In Mathematics, Edward Alexander, Edward Allen, George Jardine, George Thompson, Hugh Gamble, William Hay, James Beattie, James Bones, James Sinclair, John Byers, John Carnduff, John Mulligan, Stephenson Hunter.

“In Logic, Archibald Jamison, Gordon Ewing, William Loughridge, Hugh Hamilton, James Denham, James Sinclair, John Fisher, John Poole, John Porter, Malcom McQuig, Pooley Henry.

“April 28<sup>th</sup>—Present, A. Patterson, Moderator, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, D<sup>r</sup> William Neilson, H. Montgomery, R. Campbell, R. Orr, W. Glendy, Samuel Crorey;—the following students were examined, and the Moderator was ordered to join the respective Professors in signing their Certificates :—

“In Greek, Edward Alexander, William McClure, Maurice McCaw, Archibald Jamison, William Loughridge, Hugh Hamilton, James Denham, John Porter, John Poole, John Fisher, Malcom McQuig, Pooley Henry.

“In Moral Philosophy, Edward Allen, William Smith, James Beattie, James Bones, James Sinclair, John Byers, John Carnduff, Johnston Neilson, Maurice McCaw, Stephenson Hunter.

“Edward Alexander, George Bellis, George Jardine, George Thompson, William Hay, William McClure, Hugh Gamble, James Cowan, James McKay, James Mulligan, John Bell, John Doherty, John Mulligan, Robert Little, and Thomas May, having been examined in presence of the Committee, in Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, and Mathematics,—ordered that the Moderator join the Professors in granting to these students the General Certificate sanctioned by the Synod, as equivalent to a Degree in Arts.

“The Committee feel pleasure in reporting, that these examinations have enabled them to bear unqualified testimony both to the abilities of the Professors, and the diligence of the students. In all the Classes, the proficiency of the pupils was so evident as to afford the highest satisfaction to all present.

(“Signed)

“WM. GLENDY, Clerk of Committee.”

Resolved—That the committee of last year be continued for the present; and that any other Ministers of Synod, who may attend the examinations, shall have the privilege of voting.



B.A. Institution

An Address was received from the joint Boards of Managers and Visitors of the Belfast Academical Institution, stating the continued prosperity of that establishment, and the high satisfaction afforded, by the talents and assiduity of the several Professors; congratulating the Synod on the complete success by which its efforts for the establishment of a system of home education, have now been crowned; and communicating an assurance, that it shall, at all times, be an invariable rule with the Joint Boards, to select men of character and talents, to fill the chairs of the Institution.

A Letter was at the same time, received from the Faculty of the Institution, communicating similar information respecting the prosperous state of that seminary; recommending increased attention on the part of Presbyteries, to the preparatory education of candidates for the ministry; and requesting the Synod to impress strongly on all students under its care, who are educated in Belfast, the propriety of adopting the course of summer reading, last year recommended by the Faculty.

These communications were highly gratifying to the Synod; and the Moderator was instructed to assure the Faculty, that due regard shall be paid to their suggestions.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock.

*Fourth Session, (Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 7 o'clock, a.m.)*

Mrs. Cuming

After prayer, the committee for purchasing a piece of plate to be presented to M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming and her family, reported that they had carried into effect the object of their appointment, and a letter was read from M<sup>rs</sup> Cuming expressing her thanks.

Church of  
Scotland

Dr Henry gave notice that he will move at our next meeting that the regulation made last year, respecting the ministers and licentiates of the Church of Scotland, be repealed; and that our connexion with that body shall remain, as fixed in 1818.

Case of the  
suspended  
Members of  
Route  
Presbytery

It having appeared, that the sentence of suspension last year pronounced by the Synod on certain members of the Presbytery of Route, had not been submitted to by any of the individuals on whom it was passed, M<sup>r</sup> Hay proposed that a conference should be held between those individuals and the following brethren, who are forthwith to report the result; Mess<sup>rs</sup> A. Millar, Moore, Horner, Hay, Cooke, Stewart, Reid, and R. Hogg.

The conference was held, and the following report received:—

“The brethren appointed to confer with the suspended members of the Presbytery of Route, report, that after hearing their reasons in defence of the line of conduct which they have pursued, they recommended to them, to express their deep sorrow for having fallen into irregularities in their presbyterial conduct. They advised them to state to the Synod their sincere regret, that they had felt themselves under the necessity of declining submission to what they could not

help considering a severe and unprecedented sentence; and that they were led to resistance, not from any disrespect to the Body, but from a conceived regard to their own usefulness, and a conviction, that their case had not been fully heard by the Synod of 1819.

“ With this advice, the suspended members, after a short conversation expressed their willingness to comply ; and the brethren respectfully recommend to the Synod, to accept of their apology.

“(Signed)

“ ANDREW MILLAR, Moderator.”

Moved and agreed to, That the foregoing recommendation be adopted. Against this decision, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Smith, Eccles, and W. Cuthbertson, ministers, and James Carr, elder, signified their intention of protesting ; and promised to assign their reasons in due time.

The suspended members having made the required apology, it was Resolved,—That though we might now enforce the sentence of suspension which was last year passed, yet, on account of the apology which has been made, and from a desire to promote kind and Christian feelings amongst all the members of this body, we think it expedient to proceed no farther in this matter.

M<sup>r</sup> Harrison and the others having offered their reasons of protest, it was moved, that these reasons shall be *in retentis*, but not inserted in the Minutes.

On this it was moved, as an amendment, That the reasons of protest be inserted in the Minutes,—The roll was called, and the amendment negatived. Against this decision, and against the offending members of the Presbytery of Route being allowed to vote on this question, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery, Harpur, Harrison, Eccles, and D. Davison, ministers, and Joseph Harrison, elder, signified their intention to protest, and promised to assign their reasons in due time. The original motion was then passed.

The reasons of protest assigned by M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery and the other dissentient members, being read, their insertion in the Minutes was in like manner objected to. The question was put—“ Insert, or not ? ” —The roll was called, and it was carried “ not.” The reasons were then ordered to be, *in retentis*.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Fifth Session, (Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 o'clock a.m.)*

The members appointed to collect contributions in support of the Divinity Professorship, severally reported their proceedings. Divinity  
Professorship

Moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the collectors, for their zealous endeavours to accomplish the object of their appointment ; and that they be requested to persevere in their exertions.

The late Moderator reported, that in obedience to the injunction of Synod, he had written to the several members of the Presbytery of Antrim (with the exception of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, who had formerly contributed) requesting their co-operation in support of our Divinity Professorship; but had received an answer from one member only, who declined doing anything in the matter.

The late Moderator farther reported, that he had prepared a letter, on the same subject, to the Moderator of the Synod of Munster; but that, owing to certain circumstances which were stated, the letter had not been transmitted.

Ordered, that our present Moderator shall make to our brethren in the South, the official application which was last year resolved on.

The committee for managing the concerns of the professorship of Divinity and Church History in the Belfast Academical Institution made the following report:—

Report of  
Professorship  
Committee

“ Your Committee report, that they have had only a few meetings during the last twelve months; and those on subjects of little importance. For a more particular account of their proceedings, they refer to their Minutes, which are in the hands of their Clerk.

“ They farther report, that the Session of the Divinity class commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, and ended on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last; and that the whole business of the establishment was transacted most harmoniously, and in a manner highly creditable both to the Professor and to the students.

“ The committee regret extremely, that they have been able to give the Professor one hundred pounds only, for his labours during the last three sessions. On this fact the Committee cannot trust their feelings so far as to make any comment.

“ (Signed,)

“ H. MONTGOMERY, Moderator of Committee.

State of the Funds for support of the Divinity Professorship:—

Received prior to last meeting of Synod, from		
13 Congregations .. ..	£299 : 17 : 5	
Received since last meeting of Synod, from 70		
Congregations .. ..	374 : 8 : 11	
Subscription from M <sup>r</sup> Allen of Dunover ..	5 : 0 : 0	
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	£674 : 6 : 4	
Deduct Notes of Mess <sup>rs</sup> Alexander's Bank ..	4 : 10 : 0	
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For permanent Fund ..	£674 : 16 : 4	
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Received prior to last meeting of Synod, from			
54 ministers .. ..	£109 :	0 :	0
Received since last meeting, from 32 ministers	63 :	15 :	0
From the congregation of Corglass ..	1 :	0 :	0
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Amount for support of the Professor for 3			
years .. ..	£173 :	15 :	0
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Resolved,—That the Committee of last year be re-appointed for the present, with the addition of Dr W<sup>m</sup> Neilson,—Mr Munfod continued Treasurer.

Resolved,—That to this Committee, and to Professor Hanna, all affairs connected with the interest and management of the Theological Class, and the government of the students whilst assembled in the classroom, be committed for the ensuing year, but that, in all other respects, these students shall be under the government and controul of the Faculty.

Instructions to  
professorship  
Committee

Resolved,—That the sum collected for the permanent support of our Theological Chair, shall be vested by the committee in the National Funds, that it may become as productive as possible.

Resolved,—That the Committee be instructed to write to such ministers as have not yet paid their respective contributions, requesting them to forward the same to Mr Munfod, so that the Professor may receive £100 per annum, for his past services.

Ordered, that until a fund can be provided adequate to the permanent support of our Theological Chair, every minister of the Synod shall annually make a collection in his congregation, and transmit the amount to the Treasurer of the Managing Committee, that it may be appropriated to the immediate remuneration of the Professor.

Annual  
collections for  
the support of  
the Professor-  
ship to be made  
for a time

On reading the overture of last year, for preserving the knowledge of important facts relative to the Presbyterians of Ireland, the consideration of which was deferred until the present meeting, it was moved, That the overture be adopted, and that the required account shall in due time be furnished by each minister to his Presbytery, by whom it shall be carefully revised, and communicated to the Synod at its next annual meeting.

Overture for  
providing  
materials for a  
history of  
Presbyterianism  
in Ireland

Moved, as an amendment, That the object of this overture is highly desirable, but that, in our opinion, it would be most effectually accomplished, if some individual of literary talents, were to take on himself the management of the business, and make personal application to the several members of Synod. The roll was called and the amendment negatived. The original motion was then passed.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

*Sixth Session, (Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 o'clock p.m.)*

Corglass

On reading the Minute of last year respecting Corglass, M<sup>r</sup> Hay stated, that, according to the request of Synod, he had advanced £150, for enabling M<sup>r</sup> White and his congregation, to resist the suit at law instituted to deprive them of their farm; for which sum he was not as yet completely reimbursed, in consequence of some ministers having refused to allow the required contributions to be deducted from their bounty.

M<sup>r</sup> White accounted for the expenditure of the sum advanced; and stated, that though a verdict had been pronounced in his favour, yet he still wanted £260 to defray the expenses which he had incurred, and requested the Synod to devise some means by which he might be indemnified.

D<sup>r</sup> William Neilson, James Bankhead, James Morell, T. Henry, and Henry Montgomery, were appointed as a Committee to confer with M<sup>r</sup> White, and devise some plan for the attainment of his object. This Committee made the following report:—

“On a minute consideration of the whole of this very important case, the committee recommend that the Presbytery of Monaghan be enjoined by the Synod, not to ordain an assistant or successor to M<sup>r</sup> White, in case of his taking an assistant and successor; nor in case of his resignation, translation, or death, until payment shall be made of the sum which, to the Presbytery, shall appear due to him at the time; or until what the Presbytery shall deem adequate security for the liquidation of such sum, be given, to himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns.

“And, in order that this injunction may be carried into effect, the Committee farther recommend, that the Synod direct the Presbytery of Monaghan to hold a meeting at Bailieborough, as soon as convenient, and to require the acquiescence and co-operation of the congregation of Corglass in the foregoing plan. This acquiescence to be entered in the records of the Presbytery, and in the session book of that Congregation, and duly authenticated by the signature of the Moderator of the Presbytery, and of the Committee of the congregation.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted by the Synod; and such ministers as have not yet paid the contributions required in this case, were exhorted from the Chair to do so.

Drumlough

The members appointed for the purpose reported, that they had forwarded a memorial to Government, for the extension of his Majesty's bounty to the lately erected congregation of Drumlough.

Mr. Skelly's case

The Committee last year appointed to decide on the case of M<sup>r</sup> Skelly read, as part of their report, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Bangor on this subject.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

AT COOKSTOWN, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1820.

*Seventh Session, (Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 7 o'clock a.m.)*

The Committee resumed their report, and stated, that after a most minute investigation, they had degraded M<sup>r</sup> Skelly from the ministerial office.

Against this decision, a memorial was addressed by M<sup>r</sup> Skelly, alleging that it was unsupported by evidence, and unfounded in fact; stating that since his trial by the Committee, new and important matter had arisen in his favour, and praying that he might be heard in his defence.

M<sup>r</sup> Cornelius Campbell appeared as Commissioner; and presented a memorial from the session and seat holders of the congregation of Donaghadee; declaring their conviction of M<sup>r</sup> Skelly's innocence, and praying that he might be reinstated as their minister.

M<sup>r</sup> Skelly was heard in his defence.—Adjourned till 10 o'clock.

*Eighth Session, (Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 o'clock, a.m.)*

M<sup>r</sup> Skelly produced as Witnesses in his favour, William Tait, Esq<sup>re</sup> magistrate of Wigtown, Scotland, and Thomas Dornan of Donaghadee, both of whom were solemnly adjured, and examined at great length. M<sup>r</sup> Skelly having declined to produce any other witnesses, he, and the Commissioner from Donaghadee were ordered to withdraw.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

*Ninth Session, (Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2 o'clock p.m.)*

Moved, That the prayer of the memorial from the Congregation of Donaghadee be granted.

Moved, as an amendment, That the decision of the Committee be confirmed.

After a long discussion, the roll was called, and the amendment negatived.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tenth Session, (Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 7 o'clock, a.m.)*

After prayer, reports from several Committees were read, and ordered to be inserted in their proper places.

Adjourned till ten o'clock.

*Eleventh Session, (Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 10 o'clock, a.m.)*

The consideration of M<sup>r</sup> Skelly's case being resumed, the original motion was put and negatived.



It was then moved, that Mr Skelly be suspended, *ab officio, sine die*.

Moved, as an amendment, That in place of the words "*sine dei*" [*die*] the words, "twelve months" be inserted—The roll was called and this amendment negatived.

Mr. Skelly  
suspended  
*sine dei* [*die*]

The motion for suspension, *sine die*, was then passed without a division.

Mr. S. Elder

The Presbytery of Templepatrick, reported, that they had found Mr Samuel Elder guilty of the offence particularly alluded to in the Minutes of last year; and after public rebuke, had suspended him, *ab officio*, for four Lord's days. They also stated their proceedings with respect to other acts of irregularity with which they have reason to believe that Mr Elder is chargeable.

Moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the conduct of the Presbytery of Templepatrick in this affair, be approved of.

Committee of  
Books

The Committee of Books reported, that all the Presbyteries, except Dublin, had obeyed the order of Synod respecting the production of their Records, which on examination, appeared to be regularly kept.

Dr Malcom requested, that the following amendment of the Regulation of 1805, respecting marriage, should be entered in the minutes, for the consideration of the members of Synod, till next year.

Proposed  
amendment of  
rule of 1805  
respecting  
marriage

"Any minister of the body, who shall join in marriage any man or women not under his care, but under the care of some other regular minister of the Christian Church, without being certified in writing by the minister to whose congregation the party may belong, that there is not, so far as is known to him, any legal impediment to the marriage, or by the session to the same effect, in case of vacancy, or of the absence of the Minister; or by the parents of the party, in case of the refusal of the minister or session, specified by him or them, to arise solely from want of compliance with the proclamation of bans; shall, for the first instance of transgression proved, be rebuked publicly by his Presbytery; for the second instance be suspended *ab officio*, three months; and for the third be degraded.

"In case of either of the parties belonging to the established Church, a certificate from the church Clergyman to the same effect as above, shall be held sufficient, But if, on a formal application made by the minister to the Church Clergyman, for a certificate by a letter to be delivered to the Clergyman, by a person specially sent by the minister for that purpose, the Clergyman shall not in a reasonable time grant one, nor state any legal impediment to the union of the parties then, and in that case, the certificate shall not be held as indispensably necessary."

A Letter from Hibernian Bible Society was received and read, to which the Moderator was instructed to return a respectful answer; and, in accordance with which, it is most earnestly recommended by the Synod to all its members, to promote the cause of Bible associations in their respective vicinities.

## OVERTURES.

I. The following Addresses to his Majesty, and his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, were unanimously agreed to.

## ADDRESS TO THE KING.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

“ We the ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster embrace the opportunity afforded by our annual meeting, of approaching the Throne, and expressing our sincere condolence with your Majesty, on the death of our late venerable and beloved King. <sup>Address to the King</sup>

“ During a reign unprecedented in its length, and unequalled in the importance of the events with which it was marked, our late lamented Monarch, ever exhibited to his Subjects an example of all that is truly amiable and excellent. In the bosom of his family, he was a pattern of piety and devotion ; in the circle of his court, he was the revered supporter of morality and religion ; and during the lengthened period in which he presided over the councils of these realms, the limits of religious liberty were more than usually extended, and each denomination of Christians, in the Monarch, found a friend.

“ Under his government, we have experienced much of his kindness ; our Ministers have had their means of subsistence liberally increased ; and our rights, as Presbyterians, were recognised, extended, and secured.

“ Almighty God having been pleased to remove from amongst us, your Majesty’s pious and venerable father, we beg leave to approach your Majesty, and offer to you our sincere congratulations on your Majesty’s succession to the throne of your ancestors. And we beg leave farther to assure your Majesty, that we shall ever earnestly inculcate on the people under our care, a steady attachment to your Majesty’s person, respect for the constitution, obedience to the laws, and an inviolable regard to those principles that placed your illustrious family on the throne.

“ That your Majesty’s reign may be long, and peaceful, and prosperous, and that you may live in the hearts and affections of your people, is the earnest prayer of your Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects.

“ Signed in our name, and by our order, at Cookstown, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1820.

“ A. G. MALCOM, Moderator.”

## ADDRESS TO THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

Address to Lord  
Lieutenant

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, CHARLES, EARL TALBOT, LORD  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, AND GENERAL GOVERNOR  
OF IRELAND.

“ We, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of Ulster, request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to our most Gracious Sovereign, the loyal and dutiful Address which we herewith forward to your Excellency.

“ We have much satisfaction in embracing the present occasion, of renewing to your Excellency our sincere expression of high respect for your Excellency's private character; and our warm approbation of the mild and equitable manner in which you have administered the Laws, since your Excellency's appointment to the Chief Government of this Country.

“ Signed in our name, and by our order, at Cookstown, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1820.

“ A. G. MALCOM, Moderator.”

Resolved—that fair copies of the foregoing Addresses, be made out, and transmitted, through Dr Horner, to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

Ordered, that the Addresses, with their answers, be published by the Moderator, in the “ *Dublin Correspondent*,” the “ *Belfast News-Letter*,” the “ *Belfast Commercial Chronicle*,” the “ *Newry Telegraph*,” and the “ *Londonderry Journal*.”

Committee for  
promoting Pres-  
byterianism in  
the south and  
west

II. Overtured, and unanimously agreed to, that a Committee of the General Synod, consisting of eight ministers, shall be annually appointed, for promoting the cause of Presbyterianism in the south and west of Ireland.

The Committee for this year to be composed of the following members:—the Moderator, Mr Thompson, Dr Hanna, Dr William Neilson, H. Henry, H. Montgomery, H. Cooke and R. Stewart.

This Committee shall be instructed to co-operate with the ministers of Dublin, the Synod of Munster, and the Trustees of the General Fund, in persevering and extending the Presbyterian interest in the above mentioned parts of the Kingdom.

They shall have power to meet as often as they shall judge proper; and to suggest to Ministers, to Presbyteries, and to Synods such measures as to them may appear serviceable to the Presbyterian cause, They shall be authorized to correspond with Ministers and Presbyteries: and also to invite other ministers to attend their meetings, for the purpose of furnishing information, and otherwise assisting them in their deliberations.



They shall give in a written report to each annual meeting of the General Synod.

### BILLS.

I. A Memorial was received from the worshipping society of Anaghlonge, stating, that during the last twelve months they have been regularly supplied with preaching by the Presbytery of Dromore; that according to the permission of Synod, they have now built a meeting-house, and that they pledged themselves to pay a minister an annual stipend of fifty pounds; they therefore prayed to be recognized as a Congregation.

Anaghlonge  
recognised as a  
Congregation

The prayer of this memorial was granted.

II. A Memorial was received from the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Morgan, Carlow stating, that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June last, he was ordained to the pastoral charge of the lately erected congregation of Carlow, and, praying the Synod to take the necessary steps to procure for him, and his successors in that place, a share of his Majesty's bounty.

This application was acceded to; and the Moderator and M<sup>r</sup> Horner were directed to prepare, in our name, a Memorial to Government, stating the history and circumstances of Carlow Congregation; and praying that it may be placed on the list of those for whose respective ministers, a portion of Royal Bounty is allotted.

III. A supplication was received from the Maguire's Bridge part of the congregation of Enniskillen, stating that from time immemorial they have had a separate meeting-house, which is seven miles distant from that of Enniskillen; that hitherto they have had divine service only every fifth Lord's day; that they are willing and able to support a minister of their own; and praying the Synod to recognise them as a separate congregation—a measure strongly recommended by M<sup>r</sup> Stevenson, their present pastor, and by the Presbytery of Clogher, to which they belong.

Maguire's Bridge

The Presbytery of Clogher having given their opinion in favour of this Memorial, were directed to assist M<sup>r</sup> Stevenson in supplying the people of Maguire's Bridge with preaching, till the next meeting of Synod, and then to report the state of that congregation.

IV. A Memorial was presented from certain persons styling themselves "Presbyterian worshippers at Grange, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ballymena," stating, that in early times the Presbyterians of Grange constituted a distinct congregation, under the care of the Synod; that they were afterwards united with the congregation of Dunearn, under the ministry of the late M<sup>r</sup> Scott, and enjoyed the half of that gentleman's official services; that in the decline of his life, their congregation gradually fell away, and shortly after his demission was literally dissolved as a Presbyterian body.

Grange

Memorialists accounted for this dissolution, by stating, that many of their members had been led astray by itinerant and self-constituted preachers; that these members were now convinced of their error;

that their whole body were anxiously desirous of being again taken under the care of the Synod; and prayed to be recognised as a separate congregation; engaging in that case, to contribute fifty pounds per annum for the support of a minister. James M<sup>c</sup>Mullan appeared as their Commissioner.

The Commissioner, and the Presbytery of Ballymena having been heard at length, it was moved, That the prayer of the Memorial be granted.

Moved, as an amendment, That the Presbytery of Ballymena be instructed to supply the people of Grange with preaching during the ensuing year; and endeavour to effect a reunion between that worship[p]ing society and the congregation of Dunearn.

The original motion was withdrawn and the amendment agreed to.

Adjourned till 12, o'clock on Monday.

*Twelfth Session, (July 3<sup>d</sup> twelve o'clock).*

After prayer, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas D. Hincks, a member of the Synod of Munster, being present, was requested, from the Chair, to sit, deliberate, and vote with the Synod. M<sup>r</sup> Hincks signified his acquiescence.

Case of M<sup>r</sup>  
Gibson and the  
Congregation of  
Ballywalter

V. A Memorial was received from the congregation of Ballywalter, stating, that shortly after the last meeting of Synod, they had chosen for their pastor the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Gibson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Tyrone; that certain charges were subsequently preferred against him before the Presbytery of Bangor, of which charges that body had pronounced him not guilty; and yet, had unaccountably delayed his ordination.

Memorialists prayed, that the above sentence of acquittal might be confirmed; that an early day might be appointed for M<sup>r</sup> Gibson's ordination; and that he might in the meantime, be continued their constant supplier. They nominate as Commissioners, Hugh Galbraith and Francis Stewart.

Resolved unanimously,—That though many expressions in the foregoing Memorial are highly indecent and scandalous, and unfit to be used in the presence of this body, yet, in order to afford M<sup>r</sup> Gibson and the Commissioners from Ballywalter, an opportunity of being heard, we deem it right to proceed to the consideration of the Matter therein contained.

The commissioners having stated, that they had nothing to add to the Memorial, the Presbytery of Bangor were heard on the subject of the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Gibson, and read their Minutes with respect to them.

M<sup>r</sup> Gibson then entered on his defence.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

*Thirteenth Session. Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 7 o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer, M<sup>r</sup> Gibson resumed his defence. Witnesses were adjured and examined as to one of the charges against him, and the whole case was minutely investigated.

Adjourned till a quarter past 11 o'clock.

*Fourteenth Session, (Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 11 o'clock, a.m.)*

The investigation of M<sup>r</sup> Gibson's case was continued—

The parties having stated that they had nothing more to add, were ordered to withdraw.

Moved, and unanimously agreed to, That the prayer of the Memorial from Ballywalter be rejected.

Moved, That M<sup>r</sup> Gibson's license be withdrawn.

Moved, as an amendment, That M<sup>r</sup> Gibson's call to Ballywalter be returned to the Presbytery of Bangor, and that he himself be sent back to the Presbytery of Tyrone.

After some discussion this amendment was withdrawn, and the original motion was passed. Mr. Gibson's License withdrawn

VI. A Memorial was received from Robert Millar, stating that he was formerly a member of the Congregation of Ballykelly; that on account of certain offences of which he had acknowledged himself guilty, and for which he had expressed sincere contrition, the minister and session of that Congregation had excluded him from church privileges, though he had uniformly declared his willingness to submit to any censure they might think proper to impose; that under these circumstances, memorialist had brought his case before the Presbytery of Route, whose determination was, that he might be admitted as a member of any congregation within their bounds, on giving proofs of the genuineness of his repentance, and submitting to adequate censure; that with this decision memorialist was, and still is waiting to comply, but that the session of Ballykelly have refused to receive him on any terms. Memorialist prayed the Synod to determine on his case as to them might seem good. Case of Church Discipline in Ballykelly

After a minute investigation, it was moved, and unanimously agreed to, that this Memorial be dismissed as vexatious; and that memorialist be excluded from Christian ordinances in our Church, until he shall have satisfied the Presbytery of Route as to the sincerity of his repentance.

M<sup>r</sup> Harrison gave notice, that he will move at our next meeting, for an amendment of the resolution of 1740, against inserting in the minutes the reasons assigned by protesters. Notice by Mr. Harrison

D<sup>r</sup> Hanna and M<sup>r</sup> Hay gave notice, of their intention to bring forward, at our next meeting, a plan for the formation of a society for educating the sons of ministers of the General Synod of Ulster. Notice by Dr. Hanna and Mr. Hay

Synod concluded with prayer.



## INTERLOQUITUR.

A Statement of the receipts and payments of his Majesty's Royal Bounty, for the year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1819 was submitted to the Interloquitur, and found correct.

The accounts of the Widows' Fund, for the year ended the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 1819, were also submitted, and found correct.

The Treasurer was ordered to invest the balance now in his hands, belonging to the Fund, in the 5 per cent. Stock.

Management of  
the Fund

The Treasurer stated, that conformably to the order of last meeting, he had consulted M<sup>r</sup> Morgan, of London, an eminent and experienced calculator, on certain points connected with the circumstances and management of the Fund; whose opinion was, that the plan of making a certain annual addition to the capital, which was last year resolved on by the Interloquitur, is the safest and best which can be devised.

Thanks to  
treasurer

Resolved unanimously,—That the thanks of the Interloquitur be returned to the Treasurer, for having obtained the foregoing opinion, without subjecting the Fund to any expence.

Order of last  
year modified

Resolved unanimously,—That the order of last Interloquitur, enjoining the Treasurer annually to transmit to the Moderator of each Presbytery, a particular statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Fund, shall for the present, be rescinded; and that in place of a particular statement, it will be sufficient to subjoin to the Minutes of each year, a general one, such as may be found in the Minutes of 1815.

Treasurer's  
Security

M<sup>r</sup> Hay stated, that for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, as Treasurer of the Fund, M<sup>r</sup> John Thompson, merchant, of Londonderry, had joined him in a bond to the amount of £2000.

Ordered, that one copy of said bond shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Londonderry, and another with the Trustees of the Fund.

The Treasurer reported, that he had made the inquiries directed, respecting the security marked N<sup>o</sup> 3, and that the two lawyers whom he was instructed to consult, considered that security as sufficient.

The Treasurer stated, that he had not succeeded in procuring from the representatives of D<sup>r</sup> Black a settlement of the accounts of the Fund for incidental expenses. The Moderator was instructed to write to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Black, requesting him to hand over to M<sup>r</sup> Hay the sum of £39: 14: 3, which appears, by the report of the Committee that inspected D<sup>r</sup> Black's books, to be due to the ministers of the Synod.

Fund  
Committee

Resolved—That the Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Thompson, D<sup>r</sup> Bruce, D<sup>r</sup> Hanna, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cance, M<sup>r</sup> James Bankhead, M<sup>r</sup> Horner, M<sup>r</sup> H. Montgomery, M<sup>r</sup> R. Hogg, M<sup>r</sup> Blakely, and M<sup>r</sup> W. D. H. M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, be the Committee for superintending the affairs of the Fund, during the ensuing year. They are to meet in Belfast, when called by the Moderator on any emergency. Five to be a quorum.

The consideration of Dr Hanna's motion, which was last year deferred, was further postponed till the next meeting of Interloquitur. Dr. Hanna's motion deferred

Resolved unanimously—That £8, be the sum this year allowed for printing the Minutes; and the Clerk was instructed to have them henceforth executed in an octavo form. Minutes to be printed in Svo.

For defraying expenses incident[al]ly incurred by the Synod, and the Presbytery of Antrim, M<sup>r</sup> Hay was requested to make this year, the same deduction from the R.D. of each minister, which was ordered by last Interloquitur. Incidental expenses

Resolved—That is is incumbent on ministers writing on their own business to the Agent of his Majesty's bounty, to the Treasurer of the Fund, or to the Moderator or Clerk of the Synod, to have their letters either franked or post paid.

A Memorial was presented from M<sup>r</sup> A. J. Barnett of Belfast, on behalf of the family of the late M<sup>r</sup> Bryson, a contributor to the Fund. The case was maturely considered, and the Treasurer was ordered to pay to M<sup>r</sup> Barnett, on his accountable receipt, the Interest of £266, for the benefit of M<sup>r</sup> Bryson's children, the Interest to commence on the same day in 1819, up to which in 1805, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryson received her annuity. Family of Mr. Bryson

M<sup>r</sup> N. Alexander gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of Interloquitur, that assistant ministers who shall not have paid their subscriptions on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, in each year, shall forfeit their connexion with the Fund. Notice respecting assistant ministers

M<sup>r</sup> Cooke gave notice, that he will next year move an explanation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regulation of the Fund. Notice respecting 11<sup>th</sup> regulation

M<sup>r</sup> R. Dill, Jun<sup>r</sup>, gave notice, that he will propose at the next meeting of Interloquitur, an alteration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regulation of the Fund.

The Clerk was requested to continue the Extracts from the Records of the General Synod, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 1804, till the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 1820.

I certify that the foregoing copy of the Minutes of 1820 is correct.

WILLIAM PORTER, Clerk of

Gen<sup>l</sup>. Synod.

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At a General Meeting of Synod held at Cookestown June 26<sup>th</sup> 1828, the Clerk was instructed to set apart, every year, one of the *printed* copies of the minutes, the correctness of which he is to attest by his signature—The copies thus preserved and attested are in future to be considered as the official and authentic Records of the Synod.

Certified by

WILLIAM PORTER, Clk. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Synod.

See the Printed official copy of the Minutes of 1828.

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