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At a General Synod, met in Belfast, June 20, 1721.

Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Moderator to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching on Prov. ii. 30, & after constitution by prayer, Sederunt these Ministers & Ruleing Elders:—

The Prelates. Ministris.

Longford Mr. Rob. Thomson

David Sim

Alex Hamilton

Antrim

Will. Taylor, Senior

Will. Leech

Alex Brown

Jo Abernethy

Char. Masterton

Will. Livingston

Ja. Creighton

Tho. Wilson

Jo Henderson

Will. Taylor, Junior

Sam. Getty

Jam. White

Josias Clugston

Colerain

Math. Clerk

Rob. Haltridge

Hen. Neil

Will. Boyd

Rob. Higginbothom

Jo Porter

Jo McBride

Jo Cochran

Tho. Cobham

Jam. Thomson

Rob. Knox

Augher

Rob. Coltheart

Bapt. Boid

Josias Cornwall

Sam. McGachin

Pat. Plunket

Tho. McClain

Ruleing Elders.

Adam Henry

Alex Davison

Jo Morison

Jo Thomson

Jo Jamison

Jo Miller

Sam. Parker

Col Upton

Jo M'Ka

Jo Craig

Jo Eggar

Jo Jackson

Jo Cummin

M' Pat. Agnew

Sam. Torrence

M' Agnew

Jam. Morison

M' Fran. Ross

Jo White

Jam. Ball

Gawin Steel

Will. Boyd

Jo M'Clelan

And. Duncan

Arch. Lettimer

Jo Rogers

Gil. M'Ka

Jam. M'Cenchy

Jo Bocock
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Prebys. | Min* | Ruleing Elders.
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**Belfast** | M* Jo* Malcom | Jam. King
 | Fran. Iredell | Dr Martin
 | Alex* M*Crackan | Tho. Small
 | And. Crawford | M* Geo. Russel
 | Jam. Kirkpatrick | M* Arbuckle
 | Jam. Cobban | Hugh Donaldson
 | Jo* Riddell | M* Isaac M*Cartney
 | Rob. Sinclar | Sam. Hallyday
 | Sam. Hallyday | David Kennedy
 | Char. Seaton | Hugh Pettigrew
 | Jam. Stewart | Capt* Moor
 | Rob. Wirling | Pat. Scot
 | Michael Bruce | Rob. Craford
 | Sam. Harper | Jam. White
 | Pat. Bruce | 
 | Jam. Fraser | 

**Armagh** | Jo* Hutcheson | M* Jam. Johnston
 | Jo* Wilson | Will. Duglass
 | Geo. Lang | M* Alex* Reid
 | Gilb. Kennedy | Nathan Montgomery
 | Ja. Fleming | Jo* Clerk
 | Rob. Rainey | M* Campbell
 | Jam. Johnston | David Scot
 | Will. Mackay | Rob. Stephenson
 | Jam. Moor | Jo* Campbell
 | Rob. Gordon | Ough. Hart
 | Hugh Henry | Capt* M*Neil
 | Pat. Simson | And. Walker
 | Jo* Campbell | Hem. Heron
 | Arch. Maclain, Jun' | 

**Straban** | Jam. Maxwell | Jo* Walker
 | Tho. Winsley | Jo* Leny
 | Will. Homes | 
 | Jo* Ball | Jam. M*Crea
 | Alex* M*Crackan | 
 | Nehem. Donaldson | Tho. Smily
 | Victor Ferguson | 

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Mr* Nathaniel Weld, Mr* Jos. Boyse, & Mr* Richard Choppin, Correspondents from The Reyd Preby in Dublin.

The Former Mod* desiring that a new Mod* may be chosen, proposed a Lect of the following Bretherin, viz*:- M* Jam. Fleming, M* Jam. Reid, M* Will. Gray, M* Will. Homes, M* Jo* Malcom, Mr* Masterton, M* Math. Clerk, M* Sam. Henry, & Mr* Tho. Kennedy, that one of them may be chosen Mod* to this Synod, and these bretheren being removed, the vote was put, & Mr* Gray was chosen Mod* by plurality of voices.
Then M' Crawford proposed to dimitt his office of Clerk to this Synod, and a vote was hereupon proposed—Continue the present Clerk or Alter, & the vote being put, it carryed Alter by plurality of voices. Then a Leet of these brethren was proposed, viz:—M' Alex' Brown, M' Will. Boyd, M' John Wilson, & M' Will Mackay, one of whom may be chosen Clerk to this Synod, and the vote being put, M' Mackay was chosen Clerk by plurality of voices.

For the more orderly managing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several Prêbys are to return their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills & Synod Books, & the fund to Next Sederunt.

It was moved & agreed to, that all the members of this Synod meet here to-morrow morning at 8 of the Clock, and to continue in prayer till 12.

This Sed' concluded w' prayer.

Die Mercur. Horâ 12. Jun. 21

After prayer Sed' qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The several Prêbys returned the names of their members for Committees as follows

| OVERTURES |  |  |
|-----------|  |  |
| Ma' Will Gray |  | Fran. Laird |
| Rob. Thomson |  | Jo' Stirling |
| Sam. Magachin |  | Sam. Ross |
| Jos. Cornwall |  | Ja. Kirkpatrick |
| Sam. Hemphill |  | Ja. Cobham |
| Mat. Clerk |  | Fran. Iredell |
| Rob. Haltridge |  | Sam. Hallyday |
| Will Boyd |  | Jo' Hutcheson |
| Ja. Bruce |  | Gil. Kennedy |
| Tho. Orr |  | Ja. Moor |
| Will Biggar |  | Hugh Henry |
| Ja. M'Calpin |  | Will Homes |
| Jo' Abernethy |  | Jo' Ball |
| Cha. Masterton |  | Will Mackay |
| Will. Livingston |  | Neth. Weld |
| Jos. Clugston |  | Jos. Boyse |
| Tho. Kennedy |  | and their |
| Dav. Tomb |  | Elders |
| Cha. Lind |  |  |

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AT BELFAST, JUNE 20TH, 1721.

Rob. Higginbottom
Rob. M'Bride
Neth. Cochran
Pat. Plunket
Hen. Hamilton
Jam. Shanon
Arch. Dixon
Tho. Nivin
Tho. Mulligan
Alex' Moor
Sam. Henry

Jo\(^{th}\) Malcom
Rob. Sinclair
Cha. Seaton
Jo\(^{th}\) Wilson
Ja. Johnston
Rob. Gordon
Arch. Maclain
Tho. Winsley
and their
Elders

Sam. Getty
Tho. Wilson
Will. Taylor
Jo\(^{th}\) Henderson
Henry Neil
Ja. Thomson
Rob. Knox
Rob. Coltheart
Neth. Glasgow
Neth. Orr
Jo\(^{th}\) Gaudie
Fran. Montgomery
Jo\(^{th}\) Campbell
Will. Smith

Jo\(^{th}\) Kennedy
Ja. Dykes
Rob. Stewart
Pat. Vance
Ja. Cochran
Major Murray
Rob. Wirling
Ja. Fraser
Sam. Harper
Jo\(^{th}\) Riddel
Ja. Fleming
Victor Ferguson
and their
Elders

David Simm
Alex' Brown
Jo\(^{th}\) Porter
Tho. Cobham
Bapt. Boyd
Sam. Irvine
Jam. Reid
Jo\(^{th}\) Mairs
Sam. Dunlop
David Fairley

Jo\(^{th}\) Harvey
Will. Cunningham
Pat. Bruce
And. Crawford
Geo. Lang
Nehem. Donaldson
Pat. Simson
Ja. Thomson
and their
Elders

Adjourned to 5 a meridie. This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

\textit{Sessio 3\textsuperscript{ta} Hord 5\textsuperscript{ta} a meridie.}

After prayer, \textit{Sed\textsuperscript{t} qui supra.}

The Rev\(^{d}\) Mr Weld, Mr Boise, & Mr Choppin produced their Commission from the Rev\(^{d}\) Preby in Dublin to correspond with this Synod, & were received accordingly.

Mr Tho. Harvey, Mr Jo\(^{th}\) Harvey, jun\(^{t}\), & Mr Major Murray Absent\(+\), having been absent from last Gen\(^{d}\) Synod, reported the reasons of their absence, & are excused.

Mr Tate, Mr Dunlop, Mr Hair, Mr Rob. Campbell, Mr Shaw, Mr Drumond, Mr Alex' Sinclare, Mr Craighead, Mr Arch. Maclain, seu\(^{t}\),
M'r Char. Wallace, & M'r Moses Cherry being absent from this Synod, are excused for reasons now offered.

M'r John Mair is absent, & is not excused.

M'r Hugh Ramsey died on the 12 of Nov', 1720, and

M'r Will. Houston died May 6th, & M'r Rob. Nilson died May 12, 1721.

M'r Will Hair was Installed at Inniskillin since last Synod; & M'r Sam. Hallyday was Installed in the Old Cong' of Belfast, July 28, 1720; & M'r Hugh Wallace was Installed at Dawson's bridge, September 7, 1720; & M'r James Wallace was Installed at Movill since last Synod.

The Preby of Tyrowen have ordained M'r Rob. Stewart at Donoghmore, Augt 11, 1720.

The Preby of Colerain have licensed M'r Adam Boyd since last Synod.

Longford Preby have Entered M'r John Little & M'r Dennison on first tryals, & they have M'r Patton & M'r Dean on second tryals.

Colerain Preby have M'r Will. Elder & M'r Sam. Wilson on first tryals.

Derry Preby have M'r Tho. Strawbridge on 2d tryals.

Down Preby have M'r Hugh Williamson on first tryals.

Antrim Preby have M'r Will. Smith on second tryals.

Augher Preby have M'r Mat. Chalmers on first tryals, & M'r Carlisle on 2d tryals.

Our next Gen'l Synod is appointed to meet at London Derry on the third Tuesday of June, 1722. Sermon to begin at 5 a meridie.

Last Gen'l Synod appointed the Preby of Armagh to pay what is due of the fund to Dundalk, Lurgan, & Vincash.

Enquiry was made whether that Preby have fulfilled that appointment. It appears that there is little done in that affair. The appointment is renewed, & they are required to be more careful of that affair.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised s' Records, & do approve them, & so doth this Synod. The approbation thereof is to be inserted in the book, & to be subscribed by the Mod' of this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Armagh report that they revised s' Records, & do approve them, & so doth this Synod. The approbation is to be inserted in the book, & subscribed by the Mod' of this Synod.

We have no report from the Revisers of Derry Book.

Upon reading the Pacific Act, inquiry was made whether all the Prebys have observed the s' Act. It was allledged by some members of
this Synod that the Prêby of Belfast have broke in upon s\(^a\) Act in the Installment of M' Sam. Hallyday in the old cong\(^m\) of Belfast; and after much reasoning on this head, it was moved and agreed to, that the Committee of Overtures meet at 8 of the Clock to morrow morneing, & that the Records of the Prêby & Synod of Belfast be laid before the s\(^d\) Committee, and that that Committee frame an Overture on that case & bring it in to this Synod.

Adjourned to 10 of the Clock to morrow morneing.

This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

_Sessio 4\(^{a}\) Die Jovis, Hord 10 ante meridiem._

_Sessio: 4\(^{a}\)._

After prayer, _Sed\(^{e}\) qui supra._

The Committee of Overtures report that they have not come to any resolution in the affair of Belfast, committed to them last Sederunt. This matter was referred.

Report is made that none of the 20\(\mathcal{E}\) due to Galway by Down Preby is paid. Mr. Hamilton declares that unless some speedy & effectual methods be taken for his support in Galway he must leave the charge of that poor people on the Synod. This was referred to the Committee of Funds.

A Supplication from Moywater was read. They pray that the 8\(\mathcal{E}\) Moywater. £ annum promised for support of their supplyers dureen their vacancy may be paid; & being now in a way of settlement, they pray that the 18\(\mathcal{E}\) £ ann. promised by this Synod for support of that poor cong\(^n\) may be continued. This was referred to the Committee of Funds.

Longford Preby represent it as a Grievance that M' John M'gachin & M' Rob' Rutheford, whose relation to this Synod is loosed sho'd have any share of our R.D., being no members of this Synod. This was referred.

Adjourned to 5 a meridie. Concluded w\(^b\) prayer.

_Die Jovis, Hord 5\(^{a}\) a meridie._

_Sessio 5\(^{a}\)._

After prayer, _Sed\(^{e}\) qui supra._

A Letter from Sr. Alex' Cairns, M' Henry, Dr. Cummin, & several other Gent. in Dublin to this Synod was read. The design of s\(^d\) Letter is in the most pressing manner to recommend peace, charity, & mutual forbearance to all the members of this Synod.

Also a Letter from some Gent. in Belfast & the Countrey about it directed to this Synod, to the same purpose, was read.

Then these followeing Supplications were read.

A Supplication from the Session of Kilrachts; a Supplication from the Session of Bellykelly; a Supplication from the Session of Donogmore, in the Preby of Letterkenny; a Supplication from the Session of Lammavady; a Supplication from the Session of Londonderry; a
Supplication from the Session of Muff; a Supplication from the Session of Convoy; a Supplication from the Session of Taughboin; a Supplication from the Session of Aghalow; a Supplication from the Session of Lifford; a Supplication from the Session of Omagh; a Supplication from the Session of Carrigfergus; a Supplication from the Min's & Session of Ramelton; a Supplication from the Session of Baylyborough; a Supplication from the Session of Clandevedag; a Supplication from the Session of Kinsaird; & a Supplication from the Session of Letterkenny, were all read. All these Supplicants do earnestly pray that all the members of this Synod, & all inferior Judicatures of this Church, may be obliged to subscribe the Westmin' Confession of Faith as the confession of their faith.

Also, a Certificate from both cong's of Belfast, bearing testimony to the soundness of both their Min's faith, subscribed by a great number of hands of both cong's, was read in this Synod.

Then an Overture concerning the Eternal Deity of the Son of God was brought in to this Synod and read, and after reasoning, it was moved & agreed to, that there be a conference of all the members of this Synod, to begin to-morrow, at 8 of the Clock in the morning, & to continue till ten.

Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. This Sd concluded wh prayer.


After prayer, Sd qui supra.

The members of this Synod met for a conference at 8 of the Clock this morning, having appointed a Select Committee to frame a new draught of the Overture concerning the Eternal Deity of the Son of God. The s't Overture was brought into this Synod, & was read paragraph by paragraph three several times, & the brethren reasoned upon the form of it at great Length.

Some brethren, when this matter was debateing, withdrew, and being called, returned & declared they were unwilling to come into this Overture, not because they disbelieved the Article of Christ's Supreme Deity, for this Article they professed in the strongest terms to believe, but because they in their Judgements are against all Authoritative Decisions of Human tests of Orthodoxy, & because they believe such decisions to be unseasonable at this time.

The Overture is in these words—Whereas several aspersions have been cast upon the Protestant Dissenters of our Communion in this Kingdom, as if they had made defect from the Common Received Doctrine concerning the Essential Deity of the Son of God, by Denying His Essential Divine perfections, particularly His Necessary Existence, Absolute Eternity & Independence, which Doctrine has been always regarded by this Synod as an Essential Article of the Christian faith, and which this Synod still adheres to as such, We, therefore, unanimously declare that the s't aspersions are, as far as we know, Groundless.
And it is our resolution if any person or persons shall hereafter deny the 6th Article as above Expressed by preaching or writing, or in conversation, to proceed against him or them, according to the Laws of the Gospel & the known practise of this Church; and not to own him or them as members of this Church.

This Overture was voted & approven.

It was then moved that this Overture be printed; & the vote being put it carried print by plurality of voices, the Overture to be signed by our Mod' & Clerk.

Adjourned to 5 a meridie.

This Session concluded w'hoprayer.


After prayer, Sed' qui supra.

A Petition from Kath. Boyd Alias Strawbridge, representing her deplorable circumstances, & praying for the charitable assistance of this Synod, was read. Her case being considered, this Synod recommend it to every Min' here present to give her some contribution, & that she shall have the benefit of a Collection in this Meetinghouse when it's full, & what is so got to be Lodged w'h our Mod' for her use; & we recommend it to each Min' of this Synod to procure what relief they can from their several Sessions for her. The Clerk of each Préby is to collect from the several Prébys for her, & to be accountable to M' Hugh Wallace.

It was Enquired after what manner the fund was disposed of for last year, who paid & who not. It appears that there are great deficiencys in the payment of it. It's therefore Overtured that each Préby shall be oblidged to make a Location of the quota which each cong's in their bounds pays to the fund among the several Min's depending upon the Préby's proportion of it, that so the quotas of the several congs, being divided among the Min's depending on the fund, each Min's so depending may know from what cong's to demand his proportion, & where to charge his Arrears for the future. This was agreed to.

The affair of M' Hallyday's Installment in the Old cong's of Belfast being resumed, & the case being reasoned at great Length, it was moved that M' Hallyday's testimonials may be read, & accordingly his testimonials from the Préby of Convoy, from Leiden, Rotterdam, Basil, & Geneva were read; also a Letter from some Min's In London giving testimony to M' Hallyday's soundness in the faith was read; also M' Hallyday's own Letter, Wrote from London to the Préby of Belfast, was read; also a Letter from the Préby of Down to Col'n Ferguson & M' Isaac McCartney, was read. This Letter declares their satisfaction with the soundness of M' Hallyday's faith; also a Letter from some bretheren of Antrim Préby, & some of Colerain Préby, to the same Gent., & to the same purpose, was read; also a Letter from the Préby in Dublin to the Préby of Belfast to the same purpose, was read.
Also a Certificate from the Old Cong of Belfast, subscribed by a great number of hands, attesting the Orthodoxy of their min's faith, was read.

And after long reasoning upon this matter,
Adjourned to 10 mane.

This Session concluded wth prayer.

Die Sat. June 24, Hord 10 ante merid.

After prayer, Sederunt qui supra.

Belfast affair being resumed, the Select Committee appointed to frame an Overture upon that affair, brought in their Overture, wth was read, & the case was reasoned a long time, & many debates being raised about s't Overture, a motion was made that, Whereas M' Hallyday assented to the Westminster Confession of faith as the confession of his faith upon his being licensed at Rotterdam, the Mod' shod ask him if he adheres to s't assent now. It was again moved that the vote shod be put whether we will ask M' Hallyday that question or not; and then it was further moved, that the previous question sh'd be put whether that vote sh'd be put or not, and the previous question was put accordingly, and it carried by plurality of voices put the vote, and then the vote was stated, ask M' Hallyday the above question or not, and it carried by a great majority, ask M' Hallyday the above question.

Then the Mod' asked M' Hallyday if he now adheres to the assent he gave to the Westminster Confession of faith when he was licensed, and Mr. Hallyday gave his answer in the following words—My refusal to declare my adherence to the assent I gave to the Westminster confession of faith when I was licensed does not proceed from my disbelief of the important truths contained in it, the contrary of which I have oft by word & writing declared, as this venerable assembly can bear me Witness; But my Scruples are against the Submitting to Human tests of Divine truths, Especially in a great number of Extra essential points without the knowledge & belief of w't men may be entitled to the favour of God & the hopes of Eternal life, and according to the Laws of the gospell to Christian & ministerial communion in the Church, when Imposed as a necessary term of such Communion. The Reasons of w't Scruples I am now ready to lay before this assembly, & shall always be open to conviction.

It was then moved that M' Hallyday shod now lay the reasons of his Scruples before this Synod. M' Hallyday replied that, seeing he hopes this Synod will Indulge him in those Scruples, he is willing to conceal the reasons of them, that there may be no heat or alteration in this Synod about them. This Synod, taking into their serious consideration M' Hallyday's answer, does utterly disclaim all power of imposing upon the consciences of men of w't God onely is the Lord, and therefore declare themselves ready to receive & seriously to weigh the reasons M' Hallyday has for his Scruples, and shall be as open to conviction as he is, and, consequently, cannot charge themselves with the guilt of Sinful imposition.
Then the Rev. Comrs from the Preby of Dublin proposed to this Synod their earnest request that, considering the whole matter complexly, they would please to come to this resolution—that this Synod do entirely drop it, we request being considered by this Synod, we agreed to comply with it, and the vote was stated drop this whole matter or not, and it carried drop it entirely nonine contradicente.

A motion was made that all the members of this Synod who are willing to Subscribe the Westminster Confession of faith, according to the terms of the Pacific Act, be allowed by this Synod to do it. Some Hours being spent in reasoning upon this affair, a State of the vote was proposed thus, whether we will vote this matter now or adjourn. Then Mr. Iredell, at the desire of this Synod, called upon God for direction in this affair; and, after prayer, the vote was put, vote now or adjourn, and it carried, vote now, by a great majority. Then Mr. Boise & Mr. Choppin desired that their Protest against coming to this vote in name of the Preby of Dublin may be entered into the records of this Synod. Also M' Kirkpatrick, M' Abernethy, M' Hallyday, M' Nivin, M' Michael Bruce, M' Arch. Maclain, Jun', M' Clugston, M' Pat. Bruce, M' Tho. Wilson, M' Donaldson, M' Tho. Maclain, M' Jo' Henderson, Min; & Capt. M'Neal, M' Pat. Agnew, M' Isaac Macartney, & Jo' Hathorn, Elders, Protested against this vote, & desired that their Protest might be entered into the Records of this Synod. Their Reasons are to be given in in due time.

Then the Next Vote was stated, allow such as are willing to Subscribe the Westminster Confession of Faith according to the terms of the Pacific Act or not, and the vote being put, it carried allow by a great majority.

It was moved & agreed to, that our treasurer, M' Blair, shall pay our Clerk one shilling for each Min' belonging to this Synod, out of the first R. D. that shall come into his hands, the min' to be refunded by their cong.'

Adjourned to Munday next at 3 a meridie:

Concluded with prayer.

\textit{Die Lunae Jun. 26, Horâ 3\textsuperscript{ia} a meridie:}

After prayer, Sed' qui supra.

A reference from the Preby of Derry to this Gen' Synod of an affair depending between the cong' of Ushers Key in Dublin, & the cong' of Taughboin, about the transportation of M' Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key, the reference of that Preby being read, came orderly before this Synod.

From Ushers Key appeared Mr. Bagenall, Mr. Norton, Mr. Lord, & M' Aikman, Com'n, Prosecuting their Call to M' Gray & his transportation to them.

From Taughboin appeared M' Jo' Maclinto, Jo' Moderator, Rob.
Wilson, Comrs, to oppose the transportation of Mr Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key.

Then the Call from Ushers Key to Mr Gray was read, and a Supplication from the Session & Cong of Ushers Key to the Preby of Derry was read; they sett forth their most earnest desires that Mr Gray may be transported from Taughboin to Ushers Key, this, their Supplication they enforced by many reasons. Then the ans of Taughboin to those reasons, for the transportation desired, were also read. Then the Com of Ushers Key & the Com of Taughboin were fully heard; also, Mr Gray was fully heard. Then it was moved, that it be enquired of the Com of Ushers Key whether they be willing to subject themselves to this Synod. These Com declared their willingness to subject themselves to this Synod, and for their Authority so to do, referred themselves to their Commission from the Session & Cong of Ushers Key, which, being read, we find a Clause in it Impowering them to declare the willingness of that Session & Cong to be Joined to this Rev Synod, and to any Preby among us which may be thought most proper; and this is signed in their name by their Session Clerk, Daniel Acry.

Then it was moved to the Coms of Ushers Key, that they may let us know what encouragement they will give to Mr Gray in case he be transported to them, they replied that, in that case, they would make his Encouragement as good as that of any other dissenting min in Dublin. Then Mr Gray and the Coms, both from Ushers Key & Taughboin were removed, & our Rev brethren Correspondents from the Preby in Dublin, waved their privilage of voicing in this case. Then the Synod came deliberately to weigh the reasons of Ushers Key for the desired transportation, and the ans of Taughboin to these reasons, and having reasoned this affair at great Length, the vote was stated, transport Mr Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key or Not.

Then Mr Lang was appointed to Call upon God for direction in this affair, and after prayer the vote was put, & it carried transport by a great majority.

All parties were called, & this Sentence Intimated to them, & they were desired to acquiesce in it; Mr Gray expressed his great reluctance to leave Taughboin, & yet at the same time declared that he is unwilling to do anything that might break in upon our constitution, and therefore submits himself to our determination and as to what Preby among us Mr Gray will Join himself is left to his consideration for some time, but he is to give his Ans before this Synod Rise; and it was moved that Mr Bruce & Mr Hutcheson converse with the Correspondents from Dublin Preby, & the Coms from Ushers Key to settle the time & manner of Mr Gray’s installment in Ushers Key.

The Rev Mr Fran. Iredell having dissenting from the vote allowing such as are willing to subscribe the Westmin confession of faith, gave in his declaration & dissent, and the reasons of it in these words—In the year 1688, at my ordination, I did openly own my assent to the Westmin confession of faith as the confession of my faith:
to this assent, by the grace of God I have adhered and do adhere, But
since, as I humbly conceive, the vote past on Saturday last Allow or
Not &c.—countenances a method of Issuing Scandals or offences, real
or supposed, not agreeable to the rule of discipline prescribed in the
Word of God, a method unknown to this Church since ever I had the
Hon' of being a member of it, a method that may be injurious to the
reputation of several bretheren; for these reasons, and to exonerate my
own conscience, I beg leave to dissent from the 5th vote, and do desire
that this my declaration of assent to the Westmin's confession of faith
may be entered into the records of this Synod, as also my dissent, and
also, that I may have an Extract of them under the Clerk's hand
subscribed.

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Mr. Will. Smith also declared that he dissented from the same Mr. Smith
dissent.
vote & upon the same reasons, & desired that his dissent might be
entered into the records of this Synod.

A motion was made & agreed to, that in pursuance of our
resolution, that such as are willing be allowed to subscribe the
Westmin's confession of faith, our Clerk may attend in the Vestrey one
hour to-night, & one hour to-morrow mornig, that such as willing
may have an opportunity to subscribe the 5th Confession.

Adjourned to 10 mane, this Session concluded wth prayer.


After prayer, Sedt' qui supra.

Appeared from Longford, Alex' Graddon, Com', Supplicateing that
Longford each Prêby within the bounds of this Synod may send a min' or
probationer to supply Longford the space of one moneth. This Synod
considering their Supplication, agreed, that M' Jam. Orr, from Down
Preby, shall supply them the moneth of July, & M' Jam. Bann, from
Derry Preby, shall supply them the moneth of Aug't, & M' Sam. Kenay,
from Sligo, the moneth of September, and from that time till Next
Genn Synod, the charge of supplying them is committed to the Synod
of Armagh.

A motion was made that, in regard some of M' Hallyday's cong'm, votedrop.
 thro their misunderstanding our vote of dropping the affair of M'
Hallyday's Installment were likely to separate from him, that this
Synod wo'd explain what they mean by that Vote. The Synod
considering this motion for some time, It was moved that M'
Hallyday be called to declare himself upon the point of Subjection to
this Synod.

He was called accordingly, & freely declared, that ho is willing
to subject himself to his brethren of this Synod in their Synods &
Prebys in the Lord in all things where conscience is not concerned, w
he explained further in all things lawfull, where the Laws of the
Gospell & the Laws of Society are not broke in upon. Upon w this
Synod declares their intention by the vote drop &c., to be this: Explained.
That they resolve not to resume any further consideration of this affair,
but to receive Mr Hallyday as a member of this Synod, overlooking any irregularities in his installment. Provided always that this be no precedent in any instance for the future, and then the vote was stated, Approve this resolution or not, and it carried Approve by a great majority, & Mr Hallyday was called & received accordingly.

A Supplication from the cong⁴n of Donoghedy, setting forth their earnest desires to be disjoined from the Preby of Strabane & reunited to the Preby of Derry was read: the Supplicants allege, that the support of their cong⁴n depends upon their being reunited to the Preby of Derry. The Synod considering their Supplication, agreed unanimously to grant their petition, and that cong⁴n is hereby annexed to the Preby of L. Derry.

Adjourned to 4 a meridie:

This Session concluded w⁴h prayer.

Horæ 4th, a meridie.

After prayer, Sed⁴ qui supra.

Mr Gray declared his resolution to continue a member of the Preby of Derry till Next Gen⁴d Synod, and therefore, the cong⁴n of Ushers Key is to be under the conduct of that Preby Untill that time.

A motion was made, this Synod wo'd make a charitable declaration in favour of the brethren who are not free to subscribe the Westmin's confession of faith; and Mr Boyse brought in a draught of s⁴ declaration w⁴ was read; the Synod considering this affair, it was moved that, whereas the brethren who are not willing to subscribe s⁴ confession have protested against our coming to a vote, whether we shod allow such as are willing to subscribe s⁴ confession, may withdraw their protest in order to clear our way to make such a charitable declaration in their favor. Hereupon these brethren who protested withdrew, & after some time being returned, brought in a declaration in the following words:—The members of this Synod who find it necessary to protest against coming to a vote at that time concerning voluntary subscription, do declare, they charitably believe their brethren whose sentiments & practices are herein different from their own have acted according to the light of their consciences, & it was not the design of the protest to insinuate any thing to the Contrary. And the members who protested declare for their parts a resolution to maintain the same brotherly correspondence & Communion w⁴ their Rev⁴ Brethen as formerly, and to endeavour conscientiously to preserve the Hon', Just Authority, peace & order of our Ecclesiastical assemblies, viz⁴:—Sessions, Prêbys, & Synods, being subject to our brethren in the Lord, and to promote Love & peace among all our people.

A draught of charitable declaration in favour of our nonsubscribing brethren was agreed to in these words—For preventing misconstructions & allaying animosities that may arise among our people on occasion of what has been now transacted in this Synod in reference to voluntary subscription, It's Humbly overtured that the Rev⁴ Synod make the following charitable declaration—viz⁴: that this Synod, by
allowing such min"a as Judge it Necessary for the satisfaction of their consciences & of their people, and to give a testimony to the truth and for making a declaration of their faith, and for their own vindication to subscribe the Westmin's confession of faith at this time, do not intend to insinuate the least reflection upon such as have not a freedom to fall into that method as if they were unsound in the faith, and that different sentiments on that head do not Justify uncharitable Jealousies & censures of one another or breach of Communion among us, and therefore we do earnestly recommend it to our people that they may entertain no Jealousies or ill opinions concerning any of their min"a merely on account of their not subscribing at this time. But that they w'd look upon this as a matter wherein Christians & min"a are to Exercise mutual forbearance towards one another. These declarations were voted & approved by this Synod.

Mr Math. Clerk dissented from this vote, & desired that his dissent might be entered into the records of this Synod.

The Clerk, according to appointment, attended in the Vestrey to receive y" subscriptions of such brethren as are willing to subscribe the Westmin' confession of faith, & many brethren came & subscribed the same; their names, together with the formula in w" they subscribed, are annexed in a Schedule at the End of these minutes.

Mr Rob. Thomson gave in his dimission of his charge of the cong"a of Belturbet, as also the reasons of his dimission: in them he sets forth that his cong"a owes him three years' Stipend, & that there is forty pound of the fund money promised him by the Synod in Arrears, so that he cannot subsist his family in these circumstances, and therefore is obliged to give in his dimission.

Also, a Supplication from the cong"a of Belturbet was read: they sett forth their earnest desires of having the Gospell continued w' them, and y' the Arrears of the fund due to their min' may be speedily paid to him, y' so he may be able to stay among them. This was referred to the Comm: of funds.

An Appeal from the Prb'y of Armagh, by some of Dromore cong"a in reference to Mr Carlisle, came orderly before this Synod. The Appeal was read and the Sentence of the Prb'y of Armagh, & the reasons of the Appeal were read, also a Commission from part of the Session & Cong"a of Dromore to Mr Magill, &c., to appear in opposition to the Appeal was read. The Synod considered this case, & heard the Com"a from both parts of the cong"a of Dromore, & also the Prb'y of Armagh were heard, & they & all parties being removed, the vote was stated, Approve the Conduct of the Prb'y of Armagh or not, & it carried Approve nemine contradicente.

From the Session of Antrim Appeared Mr Joa Shaw, Jam. Bell, &c., Com"a supplicating that this Synod may take the most effectual methods to preserve charity & Union, & to secure the reputation & Usefulness of these worthy min"a who have conscientiously declared against subscribing the Westmin' confession of faith at this time.

For making the Pacific Act more Effectual & secureing the peace of this church, It is Overtured:
I. — that no person be licensed, ordained, or Installed without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Preby then present, & if there be an odd min† in the Preby he shall be added to the two-thirds.

II. — If there be a Protest entered by any one min‡ against the licensing, ordaining, or Installing any min‡ or candidate, In that case the proceedings of that Preby in that affair, shall cease till the meeting of the Next Synod.

III. — If the Pacific Act be violated in the manner of licensing, ordaining, or installing any person, the min‡ who shall preside in the licensing, ordaining, or installing such person, shall be suspended at the discretion of the Subsequent Synod. All these Overtures were voted & Approv'd by this Synod.

Adjourned to 7 of the clock to morrow morining. This Session concluded w⁶ prayer.

Die Mercur. June 28, Hour 7ma ante merid:

After prayer, Sed² qui supra.

The several Prebys returned the names of their members for the Synods' first Committee, they are these for Longford Preby: Mr Tate, Mr Simm; Antrim, Mr Leech, Mr Masterton; Colerain, Mr Mcbride, Mr Jam. Thomson; Augher, Mr Irwine, Mr Hemphill; Tyrrowen, Mr Tho. Kennedy, Mr Nathan. Cochran; Letterkenny, Mr Fairley, Mr John Homes; Derry, Mr Gray, Mr Stirling, Mr Murray; Belfast, Mr Seaton, Mr Fraser; Armagh, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Fleming; Strabane, Mr Maxwell, Mr Donaldson; Down, Mr Biggar, Mr Dixon; with these Elders, Col¹ Upton, Capt¹ Wilson, Mr John Agnew, Fran. Scot, Capt¹ Stephenson, Capt¹ Henderson, Mr Richard Norton, Tho. Jameson, Mr James Johnston, Mr John Wilson & Mr Hugh Wallace, fifteen of these to be a quorum, twelve whereof to be min⁷, & this Committee is to be called by our Mod⁷ to meet upon Emergents at Dungannon. But if the Joint Committee of South & North be oblig'd to meet upon any Emergent they are to be called by the Preby in Dublin & our Mod⁷ Jointly, & to meet at Newry, & if any member here named Cannot attend, his Preby is to appoint another In his Stead.

Jo² Young, Will. Simm, & several other members of the old cong⁴ of Belfast brought in a Supplication w⁶ was read: they earnestly pray that they may be allowed to Erect a new cong⁴ in Belfast, & that this Synod may allow them monethly Supplies. Also another Supplication to the same purpose, signed by Mr Smith, Mr Lennox, & several other Gen³ in Belfast was read: they also supplicate for a new Erection & monethly Supplies, these Gen³ offer that there will be sufficient security given for the maintenance to the min⁶ of s⁴ Erection when they shall be planted; they further plead that there is great Necessity for s⁴ Erection on account of the numerosness of their cong⁴, & they hope this will be a mean to make the gospel more successful. Then Mr Hallyday was heard, & the Com⁴ from both parts of the old cong⁴, & then all parties were removed, & the Synod came to consider this affair, & it was moved and agreed to,
that Co* Upton, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Abernethy go out and frame an overture on this affair, who, being returned, brought in the following Overture:—The Synod seriously considered the Supplication laid before them by some members of the Old cong* of Belfast, and at some length reasoned about the way of their coming in at this time and the method in w* that affair may be brought to a good Issue, and tho' the Synod desire not to countenance the least breach of the charitable resolutions made by themselves at their last Sederunt, yet, being willing to give all reasonable satisfaction to the regular desires of all who may apply unto them, have agreed that the Supplicants and such as adhero to them, shall, first of all, endeavor by mutual and amicable conversation among themselves and with their Neighbours, and also with Mr. Halliday among to come to Unanimity and concord, and having made this trial at what time soever the Supplicants think it proper, they may lay the whole matter in the ordinary course before their own Prby, who are appointed without all frustratory delay to give their decision therein, and if any of the parties concerned think themselves injured by the determination of the Prby, they may appeal to the Gen* Synod’s Committee, w* the Mod* of the Gen* Synod is appointed to Cal* upon notice given him by the Appellants, to meet at Dungannon, to determine that business as soon as conveniently may be; this overture was voted and Approved.

Adjourned to 5 a meridie:
This Session concluded w* prayer.

_Die Mer. Hora 5* A Meridie._

After prayer, Sed* qui Supra.

Mr. Pat. Simson gave in his dimission of his charge of the cong* of Dundalk, his reason is because the fund promised him by this Synod is so ill paid to him, that he cannot subsist among that people. The Synod considering this affair, do recommend it to the Priby of Armagh to accept of Mr. Simson’s dimission if they see cause.

A Supplication from the cong* of Drum, earnestly praying that this Synod may take some care to support their min* was read, they represent their circumstances to be very deplorable, &c. The Synod, considering this affair, renews the Appointment made last year in favour of M* Mcgachin, viz*: that each min* within bounds of this Synod pay him one shill. and sixpence. M* Michael Bruce is to collect a* money from the Belfast Priby, Mr. Nirvin from Down, Mr. Mackay from Armagh, Mr. Jo* Kennedy from Tyrone, Mr. Abernethy from Antrim, Mr. Higginbothom from Colerain, Mr. Ross from Derry, Mr. Ferguson from Strabane, Mr. Rob. Thomson from Longford, Mr. Dunlop from Letterkenny, and to transmit it to Mr. Magachin as soon as may be. This Synod also recommends it to each cong* within our bounds to contribute some assistance towards the building of Drum Meeting-house.

The Petition of Jo* Holden, a very poor man, praying for some Charity to charitable assistance from this Synod was read. The Synod, considering

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his case, do recommend him to all the several congregations within our bounds as an object of charity and compassion, that they may give him some assistance.

This Synod renews the Appointment made by last Gen" Synod in favor of Rev. Rob' Wilson and Mr Alex' McCrackan, Jun', viz': that there be a Collection in all the several congregations within our bounds with previous intimation, for their relief. Mr Alex' Fleming is to collect from Augher Prby, Mr Johnston from Armagh, Mr Tho. Kennedy from Tyreowen, Mr Victor Ferguson from Strabane, Mr Ross from Derry, Mr Simm from Longford, Mr Dunlop from Letterkenny, Mr Mcbride from Colerain, Mr Livingstone from Antrim, Mr Kirkpatrick from Belfast, and Mr Nivin from Down Prby. What can be got is to be brought to Next Gen" Synod for their relief.

The Committee of funds brought in the following report of Arrears due upon the General fund:—

Due to Belturbet 40 : 13 : 6  
  Augher 14 : 16 : 6  
  Tyrone 2 : 10 : 0  
  Letterkenny 1 : 10 : 0  
  Colerain 7 : 0 : 0  
  Antrim 0 : 10 : 0

to Dunfanaghy 10 : 15 : 0  
  Strabane 3 : 0 : 0  
  Lisburn 1 : 0 : 0  
  Letterkenny 0 : 10 : 0  
  Derry 6 : 0 : 0

to Galway 51 : 00 : 0  
  Derry Prby £45  
  Tyrone £11 : 14 : 0  
  Convo, £6; Antrim, £1; Colerain, £6; Augher, £4

to Lurgan 57 : 6 : 0  
  Armagh, £40 : 6 : 0; Antrim, £2; Monaghan, £5; by the Synod, £10

to Dundalk 101 : 11 : 8  
  Armagh, £51 : 9 : 0; Armagh, £21 : 2 : 0; Colerain, £9; Down, £3 : 10 : 8; Belfast, £16 : 0 : 0

to Drogheda 173 : 10 : 6  
  Belfast, £112; Armagh, £12 : 17 : 4;  
  Derry, £12 : 10 : 0; Down, £13 : 3 : 2; by the Synod, £17 : 0 : 0; Lisburn, £6 : 0 : 0

to Stranorlar 10 : 11 : 0  
  Strabane, £8 : 11 : 0; Antrim, £2 : 0 : 0

to Castle blaney 18 : 4 : 0  
  Armagh, £2; Tyrone, £3 : 10 : 0; Augher, £12 : 14 : 0

to Sligo 22 : 15 : 0  
  Letterkenny, £8 : 15 : 0; Colerain, £8; Derry, £6 : 0 : 0

to Viniceash 12 : 0 : 0  
  Armagh Prby, £12 : 0 : 0

to Kirk Donald 7 : 5 : 2  
  Belfast Prby £7 : 5 : 2
All the Applotments of the funds are to continue as they were adjusted last year, which was in the manner following:

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Total, £255:10:00

Last Gen” Synod promised fifty pounds to Mr Dunlop of Athlone Mr Dunlop for reimbursing his charges in the consistorial court. This Synod renewed the appointment on that affair. In pursuance whereof the several Prbys shall pay him the following sums:

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This Synod concluded with prayer.

WILL MACKAY, C.G.S.

The Bretheren, whose names are hereunto Annexed, in pursuance of the vote passed in this Synod, allowing such as are willing to
subscribe the Westminster confession of faith, subscribed the s\textsuperscript{d} confession in the following formula:—

Reserving to ourselves the benefit of the pacific Act.

We believe the Westminster confession of faith to be founded on the word of God, and therefore, as such, by this our subscription, we do own the the s\textsuperscript{d} confession as the confession of our faith.

June 26, 1721.

Longford Prby.
Rob\textsuperscript{1} Thomson
David Simm
Alex\textsuperscript{2} Hamilton
James Hamilton, Probationer

Colerain Prby.
Math. Clerk
Rob. Haltridge
Hen. Neil
Will. Boyd
Jo\textsuperscript{a} Porter
Rob. Mcbride
Jo\textsuperscript{a} Cochran
Rob. Higginbothom
James Thomson
Rob. Knox

Antrim Prby.
Will. Taylor
James Creighton
Will. Leech
Sam. Getty
Jam. White
Char. Masterton
Alex\textsuperscript{2} Brown
Will. Livingston

Augher Prby.
Josias Cornwall
Rob. Colthart
Sam. Irvine
Bapt. Boyd
Sam. Hemphill
Nethan Glasgow

Down Prby.
John Gaudie
James Bruce
Henry Hamilton, in terminis
Thos. Orr
Sam. Shanon
James Reid
James McCalpin
Tho. Elder
Arch. Dickson
Nethan Orr
Will. Biggar
Will. Smith

Belfast Prby.
Jam. Fraser
And. Craford
Char. Seaton
Jo\textsuperscript{a} Riddell
Alex\textsuperscript{2} McCrakan
Jam. Cobham
Fran. Iredoll
Rob. Sinclare
Jam. Stewart
Rob. Wirling
Jo\textsuperscript{a} Malcolm

Tyrone Prby.
Henry Crooks
Thomas Kennedy
Hugh Wallace
John Kennedy
Alex\textsuperscript{2} Moor
Nethan Cochran
Jam. Dykes
Rob. Stewart
David Tomb
Thom. Mulligan

Armagh Prby
Gilbert Kennedy, in terminis
Jo\textsuperscript{a} Wilson
James Moor, in terminis
Will. Mackay. Jo\textsuperscript{a} Campbell
Rob. Gordon, in terminis
Jo\textsuperscript{a} Hutcheson
Jam. Fleming
Rob. Rainey
AT LONDONDERRY, JUNE 19TH, 1722.

Letterkenny Prby.
Sam. Henry
Sam. Dunlop
Char. Lynd
Rob. Wilson
Fran. Laird
David Fairley
James Cochran
Jo" Homea
Pat Vance

Derry Prby.
Wm. Gray
Jo" Stirling
Jam. Wallace
Tho. Harvey
Jo" Harvey, Junr.
Major Murray
Sam. Ross
Will. Cunnigham

The following brethren subscribed at Newry, Augst 1st
Arch. Maclain, Senr
Char. Wallace
Arch. Maclain, Junr

Strabane Prby.
Thom. Winesley
Jam. Maxwell
Alex. McCraken
Jo" Ball
Victor Ferguson

98 Minrs

The following Elders subscribed:

Jam. Anderson
Jo" Campbell
Jo" Campbell
Jam. Murray
Jam. McCrea
Adam Henry
Jam. Johnston
Jo" Magill
Will. Ramsey
Jo" Clark
Math. Montgomery
James Stephenson
Will. Agnew
Jo" Agnew
Will. Duglass
Sam. Halyday
Jo" Craig
Jo" Rodgers
James Morison

Will. Boyd
Jo" Fisher
Jo" Bowcock
Gilb. Crawford
Jo" Hart
Alex. Morison
Joseph Morrison
Jam. Boyd
Jo" Walker
Tho. Small
Rob. McCullen, according to the terms of the Pacific Act.
Ja. Jackson
Hugh Donaldson
Jo. Henderson
Jo" Laird
Jam. White

35 Elders.

At a General Synod, met in Londonderry, June the 19th, 1722.

Mr William Gray, Moderator to the former Synod, opened this
Sermon.

Synod by preaching on Mala. the 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and after Constitution by Prayer. *Seder*, the Min\textsuperscript{r} and ruleing Elders:

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Alex. Moore
Nath. Cochran
Ja" Dykes
Ja" Orr
Robt. Stewart

Letterkenny:
Robt. Campbell
Sam Henery
Seth Drumand
Sam. Dunlap
Robt. Willson
Fran. Laird
David Fairly
Ja" Cochran
Jo" Holmes
Pat Vance

Derry:
Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Harvy, sen' Wm Gray
Jo" Stirling
Tho" Winsley
Han" Stewart
Ja" Wallace
Tho" Harvy
John Harvy, Jun'
Sam. Ross
Major Murray
Nin. Cochran
Tho" Strabridge
Wm Cunigham

Belfast:
And. Craford
Ja" Kirkpatrick
Ja" Cobham
Jo" Ridle
Cha. Seaton
Ja" Stewart
Robt. Wirling
Mich. Bruce
Robt. Craighead
Pat. Bruce
Ja" Fraser
Sam. Hallyday

Armagh:
John Hutcheson
John Willson
Geo. Lang
Gill. Kennedy
Robert Rainy

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Nath. Dunlap
Josiias Bryans
Nath. Paterson
Jo" Hanna
James Watt
Jo" Hutcheson
Capt. Henderson
Sam. Dunsmore
Robt. Fairley, and
Rich. McIlwaine
Gab. King
Jo" Gay
M' Wm Bann
M' John Henderson
Jo" Rankin
Jo" Williamson
Rich'd Kelly
M' Mat'h Lynd
Mich. McLeery
Ald. Mackey
And' Carson
And. Ramage
Sam. Logan
Mich' Johnston
Rich'd Wiley
Wm Martin
Wm Rainey
John Hasty
Coll. Bryce
Jo" M'Kitrick
Edward Whiteside
John Shaw
Dav' McCullagh

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Jo" Leister
The Former Moderator Desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, proposed a List of the following Brethren, viz: M' Robt. Rainy, M' Henery Hamilton, M' John Harvy, Sen', M' William Homes, M' James Cobham, M' Cha. Masterton, M' Robt. Haltridge, M' Tho' Kennedy, M' Seth Drumand and M' Josias Cornwall, M' Matthew Clerk, M' John Hutcheson, M' Sam' Henery, that one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these brethren being removed, the vote was put, and M' Tho' Kennedy was chosen Moderator by Plurality of voices.

Then it was Moved that this Synod may Consider whether they will Continue M' Mackay, Clerk, or Chose another, and the Synod unanimously agreed to continue M' Mackay, Clerk, and M' Willson is to assist him.

M' Weld, M' Boyse M' Stewart and M' Chopin produced their Commission from the Presby of Dublin, to Correspond with this Synod, this was Referred to Interlocut.

For the more orderly Managing the affairs to be Laid before this Synod the servile presbys are to return their Members for the servile Committees, viz: of Overtures, Bills for revising the Synod books and fund to next Sederunt.

It was Moved and Agreed to that all the Members of this Synod meet here tomorrow morning at Seven of the Clock, and continue in prayer till Ten, Interloquitur, from Ten to Eleven open Synod to
meet at Eleven. Concluded with Prayer—adjourned to 11. of the Clock to morrow morning.


The time appointed for prayer was observed, the Interloq2 of the whole House being Mett at 10 of the Clock, Mr Weld, Mr Boyse, Mr Stewart, and Mr Chopin haveing produced their Comiss. from the Preby of Dublin at last Sederunt, which being refer’d to this Correspondo Interloq1, that affair was now resumed, and it was moved that the Synod would Consider whether they will receive them as Correspondents or not, the bretherens Judgment were severally asked, and after some reasoning their Comission was Sustained, and they received accordingy.

The Sev1 Prebys returned the names of their Members for the severall Comittees as follows: —

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Mr Weld, Mr Boyse, Mr Stewart, Mr Chopin.

The Following Bretheren, viz—Mr Taylor, Senr., M. Leech, M. Gety,
M' Mair, M' Gaudie, M' M'Alpin, M' Malcome, M' Iredell, M' M'Cracken M' Maclaine, Sen', M' Charles Wallace, M' Cherry, M' Fleming, M' Robt. Gordon, being absent from this Synod, are all Excused for reasons now offered to this Synod.

These following bretheren are absent:—M' Irwin, M' Mongomry, M' Nathaniel Orr, M' Tomb, M' John Campbell, M' Archibald, M'Claine, Jun', M' Teat, M' Sim, M' Dean, M' Robt. Sinclar, and are not Excused.

M' Thos. Orr Died; Jan'y the 1st, 1721/2.
M' Alex. Sinclair Died, April the 6th, 1722.

The Preby of Augher report that they have ordained M' John Carlisle on January the 10th, 1721\frac{1}{2}, and have Licensed M' Mat. Chalmers.

The Preby of Tyrone have ordained M' James Orr, May the 30th, 1722.

The Preby of Derry have ordained M' Thos. Stawbridge, Licente October the 3d, 1721.

The Preby of Strabane have ordained M' Jos. Hemphill, July the 12th, 1721.

The Presby of Longford have ordained M' Dean, October 9th, 1721, and M' Patton, December the 7th, 1721.

The Preby of Colraine have on Second Tryals M' Ross and M' Jo" Elder, and they have Licensed M' Samuel Willson, and have received M' John Orr, a probationer from Scotland.

The Preby of Down have Licensed M' John Orr.
The Preby of Belfast have Licensed M' David Helm.

The Preby of Longford have Licensed M' Little, and M' Dennison, and they have M' Bann on 2d Tryals.

The Preby of Tyrone have M' Rea on first Tryals.
The Preby of Down have M' Hugh Williamson on 2d Tryals.
The Preby of Armagh have M' Menagh on Second Tryals.

It was moved by the Clerk, that whereas by reason of the Multiplicity of business in the Last Synod, Sev'n Minutes of the preceeding Synod were not read, they may be read now, it was agreed they should be now read, and the Clerk is ordered to begin where he broke off the year before.

And the Minuets relating to the fund being read wee find that the several prebys are much in arrear, it was agreed that the Committee of funds shall meet at 3: A Meridie, and the bretheren that are upon the fund are to attend them, and that afterwards the whole Synod meet at 5 A Meridie, by way of Committee upon the affair of the fund.

Inquiry was made whether the several Prebys have collected for M'. M'Craken and M' Robt. Willson, according the appointmn of Last Generall Synod, it appears that the Prebys of Longford, Tyrone, Antrim, Belfast and Down and Colraine, have paid Little, and
Die Mer Hora 5th, A Meridie, After Prayer, Seder qui Supra.  

The Comittee of the whole house being mett Entered upon the consideration of the affair comitted to them, and first Inquirie was made whether the severall prebys have paid their proportion of the Expenses of the Lawsuite commenced by Mr Darragh agst Some Members of this Synod; it appears that severall prebys are deficient, it is Recomeded to the severall prebys to pay their proportions of said money at their first Seder.

The Comittee of Funds brought in an account of the Debts due upon the fund as follows, *Imprimis*:—Due to Dundalk, £106; of which Antrim Preby owes £56:4:6; Belfast, £17; Colraine, £10:10; Down, £1:15; Armagh, £19:12.

Item due to Sligo, £21:5:0; of which Derry Preby ow's £4:10; Colraine preby, £11, and Letterkeny Preby, £5:5:0.

Due to Turbett, £40:19:0.

Item due to Stranorland, £18:11:0, of which Strabsane preby owe £14:11; Antrim, £4:0:0.

Item due to Edenderry, £64:12:10; of which the General Synod owe £9:19:4; Down preby, £11:15:0; Armagh preby, £25:12; Antrim preby, £16:16:0; Derry, 10s.

Item due to Glendevadoge, £13:0s; of which Derry Preby owes £12:0; Strabane Preby, £1:0:0.

Item due to Gallway, £62:1:1; of which Down Preby owe £54:1:1; Derry Preby, £6:0:0; Lisburne Congregacon, £2.

Item due to Drumfanaghy, £8:15:0; of which Derry preby owe £6:0; Lisburn, £1; Strabane, £1:15.

Item due to Athlone, £339:1:0.

Item due Kirkdonald, £7:8:9; of which Down preby owes 17s 0d; Convoy, £1:13; Bellfast, £4:17:9d.

Item due to Loughgall, by the preby of Tyrone, £12.

Item due to Golan, £81:16, of which Derry preby owes £37:0; Monaghan, £16; Tyrone, £4:14; Convoy, £6:0; Antrim, £1:0; Colraine, £6:0; Augher, £6:8.

Item due to Vinitash, £16:12, by Armagh Preby.
Then a supplication from Sligo, a supplication from Turbett, a supplication from Glendevadoge, a Supplication from Drumfanaghy, a Supplication from Athlone, a Supplication from Moywater, setting forth the sinking state of these congregations, by reason of the Deficiency of the fund, were read; the Synod considering the several supplications, appointed the Committee of funds to meet at 8 to-morrow morning, and to resume the consideration of the state of the fund, and to make a report to morrow in the afternoon; and it was moved and agreed to that Capt. McNeil, Mr. Lang and Mr. Nivin, be added to the Committee of funds.

A supplication from Drum setting forth the sinking state of that congregation was read, and they pray earnestly for assistance from this Synod: this was referred to next sederunt.

The Minutes of this Synod in the year 1720 were read over. All committees to meet at 7 tomorrow morning, and open Synod at 9: Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis June the 21st Hora 9a: Ante Meridiem, Sederunt qui Supra.

The Synod came to Consider the time and place of next meeting of this Synod, and after reasoning a Leet of these places were proposed—Dungannon, Armagh, Antrim, the vote being put, it carried that next Meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon, on the third Tuesday of June next Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock in the afternoon.

The Revisers of Derry book report that they revised the said book for the two preceding years, and do approve it, and so doth this Synod.

Mr. Hugh Wallace having been appointed to collect the Charity of the several prebys for Mrs. Boyd, reports that the prebys of Antrim, Down, Longford, Strabane and Armagh have done nothing, and that many Members of the other prebys are deficient, ordered that each preby wth hath not paid their charitable Contribution to Mrs. Boyd, collect for her as soon as possible, and transmit the same to Mr. Hugh Wallace for her use.

The Synod Enquired if each preby have made alocation of the fund according to the act of Last General Synod, it appears that several prebys have not done it; this Synod is Dissatisfied with these prebys who have not Complied with that act, and Enjoyns such prebys to make alocation of their fund at their next Sederunt.

Upon Reading our record of the Vote past in this Synod Last year, allowing such as are willing to subscribe the Westminster Confession of faith, and the protest Entered by the Reverend Correspondents from the Preby in Dublin. These Correspondents—viz., Mr. Boyse and Mr. Choppin Explained themselves thus, that the design of their protest was only against coming to the vote that night, it being late, and not at the main question Subscribe or not.

This Synod agrees that our Treasurer pay our clerk one Shilling
out of R:D for each Minr of this Synod, they to be refunded by their Clerks fees congrs.

Longford was supplied according to appointment of Last Genr Synod. They are now in a way of settlement.

Mr Gray having at Last Genr Synod declared his resolution to continue a member of the preby of Derry till this Synod, this case was now considered, and report was made that Mr Gray is not yet Installed in Usher's Key; it was then moved that the congrs of Usher's Key may be annexed to the preby of Armagh, and after reasoning, the Vote was stated annex Usher's Key to Armagh preby or not, and the vote being put, it carried annex by a great Majority.

It was then moved that the congrs of Caple Street and Plunkett Street may be annexed to Armagh Preby; the motion was reasonabled upon for some time, and the Synod considering that these congrs are not apprized of this motion, and that, therefore, we cannot determine that affair at this time; it was further moved that a Letter be written from this Synod to Mr Iredell and Mr McQuay to apprise them of this Motion, which Letter they are to communicate to their Sessions and congrs if they shall in prudence see fit, and they are to make reports to next Synod; after reasoning the vote was stated Approve this motion or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve; and Colln Upton and Mr Hutchison are to write the said Letters.

All committees to meet at 3, Interloq at 5, open Synod at 7 A Meridiē, Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis, June the 21st, Hour 7 after prayer, Seder

The affair of the fund was resumed, and the Clerk of the Committee of Funds reports, that there is £994 11s. 1d. due upon the fund, beside this, there are arrears due to some congrs of which that Committee hath got no particular acct.

Mr Alexander Hamilton gave in his Dimission of his charge of the Congr of Galway, which, with the reasons of it was read: in them he sets forth that that cong was entirely sunk; also, a letter from the congr in Galway was read: that letter sets forth the manllancholy circumstances of that place—particularly that they are not able to pay the rent of their meeting-house, and that they are not in a capacity to contribute any thing valuable for the support of a minr among them, there not being above 8 or ten families of our perswasion in that place. The Synod considering this affair, and finding it impracticable that Mr Hamilton should stay in Galway in these circumstances, the vote was stated, accept Mr Hamilton's Dimission or not, and the vote being put, it carried unanimously accept it. Ordered that the Prebys who owe Mr Hamilton arrears upon the fund pay him immediately.

Mr Robert Thompson gave in his Dimission of his charge of the cong of Turbett, and the reasons of it, which were read; in them he sets forth that that cong promised him but £15 per ann, and that they now owe him Three years of said promises, and that there is £40 due him of the fund promised him for his Suport in that place; also, a
Letter from Mr Teat and Mr Sim was read; in that Letter they set forth that unless the fund promised to Turbett be duly paid to that place it will entirely sink: after reasoning, it was moved and agreed to, that the proportion of the fund allowed to Turbett be placed on the Prebys of Longford and Augher, and that Mr Thompson’s case be considered further in interloq¹.

Mr Samuel Dunlop gave in his Dimission of his charge of the Congr⁰ of Athlone, and the reasons of it which were read: in them he sets forth that the Deficiency of the fund promised to him, amount to £339; as also that his congr⁰ is Diminished near one half by the death of some and the removeal of others from that place, so that is impracticable for him to subsist among them. Also a supplication from Athlone Congr⁰ was read, which sets forth the sinking state of that place: the Synod considered this case, and after reasoning, the vote was stated, accept Mr Dunlop’s Dimission or not, and the vote being put, it carried accept it, and the Synod resolves to do Mr Dunlop all the Justice they can as to the arrears of the fund due to him.

Comites to meet at 8 tomorrow morning, Interloq¹ at 10, open Synod at 11: Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris, June 22⁴, Horà 11ma, Ante Meridid, Sederunt.

The Synod Entering upon the Consideration of the charitable Declaration, Two Overtures were brought in from the Committee of Overtures, not as agreed upon by that Committee, but to be considered by this Synod. These Overtures were considered and reason’d upon for a long time, and then referred to next Sederunt Committee to meet at 4, open Synod at six in the afternoone. Concluded with Prayer.

Die Veneris, June 22⁴, Horà 6, A meridie. Seder⁴.

The affair of the charitable Declaration was resumed, and the Two Overtures under consideration at last Seder⁴ were both read, and the case reasoned at great length, and it was moved and agreed to, that a Select Committee be chosen and appointed to frame an Overture upon this whole affair, and bring said Overture to this Synod at next Sederunt.

Members of the select Committee are Mr Drumand, Mr Masterton, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Hutchinson, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Capt. Henderson, Mr Bruce, Mr Gray, Mr William Royd, Mr Ball, Mr James Cobham, Mr Weld, Mr Boyse and Coll¹ Bryce. That Committee is to—

[Here is a loss of 2 pp. of original MS. in Vol. III.]

[MEMORANDUM.]

Pages 9 and 10 having been lost out of Volume III. of these Records, prior to my having received the custody thereof, from the Reverend James Sceton Reid, then Clerk of the General Synod of Ulster, in the year 1831, I have since discovered the portion of the Resolution in Page 11, which was so lost, in a Book published "by
the Ministers of the Presbytery of Antrim, in the North of Ireland,” in the year 1727, and printed at Belfast by one James Blow, entitled: “A Narrative of the proceedings of the Seven General Synods of the Northern Presbyterians in Ireland, with relation to their differences in Judgment and practice, from the year 1720 to the year 1726, in which they issued in a Synodical breach.”

To the preface is affixed, the names of Samuel Haliday as Moderator, and Michael Bruce as clerk, wherein it is stated, that among other things, that to all these originals we appeal as our vouchers, and to the original Records of the Synods kept by their clerk, to prove that the copies we have published are Just and true copies. We took our copies from the minutes of Synods, which their clerks attested as true copies, and transmitted as such to the Presbyteries, all which we had in our hands before the Synodical Breach, except the minutes of the General Synod which made the Breach in 1726.

And in Page 66 of said Book, in detailing the proceedings of the General Synod at Londonderry, in June, 1722, the following are set forth as the five Resolutions which were voted and approved by the Synod:—

“The Synod seriously considering the vast importance and necessity of our continuing in that close union among ourselves, which has always been the happiness, Security and Glory of this Church, and the fearful mischiefs which would inevitably ensue upon a Rupture or Breach of Communion among us, in order to removing all grounds of Divisions and preserving peace, came to the following Resolutions.”

First. “Considering that the Holy Scriptures are perverted by many Hereticks in the Visible Church, and pleaded in defence of their various errors: this Synod, therefore, Resolves that the declaring—

I certify that above Extract has been correctly copied from the Book above referred to, this 17th Dec., 1842, Two.

A. J. MACRORY,
Solicitor to the Synod of Ulster, and to the General Assembly of Presbyterians in Ireland,
48 Rutland Square, Dublin.

The above mentioned leaf, which is wanting in this Volume, was lost at the time when the Rev. John Thomson of Carmmoney compiled his “Abstract,” which was printed in 1803—See pages 28, 29.

J. SEATON REID,
Glasgow College, Nov., 1849.

Declaring Articles of Faith, only in Scripture words, and Expressions shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a person's soundness in the faith by this Church; this resolution was read again, and after reasoning, the vote was stated, approve this resolution or not, and the vote being put it carried approve, nemine contradicente.

2dly. This Synod resolves firmly and constantly to adhere to the Res: 24.

Westminster confession of faith, as being founded on the Word of God,
and agreeable thereto; this resolution was read again, and the vote was stated, approve it or not, and the vote being put it carried approve, nemine contradicente.

3. That this Synod does, and will cleave to, and Maintain the Presbyterian Government and Discipline, hitherto exercised among us according to our known Rules, agreeable to the H. Scriptures; the vote was stated, approve this resolution or not, and the vote being put it carried approve, nemine contradicente.

4. This Synod, though they adhere to the Subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith as a Test of Orthodoxy, yet they desire to exercise christian forbearance towards their brethren now actually in the ministry in this Church with respect to their different Sentiments on this head, provided allways, that they govern themselves according to the Acts of Synods in this Church, and do not disturb the peace thereof: this resolution was read again, and the vote was stated, approve or not, and the vote being put it carried approve by a great Majority. Mr Matthew Clerk and Mr John Stirling dissented from this Resolution, and desired that their Dissent might be Enter'd into the records of this Synod.

5. Though this Synod will not impose upon the Consciences of such of our people as Scruple Submission to the ministry of our non-subscribing Brethren, yet we Earnestly and seriously exhorte all of them to condescend, as far as their consciences will allow them, in adhering to their pastors. This Resolution was Read again, and the vote was stated approve this resolution or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve.

These Votes being past, Mr Kirkpatrick, in the name of his non-subscribing brethren, Expressed their Gratefull sense of the Indulgence of this Synod in these resolutions. He also sett forth that they firmly resolve to conduct themselves peaceably in this Church.

Interloqu't of Ministers to meet on Monday, at 10 of the clock, and open Synod at 4 a meridie. Concluded with prayer.


The appointment Recomending James Henderson to the Sev Congregations within the bounds of this Synod for their charitable assistance, was resumed, and Mr Hutcheson is to write to the several prebys to acquainte them with the state of this case.

The affair of Belfast being resumed, it was moved that, whereas the Com't from Belfast had mett and conferred with the Brethren whom they had desired to converse with, and had proposed an Expedient for Issueng that affair that their paper on that head might now be read, and it was read accordingly; but their expedient beeing not agreed to, it was further moved that 6 ministers be chosen by either side to go and conferr with both parties and frame an Overture upon it, and make report to this Synod. This was agreed to; and the members chosen for this Comittee are Mr James Bruce, Mr William Boyd,
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M' Hutcheson, M' Aberneathy, M' Shannon, M' Craighead, M' Smith, M' Masterton, M' Lang, M' Fraser, M' Hemphill, and M' Stirling.

A Suplication from Ballynure was presented by Andr' Laurimer, &c., Com", setting forth their earnest Desire to be Erected into a distinct congregaçon. They set forth that they will give undeniable Security for maintenance to a minister without disabling neighbouring congregacons; appear'd also from Ballyclare, Francis Taggart, Com", suplicating that the people of Ballynure may be obliged to continue members of Ballyclare congregaçon; also an appeal from the sentence of the preby of Antrim in this case by those of Ballynure, and the reasons of it were read; and sev" papers relating to this cause, both from Ballyclare and Ballynure, which had been laid before the preby. of Antrim, were read, and all parties were fully heard. The Preby of Antrim was likewise heard, and then all parties were removed. And the Synod came to consider the merits of the cause complexly, and resolved to wave the question utrum bene an male appellatum; and, after, reasoning, the vote was stated, Erect Ballynure now or not, and the vote being put, it carried Erect now by the majority of one voice. Mr. Michael Bruce protested ag' the Execution of this sentence, and M' Nivin joined in the protest.

Adjourn'd to 10 tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Die Martis, June the 26th. Horâ 10 a. meridiem. After prayer Sed't. Ses' 10a

The Comittee appointed to consider the affair of Belfast brought Belfast affair. in their Overtures in these words:—

1. That the new Erection remaine Limited, according to the appointment of the Comittee at Dungannon, that is, that the Persons who did not subscribe to the new Erection within the time appointed by the Comittee shall be reputed Members of the other Two congregaçons.

2. In case any Members of the other congraçons shall desire to Joine the new Erection, or any of the new Erection to Joine either of the other congersaons, they shall take the usall orderly methods Hitherto followed in this Church, and for their further direction in this case, we do recomend it to all that they have a great regard to this Synod's 5th Resolution in these words—Though this Synod will not Impose upon the consciences of such of our people as Scruple submission to the ministry of our non-subscribing brethren, yet we earnestly and most seriously exhort all of them to condescend as far as their consciences will allow them, in adhearing to their pastors. After reasoning, the vote was stated approve these resolutions or not; and the vote being put, it carried approve unanimously, both parties being caled, and this intimated to them, they acquiesced, and the Com'^a Dropt their appeal from the sentence of the Comittee at Dungannon upon this affair.

M' Sam'l Smith, Comissioner from the new Erection at Belfast, moved that their petition for their proporcon of the comon Stock belonging to the other Congr'^a, and of the cloaks, Palls, flagon's, and cups,
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&c., may now be considered. This Synod recommend it to all the parties concerned to endeavour to come to an amicable agreement among themselves about these particulars, and if they find it necessary they may call in some neighbouring Minis and Gentlemen to assist them.

The Preby Returned the following members for the Synods fixt Comittee; for Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Shannon, and Mr Trail, eldr; for Belfast, Mr James Stuart, Mr Harper, and Coll Brice, Elder; Antrim, Mr Thomas Shane, Mr Getty, and Coll Upton, Elder; Colrain, Mr John Cochran, Mr Tho Cobham, Mr Gawin Steel, Elder; Derry, Mr John Harvy, Sen', Mr Cunigham, Alderman Macky, Elder; Letter Keny, Mr Patrick Vance, Mr James Cochran, Sam Dunsmore, Elder; Strabane, Mr James Maxwell, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Jo Willson, Elder; Tyrone, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Nathan Crochrane, Cap Stivenson, Elder; Augher, Mr Josias Cornwall, Mr Magachin, and Rob Callen, Elder; Armagh, Mr Gilbert Kenedy, Mr James Johnston, and Mr James Johnston, Elder; Longford, Mr Teat, Mr Patton, and Mr John Faires, Elder; and the Moderator and Clerk of this Synod, 15 to be a quorum; Twelve whereof to be minis.

This Comittee to meet at Dungannon; they are to be called by the Moder upon Emergents, and if any member here named can't attend his preby is to appoint another; and if the Joint Comittee of South and North be obliged to meet upon any Emerg, they are to be called by the Minis of Dublin, to meet at Newery.

A Supplication from Edenderry was read and managed by Mr Craighead, comissionated by that congre. They therein earnestly pray that the relacon of their minis and congregacon to this Synod may be Loosed, and that the arrears of the fund due to them may be punctually paid. Mr Craighead, their Com, represents that the only reason why they demand such a Dismiss is the great Disapointment they have mett with in the fund Promised them for their support, and that they have a prospect to be annexed to the preby in Dublin, which they Hope will be a mean of supporting them. The Synod considered this case, and after reasoning, it was unanimously agreed to grant their Suppliçion; and as to the arrears of the fund, the Synod will endeav'or to do Justice to Mr Anderson, as far as in their power.

It was suggested to this Synod by some members of the Preby of Antrim that the new Erection at Ballynure, carried by a vote in this Synod, does exceedingly Imbarras that Preb, therefore, they earnestly Desired that that vote might be resumed; this the Synod would not agree to, but appointed Mr James Bruce, Mr Hutcheson and Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr Craighead to bring in an overture on that affair to next Seder.

A Supplication from Carrickfergus, earnestly praying for some assistance towards building their Meeting-house, was read; also a supplication from Drogheda to the same purpose, was read. The Synod recommends it, considering these suppliçions, to all the congres within the bounds of this Synod to contribute to their assistance.

Adjourned to 5 A meredie. Concluded wth Prayer.
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Die Martis, June the 26th, Horâ 4th A Merid.

Sess: 11th.

After prayer Sed:

Our Reverend brotheren, Mr Weld, Mr Boyse, Mr Stuart, and Mr Choppin, Correspondents from the Reverend Presby in Dublin, attended the sess'd Sessions of this Synod, and behaved themselves Discreetly, and were very useful to us. It was moved that a Letter be Written by this Synod to the Reverend Preby in Dublin to this effect: After Reasoning, the vote was put whether we shall write said Letter or not, and it carried write. Mr Hucheson, Mr Lang, and Mr Abernethy are to write said Letter, and bring in their draught of it to this Synod, to be read and approven.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast and Armagh report that they revised the said book, and do approve it, and so doth this Synod.

The Overture upon the affair of Ballynure was brought in by the Comittee appointed for that purpose, and is in these words, whereas upon a more strict Enquiry into the circumstances of Ballyclare and Ballynure, Erected yesterday by an act of this Synod, it is alleged that neither of these two Congrns can subsist unless they be supported by the publick fund whereof no part can be disposed that way without great prejudice to the Congrâons for the support whereof it was designed, and whereas a great part of the newly erected Congrs belonged to Ballyeaston, and no due intimacon of this matter hath been given them; and, further, whereas it is suggested to us that view upon which this new Erection hath been carried on is a supposition that Ballyeaston would be Divided for the support of these two Congrs, whereof there no probabillity; and finnaly, whereas this Synod hath neither time nor opportunity to inquire into the truth of these suggestions, therefore its Humbly overtured that this Synod appointe the preby of Antrim, with Correspondents from Down, Rout, and Belfast to examine into the truth of these alligacons, and if they find them to be true, to suspend the Execution of the Act of this Synod till next Meeting of the Generall Synod, and to advertise all parties to attend then, that this matter may be considerd; and in case the Preby of Antrim, with Correspondents, find this alligacon to be false, then the Preby of Antrim is to take care that all arrears due to Mr Willson by these of his people that Joine to the said Erection and their proportion of the desparate Debt Due to Mr Willson by the congragacon of Bellclare, be paid before any Supplies be granted to the new Erection. After reasoning, the vote was sated approve this Overture or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve. Mr Choppin moved that the Clerk be allowed to give a Copy of the minutes of this Synod to the Preby in Dublin. This was agreed to.

This Synod, considering the case of Drum Congrâacon, appoints the Clerk of each Presby to collect 18d per ann from each Minister for Mr Magachin's use for these Two years past, and so to continue annually.

Overture upon the new Erection approved.

The congragacon of Taughboine did supplicate that they may be
supplied by each preby within the bounds of the Synod of Derry. This Synod agrees that each preby within the bounds of the Synod of Derry shall send supplies to Taughboine upon application to them from the preby of Derry.

Mr. Jo. Morrison, Mr. Anderson, &c., Com'm from the congregation of Derry, brought in their appeal from the sentence of the Synod of Derry. Many of the Members of this Synod being gon, the Synod did not think it proper to discuss that appeal now, but agreed to refer it to the next Gen'h Synod, and ordered that it be the first business that comes before next Gen'h Synod.

A reference from the Preby of Monaghan of an affair depending before that Preby between the Congregations of Monaghan and Clontruterate, a part of that congran was brought before this Synod. Clontruterate's Supplication for an Erection, and the reasons for it, were read. The reply of Monaghan and the rejoinder of Clontruterate, and the answer of Monaghan to that reply, were also read, and all parties were heard; and after reasoning, it was moved that the question be put to determine this matter now or refer it, and the question being put, it carried Referred. Then it was moved that the question be put whether we will refer it to the Synod of Ardmagh or to next Gen'h Synod, and the question being put, it carried reffer'd it to next Gen'h Synod.

The State of the fund as Left by the Synod is to be found after the Interloqu' Minuets. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq.' Seder' the Ministers of this Synod.

It was moved that, whereas Mr. Hair did not get his share of the last year's additionall, R.D. being omitted in the List, that he be refunded out of the first ordinary R.D. that comes to the Treasurer. Agreed to.

Mr. Boyse read two Letters from our friends abroad about our affairs. It was moved, and agreed to, that Coll. Upton, Capt. Henderson, and Mr. Weld write to My Lord Barrington, Mr. Wallpole, and Mr. Hamilton, and bring their draught to this Interloq'. Said Letter to be subscribed by the moderator of this Synod.

It was Moved, and agreed to, that a Committee be appointed to inspect the Treasurer's acct's, and Mr. Lang, Mr. Ried, Mr. Michael Bruce, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Higinootham, Mr. Ross, Mr. Humphry Thompson, and Mr. Crook, Mr. Victor Ferguson, Mr. Drumand, are to revise his acct's, and make report. These Bretheren being returned, make report that his acct's are very exact.

Then the vote was stated continue Mr. Hutchison Treasurer or not, and it was carried Continue: then it was moved and agreed to that, when the Gen'h Synod's Committee meets, they shall enter into Articles of agreement with the Treasurer, and take security for performing said Articles.

Order'd that, If there be any additionall R. D. due to Mr. John Magahan and Mr. Rutherford, they shall be paid out of the first additionall R. D.; and withall, Mr. Kirkpatrick, for further Light in
this matter, is to inspect the account of our late Treasurer, and send Acc\(^1\) to the Clerk, how far these two brethren rece\(^2\) ordinary R. D., after their relation to this Synod was loosened, that we may know how to adjust this matter fairly.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr. Robert Thompson have a double proportion of ordinary R. D. for one year, and in case his fund be well paid he will not insist any further on that grant; this is further to be considered next Synod.

It was moved and agreed to that Breaky have a Double proportion of ordinary R. D.; agreed that Mr. Iredel have a double proportion of ordinary R. D. for one year, for his services to this Church in procuring acquaintances for R. D.

It was moved that this Interloc\(^3\) may consider whether Mr. Glasgow be intitled to any part of R. D., additionall or ordinary, in regard he never had charge of any congr\(^4\) aon, the vote was stated allow Mr. Glasgow any share of the R. D. or not; it carried Not.

The Committee appointed to write the Letters to England brought in their Draught of said Letters; they were read and approven.

Interloc\(^3\) the select Committee appointed by the Comitt. of Overtures to Draw up an Address to his Majesty, King George, brought in a Draught of said address, which, after several amendments, was agreed to in these words:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Presbyterian Ministers and Gentlemen in the North of Ireland, in behalfe of themselves and the rest of their Persuasion:—

We, your Majesty's most Dutifull and Loyall Subjects, beg Leave, with all humility, to repeat our most Thankfull acknowledgements of the many blessings we have enjoyed under your Majesty's auspicious Government since your happy accession to the Imperiall Throne of these Kingdoms.

With ye Greatest abhorrence we received the account that severall of your Majesties subjects, forgetting their allegiance to your Majesty, as well as the naturall love they owe to their country, had in concert with Traitors abroad, entered into a most wicked conspiracy to raise a Rebellion in your Majesties Kingdoms in favour of a Popish Pretender.

When we call to mind the signall and seasonable Interposition of Divine Providence in placing your Majestie upon the Throne, and continuing to preserve and Establish you thereon; by Discovering and Defeating all the wicked Devices and repeated attempts of your restless Enemies. Wee cannot but ascribe these traiterous Practices to the Height of Infatuacon and the basest ingratitude to the best of Kings.

The Sacred bonds of Religion and Loyaltie do make it the unquestionable Intrest and Duty of all your true Protestant subjects to exert their utmost power for securing the many valuable Priviledges they enjoy under your Majestie's Just and mild administaracon, for
preserving the Succession in your Royall family, which none can have more at heart than we who do with all sincerity and perfect unanimity assure your Majesty that, in our several stations, we shall be ever ready to venture our all in your Majestie's service, notwithstanding the Discouragements and Incapacities under which some of us Ly, and by we th we are Dissistinguished from your other Protestant subjects.

That Almighty God may allways continue to guard your Majestie's Sacred person and royall Issue, the Protestant religion and our Civill Liberties against all the Pernicious attempts of such as would subject a free Protestant people to Tyrañy and Idolatry.

That He may Long preserve your Majesty to rule over these nations, Continue you a powerfull Guardian to the Protestant Intrest at home and abroad, and a happy Instrument of suppressing growing Irreligion and vice, and that, when you have finished your Reign on Earth, you may for ever Possess a heavenly Kingdom; and that your August family may sway the Scepter of these realms to the Latest Posterity is the prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Maties most faithfull and most Obedient Subjects.

This Interloq\(^1\) agrees that Mr James Fleming, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr James Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Fraser, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Livingstone, Coll. Upton, and Coll. Brice shall meet at Belfast on the second Wednesday of July, and Draw a representation of our Grivances in the Prosecution of our People on account of their being married by our minisrs and other Particulars, and to Draw a peticon thereon to the Goverment; and this Interloq\(^1\) recommends it to the sev\(^{lth}\) presbitarys to use their utmost endeavour to procure some assistance in the speediest manner from each congrags\(\text{c}\), for one James Fulton, who was in Prison on a Public ac\(\text{t}\), and is to be tried at Law. Every Presby is to have a Coll\(^2\) for said money, and to Transmitt said money when collected to Coll. Upton or Mr McCracken, and they are to give an acct. how said money is Expended.

**THE APPLOTMENT OF THE FUND.**

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Tyrowen 18:0:0 To Loughgall, £12; to Edendery, £3:10; to Castleblaney, £2:10.
Strabane 14:10:0 To Stranorlan, £6; to Badony, £7:10; Colraine, £1.
Colraine 21:0:0 To Sligo, £7:10; to Athlone, £9:10; to Golan, £4.
Letterkeny 11:10:0 To Sligo, £9:10; to Moywatter, £1:10; Dumfanaghy, 10°.
Derry 25:0:0 To Sligo, £6; to Clanevadoge, £4; to Templepatrick, £2:12; Ballymenach, £2:5.
Lisburn 4:0:0 To Drogheda, £1; to Dumfanaghy, £1; to Gallway, £2.

Total £244:0:0

The Comm. of funds agreed that the £10:16, payable to Dundalk by the Preby of Down, shall be paid by the following congregations in that Preby, viz:—Portferry, £2:12:0; Newton, £2:12; Down, £2:12; Drumca, £1:10; Kilinchy, £1:10.—
And the £4:17, payable to Dundalk by Antrim preby is to be paid by Templepatrick, £2:12; Ballymenach, 2:5—
And the £8:10, payable by Belfast preby to Dundalk is to be paid thus:—by Belfast, £4; Hollywood, £2; Drumbo, £2:10—
And the £3:10, payable by Armagh preby is to be paid by Ballyrony, £1; Donoghmor, 10°; Banbridge, £1—
The £20, due to Sligo is to be paid thus:—by Colraine preby, £7:10, viz:—by Clogh, £2; Ballymony, £2; Bushmills, £1; Dumbo, £1:10; Ballywilly, £1—
And the £3, due to Sligo by Derry preby is to be paid by Ballykelly, £1:10; Glendermont, £1:10—

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A GENERAL SYNOD
AT DUNGANNON,
June the 18th, 1723.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Moderator of the former Synod, opened this Constitution Synod by Preaching on Ps. 133:1, and after constitution by prayer, Sederunt, the Minrs and ruling Elders:—

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Colraine  Cha. Masterton, Mod.  Tho. Reid
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Jo* Homes  

Derry preby
And Ferguson  Rob M*Kintire
Will Cornwall  Mr Will Band
John Harvy  Mr Hugh Thomson
Tho* Winsley  Wm English
Jo* Stirling  Mr Jo* Morrison
Hance Stewart  Jam Colhume
Tho* Harvy  Mr Will White
James Wallace  Will Martin
Sam Ross  Mr Rob Wilson
John Harvy, Junr  Mr Sam Smith
Wm Cunigham  Tho* Boel

Belfast preby
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Ja* Kirkpatrick  Geo. Beaty
Jon. Riddell  John Linsey
Rob. Sinclar  Jon. M*Clure
Sam* Hallyday  Ja* Adams
Cha. Seaton  
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Rob. Wirling  
Mich. Bruce  Jon. M*Connell
Sam. Harper  
M* M*Quay  
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Ja* Fraser  

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Wm Gray  Mr Begnall
Geo. Lang  Tho* Machlin
Gilb. Kennedy  Will Maxwell
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Ja* Johnston  Rich* Ferguson
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Hugh Henery  Capt. M*Neal
Pat. Simson  Robt. Campbell
Jo* Campbell  Alex. Whitty
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John Menoch  Mongo Oughttree

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(The Former Moderator desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, proposed a Lect of the Following b[n], viz;—M* Masterton, M* Goudie, M* John Harvey, Senior, M* Robt. Halltridge, M* Crooks, M* Sam. Henery, M* Josias Cornwall, M* Clerk, M* James Fleming, M* Hutcheson, M* Tait, M* Leech, one of whom may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these Bretheren being removed, the vote was put, and M* Masterton was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices, and this Synod unanimously agree to continue M* Mackay Clerk.—)

For the more orderly managginge the affairs to be Layd before the Synod, the several prebys are to return the names of their several members for the Committee (viz.)—for Overtures, for Bills, for revising of the books of the several Subsynods, and for the fund to next Sederunt.

It was moved and agreed to, that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning, and to continue in prayer Till 10. Interlocut meet at 10, and open Synod at Eleven. Concluded wth Prayer.

The Time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly. Interlocut of the whole house being met at 10 of the clock, It was moved that this Interlocut may consider the distressed condition of many of our people, who are prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Courts for their Non-conformity, this was referred to the Committee of Overtures.

*Die Mercurii, 11 ante meridi: post precos, Sederunt qui supra.*

The several prebys returnd the names of their members for the Committee as Follows:—
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The Following Bretheren were absent from last Synod, viz.—M' Excused.
Irwin, M' Montgomry, M' Nathaniel Orr, M' Tomb, M' John Campbell, M' Arch° Mc'Claine, Junior, M' Teat, M' Dean, M' Simm, M' Robt. Sinclair, the reasons of their absence were severally heard and sustained, and They excused.

The following brn. (viz'), M' Robert McBride, M' Henery Hamilton, M' Shannon, M' Tho° Elder, M' Ja° Wallace, M' Andrew Ferguson, M' Major Murray, M' Malcolm, M' Iredel, M' Maquay, M' Ja° Cobham, M' Cha. Wallace, M' Cherry, M' John Willson, M' Rainy, M' Hallyday, Sen', M' Taylor, Sen', M' Taylor, Jun', and M' Clugston are absent, and are all excused for reasons now offered to this Synod. M' Seth Drummond, M' Vance, M' Ninian Cochran, M' Strawbridge, M' William Holmes, M' Ball, M' Ferguson are absent, Not Excused, and no excuse from any of them.

Augher preby report, that M' Saml Magachin, Died October the Dead 12th, 1722.
The preby of Colraine report, they have ordained Mr Francis Ross and Mr John Elder, May the 7th, 1723, and have entered, Mr John Orr, on 2nd Tryalls.

Ordained.

Down preby have ordained Mr Hugh Williamson, July the 31st, 1722, and have Entered Mr John Orr, on 2nd Tryalls.

Tyrone preby have Licenced Mr William Rea. Letterkeny preby report, that Mr Robt. Cambell, died October the 5th, 1722, and that they have Mr William Henery, on First Tryalls. Derry preby have Licenced Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr John Thomson and Mr Hugh Thompson.

Belfast preby have Installed Mr Masterton in the Third Congragion in Belfast, and have Licenced Mr Thos Crawford. Armagh preby have ordained Mr Menagh, August the 14th, 1722, and have entered Mr George Cherry on First Tryalls. Longford preby have ordained Mr James Bond, February 20th, 1722/3.

Antrim preby have Licenced Mr Robt. Mr Master, and have entered Mr Tim. White on 2nd Tryalls.

ORDERED—That each preby take due care of the contribution allowed to Mr M'Craken and Mr Willson, and to get it paid by those that have not contributed, and to return an account of their payment to the Synod.

This Synod came to consider the time and place of next meeting, a leet of these places was proposed, viz:—Derry, Dungannon, Armagh, Belfast, and the vote being put, it carried that the next meeting of this Synod shall be at Dungannon, the Third Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 4 of the Clock afternoon, Adjourned to 6 a merid: Concluded with prayer.

_Die Mercurii, hora 6 a merid. post preces, Sederunt qui supra._

From Londonderry appeare Mr Jo's Morrison, Commissionated to prosecute an Appeal from the sentence of the Synod of Derry, in an affair depending between the congregations of Derry and the congregation of Muff, and from Muff appeare Wm Reed, &c., Com, and from the Townlands of Ballyamill, Ballymagard and Cullmore appeared William English, Com, supplanting that this Synod may confirm the sentence of the Synod of Derry; the appeal of Derry congregaion from said sentence was read, as also the reasons of said appeal, but the Synod of Derry not havinge the papers relating to that affair here, parties were not willing to come to a hearing of that cause. It was therefore moved and agreed to, that this be referred to the next General Synod.

It was recommended to each preby to enquire who have paid the contributions to M'r Boyd, and to take care that all who have not paid may contribute to her reliefe, and to Transmitt what is collected to Mr Porter for her use.

It was overtured that Armagh preby Discourse with Mr Gray about the time of Installing him in Usher's Key, and make report to next Sederunt. Adjourned to 9 morning. Concluded with prayer.

_Die Jovis Horæ, 9 ante merid: post preces, Sederunt, qui supra._

The preby of Armagh report they have conversed with Mr Gray,
and that there are some difficulties in that case at present, which they hope in some time may be removed; but if the General Synod think fit to appoint the time when he shall be Installed, they are ready for their part to do their duty. This was referred.

The supplies appointed by last General Synod for the 3d Congraon in Belfast were performed, and that place is now planted.

Appeared, from the 3d Congraon in Belfast, Sam. Smith and John Young, Comr.; they presented a supplication, complaining of sundry grivances, particularly that the other Two Sessions in Belfast refused to give Dissmissions to some persons who think they have a right to Join with the said 3 Congraon, according to the Acts of this Synod; 2dly, that the said sessions, tho' they have applied to them once and again for their proportion of the common Stock, and the benefit of the Cloaks and galls and utensils; yett they have given them no answer; 3dly, that they have been branded with the odious names of Schismatics by their neighbours, and that these invectives have been printed by their means in Scotland, to their great Dissadvantage.

Also—A Supplication from 5 persons in Mr. Kirkpatrick's Congragacon was read; they complain that, tho' they have applied to Mr. Kirkpatrick and his Session, yett they have delayed to give them dissmissions; the names of the above Supl[1] are Robt. Hay, Andrew Love, Adam Boyd, John Donaldson, Tho' Millright: Mr. Kirkpatrick made replies to the several particulars complained of, as above, and endeavours'd to prove that none of them lay immediately before the Synod, and further alleged, that some of the particulars complained of are not fact; parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning, it was moved, that the question be put whether this matter about the Dissmissions and the supplication of the 5 persons comes regularly before this Synod or not, and the question being put it carried not.

Adjourn'd to 5 afternoon: concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis hæred, 5 a merid: post preces, Sederunt, qui Supra.

M. John Stirling and M. Clerk gave in the reasons of their dissent from the 4th pacifie resolution of last General Synod, they were read, they were subscribed by M. Stirling and M. Clerk and M. Henery Neil, and are in these words:

The reasons of M. Stirling's Dissent from the 4th pacifie resolution condescended upon by the General Synod which mett at Londonderry, June the 19th, 1722:

Its matter of griefe and the Deepest concern to me that I found myselfe under a necessity Last Synod which mett at Londonderry to Dissent from the 4th resolution which the Synod came into which is in these words (viz), Tho' they adhere to subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith as a test of Orthodoxy, yett they desire to exercise Christian forbearance towards their brn. now actually in the minry in this Church with respect to their different sentiments on this head, provided allways that they govern themselves according to Acts of Synod in this Church, and do not Disturb the peace thereof: the reasons of my Dissent from this Resolution are as follows:

Reason 1st—The 5 resolutions framed by the Committee to end our melancholy Debates, and to heal our unhappy Divisions so far as
I apprehend were brought in as heads of agreement for these brethren, who are against subscribing the west. Confession of Faith have acted in direct opposition to the Synod since the year 1720. The 1st Resolution wherein the Synod resolves that the declaring Articles of faith only in Scripture words and expressions shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a person's soundness in the faith so far as I remember was not agreed to by any of these brethren who differs from the Synod; they reasoned against it. The 2d and 3d resolution wherein the Synod declares its firm and constant adherence to the Westminster Confession of faith as being founded on the word of God, and agreeable thereto, and to maintain the Presbyterian government and discipline hitherto exercised amongst us according to our known rules agreeable to the Holy Scriptures were only voted and agreed to by the reverend Mr. Tho' Shaw, and by none of the rest so far as I could observe: the reverend Mr. Kirkpatrick told the Synod before they came to the vote that the Synod need not expect they would vote in any of these resolutions, all agreements are mutual, other ways they are no agreements. If the Synod comes in to the 4th resolution to entertain them as members of this Synod, Its but reasonable they should have agreed to the first Three or at least to the 2d and 3d resolution, and seeing they did not, I cannot help thinking that the Synod is imposed upon. I judge it highly unreasonable to own these as members of this Synod, who will not so much as in vote own the Doctrine and government of this Church which is undeniable evidence that they agree to neither. I think it rather a sinful than a Christian forborneance to Indulge such. Its known to this Synod that none are ordained ministers of this Church, but such who in the most solemn public manner owns our confession of Faith, and profess their adherence to the worship government and Discipline of this Church. It hath been our practice ever since I remember, and I do believe it hath been the practice of our fathers all along, and there is the same reason to entertain none as ministers in this Synod who do refuse after their ordination to own our Doctrine and government when the Synod thinks fit to call them to it: This is so far from being an inquisition or a piece of uncharitable Tyranny, that a godly minister rather looks upon it as a priviledge to have an opportunity to give satisfaction to all. Desire it with meekness and fear, especially when there's grounds of suspicion that they are altered.

**Reason 2d.**—These Gentlemen are alterred in their Judgments from what once they were. I have heard some of them in open Synod declare so; their practice is an evidence of it, unless the Synod be satisfied what their principles are, we act in the dark, and entertains those as ministers in this Synod whose principles we know not. I see not how we can be accountable to Christ for an indulgence of this nature, whatever charity we may entertain for them as men having the grace of God, as I hope they have, and we ought to entertain the same Charity for many others who differs from us, yet I cannot think I am obliged in charity to believe they are presbyterians, and for presbyterian Church government, and tho' I could be satisfied to entertain communion with them in those things wherein we agree, how can we Joyn in communion in those things wherein we differ. Neither can I
conceive what should make them so very fond to be entertained members of a Society that invades the Legislative power of Christ, wrests the scepter out of his hand, imposes on the consciences of men, prescribes new Terms of communion which Christ never appointed, unless it be with a design under this cover to spread their Leaven more effectually and utterly to destroy our government and Discipline and break down all fences, and to deny Communion to none but those who err in fundamentals.

Reason 3d.—The Authority of our Judicatories seems to be very much called in question by them if not Disown'd. It was lookt upon as very great crime in M'Darragh, when he renounced the Jurisdiction of the Synod, he was immediately deposed and excommunicated. I think it most unreasonable to entertain those as Members of our Judicatories who will not promise subjectjon to their Bretheren in the Lord, but with such cautions and Limitaons as overturns it. I have been under apprehensions since 1720 that there is designs to bring us upon the same foot with those who does allow no power in church Judicatories, but that which is consultative if they be of independant principles as to Church Government Lett them enjoy their congracons and the blessing of God with them; but why should they embroyl us and impose upon us, and be at so much pains to destroy our Constitution, which hitherto has been our Beauty and strength, which we think ourselves in conscience obllged to retaine, tho' we may be reproached as bigots as weak and hot men. Further, these brn rather act like a faction in the Synod, then a part of it I am sorry I'me obllged to say so, and while they act from principles different from the Synod we can expect but Little peace. The Synod's resolutions are but skining of old sores, while the cause of the Disease does remain. Is it to be supposed that those who are not of presbyterian principles will conduct themselves by the rules of this Synod? Is it reasonable y' they shou'd vote, judge and determine, in these things which does relate to their Bretheren, while they will not be determined in any thing further than they please.

Reason 4th—I cannot help believing that their refuseing to subscribe the West. Conf. of faith does arise from a dissatisfacion with the doctrines therein contained, for tho' they say they own the Important essential art I know not what articles they judge to be such; they have been pleased to declare themselves with respect to the Deity of the Son of God, why may they not declare themselves with respect to all as well as that. It would be a satisfacion to many if they would declare themselves as to that of original Sin.

Reason 5th—I humbly conceive the Two last resolutions overturns the three first, which I judge is very much owing to the hurrie the Synod past them, and the earnest desires many of the brethren had for peace, tho' they are like to produce as Little as the charitable declaration did, resolutions of such importance should not have been past in so great heat, they have been transmitted to many parts of Europe and America, and will stand upon record to posterity. I wish the Synod had slept one night on them. The 1st Resolution says that the declaring Arts. of faith only in Scripture words and expressions
shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a persons soundness in the faith by this Church. The Synod declares in the 4th resolution, that its their mind to bear with those Bretheren, who refuse to subscribe the W. Conf. of faith, who are for no other Test but the Scriptures, so that according to these two resolutions, the first and the 4th, the Synod is forborne with those who gives no sufficient Test of their Orthodoxy, whose principles they know not. Of what fattall consequence this may be to the Church of Christ God knows, whatever regard wee may have for the persons of men and charity, for them we ought have more for the Interest of religion. To lay aside all tests but Scripture expressions, is to open a door to introduce all error into the Church. The Synod has declared that this is not sufficient evidence, why, then, will you bear with them that will give no other evidence? The last resolution overturns the 3rd, wherein the Synod Declares its adhersance to Presbyterian Church Government, &c. : in the 5th and last resolution the Synod says, tho' they will not impose on the consciences of such of our people as scruple subscription to the minry of our own non-subscribing Bretheren, yet we earnestly and seriously exhort all of them to condescend as far as their conscience will allow them in adhering to their pastor; here the Synod supposes y' non-subscription is not a sufficient cause for people to separate from y' min'n, otherwise the Synod would not exɔrτe people earnestly and seriously to adhere to them as far as conscience will allow. Those who scruple you allow them a liberty to separate. I do not think this agreeable to presbyterian Government to people to separate from their min'n when they have no reason for it: you say that non-subscription is no reason for you entertain such as members of the General Synod, exɔrτe people to submit to their minry certainly, according to this if the people leaves their min'n upon the account of non-subscription which you allow if they have any scruple; they do not act a reasonable part it must be Humur according to this, all the congraacons in the Kingdome may be overturnd if people be thus left to their will and libertie, you must allow the same libertie to those who scruple to have them who has subscribed, and so overturn all order which is not according to presbyterian Government as exercised amongst us. I wish this Resolution had not been condesended upon, for tho' it may seem to bear upon the non-subscribers at present, its hard to know how far it may be improven hereafter, and if the Synod thinks fitt to entertain them as members I think their congraons should be supported. Further, this resolution seems much to favour the Doctrine of personal perswasion in its greatest extravagancy.

Reason 6th—Then the great harm that's don to religion by these unaturall heats, divisions and animosities that are amongst us, which in my opinion is very much oweing to the carriage of these brn who differs from the Synod, there ought to be a mark put upon those who cause Divisions (Rom. 16 chap. 17). "Now, I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned, and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." It seems to be a judgement from God upon us which ought to be humbling
to us, by these we are exposed and rendered contemptible, Ps. 80: 6, "Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours, our enemies laugh among themselves." The life of religion and the power of godliness is much abated, and the success of the Gospill hereby much obstructed: the grossest immoralities that have fallen out among us has not don the harm to religion that this hath done, and tho peace and charity is what all seem to be desirous of, yet I cannot see how these good things shall be attained while we continue in this state of disorder and confusion, and if these Brethn retain their principles and vent their notions as they have don, I dissapar of seeing much peace or charity amongst us.

JON. STIRLING.
MATHEW CLERK.
HENERY NEIL.

It was moved that the several prebys return the names of their several members for the General Synod's first Committee; the arrears due to Edenderry are reffered to the Committee of funds, they are to make report to the Synod.

Mr. Fraser reports that many congregacons have not contributed to the building of Carrickfergus Meeting-house, the Synod recommends it to all who have not contributed to that use speedily to collect for it, and to transmitt it to Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Henery reports that they in Drogheda have got very little assistance towards the building of Drogheda Meeting-house; this was reffered to Interlog.

The preby of Antrim report they called correspondents to assist them in the managing the cause of Bellyclare and Belynure committed to them by Last General Synod: the resolution of the preby of Antrim with correspondants upon this affair were read; by them it appears that the preby of Antrim have judged they saw cause to suspend the execution of the sentence of Last General Synod, erecting Belynure according to the allowance given them by Last General Synod in that case.

From Belynure appeared Andrew Lorrimer, &c., comrs, their supplicacon was read, they therein sett forth their earnest desire to be erected into a distinct congregacon, and promise to give sufficient security for £30 per annum for maintaining a minis: they further plead they have scruples of conscience against submitting to the minis of a non-subscribing minis. From Bellyclare appeared John Woodside, Sam'. Wallace, &c., comrs; their supplicacon was read; they earnestly pray that Bellynure may be continued a part of Belyclare congregacon; all party's were heard, and these comrs being removed it was moved that the preby of Antrim ought to be removed, they being party's in this cause and after reasoning the question was put, are the preby of Antrim party's in this cause or not, and it carried that the preby of Antrim are party's. Then the comrs from both party's were called, and the preby of Antrim were fully heard, and all party's were removed; the Synod came then to consider on the merits of the cause, and reasoned upon it for some time, and
then the vote was stated confirm the erection of Belynure or not
and the vote being put carried confirm by a great majority, and
Belynure are to pay what arrears are due by them to M' Willson till
the last day of June, 1723, before they get any supplies; and it was
moved we shoud further agree that all in the bounds of Belynure or
Straid who are inclined to continue under M' Wilson's min'y shall
be allowed to do so, and that those of Ballyclare y^t scruple
submission to M' Willson's min'y shall be allowed to join Belynure,
many members opposing the addition of this clause. It was moved
the vote should be put whether we will add said clause or not, but the
Synod finding that many members are gon out reffered this matter
and adjourned to 8 tomorrow morning—concluded with prayer.

Die Ven Horâ 8 Ante Meridiem post proces Sederunt qui supra.

Upon reading the minute about Belynure erection the debate
about adding the above clause was resumed, and after reasoning the
vote was put shall we add said clause (That we further agree, &c.) or
not and it carried add said clause. M' William Gray protested against
adding said clause and desired that his protest may be entered into the
records, and M' Alex. Macrakan, Sen', M' Hutcheson, Capt. Henderson,
M' Irwin, M' Masterton, M' Laird, M' Wm Agnew, and Coll. Upton,
joined in this protest.

An appeal entered by Coll. Upton from a sentence of the Synod
of Belfast to this General Synod came orderly before this Synod;
the Minutes of the Synod of Belfast in that affair were read, and are in
these words:—Mr. Smith's supplication was read by which it appears
the design of it is to obtain a synodical recommendation to North Britain
for some charitable contributions to finish the 3d Meeting-house in
Belfast; several members having spoken on that head M' Hallyday
allledged he had seen a letter from a learned professor in Scotland
signifying that one of the commissioners from that Congrâon who had
been formerly in that country on that affair had at least in private
converse suggested that the minrs of Belfast from whom the
congregaon had separated themselves did maintain principles which
'open a door to lett' in all Errors and Heresys into this Church or
'words to that effect, which M' Hallyday took to be a grievous reflection,
whereupon Coll. Upton declared he had often said the same, and was
ready to prove that these gentlemen do maintain principles which
'open a door to lett in all errors and heresys into this Church, and for
'his part he had seperated communion with non-subscribers on that
'score, several members complaining that what Coll. Upton now had
'alleged was a great injury done to their characters desired that
'Coll. Upton may be called upon to make good what he had now
'advanced and desired that the Synod would give their Judgement
'whether Coll. Upton's proofs did make it out that they maintained
'said principles; but others moveing that the affair of the supplicâon
which was first Tabled may be first considered the question was put
shall the supplication or complaint be first considered, and it carried
that the complaint shall be first considered, and then the Synod entered
upon the complaint made by several brethren. The complî moved
'before they went out that no more of that pamphlett called the
"Vindicacon," &c. should be considered but what was now observed, unless they be present; after Coll. Upton, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin were removed a question were put who are parties to this cause, whether any other than those who managed in defence of said pamphlett last year or more, and it carried that no more than the managers for said pamphlett last year in this place shall be judged parties in this cause. Having concluded y Coll. Upton, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin, the 4 Managers in Defence of said pamphlett last year are parties in this cause, Coll. Upton urged again and again that the aforesaid pamphlett be fully read and others that its not necessary to read it fully, it carried, not read it fully. The Synod after long reasoning put the following question:—Doth it appear to this Synod by the evidence produced by Mr Upton that Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin have been justly charged by him with maintaining a principle which opens a door to let in all errors and heresys into this Church: It carried not, nemine contradicente.

Then the Synod came to the following overtures in regard that Coll. Upton reffered to a book called the "Vindicacon," &c., as a proofe of his charge against those ministrants, this Synod is willing to allow M'r Upton what time he pleaseth if he think fitt to make good his charge; partys being called, our resolution was read unto them. First, that only the 4 managers, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr M. Bruce, Mr Hallyday, Mr Nivin, and no more, are to be lookt upon as partys in this cause from which resolution Coll. Upton appealed to next Generall Synod; 2dly It doth not appear to this Synod from the evidence produced by Coll. Upton that Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin, the Managers for the pamphlett intituled the "Vindicacon," &c., have been justly charged with maintaining a principle that opens a door to lett in all errors and heresys into this Church, from which resolution Coll. Upton appealed to next Gen'l Synod. 3d Resolution: Some things have been offered in the course of this Tryal by Coll. Upton for breaking thro' the Gen'l Synod's Charitable Declareacons, this Synod put the vote adhere to the Gen'l Synod's Charitable Declareacons, or not, and it carried adhere, nemine contradicente from which vote Coll. Upton also appealed to next Gen'l Synod and promised to give his reasons.

Then the reasons of Coll. Upton's appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read and then they were read again alternately both reasons and answers and both partys were fully heard on each particular. Then the 1st Resolution of the Synod of Belfast on this affair and Coll. Upton's appeals from it were again read and the reasons of this appeal, and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read again alternately and each party was fully heard. Then the second resolution of the Synod of Belfast and Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution was read again, and the reasons of his appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read again alternately and each party was fully heard.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon; concluded with prayer.
The revisers of the records of the Synod of Armagh do report that they revised said records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Belfast do report that they revised said records and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Derry do report that they revised said records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

Then the 3rd resolution of the Synod of Belfast, and Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution were read and the reasons of his appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately and each party was fully heard, then Coll. Upton the appellant was asked if he had anything further to offer in Defence of his appeal: he said he had nothing further to offer, but left his cause to the Justice of the Synod. Then the Synod of Belfast being the Defendants were asked if they had anything further to offer in defence of their sentence appealed from and they were fully heard; then the Synod of Belfast and Coll. Upton were removed and also the b" who corresponded with that Synod and judged in that affair, viz., M' Simpson, M' Menagh, were removed; also it was moved that Capt. M'Neal M' Simpson's Elder who was one of the correspondents with the Synod of Belfast should be removed: after reasoning the vote was put, remove Capt. M'Neal or not, and it carried remove, and its agreed that James M'Alen being Elder to M' Menagh the other correspondent with that Synod shall be removed and also M' M'Crankan, Sen" and John Millar his Elder being members of the Synod of Belfast should be removed, and they were removed accordingly.

Then the Synod came to consider the method of procedure in this Tryal, and it was moved and agreed to that the sev' appeals shall be considered seperately, and then the first resolution of the Synod of Belfast on this affair was read as also Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution, the reasons of his appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately, and the members of this Synod reasoned on this affair and maturely weighed both the reasons offered by the appellant and the answers offered by the Defendants: Then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said first resolution or not, and it carried 3rd he had reason to appeal by majority of voices.

Then the Synod came to consider Coll. Upton's 2nd appeal and the 2nd resolution of the Synod of Belfast was read, as also Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution and the reasons of his appeal, and the ans' of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately, and the members of the Synod maturely weighed and reasoned upon both reasons and answers and what was offered by both parties upon them; and then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said 2nd resolution of the Synod of Belfast, or not, and it carried that he had reason to appeal by a great majority.

Then the Synod came to consider Coll. Upton's 3rd appeal and the 3rd resolution of the Synod of Belfast was read as also Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution and the reasons of his appeal, and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately and the Synod considered what had been offered by the
serv'd parties and reasoned upon this cause for some time; then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said 5th resolution or not, and it carried that he had reason to appeal by a great majority by which Last resolution this Synod does not intend to condemn the Synod of Belfast for adhering to the General Synods charitable Declarations but because the use they made of it at that time had a Tendency to deprive our people who are against communion with non-subscribers of the benefit of the 5th pacific resolution of the last General Synod mett in Londonderry which explication was voted and approved—Adjourned to 8 in the morning—Concluded with prayer.

Dis Saturni horâ Octava Ante Merid. post preces Sederunt qui supra.

Ordered that each preby speedily pay what was promised to Mr. Samuel Magachy and transmit it to his widow, and if any congраon refuse to pay said money their names are to be returned to next Synod, each preby shall appoint a collector and be accountable to next Synod.

All party's to the appeal were called and the sentence of the Synod was intimated to them upon which some members of the Synod of Belfast expressed their Dissatisfaction with these resolutions now read, and Mr. Kirkpatrick Desired that his protest against each of these resolutions now read and against all further proceedings of the Synod in pursuance of them in his own name and in the name of all who shall adhere to him may be entered into the records of this Synod, and Mr. Aberneathy, Mr. Hallyday, Mr. Michael Bruce, Mr. Nivin, Mr. Mairs, Mr. Tho. Shaw, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Harper, Minr, and Mr. John Shaw and Capt. McNeal Elders, Desired that their protest against the said resolutions may be entered into the records of this Synod. These being removed, the Synod reasoned upon this case a long time. It was moved by some members we should receive their protest without a vote, but this was opposed, and then the question was put, receive the protestation in General without Mr. Kirkpatrick's additional clause or not, and it carried not, by plurality of voices, and then Mr. McAlpin desired that his dissent from this vote in his own name, and in the name of all who shall adhere to him may be entered into the records of this Synod, and Mr. Ja. Bruce, Mr. Hugh Henery, Mr. Ja. Reid, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Arch'd M. Clarke, Junr, Mr. Simson, Mr. Josias Cornwall, Mr. Tho. M. Clarke, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Carlisle. Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Pat Bruce, Mr. Cuningham, Mr. Higinbotham, Mr. Getty, Mr. Wm. Smith, Minr, and these Elders William Macquoid, Tho. Sturgeon, Jo. Hill, Mr. Grycon, Ja. Logan, Mr. Byars adhered to this Dissent. Mr. Upton moved that this Synod would ascertain the time when they would consider the merits of the cause upon which he had appealed. Its agreed that this Synod shall meet on Monday at 4 of the Clock after noon upon this affair. It was further moved that it be ascertained who ought to be parties to this cause upon which Coll. Upton had appealed; Coll. Upton answered that all the non-subscribers are to be parties in this cause.

Ordered Mr. Higinbotham, Mr. Humphry Thompson, Mr. Cuningham,
M' Sam' Henery, M' Tait, M' Nirin shall inspect our Treasurers accounts and make report to the Synod—adjourned till Monday 4 in the afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Luna hord 4 a Merid. Roll called after prayer. Sederunt, &c.

The Synod resolving to enter on the Tryall of the cause upon which Coll. Upton had appealed it was moved by Coll. Upton that M' Masterton our Moderator being a member of the Synod of Belfast when this cause was judged might leave the chair and that another might moderate in this tryal, and that the whole Synod of Belfast might be removed, they having judged in this cause already, but this motion was opposed by some members, and they alleged the Synod of Belfast had not given sentence in the merits of the cause, after long reasoning the Synod of Belfast having been fully heard were desired to remove till the Synod determine this matter, that Synod offered several reasons and arguments why they should not be judged with the Synod of Belfast and then withdrew, and after long reasoning the vote was put, and the Synod of Belfast to judge in this Tryal or not, and it carried not by a great Majority. M' Tho' M'Claire, M' Donaldson, M' Arch'd M'Claire, Jun', M' Josias Cornwal, M' Higinbothom desired that their Dissent from this vote should be recorded.

Then the Synod of Belfast was called and this intimated to them and M' Dickson desired that his protest in his own name and in the name of all who shall adhere to him in behalf of the privileges of the Synod of Belfast against this last vote, may be entered into the records of this Synod and against all proceedings of this Synod during their exclusion, and M' James Bruce, M' M'Calpine, M' Smith, M' Reid, M' Williamson, M' Simson, M' Patrick Bruce, min't, and these Elders, William Maquoid, M' Byars, M' John Shaw, M' Robt. Wilson desired their adherence to said protest may be recorded: Capt. M'Neal also protested against his exclusion. The Members who desired to have their protest recorded being removed, the case was reason'd for some time whether the Synod will receive their protest or not, and the vote was put, receive said protest or not, and it carried not by a great majority: M' Tho' M'Claire, M' Arch'd M'Claire, Jun'. M' Donaldson desired that their Dissent from this vote may be recorded.

M' Michael Bruce moved in the name of all the Defendants that this Synod would give an explication of the sense of the 2nd resolution of this Synod upon Coll. Upton's 2nd appeal, and then it was moved that the Synod adjourn, and this being opposed by several members the vote was put adjourn now or not, and it carried adjourn by a great majority. Adjourned to 7 in the morning—concluded with prayer.

Die Mart hord Septima Mane, post preces, sederent qui supra.

The above Motion by M' Bruce was again considered and the matter reason'd at some length, and the question was put, Explain now or not, and it carried Not by a great majority—parties were called and this resolution read unto them.
Then it was moved that tho' we have judged that the Synod of Belfast in point of strict Discipline have not a right to sitt and judge in this Tryall this Synod will allow them to sitt and judge in it notwithstanding. Then it was further moved that the Synod of Belfast be called and asked if they agree to this moon, and they were called accordingly, but they declined to sitt and judge in this case unless this Synod declare they have a right so to do, upon which the moon was Dropt.

M* Kirkpatrick moved in the name of the Defendants that in order to making their defences, this Synod would enter a Resolution into their records whether or not they have already judged the merits of the cause between Coll. Upton and the defendants which was laid before the Synod of Belfast; party being removed, it was moved that we do declare that we have not judged the merits of the cause between Coll. Upton and the Def* and the question was put approve this resolution or not, and it carried approve, nemine contradicente.

M* Michael Bruce moved that whereas Coll. Upton had excepted against several persons who were to sitt and judge in this Tryall, and had his exceptions allowed that they the defend* have ye same right, and in pursuance of said right they do except against M* Mathew Clerk, M* Gilbert Kennedy, M* J* Morrison, and all those min* and elders whose sessions had sent supplicacons to this Synod in the year 1721; as to M* Clerk they alledge that he has already given Judgement against them in two printed pamphlets of his upon the merits of this cause, and read some passages of said pamphlets to that effect; as to M* Gilbert Kennedy they offer that in open Synod, last week, he said that non-subscription is an intollerable error and that he did in a sermon preached last Lord's Day in this place declare his opinion in this cause and did his best to influence the minds of such of this Judicatory as were then present against them the Defend*, and they offered to read a manuscript which they said was his sermon in proof of what they allledged. M* Kennedy signified his willingness to have his sermon read but to make matters easy said that in his opinion, the non-subscribing principle is not tollerable in any regularly constituted Church, but this would not satisfie unless that he had pointed out the non-subscribers as not to be tollerated in this Church, but he refused to give any further acknowledgements, whereupon they insisted upon reading said manuscript, and then they were removed, and the Synod came to consider whether they would read said manuscript or not; after reasoning it was moved that the matter of this evidence be reffered untill the Synod hear and consider all the other excepcons the Defendants have to offer against any of those who are to be their Judges in this case, because severall other members are excepted against by the defendants as Dissquallfied to judge upon this particular evidence; this was agreed to as to M* Morrison, they offer'd that they were informed that he drank the following health, viz. : "Hatchets and halters to King George's enemies and to all new Lights." M* Morrison Declared that he never drank such a health and that the story is false but does not acknowledge he is not of their principles and cannot Join in Comunion with them, tho' he loves their persons. M* Ross was called upon as an evidence ag* M* Morrison. M* Ross freely answered that he
never heard as far as he remembers, any person say he heard M' Morrison drink such a health, but he heard M' Morrison deny it, in presence of M' Davy who was said to be present when such a health should have been drank by M' Morrison & that M' Davy seemed to acquiesce in what M' Morrison said.—Adjourned to 4 afternoon—concluded with prayer.

*Die Martis horâ quarta A meridie post precæs sedert. qui supra.*

The Defts. having excepted against these Min^2^ and Elders as judges in this cause from whose Sessions supplicacons had been sent to the Synod in the year 1721, they desired that said supplicacons may be produced and accordingly most of them were produced by the clerk, and the supplicacon from Newton Lamavaddy was read, and upon reading of it they allowed that it was no evidence for their purpose and dropt their excepeccon against min^2^ and elder of said congress. & upon reading the supplicacon from Killraughts, they dropt their excepeccons as to the min^2^ and elder of said congress; and the supplicacon from Londonderry being read they dropt their excepeccon against M' Ross; then the supplicacons from Bellkelly, Donnaghmore, Convoy, Achalow, Kinard, Ballyborrough, Clendevadoge were read and the Defts argued from these supplicacons that the min^2^ and Elders of said congresses should be excluded from Judgeing in this cause; and the supplicacon from Taughboin not being found M' Kirkpatrick allleged that there was in that supplicacon this clause that they would as soon hear a papist priest as hear those that would not subscribe the Confession of Faith or words to that Effect and M' Higginbothom was adduced as an evidence to prove this and M' Higginbothom being called, avers the truth of it. They then more expressly excepted against M' Laird, Capt. Henderson, M' Morrison, M' Baptist Boyd, and his Elder, M' Simm and his elder, M' Gray, M' Stirling and his Elder. M' Matthew Clerk was heard what he had to offer why he should not be excluded from Judgeing in this cause; M' Laird was heard, and Capt. Henderson was heard, M' Bapt. Boyd was heard, and M' Symm was heard; they dropt their excepeccon against M' Symm, but insisted upon their excepeccon against John Davison, M' Symm's Elder; M' Symm was also heard and they dropt their excepeccon against him and his elder: they dropt their excepeccon also against M' Stirling; after hearing him M' Gray was also heard; he denies that the above-said expression was in the supplicacon from Taughboyn. M' Higginbothom being again called avers that the said expression or words to that effect are in the Supplicacon from Taughboyn; partys being removed except M' Gilbert Kennedy, the exceptions against whom are to be tryed afterwards The Synod came to consider the Excepeccons against the above named persons on acct. of the Supplicacons from the several Sessions, viz^2^:—M' Laird and Capt. Henderson, M' Bapt. Boyd, and Tho^4^ Harvy his Elder, and John Davison M' Simm's Elder, M' Irvine and his Elder, and M' Gray, and after reasoning the vote was put thus, ought the above-named persons to be excluded from Judgeing in this cause, or not, and it carried not, nemine contradicentes. Then the Synod considered the excepeccons brought against M' Clerk and after some reasoning, this Synod upon the evidence
given by the Defendants unanimously agree to exclude Mr. Clerk from Judgeing in this cause; then the Synod considered the exceptions given in against Mr. Morrison, and after reasoning the vote was put Exclude Mr. Morrison from Judgeing in this cause or not, and it carried not by a great majority; as to Mr. Gilbert Kennedy he wav'd his privilege of Judgeing in this cause.

The Reverend Mr. Henery Windor produced a Comicon from the reverend preby in Dublin to present a letter from said preby, and some Gent. in Dublin to this Synod, the said letter was read. It was subscribed by the preby in Dublin and by Mr. Alex't Cairns, Dr' Cuming, and several other Gentlemen; they therein earnestly recommend peace, charity, and mutual forberance to all the members of this Synod; also a representacon from many Gent. in Divers places in the North of Ireland was read.

Adjourned to 8 in the morning; concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii Horâ 8 Ante Meridiem; post proces Sederunt, &c. Session: 12th

The Synod resumed the consideracon of the cause depending between Coll. Upton and the Defendants, and it was moved by the said defendants that no decision which the Synod shall come to in this cause shall affect those of their number who are absent, viz:—Mr. Taylor, Jun't, Mr. Tho'l Willson, Mr. Clugston in regard that these breth're have not an opportunity to make their defences, the parties being removed the Synod unanimously resolved that the said three non-subscribing brethren shall not be so affected by the decision which this Synod shall come to in this cause now before us as to be thereby either personally acquitted or condemned, however said decision may affect them Indirectly in its consequences. As to Mr. Gilbert Kennedy Mr. Kennedy, who has wav'd his privilege, the defend't moved that he might not be allowed to speak in this cause unless he join Coll. Upton in this prosecution: the Synod agreed to this Mocon, and Mr. Kennedy is allowed to joyn Coll. Upton. Capt. McNeall moved that he ought not to be excluded from judgeing in this cause; he was heard what he had to offer, and the Synod considering their former vote excluding Capt. McNeall, adheard to said vote.

The Synod entering upon the merits of the cause, Coll. Upton gave in his charge in these words, that the non subscribers maintain principles which open a door to lett in all errors and heresies into this church. It was moved by the defend't that Coll. Upton wou'd ascertain what these principles are with which he charges them as opening a door to lett in all errors and heresies into this church: Coll. Upton was heard; he offered several things which he thought necessary to introduce the merits of the cause and then ascertained the principle which he charges them with. The principle is that "no declaracon of faith, creed, or confession of faith in human words merely or the words of fallible men is or can be a sufficient Test of Orthodoxy or terms of Ministerial Comunion in this church." It was moved by the defend't that he would explain more particularly the principle with which he charges them: for they allledge that the above principle is ambiguous and may admitt of two different senses: Either, first that no declaracon or confession of faith except in words of Scripture only, ought to be
required of any person as an evidence of soundness in the faith in order to qualify him for admission to the ministry in this church, or 26\textsuperscript{r}, that no particular authorized form in the words of uninspired men should be the sole and exclusive Test of orthodoxy, so as any person offering a satisfactory confession in his own words tho' other than Scripture words shall not be admitted to the ministry in this church: They believe this proposition is capable of both senses and they look upon these senses to be contradictory they therefore desire to know if he charges εὗ with both these senses or if he charges εὖ with one of these senses only, they desire to know with which of these senses he charges them because the plea must be different according to the sense he shall fix on. Party's being removed, the Synod considered this mocon and after reasoning it was moved that the state of the vote shall be this: Shall Coll. Upton be obliged to explain his proposition further as the Defendants desired or shall he proceed to prove his General proposition, and the vote being put it carried that he shall proceed to make good his general proposition by a great majority, Mr Tho\textsuperscript{r} Mc\textsuperscript{r} Claire, Mr Arch\textsuperscript{d} Mc\textsuperscript{r} Claire, Jun\textsuperscript{o}, Mr Donaldson Dissented from this vote and the party's were called and the sentence intimated to them. The Defendants expressed their dissatisfaction with this resolution and desired leave to withdraw for some time to consider how they shall conduct themselves.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon—concluded with prayer.

_Die Merc. Hord\textsuperscript{3} A Meridie_—after prayer _sederunt qui supra_.

From a newly erected congreacon at Newton appeared Jo\textsuperscript{th} Thomson Comissioner suplicateing that this Synod woud send supplies to that congreacon in order to their being planted. This Synod agrees to appoint Supplies to them till next General Synod: the preby of Longford is to supply them the month of July by Mr James Hamilton; the the preby of Armagh by Mr Gordon for August; preby of Antrim for 7\textsuperscript{br} by Mr William Murdagh; Augher for October by Mr Glasgow; Belfast for 9\textsuperscript{r} by Mr Frazer and Mr Stewart; Derry for December by Mr John Cochran; Down for January, Strabane for February by Mr Cadow; Coleraine for March, Tyrone for April by Mr Dick; Letterkeny till next General Synod by Mr William Blair.

The Synod resuming the affair in dependance between Coll. Upton and the defendants, they the said defendants were heard; they offered their plea to the ambiguity of the charge given in against them in writing which was read and they desired that their plea shu'd be entered into our records: party's being removed the Synod unanimously agreed that their plea should be entered. It is in these words:—

Since the Synod hath not been pleased to oblige the prosecutors to ascertain the sense of this General proposition wherewith they charge us viz: that no declaration of faith, creed or confession of faith in human words merely or the words of fallible men is or can be a Test of Orthodoxy, or terms of ministerial communion in this church, which proposition we have shown to be so ambiguous as to admit of contradictory meanings whereby perplexity and confusion may be occasioned
both in the pleadings of the partys and the judgement of the members
which tends to Influence the Judges to wrong or ambiguous conclusions,
the Defendts therefore answer that if the above-mentioned proposition
be understood in this sence that no Confession of faith
except in words of Scripture only ought to be required of any as an
evidence of their soundness in the faith in order to qualify them for
admission to the ministry in this church, then they the Defendts allow
Coll. Upton and Mr. Kennedy to adduce their evidence under the limita-
cons to be hereafter mentioned to prove that these Defendts have vented
and maintained said principle in the said sence: if the proposition is
to be understood in the following sence, that no particular Authorized
form in the words of uninspired men should be the sole and exclusive
Test of Orthodoxy so as any particular person offering a satisfactory
confession of faith in his own words tho' other than Scripture words,
should be admitted to the ministry in this church: then the Defendts
answer that the accusacon is not relevant that is to say it does not infer
encerence and therefore ought not to be the matter of an Ecclesiastick
process. If it be alledged that the proposition is to be taken in both these
sences, then the Defendts say that the accusacon is contradictory and
absurd, and ought to be immediately rejected without admitting the
prosecutors to adduce any evidence at all: if the said proposition is to
be understood in a different sence from any of these aboved assigned,
the Defendts answer they can make no defence till that sence be
declared either by the prosecutors or the Synod, but whereas the
prosecutors declared that their proposition did not mean nor glance
at what is commonly called the Alternative, which we take to be this,
that a person in order to be qualified for admission to this church should
be allowed his liberty to declare his faith in the words of the West.
Conf. or to use words of his own which may be satisfying to his
ordainers, altho' the explanacon is not sufficient yet since the Synod
have refused to require any further from the prosecutors the Defendts
are willing to proceed reserving to themselves the liberty of Demand-
ing a more full explication which may appear necessary in the course
of the tryall: the Limitacon with respect of the evidence already re-
ferred to is this, that no evidence shall be admitted against them here
but such as was offered to the Synod of Belfast, because such only
should be brought to the Synod on the Appeal and because they have a
right of the common rules of proceeding in this church to know the
evidence that is brought against them a competent time before the
tryall in order for their being prepared for making a Defence, and
the Deftts humbly crave that this written plea may be entered into
the records of this Synod.

Partys being called Coll. Upton proceeded to produce his proofs of
his charge against the Defendants, and referr'd to a book Intitled the
"Vindicacon, &c." and desired that the 21st page of said book might
be read; then the Deftts alledged that he ought to prove that they
the said Deftts are the Authors or abettors of said book, and do
espouse all the principles in it or at least such as he shall quote as
proofes of his charge, otherwise it will be to no purpose to read it. Coll.
Upton alledges he hath a right to produce his evidence in what man-
ner he thinks fitt; the Deftts insisted that he ought to prove said book
to be espoused by them: parties were hered and removed, and the Synod came to consider this affair, and after reasoning, it was moved that the state of the vote shall be this, shall we allow Coll. Upton to proceed in his own method of producing his evidence or in the method proposed by the Defts and the vote being put it carried that Coll. Upton shall be allowed to proceed in his own method of producing evidence by a great majority, M' Tho' M'Claine M' Archd M'Claine Jun' and M' Donaldson Dissented from this vote. Partys being called and this intimated to them, the Defts declined to plead till it be proven that they are the authors or abettors of ye book called the "Vindication, &c.," or do espouse the principles of said book.

Then Coll. Upton proceeded to produce his evidence to suport his charge and desired that the 21st page of "the Vindicacon" may be read, and it was read accordingly, and the prossecutors observ'd several things from that passage to prove that the non-subscribing principle opens a door to lett in all errors and heresys into this church; then Coll. Upton desired that page 22, page 26, page 27, page 28, page 14, page 32, page 33, page 35, page 37, page 39 of said book may be read, and they were read accordingly, and the prossecutors observed what they thought proper from each of those passages severally, in order to prove that the non-subscribing principle opens a door to lett in errors and heresys into this church.

Then the Prosecutors referred to a pamphlett called "The good old Way," but the Defts. objected against reading that book, alleging that it had not been adduced upon the Tryall of this cause at the Synod of Bellfast. M' Upton therefore adduced M' Alexander Hamilton to prove that it was adduced at that Synod. M' Hamilton was called and declares that he heard Coll. Upton mention the "Good old Way" along with the "Vindicacon," but cannot tell whether it was in the time of the Tryall or not. M' Upton desired that M' Frazer may be called and he was called accordingly and declares that he heard M' Upton mention the "Good old Way" as an evidence in the cause during the time of that Tryall before said Synod. Then the Defts moved that M' James Reid [be called] and he was called and declares that he is not sure that Coll. Upton did not mencon the "Good old Way," but that he did not hear him mention said book. They also adduced M' Smith as an evidence, he declares that he does not remember that Coll. Upton did mencon that book, but will not say that he did not mention it. Then Coll. Upton called M' Sexton as an evidence; he declares that he did mention it the "Good old Way," when he menconed his other evidences in this cause at the Synod of Bellfast; then the prosecutors desired that the 12th and 13th pages and a part of the 14th page of the book intitled the "Good old Way" may be read, and they were read accordingly. The passage they made their remarks upon is this: "Indeed we think it very agreeable to charity that these points where..." in the reason of men and sincerity of Christions permit them to Differ "and which therefore cannot be the vitals or essentials of religion, "shoud not occasion any breach, alienation of affection or excomu- "necating Cannons." The prosecutors alledged from said passage what they thought proper to prove that the non-subscribing principle opens a
door to lett in all errors and heresys into this church. The Defts re-
plied to this last plea and both prosecuters and defendants were heard.
Adjournd to S in the morning—concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Horā 8 antē merid : roll called ; after prayer—Sedē &c. Ses-sio 14th

The Defects moved that their plea to this 2d charge against them
may be entered into our records; parties being removed, the Synod
agrees to receive whatever plea the Defts shall see fitt to deliver to this
Synod in Writinge, and to take notice in our records that such a plea
was read; and parties being called, the Defts brought in their plea
which was read : they therein alledge that the charge of the prosecuters
out of the "Good old Way" is contrary to Scripture, to the 27th article
of the 1st Chap' and the 2d article of the 26th Chap't of our Confession
of Faith and to reason, and yt they mantaine the above principle as
cited out of the "Good old Way" to be a true principle agreeable to
Scripture, reason, and our Cofession of Faith; and in regard that the
Defts pleaded that the whole plea should be incerted into the records
the vote was put approve the above minute or incerte the whole plea,
and it carried approve the above minute, from which vote M' Higgin-
bothom, M' Tho'n M'Claine, M' Donaldson and M' Arch'd M'Claine Jun'.
Dissented.

Then the prosecuters desired that the 1st pacific resolution of the
General Synod mett in Londonderry 1722 may he read and the prosecu-
ters alledged that the Defts not votinge in passing said resolution
proves that the Defts do mantaine the above principle wherewith the
prosecuters charge them : The Defects' replied to this plea and off-
red their defences and whereas Coll. Upton alledged that M' Henderson
had spoken against said resolutions when they were under Debate at the
General Synod at Derry he desired that Mr. Boyd might be called to
prove this; M' William Boyd was called, he declares he does remember
there was some debate between M' Henderson and him about the con-
sistency of human composes with the perfection of the Scriptures and
says that M' Henderson did alledge that subscribing Human com-
pouses argued the imperfectie of the Scriptures or words to that
effect. Then M' Henderson desired that M' Boyd might be asked if he
could remember that he expressed himself to this purpose that the re-
solution as it stood in these words appeared to him to do so. M' Boyd
said that he could not charge his memory with respect to M' Henderson's expressing these words; then Coll. Upton adduced M' John Stirl-
ing as an evidence in this case. M' Stirling declares that M' Henderson argued that subscribing Human composes was inconsistant with the
perfecon of the Scriptures. M' Stirling was further interrogate if he
remembers the very words uttered by M' Henderson on that
argument: M' Stirling answered that M' Henderson said that that
resolution argued the imperfectie of the Scriptures: he was further
interrogate if M' Henderson proposed it as a scruple or used it as an
argument, and M' Stirling replied he used it as a medium. Then M'
Henderson called M' Patrick Bruce; he declares he does not remember
whether M' Henderson proposed it as an argument or used it as a
scruple: then M' Henderson desired that Capt. M'Cullagh may be
called, and he was called, and declared that M' Henderson offered some things as Difficulties against coming to that resolution. M' Simson declares that M' Henderson said that the resolution as it there worded does argue the imperfection of the Scripture. M' Cunningham declares that M' Henderson said he hopes the Synod does not intend to derogate from the perfection of the Scripture. M' Fraser being interrogate, declares M' Henderson sayd he could not agree to that resolution because that resolution appeared to him to argue the imperfection of the Scripture. M' Henderson desired that M' Fraser might be further interrogate whether after several members had declared that the resolution was not intended to derogate from the perfection or sufficiency of the Scriptures, M' Henderson spoke anything further on that subject. He answered he did not remember that M' Henderson did so much as attempt to justifie the argument he had advanced. M' Abernethy advanced that it was allowed both by the committee for drawing up said resolutions and the Synod that the non-subscribers should not vote said resolutions; for proof he adduced M' John Shaw, who being called, declared that M' Abernethy said that considering the principle which they that are called the non-subscribers went upon with respect to declarations concerning points of faith in an authoritative way as he understood without any just occasion, and considering that this which is now formed into a resolution hath the air of an Inquisition, it could not be expected they could go into said resolution, and Coll. Upton himselfe allowed that it could not be expected they should; to which Coll. Upton agreed, and further that M' Boyse spoke allso to the same purpose.

The several Prebys returned the names of their Members for General Synod's Fift Committee, as follows:—For Down Preby, M' Will: Smith, M' Montgomery, M' Williamson, and M' Hugh Wallace Elder; Coleraine, M' William Boyd, M' M'Bride, M' Knox, and M' Gawin Steel, Elder; Tyrone, M' Tho: Kennedy, M' Nath Cochran, M' Tomb, M' William Agnew Elder; Armagh, M' Lang, M' Mackay, M' Moor, and M' M'Mullan Elder; Derry, M' John Sterling, M' Thomas Harvy, M' Ross, and M' John Harvy Elder; Letterkeny, M' Sam. Henery, M' Vance, M' Lyon, and M' John Henderson Elder; Longford—M' Robert Thompson, M' Dean, M' Bond, and M' John Willson Elder. Antrim—M' Leech, M' Brown, M' Getty, M' Pat. Agnew Elder; Strabane—M' Isaac Taylor, M' Hemphill, John Willson Elder; Belfast—M' Masterton, M' Hallyday, M' Pat. Bruce, M' Robt. Willson Elder,—Augher; M' Alexander Fleming, M' Hemphill, M' Bapt. Boyd, Capt. Robt. Willson Elder—15 of whom is to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be ministers, and they are to be called by the Moderator upon emergents, and to meet at Dungannon.


The affair in dependance being resumed the prosecutors moved that they would proceed to adduce their evidence to prove that the Deft. are Authors or abettors of the pamphlett called the "Vindicacon," &c., or that they Espouse the principles of said book quoted by the prosecutos. The Defend'te alledge that the prosecutors ought to adduce no
new evidence against them except what had been before the Synod of Belfast in this cause, seeing the prosecutors have not notified to them the names of such new evidence 10 free days before this tryall commenced, according to the Rules of our discipline in all such cases. The parties were heard and removed, and after long reasoning, it was moved that whereas the Defts pleaded as above against Coll. Upton's proceeding to produce any new evidence against them, the Defts seeing that they have not had 10 days notice of the names of the persons to be adduced as Evidence against them in regard that this affair came before this Synod by an appeal, and therefore no evidence according to our rules ought to be adduced against them, the Defts except what had been before the Synod of Belfast at that time when the appeal was entered and the prosecutors plead that they will not proceed in the prosecution unless they be allowed to produce the whole of their evidence, that this Synod may send out some Brs to converse with them, to see if either party will recede from their plea, and go on to the Tryal; and M^r Hutcheson, M^r Gray, M^r James Fleming, M^r Stirling, M^r John Harvey and M^r Tait are to converse with them and make report to this Synod. These Brethren being returned, report that the parties will not recede from their pleas. It was then moved that the parties may be called, and they were called accordingly, and the defts insisted on the above plea as just right which they could not depart from, and the prosecutors insisted upon their plea as above. Parties being again removed, the Synod considered this affair, and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that a Committee be appointed to frame overtures upon this affair, and bring them in to next Sederunt: the members of said Committee are M^r Hutcheson, M^r Gray, M^r Halltridge, M^r James Fleming, M^r William Boyd, M^r James Moore, M^r Ross, M^r Lang, M^r Tait, Capt. Henderson.

An overture from the Committee of Overtures was brought into this Synod, that in regard of the paucity of the members of the preby of Longford and their distance from one another, they may be re-united to the preby of Aughr for one year; after reasoning this overture was unanimously agreed to by this Synod, and their first meeting is to be at Monaghan, Tuesday come 5 weeks.

It was then moved that the congregacon of Moywater may be put under the conduct of that united preby: this was also unanimously agreed to. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning, concluded with prayer.

Die Ven Hora 8 Ante Merid. post preces Sederunt qui supra.

The Defts understanding that some overtures upon the affair in dependance are to be brought into this Synod desired that before the Synod come to any conclusion upon these overtures, the Defts may be heard what they have to offer upon these overtures.

The Committee appointed to frame overtures upon this affair brought in yr overtures, and they were read, and the Members of the Synod of Belfast also are Subscribers moved to know whether they may be allowed to reason and vote upon said overtures. It was agreed they should be allowed to reason and vote upon them. It being also moved
that parties be called in and heard and allowed to reason upon said overtures before this Synod approve or reject them the question was put, hear the parties or not, and it carried not, by a great majority, against which resolution Mr. Tho. M'Claine, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Pat. Bruce, Mr. Simson, Mr. Archd. M'Claine Junior, Min., and Mr. John Shaw, Elder desired that their dissent might be entered into our Minutes: Then the first resolution was read and after reasoning was read again, and is in these words: Resolution 1st—That for the security of this Church it be declared by this Synod and that agreeable to a resolution of our Last General Synod in Derry that the declaring articles of faith only in Scripture words and expressions shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a person's soundness in the faith of this Church, resolved that the condemning all creeds and confessions and declarations of faith in human words as Tests of Orthodoxy opens a door to let in errors and heresies into this church; then the question was put approve this resolution or not, and it carried approve; nemine contradicente.

Then the 2d Resolution was read, and after reasoning it was read again, and it was moved that the parties be heard upon this resolution: this monon being opposed, the question was put, hear the parties or not, and it carried not by a great majority, and Mr. Tho. M'Claine, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Archd. M'Claine, Junr., Mr. Simpson, Capt. M'Nell, Mr. John Shaw and Mr. Byars desired that their dissent from this vote may be entered into our records.

The Resolution is in these words—Resol. 2d—Tho' it may be alleged that Candidates for the Ministry by words of their own may declare their faith to the satisfaction of their ordinaries, yet that a particular part of this Church should have it in their power to judge what in that case must be satisfactory to the whole body is too great a trust, and extremely dangerous. Then the Question was put, approve the 2d resolution or not, and it carried approve by a great majority, Mr. Pat. Bruce dissent from this vote and desired that his dissent might be entered into our records.

Then the 3d Resolution was read, and after reasoning, it was read again. Then it was moved that the Non-subscribers should be called in and heard upon this resolution, and this monon being opposed the question was put, call in the non-subscribers or not, and it carried not by a great majority, and Mr. James Bruce, Mr. Pat. Bruce, Mr. Simson, Mr. Tho. M'Claine, Mr. Archd. M'Claine Junr., Mr. John Shaw dissent from this vote. The 3d Resol. is in these words: 'Whereas it appears to us that that scope of the pamphlet, intitled the 'Vindicacon &c.' is to reason against and condemn all creeds and confessions in human words and the Churches insisting upon any acknowledgement of such or assent to them as Tests of orthodoxy in order to ministerial communion in opposition to our present constitution, in order to the condemning Subscribers, Therefore this Synod judges said pamphlet to be of a very dangerous and pernicious tendency to this Church, and that the author or authors, publisher and industrious diffusers thereof have been disturbers of ye peace of this church; and we agree to declare that we do not hereby intend to fix said pamphlet on any person or persons in particular; and the Synod further declares that we do not hereby intend to justify the pamphlet
intitled an Act of the Mind of the Synod, or a reply to Dugaels paper; then the question was put, Approve the said resol* or not, and it carried approve by a great majority.

Then the 4th Resolution was read and after reasoning, was read again, and it was moved that the party may be called, and heard upon this resolution, and they were called and heard accordingly, and the parties being removed, again the members reasoned upon this resol* for some time. The Resolution is in these words: Resol. 4th: "Whereas the defend* insisted upon it as their right that no evidence should be adduced against them but only those which had been meconed at the Synod of Belfast, and urged that they ought to have had an account of all Coll. Upton's evidences 10 free days before the time of this tryall, and whereas Coll. Upton refused to proceed unless the whole of his evidences were allowed we overture that the said Tryall be delayed till the next meeting of this Generall Synod: Then the question was put Approve said resolution or not, and it carried approve.

From the newly erected congregacon near Taughboyn appeared David Maky &c com* they presented a long paper containing complaints of sundry grivances which was read; Mr. Gray desired a copy of said paper; the clerk is allowed to give him a copy of it.

From the old Congregacon of Taughboine appeared Robert Wilson, Ja* Moor &c com* they presented a supplicacon complaining of want [of] Gospill ordinances and they earnestly desired that this Synod would put them under the care of the preby of Letterkeny and also that a Comitee may be appointed for their more speedy settlement. And they further desired that this Synod would appoint them supplys for one year. Parties were heard and removed, and the Synod considered this affair, and after reasoning, it was agreed to that this Synod shall appointe supplys to Taughboin for six months, and the preby of Derry shall supply them the rest of the time till next General Synod; and that M* Gray shall be installed in Usher's Key on or before the last Wednesday of 7th. And the Synod of Armagh is to call that party to an account, and that a letter be written by the Moderator of this Synod to the people of Taughboyn recomending it to them to have a due regard to their preby, and to endeavour to fix upon a person with whom they may be planted. The preby of Tyrone are to supply them the month of July; the Preby of Monaghan the month of August; Armagh, the month of September; Strahane of October; Rout, November; Letterkeny, December; and the matter of offence between the Preby of Derry and the people of Taughboin is to be considered in the first place at next General Synod.

It was moved that whereas our Last General Synod orderd a letter to be written to the preby in Dublin which letter hath not been sent; that a letter be written from this Synod to that preby; this was agreed to, and M* Kirkpatrick, M* William Boyd and M* Ross are to bring in a draught of said letter to this Synod: this was done accordingly, the letter was read and approven, and subscribed by the Moderator. This Synod considering the toil and trouble our clerk hath had doth order our Treasurer to pay him Two Shills for each Mini* out of the First R. D. that shall come into his hands.
Ordered that the Preby of Antrim shall supply Bellynure erection as soon as all arrears due to Mr Willson are paid.

All Business which ought to have come before this Synod and cannot now be issued, is referred to next General Synod, unless the parties agree to refer their cause to their own prebys or Sub-Synods, or to the General Synod's Fixt Committee. The Synod not having time to consider the affair of the Fund, that affair is referred to the General Synod's Fixt Committee.

Concluded with prayer.

*Interroguiter: sedentur Passores.*

This Interroguiter took into consideration the case of some of our people who are sufferers for their nonconformity: after reasoning, this was referred to the Committee of Overtures.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr William Cornwall shall have his share of ordinary R. D. from Midsummer, 1723 and forwards, and he is to return an account of what expenses he was at in the Lawsuite commenced by Mr Darragh to this Synod.

The Committee of Overtures brought in an Overture upon the case of some of our people who are sufferers for their nonconformity, viz, that whereas it is represented that Mr Hawthorn's charges amount £31, and James Fulton's to £24 sterling, that the sum of £50 be apportioned on the several prebys for the payment of said sum.

Mr Kirkpatrick read a representation of the case of our people who are prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical courts; said paper is in Mr Kirkpatrick's hands.

Ordered that Mr Robert Thompson have a double portion of ordinary R. D. for another year.

The Committee appointed to inspect our Treasurer's accounts report they are very exact.

Ordered that each preby shall pay their arrears to Drogheda with all possible speed, and that the several minis shall use their interest with such of their people as trade to Dublin to contribute to the building of Drogheda meeting-house and each minis shall make a collection with previous intimation for their assistance within six weeks.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.
A General Synod met in Dungannon, June 16, 1724.

M' Chas. Masterton Moderator to the Former Synod opened this Synod by Preaching on Isaiah 62:6; and after Constitution by Prayer, Sederunt the Ministers and Ruling Elders.

Ministers.

Monaghan Preby.
Rob. Coltheart Baptist, Boid
Hamphry Thomson John Heath
Josias Cornwall William Hair
Jas' Tate Alex. Fleming
William Hair Rob. Thomson
David Sim. Pat Plunket
Tho', M'C lain Minaghan Preby.
Sam'. Irwin William Paton
Sam'. Hemphill John Carlisle
And. Dean John Carisle
William Patton Ja' Bond
John Carlisle Nat. Glasgow

Elders.
Willm Moor Gilbert Wattson
John Irvin Alex. Wilson
Wm. M'Donel John Davison
Homer Murray.

Elders.
Sam. Henery Seth Drumond
Sam. Dunlap Cha. Lynd
Rob. Willson Fran. Laird
Jo' Cochran John Holms
Pat. Vance

Leterkeny Preby.
Wm. Ren.
And. Willson
Walter Davy
John Anderson
Ja' Watt
John Clark
James Rankin
Capt. Henderson
David Vance

Down Preby.
Ja' Bruce Michael Colheart
John Gandie Wm. Adams
Sam'. Shannon Wm. Bryson
Wm. Bigger John McKee
Tho' Elder John Hathorn
Tho' Nivin Hugh Smith
Fran. Montgomery Wm. McQuoid
Jon. Mairs John M'Gee

Elders.
And. Ferguson Wm. Cornwall
Tho' Windsley John Stirling
Hans Stewart Tho' Harvy
Ja'. Wallace
Samuel Ross John Harvy Jr.
Major Murray Ninian Cochran
Wm. Cuningham Tho' Strawbridge

Belfast Preby.
And Crawford John Girvan
Jo' Kirkpatrick M' Sam. Smith
Cha. Masterton M' Pat. Getty
Jo' Cobham Hugh Donaldson
Jon. Riddell John Steel
Rob. Sinlar Coll. Bripe
Sam. Hallyday Hugh Dobin
Cha. Seaton Robt. Neal
Jo' Stewart Jo' Hamilton
Sam. Harper M' Jon. Johnston
Tho' Bruce Jo' Akin
Tho' Crawford Dawn Robison

Antrim Preby.
Wm. Lecch John Thomson
John Aberneathy Sam'. Thomson
Wm. Livingston John Kelso
Ja' Creighton David Beard
Tho' Shaw John Wiley
Tho' Willson Ja' Terrance

Armagh Preby.
Arach'M'ClaneSon' Jon. Greer
John Hutcheson M' Quin: Scot

John Orr

Tyrone Preby.
Hen. Crooks John Bayley
Jo' M' Cleave Hen Espy
Tho' Muligan Math. Wilson
David Tomb Wm. Fleming
Hugh Wallace Hugh Bigggham
John Kennedy John Canippbell
Alex. Moore Wm. Johnston
Nath Cochran Ja' Gelespy
Ja' Dykes William Agnew
Robt. Stewart George Dunbar
Jas Orr

John Harvy Jun'

M' Jon Harvy
Wm. M'Nutt
Wm. Reading
Alex. Ridle

M' Jon Harvy
M' Pat. Johnston
Jo' Akin
Gawn Robison

M' Quin: Scot
The Former Moderator desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, proposed a Leet of the following Bretheren, viz:—M' John Gaudie, M' Crooks, M' Sam' Henery, M' Humphry Thomson, M' Matthew Clerk, M' Ja' Fleming, M' James Teat, M' Livingston, M' Tho' Winsley, M' Seth Drumand; and these bretheren being removed the vote was putt, and M' James Teat was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices.

And this Synod agreed to continue M' Mackay Clerk, and M' George Lang is to assist him.

For the more orderly manageing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several prebys are to return the names of their Members for the sev't Committees, viz:—for Overtures, for Bills, for reviseing the books of the sev't Sub Synods, and for the fund, to next Sed.'
Die Mer Hora 11, Ante Merid. post press Sedt. &c June 17th

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A Motion was made by Mr Sam. Henery that whereas a paper is published bearing M* Tho* Nivin's name as if it had been emitted by him, which said paper gives an account of an affidt made before one of his Majtie's Justices of the peace by three persons, viz: M* Wm* Hannington, Thomas Kennedy and Soloman M'Bride in these words: "Wee do declare that about December 1723 M* Nivin was at the house of Capt. William Hannington in Moneyrea, when and where much being say'd concerning the Majistrates power in punishing offenders against the 2d Table of the Law M* Nivin did positively say that it is no Blasphemy to say Christ is not God." These Affidt were made at Cumber May 27, 1724, the above named M* Henrey declared that he had not freedom to sit in Synod with M* Nivin till he give satisfaction as to the matter charged upon him in the above said affidt, and many other members of this Synod joined with M* Henery in making the same declaration.
Mr. Nivin.

Mr. Nivin's Letter read.

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Mr. Nivin own'd that he had published the above said printed paper, but declared that his intention by the above proposition is that it was no blasphemy in the Jews to say that Christ is not God; that is, that the Jews ought not to be knocked on the head or punished capitably by the Laws of the Land for saying so.

And that as Blasphemy in general imports the hurting or blasting the reputation of another, no doubt in this sense the Jews may be said to blaspheme Christ in denying him to be God.

It was then moved that Mr. Nivin should remove till this Synod consider what is proper for them to do; upon the whole affair; and this mocon was opposed by others, and it was further moved that the paper published by Mr. Nivin should be read and after long reasoning this was agreed to and the paper was read accordingly, and this matter was referred to next Sederunt.

Adjourned to 4 A. Merid. Concluded with Prayer.


Mr. Nivin's affair was resumed, and it was moved yt he shou'd withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly, and the judgement of several members was asked as to the manner of trying and issuing this affair, and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that the members who have taken offence at Mr. Nivin's words uttered by him before the Synod or contained in his printed paper own'd by himself shall draw up in Writing the said matters or words that are offensive and present a draught of them at our next sederunt, and particularly Mr. Sam. Henery, Mr. Gray, Mr. William Boid, Mr. McBride, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Gilbert Kennedy are to meet as a Comitie to draw up said words in writing; but at the same time said members shall not be accounted for so doing as accusers of Mr. Nivin or be precluded from giving judgment in this affair. Adjournd to 9 tomorrow morning—Concluded with Prayer.

June the 18th. Hord 9th Ante Merid post preees Seder, &c.

The Committee appointed to draw up an account of the Matters that are offensive to many members of this Synod in Mr. Nivin's printed paper, brought in a draught of said Matters which was read, and after reasoning, it was read again, and is in these words:

"The following bren, Mr. Sam. Henery, Wm. Gray, Thos. Kennedy, Gilb. Kennedy, Rob. McBride, and Wm. Boid who were appointed by this Synod to receive and draw up the Grounds of offence taken by many at several things contained in a printed letter of the Rev. Mr. Thos. Nivin's just now published and publicly own'd by him, directed to the Rev'd Wm. Smith, of Balles; together with such other expressions as he drop'd in defence of said Letter, do with concern, observe,

1st That he gives us an account (p. 3) of an Affidavit made by William Hannington, Thos. Kennedy, & Solomon McBride, in which said persons Depone that said Mr. Nivin did positively say in or about December, 1723, that it is no blasphemy to say that Christ is not God,
the Genuineness of which deposition M' Nivin freely acknowledged before the Synod, Wee beg leave to observe that said words are highly dishonourable to our great Redeemer, who with the Father and Holy Ghost is the one true God over all, blessed for ever and therefore a just Ground of offence to many.

2d Wee begg leave to observe that the evasion made in his letter (p. 5) viz': that he only said it was no blasphemy in them, viz': the Jews, to deny Christ to be God is utterly inconsistant with the truth of what is deposed by said persons, for if it be true that he only said it was no blasphemy in the Jews to deny Christ to be God, then the above proposition sworn by them cannot be true, viz': that he said that it is no blasphemy to say that Christ is not God. For as he represents it, he limitted it expressly to the Jews, they swear that he expressed it indefinitely or universally, viz': that it is no blasphemy to say Christ is not God, and consequently it is no blasphemy in any person whatsoever to say so which necessarily reduces us to that unhappy Dilemma viz': either to question the truth of M' Nivin's evasion, or to deny the veracity of s" 3 Dep".

3d Wee beg leave to observe that he makes a Distinction of Blasphemy into that which is condemned in Scripture and that which comes within the sphere of human Laws, and he asserts (p. 8) that what he said must be understood only of that sort and degree of blasphemy which justly comes within the sphere of human Laws. Now this to us seems inconsistant even with M' Nivin's own evasion (p. 5) where are these words, 'that then it was urged, was it not blasphemy in them, viz': the Jews, to deny Christ to be God,' to which, says M' Nivin, I answered and no doubt, repeated it again, that it was no blasphemy in them to deny Christ to be God, which repeated assertion is delivered in such universal terms as does not admit of such a restriction as is mentioned by M' Nivin above; for if it was no blasphemy in the Jews, then, consequently, not that kind of blasphemy condemned in Scripture more than that sort of blasphemy which justly comes within the sphere of human Laws.

4d Wee beg leave to observe that the words even as explained by him seems to us to sound harsh in pious ears, especially from a Gospill Minister.

5d Wee beg leave to observe that tho' he owns (p. 10) he made a Confession of our Saviour's Deity before the General Synod, 1721—yet he says that for his part he is sorry that ever he gave way to it, and shall for the future take care that no temptation whatsoever shall make him venture so far again.

6d Wee beg leave to observe that thro' the whole of this letter he speaks with what seems to us an unbecoming air not treating the important subject of conversation with that gravity and seriousness which becomes a Gospill Minister but contrary to the rules of the Gospill, offers railing and undecent expressions to his Maj'ty's Justice of the peace (p. 9) as also to the Gentlemen who upon oath had declared what had passed in Conversation, between them; also burlesqueing the Holy Scriptures (p. 6) in these words, "and vexed his righteous soul;" in fine, his ludicrous way of mentioning the Conion Confession of this Church, calling it by way of ridicule, "the darling Confession," all
which being published by himself to the world, if not resented by us, we cannot free ourselves from being partakers with him in his sin.

Then it was moved that the question be put, "Approve the diligence of the Committee or not," and the question being put, it carried approve, nemine contradicente, but the Synod does not declare these Articles to be relevant till Mr. Nivin be called to be heard upon them.

Mr. Nivin demanded a Copy of the above Draught that he may prepare for his defence: Mr. William Boid is allowed to dictate said paper to him to which Mr. Nivin agreed, and this affair is to be considered in the first place tomorrow morning.

The Next Meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon on the 3rd Tuesday of June next; Sermon to begin at 5 of the Clock afternoon.

Whereas the Last General Synod appointed that the matter of offence between the preby of Derry and the congregaon of Taughboin should be considered in the first place at this Synod, the Synod therefore entred upon the consideration of that affair.

From Taughboin appeared Mr. John M'Clinio, Rob. Willson, &c., Com"; these Com" and the preby of London Derry were heard, and after reasoning, it was agreed that the preby of Derry and these Com" together with a Committee of the following Brethren viz: Mr. Ja' Bruce, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Tho' Kennedy, Mr. Robt. McBride, and Capt. Henderson shall meet and confer together upon this cause, and the above named Com" are to bring in an overture upon it to this Synod.

Adjourned to 5 a merid: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4th

Die Josis June the 18th, Horz 5th A Merid. post preces, Sederunt, &c.

These following brene. Mr. Drumand, Mr. Vance, Mr. William Holmes, and Mr. Ball having been absent from Last Gen' Synod gave account of the reasons of their absence, and are now excused.

These following brene are absent from this Synod, and are excused for reasons now offered, viz' : Mr. Alex. Hamilton, Mr. Nath. Orr, Mr. Dav'd Fairley, Mr. And. Ferguson, Mr. John Harvy, Sen', Mr. Iredell, Mr. Malcome, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Macquay, Mr. Cha' Wallace, Mr. Moses Cherry, Mr. John Willson, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Victor Ferguson, Mr. William Taylor, Sen', Mr. Taylor, Jun', Mr. Robt. Haltridge, Mr. Ja' Thompson.

These following Bren are absent, and are not excused, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dixson, Mr. Ja' Reed, Mr. Brown.

Monaghan preby report that they have Licenced Mr. John Hill and have Mr. Wm' Faires on 1st Tryals.

Colrain preby report that Mr. John Mairs died June 25, 1723, and that they have ordained Mr. John Orr, 8th 29, 1723.

Down preby have ordained Mr. John Orr, Jan. the 6th, 1723/4, and have entered Mr. John Gaudie on 1st Tryals.

Belfast preby have ordained Mr. Tho' Craford, June the 10th, 1724, and Mr. John Hasty, June the 11th, 1724.

Ardmagh Preby have Licensed Mr. Geo. Cherry, and have Mr. James Allin on 1st Tryals.
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Antrim preby have ordained M' Tim. White, August the 8th, 1723; and M' Robt. McMaster, March the 10, 1723/4, and they report that M' Getty died Feb. 27, 1723/4, and they have entered M' Ja' Ardis and M' William Thomson on 1st Tryalls.


The affair of Taughboin being resumed, the Committee appointed to conferr with the preby of Derry and the Com'' from Taughboin brought in their overture on that affair, which was read, and the preby of Derry declared their satisfacon with that overture, as did also the Com'' from Taughboin.

The Overture is in these words, "The Committee appointed to conferr with the Rev'' preby of Derry on the one side, the old congregacon of Taughboin on the other, haeing with great satisfacon heard the several parties give a narrative of their affair with a spirit of meekness, and discovering earnest desires to have their misunderstandings buried, the representatives from Taughboin declaring a concern that any of their members should have given offence to the Rev'' preby of Derry, and the preby of Derry on the other hand declare that notwithstanding they were ill-treated by some of that people they cheerfully forgive the offence done them and withall never intended that their Minute concerning the irregularities which happened when they were assaulted by a mob, should be otherwise constructed than to bring these who have been irregular to a sense of their fault, which appears to us by their readiness to accept of a general Acknowledgment of the injury done them, and declaring their resolution to concur with every demand which they apprehend might be for the advantage of that valuable congregacon. Wee therefore humbly Overture that this Synod may not revive a Debate which the God of peace has mercifully inclined the hearts of the contending parties to reconcile, and we further Overture that the Congregacon of Taughboin having promised all suitable respect to their preby be exerted to subject themselves will all cheerfulness, and our Rev'' bren of the preby, we hope, will readily concur with every demand made by that congregacon, which may facilitate their comfortable settlement in an orderly way, and that no restraint be put on the inclinations of any who desire to continue their relation to the old Congregacon." After reasoning, the question was put, Aprove the above Overture or not, and it carried Approve. But it is not the intention of this Synod by this vote to do any prejudice to the newly-erected Congregacon of Taughboin; and its further agreed that M' M'Brind and Capt. Henderson shall write a letter to those on the North side of the Line in Taughboin to advise them to adhere to M' Cornwall.

M' Kirkpatrick protested against the vote approving the above Overture, and desired that his protest may be entred into our records: and M' Halyday, M' Harper, M' Michael Bruce, M' Aberneathy, M' Shaw, M' Mairs, M' Henderson, M' Clugston, M' Tho' Willson, Min'' and Coll. Brice, Capt. M'Cullagh, and Pat. Getty, Elders, joined in the protest.

From the North side Congregacon of Taughboin appeared M' Ja' Edminston, Com'' supplicating that this Synod may confirm the sentance
of the preby of Derry in their favour in relation to the bounds and members of their congregacon: the Synod considered this supplicacon, and agreed to it.

Inquiry was made whether the preby of Ardmaggh have installed Mr. Gray in Ushers Key, according to the appointment of Last Gen'd Synod: that preby replied that there are some particular circumstances in Mr' Gray's case which laid him under a necessity of desiring that that matter might be delayed, even tho' they had appointed the time of his installment. Mr. Gray was called and made the same representation; also a letter from the Congregacon of Ushers Key, desiring that Mr' Gray may be installed as soon as conveniently may be, was read. The preby of Armagh are to proceed to install Mr' Gray as soon as conveniently may be.

It was moved that a paper from the North Side congregacon of Taughboin which was read in this Synod last year, and whereof Mr' Gray got the copy may now be read: after long reasoning this was referred.

Adjourned to 9 mane; Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. Hora 9a Ante Merid. post prces, Sederunt, &c.

This Synod takeing into consideration the proposealls for printing the versions of the Psalms now used in this Church with proper tunes prefixed to the several Psalms, do recommend it to the sev'h Members of this Synod to encourage said proposealls as much as they can.

This Synod considering the case of Mrs. Magachin, doth earnestly recommend it to the sev'l prebys to pay the arrears of the 1s 6d per ann. from each min' due to Mr Magachin by the promise of this Synod for 2 years before he died, and this Synod also recomends that 1s 6d from each min' be continued to Mrs Magachin for one year.

This Synod haveing appointed that the Complaint tabled against Mr' Nivin should be considered in the first place this Sederunt, sent to call him, and he wrote to the Mod' signifying that he is not ready as yet to make his defence, and desiring a little more time to prepare for it: this matter was referred.

It was moved again that the paper from the North Side Cong's of Taughboin should be read, and after reasoning, it was read accordingly, and sev' bren haveing spoke upon that affair, Mr' Gray was heard, and the Synod haveing considered said paper, found nothing in that deserved the further cognizance of this Synod, and the question was put approve the above resolution or not, and it carried Approve by a great majority.

Mr' Mich. Bruce dissented from said vote and protested ag' it, and Capt. M'Cullagh joined in that dissent and protestacon and they both desired a copy of said paper, and after reasoning, the question was put, give the protesters a copy of said paper or not, and it was moved by others that the question be put, Destroy said paper or not, and this state of the question being opposed, the previous question was put which of these questions shall be put and it carried that the question shall be destroy the said paper or not and that question being put it carried destroy said paper by a great majority.

It was moved by some brent that whereas M' Pat Simson takes a History in shorthand of what passes in this Synod that this practice is offensive to sev'l brethn that this Synod may consider this affair; this was refferred; adjourned to 5 Amerid, Concluded with prayer.

_Die Ven_—June the 19th _Hora 5^a_ Amerid post preces Sed^4 &c. _Sessio 7^a._

The Letter appointed to be written to the North Side Cong^a_ of Taughboin, was read and approven.

The motion made at Last Sed^4 that this Synod may consider M' Simson's practice in taking a History in shorthand of all that passes in this Synod was renewed sev'l brent declared that it is offensive to them after long reasoning this matter was referred to a select Comittee. viz^4 M' James Bruce, M' Masterton, M' hutcheson, M' Aberneathy, who are to bring in an overture upon it to-morrow morning. Adjournd to 8 mane—Concluded with prayer.

_Die Sat June 20th_ _Hora 8^a_ ante merid post preces Sed^4 &c. _Sessio 8^a._

From the newly erected congrogenon in Newton appeared M' John Thomson, M' John Wirling Comm^a_ supplicating that this Synod may supply them for another year and that this Synod may appoint a Comittee finally to determine their settlement in case of an appeal the Synod considering their supplicacon appointed the Preby of Colrain to supply them the month of July by M' John Cochran, and M' William Boid, Letterkeny the month of August By M' Lind, Derry the month of 7^br_ by M' John Thompson Strabane the month of 8^br Monaghan 9^br Ardmagh x^br by M' Reid Tyron January by M' John Kennedy Antrim, February, Belfast March, Down Aprilr and till the General Synod and in case any party happen to appeal in the matter of their settlemet the General Synods Fixt Comittee is finaly to Determine that cause.

From the Old Congrogenon of Taughboin appeared James Moor Comm^a_ supplicating that this Synod may appoint them some supplys and that a Comittee may be appointed finaly to determine their settlemet, if their affairs shall require it. The Synod considering their supplication appointed Strabane Presbytery to supply them the month of July—Colrain the month of August, Letterkenny 7^br, Tyrone 8^br, Monaghan Aprill Ardmagh the month of May. And the Prby of Derry is to supply them the rest of the time till next General Synod and in case of an appeal upon their settlem^4 the General Synods fixt Comittee is finally to determine their cause.

The Preby of Monaghan represented to this Synod that they had
Mr Sims.

loosed Mr Sims relacon to the congregacon of Ballyburagh that he had receiv'd a call from Carlo and that he cannot be settled in Carlo unless his relacon to this Synod be loosed, and that they had referred this matter to this General Synod the Synod considering this affair the question was put, agree to Loose Mr Sims relacon to this Synod or not, and it carried agree.

The Synod entring upon the consideracon of the complaint tabled against Mr Nivin, The charge drawn up against him by the Comitee appointed for that purpose was read and Mr Nivin read his answer to it and then the Synod agreed that the charge drawn up against Mr Nivin shall be read paragraph by paragraph and Mr Nivin's answer paragraph by paragraph alternately, and this Synod allows the Comitee who drew up the charge to be managers in this cause which shall not preclude them from Judging and voting in it and Mr James Bruce and Mr Shannon are allowed to assist Mr Nivin in his defence which shall not preclude them from Judging in this cause and Mr Samuel Henery and Mr Vance are to get a copy of Mr Nivin's answer against next Sed and Mr Nivin is to meet them at 3 in the afternoon.

Adjourned to 3 on Monday afternoon, concluded with prayer.

Die lunae June 22 Hora 3ias a merid post preces, Sed 3 4c.

Ordered that the servl Preby's return the names of their members for the Genl Synod's fixt Comitee to next Sed.

The brethren who were appointed to get a copy of Mr Nivin's answer report that they have not finished their copy: they sett forth that Mr Nivin was indisposed on Saturday afternoon, and could not attend them. Ordered that they get their copy before finished against next Sed and that it be lodger with the Cleark of this Synod: this affair was referred to next Sed.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Ardumagh report that they revised said records and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Belfast report that that record is not filed up: ordered that said records be filled up.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised said records, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

This Synod agrees that the prebys of Augher and Longford continue united till this Synod see fit to alter that appointment.

The preby of Monaghan report that they appointed no supplies to Moywater; that people having made no application to that preby, and that preby knew of no fund to suport the suppliers: this was referred to the comitee of funds.

Mr Pat Bruce gave in his reasons for his Dissent from the Resolution of Last General Synod which are in retentias.

The Minutes of our Last Synod upon the Tryall of Coll. Upton's Apeal were all read: that affair is to be considered after Mr Nivin's Tryal is issued—Adjourned to 9 mane, concluded with prayer.

June 20th—Die Mart. Hora 9a Ante Merid. post preces Sed 3 4c.

The servl prebys returned their members for the General Synod's fixt Comitee as follows:—

Sessio 9th.

Synod Books Approven.

Monaghan preby Moywater.

Sessio 10th.
For Monaghan preby, Mr. Teat, Mr. Eleming, Mr. Hair, Mr. Bond, and Mr. John Willson Elder. For Down preby, Mr. Alpin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Trail Elder. Tyrone preby, Mr. Hugh Wallace, Mr. Tomb, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. William Agnew, Elder. Letterkeny preby, Mr. Robt Willson, Mr. Linn, Mr. Fairly, and Mr. Laird, Elder. Derry, Mr. Will. Cornwall, Mr. Tho. Harvey, Mr. Strawbridge, and Alderman Macky Elder. Belfast, Mr. And. Crawford, Mr. Kinkpatrick, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Sam. Smith Elder. Ardmagh, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Mackay, and Mr. Ja. Johnston, Elder. Strawbane, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Hemphill, and Davd Deny Elder. Antrim, Mr. Leech, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Ja. White and Coll. Upton Elder. Colrain, Mr. Porter, Mr. Boid, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Gawin Steel, Elder.—They are to be called by our Moderator to meet at Dungannon upon emergents—15 to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be minist\(^2\)

From a major part of Dromore congregacon appeared Robt. Hamilton, Tho. Ingram, Com\(^2\) suppling that they may be annexed to the preby of Down, and they offered sev\(^1\) reasons to support their supplication; and from a minor part of said congregacon appear'd Mr. John Magill Com\(^3\) suppling that the cong\(^2\) of Dromore may not be annexed to the preby of Down, and offered sev\(^1\) reasons to support his supplication—All papers from both parties were read as also the minutes of the preby of Ardmagh, with correspondence, and all parties were fully heard and removed, and the Synod considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some time. then the question was put Annex the major part of the congregacon of Dromore to Down preby or not, and it carried not, by a great majority.

Mr. Mich. Bruce disserted from this vote, and desired that his dissent might be entered into our records, because he thinks that every Christian Cong\(^2\) has a Right to choose what Preby they will subject to as they think most for edi\(^1\)acon; and Mr. Halyday and Capt. McCullagh joined in the Dissent.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Mart. 23\(^a\) June, 3\(^th\) a. merid. post preces, Sed\(^b\) &c.

The Synod entring upon the consideracon of the Complaint tabled against Mr. Nivin, the 1\(^st\) Article of the charge drawn up against him as above was read, and then Mr. Nivin read some preliminary obser\(^1\)vacons, which he thought necessary to illustrate his defence, and then read his answer to the first Article of the charge; and the Committee who were appointed to mannage in that affair made sev\(^1\) replyes, and after long reasoning it was moved by Mr. Nivin that the question be put whether the first Article relating to the Deposition be cognizable by this Synod; but it being alleged that there is a conexon between the first and the 2\(^a\) Articles, and that the Latter is adduced as a proof of the former, and that therefore it is necessary jointly to consider and vote these 2 branches of the charge, Mr. Nivin upon this, dropt his mocon and consented to proceed to the 2\(^a\) Article.

Then the 2\(^a\) Article of the Charge against Mr. Nivin was read and 2\(^a\) Article. Mr. Nivin read his answer to it, and the members reasoned a considerable time upon this Article, and after both Mr. Nivin and the managers

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\(^{1}\) sev: several

\(^{2}\) min: minority

\(^{3}\) Com: commissioner
were fully heard, M' Nivin ownd that said Articles are a sufficient ground of Process against him. It was moved that we refferr the further inquiry into the truth of the 2 first Articles and the tryall of them and the affidavit to the preby of Down, with such corresponde as this Synod shall appointe. Then it was moved that the question be put shall we approve the above mocon or not, but at the same time the Synod is not to be understood by putting the above question to preclude themselves from enquiring into the following Articles, and if there be any matter of offence in these 2 first Articles for which this Synod shall think M' Nivin censurable at this time, this Synod is not to be understood by the above resolution to preclude themselves from proceeding thereupon; then the question was put, refer the 2 first Articles and affidavit as above limited, or not, and it carried refferr'd: then it was moved that the question be put approve the above explication of the sense of the Synod upon the above resolution or not, and it carried approve.

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 12.

June 24,th—Die Mer Hora 9a Ante Merid. post preces, Sed 3° &c.

This Synod renewed the recomendacon in favour of James Henderson of Ardmagh.

M' Nivin's affair was resumed, and the 3d Article of the charge agt him was read, and he read his answer, and the managers made severall replays and after long reasoning this was referred to next Sederunt.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon, concluded with prayer.

Sessio 13.


M' Nivin's affair was resumed and he was heard again upon the 3d Article and also the committee appointed to mamegh that affair were heard and after reasoning it was moved that the Synod come to this resolution that this proposition referred to in the 3d article of the charge against M' Nivin, viz't. that its no blasphemy in the Jews to deny Christ to be God which is contained in the 5th p. of M' Nivin's letter if understood universally or indefinitely is false offensive and injurious to the honour of our blessed Lord and therefore is a sufficient ground of process against him, and M' Nivin being removed the question was put, approve the above resolution or not, and it carried unanimously approve, then M' Nivin was called and he having before the vote declared his sence of the above proposition and demanded that it might be entred into the records and the Synod haveing promised him liberty be declared his sence of the above proposition in the following words—

As I had not at the conversation maintained that proposition as some may understand it that denying Christ to be God was no sin nor error or not reviling our blessed Saviour so I had expressly declared against y' sense of it and limitted it so that all may see I only meant it of blasphemy as it is a crime punishable by the Civil Magistrate but in any other sense I did and do condemn it as much as any member of this Synod, then the Synod came to this resolution that they do refferr
the further inquiry into and the trial of this article to the Preby of Down with such corresp[on]dence as this Synod shall appoint.

Then the fourth article of the charge against Mr. Nivin was read 4th Article, and he read his answer and the managers replied and after long reasoning we agreed to adjourn to 9 mane, Concluded with prayer.

*Die Jovis June 25th Hora 9 ante merid post preces sed^t sce.* 

Mr. Nivin moved that his Tryall may now go on and it was moved by others that this Synod adjourn till 6 afternoon, this was agreed to — Concluded with prayer.

*Die Jovis Hora 6th A Merid post preces Sed^t sce.* 

The Synod resumed the consideration of Mr. Nivin’s affair and the 4th Art: of the charge against him was read and he read his answer to it and the Comittee replied to his answer and this Article was reasoned upon for a considerable time. Mr. Nivin offer’d that blasphemy coming from the Jews in denying Christ to be God does not come within the sphere of human laws and upon a debate arising on Mr. Nivin’s explication of these words Mr. Nivin said that abstracting from that very restriction that it is not blasphemy capitaly punishable which yett he thinks he had a right to insist on that even in the very explication which the Comittee agrees with him to be contained in that part of the letter viz’ page 8 in these words that for a Jew to deny Christ to be God is not that sort and degree of Blasphemy which justly comes within the sphere of human laws by which he understands it is not punishable by the Magistrate.

A question was then offer’d whether Mr. Nivin’s proposition as thus explained in the 8th page of his letter be a relev[ant] ground of process or not, allso another question was offred viz’ whether the above proposition as explained by him in the eighth p. of his Letter contains just ground of offence or not that is sounds harsh in pious ears or not, then the previous question was put whether the first or the 2d question shall be put and it carried that the 2d question shall be put.

Then it was moved that the question be put whether that proposi-
in the 8th page of Mr. Nivin’s letter viz’, that for the Jews to deny Christ to be God is not that sort of blasphemy which comes within the sphere of human laws contains just ground of offence that is sounds harsh in pious ears or not, then it was moved and agreed to, that we adjourn to 9 mane, Concluded with prayer.

*Die Ven June 26 Hora 9th Ante Merid post preces Sed^t sce* 

Mr. Nivin’s affair was resumed and he was heard upon that state of the question which was carried at last Sed^t that it should be put and after reasoning it was moved that whereas the deciding the truth or falshood of the above proposition referred to in the question would lead us into a controversy concerning the extent of the magistrate’s power.
which is not proper for this Synod to determine, that we drop the
further consideration of that 4th Article, and the question was put, drop or not, and it carried Drop.

Then the 5th Article of the complaint against M' Nivin was read, and he read his answer, and the managers replied, and after reasoning, it was moved by the managers that M' Nivin should make a declaration of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and they alleged his making such a declaration would be for the glory of God, the edification of this Church, and wou'd in a great measure remove the offence he had given. This motion was reasoned a long time, and M' Nivin declined to comply with it: he alleged that to make any such declaration in his present circumstances when there is a process commenced against him, as if he had given ground for many to suspect and believe him to have entertained and vented the contrary error, would be to subject to an inquisitory method which appears to him repugnant to the essential rules of Equity to the discipline which Christ has Established in his Church, and to the usual and known method of issuing scandal in this and other Presbyterian Churches, and that therefore in conscience he cannot comply with said demand being what he thinks directly sinfull.

Then the question was offered whether we think it our duty for the glory of God, the Edification of this Church, and M' Nivin's own Vindication to require that M' Nivin in his present circumstances should make a declaration of his belief in the supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then another state of the question was offered, whether the 5th Article contain relevant ground of process or not: and then it was moved that the previous question be put, which of these two questions shall be put, and the previous question being put, it carried that the first question shall be put, and the first question was put, viz: whether we think it our duty for the glory of God, the edification of the church, and M' Nivin's own Vindication to require M' Nivin to make a declaration of his belief of the supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it carried in the affirmative by a great majority.

M' Tho' Shaw protested against the two last votes, and M' Kirkpatrick, M' Abernachey, M' Hallyday, M' Henderson, M' Clugston, M' Simpson, M' Tho' M'Clain, M' Williamson, M' Michael Bruce, M' Donaldson, M' Harper, M' Tho' Wilson, Ministers; and Coll. Brice, M' Magee. Capt. M'Cullagh, and Pat. Getty, Elders, joyn'd in the protest and they reserve to themselves a liberty to give their reasons in due time.

M' Nivin was then called, and the Moderator required him for the glory of God, the edification of this Church, and his own vindication to make a declaration of his belief of the supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And M' Nivin gave in his answer in these words: Before I went out, I declared it to be my judgement that to make any such declaration in my present circumstances when I was under prosecution as if I maintained the contrary error was directly sinfull, I am still of the same
opinion, and therefore must utterly refuse to comply with what is now required of me, it being my absolute duty to obey God rather than man. But I hope this rev'd Synod will still remember that I professed that this was not from any disbelieve of that doctrine of the Supreme Deity of Christ.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. June 26, Hora 5^{th} a merid. post preces Sed^e &c. Sessio 17^{th}.

Many Members of this Synod moved that in regard Mr. Nivin refused to make any declaration of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ that they have not freedom to sit in Synod with him, or to be any further concerned in his tryall. Mr. Nivin was heard, and after reasoning a question was offered, seeing Mr. Nivin has refused to make a declaration of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, when demanded by this Synod whether we of this Synod shall have any further ministerial communion with him the said Mr. Nivin, and proceed any further in his tryall or not, and the question being put, it carried not by a great majority.

Mr. Kirkpatrick dissented from and protested against this resolution, and desired that his dissent and protestation may be entered into our records, and Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Michael Bruce, Mr. Hallyday, Mr. Thos. M'C lain, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Clugston, Mr. Harper, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Arch MacClain Jun., Ministers, and Coll. Brice, Capt. M'Cullagh, Pat. Getty and John Hawthorn, Elders, joined the Dissent and protestation; and they think themselves bound by the Laws of the Gospell to maintain ministerial communion with Mr. Nivin, notwithstanding the resolution of this Synod, excluding him, which they look upon as unjust & unwarrantable because convicted of no scandal.

Mr. Nivin was called, and the sentence of the Synod was intimated to him.

Mr. Robt. M'Bride desired that his sense of the above vote may be entered into our records in the following words:—Altho' I had voted, I was not free to allow Mr. Nivin to sit in Synod who had declined to give a declaration of his belief of the supreme Deity of our blessed Redeemer, when demanded by this Synod to do it in a spirit of meekness, and under the awful impressions of the fear of the Great God, yett my voice is not to be constructed as if I unministered all those who are of different sentiments from me in point of Church Government; for I allow the clergiey of the Established Church and these of the independant thought to be min^a^ of the Gospill, but do not think that these sep^1^ denominations of min^a^ could probably, during their conscientious diff^2^ sentiments in point of Church Government rule the Church of God together to God's glory, and the edificeacon of souls: and many other brethren^a^ declared themselves to be of the same sentm^a^ with Mr. M'adbride in this point.

The Defendants in the cause depending before this Synod wherein Coll. Upton is prosecutor, moved that their Tryall might now go on,
and be issued and that if the Prosecutor did not appear, he might be
dismissed, and the Defendants acquitted. A Letter of excuse from
Coll. Upton was read wherein he represents that he could not possibly
attend this Synod, the Defend" were heard and removed; and the
Synod, considering that this is an affair of great importance, and that
the members of this Synod are now generally gone away, and that we
have no time to manage that cause at present, therefore this Synod
resolves that we cannot enter upon the consideration of this affair at
this time, and the question was put, Approve the above resolution or
not, and it carried Aprove.

Minutes being read,

Concluded with prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 15, 1725.

The Rev. M'. James Teath, Mod' to the former Synod opened
this Synod by preaching from Jer. III. 16, and constituted the Synod
by prayer, and the roll being called, SED:—

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M' Alex' M'Crackan Sen' Richd Colston Elder.

The former Mod' desiring that a new Mod' may be chosen a Leet Mod' Chosen.

of the following Bretheren was proposed, that one of them may be chosen Mod' to this Synod, viz M' Crooks, M' Gaudie, M' Sam' Henry, M' Humphrey Thomson, M' Math. Clerk, M' Jam. Fleming M' John Stirling, M' Will. Livingstone, M' Tho' Winsley; and these Bretheren being heard and removed, and the vote put, M' Stirling was chosen Mod' by plurality of voices, and this Synod unanimously agreed to continue M' Mackay Clerk, and M' Geo. Lang is to assist him. Clerk.
For the more orderly manageing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, it was moved and agreed to that the several Presbyrs shall return the names of their members of the several Committees vizt of Overtures, Bills, for revising the Synod books and for the fund to next Sederunt.

It was moved and agreed to that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 8 of the clock to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till 10 of the Clock. Adjourned to 10 mane. Concluded with prayer.

**Die Mer. June 16 Hora 10 Ante Merid Sedt qui supra.**

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The several prepys returned the names of their members for the several Committees, the times of their meeting are appointed afterwards.

These following Bretheren are absent from this Synod and are excused for reasons now offered vizt M' William Smith, M' Thomas Elder, M' John Mairis, M' McClure, M' Drumond, M' Laird, M' Vance, M' And. Ferguson Sen'. M' John Harvey Sen', M' Malcom, M' Robert Sinclair, M' Archt M'Clain Sen', M' Charles Wallace, M' Cherry, M' Victor Ferguson, M' Isaac Taylor, M' William Taylor Sen', M' James White, M' John Porter, and M' Robert Coltheart.

These following Bretheren being absent are not excused, vizt Mes't Hugh Williamson, David Fairley, James Wallace, Major Murray, William Cuningham, Thomas Strawbridge, Francis Iredell, Robert Craighead, Patrick Simson, William Homes, James Maxwell, Alex. M'Crackan, Jun', Will Leech, And. Dean.

The Preby of Monaghan report that they have ordained M' Jon. Algeo on the 2nd of June 1725 and that they have entered M' Math. Chambers on 2nd tryals and that they have licensed M' Will Fairis, and have M' William Sloan and M' John Gibson on first tryals.

The Preby of Down report that they have entered M' John M'Murray on 2nd tryals and that they have M' John Gaudie Jun' on 1st tryals.

Armagh Preby report that M' John Campbell died June 3, 1724, and that they have entered M' Geo. Cherry on 2nd tryals and that they have licensed M' James Allen and have installed M' Gray in Usher's Key.

Antrim Preby have licensed M' James Ardys and they intend to enter M' John Moorhead on 1st tryals.

Strabane Preby have on 1st tryals M' Jos Homes, and M' Robert Cuningham.

Derry Preby report that they have ordained M' And. Ferguson Jun' on the 16th of February 1724/5 and have entered M' David Harvey on first tryals.

Tyrowen Preby report that M' Alex' Moor dyed July 8th 1724 and that they have entered M' John Mowat on first tryals.
Belfast Presby have entered on first tryals Mr Robt. Thomson and Mr James Dalrimple.

The clerks of the several Presbys are to collect 5s. 6d. from each minister for Mr Magachin, Mr Rainey is to collect from Armagh.

The several Presbys are to return the names of their members for the general Synods fixt Committee to next Sed4.

The next meeting of this General Synod is to be at Dunganon on time and place the third Tuesday of June next, sermon is to begin at 5 afternoon. Adjournd to 5 a merid: concluded with prayer.

Dis. Mer June 16, Hourd 5th a merid. post preces Sed5 &c. Sessio 7th

The Minutes of this Synod's Committe which met at Dunganon in March upon an appeal from the Presby of Colerain to said Comm. were read.

The Presby of Derry report that they have installed Mr Will. Boid in Taughboin on the 25 of April last.

The reasons of a protestation offered against Mr Nivin's exclusion from ministeral communion mentioned in the minutes of last Sederunt of the Synod wh met in Dunganon in June 1724 were presented to this Synod by the Clerk: they are in retentis.

From Turbet appeared Adam Henry, Com⁵, supplicating that this Turbet. Synod may fall upon some proper expedient for supporting their minister: he sets forth that Mr Thomson their minister had given in his dimission on account of the discouragement he labors under thro' deficiency of the fund. Mr Thomson's dimission was read, and this matter was refer'rd.

From Narrowater appeared John Smith Com⁵: he sets forth the sinking state of that cong⁵, particularly that they are not able to pay one half of the Quota they promised to their minister. This was referred.

From Newtown appeared Mr John Thomson &c Com⁵ supplicating that this Synod woud allow them monethly supplies till next General Synod. And in case they call a min⁵ and any party concerned enter an appeal from the sentence that may be given in that cause, they supplicate that the General Synod's fixt Comm. may be impowered finally to determine that cause. The Synod considered their supplication and granted both parts of it. Their supplies are to be named afterwards.

From a newly erected cong⁵ at Combar appeared Mr Alex. Montgomery, Jam. Paterson &c, Com⁵ supplicating that this Synod woud appoint them monethly supplies till next General Synod. The Synod granted their supplication: their supplyers are to be named afterwards.
Synod Books revised.

The Revisers of the records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised s° records, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the records of the Synod of Belfast do report that the minutes of that Synod were produced to them in a loose paper, and that they could not approve the conduct of that Synod. Their minutes were read, and the case was referred to the Comm. of overtures. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning—Concluded with prayer.


The several Presbys returned the names of their members for the General Synod's fixt Comm as follows.


Derry, M' Stirling, M' Will Boid, M' Cuningham & M' Rob. Wilson Elder.

Belfast, M' Kirkpatrick, M' Sinclair, M' And' Crawford & M' Jo' Ferguson Elder.


Strabane, M' Jam. Maxwel, M' Jos. Hemphill, and John Roger Elder.


Colerain, M' Jon. Cochran, M' Thos Cobham, M' John Or & M' Gawin Steel Elder.

Monaghan, M' Hum. Thomson, M' Alex' Fleming, M' Irwin & M' ScoU Elder.

They are to be called by the Mod° upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon fifteen to be a quorumum 12 whereof to be min°

A Reference from the Presby of Down of the affair of Monyrea depending before that Presby (their minutes upon that affair being read) came orderly before this Synod. And from Monyrea appeared M' Black, M' Jam. Or, &c. Comm° suppling that the Rev. M' Alexander Hamilton may be settled among them as their min°.

And from another part of s° congr° appeared M' Robert Kyle &c Com°, they sett forth that a great number of their congr° who are considerable for their figure and interest are not willing to submit to M' Hamilton's ministry and they earnestly supplicate that the design of calling M' Hamilton may be dropt.

All parties were fully heard and removed and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that M' Teath, M' McBride, M' Kennedy and Cap' Wilson go out and converse with M' Kyle and to treat with him to fall in with the majority & in case they cannot prevail with M' Kyle they are to converse with Cap° Hanningtown and to treat with him and his party to drop their design of calling M' Hamilton, that so both parties
may unite in a third person and in that case, the Synod will take care to supply them for some time and this Comm. are to frame an overture upon this affair and to lay it before this Synod.

Mr. Jam. M'Cright a Probationer having produced his testimonials and an extract of his License from the Presby of Dumfries in North Brittain before the Rev. Synod of Derry which that Synod approved as they now represent, any Presby within our bounds is allowed to imploy him.

A supplication from Mr. Saml Hemphill was read wherein he setteth forth the great deficiency of the fund promised to that cong° this was referred to the Comm. of Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following supplies for the new Cong° of Combar viz' Armagh Presby is to supply them the month of July, by Mr. Jam. Moor Derry the month of August, by Mr. John Thomson Down for September, Letterkenny for October by Mr. William Blair Tyrowen for Nov' by Mr. William Dick Coleraine December, Antrim January, Belfast for February, Monaghan for March by Mr. Jam. Hamilton Strabane for April, Monaghan for May, by Mr. Robert Thomson.

Newtown to be supplied in the following manner viz' by Mr. Samuel Henry the last Sabbath of June, Derry the Month of July by Mr. Hugh Thomson, Colerain for August, Antrim for September by Mr. Thomas Creightown, Derry October by Mr. John Cochran, Belfast November, Armagh December, Down January, Antrim February, Monaghan March by Mr. Samuel Hemphill, Tyrowen April by Mr. William Rae, Strabane for May, Letterkenny till the Gen° Synod.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon.—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Horâ, 5° a merid post præces, Sedt &c. Sessio 544.

The Comm. appointed to confer with Mr. Kyle and Capt° Hannington, both of Monyea, brought in their overtures upon that affair, which was read and after reasoning it was read again, and is in these words: 't We who were appointed to converse wh the several parties concerning the affairs of Monyea, having used what diligence we were capable of in that matter, do find both parties so fixed in their own opinion that there is no ground to expect any complaiyance with one another: the Lesser party will not yield to Mr. Hamilton's settlement there, the greater party are constantly and unanimously resolved to have him settled among them, and do promise uudeniyable security for £30 ² ann. with turf and oats, and Capt° Hannington promiseth three pounds ² ann. over and above sd thirty pounds during his own life and will settle said three pounds ² ann. on the cong° for ever. So that upon the whole, we humbley overture that this Synod may give orders to the preby of Down that a call may be drawn up and presented by that people to Mr. Hamilton whom they so earnestly desire, (provided they give satisfactory security to the preby of Down for their quota) that Mr. Hamilton may be settled among them with all convenient speed, and that such of the lesser party who can-
not join in that settlement may have liberty to join when they think
fit with the concurrence of the preby of Down." This overture was
voted and approved.

A supplication from part of the cong\* of Urnie was read, setting
forth that a part of their people have greatly injured their cong\* by
building a new Meeting House at some distance from the old meeting
house; and that if they be suffered to go on in building said new house,
it will be very prejudicial to M' Homes his settlement among them.
The Synod considering this case, agreed to refer it to the preby of
Strabane with these correspondents viz: from Derry preby, M' John
Harvey, M' Major Murray, and from Letterkenny preby M' Laird,
and M' Fairley, each correspondent to bring an Elder with him.
They are to meet on the first Tuesday of July next.

Adjourned to 9 in the morning—Concluded with prayer.


An overture was brought in by the Comm. of Overtures that a fast
day shall be observed by all the cong\* within the bounds of this Synod
on the first Wednesday of August next. This the Synod agreed to
and appointed M' Jam. Bruce, M' Hatcheson, M' Kirkpatrick, M' Liv-
ington, M' Teath, and M' M'Bridence to prepare a draught of the
causes of the fast, and to lay it before this Synod.

An overture from the Comm. of overtures was brought in to the
Synod that all persons who have any of the records of this Synod in
their hands, shall transmit to our clerk: agreed to.

An overture from the Comm. of Overtures was brought in in these
words. This Comm. having the peace of this Church very much at
heart, and being concerned for our lamentable divisions, do humble
overture that this Synod do agree to appoint longer adjournments than
usual, that the subscribing Brethren and their elders, and the non sub-
scribing Brethren and their elders may each of them meet by themselves
to consider and condescend upon such expedients as may tend to heal
the divisions of this Church, and preserve the peace thereof. This
overture was reasoned upon for some time, and then a question was
offered, approve this overture or not? and the question being put, it
carried approve, by a great majority, and in pursuance hereof it was
moved and agreed to that after this session is ended, this Synod shall
adjourn to 9 tomorrow morning.

From Drumore appeared Robert Hamilton John Beard &c Comm\* pro-
secuting an appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Armagh in re-
lation to their settlement with M' Colvill. the minutes of the Synod
of Armagh upon that affair were read and it was moved by the Synod
of Armagh that a question be put to these Comm\* whether they will
subject themselves to the judgment of this Synod in the determination
of their affair or not? parties were heard and removed and after
reasoning the following vote was put shall this Synod proceed to ex-
amine the affair of Drumore without putting the above question or not?
and it carried not proceed without putting the above question from
w\* vote M' Abernethy, M' Kirkpatrick, M' Shaw M' Halyday, M'
Henderson, Mr. Higginbothom Mr. Thos Wilson, dissented. The Comm. were then called and the above question was put to them by the Moderator and they gave in their answer in writing in the following words:—"All subjection from an implicit faith to any assemblie or Church Judicatory being contrary to the Holy Scriptures, to the rights of Christians and Protestants to our Excellent confession of faith which saith that no Synods or Councills shd' be made the rule of faith or practice but to be used as an help in both that God alone is the Lord of Conscience and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his word or," beside it in matters of faith or worship and that the requireing an implicit faith and an absolute blind obedience is to destroy liberty of conscience and reason also we can by no means promise it without counteracting all these nor can we allow ourselves to think that you will require it of us, all therefore we can comply with is that as far as we are concerned we will pay all due regard to the determinations of the Judicatories of Jesus Christ and will with all impartiality, and seriousness consider the Arguments offered by you to enlighten our Judgments in this affair, will be subject to you in all things lawfull, that is in all things consistent with the rights of Christian people to elect their own pastors and we will do all we can for the preservation of the peace order and just authority of this Church." Subscribed by the Comm'" Subscribing Rob't Hamilton John Beard Adam Keatley, Jam. Ker, Geo. Woods.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning—Concluded wh prayer.


Drumore.

The affair of Dromore being resumed Cap't John Magill &c. Commissioners from the minor party of Dromore congregation presented a supplication earnestly desiring that Mr Colvill may not be settled in Drumore for that it is against their consciences to submit to his ministry. The Commissioners from Dromore were removed as also the Synod of Ardmagh, and the Synod considered this affair, it was moved by some that the Synod should enter upon the discussing the appeal of Dromore from the Sub Synod of Ardmagh first, and it was moved by others that the Synod ought to consider Mr Colvill's and the people of Dromore's conduct first and after reasoning the following vote was put shall we enter upon the discussing the appeal of Dromore or upon Mr Colvill's and the people of Dromore's conduct first and it carried enter upon the consideration of Mr Colvill's and the people of Dromore's conduct first. This affair is referred to Tuesday morning next at 9 of the clock and parties being called this minute was read unto them and Mr Colvill and the Comm' of Dromore were desired to attend at said hour.

It was moved that the reasons influencing the Synod to come to this resolution might be inserted in our records and Mr Masterton, Mr Liviston and Mr Boyd, are to draw them up in writing.

Mr James Orr from the congregation of new Cumber supplicated this Synod for advice how they may have Justice done them in a peaceable way with respect to their share of the Meeting-house of
Cumber, which they claim as their right; parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning this Synod agreed to advise them to end the matter in the most peaceable way possible among themselves.

The affair of Belturbitt was resumed and parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning, the vote was put, shall we accept of Mr Thomson's dimission or not, and it carried accept, nemoine contradicente, and all the prebys that are indebted to Mr Thomson are appointed to pay their arrears due to him as soon as possible, and it is further agreed that the congregation of Turbett shall have ten pounds £6 ann. out of the fund during their vacancy, and their whole proportion when settled, and this is to be paid by their own preby.

The Revd Mr Thomas Maquay made the following desire in the name of the Congregation of Plunket Street, viz: that the Synod may allow them such supplies from our several Prebys as they shall from time to time desire, till next general Synod, and particularly that Mr Sam. Dunlop of Letterkenny be appointed to supply that congregation 6 weeks as soon as possibly he can, and that for the future that the congregation of Plunket Street be adjoynd to, and be under the care of the preby of Monaghan, as they were formerly under the care of the preby of Belfast. The Synod unanimously agreed to grant their desire in all these particulars.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 in the afternoon: Concluded with prayer.

**Sessio 3a**

*Die Luna, Jun: 21, Horâ 3rdia a meridie post preces—Sed: &c.*

The Committee appointed to bring in a draught of the fast not having prepared their draught are appointed to bring it in to next Sedt.

Adjourned to 9 tomorrow morning: Concluded with prayer.

**Sessio 9a**

The people of Drumore not being here, that cause is referred.

Mr Robert Wilson of Stranorlar presented a supplication, setting forth his necessitous circumstances, and praying that the Synod would order punctual payment of the fund allowed him, and that those congregations who have not collected for his use, according to the appointment of this Synod, may be ordered speedily to collect for him. The Synod considered this case and appointed all congregations who have not collected for Mr Wilson and Mr M'Crackan, speedily to make said collection, with previous intimation the Sabbath before.

The Synod considering the necessitous case of Jane Smith and Mary M'Kee, Widows in Belfast, do recommend them to the charity of the several Sessions within the bounds of this Synod.

The Committee appointed to prepare a draught of the causes of the fast, brought in their draught, which was read and approved.

The Synod considering the distressed condition of Oliver White do recommend him to the several cong**t** within our bounds.
From Clontubrit appeared Geo. Meek & Com at supplicating for
an erection at Clontubrit. They set forth that they will give £27 ℔
ann. and 30 Barrels of Oats to a min' and from Monaghan appeared Will.
McMoran desiring that that matter may be referred in regard their min' is
absent, and that they had not timely notice. It was moved that the
Synod w'ld refer this cause either to a select Committee or to the
Presby of Monaghan with correspondents, after reasoning the question
was put, shall we refer this cause to a select Comm, or to the Presby
of Monaghan with correspondents? and it carried that it be referred to
a Select Comm. and the Presby returned the following ministries and
Elders to be members viz: Mr. Dickson, Mr. Mongomery, Hugh Dickson
Elder Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Nath' Cochran, Mr. James Or, and Hugh
Bigham Elder Mr. Fairley, Mr. Lind, and Capt. Henderson Elder Mr.
Ninian Cochran, Mr. And. Ferguson Junr. and Mr. William Baird,
Elder Mr. Harper Mr. Fraser, and Mr. McTeer Elder, Mr. Hutchison Mr.
Rainey, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Quintin Scot. Elder, Mr. Joseph Hemp-
hill Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Isaac Taylor and William Cook Elder, Mr. Alex-
ander Brown, Mr. Joseph Clugston, Mr. Robert Wilson Elder, Mr. Hig-
ginbothom Mr. Fran Ross, and Robert Givin Elder Mr. Bapt. Bold,
Mr. Humph. Thomson, Mr. Samuel Irwin and Mr. Francis Scot Elder,
this Comm. is to meet at Monaghan the last Wednesday of July at
11 of the clock finally to determine that affair 14 to be a quarum 10
whereof to be ministers.

A supplication from the cong of Vinicash, was read setting forth the Vinicash.
weakness of that Cong & the necessity of their having the fund formerly
allowed them continued them during their vacancy and that it may be
placed on the Presby of Armagh as formerly the Synod considering
their case agreed to continue their former proportion of the fund viz
£9 ℔ annum during their vacancy and that the said fund be paid by
the Preby of Armagh, & by the same cong which formerly paid it ex-
cept Newry instead whereof Doneghlony is to pay to Vinicash.

This Synod allows Moywater to be under the care of the Preby of Moywater.
Armagh.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon concluded with prayer.

Die Mart Hor 4th a merid. post preces Sed &c.

The Synod considering the distressed case of Jam. Wilson do recom-
mand him to the Charity of the several Sessions within our bounds.

The Bretheren who were appointed to draw up the reasons which
influenced the Synod to come to a resolution to try Mr. Colvill's and the
people of Drumore's conduct first brought in their draught in these words
—The Synod considering that the Subject matter of the appeal is virtu-
ally issued by Mr. Colvill's ordination in an irregular way and that the
reasons of the appeal were not given in to the Synod of Armagh in due
time and that they are of such length that the Synod of Armagh could
not peruse them since our present meeting and finally that the Synod
of Armagh observed that in as far as they had an opportunity to read
these reasons they tend to inflame our present debates therefore the
Synod came to the above resolution to try Mr. Colvill's and the people
of Drumore's conduct first.
The affair of Drumore being resumed these Commrs appeared viz: John Beard and Adam Heaty they moved in name of their cong to that this Synod would consider their appeal first, and so resume our vote past on Saturday last these Commrs being removed it was moved by some that we sho'd resume the said vote and then the Synod of Armagh was removed, and the vote being put resume the sd vote or not? it carryed not resume by a great majority then the parties were called and these Commrs moved again that their appeal and the reasons of it might be considered first, the Synod considered this motion and came to the following resolution that we can see no reason to stop our proceeding to consider Mr. Colvill's and the people of Drumore's conduct first. Then Mr. Colvill was called but he did not appear but the above named Commrs appeared and gave in a declinature and desired that it might be entered into our Records, they also desired a dismiss in name of their congs from this General Synod and from all the Synods and Presby's subordinate to it the Synod considered this case and reasoned upon it for some time and then a question was put, shall we grant them a dismiss or not? and it carried not by a great majority.

Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning concluded wh prayer.


The affair of Drumore was resumed and Mr. Colvill was called but did not appear and the Synod came to consider his case, and after reasoning it was moved that the question be put, whether this Synod have sufficient ground to proceed to consider Mr. Colvill's conduct or not? and the question being put it carryed that there is sufficient ground to proceed upon the examination of Mr. Colvill's conduct meantime it was moved and agreed to that Mr. M'Calpin and Mr. Hemphill go out and converse with the Commissioners from Drumore & to endeavour bring them to a sense of their duty, and to acquaint them that the Synod would allow them the use of the reasons of their appeal to justify themselves; and these brethren being returned report that unless this Synod would formally try their appeal and hear all the reasons of it as such, these Commrs would condescend to nothing. Then the Synod proceeded to consider Mr. Colvill's conduct and reasoned upon it for some time, and a minute of the Presby of Ardmagh upon Mr. Colvill's affair was read, by which it had appeared that Mr. Colvill had produced to that Presby Certificates form some ministers in London, giving an Account that the said ministers had ordained him, and that Mr. Colvill had desired to be received as a member of that Presby, and that that Presby had refused to receive him as a member because that Mr. Colvill had contrary to his promise of Subjection to that Presby, and even when his cause was depending before the Judicatories of this Church without their knowledge, or consent, or any certificate from them withdrawn himself from under their conduct, and contrary to the rules of our Church upon Certificates obtained in an irregular manner, had obtained ordination in London, that Presby also reports, that ever since his return from London he exerciseth his ministry in Drumore a vacant congregation under their inspection without their consent, or appoint-
ment and without having produced his Certificates before any of our Synods as our rules direct. After long reasoning a question was offered, shall we declare M' Colvill not to be of our communion and to be incabable of any settlement in any Congregation belonging to this Synod till he be received in an orderly way or not? and then another question was offered shall we suspend or depose M' Colvill, or not? and a debate arising it was moved that the previous question be put which of these questions shall be put? the previous question being put it carried that the second question shall be put.

M' Abernethy, M' Kirkpatrick, M' Michael Bruce, M' Shaw, M' John Elder, M' Archibald Macalain Jun', M' John Orr; Ministers and M' Samuel McTeer dissented from and protested against the above resolution in their own names, and in the name of all who shall adhere to their dissent, and pretestation, because the putting the second question referred to in the sd resolutions as they apprehend is an exercising a power over a minister of the Gospel, not subject to this Synod, having not been as yet received into our Synodical association, or into any Presby, or Sub Synod subordinate to it, in contradiction to a publick and solemn declaration of this Church made in opposition to our being chargeable with the claim, or exercise of any such Jurisdiction with these aggravating circumstances of his having not been duly warned to stand his trial, having no accusation regularly formed against him, being condemned unheard, and censured against the Essential Rules of Natural Equity and of Christian Discipline settled by the invariable Laws of the Gospel, and for other reasons to be given in due time for the preparation whereof they demand as their right that the Clerk of this Synod be obliged to give them with all convenient speed, the copies of all the minutes and papers in his hand which have a necessary relation to this affair.

Then the question was put shall we suspend M' Colvill or depose him, and it carried suspend him, and he is hereby suspended accord-ingly.

M' Kirkpatrick, M' Shaw, M' Michael Bruce, M' Abernethy, M' John Orr pursuant to the protestation entered ag' the preceding resolution which determines the Question (suspend or depose M' Colvill) to be put, do also protest against this resolution to suspend him, as being a censure inflicted on a person who is in their opinion, not subject to the authority of this Synod, and in other respects contrary to the rules of Justice and our discipline, and therefore a censure in itself null and void, reserving to themselves liberty to add further reasons of their protestations in due time.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon: concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. June 23, Hora 6ta a merid. post preces, Sed t. yc. Sessio 12na

Mr Colvill suspended.

The Synod resumed the consideration of M' Colvill's case, and it was moved that the suspension be continued on M' Colvill till the first meeting of the Synod of Ardmagh on the second Tuesday of October next, and afterwards till he give satisfaction to the preby of Ardmagh for his irregular practices, and the question being put approve this motion or not, it carried approve, by a great majority.
Then it was moved and agreed to that M' Sam'l Henry shall go to Dromore, and preach in their Meeting House next Lord's day, and intimate the sentence of M' Colvill's suspension to that congregation, and if the major party refuse to give him access to their meeting-house, he is to preach to the minor party; and M' Henry is also to intimate the sentence of M' Colvill's suspension to him the said M' Colvill, and M' Will. Bold, and M' Liviston are to write a letter to the people of Dromore to exhort them to their duty.

Then it was moved and agreed to that M' Will. Boyd M' Sam-Ross, M' Lang and M' Tho' Kennedy shall meet and draw up the reasons which influenced the Synod to come to the above resolutions in M' Colvill's case.

Then it was moved that this Synod may consider in case M' Colvill disobey our sentence, how we shall conduct ourselves towards any minister who shall keep ministerial communion with M' Colvill during the time of his suspension, and after long reasoning a question was offered, shall such ministers of this Synod as keep ministerial communion with M' Colvill during his suspension incur any censure for so doing or not, and the question being put it carried censurable by a great majority; then the question was offered whether the censure shall be suspension or rebuke, before the preby, and the question being put it carried that the censure shall be suspension.

Against this vote M' Haliday protested, and M' Shaw, M' John Elder, M' Michael Bruce, M' Abernethy M' John Or, of Combar, M' Kirkpatrick, M' M'Teer, and Thomas Park Elders, adhered to the protestation.

Adjourned to 9 man-e—Concluded with prayer.

**Die Jovis June 24 Hora 9 ante merid. post preces Sed' &c.**

The letter appointed to be written to the people of Dromore was read and, approved. This Synod appointed M' Seaton to supply Drumore on Sabbath come eight days, and M' Macalpin is to supply them on Sabbath come fortnight, in case they submitt to the sentence of this Synod.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon concluded with prayer.

**Die Jov. Horis 3a merid. post preces Sed' &c.**

It was overtured in order to make the fund effectual for the future each minister shall give an account to his Presby what he believes his congregation is able and willing to pay to the fund and that the Clerks, of the several Presbies shall make a return of said promises to next General Synod.

The Synod entering upon the considering of some overtures proposed by the subscribing ministers, and elders to be laid before the Synod, M' Abernethy proposed that whereas it had been offered to the nonsubscribers by some ministers sent to them in the forenoon, that the subscribers would readily consider any expedient for peace, which
they would propose, and whereas they have not these expedients drawn up in writing, and that they would prepare them, and transmit them to the several Presbyrs, this was agreed to, and Mr Abernethy read a paper, but he said he had something more to add to it, and that when it was finished he would send it to the Clerk of this Synod.

Then the first overture from the Subscribers was read and is in these words, whereas there are several ministers and others who scruple communion with ministers of nonsubscribing, or nondeclaring principles, it is therefore overtured that it be agreed to by this Synod, that such be allowed peaceably to follow the light of their own consciences, in that particular, and that no Act or Acts formerly made by this Synod shall be interpreted to the contrary hereof, and after reasoning an Amendment was offered and added in these words. That if any person shall scruple communion with subscribing ministers, the same liberty shall be allowed them, and then the question was put approve the above overture or not? and it carried approve. And Mr John Ball, Mr Mathew Clarko, Mr John Or, Mr John Cochrane, Mr Nath. Cochran, Mr Gaudie, Mr Irvin, Capti Henderson, Mr Sam. Smith, Mr Gawin Steele, Fergus Smith, John Tod, and Mr Jam. Murray Elders dissent, and desired that there dissent from adding the above amendment, might be entered into our Records.

Then the second overture was read, and is in these words that whereas the Pacific Act has been by some interpreted to indulge intrants into the ministry in scrupling some Doctrines as well as phrases in our confession of faith that it be therefore resolved by this Synod that no Preby shall be allowed to interpret said Act in such latitude, which we believe is not agreeable to the sense of this Synod in 1720 nor to the words in which said Act is expressed, and if any intrant shall scruple any doctrine or doctrines of our confession, that the Preby to which he belongs, shall not proceed to license ordain or install him, until the General Synod shall have an opportunity of judging the affair, and that the scruples of any candidate agt any proposition or propositions in our confession be transmitted to the several Presbyrs that all may have their deliberate thoughts of them against the time of the Synods meeting and that any candidate who is to be licensed, or ordained shall be called upon by the Presby to which he is subject, to subscribe the confession of faith, when he delivers his first piece of trial, whether first or second tryals or before he be ordained but if notwithstanding, any preby shall license, ordain or install any Intrant contrary to the above Act as now explained and limited, that the Moderator of the preby licensing the minister, presiding in ordaining or installing shall incur the censure of suspension for a year, and the person licensed shall be silenced, and the Intrant ordained or installed shall be deposed by any particular or General Synod, which shall happen first.

It was moved by some that this overture be transmitted to the severl prebyrs, but this motion was opposed by others: and then the question was put, shall we consider this overture now or transmit it to the severl prebyrs, and it carried consider said overture now by a great majority, and then after long reasoning upon the overture the Question was put approve the above overture or not, and it carried approve by
a great majority. M' Haliday, M' Kirkpatrick, M' Shaw, M' Michael Bruce, M' Jon. Elder, M' Abernethy, M' Jon. Or protested agst the said vote.

3. For preserving peace and Harmony in managing the affairs of prebys, it is overtured that the following Model of prebys be agreed to viz:

1. That there be a new preby entered at Bangor, to consist of the following ministers, M' Gaudie, M' Henry Hamilton, M' Biggar, M' Montgomery, M' Jam. Stuart, M' Seaton M' Alex. M'Crackan Sen', M' Malcom, M' Masterton, and M' Tho. Elder, if he please, and M' Fraser, if he please, and the congregations of Newton, new Comber, and Monyrea, to be subject to this preby. They are to meet in the third meeting-house in Belfast, on the 24th Tuesday of Aug.

2. That there be a new preby erected at Killyleagh, to consist of the following ministers: M' Jam. Bruce, M' Jam. Reid, M' John Or, if he please, M' Pat Bruce, M' Archibald Dickson, M' Williamson, M' Smith, M' Shannon, M' Arch Sen', M' Clarin, Jun', M' Hastning, M' Macalpin, left at his liberty to join either to Bangor or Killyleagh prebys, and Ballyalbert left at liberty to join either to Bangor or Killyleagh preby. This preby to meet at Killyleagh on the first Tuesday of September.

3. That a new preby be erected at Templepatrick to consist of the following members: viz: M' Livingston, M' Tho. Craford, M' Alex. Brown, M' Robt. Macmaster, M' Jam. White, M' Tim White, M' Jam. Creighton, M' Robt. Sinclaire, M' Jam. Cobham, M' And. Crawford, M' John Hiddle, and M' Fraser is allowed to join this preby, if he please; M' Will. Taylor Sen' and M' Lecch at liberty to join this preby; and these congregations, viz: Ballynure, Envor and Killead are annexed to this preby. This preby to meet at Templepatrick on the 24th Tuesday of August.

4. That a new preby be erected at Antrim to consist of the following ministers, viz: M' Michael Bruce, M' Kirkpatrick, M' Haliday, M' John Mairs, M' Harper, M' Abernethy, M' Tho. Wilson, M' Clugston, M' Henderson, M' Tho. Shaw, M' Will. Taylor, Jun' M' John Or of Comber, if he please, and M' John Elder, left at liberty to join this new preby of Antrim, or continue where he is, and M' Pat. Simson is left at liberty to join with the preby of Antrim or Killyleagh, or continue where he is: This preby to meet at Antrim the last Wednesday of July. The probationers of these sev prebys shall have liberty to join with which of these prebys they shall think fit.

All these prebys, to be subject and accountable to superior judicatories, and to act agreeable to Synodical rules, more especially in the admission of Intrants, and that their records in the licensing of Candidates, and of the admission of Intrants into the ministry be laid before this Synod, when the name of such Candidate or Intrant is returned to this Synod which shall be at the first General Synod after the licensing of any Candidate, or ordination, or installment of any Intrant; and the question was put, approve this overturing or not, and it carried approve.

Then these following Overtures from the body of the Subscribers
were read: (1) Whereas the reproaching the Judicatories of this Church is very offensive in itself, and tends to disturb the peace of this Church, and to the weakening the authority of Synods and prebys, and destroying the usefulness of ministers, we therefore propose that it be a resolution of this Synod, that if any minister or probationer of this Church shall by writing, preaching or in conversation reflect upon or reproach our Synods or preby and their acts in a manner unbecoming his or their relation to said Judicatories, contrary to that respect and reverence which ought to be showed to Church Assemblies however fallible and subject to mistake; that such offender shall be suspended from the exercise of his ministry, and preaching by the Presbytery to which he is subject, until the time of the General or particular Synod's meeting, unless he give satisfaction to his Presbytery before that time, and that if any other person of our communion shall be guilty of the above offence, he shall be proceeded against according to the rules of Discipline in cases of Scandal.

2. That whoever shall maintain that Christ hath not lodged any authority in the Judicatories of this Church, but that they are mere consultative meetings, whose decisions even in matters of prudence and expediency may be counteracted and defeated by every man's private judgement, or shall express himself in words to that effect, ought not to be, nor shall be, allowed to vote in any matter, the decision whereof may effect any member, who believeth the proper authority of our Judicatories as the ordinance of Jesus Christ, to which submission is due in all things lawful, for conscience sake; it being contrary to common equity that where their is a parity of power, the obligation to mutual submission should not be equal in all the members.

3. That any member of our Judicatories who shall refuse to give a declaration of his sentiments of the Truth of God contained in our common Confession, when required thereunto judicially by any of the Judicatories of this Church constituted in the name of our great Lord, to which Judicatory he or they are subject, when the Judicatory shall apprehend such Declaration will contribute to the glory of God, and the edification of souls; such recusants shall be censured according to the importance of the Article, the confession whereof is judically demanded, and not confessed or declared.

4. That altho' this Church have not as yet enacted that a subscription or declaration of the Westminster Confession of Faith (which is the common Confession of this Church) should be made by every constituent member of this Synod, yet we adjudge it requisite that the following overture be transmitted to the sever[laughter] prebys, viz: whether or not we should after the laudable example of the Church of Scotland in their General Assemblies, require of every minister and ruling Elder before their admission to vote in our General Synod, that he subscribe or declare the Westminster Confession of faith to be the Confession of his faith, as a qualification of membership.

5. That if any inferior Judicatory shall take upon them to reverse or alter the Decisions of their superior Judicatories the Moderator presiding at that time, and the Clerk acting under him, shall both incur the censure of suspension as long as the next superior Judicatory shall think fit.
Then the question was put shall we transmitt these overtures to the consideration of the serv'd prebys, or not, and it carried transmitt by a great majority.

It was moved that the old preby of Belfast meet as a Committe and adjourn themselves from time to time till they bring the process commenced against Mr Wirling to an Issue: this was unanimously agreed to, and the three ministers in Belfast are impowered to call said Committee when they think proper.

M’ Sam. Haliday gave in a protestation in name of several Bretheren against our resolution of suspending such ministers as keep ministerial communion with Mr Colvill during his suspension in these words: “From this resolution M’ Sam. Haliday, M’ Kirkpatrick, M’ Abernethy, M’ Shaw, M’ Michael Bruce, M’ John Or, M’ John Elder Ministers, and these Elders, M’ McTeer, and Tho* Park dissented and protested in their own names, and in the name of all who shall adhere to them, as being in their opinion contrary to the great protestant principle that in religious matters men may act agreeably to the dictates of their own consciences, to the doctrine of the Westminster Confession, that all councils and Synods may err, and are not to be made the Rule of practice: to the Holy Scriptures, by which we are commanded to receive to communion all those whom Christ hath received, and as having a tendency to bring our Ecclesiastical censures into contempt, when they are appointed to be inflicted on ministers of the Gospel to support a censure already past against a minister, which censure they think is in itself void and null, and for a supposed offence, which can amount to no more than an error perfectly consistent with sincere eminent piety, learning, ministerial gifts, fidelity and great usefulness in the work of the ministry; and they reserve to themselves Liberty to give in their reasons in due time.

The brethren who were appointed to draw up the reasons which had been alleged during M’ Colvills tryal and which influenced the Synod to come to the above resolution and sentence concerning him, do observe.

1. That M’ Colvill’s conduct is most irregular, and unexampled, for it appeared to us by the Records of the Presby of Ardmagh that said M’ Colvill contrary to his promise to subject to said Preby, and even while his cause was depending before the Judicatories of this Church (he having lodged an appeal from the Synod of Ardmagh to this General Synod) did without the knowledge or consent of any Certificate from the said Presby withdraw himself from under their conduct and contrary to the rules of this Church, upon letters obtained in a clandestine, and irregular manner receive ordination in London by which extraordinary and unprecedented step he hath broke through our Constitution and trampled on our Authority, and rules.

2. That it did appear to us that said M’ Colvill did upon his return immediately intrude himself into the Congregation of Drumore which was subject to this Synod, and even before he applied to the Presby of Ardmagh to which he belonged, and to which the congregation was immediately subject or produced the Testimonials of his ordination to them, or to some of our Synods, according to an act provided
in such cases, did take upon him to act as Pastor of part of Drumore Congregation, administering ordinances among them in direct opposition to his professed principles, as well as his solemn promise of submission, which practice of his appears to be not only irregular and disorderly but also immoral as being a plain violation of a solemn promise to Ardmagh Presby, and to his promise at his licensing in Scotland.

3. That this Synod had a just right to inquire into and censure the extraordinary and irregular conduct of said M' Colvill, appears from the continuance of his relation to Ardmagh Presby, notwithstanding his ordination, for M' Colvill never desired to have his relation to said Presby loosed, as a proof of which it was alleged that he did not demand a Certificate from said Presby to go and settle elsewhere but only to go abroad for a time and return to it, and during his absence he had still in his possession the call of Drumore which the Presby had put into his hands, further some time after his return from England at their first meeting he applied to the Presby of Ardmagh for membership and ministerial communion which he professed earnestly to desire. The people of Drumore did also earnestly supplicate for his installment by some members of said Presby, which indubitably proves that they believed their respective relations to said Presby did still subsist, the same never having been loosed by the decision of any Judicatory of this Church, beside that the people did from time to time continue instances with the Presby for his installment among them.

4. That M' Colvill's nonappearance before the Synod cannot be any just hinderance of our procedure in his case since it appeared to the Synod that on Saturday last the Moderator published from the pulpit before the Commissioners of Drumore when M' Colvill was present and at no great distance that the tryal of their affairs was to commence on Tuesday morning following, where they and M' Colvill were desired to Attend, nor can we comprehend how M' Colvill could be ignorant that his conduct should come under the Synod's consideration when he had in such manner possessed himself of a congregation belonging thereto, nay it appeared that he was not unacquainted with the time of his Tryal, but did industriously absent himself, he being in town, and in the meeting-house the same day, and we hear is now returned since his affair was issued.

Lastly that what the Synod charged upon him was acknowledged by him, and the Commissioners of Drumore before Armagh preby, and notorious to all, nor could he, or the people alledge anything but the conduct of the Synod, and preby of Ardmagh, which had it been as they represent could not justify the irregular steps taken by M' Colvill.

Concluded with prayer.

THE CAUSES OF THE FAST.

The General Synod being sensibly affected with the just cause which we with other protestants have given a holy God to lift up his hand against us, and trembling for fear of the Great God, do with the
greatest seriousness call upon all who have any interest at the Throne of Grace to humble themselves that they may by fasting and prayer plead with a merciful God the averting of deserved wrath, and that undeserved compassion may be shown to us; that true and uncorrupted Religion may be preserved and revived, dangerous errors and gross immoralities suppressed, that our fellow Christians who bear the burthen in the heat of the day, may be supported and their grievances speedily redrest, and that God may continue to be a defence about his glory in all reformed churches and particularly in our Land.

The reasons determining us to this serious call are these that follow:

1. It is too well known that iniquity abounds; and the love of many waxeth cold: practical Godliness is under a palpable decay, the power and life of religion is almost lost; we have a name to live, and are dead; the ordinances of the Gospell are despised, gross immoralities (which are a reproach to the Christian name) are too common among us, the minds and consciences of many are defiled, whereby many dangerous errors are got into a neighbouring Island, and are to be dreaded, lest they reach us; the Lord’s holy day is profaned, drunkenness, common swearing, lying, uncleanness, fraud and oppression are crying sins for which our Land may mourn. The idolatrous practices of a Romish faction are with pharisial diligence propagated, and their frays and Jesuits are compassing sea and land to make proselytes; the Quakers are also spreading their unsettling principles in the several corners of this Island, and disquieting the godly.—These considerations should rouse us out of our security; and prevail with us to call on our God that he may preserve his Church in the midst of these snares, and that he may heal our lamentable breaches (for in the Anger of the Lord we are divided) and that peace to the brethren with faith and love may be commanded from God the father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Who can be at ease in Zion when the barbarities exercised towards our fellow Christians abroad (which daily reach our ears) are considered; shall we not remember these that are in bonds as bound with them, and them that suffer adversity as being ourselves also in the body; let us therefore ask that God may make Zion a quiet habitation, that the destroyer may no longer wast in God’s holy mountain, but that the mountain of the Lord’s House may be exalted above all the mountains and hills of opposition.

3. The present weather hath so mournful an aspect, that we cannot but be afraid that God has a controversy with us, he gave us a surprising seed time, but begins to blow upon our hopes; he can easily bind up the clouds, and give the latter rain in its season; to whom should we look but unto Him that in due time he may send us a blessed harvest.

Let us therefore rend our hearts and not our garments, and we do earnestly obtest Ministers and people that they fervently pray to God for our only rightful Sovereign King George; the prince and princess of Wales, and their hopeful offspring, that his sacred Majesty may be
mercifully preserved abroad, his consultations wisely directed, and that he may safely and comfortably return to his British Dominions, when he has gloriously, as he has formerly done, served the interests of Europe, and particularly of suffering protestants, while abroad from us; that the regency of these realms may be greatly blest and that his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of this Island, with inferior magistrates to him and over us may be highly honoured of God to impley the trust committed to them, for the terror to evil-doers and encouragement of to them that do well. We are also to pray that the endeavours of other protestant powers may be made successful for the relief of our suffering brethren abroad.

Let us also with all earnestness ask that God may bless us in turning us from our sins, by pouring forth a spirit of repentance and reformation on all ranks and degrees of persons among us: that he may preserve us with the neighbouring Islands from the danger of Deism, the Arian heresy, popery, Quakerism and other errors, drawing aside from the grace of God, faith of Jesus Christ and practical Godliness, and that sound doctrine, pure ordinances, and brotherly love may be the lasting blessings of this Church.

We would also stir up all that is in us to bless God for lengthening out our tranquillity, and that our Liberties sacred and civil are preserved. This Synod do appoint the first Wednesday of August to be set apart by all the congregations within their bounds, for fasting and prayer to the purposes and for the reasons above-mentioned.

WILLM MACKAY, C.S.G.

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A General Synod at Dunganon, June 21st, 1726.

Mr John Stirling Mod to the former Synod oped this Synod by preaching on 1 Peter 5 1-2, and then constituted the Synod by prayer and the Roll was called.

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The former Moderator desiring ye a new Moderator, may be chosen, a list of the following Bishops was proposed viz.: Mr. Crooke, Mr. Gaudie, Mr. Sam. Henry. Mr. Jos. Cornwall, Mr. Clark, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Cobham, Mr. Laird, Mr. John Harvey Senr., Mr. Ball, Mr. Michael Bruce, Mr. Reid, ye one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod and the Bishop being heard and removed and the vote put, Mr. Laird was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices. And this Synod unanimously agreed to continue Mr. Mackay, Clerk.

The several Presbyters are to return the names of their members for the several Committees viz.: of Overtures, Bills, for revising the Synod books, and for the Fund to next Session.

All the members of this Synod are to meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning and continue in prayer till ten of the clock. Interloquet to meet at ten of the Clock. Open Synod at eleven of the clock; concluded with prayer.

*Die Mer. hora 11°, ante meridiem, post praecises Sedis &c.*

Sessio 2.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Mr. Robert Paterson produced testimonials of his ordination from some ministers in England in the year 1712 and testimonials of his behaviour subscribed by some people in Corsam in the county of Wilts, but no member of the Synod knows any of these people who subscribed these testimonials; the Synod considering this case could not be clear to receive Mr. Paterson on these testimonials, then it was moved and agreed to that the Presby of Bangor shall write to some particular minister in England who are to send over testimonials of his behaviour, and if these testimonials shall prove satisfying to that Presby, they are allowed to employ him upon his conforming himself to the rules of this Church in the admission of intrants in subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith.

The several Presbyters returned the names of their members for the several committees.

It was moved that whereas there have been some expedients for peace proposed by our non-subscribing Bishops, that this Synod would appoint longer adjournments than usual, that so the subscribing Bishops may have an opportunity to meet by themselves to consider these expedients, and what may be proper to be done in our present circumstances: this motion was reasoned upon for some time, and agreed to, and Mr. Kirkpatrick proposed to give in these expedients to next Session.—Adjourned to 4 a meridiem. Concluded with prayer.

*Die Mer. hora 4° a meridiem, post praecises, Sedis &c.*

Sessio 3.

Mr. Archd. Dickson moved that whereas his own peace and the peace of his Session & congregation appears to depend upon his being annexed to the Presbytery of Bangor that this Synod may disjoin him from the Presbytery of Killeleagh & annex him to that of Bangor. He also voluntarily declared himself to be of subscribing principles in opposition to
the non-subscribing and non-declaring principle. This motion was seconded by his Session and congreagaon, and after reasoning, a question was offered shall we grant Mr Dickson & his Session and congreagaon their request or not, and the question being put it carried grant by a great majority.

The Presby. of Banger is also allowed to receive Mr Nethaniel Or, he giving them satisfaction.

Mr Kirkpatrick in pursuance of the motion made at last Seda produced a long paper, entitled Expedients for peace, which he read and gave in, and then a question was offered whether we shall continue our resolution in the forenoon to meet in separate bodies that the subscribers may consider 3d paper by themselves or not? And that question being put it carried that the subscribe s meet separately to consider 3d Expedients by a great majority. Then it was moved and agreed to that the Subscribing body meet here tomorrow, at 7 in the morning, and that the Synod be adjourned to 7 on Friday morning—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven hord 7ma Ano Merid. post preces Seda &c.

The next meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

The Revisers of the Records of Armagh Synod report that they revised 3d Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry, report that they revised 3d Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

From Glenon appeared James Patton &c. Commis to prosecute the appeal of that congreagaon from the Presby of Antrim to this Synod they also earnestly supplicate that they may be disjoined from the Presby of Antrim and annexed to the Presby of Rout, this affair was referred to next seda.

From Banbridge appeared Hen. Heron, Daniel Richie Comm supplicating that their min Mr Arch MacAlaine may be disjoined from the Presby of Killeleagh and annexed to the Presby of Armagh under whose care they always desire to be, alleging that the peace of their congreagaon depends thereupon Mr MacAlaine not being present this affair was delayed.

An overture from the subscribing body to this Synod was read and after reasoning it was read again, & is in these words—The Committee appointed by the subscribing body having seriously considered the propositions offered by the non-subscribers do observe that some of the principles contained in their propositions are eversive of the Pacific Act, other important resolutions of this Synod and the known principles of our constitution which we believe are founded upon, and agreeable to the laws of the Gospel as well as consonant to the principles and practices of other reformed Churches. We therefore justly reject these new terms of peace contained in these propositions (by which they endeavour to establish their non-declaring principle) as inconsistent with
the peace and unity of this Church. And we do declare our steady adherence to our own principles, and that it is matter of the deepest concern to us, that by these their principles and their declared resolution to adhere to them they put it out of our power to maintain ministerial communion with them in Church Judicatures as formerly consistently with the faithful discharge of our ministerial office and the peace of our own consciences.

Mr Kirkpatrick moved that the non-subscribers might have a copy of the overture and that they might be allowed some time to consider it, this was agreed to.

Mr Ared Maclaine being now present the affair of Banbridge was resumed and Mr Maclaine declared his willingness (seeing his congregation desires it) to be reannexed to the Presby of Armagh, parties being heard & removed the Synod after reasoning agreed that Mr Cobham, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Stirling, Mr McCalpine, Mr Livingstone, shall meet with the Presbytery of Armagh and Mr Maclaine and endeavour to reconcile any differences amongst them that might obstruct the re-uniting Mr Maclaine to the Presby of Armagh and make report to nex sed.

Mr John Hasty moved that he be disjoined from the Presby of Killeleagh & annexed to the preby of Templepatrick. This was referred to the Comm. appointed to consider Mr M'Claine's affair.

From Drumore appeared Capt. John Magill Com supplicating that in regard of the paucity of their number, and their weakness, that this Synod would allow them a Sabbath day's collection, with previous intimation the Sabbath before in all the cong within the bounds of this Synod, the Synod considering this case do heartily recommend it to all the congregacons within our bounds to give them a Sabbath days collection with previous intimation and this collection is to be made before the 20th of September next. And Mr Thomas Kennedy is to collect for Tyreen Presby Mr Laird for Letterkenny Mr Major Murray for Derry, Mr Montgomery for Bangor Mr Ball for Strabane, Mr Pat. Bruce for Killeleagh, Mr Livingston for Templepatrick, Mr Allen for Armagh, Mr Irwin for Monaghan, Mr Thomson for Colerain. Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. hord 4 o A Merid, post precias Sed 5 o.  

The comm. appointed to consider the case of Banbridge and to converse with the Presby of Armagh & Mr Maclain report that they conversed with the parties and that they hope the Presby of Armagh will not decline to receive Mr Maclaine if the Synod advise them so to do, the Synod agreed to advise the Presby of Armagh to receive Mr Maclaine into their Presby. The same comm. report that they considered Mr Hasty's motion referred to them and that the Presby of Killeleagh give their consent yt Mr Hasty be annexed to the Presby of Templepatrick, the Synod agreed to annex Mr Hasty to Templepatrick Presby.

From Comber appeared Mr James Or Com supplicating for supplies to that congregacon till next Gen Synod, the Synod considering their
supplieacon appointed Derry Presb\(^7\) to supply them the moneth of July by M\(^7\) Hugh Thomson, Strab\(^7\) the moneth of August by M\(^7\) Robert Cunningham, Templepatrick September by M\(^7\) Ritchie, Lettermenny Octob. by M\(^7\) Lind, Armagh Novem. by M\(^7\) Reid, Bangor Decemb. by M\(^7\) Robert Thomson, Rout January by M\(^7\) Hill, Monaghan February by M\(^7\) Ja. Hamilton, Tyreowen March by M\(^7\) Rea.

Report is made to this Synod that whereas the last General Synod appointed the old Presb\(^7\) of Belfast to sit as a Comm. to try & issue the process commenced against M\(^7\) Wirling yt sd Comm. had met and made some progress in that affair but M\(^7\) Wirling had alleged partiality against some of them and they were few in number & therefore thought fit to refer this cause to this Synod.

They likewise set forth that it is of great importance yt\(^1\) this process against M\(^7\) Wirling be speedily issued, the Synod considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some time & then it was moved, (that whereas M\(^7\) Wirling proposeth in his letter to our Mod\(^2\) that he will come before this Synod with all convenient speed, whenever he shall receive notice yt this Synod will try and issue his affiar) yt M\(^7\) Hutcheson may be appointed to write to M\(^7\) Wirling in name of this Synod to acquaint him that this Synod will enter upon the tryal of his affair on Tuesday morning next & yt he is desired to attend then, this motion was agreed to and M\(^7\) Hutcheson wrote to him accordingly.

The Rev M\(^7\) Craghead moved yt\(^1\) the Rev M\(^7\) Iredell and he and their congregacon may be annexed to the Presby of Monaghan, this was referred.

From Oldcastle appeared Thom. Wilson James Hunter Comm\(^4\) setting forth that they are about 40 families of our persuasion united into a congregation at Oldcastle that they will give eleven pounds and 20 barrels of oats for supporting the Gospel, and they earnestly supplieacon yt this Synod would allow them some assistance, the Synod considering this case resolved that we will do what we can for assisting and supporting yt congregacon.

Then it was moved yt a new Presby be erected in Dublin to consist of the min\(^2\) belonging to this Synod in Dublin & some of the most adjacent Br\(^3\) in the country this was referred.

From Turbet appeared Wm Stephens comm\(^7\) setting forth in his supplieacon yt yt congregacon is able to give but 20 pounds \(\frac{1}{2}\) annum to a Min\(^4\), yt they have given a call to a probationer that their Rev\(^4\) Presby. cannot recommend ad call till the fund formerly promised them be put on a surer foot, they therefore earnestly desire yt said fund may be secured to them & yt it may be put on a surer foot and some addition made to it this was referred to the Comm. of funds.

The necessitous circumstances of M\(^7\) William Murdoch preacher of the Gospel being represented by some Br\(^3\) this Synod thought fit to recommend to the several congregacons within their bounds to give a full Sabbath days collection for his relief to be collected and transmitted to the Rev\(^2\) M\(^7\) Ja. White, by M\(^7\) Tho. Shaw for Antrim Presby, M\(^7\) M\(^7\)Bride for Rout, M\(^7\) Mastertown for Bangor, M\(^7\) Cunningham for
Derry, Mr. Ball for Straban, Mr. Dunlop for Letterkenny, Mr. Lang for Armagh, Mr. Tho. Maclaine for Monaghan, Mr. John Kennedy for Tyreowen Mr. Smith for Killeleagh, before the first of September next and Mr. Ja. White is to collect for Templepatrick Presby.

The Synod did earnestly recommend to the Presby of Armagh the congreagation of Moywater and Newport to send them as many supplies as possible.

Mr. Sam. Henry reports that he went to Dromore according to the appointment of last Gen’l Synod and read the sentence of this Synod suspending Mr. Alex Colvill in the meeting place of the minor part being refused access to the meeting house of the major part of that congreagation.

The reasons of a protest against a vote of last Synod in a case of Mr. Colvill’s were delivered by Mr. Michael Bruce, it being now late they cou’d not be read. But the Synod resolved to read them with their first conveniency.

Adjourned to 7 mane, Concluded with prayer.


Mr. Seaton produced before the Synod an extract of the minutes of the Presb’y of Bangor relating to the subscription of some candidates licensed & Min’s installed by that Presb’y since last Gen’y Synod pursuing to an Act of 4th Synod.

By which it appears yt they observed said Act in licensing Mr. John Gaudie Junior, and Mr. Ja. Dalrymple and Mr. Rob’t Thomson.

Mr. Cobham reports that Templepatrick Presb’y observed sd Act in the ordinacion of Mr. Wm. Thomson June 7th 1726 & in licensing Mr. Moorhead.

Mr. And. Craford dyed June 7th 1726.

Armagh Presb’y report yt they observed sd Act in ordaining Mr. George Cherry December 14th 1725 and Mr. Ja. Allen May 18th 1726. Killeleagh Presb’y ordained Mr. M’C. Murry December 28th 1725. Letterkenny Presb’y licensed Mr. Ja. Smith. Derry Presb’y licensed Mr. David Harvey. Mr. And. Ferguson Sen’t dyed July 18th 1725. Straban Presb’y licensed Mr. Robt Cunningham. And Colerain licensed Mr. Ja. Murray & have Mr. Ja. McCurdy on tryals.

And Monaghan licensed Mr. Wm Sloan.

The affair of Glenon being referred to this Sed’t shou’d have been now considered, but the Presb’y of Antrim not being present, & for some other reasons the Com’t thought fit to wave their privilege to have yt affair tryed now.

The affair of Mr. Robert Wilson of Stranolan is remitted by this Synod to the Presb’y of Letterkenny with the same correspondents that met before with the sd Presb’y about his affair they are to meet to issue
that affair, at Letterkenny on the 2nd Tuesday of July, Mr. Wilson has
dimitted his charge of Stranorlan congregation into the hands of the
Presbytery of Letterkenny.

Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. George Lang, Mr. Tho. Kennedy, Mr. Gilbert
Kennedy are appointed to draw up an answer to the letters of the
Presbytery of Dublin to this Synod.

The nonsubscribers being now come Mr. Kirkpatrick read a draught
of their observations on the overture from the subscribing body, promised
to give a copy of it to the Synod and the Synod reasoned upon this
case a long time & then a question was offered shall we delay the
further consideracon of the overture for another year or proceed now? And
the question being put it carried proceed now by a great majority

Mr. Kirkpatrick dissented from this vote as also Mr. Abernethy,
Mr. Halyday, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Tho. Maclaine, Mr. Donaldson, Mr.
Simpson, Mr. Tho. Wilson, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Michael Bruce, Mr.
Cobham, Mr. Pat. Bruce, Mr. Jos. Cornwall, Mr. Algio, Mr. Victor
Ferguson, Mr. Mayers, Mr. Andrew Ferguson, and Mr. Getty, Capt.
McNeal, Mr. Sturgion, Jos. Hill and Wm Byare.

Then it was moved that if the nonsubscribers have anything to
offer to compromise our differences they may now offer it.

It was further proposed as an expedient for peace by some of the
subscribing body, yt the nonsubscribers might voluntarily absent them-
selves from the next meeting of this General Synod, & in the meantime
wave all our debates, & all printing upon all contrarvted points
among us & yt in yt case we wou'd delay the further consideration of
the overture. But the non-subscribers would not come under any en-
gagements to this purpose for that the next meeting of this Synod at a
years distance they said they knew not what may fall out in that time
that may render their attending the Synod in their opinion necessary,
but yt they were willing to wave all our debates at present. Mr. Aber-
nethy further added in name of the non-subscribers that it is their
resolution at present to wave their privilege of attending the next
Synod, but still under the limitations above mention and also further
proposed this Synod shou'd not meddle with any of their principles or
make any declaraacons against them in their absence with several other
limitacoes. In the course of the debate the nonsubscribers were desired
again and again to let us know their principles or where we may find a
scheme of them to this they answered they knew not our principles, to
this it was replyed yt our principles are very well known being con-
tained in our confession of faith that we might go through said confes-
sion Article by Article & and declare our asssent, and where they agree
they might declare their asssent too but this they declined.

After long reasoning a question was offered shall we agree to the
above overture from the subscribing body or not then another question
was offered by others whether the concessions made by the nonsubscrib-
ers of waveing their privilege of attending this Synod from this time
and of attending the next General Synod with the limitations mentioned
be a satisfactory ground to delay or not. And then a debate arising
it was moved yt the previous question be put, which of these
questions shall be put? And the previous question being put, it carried that the first question shall be put, and then the first question viz. Agree to the overture from the subscribing body or not was put, and it carried agree by a great majority.

Mr Tho. Maclaine desired yt his dissent from and protest against the above vote & resolution may be entered into records also Mr Nehemiah Donaldson, Mr Craghead, Mr And. Ferguson, Mr Ja. Cobham, Mr Hugh Henry, Mr Williamson, Mr Algio, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Wm Smith, Mr Pat. Bruce, and Wm Byars.

Mr Pat. Simpson told the Synod he had observed much partiality in them and that he would have no more to do with them but would take his lot with the nonsubscribers, the Synod agreed to part with him, Capt M^Neal joined with Mr Simpson.

Adjourned to Munday at 2 afternoon, Concluded with prayer.

Die lun. Hora 2da A Merid post preces Sed^3 &o. Sessio 7ma

It was moved that whereas the nonsubscribers desired yt their protest against the vote approving the above overture from the subscribing body may be entered into our records, this Synod may determine whether we will allow their protest to be entered they being now excluded from membership the Synod considering this case, agreed that they have no right to enter any protest into our records.

Mr Tho. Craford was ordered to search his fathers papers for the records of this Synod, and to transmit them to our Clerk.

From Ballehalbert appeared William Creek Comm^5 supplicating that their Min^7 and congregacon may be disannexed from the Presby of Killeleagh and joined to the Presby^7 of Bangor this was referred.

From Glenon appeared John Mulligan &c. Comm^5 supplicating that their congregacon may be put under the care of the Rev^6 Presby^7 of Rout & no party appeared in opposition, to them the Synod considering this case agreed that the Presby^7 of Rout shall take them under their care upon a regular applicacon from the congregacon of Glenon to that Presby^7.

The affair of Urnie was considered & whereas the Synod of Derry Urnie. has appointed a Comm. to issue that affair this Synod agrees yt sd Comm. meet and issue that affair as soon as may be.

The Comm. of overtures brought in an overture that a fast be observed by all the congregacons belonging to this Synod last Wenes- day of July on account of the great decay of practical religion, & the growth of profaneness & immorality and for several other causes mentioned in the reasons of the fast appointed last year by this Gen^1 Synod, this overture was agreed to. And the Synod of Derry are allowed to keep the sd fast on the third Wednesday of July.

The fast appointed last year was observed.

The several Presby^7 returned the names of their members for the General Synods fixt Committee as follows.

This Comm to be called by our Mod upon emergents to meet at Dunganon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be Min⁷ each Presb⁷ shall pay their members who attend the Comm. report hereof to be made to next General Synod.

The affair of Ballehalbert was resumed and the Synod considered this case and after reasoning agreed that M' Biggar shall go to Ballehalbert and preach there one Sabbath as soon as may be and represent to them the necessity of their continuing with Killeleagh Presb at least another year and M' Hutchinson is to write to the congregation of Ballehalbert to the same purpose.

The Synod referred the consideration of the Overtures transmitted from last General Synod to the severl Presb⁷ to the next Gen¹ Synod.

This Synod recommends it to the several congregacons who have not paid the days collection to M' Robert Wilson and M' M' Crackan jun. to make said collection for their use.

Ordered yt all our congregations pay their fund due at June 1726 to the same congregacons to which they formerly paid it. In order to make the public fund more effectual for the future it was resolved yt the Presb⁷ as soon as may be take an account what the several congregacons within their bounds will engage to pay annually to the fund & yt they do earnestly intreat all their congregacons to be liberal & that an account of the promises of the several congregacons belonging to each Presb⁷ be returned to the Gen¹ Synods Comm. at their first meeting.

Resolved further yt the respective sums undertaken by the several congregacons be paid for one year at next Synod in such manner as the Synod shall appoint.

The Synod agreed to recommend it in the most earnest manner to the several congregacons who have not collected for Drogheda Meeting house to make sd collection as soon as possible & transmit it to M' Henry.

This Synod resolves to do what they can for assisting and supporting the weak congregacon of Oldcastle.

Adjourned to 7 to-morrow morning: Concluded with prayer.
This Synod allows Templepatrick to pay their fund to M' Henry Fund.

The Motion for erecting a new Presb'y at Dublin was resumed and it was overtured that the Min'r of Caple Street, Pluket Street, and Ushers key, Drogheda, Castleblayney, Longford, and Breakey shall enter into a Presb'y to meet in Caple Street Meeting house on the 2nd Wednesday of August and M' Iredell to open that Presb'y by preaching. And that Baileyborrough & Oldestable be under the care of that Presby when planted and that Presby to be under the care of the Synod of Armagh. After reasoning a question was offered approve the above overture or not? and the question being put it carried approve.

The Synod considering the necessitous condition of Robert Or do recommend him to the charity of the several sessions within our bounds.

The Br's who protested against the vote past on Saturday last, viz. Agree to the Overture from the subscribing body or not? gave in the reasons of their protestation they are in retenlis.

M'r Higginbothom being absent when the above resolution and the reasoning upon it past that he might exonerat his conscience desired that his protest against said resolution may be entered into our records.

The Synod resolving to enter upon the consideration of the process commenced against M'r Wirling by the old presby of Belfast he was called, and appeared. He complained of several reports injurious to him; expressed his willingness to submit to a tryal before this Synod, if they thought fit to enter upon it when the evidences yt appeared before the preby of Belfast could not be present, which he did not take upon himself, but left it to the Synod to determine whether it were proper to proceed to tryal and sentence.

The Synod resolved in the first place to read the records of the preby of Belfast upon yt cause, that we may know whether it be proper for us to proceed to tryal and sentence, and the Synod allows M'r Wirling to make what remarks he thinks fit upon sd records and also to read before us the defence he read before Belfast preby. M'r Wirling was called and complained that sd preby did him injustice in saying he charged them with partiality and appealed to the minute of the preby of Belfast referring this cause to this Synod; sd minute was read. The Synod advised M'r Wirling to wave that affair till after the minutes of the preby of Belfast be read, and the sd minutes upon M'r Wirling's cause were read accordingly, and M'r Wirling read his written defence & then the Synod after some reasoning adjourned to 4 afternoon.—Concluded with prayer.
It was agreed that Mr. Gray be allowed to call some min\(^a\) and probationers to assist him by turns in Usher's Island, and yet the presbys be appointed to send such 4, 5 or 6 weeks as he shall write for, the Synod considered this motion and agreed yet the presbys, if they think fit shall send up such as Mr. Gray shall desire, provided Usher's Island and the prebys shall secure 20s \(\varphi\) diem to such as shall supply them.

Mr. Wirling's affair was resumed, and whereas Mr. Wirling had desired that if this Synod cannot issue his affair at this time that they may not inflict any censure on him till it be brought to an issue, \& yet in that case he promised that he would forbear the exercise of his ministerial office in a voluntary manner till the affair be tried and issued. The Synod agreed not to inflict any censure on him at this time, and appointed a Comm. of the following Min\(^a\) and Elders, viz: from Armagh preby, Mr. Ling, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Allen, and Capt. Magill and Mr. Reily, Elders; from Bangor, Mr. Mr. Calpine, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Moor, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Sam. Smith and Mr. Small, Elders: from Templepatrick, Mr. Ja. Creighton, Mr. Ja. White, and Mr. Timothy White and Mr. Wm. Thomson and John Birnie and Robt. Wilson, Elders; from Rout, Mr. Haltridge, Mr. Mr. Bride, Mr. John Cochran, Mr. Ja. Thomson and Archd. Stirling and Ben. Boyle, Elders; from Derry, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Ross, Mr. Murray and Mr. Cunningham and Capt. John Harvey and Mr. John Alexander, Elders; from Tyrconnell, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Tho. Kennedy, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Dykes and John Rainey and David Sloan, Elders; to meet in Lisburn 7ber. 6\(^{th}\), at 10 in the forenoon to issue any process that is commenced against Mr. Wirling, or any other scandal that shall come regularly before them in relation to his character, and this Comm. is to adjourn themselves from time to time till they bring yt affair to an issue.

The reasons of the protest against a vote past last Synod for suspending such Min\(^a\) as keep ministerial communion with Mr. Colvill during his suspension were read to the 17\(^{th}\) page, but the Synod had not time to read any further. Concluded with prayer.

1. Interloq\(^e\) Sed\(^e\) pastores.

The case of Mr. Tomb, a min\(^a\) widow was represented as very necessitous, this Interloq\(^e\) agrees that the several Presbys shall make up what the can for Mr. Tomb's present relief, \& that for the future each Min\(^a\) shall (pay) 1s 6d \(\mathcal{P}\) annum to Mr. Tomb and yt a Collector be appointed in each preby to collect sd sum for Mr. Tomb, and this to continue as long as the Synod shall see it needfull.

2. Interloq\(^e\) Mr. Abernethy in name of the preby of Antrim demanded that their proportion of R. D. be duly paid, free of all charge by order of the Synod for their clerk's fees, or any other account wherein the said Min\(^a\) are not concerned, and yt such Min\(^a\) as may be received into their presbys shall be entitled to their proportion, with the same freedom they claim for themselves, and yt a list returned from them shall be equally regarded by our treasurer as the list from the Synod's Clerk.

WILLIAM MACAY, C.S.G.
A General Synod at Dungannon, June 20, 1727.

Mr. Fran. Laird, Mod. to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching on 2 Cor. 2:16, and 3:5 compared, and constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Rolls were called: Sed the Mints and Ruling Elders which follow:—

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The former Mod⁷ desiring that a new Mod⁷ may be chosen, a
Lect of the following Brethren was proposed viz¹ Mª² Sam¹ Dunlop,
Sam¹ Ross, James Stewart, James Reid, Will. Livingston, James
Fleming, James Johnston, John Ball, Robt. M'Bridge, Jos. Cornwall,
Will. Patton, Hen. Crooks, that one of them may be chosen Mod⁷ to
this Synod; and these Brethren being heard and removed, and the vote
being put Mª² Livingston was chosen Mod⁷ and Mª Mackay continued
clerk.

It was moved and agreed to that the servª Preby⁵ return the names
of their members for the Servª comm. viz²: of Overture, Bills, for
revising the Synods' Books, and for the fund, to next Sederunt.

It was moved and agreed to that all the members of this Synod
meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning and continue in prayer
till 10: interloq⁸ to meet at 10: open Synod at 11 of the clock—
Concluded with prayer.

**Die Mercurii June 21**: Hora 11ma, ante merid. post preces, Sed² ⁸c.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly
The preys returned the names of their members for the several
Committees, according to appointment.

The following Breth⁹ are absent from this Synod, and are excused
for reasons now offered, Mª Seth Drumond, Mª John Harvay, sen¹,
Mª Fairly, Mª Hanse Stewart, Will. Cunningham, Andrew Ferguson,
Alex. M'Crackan, Henry Hamilton, John Malcome, Will. Biggart,
Archª Dickson, Jam. Moor, Francis Montgomery, James Bruce, Hugh
Williamson, Will. Taylor, Archª M'Claine, Sen¹, Chas. Wallace, Mos.
Cherry, John Willson, Alex. Macrakan, Sen², Victor Ferguson, Robt.


The Preby. of Derry report that M‘ Ja‘ Wallace dyed February 21, 1726/7 and that they have M‘ John Magachin on first tryals; he subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

Ardmagh Preby report that they ordained M‘ John King December the 14, 1726; and M‘ Will Dick Feb. 12, 1726/7, and that they both subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

Root preby report that they have entered on 2d tryals M‘ John Thomson, and M‘ John Hill.

Monaghan preby report that they ordained Mr. Will. Wilson the 20 of December 1726 and that he subscribed according to order: he is now a member of Dubline preby, and they have entered M‘ Will. Sloan on 2d tryals.

Tyrown preby report that M‘ David Tomb died Oct. 6, 1726, and that they design to enter on first tryals M‘ Alex. Saunderson.

Bangor preby report that they received M‘ Robert Patterson upon certificate from England, and that he subscribed according to order, also that they received M‘ Dickson and M‘ Nath. Orr as members of their preby according to appointment of last Synod.

The next Gen‘ Synod is appointed to meet at Dungannon on the 3d Tuesday of June 1728, Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

The preby of Ardmagh report that they received M‘ Arch‘ M‘Clain Jun‘ as a member of their preby.

The Synod now recommends it to those who have not contributed towards the building of M‘ Allen’s Meeting-house at Drumore that they doe it before the end of this Synod.

Adjourned to 4 a merid. Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii June 21, hora 4a a merid. post preces, Sed‘ 5c. Session 3ia.

These who were to collect from the sev‘ presb‘ for M‘ William Mr. Murdack, Murdack are ordered to receive from the members that are here present, and the Presb‘ are to take care that those who are absent pay their days collection, at their first meeting after this Synod, and transmitt it to M‘ James White.

The appointment is renewed on M‘ Tho. Crafford to search his fathers papers, and to send the records of this Synod which were in his custody, to M‘ James Fraser who is to transmitt them to M‘ Lang that he may send them to our clerk.

The publick fast was observed last year according to appointm‘. Fast.
Ordered that the sev't Presby doe return their members for the Gen'ly Synods fixt Com'm for the ensuing year to next Sed & the Presby of Ardmagh and Tyrown are to send 3 members each of them to the Comm, & other Presb'y only two.

Ordered that the sev't Presby doe make a return to-morrow morn- ing of their contributions towards the fund for last year.

Some members of the Presby of Dubline report that they met at Dubline according to last Synods order, the second Wednesday of August 1726 and that they have mett sev't times since.

The Comm appointed to issue M't Wirling's affair report that they saw cause to depose him, & that he submitted to their sentence. The records of sd Committee were now read & considered by the Synod & a question was asked offered the conduct of the Comm. or not, and it carried unanimously approve. A motion was made that the Clerk of that Comm. having had a great deal of trouble, this Synod may grate him for that service it was agreed to that the Synod allow him £3 Sterlg to be deducted out of the first R.D. that shall come to our treasurer.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and see doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and so doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Armagh report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and so doth this Synod. Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.

*Die Jovis June 22 Hora 9a mane post process Sed 7o.*

The several Presby returned the names of their members for the General Synods fixt Com'm as follows:—

Ardmagh M't Hutcheson, M't Gilbert Kennedy, M't Mackay and M't James Johnston, Elder. Tyrown M't Crooks, M't Thomas Kennedy, M't Neth. Cochran, & M't Agnew, Elder. Letterkenny; M't Fairley, M't John Holmes, & Will Moor, Elder. Derry, M't Will Bold, M't Murry, and M't Jam. Anderson, Elder. Bangor, M't Macalpin, M't Mastertown, and M't Hugh Wallace, Elder. Killealeagh; M't Shannon, M't Reid, and Andrew Laurie, Elder. Templepatrick; M't Livingston, M't Fraser, and M't Charles Johnston, Elder. Strabane: M't Maxwel, M't Ball, and Will Crafford, Elder. Root; M't Samuel Dunlop, M't Tho. Cobham, and M't Gawin Steele, Elder. Monaghan; M't Hum. Thomson, M't Alex Fleming, M't Dean, and M't Fran. Scott, Elder;— Dublin: M't Hemphill, M't Patton, and Robert Callen, Elder, fifteen to be a quorum 10 whereof to be ministers; They are to be called by our Mod't to meet at Dungannon upon emergents.

It was recommended to those congregacons who have not collected for M't Allen's Meeting house, that they make sd collections, according to order of last Gen'ly Synod and pay them before All St' next.
AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 20TH, 1727.

From the new erected congreagation in Coleraine appeared Messrs. David Lindsay, Robert Dunlop Com. supplicating that this Synod may allow such supplies as their Presby shall think fit to apply for from any Presby within this Synod, & particularly that Mr. Char. Lind shall supply them the month of August, their petition is granted.

From Ushers key appeared Mr. George Aikman Com. supplicating for supplies from this Synod till such time as they shall be planted: their supplication was granted, their supplies to be considered afterward.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.


From Dandevadog appeared Anth. Lawson Com. setting forth the sinking state of that congreagation and earnestly desiring that this Synod may take care of them, their supplication was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

From Dunfanachy appeared Will Dunsmore Com. setting forth their inability to support the Gospell among them and their vast distance from any other place of worship; their case was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

The affair of Ushers key was resumed & it was moved and agreed to that Mr. Hemphill supply Ushers key the 3 first Sabbaths of July and Mr. Iredell, and Mr. Macquay the two last Sabbaths of July and the Presby of Dubline is allowed to apply to any Presby. within the bounds of this Synod for such supplies as Ushers key shall from time to time desire, and such Presbys as shall be applied to by them are ordered to send such supplies as they desire if possible, and Mr. Will Wilson is to supply Castle Blany the first Sabbath of July and Mr. Patton the 2d.

From the newly erected congreagation in Antrim appeared Mr. Rainey Com. supplicating that this Synod may allow them some assistance to build their meeting house. The Synod considering the case of this new congreagation, that they deserve the regard of this Synod and stand in need of help to build their meeting house, doe earnestly & heartily recommend it to such congreagions as they shall apply to, to doe all that lies in their power to encourage and assist them.

From Bellyalbert appeared John Park Com. supplicating that their min. and congreagon may be disannexed from the Presby of Killileagh & annexed to that of Bangor.

From Drumbo appeared James Clerk Com. setting forth that it will not be for the peace of that congreagation to (be) continued annexed to the Presby of Killileagh and earnestly desiring that this Synod may take such measures as may promote the peace and comfort of their congreagation. These cases were reasoned upon for some time and referred to the Comm of Overtures & the Presby of Killileagh to attend that Comm.

From Belturbit & Ballyhay appeared Mr. Adam Henry Com. setting forth their inability to support the Gospell. Their supplication
was referred to the Comm of Funds and that Committee is appointed to consider this & other cases of like nature referred to them & timeously to make report to this Synod.

M' Samuel Henry having given in his dimission of his charge of the congregation of Sligo to the Presb't of Letterkenny some time ago that Presby, referred said dimission to this Synod. Sd dimission was read as also the reasons of it and the Synod reasoned upon this case for some time & M' Henry was heard & the Synod finding that the people of Sligo gave no opposition the question was put accept M' Henry's dimission or not? & and it carryed accept by a great majority and the Presby of Letterkenny are to supply Sligo & the Synod resolve to doe what they can to support them.

From Abbyboyl appeared M' Moor Comm't supplicating for a recommendation to such as they shall apply to for charitable contributions to build their meeting house. The Synod does recomend it to such as they shall apply to for their charitable assistance.

A Supplicacon from Old Castle was read that people sett forth their earnest desire that this Synod wo'd assist them to support the Gospell among them; the Presby of Monaghan sett forth that, that people will give £11 per ann. to a Minister. This was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

A letter from M'r Cornwall complaining that Augher congregacon owes £10 to M'r Cornwall was read, the Synod considered this case and reasoned upon it for some time and unanimously agreed to injoy the Prsby of Monaghan to see that money paid before next General Synod. Adjourned to 9 mane. Concluded with prayer.


From some people on the North side of Taughboin called Letrim appeared Sam'l Alexander, Comm't setting forth in their supplicacon that they were erected into a congregacon by the preby of Derry some time ago, and that they had been planted some time since, and then declared vacant by the said preby, and that they had made some attempts to be planted again and agreed in their choosing a Pastor, and that their erection had been dissolved by the late Synod of Derry; they therefore earnestly desire that their erection may be continued and that the preby of Derry may be enjoyned to concur with their call to M'r Gray, they giving that preby all satisfaction in their power.

M'r Boid offered sev'l reasons why Sam'l Alexander should not be allowed to act as a Com'r in this cause, and why his commission should not be sustained by us, particularly because of sev'l indirect and unjustifiable methods used with respect to said commission and supplicacon. M'r Boid and the same Samuel Alexander were fully heard and removed, and the Synod reasoned upon this case for some time, & a question was offered whether this Synod will sustain his commission & allow him to act as a Com'r or not? and the question being put, it carried not nemine contradicente.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon: Concluded with prayer.
The Comm. of Overtures report that they considered the ease of Drumbo and Bellyalbert committed to them, & that such Brethren of Killileagh preby as were present satisfied the Comm. by Declarations made before them that they resolved to guard against every thing that might mar the peace and edificeacon of their own congreacions or disturb the peace of this church (which declarations they renewed in presence of this Synod to our satisfaction) and whereas the Comm. appointed Letters to be written to these two congreacions desiring them to continue under the care of Killileagh preby Mr. Bold offered a draught of sd Letters to this Synod which were read and approved. Mr. Macalpin is appointed to go to Drumbo, and read Letters to that congreacon on the Lord's day, & Mr. Dickson is to go to Bellyalbert and read sd Letter to them on the Lord's day also.

A petition of Mr. Sarah Moor, alias Halliday was read, complaining of non-payment of her father's arrears viz. £40 due by Ardstraw congreacon, and bequeathed to her by his last will, alledging the blame on the preby of Strabane. The Synod not being able to judge this affair thought fitt to commit the same to the Rev. Mr. Fran. Laird and Will Boid with Capt. Henderson and Mr. Wilson of Strabane; and the preby of Strabane are to meet at Strabane 3d Wednesday of September, and these Gen' to meet with them that day, and the preby of Strabane is to advertise the congreacon of Ardstraw to attend the Comm. that day.

It was moved that inasmuch as the congreacon of Stranorlan are able to support the Gospell themselves and are pritty contiguous to neighbouring congreacions, that sd congreacon be dissolved and the members joynd to other congreacions; this affair was referred to the preby of Letterkenny to doe therein as they see fitt.

The Comm. of Funds overture that Dunfanachy's proportion of the fund be augmented; the Synod agreed that £2 10s per ann. be added to that congreacon which will make their proportion £10, & it was recommended to Mr. Masterton to use his interest to procure payment of £3 due by Lisburn Congreacon to Dunfanachy; and it is agreed that the preby of Letterkenny pay their fund to Dunfanachy this year.

M' Will Boid desired that he might be disannexed from the preby of Derry and joynd to such preby in the Synod of Derry as may be willing to receive him; he sets forth that he will joyn himself to some preby in the bounds of that Synod at their first Sed after this Synod. The Synod considered this affair and reasoned upon it, and then the question was put, Grant M' Boid's request or not, and it carried grant & then it was moved & agreed to that a Letter be writ from this Synod to the congreacon of Taughbain, exhorting them to adhere to M' Boid's ministry; the sd Letter was read and approved and subscribed by our Mod' and Clerk.

Adjourned to 6 mane: Concluded with prayer.
It was moved and agreed to that the Presby of Templepatrick shall pay to Ballinderry £5 of their fund for this year and endeavour to get up the arrears of the fund due to that congrn.

The Synod resumed the affair of the fund and it was moved that a Clerk be appointed to keep all the accounts of the Fund in a bound book, and that M' Bap, Boid shall undertake sd work and that all the ministers depending on the fund shall be obliged to pay somewhat to the said Clerk; this was agreed to.

Complaint is made by M'r Teat that whereas the Synod in the year 1716 ordered each Minister to pay him one Shill. for Service he had done in Monaghan and Turbit affairs, & that none had paid except the Presby of Rout and the Synod of Monaghan. The Synod ordered these Presbys that are deficient to pay M'r Teat sd money before the meeting of the Gen'd Synod's Comm., otherwise said Committee is ordered to cause our treasurer to deduct M'r Teat's money out of the R. D. of those who are deficient, and M'r Teat is to pay M'r Robert Thomson £5 of the fund in his hand.

The Synod ordered the Synod of Ardmagh to take care that the Presby of Monaghan do justice to M'r Teat as to his fees when Clerk of that Presby.

Ordered that M'r Hugh Henry shall have leave to make choice of these congregacons to pay his fund who formerly paid to M'r Simson particularly M'r Shannon, M'r Reid, M'r Pat. Bruce, M'r Williamson, and M'r MacMurry and he is to be continued upon those who formerly paid him.

The localities formerly allowed to Stranorlan are now allowed to Clandevadog. Ordered that the fund formerly allowed to M'r James Wallace be paid this ensuing year to his widow and the R. D. continued to her.

A question was proposed to this Synod whether in case any of our ministers attend stage plays, they do not deserve censure for that practice this Synod is unanimously of opinion that if any minister belonging to this Synod attend stage plays he justly deserves censure and the Synod ordered all the Presbys to enquire if any of their members had been guilty in this particular.

The Synod observing that a great number of the members are gone away without leave to the great prejudice and neglect of the affairs of this Church and that very few members attended the Synod from some Presby, ordered that this offensive practice be taken notice of in the beginning of next Synod.

It was moved that some ministers from the country adjacent to Dublin be added to the preby in Dublin, the Synod considered this case and referred it to the Synod of Ardmagh to enquire into that affair at their first meeting and to doe therein as they see cause.

Ordered that the Presby of Derry pay Mr. Samuel Henry £6 for the year ending in June 1727, which they formerly were allowed to
pay to Mr. James Cochran and that Dumbo and other congregacons
pay Mr. Henry the arrears due to him and Lisburn to pay him one
pound of the fund due by them.

Ordered that if Donaghadoe, Bellywalter or any other congregation
in Bangor Presby be not under a locality to some weak congregacon
that they pay their fund to Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Patton is allowed
to pay him.

Minutes being read concluded with prayer.

Interloquitur 1st.

It was moved and agreed to that the antient custome of reading
the minutes of the sev'l meetings of the General Synods Comm in the
first meeting of the Interloq' be revived and accordingly the minutes of
the General Synods Comm. we're mett in Monaghan in October last were
read.

It was reffered to the Comm of Overtures to bring in an Overture
to the Synod to oblige Members of the General Comm. to be more
punctual in their attendance.

Interloq' 2. The Comm of Overtures proposed to the Interloq'
that a select Comm be appointed to reprea a Draught of an address to
his present Majesty this was agreed to.

Interloq' 3. Whereas Mr. Wirling had written to this Synod for
a Coppy of the minutes of his tryal, this Interloq' considered that affair,
& reasoned upon it, it was moved & agreed to that some Brethern be
appointed by this Synod to go & converse with Mr. Wirling, and
endeavour to bring him to a sense of his sin and an acknowledgement
of it and in the meantime Mr. Cobham, Mr. Boid, Mr. Mc'Bride, and
Captain Henderson are to write a draught of a letter to Mr. Wirling,
this was agreed to and Mr. Cobham, Mr. Mastertown, and Mr.
Livingston are to goe and converse with Mr. Wirling for the purposes
above said.

The Draught of the letter to Mr. Wirling was read & approven.

The recommendation in favour of James Henderson of Ardmagh is
renewed, Mr. Hutchison is to write a state of his case to the sev'\nPresbys.

Interloq' 4. The address to the King was read and approven.
A letter from Mr. Iredell to this Synod was read, he therein sets
forth that it wo'd be needful to have some common concert about our
R. D. in our present circumstances also a letter from Messrs. Jam.
Kilpatrick and Mich. Bruce was read signifying that it is their
opinion that it wo'd be needful that a joint Comm. of Deputies from
this Synod and the Presbys of Dublin, Munster and Antrim sho'd
meet to concert the proper methods of applying to his Majesty for the
continuance of R.D.

The Interloq' considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some
time, and it was agreed to that Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Lang, shall
write a letter to Mr. Hamilton, and it was moved and agreed to that Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Rainein, Mr. Tho. Kennedy, Mr. Hugh Wallace, Mr. Hum. Thompson, Mr. Teate, Mr. Samuel Ross, Mr. Samuel Dunlop, Mr. Ball, Mr. Brown, Mr. Masterton, Mr. M'Bride, Mr. Reid, Mr. Irdell and Mr. Hemphill meet at Newry upon advertisement from Irdell and Mr. Craighead to concert the applicacona for R.D. in conjunction with the Presby of Dubline, Munster and Antrim.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod pro re nata at Dungannon, December 27, 1727.

Sed 4 Mr. Livingston, Moderator, Mr. Sam. Henry, Mr. Fran. Laird, Mr. Ball, Mr. Lind, Mr. Will. Boid, Mr. John Harvey, Senior, Mr. Gray, Mr. Tho. Harvey, Mr. Major Murray, Mr. Nin. Cochran, Mr. George Lang, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Bap 5 Boid, Mr. Plunket, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Algeo, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Tho. Kennedy, Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. Nath Cochran, Mr. John Kennedy, Mr. Dykes, Mr. Robert Stewart, Mr. Teat, Mr. Samuel Hemphill, Mr. Patton, Mr. Brown, Mr. Crafford, Mr. Higginbothom, and Mr. Will Cornwall, Ministers and these Elders; Capt. Henderson, Samuel Smith, Jam. Porter, Nath. Wiely, Mr. Tho. Meek, Walter Marshall, Adam Alexander, Robert Hamilton, Jam. Gilmer, Jos. Ladly, Nath. M'Clave, Mr. Agnew, Jam. Stirling, Mr. Dunbar, Jam. Alexander, John Wier, and Mr. Tho. Romage.

The Mod 6 opened this meeting by prayer, and the Roll was called, & the Mod 6 represented that by the advice of six prebys he had called this Synod to meet here at this time to consider the divisions that have happened among the people of Taughboin & Letrim & the preby & Synod of Derry and some other weighty affairs that relate to the edification of this Church; & after reasoning the Question was put approve the Modr's conduct or not, and it carried approve.

It was moved and agreed to that M 7 Lang, M 7 Tho 8 Kennedy, M 7 Laird, M 7 Will. Boid, & Capt. Henderson together with our Mod 6 & Clerk meet as a Comin. to prepare a draught of an address to the Lord Lieuten 4.

This Synod having heard Sev 4 brethren discourse in gen 1 upon the occasion of our present meeting considered the expediency of taking these affairs relating to the people of Letrim, the preby and Synod of Derry more particularly under our cognizance; and resolved in order to promote the peace & edification of this church to hear all persons & parties that have any interests in these Debates, & the Mod 6 was instructed to tell the parties that we are not sure that we can be ripe to come to any definitive sentence at this time. And in case any of these parties have any papers to bring before us they are to lay them before the following comm. viz 4 M 7 Brown M 7 Teat, Bapt. Boyd, M 7 Johnston, M 7 Mulligan, M 7 John Kennedy and their Elders; this Comm. is to meet at 8 of the clock this night.

Adjourned to 9 mane; Concluded with prayer.
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A supplicacion from Sligo was read; that people earnestly desire that the fund formerly allowed them may be continued with them. The Synod considered this case and resolved to do what they can to support that weak congregacon.

From Letrim appeared Will. Harvey and Jam. Alexander Comrs Letrim, they sett forth in their supplicacon that they labour under severall grievances, particularly that the' they had been erected into a congregation w't the consent of the General Synod yet their erection had been dissolved by the Synod of Derry & that tho' supplies had been some time ago appointed them by the preby of Derry, yet they had been deprived of them by the late Synod of Derry which mett pro re nata; they earnestly supplicate that they may be allowed Gospell ordinances among themselves; and that Mr Gray may be their pastor.

And whereas there was a Commission and supplication laid before the Comm's of Bills from a good number of persons belonging to Mr Boid's Congraon; the Comm. enquired whether such papers ought to be read & considered by this Synod, the Synod considered this case, and resolved to lay these papers aside for the present. From both South and North side of Taughboin appeared Walter Marshall, and Robert Wilson Commrs setting forth in their supplicacon that it is their earnest desire that this Synod may preserve Mr Boid's usefulness, & comfort and endeavour to make him easy among them.

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From a good number of families who once joined the erection of Letrim appeared John Kennedy Commr. setting forth in their supplicacon their great affection for Mr Boid & their desire to continue under his ministry & praying that his settlement and comfort may be preserved among them.

A supplication from the Session of Taughboin was presented by Mr John Mc'Clintock and Mr Tasker Keys, Walter Marshall, & Robert Wilson, Commrs wherein they sett forth that they labour under many grievances and that by indirect and irregular methods great disturbances have been raised among them.

They earnestly pray that their present pastor's settlement, and usefulness may be preserved among them; then it was moved that the minutes of the Presby of Derry that mett in March last, as also the minutes of the Synod of Derry wh. mett in May last, may be read, in order to give light in this affair, because it was transacted & judged in these Judicatories but it appears that these records are not here.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.
Mr Thos. Harvey and Mr Cochran presented a supplication complaining that a censure had been inflected on them by the late Synod of Derry pro re nata in an unprecedented manner, suspending them from voting or judging in any Presby within the bounds of the Synod of Derry till next meeting of ad Synod, & earnestly praying for redress of this grievance and reparacon of their injured careeters: the complaints were fully heard, and the minutes of said Synod of Derry were read & the members of that Synod were heard, & all parties were removed, then it was moved and agreed to, that a Select Comm. be appointed to consider this whole affair; this Comm. to consist of the following members, viz: M' Lang, M' Thomas Kennedy, M' Teat, M' Brown, M' Johnston, M' Hemphill, & the Mod' & Clerk; they are to bring in their overtures to next Sed'.

Adjourned to 9 mane. Concluded wh prayer.

From the old congraon of Colerain appeared M' Higginbotham, M' Jam. Cunningham and several other gent' Com" and from the new Congraon in Colerain appeared M' Hugh Bankhead, M' Robt. Dunlop and M' Isaac Tod Com". M' Higginbotham moved that in regard he is not at present a member of any of our prebys he may now be annexed to such Preby as this Synod shall think fit and declared that he is fully resolved to conduct himself peaceably in any preby of which he shall be a member, and having expressed himself to the satisfaction of this Synod, he was desired to give in writing what he had said & he gave it in writing, in his verbis "As I have freely upon all occasions subscribed the Westminster Confession as a test of Orthadoxy, so I never repented of my soe doing and still adhere to these subscriptions. That as I do not know any rule of this Church to which I cannot submit, soe I am resolved to live in peace in whatever preby I am, and do look upon the constitution of this church to be the best of any I know" —Subscribitur Robt. Higginbothom.

Whereupon the Synod appointed M' Boid, M' Laird and Capt. Henderson to bring in an Overture upon this affair who being returned brought in the following overture: —Whereas the Revd M' Higginbotham has to the satisfacon of this Synod not only expressed his belief of the Articlecles contained in our Westminster Confession of Faith, but also his approbation of the constitution of this Church, & his & his congraon's sincere resolutions to live peaceably with the new erection in Colerain, and further desired that inasmuch as he belongs to no preby, he may be adjoined to some contiguous one particularly to the preby. of Derry at least to next General Synod; the Comm. overtured that he shall be annexed to the preby. of Derry till next Genl Synod upon his producing Credentials from the preby of Killileagh, and whereas the new erection of Colerain wh we look upon and declare to be orderly erected, have by their Com" declared their resolutions to live peaceably wt M' Higginbothom and his congraon that it be recomended to both
congrains to put their own resolutions in practice & to endeavour by all means to study these things whereby they may edify one another.

These Overtures were read & approved unanimously.

Before the Comm. to wh the affair of Taughboin was committed had come to any resolution or made any report upon that affair, Mr. Will. Gray came into the Synod & read a paper wherein he set forth that he labours under sev'l grievances, & having no prospect of relief from this Synod, had resolved on this account to seperat himself from this Synod, & declared that he doth hereby actually seperat himself from it and all the Judicators belonging to it, & protested against our intermedling with him or any of his affairs, or words to that purpose, & desired that this might be entered into our records, and then withdrew. Then the Synod sent two members to Mr. Gray to desire that paper or a copy of it, but he declined to give either the one or the other; and the Synod considering the paucity of their number and straitness of time, resolved to leave the consideracon of this affair to next Gen'l Synod; and in the meantime were much surprized and offended at Mr. Gray’s conduct in withdrawing his subjection from this Synod, and they think themselves obliged in case they follow any decisive course pursuant to the above sd Declaration to warn all both Min’s and people of our communion not to countenance him in any such practice, & ordered a letter to be writ to the congraon of Taughboin to exhord them to continue under Mr. Boid’s ministry, and Mr. Homes of Unnrie is to read sd letter on a Lord’s day to sd congraon together with these minutes at his first conveniency.

Adjourned to 4 A. Merid. Concluded with Prayer.


The consideracon of the complaint tabled by Mr. Thos Harvy and Mr. Ninian Cochran was resumed, and all parties were fully heard & removed; and then the Synod considered this cause, & came to the following resolution, that, notwithstanding we cannot approve the conduct of the preby of Derry who appointed supplies to the people of Letrim in contradictio to the resolution of the Synod of Derry, dissolving that erection, yet in regard it appears to us that these Breth’s had not access to be heard before the sentence, they being both under afflicting circumstances & not able to attend; & that it does not appear to us that it would be for edificeacon & the peace of that preby to continue these Breth’s under that censure which they have lain above 4 months; therefore this Synod resolves to relieve them from sd censure, & accordingly they are hereby reponed to the full exercise of the ministerial office: This resolution was voted & approved unanimously.

A Letter from the Revd Mr. Saml Halliday and Michael Bruce directed to this Synod was read; they therein desire in name of the preby of Antrim Coppies of all records, minutes and other papers belonging to this Synod before the year 1726. The Synod considering that they are a Synod pro re nata, and few in number, cannot take upon them to order any such coppies, but have resolved to lay that Letter before the Genl Synod to meet in June next, to wh it properly belongs to consider of this affair. Mr. Mackay is ordered to give an answer to sd letter according to the purport of this minute.

Two Letters from Mr. Henry of Drogheda were communicated to
this Synod, wherein he complains of great Deficiencies both of the contributions ordered for his Meetinghouse, and of the publick fund for his support, promised by the Synod. The Synod taking these affairs into their most serious consideracon resolved that a pressing Letter be writt to the Synod of Belfast wh is to meet soon, that they may order the speedy payment of whatever is due within their bounds to M' Henry. M' Lang is to write sd Letter, also that a Letter be writt to the other prebys. that they use their utmost diligence that such of their members as have not contributed to Drogheda Meeting-house may with all possible speed make collections as before ordered by several Gen'' Synods, and send them to M' Henry; M' Mackay is ordered to write sd Letters.

The Comm. appointed to bring in a Draught of an Address to the Lord Lieutenant brought in sd Address which was read and approven and ordered to be sent to M' Iredell.

The Synod ordered our Treasurer to pay one Shill. to our Clerk out of the R.D. of each Min'.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 18th, 1728.

Sedt:—


Derry Preby.

Jo" Harvey, Sen' Jo" Wilson Jon. Hutcheson David Johnston
Hance Stewart M' Stephenson Gilb. Kennedy Will. Mulligan
Sam' Ross

Bangor Preby.

Jam. Stewart

Killyleagh Preby.

Patrick Bruce Will. Davison Will. Dick Jam. M'Mechan

Templepatrick Preby.

Jam. Cobham Jam. Fairris Cha" Lind Matt. Longwill
Alex. Brown Mr. Adair Will. Boyd David M'Lenan
Jam. Fraser Will. M'Gown Jon. Cochran Robt. Stewart
Robt. M'Master Jam. M'Ilvain Sam' Dunlop Math Tafts
Tim. White David Taggart Fran. Ross Jon. Gray
Tho. Craford Arch'd Hunter Jo" Or Jo" Mulligan
Jo" Hasty Will. Brown Jo" Hill Jon. Hart

Armagh Preby.

Strabane Preby.

Jam. Ball M' Kinkead
Mr. Love

Will. Stinson

Colerain Preby.

Matt. Longwill
David M'Lenan
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The former M' desireing that a new M' might be chosen, a Moderator Chosen. Leer of the following Breth' was proposed, one of whom may be chosen M' to this Synod, viz. M' James Cubham, M' Fairly, M' Sam' Ross, M' James Stewart, M' Pat. Bruce, M' Fleming, M' Isaac Taylor, M' M'Bride, M' Jas. Cornwall, M' M'aquay, M' Crooks, M' Brown, M' M'Calpin; and these Breth' being heard and removed, and the vote put, M' M'Bride was chosen M' by plurality of voices, and M' Mackay was continued clerk.

Ordered that the sever'l Prebys return their members for the sever'l Comm. viz. of Overtures Bills for revising the Synod Books, and for the fund to next Sed'.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer Appointment, at 7 of the clock to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till ten.

Derry Presby report that they licensed Mr. John Magachin and Licensed, that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order.

Ardmagh Presby report that Mr. Moses Chery died in November, Dead. 1727, and that they ordained Mr. Robert Thomson at Belirony May 14, 1728, and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to Ordained, order, and that they have Mr. Gilb. Kennedy Jun'r on first trials.

Rout Presby report that Mr. Robert Haltridge, died December 22, Dead, 1727, and that they ordained Mr. John Hill at Glenone December 19, 1727, and Mr. John Thomson at Makasky, December 21, they both subscribed the confession of Faith according to order, and that they installed Mr. Lind at Colerain.
Monaghan Presby report that they ordained Mr. Will Sloan at Glentubbritt April 3, and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order, and that they licensed Mr. John Gibson, and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order.

Tyrrown Presby report that they licensed M' Alexander Saundersen and that he subscribed according to order.

Bangor Presby report that they have entered on 2d tryals M' Samuel Fergie, and M' Robert Cunningham.

Killileagh Presby report that they design to enter M' Thomas Reid on first tryals.

Templepatrick Presby report that M' William Taylor died in November, 1727 and that they have M' William Henderson and M' John Thompson on first tryals.

Strabane Presby report that they have licensed M' John Homes and M' John Maxwell and that they subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have M' James Smith on second tryals. Adjourned to 10 mane, concluded with prayer.

_Dies Mer. June 19 Hora 10 a.m. mane post preces Sed's &c._

Then time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The Sev' Presby's returned the names of their members for the sev'n Comm. according to appointment; these Comm. are to meet in the usual places in the intervals of the Synod. These following brethren were absent from last Gen'l Synod and are not excursion viz: M' Ninian Cochran, M' Strawbridge, M' Will Holmes, M' Nehem. Donaldson, and M' Robert Craighead.

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered viz: M' Ninian Cochran, M' Will. Cunningham, M' Andrew Ferguson, M' Henry Hamilton, M' John Malcom, M' Char. Masterton, M' Seaton, M' Montgomery, M' James Bruce, M' James Reid, M' Leech, M' Creighton, M' Tho's Coham, M' Cathcart, M' Will Thompson, M' Arch'd M'Clain, Senior, M' Char. Wallace, M' Robert Rainey, M' Gordon, M' Allen, M' Will Holmes, M' Alexander M' Rackan, M' Clerk, M' Neil, M' Porter, M' Ja's Thomson, M' Irdell, M' Samuel Henry, M' Seth Drumond, and M' Samuel Dunlop.

These Brethren being absent are not excursion viz: M' Winsley, M' Thomas Harvey, Junior, M' Strawbridge, M' Gaudie, M' Biggart, M' James Moor, M' Alex't Hamilton, M' Smith, M' Ja's White, M' Robert Sinclair, M' Archibald M'Clain, Junior, M' Donaldson, M' Hair, M' Thomas M'Clain, M' John Algio, M' Robert Craighead, M' Pat. Vannce, M' John Riddell.

The sev'n Presby's are ordered to take particular care that such Ministers as have not contributed to M' Wilim Murdochs support may transmitt sd contributions to him with all possible speed and that the Presby's report their diligence to next general Synod.
Mr Fraser and Mr Crafford are to meet at Mr Craffords on the last Monday of July and to search Mr Craffords papers and what records belonging to this Synod they shall find among them are to transmitten to Mr Lang who is to transmitt them to our Clerk.

It is also ordered that if any of our ancient records which concern the whole Church which may be in the hands of any Presby or particular min', they be sent to the Clerk of this Synod and that every Presby take care of this affair.

The sev' Presbs are to return the names of their members for the Gen' Synods fixt Comm. to next Sed'.

The Presby of Monaghan report that they had used all possible diligence in dealing wt the people of Augher to pay some arrears due to Mr Cornwall and that people offered to state accounts with Mr Cornwall at any time, this matter was referred to a Comm. who are to converse with Mr Cornwall, the Presby of Monaghan and the people of Augher who are here, and make report.

Mrs Moor's affair was issued by the Comm. to which it was referred last year.

Mr Will. Boid reports that he joined himself to the Presby of Rout, at their first Sed' after last Gen' Synod.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded wh Prayer.

Die Mer. Hora 5 post merid. post pressa Sed' &c. Sessio 3ta

Next Synod is appointed to meet at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June 1729 Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Appeared from Aghadowy Mathew Tuft Com' setting forth in a supplication the sinking state of that congregation and praying for some assistance out of the Fund to support their min'; they also pray for some help from this Synod to build their meeting house this case was considered and the first branch of their supplication for a part of the Fund to support their min' was referred to the Comm. of Funds, as to the other branch of their supplication it is recommended to such as they shall apply to, to contribute to their assistance in building their meeting house.

From Ushers key appeared Mr Hugh Wallace Com' supplicating that they be be allowed to call up such supplies from the Presbs belonging to this Synod as they may think expedient from time to time until next Gen' Synod & that the Gen' Synods Comm. may be impowered finally to determine in any call they shall give to any gent to be their Pastor; the supplication was considered and after reasoning it was resolved 1st That we grant Ushers key such supplies as they shall desire from time to time and it is recommended to the Presby of Dublin and ad congregation that they give 15 days warning to the first supplier which they shall call up and a month to the following. 2. In case they shall fix upon any minr of this Church and an appeal shd be lodged from the sentence of the Presby to wh he belongs, the Gen' Synod shall be called to meet pro re nata to Judge and finally to determine ad affair, the Synod is to be called by our Mod' uppon applicacon from the Presby of Dublin or the party aggrieved.
The Rev'd Mr. Macquay desired of the Synod that the cong'n of Plunkett Street might also have liberty granted to call up with the consent of the Presby of Dublin any Ministers or Probationers from the North to supply sd Congregacon from time to time till next Gen'd Synod the Synod granted this request.

The Several Presbs returned their members for the Gen'd Synods Comm. as follows.

Ardmagh. Mr. John Hutcheson, Mr. Gilb. Kennedy, Mr. Mackay and David Johnston, Elder. Tyrown. Mr. Tho's Kennedy, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. Nath. Cochran and Mr. Agnew, Elder. Bangor. Mr. James Moor, Mr. Arch'd Dickson, & Mr. Andrew Agnew, Elder. Killileag, Mr. Shanon, Mr. Reid, and Andrew Laurie, Elder. Templepatrick. Mr. Fraser, Mr. James White and Charles Johnston, Elder. Strabane; Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Hugh Moor, Elder. Rout; Mr. M'Bride, Mr. Lind, Mr. John Hill, and Mr. Gawin Steel, Elder. Monaghan: Mr. Joseph Cornwall, Mr. Tho's McClain, & Thos Harvey, Elder. Dublin; Mr. Hugh Henry, Mr. William Wilson, & Rob' Callen, Elder. Letterkenny; Mr. Fairly, Mr. John Holmes, and James Smith, Elder. Derry; Mr. Ross, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Thomas Cochran, Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod' upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be ministers.

Complaint was made that many Min's have not paid one shill allowed Mr. Teat for service done to this Church; it is agreed that Mr. Teat shall draw a list of such as are deficient and give it to our Clerk who is to sign sd list and give it to our Treasurer, and he is hereby ordered to deduct one shill from each minister's share of R. D. returned in sd list & pay the same at Mr. Teat's order & Mr. Teat is ordered to pay Mr. Robert Thomson £5 of the fund in his hand. Mr. Teat is at his earnest desire reannexed to the Presby of Monaghan he not being able to attend the meeting of the Presby of Dublin on account of his great distance from that city.

A letter to the Synod from Mr. Samuel Henry of Abbyboil representing his discourageing circumstances & complaining of great arrears of the Fund, also asking the Synods direction, and advice was read, resolved that what concerns the fund be referred to the Comm. for the Fund.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised sd records and remarked that the late Mod' of the Synod of Derry had called that Synod to meet pro re nata when the present Mod' had not refused to call them and that the late Modrs conduct in that affair was approved by that Synod. The Synod considered this case and reasoned upon it for some time and then came to the following resolution that no other person but their present Moderator ought to have called that Synod unless he had refused to call it and do warn all our Judicatories not to draw that practice into a president lest it prove of dangerous consequence to this Church but we do not hereby intend to invalidate the Acts of that Synod.
The affair of Mr. Gray and the Congregacon of Taughboin having been referred by the Gen’l Synod which met here in Decem’ last pro re nata to this Synod the minutes of that Synod were read and this Synod referred it to the Comm. of Overtures to prepare overtures on that affair and lay them before this Synod.

Adjourned to 10 manes, Concluded with prayer.


The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Ardmagh report that they revised sd Records, and did remark that that Synod had not called the absents to account, that Synod replied that indeed a good number were absent, and that they had written circular letters to their Presbys complaining of the negligence of their members, & exhorting them to more punctual attendance for the future, this was remarked in the book and the book was approved.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised sd Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

The letter from the Synod pro re nata to Taughboin congregacon was read to them by Mr. Will Holmes.

From the newly erected congregacon at Antrim appeared Mr. Robert Rainey and David White Com’ setting forth in their supplicacon their gratefull sence of the Synods kindness in recommending their case to the several congregacons & that sex’l congregacons have contributed to their assistance, but that some are yett deficient, this Synod does earnestly recommend it to these congregacons who have not contributed to their assistance to do with all possible expedition.

From Clandevadog appeared Anth. Lawson Com’ setting forth in their supplicacon their deplorable circumstances by reason of their inability to support the Gospell among them and praying for relief out of the Fund their case was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

The supplicacon of Thomas Paxton was read he therein setts forth his afflicting circumstances by reason of his great poverty old age and many infirmities of body wh he labourgs under, the supplicacon was considered & it was agreed to, that each congregacon shall give him a minimum one shill one penny for his present relief, sd money to be sent to Mr. Hutcheson of Ardmagh for his use from the first meeting of each Presby during his natural life.

From Sligo appeared Robert Cunningham &c. Com’ setting forth in their supplicacon that they have given a call to Mr. James Smith a Probationer and that they are not able to support him without the assistance of this Synod & earnestly praying for some support out of the Fund this case was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.


The Comm. of overtures brought in their overtures upon the affair of Mr. Gray and Taughboin committed to them which was read & after
reasoning it was read again & is in these words—Whereas the Rev Mr Will Gray has been guilty of many irregular practices in the congregacon of Taughboin and when the judicatories of this Church began to enquire into his conduct, did in December last causelssly and unjustly separate himself from all our judicatories, & whereas he has since openly acted the part of an intruder into that congregacon by getting a Meeting house built in St. Johnstone publicly exercising his ministry there contrary to the Solemn obligations he came under at his ordination and lately renewed before the Presby of Derry of a steady subjection to his brethren as well as the happy constitution of this Church to the dishonour of our holy profession the scandal of the godly the great obstruction of the peace and edification of that congregacon the alienacon of affection even among nearest relations in the same and the weakening of Mr. Boids bands in his ministerial work who was regularly settled there by this Church.

It is therefore humbly overtureed that the sd Mr. Will Gray be suspended from the exercise of his ministerial office in all the parts of it and after long reasoning the question was put shall we suspend Mr. Gray from the exercise of his ministerial office or not? & it carried suspend & he is hereby suspended accordingly, and after further reasoning it was moved & agreed to that a Comm. of the following members viz Mr. Gilbert Kennedy, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Humphrey Thomson, Mr. Laird, Mr. Brown, and Captain Henderson, shall prepare instructions for any Comm. who shall be appointed to try Mr. Grays affair.

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.


The Synod resumed the consideracon of Mr. Grays affair and read the instructions prepared by the Comm. and after reasoning they were read again and are in these words

1st That in case Mr. Gray shall succease the exercise of his Ministry as soon as he shall be regularly informed of the act of this Synod suspending him, and shall under his hand profess his repentance for his irregular conduct in time past & promise submission to the judicatories of this Church & that he shall not exercise his ministry in any part of the parish of Taughboin or Killea without the consent of Mr. Boid and his session or in any other congregacon within the bounds of this Geneal Synod but under the direction of some of the judicatories of this Church, then and in that case the Comm. is impowered to take off the suspension now inflicted by this General Synod & restore him to the capacity of exercising his Ministry as he shall be thereunto regularly called—

2nd That in case Mr. Gray shall not receive the Synods letter intimating to him the suspension inflicted on him by this Synod or refuse to receive sd letter, then and in that case the publication of sd suspension in Mr. Will Boids Pulpitt by such Minister as this Synod shall nominate shall be esteemed by the Comm. a sufficient regular information—
In case Mr. Gray does not submit to the suspension now inflicted, then the Comm. shall proceed without further delay to depose him from the office of the Holy Ministry and every part of it.

4 That in case the Synods Comm. shall see cause to depose Mr. Gray they shall at the same time declare that such people as shall after sd deposition adhere to Mr. Gray shall be looked upon as highly scandalous and disorderly & none of our community, & that sd declaracon be published from Mr. Boid’s Pulpitt on a Sabbath day soon after.

5 That in case the Comm. find cause to depose Mr. Gray then it’s left to that Comm. to order the publishing sd sentence of deposition, & the declaracon against these who shall adhere to him in what places they shall think expedient.

These Instructions were voted and approven.

Then the Synod proceeded to appoint a select Comm. to try and issue that affair and determine therein according to these Instructions, the sd Comm. to consist of the following Members viz. Mr. Seth Drumond, Mr. Laird, Mr. Fairly, Mr. Ball Mr. William Homes, Mr. Isaac Taylor, Mr. Victor Ferguson, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Samuel Ross, Mr. Andrew Ferguson, Mr. Winsley, Mr. M’Bride, Mr. John Cochran, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. Nath. Cochran, Mr. James Dykes, Mr. Timothy White, Mr. Brown, Mr. Robert M’Master, Mr. Baptist Byid, Mr. Samuel Irwin, and Mr. Carlisle, & each Min’ to endeavour to bring an Elder, Eleven Mini’ & 3 Elders to be a quorum, this Comm. is to meet at Strabane, the last Wednesday of July at 10 of the Clock in the forenoon this was voted and approven.

Mr. Hutchison & Mr. Lang are to write the letter to Mr. Gray which was brought in read and approven and Mr. Samuel Ross is hereby appointed to read the minutes of this Synod relating to the affair of Mr. Gray & Taughboin and to intimate Mr. Gray’s suspension in Mr. Boids Pulpitt.

A reference from the Synod of Derry of an affair depending before that Synod concerning Mr. Robert Wilson (the minute of that Synod being read) came orderly before this Synod. Mr. Wilson appeared and proposed that he is satisfied that the process commenced against him some time ago by the Presby of Letterkenny may be regularly issued by that Presby. Mr. Wilson was heard as also the Preby of Letterkenny, and after long reasoning a question was offered, whether Mr. Wilson’s affair shall be tried and issued by the preby of Letterkenny with correspondents from the sev’ prebys of the Synod of Derry or by the select Comm. wh is appointed to meet at Strabane upon Taughboin affair? and the vote being put it carried refer sd cause to sd select Comm. by a great majority, and the preby of Letterkenny are to attend said Comm. and give all the light they can in that affair, and Mr. Wilson was cited by our Mod’ from the pulpit to attend sd Comm. upon the last Wednesday of July next.

Our Clerk reports that he lately received a Letter from Mr. John Elder desiring that his name might not be called any more in our Rolls for that he and his people had joined themselves to the Preby of Antrim.
The Synod agreed that a letter be written to M' Elder's people which was drawn, read & appraven; also a Letter was appointed to be written to the people of Killead, wh was done accordingly.

The Comm. who were appointed to converse with M'' Cornwall, the preby of Monaghan and people of Augher report that it is their opinion that sd congrecon owe £10 by a stated account to M' Cornwall and that sd money ought to be paid him, it is earnestly recommended to the preby of Monaghan to see justice done to M'' Cornwall, and they are to be accountable to the Synod of Monaghan at their first meeting.

The letter from the Presby of Antrim to the Gen'' Synod pro re nata wh mett in December last referred to Interloq'.

Complaint was made by some members of the Presby of Rout that M' Higginbothom since the Gen' Synod pro re nata had used some expressions that were offensive to them & their people, this matter was referred to a Comm. who are to converse with M' Higginbothom and make report this Synod wh Comm. being returned report that M' Higginbothom sett forth to them that whatever expressions of that nature he had used were in a conversation wherein he had occasion by way of history to represent some matters that had been debated between him and the Presby of Rout and that if any expressions had drop't from him that might be offensive to any of his Brethn or any other he is sorry for it and resolves to carry cautiously for the future M' Higginbothom agreed to this representacon and promised to be more cautious in time coming. M' Brown and M' Livingston are to draw letters to the several sessions of Colerain which were drawn read and appraven.

A supplican from the session of Ballykelly a supplican from the session of Bovevy were read these sessions sett forth that they are uneasy on account of M' Higginbothoms being a member of the Presby of Derry to wh they belong & earnestly desire that he may be disjoined from sd Presby M' Gilbert Kennedy and Captain Henderson are appointed to converse with the Com'n from Ballykelly and Bovevy sessions and report to this Synod.

Adam Henry Com'' from Turbitt appeared and sett forth in a supplican the weakness of that congreacon & pleads for the performance of the Synods promise of £20 p. ann. out of the fund, the Synod agrees that £20 p. annum out of the fund be paid them.

A overture from the Comm. of Overtures was laid before the Synod in these words this Synod observing that many brethn are absent and have sent no excuse. It is our opinion that it be overtured that whosever shall be absent from this Gen' Synod hereafter without a reasonable excuse notified to the Synod or who being present shall go away without leave shall for the first offence be suspended one Lord's day & for the 2nd offence 2 Lord's days the sd sentence to be intimated to the person or persons so offending in writing by order of the Synod. This overture to be transmitted to the sev'd Presby to be under their consideracon till next Gene'' Synod and that each Presby shall then be ready to give their sentiments of sd overtures it was agreed to transmitt said overtures accordingly.
M' Gilbert Kennedy is to write to M' McRackan to desire him to pay £3 of the Fund to M' James Cochran of Dunfanaghy.

M' Hutcheson & M' Lang are to write a moving letter to the several Presbys to excite them to use diligence to gett the Fund paid. Adjourned to 3 afternoon.—Concluded with prayer.


The Comm, appointed to converse wh the Comrs of Bellykelly and Bovevy report that they find these people inflexible & that no expedient which they could propose would satisfy them while M' Higginbothom continues a member of Derry Presby. It was then moved that M' Higginbothom be annexed to Templepatrick Presby for this ensuing year and after some conference between that Presby and M' Higginbothom they report that they are willing to receive him as a member of their Presby for the ensuing year and the Synod agreed that M' Higginbothom shall be a member of Templepatrick Presby for the ensuing year.

From Clananees Edward Moor &c Com² supplicating for supplies to that people also the supplicacion of M' Bapt. Boid setting forth the sinking state of his congregacon (of which Clananees is a part) was read.

It was overtured & agreed to that neither the Presby of Monaghan nor that of Tyrrown shall erect Clananees into a congregacon without consent of this Gen⁴ Synod and after long reasoning it was moved and agreed to that the Presby of Monaghan shall supply the people of Clananees as oft as they shall think fitt till next meeting of the Synod of Ardmagh provided always that that Presby shall secure the Stipend of these people who attend divine worship at Clananees to the respective min⁴ under whose care they are at present, and if any of the min⁴ of the Presby of Tyrrown to whom many of these people belong shall table any complaint of such deficiency in any of their people who attend sermon at Clananees then the Presby of Monaghan shall succese to supply them.

The Rev M' Samuel Hemphill presented a supplicacon wh was M' Hemphill. read, he therein sett forth the sinking state of that congr² by reason of the deficiency of the Fund & some other discouragements on account of wh he desires his relacon to sd congregacon may be loosed. Also a supplicacon presented by Robert Callen &c Com² from Castleblany was read the therein sett forth their inability to support the Gospell and that the fund promised them is not paid the Synod after some reasoning agreed to advise M' Hemphill to continue his relation to the congracon of Castleblany one year more & they resolve to do all in their power to make the fund promised to him effectual. M' Hemphill submitted to this advice.

An overture from the Comm. of Overtuaes was laid before this Synod that whereas the precipitant and hasty erecting a small number of families into a congregacon is likely to prove very prejudicial to the interests of Religion and be attended with very bad consequences we
Overture that no new erection be henceforth formed among us by any inferior judicatorie without the consent of this Gen'd Synod, agreed that this overture be transmitted to the sev'n Presbys to be under their consideration till next Gen'd Synod.

Sev'n Overtures were laid before this Synod by the Comm. of Funds.

1st That in order to make the fund effectual each Min'r shall give his note for the sum his congraon promiseth annually to the fund at the first meeting of the sev'n Presby and the notes so perfected shall be sent to Mr Bapt Boid, this was agreed to.

2nd That every Presby shall choose the Min'r or minrs to whom their proportion of the fund shall be paid except Mr Hugh Henry whose localities are to stand as they are already fixt and Clare is now allowed to him this year, and the Presby of Letterkenny is to pay Mr Ja'Cochran £5, and the congraon of Derry is to pay him £3, Clendermont £1 Ten Shill. Faun 10 Shill this was agreed to and the Presby of Ardmagh is to take care of Mr Diesk fund, Loughbrickland is to pay Mr Henry this year's fund and afterwards he has no claim to it.

3 Overts that the Clerk of every Presby shall bring to next Gen'd Synod either a discharge from the persons who have a Locality on them or the money promised annually by the sev'n Congraons agreed to.

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Drogheda is to have £12 from Derry Presby wh they formerly paid to Sligo. Sligo is to have £5 from the Presby of Killileagh. Concluded with prayer.

Wm Mackay, C.S.G.
Interloquitur.

1st Complaint is made that notwithstanding the recommendations renewed from time to time in favour of Mr James Henderson of Ard magg very little is done for his relief this Interloq recommends it most earnestly to every Session within our bounds to give him one day's collection at least for his relief and Mr Hutcheson is ordered to write a state of his case to the several Presbyteries.

2nd Mr James Cobham reports that he wrote to Mr Wirling that Mr Wirling Mr Mastertown & he wod meet said Mr Wirling at Mr Livingstone's to converse wt him according to appointment of this Synod and that he had received an answer from Mr Wirling wh discouraged them from attempting to converse wt him.

A Supplicacon from some people in Killead was read wherein they desire that Mr Wirling may be reponed the Interloq considered this case and agreed to referr it to the Presby of Templepatrick and ordered a letter to be written to the people of Killead, which was done accordingly.

3. A letter from Mr Colvill desireing his share of the additionall Mr Colvill R.D. due to him as he alleges for the time he was min' at Drumore before he was received into the southren associaon was read, Mr Thos. Kennedy Kennedy is to draw an answer to sd letter.

4. The Interloq took into consideraon the letter from Messrs Presby of Hallyday and Bruce desireing in name of the Presby of Antrim coppys of all records in our Clerk's hands before the year 1726 Mr Hutcheson is appointed to draw an answer to sd letter.

LETTER TO THE SEVERAL PRESBYS TO EXCITE THEM TO DILIGENCE IN PAYING THE FUND.

Rev'd and Dr Brethn.

The lamentable account the Synod has now received of the sinking state of divers-frontier and other weak congraons belonging to us and of the distressed condition of their worthy pastors, causeth a very sensible grief to us which we find ourselves obliged out of a sense of our duty to lay before you and your congraons wh are in some capacity & are obliged by their own promise to give relief to their fellow christians we think zeal for the Glory of God the preserving and propogating our holy Religion, Christian Compassion Faithfulness to our own promises—nay common justice wh binds to the payment of our Debt sho'd engage us to do our utmost for support of our Brethn. & their weak flocks wh must otherwise be dispersed, we wo'd also observe to you that no charity can be better applied than that wh is benefical to the souls of men & that the deficiency of some congraons is really matter of great scandal when others no richer than they contribute very liberally for such pious uses, and as this deficiency is often attributed to the want of a due zeal and care in ministers we wo'd earnestly exhort our Brethn to show themselves hearty for so good a work that this Reproach may be wiped off them,
and wh is of greater weight the guilt of neglecting so very necessary &
truely Christian a duty do not lye at our door. We expect at your first
meeting you will enquire into the deficiency of any of your congregaons
and use your earnest endeavours to prevail wt them to lend their help-
ing hand to a work wh the liberal Bestower of all Blessings requires
of them, and not be any longer unconcerned spectators of the miseries
of there fellow Christians, but rather bear a share in their Burthens as
the law of Christ requires that our dear Brethn & their weak flocks
may bless God for the continuance of a preached Gospell through your
Christian liberaluty.

This in name of the Synod is signed by
your very affect. B' & serv'

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 17th, 1729.

M' Robt. M'Bride, Mod' to the former Synod opened this Synod
by preaching from Acts 13. 39, and then constituted the Synod by
prayer and the Roll was called.

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Robt Stewart Robert Ross
Jam. Or John Anderson

Dublin Presby.
Hugh Henry
Sam. Hemphill
William Paton
Jam. Bond
Wm. Wilson

Letterkenny Presby.
Sam. Henry
Sam. Dunlop
Fran. Laird

Derry Presby.
John Harvey Senr. Wm Smith
Tho. Winsley Sam. Davies
John Stirling Mr Henry
Hans Stewart Ja. Logan
Tho. Harvey Wm. Thomson
Sam. Ross Wm. Rule
John Harvey Junr. Major Murray
Niall Cochran Wm. Cunningham
And. Ferguson 57
Wm. Cornwall 83

Then a lect of the following brethren was proposed yt one of Mod. them may be chosen Mod. to this Synod, viz.: Mr Ja. Moore, Mr Charles Lind, Mr Alex. Fleming, Mr Hemphill, Mr Crooks, Mr Sam. Dunlop, Mr Sam. Ross, Mr John Harvey, Mr Alexander Brown, Mr Ja. Johnston. And these brethren being heard and removed Mr Sam. Ross was chosen Mod. by plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued Clk.

Ordered yt the several Presbys return their members for the Comm. several Comm. viz. for Overtures, for Bills, for revising the Synod's books and for the fund to next Sed.

Ordered yt all the members of the Synod meet here for prayer prayer at 7 of the Clock to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till 10.

Bangor Presby report yt they have since last Synod ordained Mr ordained Robt Cunningham at Cumber October 22nd 1728 & Mr Sam. Fergie at Kilmore the day following and yt they both subscribed the confession according to order, as did also Mr Robt Gaudie whom they licensed to preach, and that Mr John Malcolm dyed the 17th of May last. And yt Mr Biggar had his relacon to this Church loosed May 6th.

Killeleagh report that Mr Pat Bruce had his relacon to this Church loosed the 8th of November last, & yt they design to enter Mr Alex McComb on first tryals.

Clerk.
Templepatrick Presby report yt they have licens'd Mr. John Thomson and Mr. Wm. Henderson & yt they subscribed according to order, and that they have Mr. Tho. Brown on first tryals.

Armagh report yt Mr. John Hutchison died the 10th Febry last & yt they have licensed Mr. Gilbert Kennedy Junr. who subscribed according to order & yt Mr. John Wilson has left their bounds & gone to America.

DUBLIN Presby report that Mr. Tho. Macquay died April 21st.

Colerain report that Mr. Matth. Clark had his relacon to this Church loosed April 29th 1729 he is gone to America.

Monaghan report yt Mr. Ja. Teat dyed the 17th May last, & yt they had deposed Mr. Jos. Cornwall December 26th for adultery confessed by himself and yt they have entered Mr. Hugh Carlyle on first tryals. Some objected against this & it was agreed to refer it to the Comm. of Overtures.

Strabane report yt Mr. Isaac Taylor had conform'd in May last, & yt they have Mr. Sam. Hemphill and Mr. Inch on first tryals.

Letterkenny report that Mr. Ro' Wilson's suspension had been taken off by the Comm. wh met in Strabane in July last.

Adjourned to 10 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Quo tempore Sedt qui supra. Die Mer. hora 10ma mane.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The several Presbys return'd their members for the several Comm. viz. of Overtures, Bills for revising the Synod's books and for the fund according to appointment.

These following brethren having been absent from the Synod last year are excused for reasons now offered, viz., Mr. Strawbridge, Mr. Craghead, Mr. Wsleys, Mr. John Harvey Junior, Mr. Ja. Moore, Mr. Ja. White, Mr. Arch. Maclaim Junior, Mr. Tho. Maclain, Mr. Sinclair.

These following brethren being absent this year are excused for reasons now offered, viz., Mr. Gaudie, Mr. Henry Hamilton, Mr. Alex' Macrackan, Mr. Mastertown, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Ja. Bruce, Mr. Leech, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Wm. Thomson and Mr. Iredell, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Strawbridge Mr. Henry Niel, Mr. Sam. Dunlop, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Tho. Cobham, Mr. Arch. Maclain Sen', Mr. Char. Wallace, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Ja. Cochran, Mr. Drumond.

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are not excused, viz., Mr. Alex' Hamilton, Mr. John Algeo, Mr. Pat. Vance, Mr. McCalpine, Mr. Dickson, Mr. David Fairly, Mr. John Holmes, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Williamson.

Ordered yt all the Min' of this Synod who have not contributed to Mr. Wm. Murdoch's support do it with all convenient speed.

Ordered yt Mr. Tho. Kennedy deliver the records of the old Presby of Tyreown to our Clk and that Mr. Sam. Ross transmit the
Records of the old Presby of Derry to our Clk. And also the Comm. of Overtures did overture yt some ancient Records yt are in the hands of Mr Brown or any other ancient Records that may be or are in the hands of any Min't of this Church be brought to next Gen' Synod and laid before them yt they may judge how they may dispose of them for the general advantage of this Church. Agreed to.

Ordered yt the several Presby* return the names of their members for the Genl Synod's first Comm. to next Sed't.

Next Meeting of the Synod is appointed to be at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Then it was agreed we shou'd resolve into Interloq' immediately.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon, Comm. to meet at 3. Concluded with prayer.

**Die Mer. Horâ 4ta A Merid. post preces Sed't &c.**

The minutes of the joynt Comm. of North and South met in Newry the 12th day of March last were read.

Also the minutes of the Select Comm. met at Strabane the last Wednesday of July last by appointment of this Synod were read. By wh minutes it appears that Mr Gray had not submitted to the sentence Mr Gray, of last Gen' Synod suspending him from the exercise of the ministry & yt sd Comm. had pursuant to the instructions given them by the General Synod deposed sd Mr Gray from the exercise of the Ministry. The Synod came to consider the conduct of sd Comm. in sd affair. And after long reasoning the question was put whether sd Committe have acted agreeable to their instructions in the affair of Mr Gray or not? And it carried yt they had acted agreeably to their instructions.

The affair of Mr Wilson of Stranorlan having been Committed to Mr Wilson the aboved Comm. met at Strabane the minutes of sd Comm. upon yt affair were read, by which it appears yt they had taken off the suspension from Mr Wilson. And after reasoning the question was put whether we approve the conduct of that Comm. in Mr Wilson's affair or not? And it carried not nemine contradicente.

Adjourned to 8 mane—Concluded with prayer.

**Die Jovis horâ, 8a mane, post preces, Sed't &c.**

A reference from the Presby of Templepatrick of an affair depending before yt Presby concerning the transportation of Mr M'Master from Mr McMaster.

Connor to Ushers key, Dublin, the minutes of that Presby being read came orderly before this Synod.

From Ushers key appeared Messrs. John Lord, Hugh Wallace, Geo. Risk and David Reid Comm't, to prosecute their call to Mr M'Master.
From Connor appeared Jam. Dickie, Wm. Harper and Sam. Blakely Com", to oppose the desired transportation. Then the call from Ushers key to Mr. M'Master was read also the reasons offered by the Com" of Usher's key for the transportation of Mr. M'Master to their congregation were read as were also the answers offered by the Com" of Connor to these reasons and another paper from the Com" of Connor for supporting their answers to the reasons of Ushers key.

Then a letter from the Rev. Mr. Iredell to this Synod was read wherein he pleads several reasons for Mr. M'Master's transportation to Ushers key. As was also a letter from the Rev. Mr. Mastertown to the Rev. Mr. McBride wherein he pleads several reasons against the desired transportation of Mr. M'Master to Ushers key. Then the Com" from Ushers key as also the Commissioners from Connor were both fully heard. Then the Presby of Dublin having interest in this affair were heard as was also the Presby of Templepatrick the latter pleaded yet they having for weighty reasons referred this cause to this Synod might by no means preclude them of a vote in the decision of this cause & yt any rule of this Synod to that purpose ought to be considered & repealed. After some reasoning the Synod over-ruled this motion as not being seasonable at this time but consents yt the motion of that Presby shou'd stand in our records. And then proceeded in the affair of the transportation, and called Mr. M'Master, and he was heard. Then all parties were removed and the Brethren's judgment was severally asked, and after long reasoning the Synod having maturely weighed what was offered by all parties as also the circumstances of both places, the question was stated shall we transport Mr. M'Master from Connor to Usher's key or not? And Mr. Lang was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair, & the parties were called in to joyn in prayer: after prayer the parties being removed, the question was put, and it carried transport, by a great majority, & the parties were called and the sentence intimated to them, & the people of Connor were exhorted to acquiesce in it, & to submit to it.

Mr. Wm. Cornwall is ordered to be annexed to the Presby of Tyreowen, & for this end to get Testimonials from the Presby of Derry.

The case of Cumber referred to the Comm. of Funds.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.


The affair of Usher's key was resumed & it was moved and agreed to yt Mr. M'Master shall go to Usher's key against the last Sabbath of July at farthest & that the Presby of Dublin shall install him in Usher's key against the latter end of August.

From Armagh appeared Mr. William M'Mechan, Geo. Bannerman, and Ro' Scot Com" supplicating for supplies from this Synod, the Synod considered their supplication and agreed that the Congregaoon of Armagh with the consent of the Presby of Armagh shall be & is
hereby impowered to call such supplies from the several Presbys as they shall think fit from time to time till next Gen1 Synod.

From Bangor appeared Mr Test Com1 supplicating for supplies Bangor, from this Synod for 4 months from the first of July next. This Synod considered their supplication and agreed that Mr Tim. White shall supply Bangor the moneth of July, Mr Lang the moneth of August, Mr John Cochran of Killraths the moneth of July, Mr Gilb. Kennedy, junior, the moneth of October, and the several Presby to which these minst belong shall supply their Congregations and if Mr Lang can't supply Bangor all the moneth of August his Presby shall provide supplies for them the rest of that moneth.

From Holywood appeared Math. Russell Com1 supplicating yt Holywood, whereas they have given a call to a Probationer and can advance only 17 pounds £p annum at present that this Synod wou'd grant them some assistance out of the Fund. The Synod considering the sinking state of the fund & being willing to assist Holywood as far as in their power, agreed to recommend it to the Presby of Bangor, Temple-patrick, Tyreowen & Armagh to endeavour to raise a fund by private subscriptions among themselves for the support of Holywood and these Presby are to return an account of their subscriptions to the Presby of Bangor from their first Sed1.

A supplicacion from Coagh was read wherein they desire yt some Coagh. Probationers viz.: Mr Gibson from Monaghan Presby, Mr Wm Homes from Strabane presby, Mr John Cochran from Derry presby may supply them the moneths of July, Aug2, & October next. Agreed to.

A reference from the presby of Monaghan relateing to the trans- Portation of Mr Chalmers from Drum congregation to the congregation of Plunket street, Dublin, the minutes of yt preby being read came orderly before this Synod.

From the congregation of Plunket street appeared Messrs. Cuthbert, Sinclair, &c., Com21 to prosecute their call to Mr Chalmers. Their call to Mr Chalmers was read & then the reasons offereid by Plunket street Com21 for the desired transportation were read.

From Drum appeared Mr Johnston & Woods Com21; they earnestly supplicate yt the desired transportation may not be granted As also their answers to the reasons offereid by Plunket street for the desired transportation were read. Then a letter from the Revd Mr Iredell shewing the concurrence of the presby of Dublin with and the unanimity of the Congregacion of Plunket street in the call to Mr Chalmers was read; also a letter from some members of the congregation of Plunket street declaring their dissent from the call of major part of yt congregation to Mr Chalmers alleging their being not sufficiently acquainted with him, was read.

The Com21 from Plunket street were fully heard, they were inquired at what maintenance they propose to give to Mr Chalmers; they answered they wou'd give seventy pounds £p annum & a dwelling-house. The Com21 from Drum were also fully heard, and the members of Monaghan and Dublin presby being parties in this cause,
and lastly Mr. Chalmers was called upon & heard, & all parties were removed & the Synod came to consider this cause, and after long reasoning & having maturely weighed what was offered and alleged by the several parties a state of the question was offered shall we transport Mr. Chalmers from Drum to Plunket street or not? And Mr. Biggar was appointed to call upon God for light, & the parties were called in: After prayer parties were removed & the question was put: it carried transport. Parties were called, & the sentence intimated to them, and the case of Drum was recommended to the Comm. of funds, & the Synod resolves to grant them some assistance from the fund.

Then it was moved and agreed to that Mr. Chalmers shall go to Plunket street against the midst of July, if he can, or at farthest against the latter end of that month, & is to administer the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper then, & is to be installed by the presby of Dublin against the latter end of August. And a letter was appointed to be written to the Gent. who dissent from the call of Plunket street to Mr. Chalmers.

And then the Com[8] from Plunket street moved y[4] they might be allowed to call such supplies from the presby[1] in the North as they with consent & advice of the presby of Dublin shall from time to time think fit: their supplicaon was granted.

Adjourned to 3 mane: Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. June 20; Hora 8a Mane, post preces Sed 3o.

A supplicaon from Drumbo was read, they therein earnestly desire that they may be disjoined from Killeleagh presby & put under the care of Bangor presby. The Synod agrees y[4] they shall be under the care of Bangor presby till they be planted & then they shall be re-joined to Killeleagh presby.

The minutes of the presby of Dublin referring the affair of Mr. Hemphill’s transportaon from Castleblaney to the new congregaon of Antrim were read, that cause comes orderly before this Synod.

From the new Congregaon of Antrim appeared Messrs Thos. Jackson, Robt. Rainey & John Finlay, Com[8] to prosecute their call to Mr. Hemphill. Then their call to Mr. Hemphill was read, as was also a paper containing several reasons for Mr. Hemphill’s transportaon from Castleblaney to Antrim.

From Castleblaney appeared Robt. Collins & Wm. Dunlop Com[8] to oppose the desired transportaon. They offered a paper containing answers to the reasons offered by Antrim Congregaon for the transportaon which was read. Then a supplicaon from Antrim was read earnestly pleading for the desired transportaon. The Com[8] from Antrim were fully heard, as were also the Com[8] from Castleblaney; as also a letter from the Right Hon[8] the Lord Blaney to this Synod was read, wherein his Lordship sets forth his earnest desire that Mr. Hemphill may be continued in Castleblaney. Then the presby of Templepatrick was heard as also the presby of Dublin, being parties in this cause. Mr. Hemphill was called upon & heard; and it was then
moved & agreed to that it would be more proper y' a min' be appointed to call upon God by prayer for light in this affair before our reasoning upon it, than after; & Hum. Thomson was appointed to pray, & after prayer all parties were removed, & then the members reasoned upon the cause for a considerable time; then it was moved and agreed to y' in case M' Hemphill be continued with Castleblaney the Synod will use their best endeavours to make the fund promised to Castleblaney effectual.

The Synod having considered what was offered by the several parties, the question was stated shall we transport M' Hemphill from Castleblaney to Antrim or not? And the question being put, it carried unanimously, not; and the parties were called and this sentence intimated to them and M' Jam. Johnston and M' Dunlop are appointed to draw an answer to the Lord Blaney's letter.

Ordered yt Clare shall pay their last year's fund to Drogheda, and Fund.

for the future to pay their fund to Vinicash and Loughbrickland to pay their fund to Drogheda.

Ordered y' M' Francis Ross shall have ten pounds of the fund raised by the Presby of Root.

It was moved and agreed to that the Congregaon of Dunmurry shall be put under the care of the Presby of Templepatrick if they shall desire it by a regular applicaon to that Presby and that M' Thom. Crighton shall supply them the 2nd and 4th Sabbaths hence.

M' Sam. Henry sets forth yt he has supplyed Moywater very frequently these two years past & earnestly prays y' the fund promised to Moywater during their vacancy to pay their supplies may be allowed him for these two years. It was recommended to these Presbys where and by whom sd money for paying the supplyers of Moywater is due to take care to get sd money and to give it to M' Henry.

Ordered also y' the Congregaon of Moywater shall have ten pounds £ annum out of the fund when they shall be planted.

The Com^ from Antrim earnestly supplieyt M' Gilb. Kennedy, Antrim, junior, may be appointed to supply them the moneth of 7ber, M' Jam. Macurdi from Colerain the moneth of October, M' Hugh Thom-}

They are to be called by our Mod' upon emergents to meet at Dungannon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be min'

M' Robt. Wilson's case was considered, & after reasoning it was moved and agreed to y' he be continued under the suspension y' the presby of Letterkenny shall intimat this to him and recall his testimonials; and if he return his testimonials then a proportion of R.D. shall be consigned to M' Laird for the use of M' Wilson's wife, and the arrears of ordinary R.D. to be paid to her.

The securities for our Treasurer are lodged with our Clerk.

The Synod considering the abounding sins of the time, and the impending judgments of God hanging over us & the calamitous state of many poor amongst us have agreed to appoint a fast day to be kept by all the congregaons within our bounds on the last Wednesday of July next.

It is recommended to the presby of Monaghan to use diligence to cause the congregaon of Augher to pay what arrears are due to M' Cornwall.

An Overture from Comm. of Overtures: It is recommended to the presby of Monaghan to act cautiously in licensing of Candidates: Agreed to.

Overtures from the Comm. of funds to be transmitted to the several presbys to be considered by them till next Gen' Synod.

1. That there be a fixt Comm. for the funds to meet once a year at a certain time & place in regard the Comm. for funds can get no time for managing the affair of the funds during the time of the Synod and that the members don't attend that Comm. when appointed to sit in the intervals of the Synod.

2. That there be no locality, for by means of the locality some who are depending on the fund get little or nothing while others get their quota fully paid.

3. That the Synod take it into their serious consideraon who are to be supply'd out of the fund, & what proportion is necessary to such as are depending on it in regard y' this is a matter too weighty for the Comm.

4. That every presby give a list of what sums the several
congregaons within their bounds promise to the fund yearly & send sd list to the clerk of the Comm. for funds.

5. That in case the promises of all the congregaons do not amount to the sum promised to all these who depend on the fund y\(^t\) there be a dividend made of what is to be expected y\(^t\) every one may have his proportionable share and y\(^t\) so some may not have all their share while others get little or nothing.

6. That these min\(^s\) who do not bring in the promises of their congregaons which they have engaged for or a discharge for the same, then the Comm. for funds to give an account thereof to our Treasurer, and he to detain the said sum out of their R.D. till the meeting of the Gen\(^s\) Synod.

7. That every presby pay their fund to such weak congregaons as are within their bounds so far as their promises amounts to & in case the promises of congregaons be more than what pays these in their bounds y\(^t\) the remainder be sent to the Comm. for the fund to be distributed to others.

Concluded with prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

1. **Interloq\(^r\), Sed. pastores.**

A letter from M\(^s\) Craghead to this Synod as also a letter from Mess\(^s\) Iredell and Choppin were read; they give an account of M\(^s\) Craghead's negotiaon and also some copies of letters to persons of Hon\(^s\) upon that subject. Resolved y\(^t\) a letter be written from this Synod to M\(^s\) Craghead and another to M\(^s\) Iredell in answer to theirs.

2. Interloq\(^r\). This Interloq\(^r\) considering the trouble M\(^s\) Iredell has in managing our affairs and the service he does to us have agreed to allow him a double proportion of ordinary R.D.

It is also agreed to allow our treasurer foure pounds \(\pounds\) annum for receiving and distributing the additional R.D.

3. A short supplicaon from M\(^s\) Wirling was read; he sets forth his submission to the censure inflicted on him by our Judicatories and and prays for direction; and after long reasoning it was moved and agreed to that M\(^s\) Wirling shall converse with the members of the presby of Templepatrick & others. And the Synod of Belfast are allowed if they see clear cause to take off the deposition. And then M\(^s\) Wirling upon a second letter was allowed to come in, and was heard. He made professions of his repentance and sorrow for what ofence he had given to God and this Church, and desired we might be reconciled to him: after long reasoning this affair was left as above.

The case of M\(^s\) Taylor was taken into consideration & this Interloq\(^r\) resolves that the Rule as to Min\(^s\) widows shall stand, & that the presby of Templepatrick shall do what the can for supporting M\(^s\) Clark this year.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.
M’ Sam<sup>1</sup> Ross, Mod’<sup>2</sup> to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching from Ephes, 4: 3; & constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Roll being called, Sederunt.

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Killyleagh Preby. | Monaghan Preby. | | 
Jam, Reid | Robt. Stephenson | Bapt. Boyd | Robt. Neely
Templepatrick Preby. | | Hum. Thomson | M’ Evit
Jam, Cobham | Jon. Hasty | Alex. Fleming | Will. Hair
Alex’ Brown | M’ Adair | Pat. Phunket | Jon. Fee
Jam, Creighton | Jon. Blakely | Jon. Algeo | Alex. Wilson
Will, Livingston | Jam. White | Will. Sloan | 
Jam, White | Hen. Montgomery | Neth. Glasgow | 
Tim. White | | | 
Tho’ Craford | Will, Leaths | Tyrowen Preby. | 
Will, Thomson | Jam, Dalrimple | | 
Jon. Hasty | | | 
Armagh Preby. | | | 
Geo. Lang | Jam, Tod | Hen. Crooks | M’ Rae
Jam, Fleming | | Will. Cornwall | Will. Fleming
Jam, Johnson | Nath. Henry | Tho’ Mulligan | M’ Agnew
Will, Maekay | Jam, Heart | Hugh Wallace | Jan. Wilson
Rob. Gordon | | | Will. Smith
Arch’ M’Clain | Jam, Maffet | Natl. Cochran | Jon. Hama
John Menogh | M’ Pollock | Jam. Dykes | Jan. Murray
Jon, King | | | Jam. Henry
Robt. Thomson | | Letterkenny | Preby.
Strabane Preby | | | 
John Ball | Jam, Smith | Fran. Laird | Capt<sup>3</sup> Henderson
Neb. Donaldson | Jon. Russel | Jam, Cochran | Jon. Homes
Jos. Hemphill | | | Derry Preby.
Colerain Preby. | | | 
Will, Boyd | Jon. Rogers | Sam, Ross | 
Sam<sup>1</sup> Dunlop | Jos. Hill | Tho’ Strawbridge | M’ Harvey
Robt. M’Bride | Jam, Ball | Bangor Preby. | 
Jon, Cochran | Jon. Reignolds | Joe<sup>4</sup> Gaudie | Hugh Cairns
Tho’ Cobham | M’ Steel | Jam. Stewart | Alex’ M’Tier
Rob, Knox | Ben. Boid | Chas. Seaton | 
Jon, Hill | Jon, Duglass | Fran, Montgomery | 
Dublin Preby. | | | 
Rob, Craighead | Jon, M’Kie | Rob. Cuningham | Jam, Neil
Hugh Henry | Pat. Adams | Sam Fergie | Will, Smith
Sam<sup>1</sup> Hemphill | M’ Risk | | 
Jam, Bond | | | 
Robt, M’Master | Alex. Davison | | 
Will, Wilson | | | 

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<sup>1</sup>Samuel
<sup>2</sup> Moderator
<sup>3</sup>Captain
<sup>4</sup>Joe
AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 16th, 1730. 149

The Moderator moved that a new Modr may be chosen and a leet of the following brethren was proposed, viz: Mr Jam. Cobham, Mr Brown, Mr James Fleming, Mr Johnston, Mr Wm Holmes, Mr Wm Boyd, Mr Alex. Fleming, Mr Sam' Hemphill, Mr Crooks, Mr Jam. Cochran, Mr M'Master, Mr Strawbridge, and Mr Gaudie, that one of them may be chosen Modr to this Synod, and these brethren being severally heard and removed, the vote put and Mr Wm Boyd was chosen Modr by plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued Clerk.

For the more orderly management of the business to come before this Synod the several Presbyrs are appointed to return their members for the several Comm. viz; of Overtures, Bills for revising the Synod books & for the Fund to next Sedt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer Prayer. at 7 to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till ten.

Bangor Presby report that they ordained Mr Wm. Smith at ordained. Holywood the 4th of November last, he subscribed according to order.

Killeleagh Presby report that Mr John Mc' Murr' died in January Dead. last, he was minister at Ballehalbert. And that Mr Jam. Bruce Minr of Killeleagh dyed February 17th and that they have licensed Mr Tho. Reid and Mr Alexr Mc' Comb, they subscribed according to order.

Templepatrick Presby report that they have licensed Mr Tho. Licensed. Brown, he subscribed according to order. And have Mr Wm. Holmes on 2nd tryals. And Mr Hugh Scot on first tryals.

Ardenagh Presby report that they have Mr Robert Frazer on first tryals & have thoughts of entering Mr John Brown on first tryals.

Dublin Presby report that Mr Matth. Chalmers Minr of Dead. Plunket Street Dublin dyed December 5th.

Colerain Presby report that they have entered Mr Tho. Fowler on Tryals. first tryals and Mr Jam. Mc' Creighton on 2nd and that they design to enter Mr David Alexander on first tryals.

Monaghan Presby report that Mr Robert Coltheart Minr at Golan Dead. dyed the 26th of January last, and Mr Sam. Irwin Minister at Kinnard dyed the 6th of October last.

Strabane Presby report that they have licensed Mr Sam. Licensed. Hemphill, & Mr Jam. Inch and that they both subscribed according to order.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have ordained Mr John Ordained. M'Gachin April 1st. And that he subscribed according to order.

Adjourned to 10 mane. Concluded with prayer.


The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly. The several Presbyrs returned their members for the several Comm. according to order.
These following brethren having been absent from last Synod are excused for reasons now offered, viz., M' James M'Calpin, M' Alexander Hamilton and M' Wm. Holmes.

These following brethren were absent from last Synod being now absent are not excused viz; M' John Algio, Pat. Vaunee, David Fairly, Wm Smith and Hugh Williamson.


These following brethren being absent from this Synod are not excused, viz; M' Sam. Henry, Seth Drumond, Wm Smith, Hugh Williamson, David Fairly, Sam. Dunlop, John McGachin, John Sterling, Hans Stewart, Tho. Harvey, Ninian Cochran, Wm Cunningham, Jam. Maxwell, Char. Lind, Henry Niel, John Porter, John Orr, John Algio.

Then it was moved that the Comm. of Overtures take under their consideration the great number of min' absente from this Synod, and make an overture to the Synod upon it; this was recommended to that Committee.

The appointment is renewed on M' Tho. Kennedy to transmit some ancient records of this Church to our Clerk.

M' Alex. Brown reports yt he hath brought hither the Minutes of 14 General Synods, but says they are intermixed with the Minutes of the Sub-Synod of Belfast. This Synod appoints M' Brown to transcribe sd Minutes of the Gen' Synod; and further appoint the Synod of Belfast at their next meeting in Janry to revise the transcript and compare it with the original.

It was moved that a Comm. be appointed to inspect all the old Records of this Church that may be of gen'l concern and that an extract may be taken out of them of such things as concern the whole body. It was agreed yt this affair be resumed at the next meeting of this Synod.

Ordered that the several Presbyt return their members for the General Synod's fixt Comm. to next Sed.'

Mr Cornwall. M' William Cornwall is annexed to Tyrowen Presbytery.

Mr M'Master. M' M'Master was installed in Usher's Key according to appointment of last Synod.

Bangor. Bangor was supplied according to order of last Synod.

M' Mackay is to collect the subscriptions of Armagh Presby. for support of Holywood, M' Brown to collect sd subscriptions from Templepatrick Presby; M' Tho' Kennedy from Tyrowen Presby M' Fran. Mongomery from Bangor.
Mr. Ross of Derry is to transmit some old records in his hands to our Clerk.

Dunmurry congregation made application to Templepatrick Presby and were received by them.

The new erection of Antrim supplied according to appointment.

Report is made that Mr. RObt. Wilson's Testimonials were returned.

Report is made of the Presby's of Tyrowen and Monaghan who were to pay eleven pounds of their fund to Castleblaney have paid nothing: this was referred to a select committee.

The fast was observed according to appointment.

This Synod agrees to have a day of thanksgiving for the prospect we have a plentiful crop this season, to be kept at the direction of the several Presby's.

Mr. Cornwall complains that the expenses he was at in the law suit Mr. Cornwall, is not reimbursed according to appointment of this Synod. It was moved that the Presby of Derry shall pay £1 7s to Mr. Cornwall before Alts, which if they do not, it shall be taken out of their proportion of R.D. This certificate was referred.

It is recommended to all Presby's to be cautious in licensing of candidates.

It was moved and agreed to when any Presby designs to enter any candidate on tryals, if they have not had an opportunity of returning the name of such candidate to the Gen'l Synod in that case such Presby shall be oblig'd before they enter such candidate on tryals to acquaint the presby's of the Sub Synod to which sd Presby belongs of this their design & also the Presby in whose bounds that candidate formerly resided if he liv'd without the bounds of that Sub-Synod.

An overture from the Synod of Derry for making the fund more effectual was read, viz; that each congregation shall deduct one penny halfepenny from every shilling which they shall receive in their ordinary weekly collections which money shall be lodg'd in a Sessional treasurers hand who shall once in the year return sd money to the Presby who shall lodge it in a treasurers hand to be by him brought to the Gen'l Synod, to be by them distributed as the think most conducive to the glory of God and the comfort of souls, after some reasoning an amendment was offered that these who have hitherto paid their proportion of the fund and shall continue so to do shall not be obliged to this method of making up their fund, after some reasoning the question was put approve the overture with the last clause or without it? And it carried approve without the last clause—Interroq' halfe an hour after 4. Open Synod at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3{\textsuperscript{a}}a Die Mercur. June 17, hora 5{\textsuperscript{a}}a a merid. post preces, Sed 3{\textsuperscript{a}}a. Sessio, 3{\textsuperscript{a}}a

The several Presby's returned their members for the Gen'l Synod's first Comm. as follows.
General Synods
sixt Comm.


From Armagh M' Geo. Lang, M' Mackay, M' Cherry, & John Campbell of Balleroney Elder

Strabane; M' Victor Ferguson, M' Jos. Hemphill & M' John Wilson Elder.

Colerain; M' McBride, M' Jon Cochran, and M' Gawin Steel Elder.

Dublin; M' Hemphill, M' M'Master, and Rob' Callen Elder.

Tyrowen; M' Thos Kennedy, M' Cochran, M' Mulligan, and Doct' Summervil Elder.

Letterkenny; M' Sam. Dunlop, M' Fairly, and M' Wm Moor Elder.

Monaghan; M' Hair, M' Plunket, and Robert Neely Elder.

Derry; M' Major Murray, M' Sam. Ross, and M' Thos Cochran Elder.

Bangor; M' Seaton, M' Rob' Cuningham, and M' Craford Elder.

Killeleagh; M' Ja. Reid, M' Wm Smith and Thos M'Kibbin Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod' to meet at Dungannon upon emergents 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be min'.

Then it was moved yt in regard there was a Rule that we should meet within the bounds of the several Sub-Synods (per vices) and that we have for several years met at Dungannon, that Dungannon may not be put on the Leet at this time, and the question being put it carried; yt Dungannon shall not be put on the Leet.

Then the question being put whether next meeting of this Synod shall be at Derry, Antrim or Strabane. And it carried that next meeting of this Synod shall be at Antrim the 3rd Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

From Armagh appeared Dr. Gabriel King, M' Brown, David Johnston, &c., Com' supplicating that this Synod wou'd allow them monethly supplies and yt in case in prosecution of their call to any Min' either party happen to appeal that the General Synods Comm. may be impowereed finally to determine that cause, the Synod considered their petition & grants them liberty to call monethly supplies from any Presby belonging to this Synod and if they give a call to any min' yt Presby to which sd Min' belongs shall call two correspondents from the several Presbys of that Sub-Synod to wh sd Presby is subject, to determine that affair reserving the right of appeal to any party who may judge themselves aggrieved.

From Bangor appeared Rob' Blackwood, Esq., Com' supplicating yt this synod may appoint them such monethly supplies as they shall nominate & give in a list of several Ministers and Probationers whom
they desire to supply them. The Synod considered their supplication and appoints M' Gaudie a Candidate in Bangor to supply them the moneth of July, M' Gilbert Kennedy jun', the month of August, M' David Harvey the month of September, M' Tho. Brown the month of October, and such Min' as they shall invite for the ensuing moneths, and if any Min' whom they shall invite cannot come his Presby shall appoint another in his stead.

Adjourned to 8 mane: Concluded with prayer.

_Sessio 4a_ Die Jov. Jun. 18. 3va mane post preces Sed 5c. _Sessio 4a._

From Ardstraw appeared Jos. Kinkead, &c., Com' suppling for monethly supplies. This Synod grants their supplication and appoints M' John Holmes to supply them next Sabbath and the three last Sabbaths of July, M' Menogh the month of August, M' McCurdy the month of September, Strabane Presby the month of October, M' Robert Cuningham November, M' Tho. Brown December, M' Gil. Kennedy January. They engage to pay 15 Shill. _diem_ to each supplier besides entertainment for man and horse. And in regard that suppliers are oft put to great expences in supplying distant Congregaons it is agreed yt every Congregaon wh is not on the fund who shall demand synodical supplies shall be obliged to pay 15 shill _diem_ at least to each supplier besides entertainment for man and horse.

The above-named Com' from Ardstraw appeared to prosecute their appeal from a sentence of the Rev'd Presby of Strabane disjoyning some of their members from them, their appeal was read as were also the reasons of it, and the Presby of Strabane was heard in answer to these reasons, and all papers yt had been laid before the Presby of Strabane upon this affair were read, & all parties were fully heard & removed and after long reasoning upon this affair, the Question was offered shall we confirm the sentence of the Presby of Strabane disannexing these families or not, & it carryed not.

From Aghalurgher appeared M' Morris Meach Com' supplicating that this Synod may repone M' Jos. Cornwall to the exercise of his ministry among them; this was referred to Interloq'.

Adjourned to 5 a merid. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq' to meet halfe an hour after three.

_Sessio 5a_ Die Jov. Jun. 18 hora 5a A Merid. post preces Sed 5c. _Sessio 5a._

From Grayabby appeared M' John Roan and Ferdinand Bailie Com' to prosecute their appeal from a sentence of the Presby of Bangor (in an affair depending before that Presby) to this Synod. The minutes of that Presby upon that affair were read, and the appeal of the Com' of Grayabby and the reasons of their appeal were read paragraph by paragraph. And the Presby of Bangor were heard upon every paragraph.

And from Ballewalter appeared William M'Kie Com'. All parties were heard at great length, and then removed, and the Synod maturely
weighed what was offered by all the several parties, & after reasoning are unanimously of opinion that the people of Grayabby had no sufficient reason to appeal from the sentence of Bangor Presby. And after further reasoning it was moved that the Presby of Bangor wh the following correspondents, viz; M' Livingston, M' Frazer, M' Ja. Reid, M' Shannon, M' Tim. White, M' Lang, M' Johnston & M' Allen shall meet at Ballewater the last Tuesday of September to decide this affair, this was agreed to and also yt 4 of these correspondents shall be present with yt Presby to make a quorum.

Adjourned to 8 mane. Concluded with prayer.


M' Jos. Cornwall came voluntarily before us and made confession of his sin of adultery & such professions of his repentance as were very gratifying to this Synod.

M' Sinclair from Plunket Street Dublin represented to this Synod that the Congregaon of Plunket Street have given a call to M' John Alexander & that he has accepted of it the Synod is well pleased with this account; he further in name of that Congregaon desires a liberty to apply to the several Presbys belonging to the North for supplies as formerly, the Synod grants them the same liberty.

From Faughrinveil appeared M' McCollogh, &c., Commr they set forth their earnest desires yt they may be speedily settled with a Gospel Min', the Synod recommends it to the Presby of Derry to issue this affair with all convenient speed.

From Drumbo appeared Capt. Hamilton Maxwell Commr. supplicating for monthly supplies from this Synod, the Synod grants their supplican and appoints M' Moorehead a Candidate in Templepatrick Presby to supply them the month of July, M' Tho. Reid in the Presby of Killeleagh the month of August, M' Gil. Kennedy jun', the month of September, M' Rob' Gaudie in Bangor Presby the month of October, M' Tho. Brown in Templepatrick Presby the month of November.

From Turbit appeared M' Adam Henry, Commr setting forth the deplorable state of that Congregaon, that they have had no supplies except three since last Gen' Synod, and they pray for paym of the Fund promised them which they complain is entirely neglected. This Synod earnestly recommends it to the Presby of Monaghan to take care of Bellturbit and to use their best endeavours to get the fund paid which was promised to that place and to supply them more punctually in time coming.

M' John Ball supplicated that he may be disnnexed from Strabane presby; after some reasoning M' Livingston, M' Ja. White and M' Hugh Wallace were appointed to bring in an overture upon this affair.

The Comm. appointed to bring in an overture upon the affair of Castleblaney brought in their overture that the following congregaons shall pay their fund to Castleblaney, viz:—Tyliborbt £1 5s, Castleblaney
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£1 5s., Aghaloo £1 5, Longford £2, Kedy £1, Stonebridge £1, Monaghan £1 15, and the other 30 shill. to be paid out of the fund to be brought into the Synod every year; this overture was agreed to.

The Synod considered the supplicaon of Widow Fee setting forth of her loss of her husband’s proportion of the expences of the law suit commenced by Mr Darragh, and agreed yt the presbys who have not paid their proportion of said expences be obliged to pay Widow Fee her share.

It was moved by Mr Hemphill, Mr Bond, & Mr Wilson yt they may be disannexed from the Presby of Dublin and annexed to that of Monaghan. The Synod considered this case and after long reasoning it was agreed to annex these Brethren to Monaghan presby, & if the presby of Dublin shall have occasion for correspondents upon any emergency they may apply to the presbys of Armagh and Monaghan who shall send them correspondents, and the Synod earnestly recommends it to those who were formerly members of Dublin presby to meet if possible with them when called upon any emergency.

The Synod considering the case of Sligo and Moywater have agreed to allow each of them six pounds out of the fund to be brought to next Synod, and the presby of Strabane to supply them from this time to the latter end of August; the presby of Colerain September, Octob', Novemb'; the presby of Derry, December, January and Febrary; the Presby of Bangor, March, April, May, and June.

The Synod agrees that Mr Ball be disannexed from Strabane preby and annexed to the presby of Letterkenny.

Adjourned to halfe an hour after 3—Concluded with prayer.


The presby of Monaghan report that they resolve to enter on first tryals Mr Alex. Maclain & MrWM Ambrose.

A motion was made that the Rule formerly made by this Synod be now revived, yt before any Candidate be entered upon tryals by any presby, it shall appear to that presby yt after he has commenced Mr of Arts he has read & studied Divinity at least 4 years, & yt he has attended two seasons or at least one in some Divinity Hall in the Colleges abroad. It was agreed that this Rule be punctually observed by all the presbys of this Synod.

The Comm. of Overtures brought in an Overture to the Genl Synod yt in regard so many members are frequently absent yt every member who shall be absent from the General Synod for the future and does not write such an apology to the Synod as shall be accepted, or does not write at all to acquaint the Synod wh the reasons of his absence; sd absentee shall at his first appearance before the Synod pay two crowns to be disposed of as the Synod shall think fit for pious uses, & in order to make overture effectual we overture that at the beginning of every ensuing Synod a Comm. be appointed for inflicting censures on such as
carry disorderly to meet & sit in the intervals of the Synod, and that this overture be transmitted to the several presbys; the Synod agrees to transmit this overture, nonine contradicente.

The Comm. of overtures brought in an overture yt in regard the Presby of Killeleagh consists only of 4 members two of wh are very valetudinary, & yt unless there be an addition of several members made to them they cannot act as a Presby. It is therefore humbly overture that Kilmore, Ballenahinch, Drummara, and Saintfield be added to the Presby of Killeleagh, and this to continue for the ensuing year, this overture was unanimously approven by the Synod and the Synod earnestly recommends to these Congregaons to submit to this determination.

Mr Wirling appeared & made confession of his sin for wh he was deposed & profession of his repentance & of his resolutions to carry more cautiously for the future the Synod considered Mr Wirling's case and have received considerable satisfaction from his confession and declarations & reasoned a long time upon this affair and finding that Mr Wirling had duly submitted to the censures inflicted on him three years ago, & yt his carriage has been unexceptionable ever since his deposition, it was moved yt we take off the deposition from Mr Wirling with this restriction that he shall be wholly under the conduct of the Presby of Templepatrick in the exercise of his ministry and shall not exercise it anywhere in this Church without their direction, and yt they shall by no means employ him to preach in Killead. After long reasoning the question was put, take off the deposition wh these restrictions or not? And it carryed take off the deposition with the above restrictions.

The Synod considering the sinking state of Drogheda Congregaon appointed a letter to be written to the presby of Bangor and another to the Presby of Templepatrick to excite them to pay their fund to Drogheda which was done accordingly.

Ordered that the Presby of Letterkenny pay to Dunfanachy five pounds of their fund for the year ending at June 1730, the congregation of Derry three pounds, Clendermont one pound ten shill. Ballekelly and Newtown the usual quota & Fawn ten shill.

Mr Lang & Mr Mackay are to write to Templepatrick Presby to acquaint them yt the Synod has taken off Mr Wirling's deposition.

Mr Jos. Cornwall's case referred to the Synod of Armagh.

Our Mod is to write to the Congregaon of Fawn to excite them to pay their Fund.

Concluded with prayer.

Interloq' Sed' Pastores.

Mr Craighead gave a very particular account of his negotiation in London.

This Interloq' is fully convinced of Mr Craighead's great care,
fidelity, & diligence in managing the affairs committed to him & ordered our Mod\textsuperscript{1} to give him thanks in name of this Interloq\textsuperscript{1}.

Mr Craighead brought in an Overture to this Interloq\textsuperscript{1}, in haec verba.

It being too evident that the protestant dissenting interest in this Kingdom is in a very declining condition, & if proper remedies are not timely applied, things will in all probability grow worse and worse. It is humbly overtured

1. That there shou'd be some time in May next and afterwards as occasion requires a general meeting of persons delegated from each Presby in the Kingdom to think of fit ways and means to revive and strengthen ad interest.

2\textsuperscript{v} That the City of Dublin as being the most central, and where intelligence may be best had shall be the place of meeting.

3\textsuperscript{v} That this meeting shall be composed of one or two Min\textsuperscript{v}, & as many Gent. from each Presby chosen for that purpose either by the Gen\textsuperscript{v}. Synod for the Presbys belonging to them or by the respective Presbys throughout the whole Kingdom.

4\textsuperscript{v} That in the choice of such Min\textsuperscript{v} & Gent. special regard shall be had to those who are judged to be most capable & fit for managing business of yt nature.

5\textsuperscript{v} That the charges of such Min\textsuperscript{v} as come from the north shall be defrayed out of the common stock of R. D. at —— \textsuperscript{v}diem for each man, those in the south be maintained as they themselves judge best, & as to Gent. both from North and South, a common stock from Gent. and others in all parts of the Kingdom & put into the hands of a common treasurer, not only to answer the charges of the Gent. Deputies but every other necessary expence wh the meeting may be put to in prosecution of their design. And forasmuch as there are more Gent. of figure & fortune of our persuasion in the City of Dublin than in any other place in the Kingdom, a larger deputaon of such shall be allowed from thence than from any other presby, the rather because such deputies will be no charge to the publick, & for this reason a greater number of Min\textsuperscript{v} shall be allowed also.

6\textsuperscript{v} In this meeting nothing yt has been matter of contention among Min\textsuperscript{v} or people should be so much as once mentioned but all shou'd come resolved and prepared to offer the best expedients they can think of for supporting and strengthening our common interest without the least regard to parties or any unhappy debates yt have been among us.

7\textsuperscript{v} The chief subject for consultacon in these meetings shall be to procure if possible a redress of the grievances we still labour under as protestant Dissenters, & to think of ways and means to obtain a comfortable subsistence for Min\textsuperscript{v} and sufficient time shall be allow'd the meeting to consider things yt come before them wh calmness and delib-erson, it being frequently observed yt many ill consequences have attended the transacting such affairs in hurry and haste; and lastly, yt
the meeting shall be empowered to form a sub-comm. to consider & determine such thing as shall be committed to them during the intervals of the meeting.

This Interlocutor after some reasoning do approve the above overture in gen', & it was further proposed that there shou'd be a meeting of Ministrs & Gent. in order to concert methods for raising a fund for pub'lick services, and yt a Comm. of Capt. Maxwell, Capt. Henderson, Mr. Craighead, Mr. Gilbert Kennedy and Mr. Laird shou'd bring in an overture of the proper methods for managing this affair; who being returned, brought in this overture in these words:—

The Brethren do unanimously approve of the above proposal in gen', but not having time to consider the whole of it so maturely as it shou'd, they came to a resolution to transmit copies of the above scheme to the several presbys & by them to be laid before the three Sub-Synods in order to give their thoughts, and come to a final resolution about; & forasmuch as the usual time of the meeting of the Synod of Derry is judged to be too late they therefore appoint yt instead of meeting the 2d Tuesday of May, they shall have their meeting on the 1st Tuesday of April. In the meantime they recommend it to the several presbys to meet as soon as they conveniently can, with as many Gent. in their neighbourhood as they can get, to ripen matters for the consideraon of the Sub-Synods, and particularly to use all diligence in procuring subscriptions towards raising a common fund to defray the expence yt may attend such applications as may be made in prosecution of the design, & that the Mod' of each presby shall from time to time communicate to some friend in Dublin what progress they make in yt affair. Mr. Craighead is desired to acquaint the presby in Dublin, the South, and Antrim with this resolution & desire their concurrence, & every prior Sub-Synod to communicate their sentiments & resolutions to the subsequent Synods.

The Overture was unanimously approven.

Ψ WILLIAM MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 15, 1731.

Mr. William Boid, the former Mod' opened this Synod by preaching from Hebrew 13:18: & constituted the Synod by prayer, & the Roll was called; Sederunt:—

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Will Mackay, Clerk.
The Moderator desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed, viz:—M' Ball, M' McAlpin, M' Lind, M' Alexander, M' McMaster, M' Jam. Cobham, M' Brown, M' Holmes, Sen', M' Hempphil, M' Crooks, M' Tho' Harvey, that one of them might be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these Brethren being heard and removed, M' Ja' Cobham was chosen Moderator, & M' Mackay was continued Clerk.

Ordered that the severest Presbyter return the names of their members for the severest Committee, viz: Overtures, Bills, for revising the Synod Books & for the fund, to next Sess'd.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 of the clock to-morrow morning, and continue in prayer till 10.

Adjournd to 10 tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2da. 

Die Mer. Jun. 16 Hora, 10ma Mane, post precos Sederunt qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Bangor Presbyter report that M' Henry Hamilton, minister of Donaghadee died August, 1730, & M' Alexr. M'Crackan Nov. 14, 1730; they have entered M' Tho' M'Cracken on first tryals.

Rout have ordained M' Jas M'Cright at Callybackey, December 13, and licensed M' Fowler; they both subscribed according to order.

Templepatrick report that M' Robt. Sinclare of Isle Magee died Jan. 5, 1730/1, and that they have ordained M' Will. Holmes at Antrim Sept 7th, 1730, and M' John Moorhead at Dunmurry, Feb. 17, 1730/1 & they have licensed M' Hugh Scott; they all subscribed according to order, and they have entered M' John Thomson and M' And. Malcom on 24th tryals.

Armagh report that M' Jas. Fleming of Lurgan died Angt. 16, 1730; they have licensed M' Robt. Fraser; he subscribed according to order; and they have on first tryals M' Jas. Stewart, M' Sam. Black, M' Hen. Reid, M' John Baxter, and M' Jam. Mackay.

Strabane report that they have on first tryals M' Hugh M'Crankan, M' Char. Caldwell, and M' David Smiley.

Dublin Presbyter have installed M' Jo' Alexander in Plunket Street Nov. 15th: he subscribed according to order.

Monaghan report that they have licensed M' Alexander M'Clain, M' Will. Ambrose, & M' Hugh Carlisle: they subscribed according to order, and they have M' Jo' Gibson on 24th tryals, and M' Jam. Clerk on first tryals.

Derry have ordained M' David Harvey at Glendermont, Mar 23, 1730/1 and have licensed M' Tho' Bond; they both subscribed according to order.

Killileagh have installed M' Pat. Bruce at Killileagh.
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In regard that much of our time has been spent in receiving the returns from the sev1 prebys, it was moved & agreed to that each preby shall appoint one of their number in their name to return to the Clerk immediately before the Synod sit down, or immediately after the first Sed2 the names of their members for the sev1 Comm, and for the Gen' Synod's fixt comm : as also the names of ministers dead, ordained, or installed, & the names of candidates licensed, entered or to be entered on tryals.

The Presbys returned the names of their members for the sev Comm. according to order.

These following Brethren having been absent from last Synod, are excused for reasons now offered, viz., M' M'Calpin, M' Alex. Hamilton, M' Fairley, M' Williamson, M' Jo3 Sterling, M' Tho' Harvey : they were reprimanded for not writing their excuses to the Synod.

These following Brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered, M' M'Clain Sen', M' Wallace, M' Gordon, M' M'Clain Jun', M' Johnston, M' Donaldson, M' Iredell, M' Craighead, M' Wilson, M' Hare, M' Drummond, M' Hance Stuart, M' Ninian Coebraun, M' David Harvey, M' Shannon, M' Smith of Balle, M' Pat. Bruce.

These following Brethren being absent are not excused, viz.: M' Higginbothom, M' Porter, M' Plunket, M' Sam' Ross.

The Sub Synod Books were delivered to the Revisers, & they are to make report.

The appointment is renewed on M' Tho' Kennedy to transmit some old Records in his hands to our Clerk.

Ordered that the sev1 Presbys return their members for the Gen' Synod's fixt comm. to next Sed2

M' Alex. Brown has engrossed the Records of fifteen Gen' Synods in a Book which he produced to the Synod. M' Liviston reports that he revised & compared sd Book with the original papers, & that he believes it is exactly transcribed. Agreed that an order be given to our Treasurer to deduct one Shill. from each Minister of this Synod as a gratuity for this service. M' Brown offers to extract out of the book transcribed by him, all the Rules which appear to him necessary, & to deliver a copy to our Clerk, gratis; this was accepted.

Agreed that it be left to the sev1 presbys to appoint a fast in their respective Bounds before Harvest or not as they shall think expedient.

In regard that there are great deficiencies in the Fund it was Fund. moved and agreed to that the Comm. of Overtures shall consider that affair and bring in some overture to make it effectual for the future.

Complaint is made that the Act enjoining the payment of 15 sh. 3 dier' to those who performed the Synodical supplies was not observed, it was moved and agreed to that such of those congregations who have failed in payment of sd sum, & have business depending before this Synod, shall pay or give security for what shall remain of sd sum before their Appointments.
business be heard by us, and whereas some of these congregations have no business depending before us, the Presbys to which they belong shall take care to see said Act observed.

It was moved & agreed to that the sev\(^1\) Presbys shall call to an account such of their members as are absent from the gen\(^1\) Synod & report their Diligence to us.

Comm. to meet at 3; Interluq\(^4\) at 4—Synod at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

Die. Mer. hord 5\(^{1\circ}\), Jun. 16 a Meridio, post preces Sed\(^{4}\) &c.

The Gen\(^1\) Synods fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members viz—

Templepatrick; M\(^1\) Jam: Cobham M\(^1\) Jam. White, M\(^1\) Tho\(^4\) Crawford & Char. Johnston Elder.

Armagh; M\(^1\) Lang, M\(^1\) Mackay, M\(^1\) Cherry, and Jo\(^n\) Campbell of Ballyrony Elder.

Strabane; M\(^1\) Victor Ferguson, M\(^1\) Jos. Hemphill, & M\(^1\) John Wilson Elder.

Colerain; M\(^1\) M\(^c\)-Bride, M\(^1\) John Cochran and M\(^1\) Gawin Steel Elder.

Dublin; M\(^1\) Paton, and M\(^1\) M\(^c\)-Master.

Tyrone; M\(^1\) Thos. Kennedy, M\(^1\) Cochran, M\(^1\) Mulligan, & Dr. Sommervill Elder.

Letterkenny; M\(^1\) Sam. Dunlop, M\(^1\) Fairly, and Will. Moor, Elder.

Monaghan; M\(^1\) Hare, M\(^1\) Plunket and Robert Neily, Elder.

Derry; M\(^1\) Major Murray, M\(^1\) Sam. Ross, & M\(^1\) Thos Cochran, Elder.

Bangor; M\(^1\) Seaton, M\(^1\) Cunningham, and M\(^1\) Crawford Elder.

Killilieagh; M\(^1\) Ja\(^n\) Reid, M\(^1\) Smith, and Thos M\(^c\)-Kibbin Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod\(^1\) upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon, 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be Ministers.

An Appeal of the Congregation of Armagh from a sentence of the Presby of Monaghan given against the transportation of M\(^1\) Bond from Longford to Armagh the minutes of that Presby being read, came orderly before this Synod.

From Armagh appeared Messrs Scot, Brown &c Commr\(^*\) suppling that M\(^1\) Bond may be transported from Longford to Armagh.

From Longford appeared Fran. Wilson Esq & Commr\(^*\) to oppose the desired transportation. Then the Appeal & the reasons of it were read, and also the answers of Monaghan Presby to these reasons, then the reasons offered by Armagh for the transportation of M\(^1\) Bond were read as were also the answers of Longford to these reasons.

Then it was debated whether the Presby of Armagh be parties in this cause they having concurred with the call of Armagh to M\(^1\) Bond. And the question was put, Are the Presby of Armagh parties or not? & it carried that they are parties.
Then all parties were fully heard upon this cause Mr Bond also was heard and Mr Laird was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair, then all parties were removed & the Synod maturely weighed what was offered by all the sev' parties & then the question was put transport Mr Bond from Longford to Armagh or not? & it carried not by a great majority. Parties were called & this sentence intimated to them and they were desired to acquiesce.

Adjourned to 8 *mune*; Comm. to meet at 7; Concluded with prayer.

*Sessio 4* *a* *Die Jovis Jun. 17 Hora, 8* *a* *Mane, post preces Sed* *e* *&c.* *Sessio 4*

The Com's from Armagh moved that they may be allowed Synodical supplies & particularly that Mr Jo*°* Maxwell may supply them the month of July, their supplication is granted.

An appeal from a sentence of the Presby of Rout refusing the transportation of Mr M*Bride from Ballymony to Donaghadee came orderly before the Synod.

From Donaghadee appeared Jo*°* Madowell Esq &c. Com's prosecuting ad appeal.

From Ballymony appeared Messrs John Henry, David Small, &c. Com's. Then the sentence of the Presby of Rout from which the appeal was entered was read & the appeal of Donaghadee & the reasons of it were read & the answers of Rout Presby to these reasons were read. Then the reasons offered by Donaghadee for the desired transportation were read & the answers of Ballymony to these reasons were read. A Letter from the Right Hon. Lord Mount Alexander to the Presby of Rout was also read & all parties were fully heard & Mr M*Bride also was heard. Then Mr Alexander was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair. After prayer all parties were removed & the Synod maturely weighed what was offered by all the sev' parties, the question was put transport Mr M*Bride from Ballymoney to Donaghadee or not, and it carried not, *nemine contradicere*.

Parties were called, and this sentence intimated to them and they were desired to acquiesce. Mr Alexander and Mr M*Bride to answer Ld. Mount Alexander's Letter.

The appointment about the annual Subscriptions for support of Holywood continued, that is, that Mr Lang shall collect sd subscriptions from Armagh Presby, Mr Brown for Templepatrick, Mr Tho° Kennedy for Tyrone and Mr F*au* Montgomery from Bangor Presby.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

*Die Jovis Jun. 17 hora 4* *a* *merid post preces, Sed* *e* *&c.* *Sessio 5* *a*

An appeal of the Preby of Derry from a Sentence of the Synod of Derry, the minutes of that Synod being read, came orderly before this Synod.

Then the appeal of the Preby of Derry was read & the reasons of
said appeal & also the answers of the Synod of Derry to these reasons were read, paragraph by paragraph; then Mr. Boid's declinature from the prey of Derry's intermedling in these affairs, and the reasons of it were read & the prey of Derry's answers to these reasons were read. Also a supplication from Taughboin which had been laid before the Sub Synod of Derry was read.

Then the Synod resolved to waive the Question utrum bene an male appellantum, & to consider & hear all papers relating to the cause complexly.

From St. Johnston appeared Mr. M'Clinto, Mr. Lindsay &c Com" they presented a supplication wherein they set forth their concern for whatever has been irregular in their conduct in times past, and expressing their earnest desires to be taken under the care & inspection of this Synod and to be supplied.

Then Mr. Boid was heard, & after reasoning it was moved & agreed to that a select Comm. shall consider this whole affair, and prepare overtures upon it to be laid before this Synod; &d Comm. to consist of the following members, viz: Mr. Masterton, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lang, Mr. Tho's Kennedy, Mr. Gil. Kennedy, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Laird, Mr. Alex. Brown, Capt. Wilson & Capt. Henderson.

The Sev' Sub-Synod. Books were revised & approven.

Adjourned to 8 mane. Concluded with prayer.


From Lurgan appeared Jam. Minary &c Com" supplicating that this Synod may continue the proportion of the fund formerly allowed them, viz: £15, £9 ann. for support of their weak congregation. The Synod resolves to continue their proportion of the fund to them when planted.

It was earnestly recommended to the Brethren to pay the one shill. & sixpence annual charity to Mr's Tomb.

An Appeal of the Com' of Bangor from a Sentence of the Preby of Rout refusing the Transportation of Mr Cochran from Kilragns to Bangor, the minutes of the Preby of Rout being read, came orderly before this Synod.

From the major part of Bangor appeared Messrs John Blackwood, Jam. Blackwood &c Com' suppling for the Transportation of Mr Cochran from Kilragns to Bangor, & from Kilragns appeared Mr Sam'l M'Cullogh &c Com' to oppose the desired Transportation.

Then the Minutes of the Preby of Rout upon that affair, and the appeal of the Com' of Bangor from it, & the reasons of that appeal and the answers of the preby of Rout to these reasons were read.

Then the reasons offered by Brangor for the Transportation of Mr Cochran to them & the answer of Kilragns to these reasons were read.

Then a supplication was presented by Robt. Blackwood Esq & sev'
other Gent. in Bangor setting forth that they and their tenants & some
of the Session of Bangor & most of the most considerable freeholders in
the parish of Bangor are not free to concur in desiring sd Transportation. Then all parties were fully heard. M' Cochran also was heard, and M' McMaster was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair. After Prayer parties being removed the Synod having maturely weighed what was offered by all the sev' parties, the question was put transport M' Cochran from Kilrarghts to Bangor or not, and it carried unanimously not. Parties were called & this sentence intimated to them.

From Ardstraw appeared M' Clerk, M' Leech &c Commr' supplicating that M' Joa Holmes may be transported from Donnegall to Ardstraw, & from Donnegall appeared M' Stewart Comm' to oppose the desired Transportation. Then the minutes of the Synod of Derry who had refused the desired Transportation were read and the Appeal of Ardstraw and the reasons of their appeal were read as were also the reasons offered by Ardstraw for the desired Transportation & the answers offered by Donnegall to these reasons were read and all parties were fully heard M' Holmes also was heard.

Then M' Dunlop was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair, then parties were removed and the Synod reasoned upon this affair, and having maturely weighed what was offered by all the sev' parties and particularly the great necessity of continuing M' Holmes in Donnegall from the circumstances of that country & also the smallness of his maintenance in that place it was moved and agreed to that in case M' Holmes shall be determined to continue in Donnegall he shall be allowed a double proportion of our ordinary R.D. then the question was put transport M' Holmes from Donnegall to Ardstraw or not? and it carried not by a great majority.

Comm. to meet at 4. Adjourned to 5 A. Meridie. Concluded with prayer.

Die Von Jun. 18 hor. 5ta. A Mer. post præces Sed' &c. Sessio 7ma

From Grayabby appeared M' Roan and Ferdinando Baillie Com' supplicating that Grayabby may be erected into a Congregation. The minutes of the Presby of Bangor upon that affair were read & the Appeal of Grayabby from their Sentence & the reasons of it were read and the minutes of the Presby of Bangor with correspondents met according to the appointment of last Synod were read and

From Bellywalter appeared M' Hugh Craig and Will. M'Kie Com'. The Synod having heard the parties at great length agreed to refer this cause to a select Committee of the following Ministers, viz': M' Tho. Kennedy, M' Hugh Henry, M' Gil. Kennedy, M' Rainey, M' Lind, M' John Kennedy, M' Ja. Orr, M' McBrude, M' Tim. White to prepare overtures upon it.

Ordered that each Congregation pay M's Sterling 1s. 6d. &c ann. Charity.

The Select Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Taughboin brough in their Overtures which were read & after reasoning they were
read again & some amendments were added to them and they were agreed to in the following words.

1. That the Synod express their Dissatisfaction with many offensive expressions in the papers of both sides reflecting on sev\textsuperscript{i} Judicatories, this Synod and particular persons.

2. That the people of St. Johnston do openly before this Synod profess their irregular & disorderly conduct & profess their concern for it.

3. That Mr Boid's arrears shall be fully paid him according to the articles of his settlement till November after Mr Gray's Deposition & that these who went off since are to pay till the time they went off, & that effectual care be taken that a competent maintenance be secured to our Brother for the future. This recommended to his Presby.

4. That the Synod do in the most earnest manner recommend it to such as have deserted Mr Boid's ministry to return to their subjection to him and that such of the people of St. Johnston as shall not return to Mr Boid's shall be allowed supplies to next Gen\textsuperscript{1} Synod and sealing ordinances from Mr Boid & the neighbouring Ministers in an orderly way, & whereas the people of St. Johnston are not under the care of any Presby, this Synod allows them to be under the care of the Presby of Derry.

5. That the people of St. Johnston shall not receive any of Mr Boid's people, tho' he is allowed to receive such of theirs as shall return to him, & that such of Mr Boid's people as may occasionally hear at St. Johnston shall be obliged to pay their full Stipend to Mr Boid.

6. That the first suppliers sent to St. Johnston by the Presby of Derry shall be of their most prudent Ministers who shall be directed to advise the people to study peace & endeavour to secure and promote Mr Boid's usefulness.

7. That if they do not pay all arrears due to Mr Boid or give securities for them ag\textsuperscript{2} the first of September then their supplies shall be stopt & it is the opinion of this Synod that Mr Boid's character stands clear and unexceptionable & that his Doctrine and conversation has been suitable to his station & office as a minister of the Gospel.

Then the Com\textsuperscript{ts} of St. Johnston were called & appeared & were rebuked for their disorderly & irregular carriage, they professed their concern for the same and promised all due subjection to our Judicatories.

Adjourned to 7 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Die Sat. Jun. 19 Hora 7\textsuperscript{ma} Mane, post preces Sea\textsuperscript{t} &c.

It was moved that we consider the place of next meeting & the Synod of Derry waived their claim for this year & the Synod unanimously agreed to meet at Bellymenogh on the third Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Grayabby brought in their overtures which were read and after reasoning they were read
again and with some amendments were agreed to in the following words.

1. That Greyabby and Bellywalter shall continue a united congregation till we see cause to erect them.

2. That Mr Gaudie do appoint for some time till the present heats are over, a Supplier to Greyabby meeting house every fourth Sabbath at his own Expence, they paying annually to him £7 10s with meal and turf as usual. Mr Gaudie is also to visit and catechise the people of Greyabby, & they are to be exhorted to pay all reverence to such an aged minister of Christ; & the Com'' from Greyabby having told us that they will use their interest with the people of their bounds to return to their wonted Duty & affection, it is the opinion of this Synod that they ought to do so.

3. Whereas the proby of Bangor with Correspondents did agree that the proby of Bangor should send supplies to Greyabbey with their convenience, they of Greyabbey paying for sd supplies, it is the opinion of this Synod they be so supplied & we do in the name of the God of peace exhort parties to be at peace with one another, & that the people of Bellywalter and Greyabby act dutifully towards their aged Pastor, & that he carry meekly and patiently toward them.

It it also agreed that a Letter be written to Mr Mongomery of Greyabby thanking him for his regard to his Dissenting tenants. Mr Livingston to write sd Letter.

A supplication from Moywater was presented by Mr Homes their Com'' setting forth their desolate condition & praying that this Synod would allow a double proportion of R. D. to their minister when they shall be planted and that in the meantime they may be supplied, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper may be administered among them.

A supplication was presented from Sligo wherein they earnestly desire that a double Proportion of R.D. be allowed to their minister when planted. The Synod considered both these supplications & after reasoning resolved that they shall pay their suppliers during their vacancy, and that when they shall be planted this Synod will allow each of them their former proportion of their fund, & a locality for the same upon particular congregations, & if any Minister allowed to pay them shall be deficient & not pay his proportion, his R.D. shall be stopt till payment be made.

From the Presbyterian congregation of Moyra appeared Mr Moor Moyra. Com'' supplicating that whereas they were lately deprived of their Meeting-house a contribution may be allowed them from each congregation within our Bounds to assist them to build a Meeting-house. The Synod considering their case agreed to allow them a Sabbath day's collection from each congregation within our bounds with previous intimation, & they are put under the care of the proby of Armagh.

The Proby of Armagh are strictly enjoined to take care to make the fund promised to Vinicash effectual for the future, & to have the arrears due to Vinicash paid and to have this matter settled before the first of September.
A Memorial was presented by the Comrs of Lurgan setting forth that there is above £130 due to the Executors of M' James Fleming upon the publick Fund & earnestly praying that this Synod may take care to have justice done in that case. The Synod considered this case and are very willing to have justice done and in order hereunto have agreed that the old Localities allowed to Lurgan shall be continued to M' Fleming during the vacancy of Lurgan in regard that much sd arrears is desperate and the Presby of Armagh are strictly enjoined to take all due pains on the congregations within their bounds who are in arrears to Lurgan to cause them make effectual payment and the sd Presby is ordered to write to the sev Presbys who may be in arrear to Lurgan to exhort them to do justice to M' Fleming & these Presbys are enjoined to pay to Lurgan what they owe to it with all convenient speed & report to be made to next Synod.

It was moved by the Presby of Derry that they may be allowed to pay their own fund to those in their own bounds who are upon the fund. Agreed to.

Donaghadee, Drumbo, & Denmurry are appointed to pay their fund to Drogheda if they are not appointed to some other weak Congregation already.

This Synod agrees to dispense with the Rule about two calls in the case of M' Malcom & he is allowed to give his answer to the two calls now in his hands to the respective Presbys.

Derry Congregation to pay £2 10 0 and Newton £1 10 0 to Dunfanaghy.

This Synod allows £7 out of the fund to Clandevadog. Rout allowed to pay their fund to those in their own bounds.

Concluded with prayer.

_Interloquitur Sed pastores._

The Interloq took into consideration the scheme proposed at last Genl Synod for managing our publick affairs & finds that there is little or no Progress made in that affair & then came to consider whether it may be necessary to send over an Agent from home or whether a friend may be found in London to solicit our affairs & after reasoning it was moved that if the means already used to procure a friend in London to solicit our affairs prove unsuccessful that we send over M' Craighead, this was unanimously agreed to. Ordered that a letter be written to Mr. Craighead to acquaint him with this resolution & that an order be given to our Treasurer to give M' Craighead a letter of Credit for £50, and a Commission to be drawn for M' Craighead. He is to endeavour to procure instructions to our Ld Lt to endeavour to get our grievances removed in the Irish Pt and to pursue the instructions given him by the joint Comm. met at Newry when he went last over as far as practicable. M' Alexander, & M' Kirkpatrick to draw the Letter & Commission to M' Craighead.
AT ANTRIM, JUNE 15TH, 1731.

M' Craighead's Congregation to be supplied during his absence either by such Probationer in the City or in the North as he shall please to invite, & they to be paid as formerly.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

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A General Synod at Bellymenagh, June 20th, 1732.

M' James Cobham Mod' to the former Synod opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Tim. 4: 16, and constituted the Synod by Prayer, and the Roll was called; Sed.

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Killyleagh Preb.
The former Moderator desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen a Lect of the following Brethren was proposed, viz.: Mr. Lind, Mr. Alex. Brown, Mr. Will Homes, Sen.*, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Bapt. Boid, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hance Stewart, that one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these Brethren being heard and removed Mr. Brown was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices, and Mr. Mackay was continued clerk.

Ordered that the sev't Presby return the names of their members for the sev't Comm: viz: of Overtures, Bills, Books and the fund, and for the Gen' Synod's first Comm: also the names of those they have licensed, ordained or installed, and of any of their number that are dead, and of any they have on Tryals or to be entered on Tryals to our clerk before next Sederunt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer, at 8 tomorrow morning, and continue in prayer till 10.

Adjourned to 10 mane; Concluded with prayer.

Die Mer June 21st, Hora 10ma, mane, post preces, Sed' qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The Presby of Armagh report that they have ordained Mr. Alex' Reed at Narrowwater, Nov. 16, 1731, and Mr. John Maxwell at Ardagh March 15, 1731/2, and that they have licensed Mr. Ja' Stewart, Mr. Ja' Mackay, Mr. Henry Reid, Mr. Sam' Black, and Mr. Jon. Baxter, and that they all subscribed according to order.

The Presby of Rout report that Mr. Tho' Cobham died Feb. 3, 1731/2 and they have licensed Mr. David Alexander and Mr. John Paul, and that they subscribed according to order, and that they have entered on first tryals Mr. John Simple.

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*Sesqio 24th.*
The Presby of Bangor report that they have ordained M'C. And. Malcom at Drumbo, Nov. 27, 1731, and M'C Bertram April 24, 1732, and M'C Kennedy, June 7, 1732, at Lisburn and that they all subscribed according to order.

The Presby of Tyrown have licensed M'C Hugh Sharp and M'C Luke Ash, and have ordained M'C Hugh Sharp at Coagh, June 6, 1732, and they both subscribed according to order.

Templepatrick Presby report that M'C Jas. Creighton died July 29, 1731, and that they have ordained M'C John Thomson, July 14, 1731, at Carnmoney, and M'C Thos. Brown, June 19, 1732, at Glenarm, and that they have licensed M'C Robert Leaths, and that they all subscribed according to order, and that they have entered on Tryals M'C John Mowate, M'C John Brown, and M'C Rob. Jameson.

Killileagh Presby report that M'C Pat. Bruce died April 9, 1732, and that they have ordained M'C Thos. Scott at Bellyhalbert June 14; he subscribed according to order.

Monaghan Presby report that they have installed M'C Glasgow at Golen, April 5, 1732, and that they have ordained M'C John Gibson, Feb. 23d, 1731/2, and M'C Jas. Hamilton the same day: and they have licensed M'C Jas. Clark, and that they all subscribed according to order, and that they have M'C Will. Ambrose on 2d tryals, and M'C M'Kie on 1st tryals and that M'C Will. Sloan died June 12, 1732.

Letterkenny have licensed M'C Walter Stewart and M'C Will. Wilson, and that they both subscribed according to order and that they have M'C Luke Ash on 2nd tryals.


These following Brethren being absent are not excused, viz: —Messrs Jas. Johnston, Alex. M'Crackan, John Hill, Sam'l Dunlop of Rout; Will. Hair, Major Murray, John Gaudie, Alex. Hamilton.

The appointment on M'C Thos. Kennedy to send some ancient Records Records of ours in his hands to our Clerk was not obeyed and is now renewed.

M'C Alex. Brown returned to our clerk an Extract of some Rules found in the old Records of this Synod transcribed by him; they are in retentis.

The old Records of the Presby of Lagan were delivered to our clerk by M'C Sam. Ross.

Ordered that each Min' pay now 18d to M'C Tomb, and 18d to M'C Charity. Sterling, according to the order of last Gen'l Synod; and each Presby to collect at home from those who are absent and transmit M'C Tomb's money to M'C Hugh Wallace and M'C Sterling's money to M'C Jon. Orr.

From St. Johnston appeared M'John M'Clinuto, &c., Com't they St. Johnston.
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sett forth that there is a debate between M'r Boid and them about the sum of arrears due to him, and that they allledge there is £22 due to him, whereas he alledges there is above £80, but they are willing to leave the matter to the Decision of this Synod, and M'r Boid reports that the Synod of Derry appointed a Comm. to adjust sd accounts, and that it appeared to sd Comm. that there is £60 due to M'r Boid; it was moved and agreed to that this affair be referred to a select Comm. of the following members viz;—M'r Tho' Kennedy, M'r Hugh Wallace, M'r Jas. Moor, M'r Jas. White, M'r Sam' Ross, M'r Jon. Ball, and these Elders, M'r Chalmers, M'r Duncan, M'r Frazer, M'r Stephenson, M'r Hamilton, M'r Hutchinson; sd comm. are to adjust sd accounts and to take the whole affair under consideracon, and bring in their opinion upon it to us in severall resolutions.

Comm. to meet at 3; Adjourned to 5 a merid Concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. IIora 5th a merid. post preces, Sed quis supra.

A Letter from M'r Fleming was read, earnestly praying that this Synod may take some effectual method for paying the great arrears of the fund due to her late husband M'r Jas. Fleming. The Synod considering the justice of this request and the great sum of arrears due, after some reasoning unanimously agreed that each congragaon within our Bounds shall pay 5 shill to M'r Fleming before next Gen'l Synod in lieu of the great sum of arrears due to her, and that M'r Menogh shall collect sd money from Arduanagh Presby, M'r Jas. White for Templepatrick, M'r Cunningham for Bangor, M'r Reid for Killileagh, M'r Tho' M'Clain for Monaghan, M'r Tho' Kennedy for Tyrrown, M'r Laird for Letterkenny, M'r Ross for Derry, M'r Will. Holmes and M'r Donaldson for Strabane, M'r Craighead for Dublin, M'r McBridge for Rout Presby, and they to be accountable to next General Synod.

The appointees in favour of Dunfanachy is renewed.

From Lisburn appeared Messrs Will. Fairly, Alex. Taylor, &c., Commissaries; they presented a supplication wherein they sett forth that tho' they had proceeded with all the caution possible, and wt mature deliberation and advice in the choice of M'r Gilbert Kennedy Junr. to be their Minis', yet sev' of their congregacons have seperated from them, and now seek an erection, wh erection if granted, they allledge would be ruinous to the whole congragaon; and from the sd dissenting party appeared John Clerk, Tho' Gurnal, &c., Commissary to prosecute their appeal from the sentence of the presby of Bangor; then the Records of the Presby of Bangor were read upon that affair, as also the appeal and the reasons of it, and the answers of Bangor Presby to these reasons were read; then a supplication from the appellants in Lisburn was read, praying that they may be erected into a distinct congragaon; they sett forth that they will give £60 £ ann. to a Minis', and a debate arising about their numbers and accounts, a Comm. was appointed to consider this affair sd Comm. to consist of the following members, viz: M'r Tho' Kennedy, M'r Hu. Wallace, M'r Livingston, M'r Gordon, M'r Menogh, M'r Laird, M'r Stirling, M'r Allen, M'r Ja' White, and their Elders; they are to make report to this Synod.
Comm. to meet at 7: adjourned to 9 mane, Concluded with prayer.

_Die Iov. June 22, Hord 9th, Ante Merid. post preces, Sed' 5v._

The Genl Synod's first Comm. is to consist of the following members, viz:

- From Ardmagh, M' Lang, M' Mackay, M' Geo. Cherry, and Jon. Campbell Elder.
- Templepatrick, M' Jas White, M' Crawford and Elder.
- Derry, M' Ninian Cochran, M' Strawbridge and Elder.
- Strabane, M' Donaldson, M' Jos. Hemphill and Elder.
- Rout, M' M'Bride, M' John Cochran, and M' Gaw. Steel Elder.
- Bangor, M' Stewart, M' Cunningham, M' Malecom and Alex. Chalmers, Elder.
- Killileagh, M' Fergie, M' Scott and Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod' upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon, 15 to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be Min'.

Appeared as Com' from Sligo the Rev. M' John Holmes; he presented a Supplican from sd Cong' earnestly desiring that the £15 of the fund promised them last year may be made effectual, and that a locality may be now fixed for the same, and that M' Ash whome they have now called may be encouraged to accept their call, whereupon it was moved & agreed to that the Presby of Letterkenny shall have the appointment of the Localities for Sligo, where they please, reserving only the Localities of Drogheda and Dunfanaghuy upon which the said presby made a demand of £5 per ann. from the Presb. of Tyrrown, £5 from Strabane, and £5 from Derry; this the Synod unanimously agreed to, and its recommended to the Comm. of Funds to find out a locality for the £3 per ann. deducted from Loughball.

Appeared from Moyrea M' Moor Com' supplicating for assis. to build their Meeting-house: the Synod doe earnestly recommend it to all the congraons within their bounds to give them a Sabath day's collection wt previous intimation with all possible expedition, and that each min' shall read the representation of the case of Moyrea to their respective congraons when they intimate sd collection, and M' Livingston is to take care of sd collection for Templepatrick, M' Allen for Ardmagh, M' Cochran for Tyrrown, M' Hemphill for Monaghan, M' Moor for Bangor, M' Fergie for Killileagh, M' M'Bride for Rout, M' Ross for Derry, M' Laird for Letterkenny, M' Hemphill for Strabane, M' M'Master for Dublin.

A petition from M' Buntin in Sligo, was read setting forth her Mrs Buntin.
deplorable circumstances and great loss by an accidental fire. The Synod considering her case somewhat extraordinary unanimously agreed to allow her a Sabbath day's collection from each congregation within our bounds, the collectors for Moyrea in the sev′ presbys are to take care of this collection.

A Supplican from Balyborough was read wherein they sett forth that they are able to pay but £12 12s. ann. to their min′ and they earnestly plead that this Synod may fall upon some expedient to support them, otherwise their min′ who has given in his dismission will be obliged to leave them; after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that each congregation within our bounds shall pay 13th to Balyborough at next Gen′ Synod.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of St. Johnston report that there is £50 due to Mr. Boid by the people of St. Johnston in full of all demands due to him, and that the people of St. Johnston agree to pay one moyety of sd sum on the first of July, and the other moyety on the first of August next, and that all parties agreed to this.

It was moved and agreed to that each congregation within our bounds shall contribute to assist Monreagh cong′ in building their meeting-house.

Mr. M′ Clinto Com′ from St. Johnston supplicated that that people may be erected into a congregation, and put under the care of the Presby of Derry; he sets forth that they are about 160 families, and that they will give £40 12s. ann. to a min′. Mr. M′ Clinto was heard, and also Mr. Boid; he sets forth that he has not receiv′ above £28 10s. ann. these last three years & a half, and that altho′ Taughboin promised him £50 per ann. wt Oats, at his installm′, yet he is willing to accept of £40 12s. ann. without Oats, provided sd sum be secured to him. It was moved and agreed to that a Comm. of the following Breth′ viz′ Mr. Lind, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Samuel Ross, Mr. Homes Sen′ and Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Laird, Mr. Ball, Mr. Tho′ Kennedy, Mr. Dykes, Mr. Carlile, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Dick, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Fergie, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Higgingbotham, Mr. Ja′ White, with an Elder from Preby. shall meet at Monrea the first Wednesday of August next at 9 of the clock in the morning, and a Comm. of Messrs. Lang, Kennedy, Holmes Sen′, Reed & Mr′Bride are to draw instructions for sd Comm. to be laid before next Session.

Adjoined to 5 afternoon; Concluded with prayer.

Quo tempore, post precæ, Sed′ qui supra.

The Comm. appointed to draw instructions for the Comm. to meet at Taughboin brought in a Draught of said Instructions which were read and with some amendments were agreed to in the following words:—

1st That altho′ Mr. Boid had £50 besides Oats promised him at his transpor to Taughboin, yet has consented that if £40 be secured to him on any reasonable foundation he will rest satisfied that it be an instruction to sd Comm. that they shall not erect St. Johnston into a
congregation till they have sufficient evidence of said £40 being secured to M' Boid or at least that it appear to the Comm. that the people of Monreagh are sufficiently able to pay £40 per annum and that the Comm. cannot prevail with them to secure said money then and in that case, we leave it to the Comm. to act as they see cause.

24 That if any person or persons now joining with St. Johnston Instructions shall incline to return to M' Boid and his congregation, that they shall have freedom to do so any time before May 1733: But that no person now belonging to M' Boid's Congregation shall have liberty to join with St. Johnston, which shall not be allowed to receive any of them on any pretence whatsoever.

3. That as M' John M'Clinto of Drumon has distinguished himself by his dutiful regard and steady adherence to M' Boid, that the Comm. do in name of this Synod earnestly desire him to use his good offices to prevail with the Congregation of Monrea to secure said £40 to M' Boid, and we do overture that a letter be written from this Synod to said M' M'Clinto and the other gentlemen and Session of Monreagh, gratefully acknowledging their adherence to our Bro. Boid and exhorting him to use his utmost endeavours, and them to second him to get M' Boid's maintenance secured to him.

4. If that Comm. shall find cause to erect St. Johnston then they shall put that congregation and also M' Boid's under the care of the presbytery of Strabane, and in the meantime they are to be supplied by the preby of Derry till the Comm. meet and that unless the £50 be paid according to the agreement made this day, St. Johnston shall not be erected, and in that case we leave it to the Comm. whether they shall injoin the payment of said £50 to M' Boid before St. Johnston get any supplies, after said Committee's meeting.

5. That if any of M' Boid's people shall remove from their present farms, and other of our Communion come in to enjoy their possessions, such shall not be received by St. Johnston but shall be members of M' Boid's congregation.

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.


The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Lisburn brought in Lisburn their own resolution and the members reasoned a long time upon it and then came to the following Resolutions:

(1) That a Comm. be appointed to meet at Lisburn on the third Wednesday of October next to act in that affair as they see cause, said Comm. to consist of the following members, viz.: M' Lang, M' Mackay and John Campbell, Elder, M' Donaldson, M' Jas Smith, M' M'Bride, M' John Hill, and M' Gawin Steel, Elder, M' Bapt. Boid, M' Thos. M'Clain, and M' Fairchild, Elder, M' Hugh Wallace, M' John Kennedy, and Mat. Wilson, Elder, M' Ball, M' Fairly and M' Will. Moor Elder, M' Will. Cunningham, M' Dav. Harvey, M' Seaton, M' Dixon and Alex. Chalmers, Elder, M' Reed, M' Fergie, M' Craford, M' Hasty, and M' Oakman, 12 minos to be a quorum.
Then a question was put, shall we supply the Dissenting party in Lisburn before the meeting of the Comm. or leave it to the Comm. to doe as they see cause, and it carried supply them, and they are to be supplied by Mr. Ja. Cobham, the third Sabbath hence, Mr. Mackay the 5th, Mr. King the 7th, Mr. Ja. White the 9th, Mr. Livingston the 11th, Mr. Alex. Brown the 13th, Mr. Thos. Craford the 15th, Mr. Hasty the 17th Sabbath hence; and whereas in the course of ye debate upon this affair it appeared some reflections were cast upon Mr. Gilbert Kennedy Senr. & Junr. by Mr. Beaty, one of the Com'' of the dissenting party, this matter is to be tried by the above sd Comm; and whereas Mr. Taylor and Mr. White said that they could prove that one Geo. Clerk Com'' of the dissenting side, said that they had entered into Bonds and Covenants with Mr. Dykes to give him £60 P. ann. and that he wou’d come to them, this cause is also to be tried by the above said Comm.

The Senate [Synod] considering the case of Moywater agreed to allow them £10 out of the publick fund per ann. said £10 P. ann. to be paid by the presby of Derry, and it is recommended to the Presby. of Strabane to pay all their fund to Moywater excepting the £5 appointed to Sligo, in order to augment the Quota of Moywater.

From Aghoghle appeared Mr. Clerk, Com'', suppling that this Synod may take that people under their care; he sets forth that they are about 200 families, and desires they may be put under the care of the Presby of Rout, and may be supplied, Mr. Boid is to supply Aghoghle tomorrow, Mr. Dykes 2d Sabb., Mr. Will Homes jun. the third Sabbath of July, Mr. Jas White the 4th Sabbath of August, Mr. Tim. White the 1st Sabb. of August, Mr. Hugh Wallace the 2d Sabb. of August, and the Presby. of Rout to supply them for ordinary, and take all due care of them.

Adjourned to 4 a merid. Concluded with prayer.


From a part of Drumaul congreaon appeared Hugh Hill, &c., Com'' suppling that their right of electing their pastor may be preserved to them, they were also commissioned to prosecute their appeal from the sentence of the Presby of Templepatrick allowing the call from the major part of that congreaon to be drawn to a candidate; their appeal was read, and the reasons of it, as were also the answers of Templepatrick Presby to these reasons.

In the name of the major part of Drumaul Congreaon appeared Col. O’Hara, Clotworthey O’Neil, Esq., Mr. Hen. McCulough, Lieut. Dobbin, &c., Com'' : then the reasons of Appeal and answers of the preby were read again, paragraph by paragraph, and all parties were fully heard, and removed, and after some reasoning, a Question was put approve the conduct of the Preby of Templepatrick in this affair or not, and it carried approve by a great majority.

From Greabby appeared Mr. Magill, Mr. Roan, &c., Com'' suppling for an erection at Greabby, but in regard all parties concerned in that cause are not present, the Synod cannot come to any
Determinat of that affair; it was therefore agreed to referr this cause to the Comm. which is to meet at Lisburn on the third Wednesday of Octb next, and in the meantime they shall be supplied as formerly by the Presby of Bangor, till the meeting of said Comm: and in case the Comm. shall not think fit to erect them, yett they shall be supplied as formerly till next Gen¹ Synod, and M⁰ Gaudie and all parties concerned are to be advertised by the Preby of Bangor, to attend sd Comm. and the preby of Bangor are to attend sd Comm. to give what light they can in that affair.

From one part of Ardstraw called M⁰ M‘Curdie’s party appeared Jn¹ Kinkead &c. Com² supplicating that this Synod may doe them justice in getting M⁰ M‘Curdy to be their Min¹, and from that part of Ardstraw which is for M⁰ Bond appeared Nath. Hood &c. Com³ supplicating that this Synod may concur with them in their attempts to get M⁰ Bond settled among them. All parties were heard and removed, and the Synod considered this case and came to a Resolution to advise both parties to drop both candidates and to endeavour to unite in some other person.

A supplicason from Connor was read wherein they sett forth that Connor. tho’ they supplicated the Preby of Templepatrick sev¹ times for a hear- ing of M⁰ Tho¹ Thompson a Probationer under the care of the preby of Tyrown yet they had not obtained this request, and therefore had appealed from sd Presbytrey.

To this Synod the sentence of the Preby of Templepatrick from which they had appealed was read, and then the Appeal and the Reasons of it were read, and all parties heard at great length, and removed, and the Synod after mature deliberation came to the following Resolutions.

1st That tho’ there have been some surmises advanced of M⁰ Thomson’s having been guilty of intemperance, yet it does not appear to this Synod that their is any foundation for sd surmises, and his character stands unexceptional in that respect.

2nd That notwithstanding hereof it does not appear advisable in the present circumstances that M⁰ Thomson shou’d supply Connor.

3rd That we will appoint them supplies from the several Presbys till next Gen¹ Synod.

This Synod agreed that our next Meeting shall be at Ballymenagh, on the 3rd Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Adjournd to 8 mane: Concluded with prayer.


A Supplicason from Narrowater was read, that people earnestly plead that in regard of their inability to support the Gosple they may be allowed a share in the publick fund, it was recommended to the Preby of Ardigmagh to gett some assistance to sd place from the cong- raons within their own bounds, and to take all possible care of them.

A supplicason from Hollywood was read, they earnestly plead that Hollywood.
in regard of their inability to support the Gospel and the deficiency of the private fund promised them, they may be allowed a share of the publick fund; the Synod considering this case agreed to join the Preby of Bangor to pay £6 or £7 ³⁄₄ ann. of their publick fund to Hollywood.

The Synod took the case of Bovidy under consideration, and all parties agreed to refer themselves to the report of that affair contained in the Records of the Presby of Rout, said Records were read and all parties were fully heard and removed, and the Synod after reasoning resolving to confirm the sentence of the Preby of Rout upon this affair, and ordered said Preby to secure £10 of the fund formerly allowed to Mr Fran. Ross to Bovidy.

Bovidy.

Rout to supply Connor the month of July by Mr Fowler, Tempelpatrick the month of August by Mr Leaths, Tyrown for September, Ardmagh for Octob, Bangor for Nov, Killileagh for December, Letterkenny for January, Monaghan for February, Derry for March, Strabane for April, and they are to pay 10 shillings ³⁄₄ diem to the suppliers, and maintain man and horse, and they may stop these supplies from the Synod when they think fit.

Connor Supplied

Port Glenone.

It is agreed that Port Glenone he exempted from paying any publick fund on account of their peculiar circumstances.

Ordered that the Preby of Derry shall pay £1 7s 6d of old debt due by them to John Fee, and that each minister in this Synod shall bring 6d from his Session to the widow of said John Fee, to next Gen Synod.

The revisers of the Sub-Synod Books, viz of Ardmagh, Derry and Belfast report that they revised said Books, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

Agreed that each congreagion within the Bounds of the Synods of Ardmagh and Derry shall pay 2s 6d, and each congreagion within the bounds of the Synod of Belfast 5s 5d towards defraying some old debts due by Mr Will. Murdock, a Probationer, now deceased; Mr David Harvey to collect for Derry, Mr John Cochran for Rout, Mr Hemphill for Strabane, Mr Laird for Letterkenny, Mr McClaim for Monaghan, Mr Allen for Ardmagh, Mr McMaster for Dublin, Mr John Kennedy for Tyrown.

Minutes being read: Concluded with prayer.

1st Interloc Sed Pastores.

The following overture was brought in by the Comm. of Overtures viz: Whereas the Gen Synod has always a fixt comm. to be called for the management of our publick affairs, and particularly for drawing addresses to the Government upon proper occasions, and whereas some members of the Preby of Monaghan have taken upon them to draw an Address to the King in name of the Protestant Dissenters in the counties of Monaghan, Cavan, Longford and Tyrown in a clandestine manner without consulting the Synod's Comm. which practice was like to be attended wt pernicious consequences to our publick interests: We overture
1st. That the min<sup>st</sup> who drew up said Address in such manner shall be reproved by the Gen<sup>1</sup> Synod.

2d. That if any ministers or ministers belonging to this Synod shall presume for the future to draw up any address to the King or Government in a clandestine manner, in name of any part of the Protestant Dissenters in Ulster belonging to this Synod, such Minister or Ministers shall upon conviction be suspended by the Presby or Presbys whereof they are members till the next meeting of the Gen<sup>1</sup> Synod: this overture was read and unanimously approven.

2<sup>d</sup> Interloc

It was moved & agreed to that a Letter be written to Kilmore Congraon to exhort them to be easy in continuing under the care of the Preby of Kllilcagh; M' Masterton to draw up sd Letter and to second it wt his good offices.

3<sup>d</sup>. It was moved in order to make the fund effectual that each Min<sup>r</sup> whose congregaon is deficient in paying the fund, shall be obliged to appoint a publick collection yearly, and give previous intimason thereof to his people, and exhort them to their duty; and if any minister shall neglect to appoint sd collection, he shall be censured by his Preby and if any Elder refuse to collect he also shall be censured by his Preby and we exhort the Prebys to take all due pains with these congraons who are deficient to excite them to pay their fund, and particu­larly that they would cause another to exchange a day with the min<sup>r</sup> of those deficient congregations to exhort sd people of their duty; this was unanimously agreed to.

It was moved and agreed to that M' Wirling shall have a share of R.D. to commence from this Midsummer.

A General Synod at Ballimenagh, June 19, 1733.

M' Alex<sup>t</sup> Brown the former Mod<sup>t</sup> opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Cor. 4: 5, and constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Roll was called. A list of the Members of this Synod is upon record in the the Gen<sup>1</sup> Synod's Book (as follows):—

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The former Mod' desiring that a new Mod' may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed, viz': M'r Lind, M'r James White, M'r Crooks, M'r Wm. Homes, Sen', M'r Bapt. Boid, M'r Johnston, M'r Dunlop, M'r Frazer, M'r Moor, that one of them may be chosen Mod' and these Brethren being heard and removed, the question was put, and M'r Lind was chosen Mod' by plurality of voices, and M'r Mackay was continued Clerk.

Ordered that the several Presbys return the names of their members for the several Committees, viz: of Overtures, Bills, Books, & for the Fund, & for the Gen'l Synod's fixt Committee, as also the names of those they have ordained, licensed or installed, and of any of their number that are dead; or any they have upon Trials or to be entered on trials to our clerk, before next Sederunt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 8 tomorrow morning, & continue in prayer till 10.
Adjourned to 10 mane. Concluded wh prayer.


The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

These following Brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered, viz: Mr Iredell, Mr Craighead, Mr Alexander, Mr Jas Maxwell, Mr Dean, Mr Plunket, Mr Carlile, Mr Wilson, Mr Glasgow, Mr Gibson, Mr Cornwall, Mr M'Clave, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Drummond, Mr Rob. Thompson, Mr Sam' Ross, Mr Murray, Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr James Stuart, Mr Masterton, Mr Dixon, Mr Hamilton, Mr Shannon, Mr James Reid, Mr Smith, Mr Rainey, Mr Gordon, Mr John Maxwell.

These following Brethren being absent are not excused viz: Mr Not excused. Humphry Thomson, Mr Sam' Hemphill, Mr Stirling, Mr Hance Stewart, Mr Strawbridge, Mr Seaton, Mr Higginbothom, Mr Alex. Ried.

The presby. of Bangor report that they have ordained Mr James Ordained. Mackay at Bangor, Nov. 15, 1732 & Mr James Stewart at Donaghadee, March 7, 1732/3, they both subscribed according to order, & that Mr Dead. Macalpin died Oct. 27, 1732, & Mr Gaudy, March 20, 1732/3.

The Presby. of Ardmagh report that they have licensed Mr James Licensed Moody, he subscribed according to order and that they designe to enter on Tryals Mr James Lang.

The Presby. of Rout report that Mr Sam' Dunlop gave in his dimission which was excepted off and that he left their bounds about January last, and that they have licensed Mr John Sample, and that they design to enter upon Tryals Mr Sam' Boys, Mr Brown, Mr Cochran, Mr Elder, Mr Knox, Mr Mitchell & Mr Duffin. Templepatrick Presby. report that they have ordained Mr Will. Ordained. Henderson at Drumaul, October 12, 1732, & Mr Leas at Islemagee, Feb'y. 12, 1732, & Mr Hu. Scott at Killead, Ap'ly. 9, 1733, & that they have licensed Mr John Mont & Mr Rob' Jaminson.

Derry Presby report that Mr John Harvey Jun'r died Feb'y. 7, 1732/3, and that they have licensed Mr Will. Armstrong.

Killileagh Presby. report that they have ordained Mr Alex. M'Comb at Craigin, Ap. 18, 1733. Monaghan presby report that they have installed Mr James Hamilton at Oldcastle May ye 15, 1733, & that they ordained Mr Installed. Alex. M'Kie at Drumsardtry May 16, 1733, and Mr Wm Ambrose at Kineard Augst. 2, 1732, and that they entered on 2d Tryals Mr Tho' Bond.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have ordained Mr Luke Ash at Sligo, Augt. 9, 1733, and yt they have Mr Wm Wilson on 2d tryals.

The Genl Synod's fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members, viz:
Ardmagh, Mr Lang, Mr Johnston, Mr Cherry, & John Campbell, Elder.

Rout, Mr Wirling, Mr. Jon. Cochran, and Mr Gaw. Steel, Elder.

Killileagh, Mr Fergie, Mr Kennedy, and Elder.

Tyrone, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Cochran, and Mr Agnew, Elder.

Letterkenny, Mr Fairly, Mr Magachin and Mr John Laird, Elder.

Templepatrick, Mr James White, Mr Frazer, and Mr Hen. Magill, Elder.

Monaghan, Mr Hemphill, Mr Plunket, and Robt. Neily, Elder.

Bangor, Mr Seaton, Mr Mackay, and Alex. Chambers, Elder,

Strabane, Mr Donaldson, Mr Jo Hemphill and Mr John Wilson Elder.

Derry, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr David Harvey and Mr Robt. Harvey, Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod to meet at Dongannon upon emergents, 15 to be a Quorum, 12 whereof to be min.

Ordered that the money due to Mr Tomb & Mr Stirling be now paid by the several members.

The Synod finding that several presbys. have not paid the 5 shill. each Minister promised at last Synod to Mr Fleming of Lurgan, ordered that said money be paid before 29th Sept next.

The applotment in favour of Dunfanachy is continu'd, Mr Bunting's collection is to be paid by such as have it here to Mr Ash and those who have it not here, are ordered to transmitt it to Mr Samuel Dunlop of Letterkenny.

Ordered that our Treasurer pay to Mr Wilson of Bayly Borrough one shill. for each min of the General Synod.

Adjourned to 5, a merid : Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3rdie Die Mer. horâ 5o a merid. post preces, Sedt &c.

Ardstraw.

From a part of Ardstraw appeared Saml Boid &c Com they presented a supplication complaining of several grievances they alledge they are laid under by the presby. of Strabane, and from the major part of Ardstraw appeared Jos. Dean &c Com supplicating yt this Synod may concurr with them in their attempt to get Mr Andrew Welshe to be their min and that the presby of Strabane may be ordered to proceed to settle said Mr Weishe among them. After long reasoning, it was moved that some members be sent out first to converse with the presby of Strabane & then with both parties of Ardstraw, which was done accordingly. These members being returned, all parties were heard again at great length, and then removed, and after long reasoning, the question was put, shall we allow the presby. of Strabane to proceed to settle Mr Welshe in Ardstraw, or not, & it carried allow by a great majority; and Mr Winsley is to supply Ardstraw Sabbath come eight days
and to do all the good offices he can to persuade the dissenting partie of Ardstrow to except M' Welshe to be their min' and so endeavour to prevent any breach among them. Parties were called and this sentence intimated to them.

A Supplikation from Moywater was read, wherein they earnestly Moywater. pray that ye £18 of the fund formerly promised them may be made effectual; that M' Wilson whom they have now calld may be encouraged to settle among them, & that the £10 of the fund allowed them last yea from the Presby of Derry may be now paid to M' Wilson in regard yt he has often supplied them since last Synod; the Presby of Derry is ordered to pay st £10 to M' Wilson.

Adjourned to 10 mane : Concluded with prayer.


From Grange appeared James Weir, &c., Com" they set forth in Grange their supplikation that M' John Henderson had dismitted his charge of them, and left them to provide for their own edification. They desire to be put under the care of the Presby of Rout, & to be supplied. After reasoning it was moved & agreed to that Aghoehill and Grange shall be put under the care of the presby of Rout till next Gen' Synod to be supplied or annexed to neighbouring congregations as they shall see cause.

Next meeting of this Synod is to be at Derry, on the third Tuesday of June next; Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

From St. Johnston appeared Will. Harvey &c., Com' earnestly St Johnston suppling that the people of St. Johnston may be erected into a distinct congregation, and may be continued under the care of y' presby of Derry. The minutes of ye Comm. which met at Monreah last year by appointment of the Gen' Synod were read, and M' Boid and the Com" from St. Johnston were fully heard & removed, and after long reasoning, it was moved and agreed to that a comm. of M' Laird, M' Gilbert Kennedy, M' Livingston, M' Holmes Sen', M' Tho' Kennedy, M' M'Bride, M' Brown, M' Bapt. Boid, shall go out and consider this affair, & bring in an overture to next Sdtt.

Adjourned to 5 a merid. Concluded with prayer.


From a part of Drumaul Cong" appeared John Hunter, Roht. Drumaul. Mulligan &c. Com" supplicating that they may be disannexed from the congregation of Drumaul, and from y' major part of sd congregation appeared Clotworthy O'Neil, Esq., M' Hen. MCulough, and sev' other Gent' Com"; and then the reasons of said discontented partie for desiring such Dismisses were read, and the answers of Drumaul Com" to these reasons were read, as were also all papers relating to sd cause; and all parties were fully heard & removed and the members reasoned some time upon this case, and after mature deliberation upon what was offered by the parties, were of opinion that these complainants have not offered any reason why they should not submit to M' Henderson's
ministry, they not having offered any exception agst his doctrine or conversation; and the Question was put, Grant them Dismisses or not, and it carried not, nemine contradicente.

Adjourned to 9 mane; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6th—Die Ven horâ 9am, mane, post preces, Sedi 3ce.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Taughboin brought in their overt. which were read, & after reasoning, some amendments were made, & they were agreed to in the following words:—

1st That in case this Synod shall erect sd people into a congregation, that no members of the old congregation of Taughboin adhering to Mr Boid’s ministry in June, 1732, shall be recd as members of ye congregation of St. Johnston.

2nd That if any belonging at foresd time to St. Johnston shall incline or desire to return hereafter to Mr Boid’s ministry, they shall be received as members at Monreath, which liberty is to continue no longer than St. Johnston shall be settled with a Minster but that none shall be allowed to withdraw from the old congregation who were members in 1732 aforesaid.

3rd In case any belonging to ye old congregation of Taughboin be removed by death or other ways, the successors to ye dwelling place of such being of our Communion shall be members of the old congregation of Taughboin.

4th That no neighbouring Congregation shall receive any of the members of the congregation without such regular Dismisses as in such cases are usually required.

5th That in case the people of St. Johnston be erected into a congregation, then sd congregation shall be under the care of the Presbytery of Derry.

6th That the presby of Rout shall as soon as conveniently they can, meet at Monreath, and use all diligence & care to advance and secure the yearly Stipend of £40 ster. to the Rev. Mr Boid, and use all endeavours to preserve the exercise of his ministry among them with comfort and peace; then the question was offered, shall we erect St. Johnston into a congregation with ye Limitations or not, and it carried Erect by a great majority.

This Synod enjoin all the congregations who have not collected for Moyra to assist them in building their Meeting house, according to the appnt of former Synods to make sd collections with previous Intimations and transmitt them to Moyra as soon as possible.

From Greabby appeared Messrs. Hu. Catherwood, Will. Magill, Comin supplicating that Greabby may be erected into a distinct congregation; they set forth that they will give in undeniable security for £30 per ann. and 10 pounds worth of victualling and turf, and if this Synod insist upon it, Capt. Montgomery will give security for sd sum.

And from Bellifyter appeared Will. M’Kie, &c., Comin supplicating that Greabby may [not] be erected into a congregation, otherways their congregation will be destroyed: All parties were heard and re-
moved, and in the course of the reasoning it was moved and agreed to
by no cons6 which shall be erected out of another shall have or be
allowed to have any share of the publick fund, and then the Synod
considered the Limitations necessary to be laid downe in case we erect
Grayabbe : and first, it is resolved that no person living in the 10 Townes
now belonging to Newton or of their successors of our Communion
shall be rec7 as members by Grayabbe, upon any pretence whatsoever,
and the said Denominations now belonging to Newton shall still con-
tinue so.

2dly That Donaghadec shall not be affec8 by said erection or by
Bellywalter in consequence of it.

The Comm9 of Grayabbe insisted on it that M' Gaudie's promise
that they should have their seats when regularly erected be recorded
in our minutes; and then the question was put Erect Grayabbe or
not, and it carried erect by a great majority.

Adjourned to 5 a meridie. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7mea Die Ven. Hora 5ta A Merid. post preces Sed1 Syc. Sessio 7

From a part of Lisburn congregation appeared Will. Beaty, Thomas Lisburn.
Gurnall &c. Com10 supplicating that they may be disannexed from the
Presby of Bangor & put under the care of some other presby, and from
another part of said congregation appeared Tho11 Small and James Fulton Com12 supplicating that this Synod may use their endeavours
to reunite the two contending parties.

After reasoning it was agreed to that M' Livingston, M' Brown,
M' McMaster, M' Vick. Ferguson, & M' Allen shall goe out & converse
with 7o Comm13 of the major partie and make report, and whereas an
asperion had been cast upon M' Dykes at last Gen14 Synod that the
major party had entered into bonds & covenants with him and that he
was to come to them & one Tho15 Graham was mentioned as evidence
to prove said allegaon, a paper was now produced, attested by 4
evidences, solemnly declaring that Tho16 Graham says he never said any
such thing.

From Bellinaheinch appeared M' David White Com17 supplicating
that whereas they had a majority of votes for M' Alex. M'Clain
that this Synod may concurr with them in their attempts to
gett M' M'Clain settled among them and offered several reasons to
enforce their petition ; and from another part of said congregation ap-
peared Comm18 supplicating that both M' Gaudie whom they voted for,
and M' M'Clain whom the other party voted for may be laid aside.
Parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning it was moved and
agreed to that the Presby of Bangor shall make a new Scrutiny into
that affair and if they find upon a strict enquirie that two thirds of said
congregation are for M' M'Clain then they are to concurr with said two-
thirds if able to support a min19 in settling M' M'Clain in Bellinaheinch,
and to endeavour to bring the minority to a compliance.

An appeal from the Rev. Presby of Killileagh by the Rev. Mr M' Bruce
Mich. Bruce, the Minutes of that Presby being read, came orderly
before this Synod. The appeal was read, and after reasoning, it was
moved and agreed to that a Comm. shall meet at Killileagh upon the last Wednesday of July; said comm. to consist of the following members: viz' M' Brown, M' Crawford, M' Frazer, M' Dixson, M' Cuningham, M' Malcom, M' Mountgomery, M' King, M' Allen, M' M'Clain, and M' Robt. Tompson, to give sentence in these appeals and to endeavour to issue that affair, and if they find upon a strict enquiry that M' Bruce's demands appear just to said comm' they are to recommed the payment of the money, and the presby of Killileagh are to attend said comm'.

It is agreed that a select comm. for regulating the fund shall meet at Ardmagh on the first Wednesday of Oct' next, at 10 o'clock in the morning: and this Synod empowers said comm. to manage all affairs relating to the fund, sd comm. to consist of the following members, viz' M' David Heavv, M' Sam' Dunlop, M' Joe'Hemphil, M' Alex. Brown, M' Andrew Malcon, M' Sam' Fergie, M' Robt. M'Bride, M' John Kennedy, Bap' Boid, and M' Geo. Cherry; they are to take care in the first place, of the Frontier congregations and to place their Localities upon the surest foot, and if any congregations have too much fund allotted ym they are to deduct from their Quota & give it to those who need it more—and the presbys are enjoind to their Quota & give it to those who need it more—and the presbys are enjoined to meet before that time and instruct their members in all matters relating to the fund.

It is the opinion of this Synod that Monreath congregation ought to be dissolved, and annexed to the sect congregations to wh they formerly belonged.

The Comm. appointed to converse with the major party of Lisburne report that they had no success in their negotiations.

Adjourned to 7 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 8va—Die Saturn, hora 7ma mane post proces, Sedt 5c

The Synod resumed the consideration of the affairs of Lisburn, and after long reasoning, having maturely weighed what was offered by the several parties came to the following resolutions:—

(First) That it is our deliberate judgment that it is our [the'] duty of the two contending parties in Lisburn to reunite into one congregation in regard that this reunion wou'd tend to the glory of God, & the credit of Religion; whereas their continuing in a divided state tends much to the dishonour of God, the wounding and reproach of Religion, and exceedingly mar's their own comfort and edification.

2° It is our judgem't that in order to obtain that valuable end the preby to which they shall belong shall supply not separately but p vices till next Gen' Synod unless their coalition happens sooner, and as soon as their coalition happens which we must observe we order the preby to which they shall belong to proceed to plant them in a regular way.

These Resolutions were voted and approven. The Comm' of Lisburn desired to be under the care of the presby of Templepatrick: sd presby after some deliberation offered to take both parties of said congregation under their care for the space of 4 months, and to supply
AT BALLYMENA, JUNE 19TH, 1733.

...them p vices, and also to advise both parties to do every thing in their power to promote the desired union among them, in which if they have success they are to consent to continue their care of said people & to plant them in an orderly way, but if they should fail of the wished for success, in that cause they desire that the Gen¹ Synod’s Comm. be called on that occasion to take care of said people, and put them under the inspection of such presby as they see fit; this was agreed to.

Agreed that a letter be written by our Clerk to the Presby of Derry and one to Strabane Presby and one to Tyrone to excite them to pay their fund. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq Sederunt Pastores.

It was moved that M’ Wirling should gett his share of R.D. from the time he was reponed. This was agreed to.

The proceedings of a Comm. of Minⁿ and gentmen mett lately at Antrim were laid before us, also a letter from friends in Dublin was communicated to this Interloq⁵, acquainting us that it is their opinion that it will not be expedient to send over any Commⁿ to facilitate our affairs, but they judge it convenient to comitt the management of the same to M’ Hamilton now in London. The Interloq⁵ agreed to this proposal.

Agreed that each presby shall pay 13d to M’ Alex. Brown for transcribing papers on that occasion.

This Interloq⁵ agrees that M’ Taylor, M’ Drumond and M’ Wilson shall each of them have one shill. and sixpence from each Minⁿ of this Synod, the first paymt to commence at June 1734.

This Interloq⁵ agrees that each vacant congregation before they propose to any minⁿ or probationer shall supplicate their presby for advice.

2ᵈ. That in all such application from any vacant congⁿ for advice, two thirds of the Presby shall concurr with said vacant congⁿ in calling said minⁿ, or probationer.

Thirdly, it is agreed that unless two thirds of any vacant congregation shall agree in their choice of a Pastor, the Presby shall not concurr with their call, & said two thirds are to be reconed both from the number quality and stipend of the congregation.

Copied from M’ Mackay’s Papers by GEO. LANG, Clk.

But there not being a correct list of ye members wh constituted ye Gen¹ Synod of 1733 the Clk. thought best not to prefix any list as usually is done.

MEMORANDUM.

The Transcriber of ye Minutes of 1734 having neglected to prefix ye list of ye members of the Synod ye same will be found in ye Minutes.

GEO. LANG, Cl. Syn. Gen¹.
A General Synod at Londonderry, June 18th, 1734

Mr Charles Lynd the former Mod't opened this Synod by preaching from John 17:20-21 verses, and constituted the Synod by prayer.

Roll was called. A List of this Synod is in record in the General Synod's book.

The former Mod't desiring that a new Mod. may be chose, a Leet of the following Min's was proposed, viz: Messrs. Sam'l Dunlop, Sam'l Hemphill, Alex. Fleming, Robt. Higginbothom, Jn' Alexander, Wm Holmes Sen't, Seth Drummond, Jas. White, Bap. Boid, Tho' Wensley, John Ball, that one of them may be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Breth'ren being heard and removed, the Question was put, and Mr Alexander was chosen by plurality of voices.

Then a Leet of Brethren, viz: Messrs Geo. Lang, Alex. Brown, Jos. Hemphill, Wm Boyd, Jn' Cochran, & Sam'l Ross was proposed that one of them might be chosen Clerk to this Synod, and the Roll being called, Mr Geo. Lang was chosen by plurality of voices.

Ordered that the sev'l presbys do tomorrow morning make returns of their members for the sev'l Committees for Overtures, Bills, Books, and funds, and for Gen'l Synod's fixed Committee: also the names of those they have since last Synod ordained, installed or licensed, and of any of their members that are dead, or any they have upon tryals, or to be entered upon tryals.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod do meet here for prayer at 8 tomorrow morning, and continue in prayer to 10 when the Synod is to be opened.

Adjourned to 10 mane. Concluded with prayer.


The time appointed for prayer was spent in it accordingly.

Excuses were now offered and excepted from Absents from last Synod, absents from this Synod; and excused are Messrs. Maclaine Sen't, Wallace, Rainey, Johnston, Gordon, Maclaine Jun't, Alex' Reid, Wirling, Iredell, Humph. Thomson, Wm Wilson, Tho' Maclain, Plunket, Cornwall, Crooks, Tho' Kennedy, Macleave, Hu. Wallace, Robt Thomson, Nath. Cochran, Ja' Orr, Sharp, Jo. Cochran, Knox, Ja' Thomson, Ja' Stuart, Masterton, Wm Smith, Jun, Nath'l Orre, Jam. Reid, Shannon, Wm Smith, Sen't, M'Colm, Leech, Cobham, Living'ton, Henderson.


Presby. of Ardmagh Report that they have ordained since last Synod Mr Tho' Creghton at Moyra, May the 27th, 1734, and the day following Mr James Moody at Magherally, who both subscribed the Synod's formula; and Mr Mackay [Clerk] died Nov' 14th.
Strabane presby report that they have ordained since last Synod M' Andrew Welsh, at Ardstraw, August the 22, & licensed M' Ja's Menagh, and M' Geo. Carson, who all subscribed the Synod's Formula: they also report they have in tryals for ordination M' Sam' Hemphill, who designs to pass into the Plantations in America.

Colerain Presby, report that they have licensed Messrs Robt. Brown, Sam' Boyce, John Elder, and Ja's Cochran, who all subscribed the Synod's formula, and have entered on tryals Mess' Robt. Knox, Adam Duffy, Dan Mitchell, in order to being Licensed, and on second tryals M'r David Smyly.

Tyrone Presby report that they have entered on first tryals M'r Sam' Cowan, and that M' Mulligan died January last.

Derry Presby report yt they design to enter on first Tryals, Messrs. Wm Callender, David Walker, Jon. Betty, Wm Hair, Robt. Henery, Henery Askin, and M'r Tho's Bond on second tryals.

Bangor Presby report that they have ordained M'r Robt. Gaudy at Bellywalter, April the 9th, who subscribed the Synod's Formula and have entred on second tryals M'r Alex' M'Clain.

M'r Gilbert Kennedy of Killileagh presby, reports that they design to enter on first tryals Messrs. Alexander Clements and M'Kibbin.

Templepatrick presby, report that they ordained in May last M'r Robt. Jameson, and M'r James Martin for the Ministry in the Plantations in America, [Pensylvania], and that the first had a call. They also report they design to enter on first Tryals Messrs. Jon. Macconell, Robt. Gilliland, Jon. Macullagh, and Clotworthy Gaudy — also ordained M'r Tho's Fowler at Connor Augt. 18th: he subscribed the Synod's Formula.

The Synod recommends to the servd presbys to pay 18d each to the Minis Widows mentioned in our last year's minutes.

Also recommends it to Comittee of Overtures to bring in an overture to make the payment to the Minns widows more effectual especially from Members abst from meetings of this Synod.

Ordered that M'm Teath be added to the number of Ministers' Widows, the Comittee of Overtures is desired to bring in an overture to the Interloq', concerning a supply for her, on account of her present distressed circumstances as to her person and family.

The Synod being informed that some whole presbys and diverse members of others have not paid the 5s each Min', to M' Fleming according to orders of last Synod — the Synod now recommends to the servd presbys and members to pay said money to M'r John Menagh.

It is also recommended to such Minns as have not pay'd the collection for M'n Bunting of Sligo, that they now pay it to M'r Ashe.

A supplication from some members of Ardstraw Cong a complaining that the presby of Strabane refuse to license some papers which they desire may come before this Synod, was now presented: the Synod refers this to the Committee of Bills.
Ordered that all the Committees do meet at 3 afternoon, and the Interlocutor at 4—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3<sup>ia</sup> hora 5<sup>ta</sup>, a meridie. Synod being constituted,

1<sup>st</sup>. An overture from the Comm. of Overtures was now presented, viz. 1<sup>st</sup> whereas the terms in which returns are made of subscriptions of persons ordained and Licensed, viz: "they subscribed according to order," are judged to be ambiguous. It is overruled that for the future all returns to the Synod shall be thus, "They subscribed the Synod's Formula."

2<sup>nd</sup>. That some brethren be appointed to draw up a form of Questions to be used by all Ordainers of Intrants into the ministry, which Formula when drawn up shall be transmitted to the several presbytery in order to its being considered by them before the use of said Questions be enjoined by the General Synod.

These Overtures were read and unanimously agreed to.

And Mr Gilbert Kennedy Senior and Mr Alex. Brown, Mr Robt. McBride and Mr Livingston do meet at Templepatrick to draw up said form.

The Minutes of last Synod in relation to Moywater were now read, and the presbytery of Derry are ordered immediately to pay the £10 due to that congregation as appears by last Synod's Minutes to Mr Wilson now Pastor of that congregation and settled in it upon the credit of the Fund.

The Synod finding several Ministers have not contributed towards the erection of a meeting house at Moyra, earnestly exhorts them to perform their promise to that congregation which is under a considerable debt upon the credit of the Synod.

It was now reported to this Synod that the Committee appointed by last Synod to meet at Killileagh did not meet, the excuses of some members were now heard and excepted.

This Synod renews the appointment on these brethren who are to meet upon notice from Mr Bruce or the presbytery of Killileagh that said meeting is desired by either of the parties whom Mr Gilbert Kennedy Junior is to acquaint with this appointment.

And whereas Mr Frazer did attend at the appointed time for said Committee's meeting, Mr Livingston is now appointed to goe in his place, if a meeting be desired as above mentioned.

The General Synod's Committee is to consist of the following members, viz:—


", Coleraine, Messrs. Wirling, Jon. Cochran, Mr Gawen Steel, Elder.
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Presby of Tyrone, Mr. Jon. Kennedy, Cochran, Mr. Agnew, Elder.
" Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairley, Magachin, Mr. John Laird, Elder.
" Derry, Messrs. And W. Ferguson, David Harvey, Mr. Robt. Harvey, Elder.
" Bangor, Messrs. Seaton, Mackay, Alexander Chambers, Elder.
" Killileagh, Messrs. Fergy, Kennedy, _______ Elder.
" Templepatrick, Messrs. Jas. Whyte, Frazer, Mr. Hon. Magill, Elder.

To meet at Dunganon when called upon emergents, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 to be min's.

Interloc't tomorrow morning at 8 and ye Synod at 9—Concluded Quorum with prayer.


From Lisburn, viz those of the new Meeting-house appeared. Lisburn.
Com's Mr. Wm Betty, & Wm Story who presented a supplication earnestly desiring they may be erected into a distinct congregation, alleging severall reasons why they should not re-unite with their brethren of the old Meeting-house, particularly that they have erected a Meeting-house for themselves.

Mr. Wm Wilson and Jas. Fulton Com's from the other part, viz: those of the old Meeting-house presented a supplication earnestly desiring a reunion with their neighbours, offering several reasons for their being a united congregation and to come to a Poll about the choice of a Pastor. Both parties were fully heard and removed; this difficult affair was very deliberately considered and the whole minutes of Templepatrick presby relating thereunto were read, by which it appears that said Presby hath used all the diligence prudence directed for healing the divisions of that people, and uniting them into one congregation. Severall Members spoke on this affair, and after reasoning both Mr. Brown and Mr. Dykes the Min's 3rd contending parties seemed inclined to choose, spoke on this occasion. Mr. Alex. Brown desired they might be advised to entertain no further thought about him, expressing his utmost aversion to such a proposal.

Mr. Dykes denied his having any hand in keeping up the division in Lisburn, and his having given any encouragement to that people to have thoughts of choosing him, but yt ye Synod might do as they pleased. A motion that a Committee be appointed to converse with the parties and bring in an overture for accommodating this troublesome affair, being generally approved, a Committee of the following brethren was appointed for this end; viz.—Messrs. Stirling, Craghead, Mr. Bride, Higginbothom, Sam's Ross, Holmes, Sen', and Laird, who in the fifth session delivered their opinion in writing in the following Resolutions.
1st. That after discoursing the Com from both parties and pressing them earnestly to reunion, Resolved that Mr. Brown and Mr. Dykes, the min's the parties are now set upon, should be laid aside, and that no call should be given to either, and that if it shou'd, that the Synod will not concur in transporting either of them to Lisburn.

2d. That the Synod is unanimously of opinion that allowing a new erection in Lisburn would be of the worst consequence and must by no means be allowed.

3d. That the Synod do indulge the parties in naming such ministers and probationers as shall supply them till next Synod, and they preach vises, and hear without distinction in their several Meetinghouses, and in case of any disappointment, the presby of Templepatrick is to provide supplies for them.

These Resolutions were unanimously approved by the Synod, only Mr. Brown & Mr. Dykes excepted from being suppliers.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5th. June 21—the Synod being constituted,

The affair of Ardstraw came now before us; appeared from that part that dissent from Mr. Welshe, Jas Johnston, Gab. Sproull and Sam Boyd &c Com they presented a supplication complaining of the conduct of their presby, viz: Strabane, in Polling the congregation and settling Mr. Welshe in that congregation; they desire to be erected into a distinct congregation. They alledge they are a sufficient number being above 200 families sufficiently able to give the Synod's Quota to a min. They were ask'd whether they had anything to object against the Doctrine or conversation of Mr. Walshe; they answered they had nothing to object against either.

From Mr. Welshe's congregation appeared Mr. John M'Clelland com', who denied sev' things alledged in the above supplication; sev' Members of Strabane spoke on this occasion and Mr. Welsh vindicated himselfe from some aspersions which he said had been cast upon him.

After we had heard much contention betwixt the parties they were removed, and the Synod came to consider this affair. It was proposed that the decision of it be omitted either to the presby with correspondents, or to a select committee of the Synod, others moved that the Synod should now judge it.

The question was put, Judge now or refer as above, and it carried by plurality of voices, refer; then another question was put, refer to the presby with correspondents or to a committee of the Synod, and it carried for the presby with correspondents. The correspondents appointed to joyn the presby of Strabane in Issuing this affair, are Messrs Porter, Mr. Bride, Menagh, John Maxwell, Carlisle, Gibson, Wensley, David Harvey, Wm Coningham, Higginbothom, Hu Scott, Sam Dunlop, Ball, six of them at least to be present with the presby which is appointed to meet at Strabane the 2d Tuesday of July next at 4 o'clock afternoon.
Sev' brethren pressed yt ye place of meeting of next Gen' Synod might now be voted. It was alledged by many that pursuant to a promise made last year, Dungannon ought to be the place without debate. A state of the vote was offered, Dungannon or not; The Roll was called, and it carried Dungannon by a vast majority only 4 or 5 members voting agt it. Next Gen' Synod is to meet at Dungannon the third Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Adjoined to half an hour past 4. Concluded with prayer.

Session 6th—post hora Quarta a merid. Ye Synod being constituted,

The affair of Aghochill came now before the Synod by a reference from the presby of Colerain.

John Spark and Hugh M'Crory Com'r from Aghochill presented a supplication earnestly desiring that people might be erected into a distinct congregation, proposing to give £36 ster. £ ann. to a min', and to give sufficient security for the same. The Synod allows the Presby, after inquiry into the circumstances of that people to erect them if they see it fit.

From the Dissenting part of the Cong of Drumaui, appeared Wm Drumaui. Winning &c. Com'r supplicating this Synod that they may have leave to joyn themselves to any neighbouring congregation, where they can conveniently receive the ordinances of Jesus Christ with freedom of their conscience, assuring this Synod that if this be granted them, they will willing by pay for the support of M' Henderson, as they formerly paid to their former Pastor. The Synod considered their desire, and recommended it to the presby of Templepatrick with correspondents to consider their ease and deal as tenderly with them as may consist with rules and the edification of that congregation.

An overture was now offered that no appeal be received by the Rule of Appeals Gen' Synod when the appellants do not personally appear to prosecute it. And that the appointing any of our members as Com'r to manage the cause, said appellants being absent, is a contempt of this Judicature, injurious to the other partie attending, and therefore ought not to be indulged. The overture was approved, and it was agreed it should be a rule for the future.

A Reference from the presby of Templepatrick in relation to Mr Fowler of Connor Cause. Tho' Fowler, min' of Connor, was now laid before this Synod. A minute of the presby was read shewing the first rise of a foul slander upon Mr Fowler about his courting M' Rowan's daughter without her father's knowledge and his having renewed his courtship after his inter marriage with his present wife; upon which the presby commenc'd a process against him, and formed a Libel consisting of seve' Articles, which were now read with Mr Fowler's answer: also the Depositions of the witnesses for proof, the Articles of said Libel, viz: of M' Rowan himself, his son William, and his servant John Patten.

M' Fowler allleges that one of the witnesses whispered to the other, at the beginning of the Tyral, which he thinks should not have been allowed.
He absolutely denies his having entered into any vow or having induced Mr. Rowan's Daughter to bring herself under a solemn vow to marry him; but confesseth his having in July last jested with her about marriage, which he owes to have been wrong and professeth his repentance for the same.

Seventh letters and other papers which had been before the presby of Templepatrick were read, then the presby and Mr. Fowler were heard and removed; and the Synod proceeded very seriously to consider this affair and many members spoke on it.

Mr. Fowler's character before his entering into the ministry was inquired into and appears to have been unblemished. After long reasoning it was proposed that the following Questions be put, viz.:

1st. Whether after serious consideration of the evidence produced in the course of this Tryall, it appears to this Synod that Mr. Fowler hath been guilty of gross prevarication and lying in courting a gentlewoman when he was actually married, and of breaking solemn engagements or not. The Question being put, it was carried in the Negative, nemine contradicente.

2nd. Question whether it doth appear from the evidences produced before us in the course of this tryall that Mr. Fowler hath been guilty of great indiscretion and in some instances hath acted unsuitable to his character and profession for which he ought to be censured, and it carried unanimously in the affirmative.

It was next enquired what censure should be inflicted on him, and it was unanimously agreed that he should be sharply rebuked by our Moderator in our name, and exhorted to a more circumspect behaviour in all time coming. The parties being called, our sentence was read to them, & the Moderator from the pulpit rebuked and exhorted our Brother Fowler. The Presby. of Templepatrick was also exhorted to receive him, but they declined it. It was ordered that a letter from this Synod to the congregation of Connor be drawn up by Mr. Wm. Boyd, and brought in tomorrow morning.

The Committee ordered to meet tomorrow at 8 mane. Synod at 9—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7th 22 of June, 1734, 9 mane. Synod constituted.

Mr. Boyd brought a draught of a letter which with a few amendments was approved, and signed by the Moderator in name of the Synod.

The affair of Bellinahinch was resumed, and the resolutions of the Committee upon it were read and are as follows:—

1st. We see no foundation for two congregations in the existent congregation of Bellinahinch.

2nd. Resolved to advise the Presby of Bangor to proceed in the settlement of Mr. Macclain in the congregation of Bellinahinch with all possible caution, Deliberation and prudence, and exhort themselves to unite the minority to the majority, and in case said presby shall not have some tolerable prospect of Mr. Macclain's comfortable settlement, and
of their owne peace, that then they delay his ordination till next General Synod.

3d. That it is our opinion that there be severall expressions in the papers of the appellants which were very offensive, particularly the reflections cast upon our ruling Elders, as a part of our constitution being prejudicial to our Governor, and which and all such expressions we are of opinion this Synod should resent and effectually discourage. And that the Committee of Bills ought to take care to prevent all such indesent and offensive expressions coming in any paper before this Synod.

To these were added in the Synod's Resolution, viz: 1st that the Presby. of Bangor shall not supply ye minor part unless the circumstances of that people alter very much from what they have appear'd to us at present.

2d. That in order to uniting the minor to the major, the presby desire Mr. Maclain to exchange some days with neighbouring minis all which Resolutions the Synod approved and agreed to.

An Appeal from a sentence of the presby of Ardmagh Lodged by Mr. Magee's Mr. Magee's appeal. M' John Magee came now before the Synod. The appeal was read and all the minutes of the presby relating to that affair with a great part of very long reasons of sd appeal which had not been sent to the presby of Ardmagh, and to which said presby answered extempore.

Also a supplication from part of Mourne congregation presented A Supplication from part of Mourne Congregation by M' Thos M'Clement in which they complain yt tho' an assistant in the work of the ministry to the aged pastor M' Wallace was necessarie yet they cou'd not get Mr. Magee settled among them, but discouragements cast in the way by their Presby which sent a committee to diswade their sending to England for him, &c. Then the parties were removed, and the Synod considered what they had heard from both sides. But finding they could not issue this affair, it being now Saturday, and diverse members of the Synod already gone, & others hasting out of town, came to the following Resolutions:

1st That as far as they have heard viz: upon the first article of the Libel against Mr. Magee, it appears to us that the presby of Ardmagh hath acted very agreeable to our rules of Discipline, but forasmuch as Mr. Magee pleads it would be a detriment to his case a final judgment shd' be given before his answer to the other articles be heard, & for a reason above given.

2d Resolved that the Synod will not come to a final determination at this time, but committ it to a select Committee.

3d Resolved that the sentence of the presby of Ardmagh suspending Mr. Magee from the exercise of his minis for lying and intrusion into Mourne congregation both proved against him shall remain in force till the meeting of sd Committee.

The presby of Ardmagh and Mr. Magee were called and the above resolutions read to them, but Mr. Magee utterly refused to submit alledging conscience for refusal; the Synod reasoned with him for some time, but without success.
The Modr, Mr. Kennedy senr. Mr. Craighead and Mr. Ross were desired to converse and reason with him and make report in the afternoon.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

_Sessio 8mo_—horsa Quarta post merid. June 22—Synod constituted.

The Brethren appointed to converse with Mr. Magee report that they reasoned with him, but could make no impression on him. The Synod resolv'd that it would be to no purpose to appoint a committee, but thought fit to leave him as they found him. He came in and desired a copy of our Minutes, which the Synod judged he was no way entitled to, seeing he refused submission to us.

The order of the Synod at Belyimenagh, 1733, about Mr. Fleming's children was now renewed, and the Synod doth in the most hearty manner recommend to the minr and sessions that have not paid ye 5s. each ordered by the Synod as above, that they pay said 5s. with all speed, the condition of said orphans requiring it.

The case of Mrs. Jane Hamilton, widow being laid before us by a Lotter from the Revd. Mr. Iredell, and a large account of her deplorable circumstances under the hands of all the minrs in Dublin, showing that she being a gentlewoman who had all her life been in a very happy condition till by a sudden fire, her all was destroyed, and she and her children reduced to very great distress, which account was confirmed by sev brethren here present. The Synod doth in the most hearty manner recom'd her case to all the congregations within their bounds desiring they would allow her the benefit of a full collection with previous advertisement the Lord's Day before, and to provide for her relief in any more effectual manner they can think of, and that each presby do appoint a collector to receive the contributions from the sev congregations within their bounds, and transmit the money to Mr. Iredell in Dublin.

The Synod considering the particular circumstances of the congregations Sligo and Moywater, thought fit now to fix localities for the sum payable to Mr. Ashe and Mr. Wilson, and to order that the congregations on which they have their respective Localities do punctually pay their respective sums.

The petitions of Mr. Sam Tennant and Anthony Lawson for charity were both granted, and the clerk ordered to give them a recom'd. Also the petition of * was granted. Concluded with prayer.

_Interloc^*_

June the 19th, post merid. _Sedl. Pastores, &c._

Mr. Creaghead produced a paper containing a narrative of the sev steps taken and endeavours used by the Committee of Gentlemen with some Minrs in Dublin to have a Bill brought into the House of

* Name omitted.
Commons in this Kingdom for relieving us from the great grievances of the S. T: with an account of the money expended by sd Committee. Said narrative was read.

It was moved and agreed to that a Committee of the following Min., viz: Mr Wm. Boyd, Sterling, Laird, Fleming, John Kennedy, Gilb. Kennedy Senr and Junr, Holmes Sen., Malcom, Creghead and Alex Brown do meet this evening after the Synod is dismissed and consider this affair, and report their opinion upon it to the next meeting of the Interloq.

2nd Interloq. June the 21st, 8 mane.

An affair wherein our brethren Mr Porter and Mr Orr & Mr Moore and family formerly of Mr Orr's congregation, but now joyning with Mr Porter are concerned, was now laid before us. After some discourse about it. It was proposed and agreed to that the right of Mr Orr to the ground on which Mr Moore now dewells be preserved intire in all time coming.

But that Mr Moore and family be indulged in joyning with Mr Porter & further that Mr Porter shall pay annly out of Mr Moore's payments to him to the poor of Mr Orr's congregation the sum of 4th/9th ster and we earnestly exhort our Brethren Porter & Orr to cultivate a good understanding and brotherly love toward one another.

It being allledged by some that Mr Fowler's affair ought not to come before the publick Synod, after some reasoning, the Question was put shall said affair be now judged by the Gen'l Synod or remitted to the presby of Templepatrick, with correspondents or to a select committee—It carried by plurality of voices that said affair be judged by the Gen'l Synod now.

The Committee appointed to consider of the manner of the paym of the expenses of the Committee at Dublin during the late Session of Parliament now report that they came to the following Resolutions:—

(1) That whereas they find the account of sd expenses, £230 : 4:7, out of which deduct the third part for Dublin & the South, remaining to be paid, by the North, £158 : 9 : 9s., out of which deduct to be paid by Antrim Presby £12 15 03, remains to be paid by the Synod £140 14 9.

Resolved that the expenses of Comrs sent from the North be added to said sum, and be apployed upon and payed by the serv presbys.

The Interloq agreed that the sum of £140 14 9 expended by the Comitee at Dublin be apployed and payed by the serv presbys belonging to the Synod. But in regard said sum ought to be payed with all speed it was agreed to that an order be directed to our Treasurer to pay said sum out of the first Quarter of R.D. that shall come to his hands.

It was proposed ye same Committee do again meet and consider the expenses of the Comrs sent from the North and report their opinion upon it, and that a member from each presby attend them, and give them what information they can about that business.
The Committee did not meet as appointed, ordered that since it was agreed in full Interloq' yt £140 14 9 be deducted out of R.D. that our Mod' and Clerk do signe an order to our Treasurer to remitt said sum to Hu. Henery, Esq. in Dublin; this was done accordingly.

Moved that the Synod’s Committee do meet the first Wednesday of August next at Dungannon to applot the above 140 pounds on the sev' presbys—as also to adjust the expenses of the Comm' sent from the North. This was agreed to, and our Clerk appointed to write to the sev' presbys to give them notice of this meeting, and that they may come prepared to give account of ye expenses of their respective Com' and settle & adjust a method for paymt of the same.

The Clerk gave notice to sev' of the Presbys upon ye spot & will write ye rest.

The Committee of Overtures agreed to propose to the Interloq' that M’° Teath on account of her distressed condition in her own person and family be allowed 2' from each min' of the Gen' Synod, to be deducted out of R.D. the Min’° to be re-imburzed by their sessions.

The Interloq' not sitting after the overture was agreed to in the Committee before Saturday in the evening, it was thought best forgotten to be brought in to the Interloq', so that the presbys themselves will take care to order a supply for her.

List of members of ye Gen’ Synod 1734.

Armagh Preb’ Geo. Lang Jno. Mills Cha’ Lynd Alex’ Longwell
Jno King Ja’ Cochran Ja’ Thomson Benjamin Bole
Will’ Dick Jno Orre Robt. Knox Jno. Gray
Jon. Maxwell Jas. Alexander Ja’ Thomson Wm. Sturgeon
Ja’ Moody Jno. Hill Fran. Ross Wm. M’Fee

Strabane.

Jas. Maxwell Jon. Moor Jno. Thomson Ja’ M’Creigut
Will’ Holmes Wm. Giffin Wm. M’Fee
Nehem Donaldson Jon M’Farlin Dublin.
Alex. M’Cracken M’ Hu. Brown
Victor Ferguson Wm. Cowan
Jo’ Hemphill Jos. Kinkead Robt. Craighead
Jas Smith Jno Alexander M’ Will Sinclair
And Welsh
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GEORGE LANG, CLK. OF THE GEN<sup>1</sup> SYNOD.
A General Synod at Dungannon, June 17th, 1735.

Mr John Alexander, Mod' of ye preceding Synod open'd this Synod by preaching from Rev. 3: and having constituted it by prayer, the Roll was called. Sederunt ye following Ministers and Elders:

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The former Moderator desir'd that a new Moderator might be chosen to preside in this Synod; a Leet of ye following Brethren was proposed, viz: Messrs. Sam Dunlop, Sam. Hemphill, Higinbothom, Baptist Boyd, Ball, Johnston, McMaster, Hu. Wallace, Char. Hair; they were heard and remov'd, ye Roll was called, and Mr. Johnston was chosen.

Report being made that Mr. Lang, who is continued clerk, being indisposed is yet on ye road, & yt he will probably be here to-morrow morning, Mr. Cherry is allowed to officiate for him.

Ordered yt ye several presbytery's do make returns to-morrow in writing of their members for ye several Committees, viz: for Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & ye Genl Synod's fix'd Committee; as also ye names of those they have, since Last Synod, ordained, installed or licensed, & of any of their number yt be dead, and of such as they have on Tryalls or design to enter on Tryalls for the holy min. 1735.

Ordered that all ye members of this Synod do meet for prayer at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, & continue in prayer until 10 o'clock.

Sessio. II'da Die Mercurii hora X'mo antemeridem.

The time appointed for prayer was spent in it accordingly.

Excuses were offer'd by or for most of ye ministers absent from last Meeting of this Synod. Now abs & excused are Messrs. Charl. Wallace, Rainey, Neil, Stirling, Jno. Thomson, Knox, Iredell, Craighead, Humphr. Thomson, Fleming, Crooks, Fairley, Dav's Harvey, Sam's Ross, And. Ferguson, Jno. Harvey, Masterton, Seston, Dickson, Alex's Hamilton, Shannon, Smith Sen't, Jas. Reid, Nat's Orr and Leech

Gowdy, Fergy, Holmes, Th. Brown, Hugh Scott, Jno. Thomson, and Ja' Stuart Sen't.

Members returned for Gen'l Synod's fix'd Committee are as follow:—
For Templepatrick presby, Messrs. Jas. Fraser, Ja' White, Mr Hen. Magill, Elder.
Armagh, Messrs. Maclaine and Maxwell, Mr Ja' Johnston, Elder.
Colerane, Messrs. Wm Boyd, Dav Smyly, Mr Gavín Steel, Elder.
Strabane, Messrs. Ja' Smyth, And. Welsh.
Killileagh, Messrs. Ja' Reid, Gilbert Kennedy.
Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairley & Dykes.
Derry, Messrs. And. Ferguson & David Harvey, Mr' Robt. Harvey, Elder.

These are ordered to meet with our Mod' and Clerk, at Dungannon when call'd on any Emergent by our Mod' whereof 15 to be a Quorum & of these 12 to be min'.

Note for Derry are members Messrs. Ross & Bond, & Sam Alexander, Elder.

These presented an overture from ye Sub Synod of Derry yt ye affair of ye Fund shou'd be the first new matter wh should come under ye consideration of this Synod; this was for weighty reasons unanimously agreed to & Resolv'd yt ye affair, as also ye case of min'd widows be first consider'd in an Interloc' of all ye members.

Upon reading last Synod's Minutes it was again earnestly enjoined all ministers who have not contrib'd towards the relief of M'r Bunting of Sligo, that they do it with all speed.

Ordered yt ye Synod's Formula for subscription of ye Confession of Faith be inserted in the Minutes of this year. The clerk not finding any formula in ye Synod's book of 1720 or 1721, hath inserted the Formula found in Armagh Presb. book, in Mr Mackay's hand writing, wh is as follows: "I do believe ye Westminster Confession of Faith to be founded on and aggreeable to the Word of God, & therefore as such by this my subscription I do own ye said as Confession of my faith."

The former Synod's appointment on Messrs. Kennedy, Sen' Alex. Brown, Livingston & McBrìde to draw up a form of Questions to be proposed at ye ordinaon of candidates for ye min' was now read, & ye Brethren being inquired, reported that they did not meet for yt service: but yt two of them had draughts of a form of Questions, it was proposed yt they meet and compare their papers, & out of 'em draw up a form as above ordered, & read ye same to ye Synod in order to be transmitted to ye presbyteries to be considered by 'em: but this being opposed by some, awakened a warm debate, to which an end was put by a proposal
yt this affair should be considered in an Interloq of ministers only, which was agreed to.

Reported yt only a small part of £10 ordered by last Synod to be payed by Derry Presby, to Mr Wilson of Moywater, had been payed; this was referred to be considered in ye Interloq about ye Fund.

Last Synod's recomendation in relation to Moyra was now read, and whereas Mr Moor of Moyra represented that the presby of Derry Letterkenny, Strabane and Monaghan, except 3 congregations had not contributed towards building ye Meeting house at Moyra, the presbys who are deficient were called and spoke to on this subject, & earnestly exhorted to exert 'emselves in collecting and transmitting their charitable contribuons for s'd meeting house, and relieving ye congregaon of a Debt contracted on ye credit of this Synod

Recomended to ye comittee of Overtures to bring in an overture to oblige members to attend ye meetings of ye Genl Synod, and of the Synod's Fix'd Comittee. Of this again.

The several comittes are ordered to meet at 3 o'clock afternoon; ye interloq half an hour past 4, and ye Synod at 6; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3rda Horâ 4 post merid. die. Mercur June 18th

The returns of ye Presbys. of ye ordained, licensed &c is here inserted, being forgot in its due place. They are as follows:—

Monaghan presby. report that they have since last Synod, ordained Mr Geo. Carson at Killishandra May 21, but no return of his subscription; and that Mr Hu. Carlile is gone to America; have entered on Tryals Messrs. George Henry and Saml Simms.

Letterkenny report that they have entered on Tryals Messrs. James Enter'd on Kinkead, Jno. Marshall, & Francis McBeath, and have licensed Mr tryalls. Francis Allison, but no account of his Subscription.

Tyrone report that they have licensed Mr Saml Caven and Messrs. Licensed Tho' Kennedy, Junr. & Robt. Peebles, no account of subscription; report also that Mr Ja's Dykes died xber 19th, 1734 and Mr Willm Dead. Cornwall, March 13, 1734/5, and Mr Nathl Cochran died March 27, 1735, and that Mr Crooks demitted his charge in 7ber 1734.

Londonderry report that they have licensed Messrs. Wm Callender Licensed. and David Walker; have entered on Tryals, Messrs. Willm Hair, Robt. Henry, John Betty, and Hen. Askin, and ordained Mr Tho' Bond, at St. Orained. Johnston, Augst. 20th and installed Mr Jno Montgomery at Malin the 8th of October last; all these are said to have subscribed the Confession of Faith, but no account of having done it according to ye Synod's Formula.

Templepatrick report yt they have licensed since last Synod, Licensed. Messrs. Robt. Gilliland, Ja' McCullough, Jno. Thomson, Jas. Crawford, Clothworthy Gaudy, and Ja' Macconnell.

Colerain preby. report yt they have since last Synod, licensed Orained. Messrs. Adam Duffie, & Robt. Knox, & ordained Mr David Smyly; but
no account of his subscription or where he is settled; & have entered on
Second tryals Mr. Jno. & Mr. Curdy.

Strabane report that Mr. William Holmes died in October last, and
that they have entered on tryals Mr. Jno. Thornton.

Killichagh report that they have on tryals Messrs. Mr. Kibbin &
Mr. Dowell.

Armagh report that Mr. Archd. Maclaine Senr. died ye 20th July last
that they have licensed Mr. John Lang & Mr. Richard Aprichard who both
subscribed the Synod's Formula; & have entered on tryals Mr.
Aughbry Hart and design to enter Mr. Robert Herron.

The Brethren came to consider the affair referred to the Interloq',
viz.: the scheme or form of Ordination Questions. After some
reasoning it was moved that the appointment on ye committee ordered by
last Synod to draw up s'd form be renewed and a time fixed for their
meeting, & transmitting it when finished to ye several presbys; also yt
if any Doctrinal Questions shou'd be agreed on, they be conceived in
ye express words of our Confession of Faith; then the Question was put,
approve this proposal or not and it carried approve. The members of
ye committee promised to finish their work, before they leave this place,
& to transmitt copies to ye presbys before ye first of Aug' next.

From those belonging to ye old meeting-house of Lisburn Messrs.
Martin & Fulton, Commr. did now present a paper containing on long
detail of the melancholy circumstances of their congregation, &
desiring our advice & direction in order to their speedy settlement, as
ye only proper remedy for their present state: after serious consideron,
it was thought meet to appoint a committee of ye following minis viz:—
to hear ye above comm. & bring in their opinion by way of overture to
this Synod. Mr. Seth Drummond was added to s'd Committee.

A petition of 3 orphan childr of our deceased Brother Teath was
read and the further consideration of it was referred to ye Interloquitar
of the whole house. The Elders were called in.

And for the relief of Mr. Teath's children it was proposed &
agreed to that a voluntary subscription be now made in this Synod.
This was accordingly done: some members subscribed for 11s 6, some
10s, but ye major part for 5s or 2s 6, ye whole amounting to near £17
sterl; all ye mini consented yt their respective sums be deducted out
of R D. of which ye Clerk is to make return to our Treasurer.

The following Brethren were appointed to collect in ye several
presbys for sd Orphans, from ye absent Brethren, viz : for Armagh, Mr.
Cherry, Strabane, Mr. Fergon ; Colerane, Mr. Lynd; Dublin, Mr.
Alexander; Monaghan, Mr. Gibson; Tyrone, Mr. Jno. Kennedy; Let-
terkenny, Mr. Laird; Derry, Mr. Ross; Bangor, Mr. Sayth, Temperval.
Mr. Alex. Brown.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to that Mr. Taylor of
Drumauld's children, be allowed one shilling & two pence from each
minister, out of the first Quarter of R.D. which shall be distributed:
also agreed that the arrears of 5s each min. granted at the last General
Synod held in Ballymena to Mr. Jas. Fleming's children be also deducted out of R.D. Mr. Menagh is to return a list of such as have not pay'd to our Clerk who is to order our Treasurer to make such deduction.

Now reported that some comm'd from ye major part of Lisburn are come. Comittee order'd to meet at 8 mans, Synod at 10, Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4th June 19, hora Xmas, Ante Merid, post preces.

The affair of Lisburn came now before ye Synod & ye papers read in ye interloc't were again read; also a supplication from ye major part of sd cong's presented by Dav'd Cunningham & Dav'd M'Neight, Com's was read with some instructions, from their constituents, & a letter to M' Alex't Brown; both parties were heard, & ye Com's of the majority were asked if they were willing to submit themselves to ye Synod; they answered unless they had been so, they had not apply'd to us. The Comittee above named was ordered to converse with them, & bring in their overtare in ye afternoon.

The presbyrs are ordered to meet immediately after this sedentum, & consider & prepare ye affair of ye fund. The Comittees are ordered to meet at 3 o'Clock & ye Synod at 4: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5th June 19th, hora 4th post Merid—Synod constituted.

The committee for Lisburn affair report yt they had conversed with both parties & find yt ye com's of ye majority be ty'd down to one Mr Jno. Lowry, a proboson from Scotland who came over & preached in a very irregular manner, at ye meeting-house of ye major part upon the bare invitation of the people, contrary to ye rules of ye Church of Scotland and of this church; in relation to whom they insist (1) yt ye Presby. of Templepatrick do draw up a call to him, and (2) yt he be appointed their constant supplyr, (3) yt sd presby do supply them as a distinct congregaton until M't Lowry return. They also complain'd of their neighbours of ye old meeting-house, yt they had refused to accept the supply of two of our Brethren whom they had named.

They were asked if ye General Synod should not comply with their desire as to M't Lowry, their constituents would be satisfied to be supply'd by ye General Synod or by ye Presby of Templepatrick? They answered they'd not accept supplies on such conditions. Upon which ye committee came to ye following Resolutions wh were read & approv'd by the Synod:—

(1) That ye Synod do encourage ye Regular part of Lisburn people in a speedy settlement. (2) That ye representation drawn up by the Rev'd presby of Templepatrick and transmitted to ye presby of Edinburgh be allowed by this Synod as a fair account of ye state of Lisburn (3) That a letter be written to ye people of the new Meeting-house to reason with them concerning their conduct & represent ye bad consequents thereof; to be communicated to ye pious people yt may be of yt association with all prudence.
Messrs. Alex. Brown, Livingston & Hasty are appointed to write sd Letter, & therein to exhort 'em to reunion with their Brethren.

A full account of ye conduct of ye Presby of Templepatrick in relaon to Mr Lowry was now laid before & approved by the Synod.

The minor part of Lisburn cong® desired they might be supply'd for three weeks each by the following Brethren, viz: Messrs. Patten, Carlile, Will® Boyd and Laird. This was granted & Mr Patten ordered to begin his supply Sabbath come sennight, and the rest to succeed in their order. After these supplies terminate they are to be supplied by the presby of Temple-patrick. It is further resol'd that if sd people shall give a call to any of the suppliers or any other Min® of this church that the Synod doth hereby appoint their fixed Committee to be called by our Mod® to meet at Dungannon & judge & determine in case of an appeal from ye presby to which ye Min® called shall belong.

An appeal of ye major part of ye ancient congregaon of Ballina-hinch from a sentence of ye presby of Bangor delaying ye ordinason of Mr Alex. Maclaine, came now before the Synod.

Mr David Whyte, & severl other con® appear'd, prosecuting sd appeal. They presented a supplicaon which was read. Then they produced a long paper containing a state of their case & reasons of their appeal, which was also read.

Then a represenson of the presby of Bangor with a state of the affair & a paper containing answers to Ballynahinch reasons.

Then ye appellants were hear'd, as also the presby of Bangor. Some members proposed as an expedient for peace, that Mr Maclaine's ordinasion might be performed by another presby.

The Synod waiving their consideration of ye bene or male appellatum proceeded to consider the merits of the cause; and from ye minor part of Ballynahinch appeared Alex. Holmes & two other con®. They presented some papers wherein they express their aversion to have Mr Maclaine for their pastor®, alledging they can't be edified by his sermons. They presented a paper containing a long detail of ye whole affair from the beginning, alledging undue practices of the major part against them: they desire yt in case of Mr Maclaine's settlement they may be allowed supplies. Their papers were read and all parties heard & removed. Many members spoke on this affair and after long reasoning the question was put, proceed to Mr Maclaine's ordinasion or not? and it carried proceed by a very great majority. Next it was proposed that Mr Maclaine and the majority should be dis-annexed from the pre-sby of Bangor & annexed to the presby of Kill-leagh: this was aggred to, nomen contradicente. The parties were called in & our sentence intimated to them.

Ordered yt a comittee of the whole house do meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock about the Fund—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI®; June ye 20th, hora 7va. mane.

Returns of the congregaons upon ye Fund, & of their respective Quotas, were now made by ye presbys of Monaghan, Strabane, Bangor,
Letterkenny, Armagh, T'patrick, Colerain, and Tyrone: we proceeded to consider this affair.

From Sligo appeared Jno. M'Kimm, Com'f who presented a supplication, setting forth ye distressed state of yt congregaon by the deficiency of the publick fund & praying fer relief by granting all payment for ye future, that their min' be not discouraged in his Labours among them: this was very seriously considered as of great importance.

Also a supplication from Moywater was read. The Brethren resolved to have a a particular regard to these two congregaons & all other specially frontiers, in application of ye publick fund—Mt Boyd of Taughboyne was desir'd to pay what he can collect from his congregaon to Moywater, wh he promised to do:

Mt Wilson of Moywater, offered on condition of punctual payment for ye future, to accept of £10 instead of £15 promised him per annum. Mt Hasty offered to accept £7:10 instead of £10, Mt Dick of £8 instead of £9, Mt Reid of £5:10 for £6. & Mt Menagh of £7 instead of £10 promised him, Mt Henry of £30 instead of £35; all on the above condition. Baylyboroughs Quota is £4 for an Oldestone £6.

The following Brethren, Messrs. Brown, Bapt. Boyd, Jno. Kennedy, Dunlop, Cherry, & Laird, were appointed a Committee to fix ye localities of ye several congregaons, which are on the fund, in the next intervall; they are first to consider the frontier congregaong and make their report to next Sederunt.

It was now moved and agreed to that the above named suppliers for Lisburn be allowed to preach day about in ye two Meeting-houses, if this be desir'd by the major party; and further if it shall happen that a call be given to the first or second supplier, that then the remaining shall be countermanded, & ye presby of Templepatrick supply them for the future.

The Com'f from ye minor part of Ballynahinch now desired yt their people might be erected into a distinct congregaon & yt they be not disannexed from ye presby of Bangor. They were heard & removed, & their desire was consider'd, several brethren spoke to ye point. It was proposed yt sd people do continue one year under the immediate care of this Synod, & yt a letter be written to them, exhorting them to union with their Brethren of the major part; but yt such as shall not join the majority shall be allowed certificates to receive ordinances where they desire them. The Session is hereby ordered to give such certif & when they can't be had from the Session, may be given by any single elder of ye majority or minority. The question was put, approve the sd proposal or not? and it was carried approve by a very great majority of votes. The Com'f were called in, & this intimated to them, and they were exhorted as above mentioned.

The Committee appointed for revising ye several books of the Sub-Synods viz: of Armagh, Belfast, & Londonderry, now reported that they had revised and did approve said books & ye Synod's approbation was signed in sd books by our mod & clerk.

From Ardstraw appeared Gabriel Sproul, &c., Com'f prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye preby of Strabane with correspondents.
of July 9th, 1734. The appeal was read, & also a supplication wherein they express their uneasiness in being under ye care of Strabane presby, & of being hindered in choosing a min^r for 'emselves, having one put upon 'em without their own consent. They desire to be erected & put under ye care of another presby. From M^r Walsh's cong^t appeared Tho^ Mathison, &c., Com^t: they presented a supplication wherein they set forth yt M^r Walsh's call and settlement had been regularly proceeded in by ye Session and major part of the congregation and that since his settlement, his labours and conversation had been unexceptionable. This affair is refferr'd to afternoon Session. The Committees are order'd to meet at 3 o'clock, Interlocutor at 4, and the Synod at 5 p.m.: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7timae. Hora 4, post meridiem Die Veneris Interlocuti.
which of these Questions should be put, and it carried that the second should be put. Then it was moved that we should endeavour to accommodate this affair now: but the major part inclined that there should be a judicial trial of this affair by the presby of Letterkenny to which M' Vance belongs, & yt ye presby of Strabane do there prosecute him, since they allledge that M' Vance's aspersing M' Hemphill doth affect their character, & yt M' Vance adduce his proofs in support of his letter against sd Hemphill.

Now Open Synod—hora 6th

M' Ja' Lang, a probaoner in Armagh presby, is allowed to supply Urny for one month conmencing ye second Sabb. of July next without being obliged to preach before the presby of Strabane.

Moved yt ye place of next Gen Synod be now fixed: a leet of several places, viz., Armagh, Derry, Dungannon, Antrim and Ballymena was offered, & ye Roll being called it was carried for Dungannon by a great majority, at wh place next Gen Synod is ordered to meet ye third Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'Clock afternoon.

The Co'm from Ardstraw press'd hard for discussing their appeal, but it being now late, and some of their papers in ye custody of a min' who is not now in ye house, their affair was put off to tomorrow morning at 7 o'Clock, when ye Synod is ordered to meet. Concluded with prayer.

June 21st Hora 7tina Mane, die Saturni Sessio 8va

The Synod being constituted a paper was presented from ye Towns Tullyrisk. of Tullyrisk, complaining of a delay of judgment by ye Rev'd Presby of Templepatrick in an affair laid before them & pressing yt sd presby may be enjoyn'd to see speedy justice done them. All parties not being present the Synod thought meet to order sd Preby to call correspondents from their neighbouring presbyteries as soon as may be, & hear all parties and proceed to such decision as, all circumstances considered, shall appear to be most for edificiaon.

M' Robt. Wilson of Stranerlar did now lay before ye Synod his distressed condition, & complained of the preby of Strabane being much indebted to him. The Synod, having heard his case, doth earnestly recommend it to said preby to comiserate his distressed state, and to do as speedy justice to him as they possibly can, yt ye poor man may in some measure be relieved.

The appeal of ye discontented party of Ardstaw, tho' several of their papers had been read, could not now be issued by this Synod thro' straitness of time, and now ye Coms are gone home. They had consented, last night, that their appeal should lie over to next Synod, provided they were not deprived of ordinances, which the Synod now orders to have access to in Ardstaw or elsewhere, they paying up all stipend and arrears of stipend due by them. And whereas it is alleged yt for want of due regulation of their seats in ye meeting-house of
Ardstraw, ye min' suffers considerably, and his cong' in hazard of being brought under a weighty arrear, the Synod recommends to the preby of Strabane to enquire into this affair & take proper measures to remedy this inconvenience.

From Baylybrough appear'd Mr. Jno. Boyd com' prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye preby of Monaghan: ye Synod not having time to consider & determine sd affair, resolved to refer ye issuing of sd appeal to the Rev'd Sub-Synod of Armagh, wh is to meet at Armagh ye first Tuesday of August next: & it is hereby referred accordingly.

The Synod considering ye sinking state of the Fund resolv'd to take all proper measures to have arrears due upon it paid up, & for that end doth in the most hearty manner recommend to ye min'' and congregaons who ought to pay towards the relief of the cong' upon the publick Fund, yt they make conscience of paying their respective Quota's as they become due, that those weak congregaons be not thro' their default deprived of the blessed Gospel & in a particular manner ye Synod recommends to ye min'' and cong' who ought to pay to Moywater, that they speedily pay up what is due by them; the min' of yt cong' having received only £3 since his settlement.

The Synod hereby allows ye Comittee at Dungannon Oct. 15, 1734, to be deemed and sustained as a regular comittee of ye Gen¹ Synod; seeing only one elder was waiting to complete a quorum, & a minister (supra numerum) in his place, & ye Clerk is ordered to engross the minutes of said Comittee in ye Gen¹ Synod's book.

Mr. Will'm Boyd of Taughboyne petitioned this Synod yt in regard of his great distance from the Presby of Rout, to which he now belongs, he may be annexed for the future to the Presby of Letterkenny: his petition was granted & he is annexed accordingly.

The following overtures, agreed on in ye comittee of overtures, were now read, viz:—The Gen¹ Synod having referred to the comittee to propose some fit expedient to oblige ministers to attend meetings of the Gen¹ Synod's comittee, and to prevent the disadvantage occasioned to this church by wanting a full Quorum at such meetings the comittee taking this affair into their serious consideration do overture.

1. Yt ye expences of min'' be punctually paid at their return from such meetings, & yt 2 shill: Æ diem be allowed each from their going abroad to their return home.

2. That if any preby shall neglect to do justice to their members who have attended any meeting or meetings of such comittee, the sum due shall be deducted from the R.D. of such preby.

3. In order to oblige ministers to attend meetings of ye Gen¹ Synod (the consideraon of which was also referred to this comittee) it is overtured that such as cannot give a sufficient excuse for their absence, shall be obliged to pay 10 shill. to be applied to the relief of ministers' widows. This overture is to be transmitted to the several presbys, to be considered by 'em before the meeting of next Gen¹ Synod.
(4) Overtured yt a Gen' Fast be observed ye second Wednesday of Fast. Augst next within ye bounds of this Gen' Synod.

The Synod approved sd Overtures (except ye 3d which is to be transmitted ut supra) & orders their mod' and clerk to draw up the causes of the Fast and also to amend the paper relating to ye prophanaon of the Lord’s day (wh was read in ye Synod) & to transmit the same with ye causes of ye Fast to each presby, to be read when ye Fast is intimated publicly on ye Lord’s day preceding in each congregaon.

Concluded with prayer.

From ye Committee of Funds the following returns were made:—

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I find no more returns in ye papers returned by ye clerk of ye Fund to GEO. LANG, C.S. G.
**Records of a General Synod.**

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 15, 1736.

Mr. Johnston, Mod. of the former Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Jer. 3:15, and constituted it by prayer:

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Ordered ye the several prebys. do make returns tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, of their members for ye several Comittees, of overtures, Bills, Books & Funds, and ye Gen\textsuperscript{1} Synod's fixed Comittee: also of such as they have licensed ordained, installed or entered on Tryals since last Sonod. All ye members are ordered to meet for prayer at 7 o'C \textit{mane}: Concluded with prayer.

\textit{Sessio. 2\textsuperscript{da} Hora Decima ante merid. post preces, Sed\textsuperscript{3} &c.}

The several presby's. now made returns of their members for ye several comittees according to the order of last night; also of licensed, ordained, &c.

The preby of Monaghan report that M\textsuperscript{r} Will\textsuperscript{m} Wilson died the 11\textsuperscript{th} Died, of November 1735; that they ordained at Glentubritt M\textsuperscript{r} Ja\textsuperscript{a} Clark, May 26, 1736; and have since last Synod licensed to preach Messrs. Sam. Lynn, George Henry and Francis M\textsuperscript{r}Henry, but give no account of their subscription of their Confession of Faith.

Presby of Armagh report that the have licensed since Last Synod Messrs. Auyhghty Hart and Robt. Herron, and that they both subscribed our Confession of Faith according to the Synod's formula

Presby of Killileagh report yt they have since Last Synod licensed Messrs. Jno. M\textsuperscript{k}Kibbin, and Jno. McDowal and ordained M\textsuperscript{r} Alex. Maclaine at Ballynahinch the 18\textsuperscript{th} of Aug\textsuperscript{1} last.

Presby of Derry report that they have entered on Tryals Messrs. Joseph Osburn, John Lyle & Ja\textsuperscript{a} Lyon.

Presby of Colerain report that M\textsuperscript{r} Tho\textsuperscript{a} Fowler died June 7\textsuperscript{th} 1736; that they have ordained at Clough, Aug\textsuperscript{1} 12, 1735, M\textsuperscript{r} Ja\textsuperscript{a} McCurdy, & ordained at Aghoghe M\textsuperscript{o} Jo\textsuperscript{a} Semple, June 1, 1736; and have licensed Messrs. Alex. Cuming, Sam\textsuperscript{1} Dunlop and Sam\textsuperscript{1} Thomson, but give no account of their subscription to the Confession of Faith.

Presby of Bangor report yt since Last Synod they have licensed to preach Messrs. Ja\textsuperscript{a} Armstrong & Ja\textsuperscript{a} Smyth, & installed M\textsuperscript{r} Ja\textsuperscript{a} Cochran at Grayabbey, ye 9\textsuperscript{th} of June instant.

Absents from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Victor Ferguson, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Reid Dickson, Morr, Seaton, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Stuart, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Whyte Henderson, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Thomson, Masterton, Francis Montgomery, Alex. Reid, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Maxwell, Neile, Wirling, McBride, Porter, McCreight, Smyly, Iredell, Craighead, Alexander, McMaster, Hump. Thomson, Tho\textsuperscript{a} Maclaine, Carlisle, McClev, Drummond, Vaunce, Jno. Harvey, Wensley, Hanse Stuart, Sam\textsuperscript{1}Ross, Alex\textsuperscript{a} Hamilton, Nath\textsuperscript{1} Orre, Shannon, Smyth of Ballee, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Allen, Tho\textsuperscript{a} Creighton, Rainey, Livingston, Higinbothom, & Smyth of Holywood.

Members returned for ye Genl. Synod’s fixed Comittee are ye same as last year:—


Templepatrick presby. Messrs. Jas. Fraser, & Jas. Whyte, Mr. Henry Magill.


Derry presby. Messrs. Andr. Ferguson, and David Harvey.

These with our Mod’l and Clk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod’l on any emergent 15 whereof to be a Quorum, and of them 12 to be min’r.

Upon reading last Synod’s minutes in relaion to a form of Questions to be used at ordinuons, it was now proposed by some Brethren yt a form should be drawn up to be authorized by ye Genl. Synod to which ye presbys might add as they saw fit; others proposed yt we drop the farther consideration of this affair & leave it to be ordered by the several presbyterie as formerly, only recommending it to them to inspect into any forms yt should be drawn up by such as preside in ordinuons. Then the question was put, which of these should be approved by the Synod, and the Roll was called, & it carried for ye Second by majority of voices.

It was new recommended to the sev’l Presbys to inquire which of their members have not contributed towards the relief of Mr. Teath’s children, and to take care that they do contribute for ye relief of those orphans. Mr. Masterton sent for their relief, 10’; 10d, Mr. Thos. Brown gave 5’; 5d, and Messrs. Clarke, Gaudy and Mr. Jno. Orre gave each 2’; 6½", which sums were sent to them by Mr. Algeo.

It is now represented yt it was neglected last year to order any part of the publick fund for Holywood; the Synod orders sd congregaon to be supported by the fund, and that the Comittee of Funds take this affair into their consideration & propose a method for that end.
Now reported yt ye Tryal of M't Vaunce before ye presby. of M't Vaunce. Letterkenny wh was ordered by Last Synod is yet depending and not issued.

A letter from ye Synod of Philadelphia in America directed to this Synod was now read. Ordered yt ye following Brethren, Messrs. Cobham, Gilb&t Kennedy, Tho& Kennedy, Jno. Stirling, Alex. Brown, Arch&s Maclaines and Geo. Cherry do draw up an answer to sd letter. They desired some instructions wh were given them; they brought in a draught wh was approved & ye Clk was appointed to transcribe & subscribe it in the Synod's name and send it by ye first fit occasion.

The presby of Templepatrick met with some correspondents & issued ye affair of Tullyrisk, according to ye order of last Synod and is not now any complaint from sd people.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon, ye Committees to meet at 3 ; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio III&ta. Hora V'ta. post merid'm die mercurii : post præces, Sedt &c

The Synod now taking into consideration the non-attendance of many min's on the meetings this Synod, though fit to lay aside ye overture of last year, & now unanimously to agree to an overture now made, viz.: yt a min' who shall not be able to give a relevant excuse for his absence, shall receive from ye Mod' in name of ye Synod a publick solemn rebuke, an account of which shall be entered in our records; if sd min' shall be absent 2 years successively shall receive such reproof of his preby, and wh shall be entered in their records, because there will not be an opportunity of giving a rebuke before the Synod.

From ye discontented people of Ardstraw appeared Wm Coningham and Sam'l Boyd &c. Com'. They presented a supplication setting forth their grievances by reason of their not submitting to M't Welsh's ministry, & requesting to be erected into a congregation; to be disannexed from the presby of Strabane & annexed to some other presby; they allege they are able to pay ye Synod's Quota towards maintaining a min'. From M't Welsh's congregation appeared William Craford & Tho's Mathewson Com'. They alleged yt almost all their once discontented neighbours who had submitted to M't Welsh's ministry, & yt the number remaining was so small that it was not expected until last Lord's Day yt they would have made any application to this Synod & yt they had been excited by the practising of some persons. Both parties were fully heard, as also the correspondents with ye presby. of Strabane which met by order of the Synod of Derry in 1734.

Then ye parties were removed. And ye Synod came deliberately to consider this affair, and after reasoning, a Question was offered, whether it appears to this Synod yt there is any ground for the erection desired by the discontented people of Ardstraw or not? The Question was put, & it was unanimously agreed yt there is not any ground. A 2d Question was offered whether we should leave those who have not at all submitted to M't Welsh's ministry to their liberty to joyn any congregation they think fit or not?
& it was unanimously agreed to leave them to their liberty; & Mr Welsh is hereby enjoined to give certificates to such of them as be free of scandal; they paying their proportion of all arrears due by the congregation before Mr Welsh's settlement.

It was also proposed and agreed to that they shall take out their dismissee at or upon the first Friday of July next, but not after. Messrs. Donaldson, Ferguson & Jos. Hemphill or any two of them to be present at giving such dismissee; but if any desire them sooner, Mr Welsh shall be obliged to give them, giving notice in their dismissee of such scandals as any shall be under.

From ye minor part of Ballynahinch congregation appeared Messrs Holmes, Sam. Berkeley &c. Com they presented a supplication wherein they declare 'emselves unwilling to submit to Mr Maclaine's ministry; also earnestly desiring to be erected into a distinct congregation. They offer £30 £ annum toward support of a min & desire to be annexed to ye presby of Bangor & to be supplied by it.

Appeared from Mr Maclaine's congregation Mr Dav Whyte Com' who offered answers to several allegaons of the minor part, & whereas their exact number is matter of debate it was overtured & agreed to yt Messrs. Williamson and King be present with the parties in adjudging the number of sd people & make report tomorrow morning. The several comitees are ordered to meet tomorrow at 7 o'clock; ye Interloquitur at 9, and the Synod at 10 in the morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4a, hora Decima Mane, die Jovis, post preces, Sed &c.

The Synod resumed ye consideraon of Ballynahinch affair. The Brethren ordered to see the number of the minor part adjusted Report yt there was a new List of them drawn up consisting of 124, 3 or 4 of wh were contested by Mr Whyte, Com. Both sides were again heard and removed, and the Synod proceeded to ye serious consideraon of this affair. Many members spoke upon it and reasoned for some time, alledging the inexpediency of erecting that people & their inability to support a min. A Question was offered, and put, erect sd people into a Congregaon or not? and it carried almost unanimously in ye negative. Then ye Synod took into consideration how to dispose of sd people and it was unanimously agreed that they have leave to join themselves to any neighbouring congregation they think fit; also yt they shall have certificates from Mr Maclaine & take out dismissee the last Wednesday of October or sooner. Mr Williamson & Mr King are ordered to be present at sd time at Ballynahinch, & any of ye people who shall want ordinances before said time, are allowed to have them in the same manner as last year was allowed by ye Synod. Also if any of yt people shall be under any scandal the same shall be notified in their dismissee.

It was moved and agreed to that Messrs. Williamson and King when they meet at Ballynahinch shall interpose their advice to compose any difference relating to the civil property of the minor part in seats in ye meeting-house &c.
A reference of the presby of Monaghan in relation to the transportation of Mr William Patton from Branbrechy to Lisburn which had given a regular call to him, was now laid before the Synod. The reference was read & ye minutes of the presby of Monaghan relating that affair.

From Lisburn appeared Ja Fulton, Robt. Bell &c. Com and from Branbrechy Mr Henry Cook Com. The reasons for ye transportation offered [by] the people of Lisburn were read, also the answers to said reasons offered by Branbrechy & then ye reasons and answers were read alternately; also a letter from several gent1 of ye Established Church and Justices of the peace in the County of Meath, desiring he might not be transported & representing the inexpediency of his leaving yt county, was read.

There appeared also some papers from part of the people of Lisburn presented by George Story & Mr Neight, against ye transportation: Likewise a letter from that people to Mr Patton warmly remonstrating against his being thrust in upon them without their having the benefit of a poll and another candidate sett up. The Coms from Lisburn of both sides were heard, also the Coms from Branbrechy and lastly Mr Patton was heard, and the parties all remov'd.

Then ye Synod came very seriously to consider this important affair; many members spoke and reasoned at some length upon it, and then the Synod adjourned to 5 afternoon, the comittees to meet at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio V hora V post meridi post preces Sed &c.

The affair of the Transportation was resumed and after further reasoning, & calling on God for light & direction in a matter of such weight, the vote was stated, Transport or not? & it carried transport by majority of voices. The parties were called & our decision intimanted to them, & ye parties aggrieved by it were exhorted by the Mod2 to a submission to Divine Providence & dependence on God for making up their loss. Mr Patton was ordered to act in concert wh ye Presby of Templepatrick for fixing ye time of his Installment at Lisburn.

The place of next Gen Synod came now to be voted. The following places were nominated, viz: Armagh, Derry, Dungannon, Antrim, Ballymena and Belfast, and it carried by a majority for Antrim where next Synod is ordered to meet ye 3d Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o’clock afternoon.

Agreed to recomend it to ye several cong within ye bounds of this Synod to allow a Sabbath Collection from each towards erecting a meeting-house for Mr Semple’s congregaon at Aghogho. Also Mr Dykes’ loss by an accidental fire wh consumed her dwelling-houses & goods, is hereby recommended to ye consideration of the congregations belonging to this Synod in order to a charitable supply. Also Mr Dalrymple’s distressed condition is recommended to the charitable consideraon of the Revd Sub-Synod of Belfast.
A Supplication from Dunfanaghy now vacant by ye transportation of Mr. Ja's Cochran to Grayabby, desiring ye continuance of their Quota of the publick fund during their vacancy now presented. The Synod in consideraon of ye circumstances of yt people & ye difficulty of their being supplied, granted the half, viz: £5 annually during their vacancy; as also what Grayabby shall contribute towards ye publick Fund.

An affair of Monimor congreaon came now before the Synod by a Reference of ye presby of Tyrone. The act of Reference was Read wh a state of ye case & other papers relating ye affair. Appeared Com1 from part of the congreaon which is for Mr. Caldwell, Will2 Ramsey, Zachary McSparrin, Jno. Kid, &c., Com3. They presented a supplication & state of their case, alluding Mr. Caldwell's being elected by ye majority of their people. From another part of ye congreaon appeared Jas4 McConny, Jno. Stitt, &c., Com5. They also presented a supplicaon wherein they allde irregular practices in ye election of Mr. Caldwell. The parties being ask'd what they had further to say in support of what they had advanced in their papers; those for Mr. Caldwell utterly denied the majority to be on the side of the opposers as is alluded in their papers & did also allde undue practices in opposing Mr. Caldwell, & referred to several letters for clearing Mr. Caldwell's character wh had suffer'd by some aspersions of some of his opposers. Some sd letters were read. The Com6 of ye opposite party denied several facts alluded by their neighbours who are for Mr. Caldwell. The Synod finding that this affair can't be issued this night, it being now 10 o'clock did adjourn to 8 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VIæ die veneris—at 8 mane, post proces, Sed7 &c.

The affair of Monimor was resumed, and the presby of Tyrone was heard. They vindicated 'emselves from being any way accessory to the Divisions of Monimor; not having given any sentence nor had any connexion in ye election they desired yt ye rights of ye congreaon & every member thereof in choosing Mr. Caldwell or any other to be their pastor, may be preserved. The Supplicaon of both parties to ye presby wh gave occasion to Reference was now read, the parties were farther heard & removed, & ye Synod proceeded deliberately to consider this momentous affair, and after reasoning came to the following resoluons:

(1) Yt it doth not appear to this Synod yt there is any ground for several things wh have been whispered in the congreaon of Monimor to ye Disadvantage of Mr. Caldwell's character, & have also been advanced in several papers wh have been read in this Synod; yet in order to give full satisfaction to all persons concerned ye Synod hath thought fit to order a comitee consisting of Messrs. Gilbert Kennedy Sen8, Cherry, Wm Henderson, Wm Holmes, Bapt Boyd, Plunket, Ambrose, Tho Bond, Dav8 Harvey, & Will8 Conningham, 4 whereof to be a quorum, shall meet at Moneymore the last Thursday of July next, & impartially inquire into ye occasions and grounds of those whispers and reports to the disadvantage of Mr. Caldwell's reputation, which have been spread in yt place & yt such members of the presby of Strabane as please the
presby of Tyrone do attend ye meeting of sd comittee & give what light they can in that affair; and any person who can make any thing appear to the prejudice of Mr Caldwell’s character is hereby desired to appear before said comittee.

(2) Yt if no person appear to prove anything against Mr Caldwell, ye Committee shall declare him clear of all ye aspersions cast on his character.

(3) Yt, in case Mr Caldwell’s character appear fair, & unblemished, then the Presby of Tyrone shall order one of their number to preside in a call to Mr Caldwell, and if it appears yt 2 thirds of the congregaon (regard being had to their numbers & payments according to ye Genl Synod’s rule of 1733) are for Mr Caldwell to be their pastor, then ye Presby shall proceed in an orderly way.

(4) Yt ye Synod shall & hereby doth advise ye Presby of Tyrone to call Mr Caldwell to supply Moneymore some Sabbaths before ye meeting of ye Comittee.

(5) Yt ye supplyer ordered by sd presby shall read these resolutions next Lord’s day in Monimore meeting-house after both sermons.

(6) Yt as Mr Caldwell might be present at sd Committee, he do open ye Comittee by preaching before them; all wh resolutions were approved unanimously.

An Appeal of ye congregation of Maughera from a sentence of the presby of Tyrone of January 13, 1735, erecting ye people of Tubbermore into a congregaon, came now before ye Synod. The Presby’s sentence & the appeal were read; appeared Com[a] from Maughera, Mr Jackson Clark, Jno. Houston &c: they offered ye reasons of their appeal which were read. Also from Tubbermore appeared Jn Alexander Rapt. Ferguson &c. Com[a]: they produced answers to said Reasons which were also read; and the Com[a] of both sides heard at great length and removed. The Synod after reasoning proceeded to a determination of the merits of the case, and the Question was stated and put continue the erection of Tubbermore or not? & it carried not by a great majority. But in condescension to that people & to promote their edification, the Synod resolved that when Maghera shall have a minis fixed among them the people of Tubbermore shall have such part of his labours as the preby. the minis and people of Maughera shall agree upon. Adjourned to 6 afternoon, the interloquitur to meet at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7ma : Hora Sexta post meridiem post preces Seditionem

Proposed and aggred that Drogheda Localities & all other Localities upon the fund be the same as last year except some few alterations now made; Moywater, Vinicash, &c., had their Localities signed by ye Clerk of ye Synod.

Some members of ye Presby of Tyrone were representing yt Maughera & Tubbermore will emselves agree about their meanings. The Synod consented yt if those parties shall accomodate matters
between 'emselves & ye presby be convinced that there is a fund for two congregations, then ye presby be allowed to do as they see cause, notwithstanding ye decision of ye former session of this Synod. Concluded wh prayer.

Interloquitr 1. June 17. 9 o'clock mane.

A letter from Jno Brown Esq. of Ralbin in Connaught directed to this Synod was now read. Mr Sam' Dunlop, late member of Coleraine presby being mentioned in ye same and now present, was called and questioned about ye manner of his fixing himself at Minulla without ye concurrence and direction of the presby to which he belong'd, and from which he had not any credentials. He offered several reasons for his conduct too long to be inserted here. Mr Brown in's letter speaks very well of Mr Dunlop's behaviour and diligence and desires we may allow him the R.D. detain'd from him.

The Brethren, in consideraon of Mr Brown's character of Mr Dunlop, his own circumstances & of ye place where he now resides, Resolved to restore the R.D. he had forfeited by his irregular leaving ye North and fixing himself in Connaught. Mr Dunlop was called in & admonished for his irregularity, & he promised to conduct himself with more circumspection for ye future. And he & ye people of our persuasion at Minulla were put under ye care of the Presby of Monaghan, being 50 families, they being nearest to it.

Interloquitur 2d & 3d. June 18 & 19th.

The Clk produced a Letter from the Rev'd Mr Iredell in Dublin in favour of Mr M'Crackan of Lisburn, representing her as in necessitous circumstances & so ought to receive a proportion of R.D. untill ye congregation be planted. The Brethren taking this into their serious consideration ordered ye clk to inquire whether what of R.D. was due to Mr M'Crackan at his death & ye quarter in which he died had been paid to his widow. But did not think fit to allow her any more. Several Brethren of ye country said she had £18 & annum settled on her which was equal if not above ye maintenance of some man.

Ordered yt Mr Bapt, Boyd and ye Clk, when they meet in Sub-Synod of Armagh, at Dungannon do take care of ye fund due to Mr Wilson of Baylyborough deceased.

The Clk produced a strong remonstrance of ye presby of Bangor against any deductions out of R.D. on any score whatsoever without every man's personal consent.

GEO. LANG, C.S.G.

8th 7ber, 1736.


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The Mod' desired a new Mod' might be chosen, and a leet of Ministers was proposed, viz:—Messrs. Ja' White, James Fraser, Capt. Boyd, Robt. Gordon, Jno. Kennedy, Nehem. Donaldson, Jno. Cochran, Roht. Wirling, Hugh Wallace, Fran. Montgomery, & Hugh Henry, yt one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Roll was called & M' Ja' White was chosen, and Geo. Lang continued Clerk.

The several Presbys, are ordered to make returns to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock of their members for ye several comittees, for Overtures, Bills, Books, and Funds, & for ye Genl Synod's fixed Comittee; also of such ministers as have died, been ordained or installed, & of such as have been licensed to preache, or entered upon Tryals for the ministry since last Synod, and of such as they design to enter upon Tryals.

Order'd that all the Members of the Synod do meet for prayer to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock & ye Synod at 10. Concluded with prayer.

_Sessio II'da Die MERCURIJ hora X'na mane. post preces Sedt. &c._

The Presbys made returns according to ye order of last night.

The Presby of Templepatrick report that they installed M' Patton at Lisburn the 7th of July last; ordained M' Jno. Brown at Ballymena Sept. 21, & M' Jno. Macconnel at Kilade, May 3, 1737, & Licensed Messrs. Robt Davidson & Jno. Lawson, & yt they all subscribed according to order.

Bangor Presby report that they ordain'd M' Jas Macculloch at Monyrea, November 3, & Licensed since Last Synod Messrs. Saml M'Alexander, Andrew Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, Henry Jackson, Geo. Ferguson & Saml Kennedy, & have entered on Tryals M' Tho' M'Crackan; no account of subscribing ye confession of Faith, tho' its believed they did.

Derry Presb. report yt M' Saml Ross died Oct. 26, and M' Tho' Wensly ye 28 8ber. and M' Hanse Stuart May 6, 1737; & yt they have licensed since last Synod Messrs. Ja' Osburn, Jno. Lyle, & Ja' Lyon, who all subscribed according to order.

Armagh Presby. report that M' Cha' Wallace died the 12th of July and M' Rainey the 10th of Sept. 1736.

The Comittee of Funds is hereby ordered to take into consideraon ye congregation of Hollywood & find out Localities for their Quota of the Fund.

AT ANTRIM, JUNE 21ST, 1737.


Members for ye Gen1 Synod's fixed Comittee are ye same as last year:

From T. Patrick Presby. are Messrs. Ja' Fraser & Tim White, & Hen. Magill, Elder.


Killileagh Presby. Messrs. Ja' Reid & Kennedy.


Derry Presby. Messrs. And. Ferguson & Dav'd Harvey.

These with our Mod'd & Clk. are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod'd on any emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 to be ministers.

Letterkenny Presby. report that Mr' Vaunce's Tryal is issued.

Reported by Strabane Presby yt ye malecontents of Ardstraw submitted to Mr' Welsh's ministry, instead of taking out dismissions.

The case of Mr' Dalrymple is hereby, recommended to ye whole Gen'l Synod & ye Mod'd & clerk of each presby are to be active in procuring such contributions as may serve to relieve his distressed state.

The Comittee of Overtures are hereby ordered to bring in an overture for better regulating ye publack Fund.

The Comittee appointed by last Synod to meet at Monimore, report yt nothing of weight was objected to Mr' Caldwell's character, & yt they advis'ed the Presby. of Tyrone to proceed to his settlement as appears by their Minutes wh are in retentis.

The Presby has a representaon of yt affair to lay before ye Synod.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon. All ye comittees ordered to meet imediately to prepare Business for ye Synod. Concluded with prayer.
From Dunfanaghy appeared Henry Dunsmore, Com'. He presented a supplicaon setting forth ye singular and very distressed state of that congregation & their readiness to exert themselves to their utmost ability, praying yt what the Synod allows them of ye publick fund may be put on such a foot as to be punctually paid to their pastor, when one should be fixed among them; this to be considered in ye Interloquitur.

Some papers from New England were put into the Clerk's hands by the committee of Bills and whereas there be other papers from the same province and relating the same affair; (viz: a difference among our Brethren in that country) it was moved and agreed to that a committee be appointed to peruse all the papers & Report their opinion on the subject of them to the Synod. The Members of the committee are Meersrs. Tho' Kennedy, Gilbt. Kennedy, M' Stirling, Cha' Masterton, Jno. Cochran, Robt. M'Bride, & Tim. White; they are to meet Immediately. It was their opinion that a most affectionate & moving letter should be written to our Brethren to persuade them to lay aside their heats and contentions and endeavour to compose their Differences in a Christian and brotherly manner, The Letter was written and committed to M' M'Bride's care.

An appeal of part of ye congregation of Urny from a sentence of the Rev'd Synod of Derry came now before ye Synod; appeared Com's prosecuting it, David Hunter, & Robt. Boggs. They presented a supplicaon alledging they were much aggrieved by sd sentence, and complained of undue practises in procuring a call to M' Macbeth.

M' Galbreath Hamilton & Jno Moore produced a commission from ye Session & body of the congregation in opposition to the appellants expressing their willingness to acquiesce in the sentence of ye Synod of Derry. The Synod heard both parties as also ye Synod of Derry, whose minutes relating to ye affair were read; the parties being removed, several members spoke & alledged the sentence of ye Synod of Derry ought to be approved. After reasoning it was agreed to approve their conduct (there not being sufficient ground for the appeal) except their allowing ye subscriptions to M' Macbeth's call which were made in presence of some members of the Session only and not attested by the minister appointed to see the call signed; such Subscriptions we judge not regular, and that such a practice ought not to be drawn into a proceedent in any future call. Nevertheless since their genuineness is not contested, the Synod allows the presby of Strabane to proceed according to order and custom in such cases. The Question was put, approve this minute or not? and it carried approve by a great majority. The parties were called and ye minute read to 'em.

The Synod resolved itself into an Interloquitur of all the members, both min's & elders to consider of the publick Fund, which appears to be in a bad state.
An Overture from the Committee of Overtures in relation to the Fund was read, & which with some additions now made is as follows, viz:—

1.—That every presby. shall particularly inquire into the case of their members in collecting their respective Quotas of the Fund, and if sd Quotas be as large as the ability of the congregation will admit, & make report of their diligence to the Sub-Synods to which said presbys belong & sd Sub-Synods to give an account to the Genl Synod.

2.—It was also proposed and agreed to that Collectors should now be appointed in all the presbys, & that all proceedings in relation to the Fund should be recorded in the minutes of the several presbys and Sub-Synod.

The Collectors appointed are:—for T. Patrick, M'r Tim. White; for Strabane, M'r Ferguson; for Colerane, M'r Jno. Cochran; for Tyrone, M'r Jno. Kennedy; for Letterkenny, M'r Saml Dunlop; for Derry, M'r David Harvey; for Armagh, M'r Cherry; for Bangor, M'r Malcolm; for Killieagh, M'r Smith: for Monaghan, M'r Boyd.

3.—It was further proposed & agreed to that all possible care should be taken by ministers to procure the consent of congregations to pay their Quotas in such manner as shall best answer the Synod's design to make the fund effectual.

4.—The Interlocutior now finding that a considerable sum is wanting to complete the fund & make it answer the Quotas of the several congregations upon it to procure ye sum, viz: about £12. Resolved that some able congregations which pay but small Quotas shou'd be intreated to add to them and that the presbys do deal in most earnest manner with gentlemen of considerable fortunes, to contribute toward the fund over & above the Quota paid by the congregations of which they are members.

It was also resolved to write to the congregations in Dublin in ye most pressing manner to contribute to the fund which heretofore they have not done, and to assure them what they shall pay shall be applied to the support of Drogheda, a congregation within their bounds wh the Synod can't support as it shou'd be without their assistance.

5.—And, lastly, whereas our Clerk acquaints us that he has a paper containing a representation of the state of some congregations on the fund, with a moving exhortation to ministers and people to exert themselves for the relief of such congregations & their ministers, that he shall be allowed to communicate the same to the presby of Armagh, & if approved by it, to transmit the same to the several presbys to be used by them as prudence shall direct.

The Synod is ordered to meet at 8 o'clock, mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio IV^a hora octava. Mane, die Jovis, June 23; post preces Sedé:—

A reference from the presby of Tyrone in relation to Castledawson, was now laid before the Synod.
From Maughryfelt, part of sd congregation appeared Messrs. Robt. Reiney, & Willm Johnston Comrs; they offered a supplication shewing that Maughryfelt being a large town in which are fifty-six families of Dissenters ought to have a place of worship to which they may sometimes resort and not be obliged always to travel two miles to Castledawson; they offer several other arguments.

Also from Castledawson appeared Willm Kennedy, Willm Dickson, & several other Comrs; they presented a supplication pleading that the greater part of the congregation was most convenient to their present meeting-house and several other reasons why the desire of Maughryfelt should not be granted. The minutes of ye Presby of Tyrone on this affair were read, and the Comrs on both sides heard at great length. Mr Wallace was also heard, and the presby of Tyrone. Then all parties were removed, and the Synod came seriously to consider this weighty affair. And the supplications were again distinctly read, and the reasons of Castledawson why the desire of Maughryfelt should not be granted with Maughryfelt's answers to said reasons; all which are heedfully considered, & many members spoke on the affair.

It was moved and agreed to that a committee be ordered to bring in an overturer upon it, consisting of Messrs. Masterton, Laird, Gill's Kennedy, Livingston, and Ashe. They may call for any members of the presby of Tyrone to give them information. The Committee reported their opinion as follows:—

1st That Castledawson and Maughryfelt should still continue one congregation under Mr Wallace's ministerial care, and that his labours should be equally divided betwixt them.

2. That the Presby of Tyrone should send supplies to each of the meeting-houses from which Mr Wallace should be absent.

3. That each side be accountable to the presby of Tyrone for their equal half of the stipend, and that the bounds shall be fixed betwixt them by the assistance & direction of sd presby.

4. That Maughryfelt side should be at all the expense of their own supplies and pay three pounds towards the expense of the supplies of Castledawson. The Question was put, approve said overturer or not? and it carried approve, only one vote in the negative. The parties were called and our minute read to them.

Mr Alex. Brown moved that whereas the congregation of Carneastle had given a call to Mr M'Cullough of Monyrea in Bangor presby; that to prevent delay in case of an appeal, a committee of the Genl Synod be appointed to judge the affair; this was granted; and the Synod's Clerk is hereby ordered to call said committee upon application from the party beside.

The members are as follows, from Strabane presby:—Messrs. Hemphill & Welsh; from Derry, Messrs. Coningham & David Harvey; from Armagh, Messrs. Menagh and Cherry; from Monaghan, Messrs. Bapt. Boyd and Willm Ambrose; from Rout, Messrs. M'Cride and M'Curdy; from Letterkenny, Messrs. Ball and Boyd; from Tyrone,
Messrs. Thos. Kennedy and Wallace; from Killieagh, Messrs. Reid and Kennedy with an Elder from each presby; nine to be a Quorum, whereof six to be ministers. Sd Comittee is to meet at Antrim.

An appeal of part of Derry congregation from the presby of Derry came now before us; the appeal was read. Appeared prosecuting it, Messrs. Moore, Ewing and Marshall, Com"; they alleged that the presby's too hastily proceeding in countenancing a call of the other part of the congregation to Mr. David Harvey and Mr. Hair, a probationer, while the appellants were overlooked & neglected. From the Session and other part of the congregation appeared Com" Messrs. Davis and Cross; they pled that the party wh oppo'seth their design to have Mr. Harvey and Mr. Hair is not considerable. The reasons of the appeal were read with the Presby of Derry's answers to said reasons; then they were read a second time alternately, and the parties heard upon them at considerable length. Then the Synod adjourned to 4 o'clock post meridiem; the Comittees to meet at three. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio V'ta hora 4'ta post meridiem, Die Jovis, post praecas, Sedi &c.

The affair of Derry was resumed, and Mr. Moore, one of the appellants was again heard: he alleged they were put under great hardships by a Poll's being refused. The Presby of Derry observed that his reasoning had no relation to the appeal. The parties were removed and the Synod came to consider this weighty affair. It was proposed that the appeal be wav'd & a committee appointed to converse with the parties & bring an overture for accommodating the affair. This was agreed to and Messrs. Cobham, Masterton, Dunlop, Livingston, and Menagh, were named for a Comittee and sent out, and being returned, reported, that they had accomodated the difference betwixt the parties; they gave in the agreement in writing, to which both parties subscribed before the Synod. The presby of Derry did heartily approve of the agreement. The paper being dropped in the Meeting-house (if it was given to the clerk) the clerk can't find it. The sum of it was to this purpose, that the appellants consented to drop their opposition to the Rev'd Mr. David Harvey's call on condition that their right of electing a colleague to him should be preserved & a maintenance of £40 per annum secured to such colleague.

The presby as also the Com" from Londonderry desired a Comittee of the Gen' Synod might be appointed, finally to determine in case of an appeal on the transportation of Mr. Harvey to Derry. The Synod agreed to this, and a Comittee was nominated, viz: From Strabane presby, Messrs. Victor Ferguson, Jas Smith and Mr. Hugh Brown, Elder; From Letterkenny, Messrs. Ball & Boyd, Mr. Wm Keys, Elder; From Colerane, Messrs. Lynd and Jno. Thomson, & William Macafee, Elder; From Tyrone, Messrs. Stuart & Sharpe, Mr. Rae, Elder; From Colerane, Messrs. Higinbothom and Willm Henderson, Mr. Thos. Rummage, Elder; to meet at Newtownlymavaddy and to be called by the Mod of Derry Presby, six Ministers & three Elders to be Quorum.
Moneymore
Appeal.

An appeal of the congregation of Moneymore from ye presby of Tyrone, also a Reference of sd presby previous to the appeal were now laid before the Synod: Com" from Moneymore appeared, Messrs. Zachary M"Sparrin, W"m Ramsay, W"m Kidd, &c., Com": they produced a paper containing a Representaon of the state of their case and reasons of their appeal, which was read. Also a paper from ye presby containing an account of their conduct with the reasons thereof which was also read and again a second time, paragraph by paragraph and the Com" from Moneymore made some observations upon it. The parties being fully heard were Remov'd, and ye Synod proceeded to consider the affair; & after reasoning a Question was offered appoint the presby of Tyrone to proceed to the settlement of M" Caldwell in Moneymore with all convenient speed, unless it appear that one-third of ye congregation (exclusive of the 40 or 50 families who did not sign, with ye congregation from the beginning of M" Caldwell's affair) did oppose it? The Roll was called & this was agreed to except one voice. Also agreed that the presby of Tyrone shall cause intimation to be made in Moneymore the first Sabb. of July next, that the Sabb. following a minister from them will attend at Moneymore & enquire whether such as had subscribed to M" Caldwell's call privately or any other did withdraw their subscriptions.

It being now late, the Synod adjourned to 9 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VIa Die Veneris hora nona, mane, post preces Sedt &c.

From ye malcontents in Lisburn appeared Jno. & Geo. Clarke &c., Com", they presented a supplicaon desiring they may be erected into a congregaon. The Com" were heard, as also Ja" Fulton elder, from Lisburn, who complained that M" Patten's congregaon was not apprised of any such supplicaon and not prepared to answer. The following comittee, viz: Messrs. Mi^Bride, Hastings, and Hill, were appointed to discourse the parties and report their opinion on the affair. They withdrew & being returned offered their opinion as follows:—
1. Yt they see no cause to depart from the unanimous resolution of the Gen1 Synod 1734, viz": Yt to allow an erection in Lisburn would be of ye worst consequence. 2. Yt whereas the gentlemen desiring an erection have imploed M" Magee an irregular person under process for intrusion and several imoralities that they immediately dismiss him, for better security of their regularity in their future conduct, promised in their supplicaon. 3. Yt they join themselves to the presby of Templepatrick who are to take care of them, and endeavour to persuade 'em to submit to M" Patten's ministry, except such as have any reall scruples so to do, who may be allowed to join themselves to neighbouring congregations, and dismisses be readily granted them for that end. This 3d resolution was added by the Synod, & the two former agreed to & intimated to the parties.

The petition of Banbraby & ye Polls is referred to the Interloquitur.
The affairs of Maghers & Tubbermore were now laid before the Synod. From Maghers appeared Mr. Jackson Clark & Alex. Thomson, &c., Com" presenting a supplication wherein they complain of the preby of Tyrone's having counteracted ye decision of ye Synod 1736, & were for keeping up their erection of Tubbermore. From Tubbermore appeared Saml Fulton, Alex. Black, and several other Com". They also presented a supplication pleading their great distance from Maghers meeting-house, several of them being at least eight miles from it, desiring their erection might be continued. After reading said supplication the affair was committed to the following Committee, viz: Messrs Ja" & Jno. Cochran's, Robt. Wirling & Thos Brown, who after conversing with the parties & and the presbytery of Tyrone & seriously considered the whole matter, offered the following overture. 1. That this Synod would be pleased to confirm the erection of Tubbermore & that Moyola River from Newforge bridge to Corrin bridge should be the meeting between Maghers and Tubbermore. The question was put, approve this overture or not, and it carried approve. The parties acquiesced in our sentence and the congregation of Maghers pursuant to their own desire was annexed to the presbytery of Colerane.

From ye Malecontents of Drumaul appeared Mr. Jno. Nisbet and Ja" Sparke, Com" they presented a supplication desiring to be annexed to Mr. Semple's congregation. From ye Session and congregation of Drumaul appeared Mr. Henry M'Cullough, Hen. Clarke, &c., Com" they presented a supplication wherein they set forth that many of the malecontents have submitted to Mr. Henderson's ministry, & yt ye 27 families now supplicating ought not to be allowed to join to Aghoghill, but should continue settled members of Drumaul & take certificates thence to obtain ordinances at Aghoghill where they may be allowed to hear for ordinary on account of there being very contiguous. The Synod resolved to appoint a committee to confer with Drumaul Com" and those of the malecontents report their opinion on ye affair. The members of ye Committee are Messrs. Livingston, Fraser, M'CBride, and M'Curdly. They withdrew and conversed with the parties and gave their agreement in writing. 1. Yt such members of Drumaul as attend public worship at Aghoghill do pay their acknowledgment to Drumaul according to ye covenant made, when they were allowed certificates to hear at Aghoghill. 2. Yt Mr. Semple do allow privileges to such of 'em as do justice to Mr. Henderson according to the above recited covenant, but not to others who fail to do him justice when certificates are given 'em. 3. Yt Mr. Henderson do visit & catechize 'em—to all which ye Synod agreed.

A Leet of the following places, Dungannon, Derry, & Antrim, was proposed yt one of them might be fixed for the place of meeting of next Gen' Synod. The Roll was called, and the majority of voices was for Antrim, where next Synod is ordered to meet the third Tuesday of June next; Sermon to begin at 5 o'cl. afternoon. Adjourned to 3 hours post meridiem.

Concluded with prayer.
Sessio 7th, hora tertia, post meridiem June 24; post prces Sed:

Mrs. Lyton,

The Synod allows Mrs. Lyton to have one Shilling and sixpence per annum from each minister of the Gen'l Synod.

INTERLOQUITUR.

The Clerk proposed the case of Mr. Mulligan's children, and inquired whether R.D. shall be allowed them; the Brethren were of opinion since it was not allowed Mr. Teath's children who were in very necessitous circumstances it ought not to be allowed them whose circumstances are pretty good; some observed that the Synod's rule related only to ministers' widows.

Mr. Lang and Mr. Johnston are order'd to write to our Brethren in Dublin who belong to ye Synod, that that Gen'l Synod allows them in our name to address the Lord Lieutenant upon his arrival, and if they find it convenient to give a modest hint concerning the S: T:

Concluded with prayer.

GEO. LANG, C.S. G.

8ber 4th, 1737.
RULES OF PROCEDURE.

[RULES OF PROCEDURE IN JUDICATORIES.]

At a General Synod in Antrim, June, 1702.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN OUR JUDICATORIES.

I. Rule.—No member offering his mind to the Synod shall direct his discourse to any but to the Mod'.

II. No member to move any new business till the affair under consideration be issued, or by resolution of the Synod delayed.

III. No member who has spoken once upon a subject in the Synod shall have leave to speak again on said subject till members who have not spoke thereon shall be heard, if they desire it; after which the member that spoke first may proceed.

IV. That there be no whisperings or private conferences to the interruption of the Synod, but that all attend the present business in hand.

V. No affair brought before this Synod by Com'' be debated by members till the Com'' be sent out.

VI. All the members of this Synod carry themselves gravely free of passion without reflection.

VII. The members in speaking to such affairs as come before them, be as brief as conveniently may be.

VIII. None of the members depart the Synod, or go out while it is sitting, without leave obtained.

IX. The Mod' to take care that these Rules be duly observed, and reprove those that transgress them.

Considering that it's in the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ that the Judicatories are assembled to attend on the affairs of His house, there must be very much hainous guilt contracted, and it must amount to no less than taking of that tremendous Name of His in vain where there is an accustomed and open violation of the Known Rules appointed for preserving the order and decency of meetings which are constituted in the name and by the authority aforesaid, the words of our blessed Lord (Matt. 18: 20), "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there
am I in the midst of them;" these words being undoubtedly directed to Church Judicatories, they carry not only a gracious promise of His countenance and assistance to such Assemblies, but also a solemn certification concerning His awful presence in the midst of them, on purpose to awe all that are present and concerned in these Judicatories unto the utmost reverence, gravity, and circumspection in their whole behavior during their whole attendance on them, so that to take the same liberty at such meetings (which might be taken with little or no offence in common conversation) of jesting, promiscuous speaking, &c., must at least be amongst the greatest indecencies, especially in them who ought to be examples of prudence to others, also of humility and orderliness; and with all, we judge it matter of heavy Lamentation that by a notorious neglect of the Rules for order and decency at former occasions of this nature, our adversaries have been hardened into a greater dislike and contempt of our Principles relating to Church Government, and these who are better affected toward our constitution have been very much humbled and grieved by observing the lustre and authority of Church Judicatories to be in effect undone by the very constituent members of these Assemblies. Every person is to declare expressly his opinion of the above Rules, and is to come under an engagement to observe that; in case any transgress, they may judge themselves worthy of a censure.
AT ANTRIM, JUNE 20th, 1738.

A General Synod at Antrim, 20th June, 1738.

Mr. Ja. White, Mod. of ye preceding Synod, opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. ii. 16, & constituted it by prayer.

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Jas. Allen Jas. Finny
Willm Dick Hugh Hamilton
Robt. Thomson Alexr. Porter
Jno. Maxwell Robt. Ball
Thos. Crighton Mr Wm Moore.
Jas. Moody Hugh Magill

The Mod' desiring a New Mod' might be chosen to preside in this Synod proposed a Leet of ye following Brethren viz: Messrs. Sam' Hemphill, Bapt. Boyd, Jo' Cochran, Robt Wirling, Vict. Ferguson, Jo' Kennedy Wallace, Fraser & Henney that one of 'em might be chosen. The Roll was called and Mr. Jo' Cochran was chosen & Geo. Lang continued Clerk. It was moved and agreed to that to prevent spending time in takeing account in the Synod of such min' as have died, been ordained and of such as have been Licensed to preach or Entered or designed to be Entered upon Tryals for the ministry since last meeting of the Synod and also ye members of ye several Committees of overtures, Bills Books and Funds and ye General Synods fixed Committee ; that the several presbrys do meet after conclusion of this session and draw up in writing of the members of sd committees and of such as have died or been eein ordained &c; and send the same to the Clerk of this Synod, who is hereby ordered to have accounts of all the above particulars ready at the beginning of the next sederunt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod do meet for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning and continue to 9 and the Synod at 10. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2d^a Die Mercurii. Hora decima, ante merid'm.

Some presbyterys made returns according to the order of last night others in the Synod when met.

The Presby of Strabane report that M' Macbeth was ordained 22^a December but no account of his subscription or where fixed. Colerane Presby report that M' Ja' Cochran was ordained at Connor February 14^th & M' Rob' Brown at Komoan June 6^th and that they subscribed the Confession of Faith according to the Gen' Synod's formula also that M' Rob' Porter died June 13^th. The Presby of Monaghan report that they have Licensed M' David Hutchison but give no account of his subscription.
Presby of Tyrone report that they have Installed Mr. Gibson 11th January, but give no account to what congregation, and that they ordained Mr. Caldwell May 16th and Mr. Rae May 17th but no account to what congregations or whether they subscribed. Presby of Armagh report that Mr. Alexander Reid died 19th of November and that they have Mr. Haslem on first Tryalls. Bangor Presby report that Mr. Seaton died August 27th and Mr. J'a. Moor March 22nd, and that they have Licensed to preach Mr. Tho'. McCrackan, but give no account of his subscribing. Presby of Colerane farther report that Mr. Rob. Knox who had passed his 2d Tryals in order to his being ordained at Maughra died May 15th, and that Mess. Samuel Thomson and Samuel Dunlop Probaoners went to America in Summer, 1737, and that they have Licensed Mess'a J'a. White and Tho. Boyle who both have subscribed according to order, also Mess'a J'a. Howie and J'a. Kean are Entered on first Tryalls.

The Comittee of Funds having neglected to order Localities for Holywood are ordered now to do it in the first place.

This Synod's fixed Comittee according to the returns of the several Presbtrys being almost the same as last year is to consist of Strabane Presby: Mess'a J'a. Smith and Walsh, J'a. Knox, Elder; Colerane Presby, Mess'a Ja. Cochran and David Smylie, Mr. John Henry, Elder; Letterkenny, Mess'a David Fairly and Luke Ashe, Mr. Jo. Laird, Elder; Killyleagh, Mess'a Ja. Reid and Gilbert Kennedy, Mr. Charles Johnston, Elder; Monaghan, Mess'a Jo. Carlile and Mr. Ambrose, Francis Scot, Elder; Armagh Presby, Mess'a Archibald Maclain and Jo. Maxwel, Mr. Joseph John Steen, Elder; Templepatrick, Mess'a Ja. Fraser and Ja. White, Mr. Henry Magill, Elder; Tyrone, Mess'a Jo. Kennedy and Rob' Thomson, Mr. Will. Agnew, Elder; Bangor: Mess'a Rob' Coningham and Rob' Gauden [Gaudy], Mr. Nathaniel Wilson, Elder. Derry Presby: Mess'a Andrew Ferguson and David Harvey, Mr. Nathaniel Alexander, Elder.

These with our Mod' and Clerk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod', an any emergent, 15 of them to be a quorum whereof at least 12 to be min's.

Some min's now present gave excuses which were accepted for their absence last year. Absents from this Synod and excused are Mess'a Ja. Maxwel, McCrackan, Neil, Iredell, Craghead, Alexander McMaster, Humphry Thomson, Fleming, Dean, Glasgow, Maceuley, Drummond, Laird, Jo. Harvey, Sterling, Murray, excused.


The Synod finding that none of the Presbytries except those of Bangor, Killyleagh, and Templepatrick have contributed towards the relief of Mr. Dalrymple, doth now earnestly recom-
mend it to the rest of the presbytries that at their first meeting they consider his case. Collectors now appointed are Messrs Victor Ferguson for Strabane, Smylie for Rout, Mr McMaster for Dublin, Bag Boyd for Monaghan, Rob Stuart for Tyrone, Samuel Dunlop for Letterkenney, David Harvey for Derry, Allen for Armagh, Jo Thomson for Templepatrick, Mr Ja White is ordered to write to Mr Rob McMaster about him the money to be sent to Mr Masterton before the first of 7ber next.

Now reported that Dumfanaghy has received only 10 Shills. of the fund.

Resolved that the Committee of Funds do this afternoon review their orders of last year and make report to the Synod to-morrow morning.

The collectors for the fund ordered by last Synod were now called to account and it appears they have used due diligence.

Next Synod is now ordered to be at Dungannon on the 3rd Tuesday of June next Sermon to begin at 5, o'clock after noon. Adjourned to 5 in the evening the comittees to meet at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

\[ Sess. 3 \text{ t}^\text{a}. \ D\text{ie Mercurij hora }5^\text{a} \text{ Post Meridi}^\text{m} \text{ post praece sed}^t \]

The Revisers of the Synod's Books has made report that they approve all of 'em, viz, the Book of Derry Synod, ye Book of Armagh, and the Book of Bellfast and so deth this Synod they were signed by the Mod and Clerk.

Mr Tho Kennedy of Tyrone Presby reports that Castledawson had not submitted to the decision of Last Gen Synod in their affair and now came to complain of it. From Castledawson appeared John and Andrew Mortons, Jo Dicky, &c., Commissrs. They presented a supplication wherein after a long detail of their affairs and loud complaints of the Synod and their Brethren of Maughrefelt, desired that they may be erected into a distinct congregation, refusing to join with Maughrefelt.

From Maughrefelt appeared Rob Rainey, Rob Boyd, William Johnston, &c, Commissrs, presenting a supplication wherein they set forth that when Mr Wallace had been hindered to preach at Castledawson they had invited him to preach at their Meeting house; had encouraged him and payed his Stipend Quarterly and were willing to pay him £37 10p ann.: the 50 families which formerly did belong to Menymore were allowed to join with them. Also a supplication from 5th families wherein they desire to be jointed with Maughrefelt was read.

Appeared from Menymore Jo Kidd, Comm', he presented a supplication wherein they claim a right to 5th 50 families and desire that the former bounds of their congregation be preserved intire.

The Commrs of Castledawson were heard and offering some things which seemed to bear hard on Mr Wallace, he then spoke at good length in his own defence and vindication. The Commrs complained that Maughrefelt people had enticed diverse of their people to join them which
the others denied and offered in case Castledawson should be erected to leave settling the limits betwixt them to Tyrone Presby.

Then the Commissrs from the 50 families and Monymore were Maughrefelt heard and all parties being fully heard were removed. The Presby of Tyrone were desired to wave their priviledge and remove also, which they did: Then the Synod proceeded to consider the affair very deliberatly and many members reasoned upon it at great length. The Synod upon mature consideraon came to the following Resolutions:— Decision.

1.—That the 50 families of Monymore should be annexed to Resolutions Maughrefelt.

2.—That Maughrefelt be erected into a congregation.

3.—That Mr Wallace be Pastor thereof.

4.—That it appears to this Synod that some persons belonging to Castledawson did behave themselves in a irregular and insolent manner toward their Pastor.

5.—That the Presby be appointed to supplie ye people of Castledawson, as oft as possibly they can, at their meeting-house to Next Gen' Synod, also that they pay all arrears to Mr Wallace and the 50 families all arrears due to Monymore.

The Question was put approve all s resolutions? The roll was called, and it was carried approve, nemine contradicente.—The parties were called and our sentence read to them.

Adjourned to 9 mane. Ye Comittees to meet at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio IVra 9 mane. Die Jovis. June 22?. post preces Sedt

The Synod renew their recommendaon to the congregations which have not yet contributed a day's collection with previous intimaon toward building the meeting-house of Moyra, that they may make such collections with all speed that so some members of the congreagaon, who have expended a great deal of money for erecting a convenient & hansom house for God's worship, may be indemnified.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, the Comittees of Funds now reported their review of last year's Minutes & Orders. They provided Localities for Holywood, which the Clerk signed to, as also those of Moywater, Sligo, Castlublayney, Dumfanaghy, Oldcastle, all which are returned by the Comittee. And whereas, the Localities of Dumfanaghy can't be depended on, it was overture and agreed to that each of the Presbys at their first meeting do ask of their members voluntary contributions to support poor Dumfanaghy and the Clerks, every Presby are hereby desired to take the subscriptions and collect ye money.

A very kind and pressing letter to the Synod from the Rt Honble. Castlublayney, Ld Blayney was now delivered to the Synod, desiring the Synod's
effectually supporting M' Hemphill and preventing his leaving that congregation. The Synod took into its serious consideration the state of Castleblayney, ordered the Committee of Funds to restore to it a Localitie on Tullycorbet Congregation, which pays £1 : 16 : 0, and to provide other Localities for Oldcastle; also for Castleblayney 40 shills. from Donaghadee; from Keddy, £1 : 4 : 0; which with £1 from Ld Castleblayney, makes the sum of £6, which M' Hemphill will be satisfied with. Messrs Harvy, Patten, and Maxwell are ordered to bring in a draught of a letter to his Lordship. This was done, and the letter signed by ye Modr.

23 Families.

Twenty-three families of Monymore Congregation now supplicated ye Synod that they may be allowed to join themselves to other congregations, they scrupling to submit to M'Caldwell’s ministry, they having not joined in calling him, and ill-used by their neighbours, who called him. They were heard, as also the Commissrs from Monymore. The Synod, after consideration & reasoning, resolved that M'Caldwell visit and converse with 3d people, and endeavour to remove their scruples before Next Genl Synod; and yet, in the meantime, they may have ordinances from other ministrs, upon certificates from M'Caldwell when at home, and in his absence from an elder. This was agreed to nemine contradicente.

Castle-dawson.

Castle-dawson, now requesting to have constant supplies, their desire was granted. It was recommended to the Presby for that end, to invite suppliers from Coleraine Presby when there is occasion, and also to administer the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, if desired by 4d people.

Donaghedy.

A paper from Donaghey congregatio ordered to be inserted in our minutes now delivered to the Clerk and is as follows: Whereas by a sentence of the Sub-synod of Derry Messrs Jno. Hair and David Walker are now laid aside from being candidates for the ministry in that congregatio there being a party for each of them which was likely to make great divisions in that place and the Commissrs from parties here at this Synod desiring peace and mutual agreement among themselves proposed to the Synod that with the assistance of the Revd M' M'Bride and M' Tho' Kennedy their agreement might be drawn up in certain articles and laid before the Synod and engrossed in their minutes. The Synod agreed to the same and the articles of their agreement are as follows:—

Art. 1st

1st We submit and agree to the sentence of ye Revd Synod of Derry in laying aside these two Gentlemen, viz: M' Hair and M' Walker.

Art. 2nd

2nd As we very much bewail the differences that have been formerly amongst us, so we the Commissrs of both parties resolve for the future to guard against proposing any person for our pastor which may occasion the renewing of our differences & that we will conduct ourselves by the advice and concurrence of our Revd Presby of Derry.

Art 3rd

3rd Tho we agree to lay aside ye aforesd Gentlem we do not mean to refuse them to supplie us occasionally as the prudence of the Presby
shall direct, hoping they'll take care not to appoint either of them if there appear any ill consequence thereof and that no probationer particularly be desired to supply ye congregation of Donaghedey but by the publick agreement and consent of the same or the major part thereof according to the rules of the Synod in such cases provided. Subscribed and aggreed to Antrim, June 21: 1738, by us Commissrs Willm Hamilton, Jno. Walker, Jno. Nesbet, Jno. Leslie, Jno. Orre, Willm Deniston, Charles Pollock, in presence of Tho' Kennedy and Rob' M'Bride.

The congregation of Londonderry by their Commissrs M' Moor desired they might be allowed some probationers to assist their pastor such as they shall desire from time to time. This was granted and at the desire of the Commissrs, M' Ferguson, of Bangor Presby, is ordered for the month of July. Adjourned to 4 post meridiwm. Ye comittees to meet at 3.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio V'ta hora 4'æ, post meridiem Die Jovis post preces Sed' 4'æ.

At the desire of Monymore Commissrs ye Synod declares that the 50 families oft already mentioned are to be understood of the inhabitants of the 5 towns most contiguous to Maugherafelt or elsewhere without sd towns who did not joyn in calling M' Caldwell and who were excepted from the poll last year.

The Synod farther allowed to L'Derry that in case of any extraordinary difficulty in getting a Colleague in that congregation that the Genl Synod's fixed Comittee be called by our Modr, to determine the affair and to meet at Dungannon.

But whithall ye Synod expects that the congregation will proceed in this affair according to Rules usuall in such cases that is that two thirds for such Colleague recording to ye Genl Synod's Rule in electing of minis.

The Presby of Armagh moved that a Probaoner of theirs, viz: M' Richard Aprichard had excepted against subscribing some Propoons of our Confession of Faith and that the Presby had in pursuance to an Act of the Genl Synod of 1725 referred the affair to be judged by this Synod. The Presby minute of reference was read, M' Aprichard was called to be asked whither he owned the record of the Presby to be genuine and if [he] had any farther scruples but this was opposed. Some being for his giving in his scruples to the Presby of Armagh in order to their being transmitted to the Presbys (which has not been done) others were for his giving them in in writting to the Synod in order to their being now considered. The Quest was put whither we should receive and consider them now, or whither they should be transmitted to the Presbys, ye state of the vote was consider now or transmitt? The Roll was called & it carried transmitt by a great majority which voted transmitt upon this ground that the Synod's Act
had not been observed in sending an account of the scruples to the several Presbys which the Presby of Armagh did not remember was incumbent upon them to do. Mr Aprichard is ordered to give in his scruples again with the ground of them at next meeting of ye Preby of Armagh, July ye 18th. Adjourned to 8 mane. Comittees to meet at 7. Concluded with prayer.

_Sessio VI: 8 a mane. Die Veneris. June 23: post proceœ sed° ¾c._

From part of Drumaul Congregacioœ appeared Comm° Joœ Nisbet Willœ Wirling, &c., they presented a supplication desiring to be disanexd from Drumaul and annexed to Aghogle Congregacioœ. They allege severall Reasons contained in their supplication. The Commisœras were heard as also Mr Henderson who said that had his Congregacioœ been aprized that they might have sent Commisœras they would have made the matter easy. He generously offered that if the above malecontents should pay one half of what was due to Drumaul that is 3 years stipend they should be allowed during his ministry to join to Aghogle to which they agreed. He added that unless they should pay ye 3 years stipend the matter should rest as it was and the minutes of last Synod be observed which the Synod judged reasonable. The names of sœ people are as follows, viz:—Jaœ Walker, Jaœ Ker, Jaœ Bankhead, Thoœ Doel, Joœ Wallace, Morœ Gallaway, Hugh Reny, Willœ Gallaway, Christy Nelson, Samœ Thomson, Robœ Adair, Joeœ Thomson, Robœ Lyamon, Jaœ Henderson, Samœ Agnue, Jnoœ Hillis, Jnoœ Forbes, Jasœ Winning, Stephœ Harper, Alexœ Muron, Jnoœ Marshall, Jnoœ Thomson, Willœ Carson, Jasœ Craig, Jasœ Gillespie, Andœ Clerk, Jasœ Montgomery, Jasœ Willson, heads of families: and young people Adam Glass, Jnoœ Ker, Jnoœ Nisbet, Samuel Stuart, Jnoœ Stuart, Samœ Wilson, Jnoœ Wilson, Jasœ Lemon, Willœ Craig, William Anderwood, Alexœ Dumbar, William Graham.

Our Broœ Mr Wirling presented a supplication in which he represents that he is injured by the commisœration of Kileade in detaining part of arrears of stipend due to him by bonds, lodged in the hands of Mr Brown as clerk of Tœpatrick presby before the ordination of Mr Scot and Mr Mœ Connel which bonds were to be returned if the debt was not payed. Mr Wirling and ye Presby were heard at some length. He also pleaded that he had delivered to Mr Brown the Lease of the farm with this express condition not to deliver it up to any person without his (Mr Wirling's) consent. He Synod considered the affair and was of opinion that Mr Wirling is much injured. It was proposed and agreed to that the Presby of Tœpatrick do call before them ye parties, viz: Mr Wirling and the people of Kileade and oblide the people either to pay him his money or Return all his securities otherwise to pay him themselves and if upon inquiry they find it proper to write to Mrœ Henery and acquaint him that he has not been well informed as to wastes sdœ to be made by Mrœ Wirling.

Here appeared Arthur Alexander of Tœpatrick prosecuting an appeal from the Presby of TœPatrick. His supplication to the Presby was read wherein he compleans of Mrœ Livingston refusing him a
certificate to leave the congregation. The reasons of the appeal and the Presby’s minutes were read and the Synod came to judge an bene or male appellatum. It carried male appellatum, nemine contradicente.

Then the Synod proceeded to the merits of the cause to consider the particulars of a Libell offered by Arthur Alexander against M’ Livingston and resolved that it doth not appear that M’ Livingston had absolutely refused to any person (tho some had been delayed for some time) the priviledge of Baptism to his child or excluded any from the Lord’s Supper for non-payment of Stipend, and as far as has appeared before us he is justified from the charge and his character stands fair and unblemished. Resolved 2: That it appears that Arthur Alexander has used many indecent expressions against the Presby and particularly against M’ Livingston and charged him with some things he has not proved and that he ought to be admonished for his rashness. The parties were called and our minute read to them and Arthur Alexander was admonished by the Mod’.

**Interloquitur 1st June 22d.**

Moved that M’ Jos. C——l haveing showed sincere repentance 1st. for his adultery & lived a holy life ever since his fall, ought to be restored to the exercise of his ministery, tho not in his former charge. The Brethren considered his case & the inexpediency of restoring him particularly the reflections on our profession by those of other persuasions; and that there could be little prospect of his being usefull in this church, tho they have a great deal of charity for him, as a penitent and good Christian yet for these and other causes can’t have a thought of restoring him to ye exercise of ye Ministry.

The Interloquitour sent two Minrs to intimate our Resolution to him, and he humbly acquiesced.

The Clerk proposed the case of M’ Jno. Montgomery late of Malin who hath no congregation and as some judge ought not receive R: D: specially considering that his circumstances are very good. The Brethren were of oppinion he ought to enjoy it to next Gen’ Synod but not for ye year past.

The Clerk of the Synod moved also in favour of M’ns Rainey of Newery that she should be allowed R: D: her son being now abroad and living at a great charge. The Interloquitur was of oppinion that she ought not to have it more than M’ns Ross of Derry and other widows in good circumstances.

GEO. LANG, C. S. G.
A General Synod at Dungannon, 19th June, 1739.

Mr. John Cochran Moderator of the preceding Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Rom. 2:21, and constituted it by prayer.

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AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 19th, 1739.

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Victor Ferguson | Jno. Holmes | 
Jas. Hemphill | Luke Ashie | 
Andr. Welsh | Wm. Craford | 
Willm. Macbeth | |

The Mod's Desiring a New Mod might be chosen proposed a Lect Chosen.
of ye following Min's, viz., Messrs Bap't Boyd, Vict' Ferguson, Jno.
Kennedy, David Fairly, Rob' M'Master & Tho' Maclaine.

The Roll was called & M' M'Master was chosen by a Great
Majority, & Geo. Lang continued Ck nemine contradicente.

Ordered that ye several Presbys do this night or ye Morrow morn-
ing make returns of their members for the several Committees of Over-
tures, Bills, Sub-Synod Books, Funds, and ye Gen' Synod's Fixed
Committee with the names of such Min's as have died or been ordained
since last Synod; also of such as have been Licensed to preach or are
upon Tryals or designed to be entered on Tryais.

Ordered that all ye Min's of this Synod do meet for prayer at 7 Prayer ordered
O'clock to-morrow morning and continue in it to 9: when the Inter-
loquit' is to meet and the Synod at 10.

Sessio 2da. hora x ma June 20th post pruces Sed'

The Minutes of the Interloq' relating to R.D. inserted afterwards.

A Committee to prepare M'r Moody's affair referred to this Synod by
Armagh Presby was appointed in ye Interloq' consisting of Messrs.
Masterton, Cobham, Brown, Tho' Kennedy, Tho' Maclain, George
Lang, David Harvey, Lynd, Dunlop, Vict' Ferguson and Wallace,
which with ye Mod's are to meet at 3 o'clock afternoon.

The time appointed was spent in prayer.

Some Presbys made their returns according to ye order of Last
Night and some now in ye Synod. The several Committees for Overtures,
Bills, Books and Funds are to meet at their respective places at 3
O'clock post meridiem and the Synod at 5.

The Presby of Rout report that since last Synod that they have
Licensed Messrs Ja' Huey and Ja' M'Kean and have entered on Tryals
Messrs Adam Blair and Ja' Rainey.

Presby of T.pattrick report that M' Willm Leech died ye 10 of M' Leech Dead.
Sept' last and that they have ordained M' Jno. Leason ye 20th of M' Leason ord'd.
December but give no acc't to what congregaon nor whither he sub-
scribed the Confession of Faith and that they have entered on First
Tryals M' Willm Thomson.
Londonderry Presby report that they have entered on second Tryals Mr David Walker and on first Tryals Messrs Jno. Loage and Jno. Steele.

The Presby of Tyrone report that Mr Robt Thomson died ye 5th of June Insf.

Bangor Presby report that Mr Alexander Hamilton died the 11th of Febry last and Mr Archd Dickson about ye beginning of March and Mr Jnrch Cochrann died about ye end of sd month, that they have entered Mr Crooks on first Tryals also that they ordained Mr Jnrch Smith at New-town ye 10th of April and Mr Saml Sims at Annahilt ye 18th of June Insf but gave no account of their subscriptions.

Killileagh Presby report that they have entered on Tryals Mr Willm Rowan.

The Presby of Armagh report that they have Licensed to preach Mr Charles Haslem and that he subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

The Members returned for ye Genl Synod's Fixed Committee are for Tyrone Presby Messrs Thos. and Jno. Kennedy and Mr Jas. McMullan, Elder; for Letterkenny, Messrs Fairly and Ashe, Mr Jno. Laird, Elder; for Armagh Messrs Maclain and Maxwell, Mr Jos. Johnston, Elder; for Colerane, Messrs Jno. Cochran and Robt Brown, Mr Jnrch Henery, Elder; for T. Patrick Presby Messrs Fraser and Jas. White, Mr Henry Magill, Elder; for Bangor, Messrs Cunningham and Willm Smith, Mr Nathw Wilson, Elder; for Derry Presby Messrs Andw Ferguson, and David Harvey, Mr Nathw Alexander, Elder; for Strabane, Messrs Jos. Hemphill and Macbeth, Jas. Knox, Elder.

These with our Modw and Clerk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Modw on any emergent 15 of whom to be a Quorum of which at least 12 to be Ministrants.

Absent from this Synod and excused are Messrs Neil, Jas. Thomason, Ross, Alexander, Mr Kee, Clarke, Drumond Bail, Laird, Wilson, Jno. Harvey, Thos. Harvey, Strawbridge, Murray, Nian Cochran, Willm Cunnigham, Andw Ferguson, Jas. Stuart, Francis Montgomery, Jas. Maxwell Stuart, Jas. Smith, Shannon, Reid, Willm Smith, Alexandr Maclaine, Johnston, Craighton, Fraser, Jno. Thomson, Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, Mr Crackan.


Reported that nothing hath been done in the Sub-Synods of Armagh and Derry for the relief of Mr Dalrimple ye order of last Synod in relation to him is now renewed and it is recommended to ye Ministrants present to give what they can others promised to pay at ye next Synod which is now agreed nemine contradicente.
Shall meet here at Dungannon ye 3d Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Presby of Tyrone report that they have erected Castledawson into a congregon but that neither the people of Castledawson nor ye 50 families formerly of Monymore have payed their arears.

The Synod enjoins ye Presby of Tyrone to see that sd arears be payed these of Castledawson before they be allowed to call a Min' & those of the 50 families before they be allowed priviledges.

The appointment of last Synod in relation to Drumfanaghy is now renewed and the Clerks of the several presbys desired to take care of ye affair.

A supplication from Loughgall was read and referred to afterwards. Concluded with prayer.

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Sessio 3\textsuperscript{ta} hora 5\textsuperscript{ta} post merid\textsuperscript{m}.

From the Congregacon of Caple Street in Dublin appeared Commiss\textsuperscript{rs} Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Fran\textsuperscript{t} Cunningham and Will\textsuperscript{m} Simson. They expressed their gratitude for ye care had been taken for supplying their congregon since ye death of their Pastors. They now supplicated that ye Synod might allow them such supplies as they shall apply for to ye several Presbys (which constitute this Synod) from time to time. Granted This was granted nemine contradicente, always provided care be taken to give timely notice to ye Presbys so the suppliers may have time to prepare for their journey.

The Presby of Dublin having made no return ye Clerk now returns Messrs. Craghead & Iredell Dead.

From that part of Mourne that meets at ye New meeting-house Mourne. appeared Commiss\textsuperscript{rs} Jas. Atchison and Sam\textsuperscript{t} McMaghon. They presented a supplication in which they desire supplies may be allowed them by the Presby of Armagh in their own house. The consideration of wh is delayed for some time.

Appeared from part of Monymore Will\textsuperscript{m} Lang and Jno. Steele Monymore. Commiss\textsuperscript{rs}. They plead that they can't in conscience submit to M\textsuperscript{t} Caldwell's ministry and pray that they may be allowed to joyn to other congragons according to the Rules of this Church in such cases. This affair is also delayed to another session.

From Breachy appeared Messrs. Boyd and Armstrong supplicating Breachy for the continuance of a double portion of R.D. to their pastor when fixed amongst them. The Synod seriously considered their desire and in consideration of ye circumstances of their congregaon did unanimously grant it. This to be understood of ye ordinary R.D. only.

From part of Grayabby viz. of ye 10 towns of Warnock and Jas. Ganan, Commiss\textsuperscript{rs}, prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye Rev\textsuperscript{d} Presby of Bangor refusing to allow them to leave
Newtown and joyn Grayabby congregation. It was mov'd and aggreed to that in consideration Mr Smith of Newton is now absent and no Commrs from Newtown that a Committee be appointed to decide the affair or delay it to next Gen'l Synod. The vote was stated a Committee or delay and it carried a Committee by a great majority they to consist of 10 Min's of T. Patrick Presby, 4 from Killilagh and 4 from Armagh with 3 Elders from T. Patrick, 14 to be a Quorum; time of meeting is ye first Tuesday of August at Belfast. The Commiss's had ye names of the Min's from the Clerk [of the] 3 Presby's now named but the Clerk has them not.

From Iniskillen appeared Jno. Gray, &c., Commiss'. They presented a paper shewing the necessity of having their meeting-house built from the foundation and their inability of themselves to do it and earnestly requesting a Synodical Recommendation to the several congregaons in ye Gen'l Synod for their assistance. This was granted.

The Committees ordered to meet at 7 and ye Synod at 9 to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

_Sessio 4ta 9 mane die June 21st post preces Sed, &c._

Interrog 2d was held before ye Synod's meeting.

The Committee ordered for Mr Moody's affair report that they had discoursed with him and that he appeared to be very open and candid, that he professed himself to be of subscribing principles and could subscribe whatsoever he believed to be true and desired to live in communion with us.

They read a paper of his in Relation to the power of the magistrate also an explication formed by 1st Committee of the Articles of our Confession Relating to ye magistrates power to suppress Heresies.

And whereas ye Presby of Armagh alledge that some Reports to their disadvantage had been spread concerning their transporting Mr Moody from Magharally to Newry ye Synod did on ye whole resolve that they see no cause to disprove 4th Presby's transporting him to Newry and do allow 4th Presby to install him in Newry when they see fit according to our known Rules. Also that a member be sent to Newry to preach Sab. come 7 night and read this our minute. The elders were called in and all this imparted to them and approved in the Synod.

Arthur Alexander of T. Patrick appeared and desired a dismiss from the Congregaçon of T. Patrick and be allowed to joyn to Ballyeaston which was granted and that Congregaçon desired to receive him.

The Committee ordered to converse with Mr Aprichard report that after conversation with him he gave the following sense of the Articles of the Confession which he scrupled, viz.—concerning the power of the civil magistrate. Magistrates ought to be Invested with a power to suppress Blasphemies and errors subversive of Religious and Civil Societies.
CONCERNING THE HEATHEN WORLD.

Christians are only to hope for Eternal Happiness upon Gospel Terms, which are faith in Christ, Repentance and obedience to His Laws, at the same time I know not but God may save some that are not within the Christian Church in a way best known to Himself.

CONCERNING REGENERATION.

Regeneration is absolutely necessary to our pleasing God so as to obtain Eternal happiness.

CONCERNING SYNODS AND COUNSELS.

Synods and Counsels have a right to give their opinions concerning controversies of faith and cases of consciences, at the same time their opinions are not binding on ye consciences of others otherwise than they are agreeable to the Word of God. I am also satisfied that regard is due to the Ministry as it is an ordainace of Christ.

Rd Aprichard.

The Comittee appointed for Revis cong ye Books of ye Subsynods of Belfast, Derry and Armagh report that they approve 3d Books and they were signed by ye Mod' and Clerk.

Several Breth moved that a fast should be appointed by this Synod to be observed by all congregations under our care the last Wednesday of July or some day that week. This was agreed to nemine contradicente.

Messrs. Tho' Kennedy, Lynd, &c., were appointed to draw up ye causes of ye fast. M' Lynd only observed this appointment and delivered a paper to the Clerk but it being not read in the Synod and approved is not inserted here, the causes mentioned were first bad seasons and weather: 2dly, abounding prophanity and wickedness: 3dly, decay of Practical Religion: 4thly, Growth of Errors and unchristian animosities and dissensions: 5thly, the present threatening aspect of affairs and danger of a publick war.

What was done in the Interloq' in M' Moody's affair was read in ye publick Synod and approved by a great majority.

The supplication of ye few 14 families of Monymore was again read as also a supplication of Monymore congregation presented by Willm Mc Kee &c. desiring that the Synod may advise 3d families being orderly people to continue members of their congregation. The Commissrs on both sides were heard as also M' Caldwell then the parties removed and the affair was considered and after some reasoning Resolved that 3d few families upon paying arrears due by them to Monymore be allowed their liberty and receive dismises to join themselves to any other congregations, that is to be understood only of such as has not submitted to M' Caldwells ministry none of the 14 families to be allowed priviledges untill they take out dismises, all which was agreed to nemine contradicente.
From Tubbermore were Commiss' Alex' Black Sam' Moore &c. They presented a supplication which was read. They set forth that some families which ought to joyn with them are detained from them by Maughera. They desired they might be allowed to joyn with Tubbermore also a supplication of s' families was read. They desire that whereas they lay on the west side of y' river Moyalo and as for other reasons so particularly on account of their vicinity to joyn to Tubbermore.

The Comittee ordered to meet half an hour past 3: and y' Synod at 4 post meridiem.

Sessio 5a. hora 4a post meridiem. die Jovis. post preces Sed' &c.

Whereas it appears that y' small annual pension allowed to some widows was not duely pay'd by many min' the Synod now recommends it to ye several Presbrys to take more care for y' future to pay what is due to Mrs Tomb, Mrs Sterling, Mrs Drummond and Mrs Thomson children who are now orphans and in low circumstances that no cause of complaint may be for ye future.

The Inhabitants of Minola and Branagh of our Communion do supplicate this Synod to be erected into a congregation and put under y' care of some Presby to which they may apply for supplies.

This Synod aggrees that these people shall be under the care of what Presby they please either of Monaghan or Letterkenney which is nearest to them and let the Presby they joyn to erect them if they see fit.

Mrs Aprichards affair came now before y' Synod Mrs Aprichard did distinctly read his scruples with the reasons of them. Then the Modr at ye desire of some members asked if any Presby or Broth' had committed to writting his thought on the subject of these scruples and ye grounds of them that ye same might now be read. Mrs Thos Kennedy owened that he had a paper on the subject which at ye Synods desire he read. Mrs Aprichard alledged he was injured by s' paper it fastening some consequents on his Reasons which he did not own and it would not bear.

It was proposed that some Breth' have a Conference with Mrs Aprichard this night and to-morrow morning viz: Messrs Cobham, Masterton, Gilbert Kennedy, Sam Dunlop, Sterling, Lynd, David Harvey to make report to-morrow. Mr. Aprichard desired that Messrs Thos Maclaine and Monagh might be present as witnesses only which was granted him.

A reference from ye Presby of Armagh to this Synod relating Markethill congregation was laid before us and all papers relating thereunto. These who adhere to ye old meeting house desired to be erected into a distinct congregation and put into a capacity to call a min' to themselves.

They propose 20 men security for £40 and 20: bolls of oats per an. to a min'. These who adhere to ye new meeting house also desire to
be erected into a congregation and propose to give security for £30: •5 an. and 15: boles of oats.

The Synod having seriously considered ye desires and proposals of both these parties did Resolve:—1st That such as did adhere to the old meeting house be erected into a congregation; 2nd That these who adhere to the new meeting house be under ye care of ye Presby of Armagh and carefully supplied and when it appears they be in a capacity that they be also erected always provided that the congregations of Drumbanahar and Clare be not hurt. These Resolutions were unanimously approved.

Concluded with prayer.

The Synod is appointed to meet at 8: mane.

Sessio 6th Hora 8va mane, June 22d Post process sedi §c.

Commissrs from threeseveral parties in the Congregation of Donaghedy now appeared before ye Synod. 1st from a party for calling Mr Armstrong to be their Pastor. Messrs Hugh Hamilton and Jno. Walker Commissrs who allledged the majority to be on their side. They produced a letter from Willm Hamilton Esq in their favour; 2nd from a party for calling *M............. Messrs Jon. Hall and Willm Cook were Comrs. They pretended yt they had a majoritie on their side; 3rd from a third party appeared Mr Ja Hamilton Comr praying that for peace sake both the candidates may be laid aside. The Comrs of ye several parties were heard and ye minutes of ye Synod of Derry relating Donaghedy affairs were read. After long reasoning it was proposed and agreed to that since neither of the parties had 2 thirds of the congregation either there should be a new poll or both the candidates laid aside and ye Question was put and Roll called and it carried by a great majority for laying both candidates aside, in the present circumstances of ye congregation. It was farther moved and agreed to that if either of ye parties should desire supplies from the neighbouring Presbys the Presby of Derry should grant them, which 4th Presby promised to do.

Some members of ye committee ordered to have a Conference with Mr Apriurch now report that he had declared himself willing to subscribe or assent to all the Articles of the Westminster Confession of Faith except these scrupled. They delivered a paper signed by his own hand (a copy of which see page the 6th)† containing a declaration of his scruples of ye doctrine of the scrupled articles which was read.

Moved y ye Qesti: be put whether we approve se declaroon and if he now gives his assent to ye rest of ye Confession this will give satisfaction to ye Synod. Another motion was made that Mr Apriurch be now called and asked if he was willing to give his assent to ye remaining articles of ye Confession not scrupled, a 3d motion was made that it be recorded in our Minutes as a matter of fact that three several members of the Committee positively affirmed that he declared to se Committee his willingness to subscribe or assent to ye remaining Articles

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* Name omitted.  † See pp. 246-247.
not scrupled by him. Mr Maxwell declared in the name of himself and
some other Brethren that if Mr Aprichard had any other scruples than
those given in to ye Presby of Armagh he knew nothing of them. Mr
Aprichard was called and the Mod', told him tho we did not question
ye report given by some members of ye Committee yet in order to give
us clearness in voting our approbation of his declaration of his sense of ye
articles scrupled he should declare to us his adherence to the remaining
Articles of ye Confession of Faith. He answered he had satisfied the
Committee last night and was of that same mind this morning and no
other answer would give and no other Quest: he would answer.

The state of ye vote was offered as follows whether or not the
Synod be satisfied with Mr Aprichards declaration provided he give his
assent now to the remaining doctrines not scrupled for that the Synod
as yet has not received satisfaction as to his soundness in the faith.

2dly another state was offered viz: whether we will insist that Mr
Aprichard shall declare his satisfaction with ye Articles of the Confession
not scrupled by him before the Synod declares her satisfaction with his
declaration concerning the scrupled Articles or not. The Roll was
called and it carried by a majority for a 2d state.

Mr Cherry protested against this vote alleging the first state was
carried by a majority of the members. Messrs Menagh, Archb, and Tho'
Maclaine, and Macconel, did also protest and proposed to give their
reasons in due time. Mr Maxwell protested for this reason that some
of the voters were under influence because a member distinguished the
states of the vote saying the second is our state of the vote. Mr
Moody adhered to Mr Maxwell's protest as also Messrs. Welsh, Mr Combe,
Ambrose, Donaldson, and David Harvey alleging the young man
notwithstanding his openness had hard treatment. Then the second
question was put. Insist or not and it carried insist by a great
majority and Messrs. Tho' and Arch McMaclaine protested against this
vote.

Then Mr Aprichard after offering several defences against some
things he alleged were charged on him in a paper read as page ye 8
he declined to declare his assent to ye Articles of the Confession against
which he had not offered any scruples. Some Brethren testified that Mr
Welsh desired his protest might be entered ags' the 2d vote.

Some Brethren moved that in ye second state of ye question that
the word satisfaction as it is applied to ye Synod implied no more than
judgment, and that ye word judgment should be in place of satis-
faction.

Comittees ordered to meet at half-an-hour after 4; and ye Synod
at 5 afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

Reasons of ye protestaons as delivered to the Clerk by Mr Arch Maclaine against ye first Resolution.
1st. Because Mr. William Boyd looking about when the two states of ye vote put saying this is our state of ye vote had a tendency to influence some of the members.

2nd. Because the first state of ye vote was carried by a considerable majority of ye ministers who must be supposed to be better Judges of such matters than the other members.

3rd. Because Mr. Aprichard having in compliance with the appointment of the General Synod delivered his sense of those doctrines to which his scruples referred had a right to know whether that sense gave satisfaction to ye Synod before any other demands could of right be made.

4th. That great numbers both of ministers and others waited to know whether the Synod would accept of Mr. Aprichard’s declaration as satisfactory or if they would pin him down to ye letter of the confession.

5th. Because Intrants if this method had been come unto which we reasoned for would have known what treatment they might expect and a good deal of future trouble to the Synod in affairs of this nature would ha’ been prevented.

6th. Because by the conduct of ye Synod the most effectual discouragement is given to all free inquiry into matters of a religious nature and candidates for the Ministry are laid under the strongest temptations to Hypocrisy & dissimulation.

7th. Because the Synod has gone beyond ye rigor of the Act in 1725; which enjoys nothing more than that the scruples proposed be laid before them in order to be considered by them.

8th. Because a tedious and laboured answer to Mr. Aprichard’s reasons for his scruples stuffed with ill natured insinuations was read with a view as it appears to prejudice the audience against him and tho he earnestly desired the perusal of that paper for 2 hours or if that would not be granted that it might be read paragraph by paragraph that he might have an opportunity an off hand reply yet neither of these requests were granted.

Reasons of the Protesters against ye 2d Resolūn.

1st. Because from the temper of ye Synod and the treatment given by her to Mr. Aprichard he had no Reason to expect that if he had declared his assent to the remaining Articles of ye Westminster Confession of Faith against which no scruples were offered that the Synod would have been satisfied with him.

2nd. Because Mr. William Boyd who was supported by a strong & a numerous partie in the Synod allledged the Reasons offered by Mr. Aprichard in support of his scruples contained more corrupt doctrines than the scruples themselves and when he was called upon by Mr. Aprichard to point out such corrupt doctrines he declined to do it by which it appears that neither he nor any of his party had any intention to Remove his scruples but rather to influence the audience against him.
Records of a General Synod

Sessio 7ma. June 22d. hora 5ta. post meridm. post proces, Sedl &c.

Some members of the Presby of Armagh desired to know how they should conduct themselves towards Mr Aprichard seeing he had not satisfied the Synod and whether he might not continue a Probaoner of ours in 4th Presby until he should satisfie the Synod, others allledged that since he had not satisfied the Synod he might not continue a Probaoner of ours. Several members of ye Synod desired a decision of this Question: others did not think it proper for so small a number as now remained (besides the Presby of Armagh) to decide an affair which concerned the whole.

Then Mr Aprichard spoke and said he thought fit to withdraw his subjection to this Judicature which put an end to the Debate.

The supplication of Loughgall presented by their Com Gabriel Maclaine, Jno. Anderson, &c. was now again read, it sets forth the sinking state of their congregation. That £4 3s an. of their fund was detained from them part of which is due by Maughera congregation according to a settlement made many years agoe.

The Synod enjoyns sd congregation to pay their proportion of the Fund due to Loughgall and desire the 4th Presby Rout or Colerane to interpose their authority to oblige s6 congregation to do this piece of Justice to Loughgall.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora nona, die Mercurii June 20. Ante meridi

Interloq of Min only met to consider who shall be appointed our agent in Dublin to Receive our R.D. from the Deputy Vice-Treasurer in the Room of our 4th Father Iredell deceased.

It was proposed that we consider whether our agent and Treasurer be the same person. Moved that since Mr Hutcheson is in Town that he be called and asked if he has anything to communicate to us on our present subject of debate. He attended and offered for £3 more than he now has as Treasurer to go to Dublin twice in the year and act as our agent or solicitor. Then he proposed to go 4 times a year for some less than was allowed Mr Iredell.

Then the Quest. was put shall one person or two be chosen to manage both Receiving and distributing R.D.

The Roll was called and it carried for one person except one voice.

The 2d Quest. was put shall that person reside in Dublin or in the North. It carried for Dublin by a great majority.

The 3d Quest. was put, who shall be the person, whether Mr Master or Mr Jas. Lang, and it carried for Mr Lang by a great majority. Messrs. Gilbert Kennedy, Willm Boyd, and Jno. Sterling are appointed to draw up instructions for our agent and Treasurer in Dublin now chosen.
Our Mod and Clerk are in our name to sign the Letter of Attorney to Mr Jas. Lang.

Ordered that Thos. Kennedy do write to Hugh Henery, Esq, and to give him thanks in our name for services to this church and desire the continuance of his good offices these orders were observed.

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The General Synod met at Dungannon 17th June, 1740.

Mr Rob McMaster Mod of ye proceeding Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Gal. 5: 13, & constituted it by prayer. Sederunt ye Min & Elders of ye several Presbyteries as follows:—

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The Mod' desired a New Mod' might be chosen, he proposed a Leet of Messrs Bap't Boyd, Wirling, Ja' Bond, Jno. Kennedy, & Fraser. That one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Roll was called & Mr Wirling was chosen by a great majority & Geo. Lang continued Clerk nemine contradicente.

Ordered y' the several presbys do make returns this night or tomorrow before ye Synod meets, to ye Clerk of their members, for the several Comittees of Overtures Bills, Sub Synod's books & Funds & also for Ye Gen' Synod's Fixed Comittee w' th an account of such min' as have died, been ordained, Installed or Licensed to preach or on Tryals or designed to be enter'd on Tryals.

All y° members of this Synod are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock for prayer & continue to 9 when an Interloquitur is to be held & y° Synod at 10.

Concluded w' th prayer.

Sess. II'da hora decima mane. post proces Sed'

The Time appointed for prayer was spent therein & ye interloquit had at 9. y° minutes of w' th are in y° Last Session.

The returns order'd last night were made by ye presbys.

The presby of Armagh reports y' Mr Archibald Maclaine died y° 23 of Febry last 1739/40, & y' Mr Haslem has passed 2' tryals for Ordination.

Bangor Presby Reports y' they have Licensed Mr Hugh Crooks & y' he subscribed ye Gen' Synods Formula & y' they have enter'd on first Tryals Mr Hugh Ferguson.

The Presby of Monaghan reports y' in Novb' Last 1739 they ordained at Brechy Mr David Hutcheson & have Licensed Mr Hugh Mulligan wh both subscribed according to order.

Strabane Presby reports y' they have entered on First Tryals Mr Ja' Kerr & design to enter Mr Benjamin Holmes.
Templepatrick presby reports y' on ye 5th of Febry last the depos'd
for fornicaon M' Robt' Leathes and have Licensed M' Wm Thomson who
subscrib'd according to order & have enter'd on first Tryals M' Jno.
Hood.

The Presby of Derry reports y' M' Jno. Harvey died August 20th
1739 & y' M' Willim Coningham died 20th May 1740.

Letterkenny Presby reports y' M' Jno. Ball died August 22d 1739
& have Licensed M' Andr' Hamilton but no account of his subscription.

Colerane Presby reports yt they have Licensed M' Jas. Rainey & yt
he subscribed ye Gen'l Synod's Formula & yt they have entered on
first Tryals Messrs. Josiah Gamble, Gideon Neilson, Joseph Teath, &
Wm Rogers.

Tyrone Presby report yt they have entered M' Harvy on 2d
Tryals.

Presby of Dublin report yt they installed M' Jas. Smith at Capel
Street 15th of Febry 1739 & yt he subscrib'd our Confession of Faith.

The several Comittees at 3 afternoon to meet in their usual places.

The members of Synod's comitee are :

For Armsgh Presby Messrs. Thomson & Maxwell, M' Jos. Johnston,
Elder; for Tyrone, Messrs. Thos. & Jno. Kennedy's, M' Jas. M'Cullan,
Elder; for Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairly & Ashe, M' Jno. Laird, Elder;
Elder; for T. Patrick, Messrs. Jas. White & Fraser, M' Hen. Magill,
Elder; for Bangor, Messrs. Coningham & Smith, M' Nath' Wilson,
Elder; for Derry, M' Andr' Ferguson & David Harvey M' Nath' Alexander,
Elder; for Strabane, Messrs. Jos. Hemphill & Macbeth,
Jas. Knox, Elder; for Killileagh, Messrs. Kennedy, & M' Combe; for
Monaghan, Messrs. Carlile & Ambrose, Francis Scott, Elder.

These w' th our Mod' & Clerk are order'd to meet at Dungannon
when called by our Mod' on any Emergent 15 to be a Quorum whereof
12 at least to be Min's.

Abst' from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Humph. Thomson, Absaents
Carlile, Maccleve, Sharpe. Drummond, Dunlop, Laird, Vannec, Wilson,
Excused.
And Ferguson, Jas. Stuart, Masterton, Fran. Montgomery, Malcolm,
Nat'1 Orr, Shannon, Smith of Ballie, Johnston, Gordon, Cherry, Moody,
Cobham, Alex. Brown, Levington, Patten, Tim. White, Wm Thomson,
Jno. Thomson, Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, Macrackson, Vict' Ferguson,

Abst' & not excused are Messrs. Plunket, Maclaine, Sam'l Hemphill,
Carson, Algeo, McGachin, Jno. Montgomery, Lyle, Coningham,
Mackay, Jas. Max'l Stewart, Reid, Fergy, Kennedy Jun', Scott, Alex'
Maclaine, Hastings, Craford, Morehead, Thos Brown, Maxwel,
Mr Dalrymple

By last Synod’s minutes we find yt little or nothing has been done
for ye relief of Mr Dalrymple, the Synod now earnestly recommends
it to such Members of Derry & Armagh Synods, as have not yet
as have not yet contributed, yt such as be present may pay Now, &
ye Clerks of ye several Presbys do receive from those now absent.

The Presby of Tyrone Reports yt ye people of Castledawson have
payed ye arrears due by them to Mr Wallace. But ye 50 families
have not paid theirs to Monimore. Of this again.

The case of Dunfanaghy to be considered by an Interloquit.

The Congregation of Capel Street by Mr Smith and Mr Smith and
Mr Tho. Kennedy, Renewed their desire of such supplies from ye
North as they shall apply for, their desire was granted, and Mr Ja. Armstrong appointed their first supply for six weeks. The Presby of
Killileagh will take care of supplying Portaferry during his absence.

Some members of ye Synod of Armagh represented yt ye far
greater part of ye Min. of ye Synod do not attend ye meetings thereof.
This referred to ye Comittee of Overtures.

Comittees ordered to meet at 3 & ye Synod at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3tae hora 4tae post meridiem. post process, Sed &c.

Mr Kennedy’s Credentials.

Certificates from ye Revd Presbys of Biggar & Edinburgh in
favour of Mr Jno. Kennedy, probaroner were now produced and read
before this Synod. The Synod having considered sd certificates do
approve ’em and allow any presby within ye bounds of this Synod to
receive & Imploy him as a probaroner for ye holy miny.

The time and place of Next Genl Synod was now to be con-
considered & it was aggreed without any vote yt Dungannon being most
central should be ye place ye 3rd Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin
at 5 in ye evening.

The reading our Minutes brought ye affairs of Donaghedy again
before this Synod. Comrs appeared from 3 several parties. From ye
1st partie which is for Mr. Areskin, were Comrs Jno. Orr & Wm Cook,
they presented a supplication containing a long detail of their affair &
making Loud Complaints of ye Presby of Derry alleging their
Partiality in favour of Mr Armstrong. From ye 2 partie Mr Hugh
Hamilton & And Picking were Comrs. They alleged ye subscribers
to them were 249. They supplicate yt Mr Armstrong may be their
pastor. From a 3 partie were Comrs Mr Jas. Hamilton, &c., they
desire that either both candidates may be laid aside or yt Mr Hair be
allowed to them.
The affair coming before ye Revd Sub-Synod of Derry by an appeal of ye 3d partie to ye sd Synod, the minutes Thereof were read relating to sd affair & then ye appeal wth the Reasons thereof, & then ye Reference of this affair by sd Synod to this Genl Synod: also a protest of some Members of ye presby of Derry against a Sentence of said Presby in favour of ye party of the congregation wth is for Mr Armstrong, wth ye reasons of ye same and an appeal to this Synod were read also ye answers of ye presby to sd reasons were read.

The Co\(^{m}\) of the 3 three parties were severaly heard at great length. The minutes of ye presby of Derry relating this involved affair were also read & by them it appears ye presbytery had for some time acted pursuant to ye Resolution of the last Genl Synod: But afterwards Treated the people of Donaghedy as two Distinct congregations & Instead of laying aside both ye canditates as ye Synod had Directed, they retained both & Brought a third upon ye stage by wth ye affair is became more perplexed; a third party Being inclined to have him (Mr Hair) for their Pastor: The presby having also taken some steps towards a settlm of two of sd candidates in Donaghedy wth this Synod doth not approve.

The Synod being at a Loss to know how to act in these Circum\- stances & finding it not in their Power to Issue the affair this appointed Night thought fit after Long Reasoning, to appoint a Comittee Consisting of Messrs Thos. Gilb'y Kennedy, Jno. Alexander, Jas. Frazer, & Hugh Wallace, to converse wth the Co\(^{m}\) of the several parties in ye Congregation & Endeavour to ripen this Important & Difficult affair for a Decision & report their opinion upon it To-morrow Morning. The Synod to meet at 9 in ye Morning.

Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio 4\(^{a}\) hora nona Die Jovis. post preces Sedli \&c.

The Comittee appointed by ye Synod to converse with the Gentlemen Co\(^{m}\) from ye Congregation of Donaghedy after Conversa\- 1st Overture. 

 Điểm từ khóa trong văn bản: Co\(^{m}\) of the Synod, Synod, appeal, affair, minutes, Members, Jegu, Synod,Resolution, gentlemen, immediate, Synod, &c. 

The Synod meeting on the 17th of June appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs Thos. Kennedy, Wallace, M'Bride, Jno. Cochrane,
Hill, Donaldson, Vict' Ferguson, Jos Hemphill, Dunlop, Fairly Jn.
Holmes, wth an Eld' from each presby to be called by our Mod' on
application to him by the Congregation to meet at Strabane at such time
as he shall fix To Determine this affair & settle ye Congregation. 2
whereas a very offensive & scandalous Riot happened in ye Congregaion
on ye Lords Day & Examiniions have been lodged & returned to ye
Clerk of the Crown, y' a Letter be written to W'm Hamilton Esq' to
use his Interest to stop ye prosecution to all wch ye parties agreed.
3, It was overtur'd yt in case ye settltm't of ye Congregaion be not
accomplished in ye 6 months afores'd yt ye above Committee be called to
give farther Directions for their future conduct to next Gen' Synod &
that ye presby of Derry do attend to give Light to the Committee seven
of wch to be a Quorum. 4, Yt ye presby of Derry do stop giving or
receiving any part of Tryal from any of these young Gentlemen in
order to his or their Settltm't in any part of yt congregaion, untill
next Gen' Synod all these overtures were several times Read & then
voted & approved by the Synod. The parties were called in & this
decision Intimated to them; M' Alexander & ———* were appointed
to write ye Letter above mentioned, but no return was made to the
Clerk whether sd appointment was observ'd.

The Revisers of ye Sub-Synods Books observ'd yt the minutes
of ye presby of Derry had not been produced at the Synod for several
years & yt the presby Book of Strabane had not appear'd for six
years past ye minutes not being engrossed & yt the presby of Tyrone
had not been produced at the Synod of Armagh these 3 years past.
The Synod resents ye negligence of sd presbys & resolved yt if any
presby shall in time coming be guilty of such Neglect, yt ye Mod' &
Clerk shall be censur'd by ye Sub-Synods respectively, & if they
neglect by the Gen' Synod.

Upon reading ye protests against ye proceedings of last Gen' Synod
in M' Aprichard's affair it was observ'd yt in ye Reasons of sd protests
there were several Reflections on ye Synod and some particular
members thereof to wch they had no opportunity to give answers.
The Synod resolv'd yt tho it had been Long a custom to Insert in
our minutes such Reasons of protests that for the Future it should
not be done without ye Synod's particular order.

An affair of Ardstraw congestaion came now before ye Synod
appear'd Coî'n* from Ardstraw Sam'l M'Clelland & W'm Craford they
presented a Supplion containing a state of their case. The minutes of
ye Synod of Derry relating this affair were read, of wch more in ye nex
Ses's.

Committees ordered to meet at 3 & Synod at 4 post meridiem.
Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio V'ta 4 post meridiem Die Jovis post preces Sed' &c.

The minutes of ye Synod of Derry were now again read & the
appeal of ye presby of Strabane from a sentence of sd Synod and

*Name omitted,
several reasons for sd appeal & several papers wch had before sd Sub-
Synod particularly a supplicaon of M' Welsh's congregation wherein
they complain of some members of Letterkenny presby Preaching very
near their meeting-house.

A paper from some of ye people of Ardstraw giving their reasons
why they Desire not to be under M' Welsh's ministry was read. The
Presbys of Strabane & Letterkenny, M' Welsh & several other Members
of ye Synod of Derry & all parties who had Interest in this affair were
fully heard and particularly, M' Jas. Kinkead; it was aggreed yt his
evidences he heard as soon as they appear; appeared M' Sam' Johnston
who solemnly declar'd yt to the best of his memory he heard M' Jas.
Kinkead's father that He had no more to say to him now or at that
time. Jno. Kinkead solemnly Declar'd to the same purpose yt His
father sd to M' Welsh yt he had no more to say to him now or at that
time. These were advance to pry yt there was no ground for M'
Welsh's allegeion, that Joseph Kinkead had sworn a false oath. All
parties were removed & after Long Reasoning it was Resolved—

1st That out of regard to truth & the character of our Bro't Welsh 1st Resolution
that there be a narrow scrutiny into these surmises and Reports now
before us & yt in order thereto a large Comittee of this Synod be
order'd to meet upon the spot the Last Wednesday of July next to
Inquire into & give judgment in this affair.

2 That the new Erection in Ardstraw may be supplied as formerly 2nd.
untill the meeting of the Comittee, but that no steps be taken towards
a settl'mt either by proceeding in a call or otherwise.

3d That the presby of Letterkenny give notice to ye people of said 3rd.
Erection of the time of the Comittees meeting at Ardstraw that if any
of them have anything to advance against M' Welsh's character, they
appear before sd Comittee, and that the names of the witnesses he
return'd to M' Welsh, wth a copy of the Libel (if M' Jas. Kinkead or
any other person or persons will exhibit one) & signed by the Libeller
or Libellers be given to him Ten Days before the Time of sd Comittees
meeting.

4 In case M' Welsh's character appears fair that the new Erection 4th.
of Ardstraw be Dissolved and the people Left at Liberty to Join to
adjacent congregations, they paying all arrears due by them personally
to M' Welsh & take Dismissis or Discharges for the payment made.

5 That ye number of the Comittee be twenty-two, 12 of 'em to be 5th.
a Quorum. Out of Tyrone Presby, Messrs. Tho't and Jno. Kennedys,
Wallace, & Gibson; of Armagh, Messrs. Kennedy, Johnston, Gordon, &
King; of Monaghan, Messrs. Fleming, Plunket, Hair, & Ambrose; of
Killileagh, Messrs. Kennedy & M'Combe; of T.Patrick, Messrs.
Hignibothom, Jas. White, Jno. Brown, & Moorhead; of Bangor, M'
Sims, Elders, M' Charles Johnston, Sam' Kerr, John Harris, & Fran't
Scott.
Resolv'd that Mr Jas. Kinkead, be allowed to vindicate his character if he pleases. The Clerk by mistake gave a copy of this minute before the Minutes being signed by the Mod of the Synod.

Synod to meet at 9 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI\textsuperscript{a} hora nona mane die venenis post preces Sed\textsuperscript{t} & c.

Upon Revising ye minutes this morning ye Synod thought fit particularly to order the presby of Letterkenny to give the names of the witnesses with a copy of the Libell if there be any to Mr Welsh this was forgot last night thro Hast.

From Moneymore appeared Com\textsuperscript{t} Messrs. Brown & Kidd complaining that the 50 families allowed to Joyn to Maughrifelt were admitted to priviledges tho they had not payed their arrears to Moneymore by whch means they were unable to pay some congregational Debts. From sd 50 families appeared Adam Wilson Com\textsuperscript{t}, he on ye contrary allledged yt no arrears were due by any of them except a few poor people not able to pay; he adduced proof yt Mr Crooks had often said that the best pay he had in the congregation was from said 50 families. The Com\textsuperscript{t} of both sides were fully heard and this affair consider'd, it was moved & agreed to that ye presby of Tyrone do call correspondents from the neighbouring presbys to assist in Settling accounts between Moneymore and said 50 families & also the 23 families & accomodate all Differences betwixt that congregation and said people.

This Synod earnestly Desired our Bro\textsuperscript{t} Strawbridge to acquaint Mr Vict\textsuperscript{t} Ferguson that the Gen\textsuperscript{t} Synod expects yt the presby of Strabane should stop in taking any farther Tryals of Mr Jas. Kerr untill ye Comittee meet at Ardstraw and this because of some Indecent Behaviour being witnessed against him at this Synod.

Appeared from Castle Dawson Mr Tho\textsuperscript{t} Mann, &c., Com\textsuperscript{t} they presented a supplion to be disannex'd from the Rev\textsuperscript{t} presby of Tyrone and to be annex'd to ye Rev\textsuperscript{t} presby of Colerane, this wt consent of Tyrone presby was granted, alwise provided that in all Time coming they pay their proportion of the publick Fund to Loughgall only & all arrears Due to it.

Tyrone presby consents yt Mr Harvy be constant supplier at Castle Dawson.

\textit{Interloquitur} of Min\textsuperscript{t} only June 20th 1740.

Ordered that Mr Dunlop now in the bounds of Colerane Presby be allowed her proportion of ordinary R D. especially & all arrears ye year ending at June 1739, which is to be Deducted at next Dividend and the rest in another Dividend untill the whole be pd. She commenced at June 1738 & first Quarter was due at Michalmass 1738. Our agent & Treasurer now present reports that tho he has
used all possible diligence, yet there was no possibility of getting our R.D. paid more punctually through want of money in the Treasury, by reason of severity of ye weather, embargoes, &c.

That he had with him a Dividend for June q't 1739. Messrs. Donaldson, Joa Hemphill, Gibson M'CCombe, & Caldwell remonstrated against any defalcation of their proportion of R.D. without their own consent except Synod's Clerk's fees, & particularly on account of Mr John Holmes who is allowed a double portion, but this with respect to Time coming only without Retrospect. Banbreachy Min who has a Double portion was excepted. By Mr Gibson, he declared he was for allowing him (viz Mr Hutcheson) a Double portion but not to any other.

Some Brethren reported that the presby of Monaghan have reponed Mr Josiah Cornwall contrary to the resolution of the Interloquitur of ye Genl Synod particularly the last at Antrim in June 1738. The Brethren were much displeased with this account and that he should Desire to be restored to the exercise of his Ministry.

GEO. LANG C.S G.

6th Aug 1740
The General Synod met at Dungannon June ye 16th 1741.

M'r Robt. Wirling Mod'r of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Tim. 2:3 and constituted it by prayer, after which Sederunt Ministers and ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries as follows, viz:—

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AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 16th, 1741.

The Moderator moved that another be chosen to succeed him. The following Leet was proposed, viz.: Bap't Boyd, Joⁿ Kennedy, Hugh Wallace, Rob' Gordon, Willⁿ Patton, Joⁿ Orr, and Joⁿ Carlisle. The Roll was called, and Mr. Wallace was chosen.

It was next moved that a Clerk be chosen to this Synod.

The following Bretheren being proposed as a Leet, viz.: Messrs. Alexr. Brown, Joⁿ Cochran, & Jas. Hamilton, and the roll called, Joⁿ Cochran was chosen.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night, & prepare Returns, to be given to the Clerk to-morrow morning, of their Members for the Several Committees, of Overture, Bills, Revising the Sub-Synod Books, Fund, and also for the general Synod's fixed Committee, with an Account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed to preach, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered.

All the Members of this Synod are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 8 of the clock, for Prayer and continue till ten, when open Prayer. Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2ᵈᵃ Die Mercurij. Hora Decima Manœ. post preces Sedʳ & Cəc.

The time appointed for Prayer, was observed.

The Returns of Committee, &c., appointed last night were made by Accounts of the Presbyteries, and given to the Clerk.

The Presby of Letterkenny report that Mr. Seth Dummond dyed Dead. Septⁿ ye 4ᵗʰ 1740, and Mrⁿ Patⁿ Vance Janᵗ ye 2ᵈ 1740/1. and that they are about to enter Mrⁿ Willⁿ Laird on first Tryals.

The Presby of Colraine report that they have licensed Messrs Joⁿ Licensed. Tate, Gideon Neilson, & Willⁿ Rodgers, who all subscribed. And are about to enter on first Tryals Messrs. Jaⁿ Tod, and Ch. MᶜCollum. Enter on Tryals.

Derry Presby report that they have licensed Mr Joⁿ Loge who subscribed, and have entered on first Tryals Messʳ Jnⁿ Ker, Senⁿ & Jnⁿ Ker, Junᵗ. Enter on Tryals.

The Presby of Monaghan report that Mr Thos MᶜLane dyed Novⁿ Dead. ye 11ᵗʰ 1740, and Mrⁿ Samⁿ Hemphill, March ye 28ᵗʰ 1741; and that they have entered Mʳ Wⁿ Spratt on first Tryals.

The Presby of T. Patrick report that they have licensed Messⁿ Joⁿ Licensed. Mulligan, Clothworthy Brown, & Joⁿ Hood, who all subscribed.

The Presby of Armagh report that they Ordained Mᶜ Ch. Heslem Ordained. at Drumcagonal, July ye 22ᵈ 1740; Mʳ Andⁿ Kennedy at Mourne, Febⁿ ye 24ᵗʰ 1740/1; and Mrⁿ Geo. Ferguson at Market Hill, March ye 10ᵗʰ, 1740/1. That Mʳ Ch. Heslem dyed March ye 27ᵗʰ 1741, and Mʳ Geo. Lang [Clerk], May ye 29ᵗʰ 1741.
Tyrone Presby report that Mr. Willm Dick dyed Dec'y ye 23rd 1740, and Mr. Willm Rae Feb'y ye 20th 1740/1.

Killillieagh Presby report that they licensed Mr. Michael Henry, who subscribed.

The Members of the General Synod's Fixed Committee are:—For Letterkenny, Messrs Luke Ash, Jo's McGaughie, Mr's Jo's Laird, Eld'; For Colraine, Mess'a Dav. Smylie, Robt Brown, Mr's Jo's Henry, Eld'; For Derry, Mess'a Andr Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Mr's Neth Alex' Eld'; For Monaghan, Mess'a Jo's Carlisle, Wm Ambrose, Mr's Sam'l Smith, Eld'; For Strabane, Mess'a Jo's Hemphill, Wm McBeath, Mr's Ja's Knox, Eld'; For T. Patrick, Mess'a Ja's White, Ja's Fraser, Mr's Ch. Johnston, Eld'; For Armagh, Mess'a Gilb. Kennedy, Jo's King, Mr's Jo's Campie, Eld'; For Tyrone, Mess'a Tho's Kennedy, Jo's Kennedy, Mr's Ja's Mc'Mullan, Eld'; For Bangor, Mess'a Robt Cunningham, Wm Smyth, Mr's Nath. Wilson, Eld'; For Killillieagh, Mess'a Gilb. Kennedy, Jun', Alex' Mc'Comhe.

These with our Mod' & Clk. are to meet at Dunganon, when called by the Mod' on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12, at least to be be Ministers.

Absent from this Synod, and excused are:—Mess'a Humph Thomson; And' Dean, Jo's Macleve, Hugh Sharp, Frans. Laird, Tho's Harvey, Andr Ferguson, Ja's Stewart, Ch. Masterton, Frans. Montgomery, Wm Smith, Neth. Orr, Sam'l Shannon, Wm Smith, Ja's Allen, Tho's Crighton, Wm Livingstone, Robt Higginbothom, Ja's White, Ja's Fraser, Wm Thomson, Wm Holmes, Jo's Thompson, Wm Henderson, Ja's Maxwell, Alex Mc'Crackan, Hen. Neil, Ja's Thomison, Robt Knox, Francis Ross, Jo's Hill, Jo's Thomison, Jo's Alex' & Robt Mc'Master.


Mr. Jas. Ker

Mr. Ja's Ker, a candidate in the Presby of Strabane, having been stop'd in his Tryals by order of an Interloq' of the Synod, last year; that Preby now ask advice how they shall behave towards him. This refer'd to the Interloq'.

Mr. And Hamilton did subscribe, when licensed by the Presby of Letterkenny, last year.

Mr. Dalrymple

This Synod earnestly recommends it to the several Presbyteries, that they take care & use diligence to have the deficiencies of ye charity appointed for the Relief of Mr Dalrymple, raised & transmitted to him.

Mr. Jo's Kennedy who brought Credentials from N. Brittain & produced them last year, to the Synod, has since left this Kingdom, & returned to N. Brittain, but asked no Credentials again from any Judicature of this Church. It is also credibly reported to us, that
since that time, his Licence, for several immoralities, has been taken from him.

It was agreed to, _nemine contradicente_, that next Synod shall meet at Dungannon the 3d Tuesday of June, 1742. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

Upon reading the Minute of last year with reference to Donoghedie Mr. Wirling, affairs, Mr. Wirling our former Modt complained that he had been traduced, and his conduct blamed, with respect to the calling the Committee for directing, and settling that congregation; and he desires to know, whither he was, by the Overtures last year to call sd Committee at the desire of the whole congregation as one body, or at the desire of any of the Parties there? Several of the Members spoke on the affair, and the Synod agreed that the whole congregation, as one body, was understood in sd Overtures.

It is recommended to the Revisers of Sub-Synod Books, that they take notice how the several Synods animadvert on the Presbyteries who do not ingress their Minutes in their respective books.

The Committee appointed to meet at Ardsta, obeyed the appointment, and now produced their Minutes, which were read in ye Synod.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Several Committees to meet at 3 in their usual places. Concluded with prayer.

_Sessio 3ta Hora 5ta post meridiem. Post preces, Sedt 6v._

The Presby of Killileagh report that Mr. Jas. Armstrong was ordained by them at Portaferry Oct ye 31, 1739, and that they had neglected to make this return last year.

Messrs. Tho. Nisbit, & Jo. Sims from Monaghan produced a commiss*, and presented a supplication to this Synod, for four months supplys by Messrs. Jas. Howie in the Presby of Colraine, Jno. Hood in the Presby of T.Patk, Hen. Areskine in the Presby of Derry, & Jno. Marshal in the Presby of Letterkenny, each of these candidates for one month; they also ask libertie that after these four months are expired, the Presby of Monaghan shall have power to call other Probationers, from such Presbyteries, as sd congregation shall think fit. And farther, that if they shall fix on any of the sd Supplyers, they may have power to countermand such other of them, as have not yet supplyed. The Synod granted the Supplication, & appointed Mr. Howie for the month of July, Mr. Hood for Augt, Mr. Areskine for Sept & Mr. Marshal for Oct.

Mr. Jo. Stirling desired this Synod to send Supplyes to Drumacose for the four next ensuing Sabaths, inasmuch as there are none of the Presby of Derry here but himself, and that congregation is otherwise likely to want Sermon till the Stated Meeting of that Presby. The Synod appoints Mr. Howie to supply there next Sab. Mr. Arskine Sab, come Sennight, Mr. Gid. Neilson ye first Sab. of July, & Mr. Arskine ye 2d.
Mr Wirling's complaint was now considered, and tho' some reflections have been bandied thro' the country for his first having call'd sd Committee, and afterwards countermanding its meeting on the affairs of Donoghedie, yet the Synod looks on these Reflections as groundless, and approves his conduct.

The Synod now considered the conduct of the Committee which mett at Ardstraw; it was alledged that the Presby of Letterkenny are Parties in this affair, and therefore are not to be admitted Judges in trying said Committees conduct. The Presby was heard, and the Motion was overruled by the Synod. It was moved, that in regard there are some apparent inconsistencies in the Resolutions of sd Committee, the members of it, shall, to-morrow morning, give in to the Synod, an explication of these seeming inconsistencies in writing, as they had given them \textit{viva voce} now, and farther that the Bretheren who objected against ye consistencie of sd Resolutions, and conduct of the Committee, attend sd Members to mind them of these objections; and that Mr Welsh also attend, if desired, to give them what light he can, in order to their more fully explaining sd Resolutions. The above Minute was voted, & approved.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq\textsuperscript{t} to meet at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

\textit{Sess. 4\textsuperscript{a} Die Jovis. Hora nona Mane. Post preces sed\textsuperscript{i} \&c.}

A Supplication from Newtown Clanebouys was presented to this Synod by Mr Jo\textsuperscript{n} Tate their Commiss\textsuperscript{t} Desiring Synodical Supplyes, particularly that Messrs. Jas. Reiny & Jas. Howie, Prob\textsuperscript{a} in the Presby of Colraine, & Mr Hen. Areskine in the Presby of Derry, supply there, three Sabaths each, as the Synod shall think fit. The supplication was granted: and Mr Reiny is appointed for the last Sab. of June, & two first Sabaths of July; Mr Areskine for the next three; and Mr Howie for the next three following.

The Committee on the Ardstra affairs, now brought in an Explication of such of the Resolutions as were excepted against, and as was ordered last night, which were read, and are \textit{in retentia}, then the Members of the Committee were heard, and being removed; the Synod reasoned on the affair for some time. After which, the question was put: whither this Synod approves the conduct of the Committee with the Explications, or not? The Roll being call'd, it carried in the affirmative.

A Comiss\textsuperscript{a} to Jo\textsuperscript{n} Neilson & Jas. Ker from a considerable number in Ards, ra, was read, and also a Supplication from sd Partie, setting forth, that, as they had been, some time agoe, erected into a distinct congregation by the Presby of Letterkenny and for some time supplied by sd Presby; but that by the Committee lately mett there, these Supplyes had been discontinued from sd meeting till this Synod, to which the affair was refer'd, the Synod would now order the
Erection to be confirmed, and the Presby of Letterkenny be allowed to give them Supplyes, and if they see cause, proceed to their settlement with a fixed Pastor.

A Commiss\textsuperscript{*} to Messrs. Wm Crawford, Wm Leech, &c., by that part of the Congregatiion which adheres to Mr Welsh, empowering them to act & doe in their name, provided the affairs of that Congregatiion should come before the Synod, was also read. The Commiss\textsuperscript{*} on both sides were heard, they against the Erection allledged, that a great part of the Subscribers to the Commiss\textsuperscript{*} for the Erection were poor, & not able to support it, and that some of them did not live in the bounds of Ardsta Congregatiion. On the other part, these who supplicated for the Erection, proposed to give sufficient Security for the maintaineance of a Minister, and paying the Synod's Quota, & that the other part of the Congregatiion can easily support Mr Welsh without them. Mr Welsh was also heard.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Committees to meet at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

\textit{Sess. 5\textsuperscript{a} Hora 5\textsuperscript{a} post meridiem, Post preces, Sed \&c.}

The affair of Ardsta was resumed, and it was moved, that as the Presby of Letterkenny had erected that People into a Congregatiion, are thereby become Parties with them, and so have no right to judge in it. It was also mov'd, that the Presby of Strabane was interested as a Partie in that affair, and that they remove likewise, with which Strabane Presby complied without any debate. Then the Presby of Letterkenny was heard, and being removed, the Question was put—viz.: Does this Synod judge that the above Presby are Parties or not? The roll was call'd, and it carried in the affirmative by a great majority. These Presbyteries being call'd in, the above Resolution was read to them, and afterwards they were heard for and against the Erection. Then all Parties being removed, the Synod after reasoning on the affair, put the following Question—viz.: Shall the late Erected Congregatiion in Ardsta be continued, or not? It was agreed before calling the Roll, that in case it carry for the Erection, it shall be understood with the following Limitations, viz:—

Limit : 1. That the Presby of Letterkenny be satisfied that there is a sufficient foundation for the support of a Minister before one be settled among them.

Limit : 2\textsuperscript{a} That none but the 110, whose names are contained in, and subscribed to the Commiss\textsuperscript{*} now given in, shall be reputed or received as Members of the new Erection unless they prove that they have sufficient grounds of scruple against Mr Welshs ministry in the ordinary course of our discipline.

Limit : 3\textsuperscript{a} That if any of the Persons whose names are at the Commiss\textsuperscript{*} or supplication shall rather choose to continue members of the Old Congregatiion, they shall be at libertie so to do.
Limit: 4th That every one of the above subscribers who shall think fit to continue members of the new Erection, shall pay any arrear that they may have owed while they were members of the Old Congregation before they be admitted members of the New. Which is to be so understood that such as can make it appear that they were dismissed before May, 1738, shall pay to that time; they that were dismissed at May, 1740, shall pay to that time. And the rest are to pay down to this Synod.

The above question being resumed, and the Roll call’d, it carryed for the continuing the Erection, with the Limitations, by a great majority.

It was again moved and seconded that this new congregation be put under the care of the Presby of Derry, which occasioned a debate, after w’ the question was put:—Shall this Synod order them to be under the care of the Presby of Derry, or leave them to their own choice? The Roll was call’d, and it carry’d to leave them to their own choice. Parties being call’d in, the above minute was read, and the Commissrs for the Erection chose to be under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny.

It was farther moved, and agreed to, that Mr. Victor Ferguson preach at Ardstra, some Lord’s Day within a month hence, and read these minutes to the Old Congregation. Mr. Welsh to preach at Strabane s’d day.

The Revisers of the Synod’s Books make report that Armagh book was not delivered to them, it not being here, occasioned by the death of Mr. Lang. That they revised the Books of the other two Sub-Synods—viz., Belfast & Derry; that they approve these books, and so doth this Synod; they were signed by the Mod and Clk.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq at 7.

Concluded with prayer.


Appeared from that part of Donoghedie which adheres to this Synod, Messrs Thos. Wensly and Jo Orr, and produced a Commiss subscribed by a great many hands, representing that they intend to give a call to Mr. Rob Wirling, and desiring that in order to their being speedily and comfortably planted, that Synod would give advice, and that this Synod would please to disannex them from the Presby of Derry, and put them under ye care of the Presby of Letterkenny or Colraine. The Commissrs being heard and removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, and then granted their supplication by putting them under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny, and ordered s’d Presby to proceed to their settlement according to the known rules of our discipline.
A letter from the Rev'd Presby of Dublin subscribed by Mr. Isaac Weld, was read in this Synod, wherein they take notice that the Partie in Donaghedie, who are for Mr. Willm Armstrong, had complained to them, that upon account of hard usage which they the above Partie apprehend, they had received from this Church, had applied to 4th Presby that they might proceed to ordain Mr. Armstrong among that People. That they are unwilling to intermeddle in our affairs, or proceed in that settlement unless urged to it by the utmost necessity. That as that People had rashly withdrawn their subjection to this Synod, they would heartily interpose and employ their Interest with us, in order to our encouraging their return to their wonded subjection to the Synod, and our proceeding to his settlement among that People in our ordinary way.

A Letter from Willm Hamilton of Donnemanagh, Esq, was also read, wherein he gives his opinion, & submitts it to this Synod, that it would be most for the peace and edification of that People to receive them under our care, and proceed to the settlement of Mr. Armstrong among them, and that he and they be put under the care of the Presby of Strabane.

Messrs Hugh Hamilton & Jo Denniston produced a Commiss from that part of Donaghedie, empowering them to act in their name, which was read.

The Synod reasoned on this whole affair for some time; then the following Overture was proposed, namely—That if Mr. Armstrong, and the People who adhere to him, are disposed to return to their subjection to this Synod, they shall declare such subjection before some Judicature of this Church, and that they be put under the care of the Presby that they shall choose, who are to be accountable to the Synod for their proceeding with respect to him and that People.

Which Overture was voted, and approved. The Commiss being called, they acquiesced, and chose to go under the care of the Presby of Strabane. Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the Presby of Dublin, wch was accordingly done, and subscribed by our Mod & Clk. Ordered that Mr. Vict Ferguson write in the name of the Synod to Mr. Hamilton.

Appeared from Glen-Dermot Messrs Will Bond & Jo Thomson, who produced a Commiss from the greater part of that Session, and some part of the Congregation, and supplicated this Synod to send them such supplies as the Commiss, with the concurrence of the Presby of Derry, shall think proper.

Messrs Rob Hall, Geo. Brown, &c., produced a Commiss subscribed by 302 hands, representing it as the desire of the the lesser part of that Session, but far greater part of the Congregation, to have Messrs Jo Cochran & Willm Hair candidates in their own bounds settled among them; that as they are a large and able congregation, it may be a collegiate charge; and that in order to their being thus settled, they may be disannexed from the Presby of Derry, and put under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny. Parties being heard, & removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair. After which, it was
agreed that the whole of it be returned to the Presby of Derry with correspondents from the Presbyteries of Colraine, Letterkenny & Strabane; the correspondents to be Messrs Dunlop, Wm Boyd, Victor Ferguson, Will M'Beath, Ch. Lynd & J. Cochran. 5th Presby to meet at Derry, the 2nd Tuesday of July.

A Commiss & Supplication from Castle-Dawson was presented to this Synod by Jo Johnston, desiring that the bounds of that congregation on the side towards Maghresfelt may be adjusted, and ascertained.

It was agreed that a Joint Committee from the Presbyteries of Tyrone and Colraine meet at Castle-Dawson the first Tuesday of August next, in order to the settling of that affair. The members to be from Colraine: Messrs Rob Wirling, Ja M'Crie & Dav Smylie; from Tyrone: Messrs Ja Orr, Rob Stewart & Ch. Caldwell.

It was moved, and supplicated by the Presby of Bangor that, as they are few in number, and several of their members valetudinary, Messrs Moorhead, Patton & Hastie may be joined from the Presby of T. Patk. The Synod is satisfied to grant their request, provided the Brethren, whom the Presby of Bangor ask, are willing so to do, and it is the opinion of this Synod that they should do it.

A Supplication from Bovidy was presented to this Synod by Ja Ker, complaining that their congregation had been greatly weakened by defections made on both ends of it; and also 10 lb 3s. a year of the fund had been allowed them, yet so ill have the payments been, that no less than 55 lb of arrear is due to them in a very short time, so that they are reduced to very deploreable circumstances, and are afraid that by their weakness they shall be deprived of Gospel ordinances. The Synod considering that this deficiency is occasioned by the negligence, or unwillingness, of several congregations in the Presby of Colraine, agreed that a letter from this Synod be wrote to those congregations, pressing them to do justice to Bovidy and M' Wirling, which was done accordingly.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 7ma Hora 4ta post meridiem. Post proces 8c.

Mr Welsh moved—That whereas it is said in the Minute of last year that there was no ground for Mr Welshes allegation that Jos. Kinkead had sworn a false oath, this matter might be resum'd, and on a fair hearing, he (Mr. Welsh) is ready to support by undeniable evidence what he then asserted.

Mr Allex M'Combe represented to this Synod that as he had taken the late Mr Sam Hemphill out of the Sheriff's hands, and having become bound for the summe of 50 lb, had no way now left to recover the same. This Synod orders that what fund money may be due to sd Mr Hemphill shall be applied to the payment of this debt; and also his portion of R.D. while the Synod thinks fit to continue it, to the Congregation of Castle-Blaney.

The Mod concluded the Synod with prayer.
Interloc^r 1. of Min^r only.

_Die Jovis._ June ye 18th 1741. _Hora 8va mane._

It was moved that an Inquiry be made concerning the diligence and faithfulness of our Treasurer in transmitting the R.D. to the several Presbyteries. Several B^r spoke on this subject; and it was agreed to delay the farther consideration of this affair till another Interloc^r when it's hop'd, M^r Lang our Treasurer will be present.

Ordered that M^r Wilson of Stranolar shall have a portion of the ordy R.D. and that the mid summer Q^r 1740 shall be the first payment, our Clk to return her name to the Treasurer and her mony to be paid to the Presby of Letterkenny.

Ordered that a double portion of R.D. be continued to Ban-Breaky. M^r Jo^r Holmes generously gives up his claim and title to the double portion, from and after Mid-Summer next.

This Interloc^r appoints the following B^n namely Mess^r Sam^l Dunlop, Vict^r Ferguson, Jo^r Stirling, Ch. Lynd, Jo^r Carlisle, Jo^r Gibson, Jo^r Maxwell, Allex^r Brown, Ja^r M^r Cullogh, Allex^r M^r Lane, & Hugh Henry, to draw a list of the Persons entitled to the Ordy R.D. that it may be given as a direction to our Treasurer: and that they bring in this list to next Interloc^r.

A Letter from the Presby of Dublin was read, wherein they propose a gratuity of Irish table linen, to the value of 20 lib: be given to the Lady of M^r Gibson in London, for his having served us generously and faithfully in soliciting & transmitting the add^r R.D. these several years past: of which the above Presby are willing to contribute 10 lib: This Interloc^r readily agrees to contribute the other 10 lib, and will give order to our Mtreasurer to pay it, when demanded by s^r Presby.

M^r Jo^r Hemphill complains, that tho he was paid something out of the Fund, yet he has been some time agoe, struck off, he represents the weak state of his Congregation, and supplicates that he may be allowed some share of s^r Fund: and that the Pby of Strabane may be appointed to pay whatever proportion this Interloc^r shall think fit to allow him. The Interloc^r adviseth that he attend the Committee of Funds, and orders s^r Committee to take this affair under their consideration, and try what relief can be made for M^r Hemphill.

Interloc^r 2. of Minrs only.

_Die Veneris._ June ye 19th 1741. _Hora Septima Mane._

The Committee appointed by the former Interloc^r did not bring in any list to this. Resolved to make one now, and that the several Presbyteries give in the names of such widows, in their respective bounds, as are entitled to the ordy R.D. that it may be transmitted by our Clk to the Treasurer. Which was now done accordingly,

_July ye 9th 1741._

JON. COCHRAN, C.S.G.
Mr Hugh Wallace, Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Gal. 1. 23-24 and then constituted it by prayer. After which Sedent Ministers and ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries as follows, viz:

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AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 15TH, 1742.

It was moved by the Mod' that another be chosen to succeed him, the following Brethren were proposed as a leet—namely, Messrs. Jas. Fraser, Joa Kennedy, Joa M'Gaughie, Robt. Gordon, Joa Orr. Jas. Smith, Wm Hare, & Joa Carlisle. The Roll was called, & M' Fraser was chosen. And Joa Cochran was continued Clerk.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night and prepare Returns, to be given to the Clerk, to-morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, revising Sub-Synod book, Fund, and the Gen' Synod's Fixed Committee: with an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on Tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning for prayer, and continue till 9 when open Synod shall be.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora 9na Mane, after prayer, Sed' qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Presbyteries made returns to the Clk, as appointed last night.

The Presbyterie of Letterkenny report that they have licensed Mr. Willa Laird, who subscribed according to order, that they have Installed Mr Robt. Wirling in Donoghedie Aug' ye 13th 1741, & that Mr Francis Laird dyed June ye 7th 1742.

Derry Presby report that they licensed Mr Joa Ker, who subscribed, that they ordained Hen. Areskine at Drumacose May ye 4th 1742, and Mr Jno. Hood at L. Derry June ye 10th 1742. They both subscribed.

Bangor Presby report that they have licensed Mr. Wm. Dunn, who subscribed; that they have ordained Mr. Hugh Dickson at Greyabby, Jan' ye 13th 1741/2, and Mr Sam' Allexander at Castle-reagh, Jan' ye 26th 1741-2. They both subscribed, and that Mr. Wm Smith Dyed Oct' ye 1st 1741.

Armagh Presby report that they have entered Messrs Michael Henry & Wm Thomson on 2nd tryals; that they have ordained Mr Joa Mulligan at Port-norris, May ye 5th 1742, who subscribed, and that Thoa Creighton dyed Dec' ye 29th 1741.

The Presby of T. Patk. report that they have entered Mr. John Martin on first Tryals.

Strabane Presby report that they have licensed Messrs Jas. Ker & Benj. Holmes, who both subscribed, and have ordained Mr Wm. Armstrong at Donoghedie July ye 21st 1741, who also subscribed.

Coleraine Presby report that they have entered Messrs Joa Strong & Joa Love on first Tryals, and have licensed Messrs Jas. Todd and Ch. Mc'Collum, who both subscribed.
Monaghan Presby report that they have entered Messrs. Jas. Gordon & Alex. Wadsworth on first Tryals, and Mr. Hugh Mulligan on 2d Tryals, and have licensed Mr. Wm. Spratt, who subscribed.

The Members of the Gen'l Synod's Fixed Committee are:—For Tyrone, Messrs. Thos. & Jo. Kennedy, M. Jas. M'Mullan, Eld; For Letterkenny, Messrs. Luke Ashe & Jo. McLaughie, M. Jo. Laird, Eld; For Derry, Messrs. And Ferguson & Dav. Harvey, M. Neth. Alex Eld; For Bangor, Messrs. Rob Cuningham, Saml. Alex, M. Neth. Wilson, Eld; For Killieagh, Messrs. Gibb Kennedy & Alex M'Combe,; For Armagh, Messrs. Gibb Kennedy Sen & Jo. King, M. Jo. Campbie, Eld; For T. Patk, M. Jas. White. Mr. Rob Wilson, Eld; For Strabane, Messrs. Jo. Hemphill & Will M'Beath, M. Jas. Knox, Eld; For Coleraine, Messrs. Smylie & Jas Cochran, & M. Jackson Clark, Eld; For Dublin, no return; For Monaghan, Messrs. Patk. Plunket & Wm. Ambrose, M. Saml. Smith Eld? These with our Mod & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by ye Mod on any emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.


This Synod resolves to make a voluntary contribution for the relief of Mr. Dalrymple, at some proper time, before the conclusion of it.

Next Synod to meet at Antrim the 3d Tuesday of June 1743, Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The People of Donoghedie who adhere to Mr. Armstrong have, since last Synod, subjected themselves to the Presby of Strabane, & thereby to this Synod.

The Presby of Derry with Correspondents, did meet, as appointed at last Synod on the affair of Glen-Dermont, but did not issue it.

The Committee appointed last year, did not meet at Castle-Dawson for adjusting the limits between that Congregation and Maghrevelt. It
appears now to this Synod that the people have divided themselves, and thereby fixed the meanings between these Congregations which the Synod agrees to.

The Bretheren in the Presby of T.Patk., viz: Messrs. Moorhead, Patton, & Hastie who were allowed, if they pleased, to join the Presby of Bangor, were not willing to be disjoined from the Presby of T.Patk.

Some particulars relating to the Fund, are referred to the Interloq' of the whole House, at its first Sederunt.

Ordered that the several Committees meet immediately at their usual places.

Adjoined to 3 afternoon, & concluded with prayer.

Hora 3\(^{\text{rd}}\)a post meridiem. After prayer. Sedt qui Supra. Sess. 3\(^{a}\)a

The Revisers of the Sub-Synod Books make report that they are satisfied with them, and so is this Synod. They were signed by ye Mod' & Clk.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Omagh representing the melancholy circumstances they are reduced to, by an accidental fire, which has consumed the greatest part of their worldly substance, was laid before this Synod, wherein they pray, that as the Government has recommended them to the several householders in the Kingdom, that this Synod would order each Minister to give previous notice to their respective Congregations, and appoint one or more persons to go from house to house, when they shall apply for sd charity. The Synod agrees to assist, as far as they may, to make this charity effectual.

M'^ Welsh complains that several of the persons, who belong to the new Erection in Ardstra, have not paid the arrear due to him as ordered in the Limitations last year. In regard this affair is contested, the Synod appoints the Presbyteries of Letterkenny & Strabane to appoint two Members from each, to meet as a committee, and assist in adjusting their accounts, the last Wednesday of July next.

A Supplication from Loghbrickland was presented to this Synod by Jas. Murray, And'^ Todd, &c., desiring that Messrs. Jas. Armstrong & Jo'^ Cochran may be appointed to supply there for some time. M'^ Cochran offered some reasons why he cannot comply with their request. The Synod, after reasoning upon this affair, judge that this supplication cannot now be granted, but recommend it to that Congregation to discount with the late M'^ Langes Exec'^ and pay, or secure what arrear they owe, and then upon their applying to the Presbytery of Coleraine, or any other Presby, with the concurrence of the Presby of Armagh, they shall be gratified in their desire, as far as may be convenient.

From Glen-Dermont appeared M'^ Will'^ Bond, &c., Commiss'^ Glen-Dermont, prosecuting an appeal from the Presby of Derry, w'^ met with correspondents, at the appointment of last Geo'^ Synod; which Presby, they alledge, had set up Jo'^ Cochran and Will'^ Hare, tho it appeared the two thirds of the Congregation were not for them whereas they,
the appellant, had supplicated to Presby, before taking any Poll, to allow them some foreign supplies. The Minute of ye Presby from which ye appeal was made, was read; and likewise ye reasons of appeal, and the Presby was heard in answer to ye reasons. Messrs. Robt. Hall, &c., Comrs. presented a supplication, representing that Mr. Cochran had now declined accepting an invitation from that Congregation, or standing a candidate to be their Minister, and that there are 378 heads of families for Mr. Hare, as appears from the Minutes of a Committee of the Presby of Derry; and that the Partie on the other side was very inconsiderable: they therefore request that this Synod would order Mr. Hare’s settlement among them to be forwarded in a regular way, and that he be appointed their constant supplyer in the meantime.

Mr. Bond and his Partie Supplicate that some members of the Synod be appointed to converse with these Commrs. in private; the Synod agrees, and appoints Messrs. Gili Kennedy, Sen’, Alex Brown, Jas. Cobham, Jas. White, Theo Kennedy, & Jo Carlisle, for that purpose, and orders them to bring in an Overture on the whole of this affair: and farther, that if anything offered in private, by Mr. Bond, affect ye merits of the cause, that then before they come to resolutions upon it, the other Partie shall have an opportunity to be heard also.

From Monaghan appeared Messrs. Dacre Hamilton, & Jo Porter, Comrs., supplicating that Mr. Jo Marshal, may be appointed by this Synod as their constant supplyer till next Gen. Synod, if that Presby does not before ye time, see cause to have him fixed among them as their Pastor; the granting of ye request they hope will be an happy expedient for healing their divisions.

Messrs. Theo Nisbit, Jo Sims, &c., Comrs. from part of that Congregation supplicate that Mr. Jo Hood, or such other supplyers as they shall mention, may be granted to them in order to their being better united. Both parties were heard, and being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair; after which it was agreed that Mr. Marshal shall supply them for 8 Sabbaths next immediately ensuing; and that the Presby of Monaghan, in case that people in that time, do not fall in with him, shall have power to call such two other Probationers, as the other part of that Congregation shall desire, for one month each, and if in that time, they do not agree, their own Presby shall still have power to call for such Probationers from other Presbyteries, from time to time, till next Synod as the Congregation shall desire.

The Committee who went out on the affair of Glen Dermont now make report, that they conversed with both Parties, & also with Mr. Hare, after which, they overture. 1st That the major part who adhere to Mr. Hare, be advised by this Synod to drop him, and try to unite with their Brethren, who oppose his settlement, in another. And if this cannot be done, then they overture 2nd That the Presby of Derry be advised to try ye ability of the minor Partie, and if they find them capable to maintain a Minister, they shall then have power to erect them. The Synod reasoned on the above overtures; after which the
first was voted and approved; and the Mod advised the major part to drop Mr. Hare.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning; the Interlocutor of ye whole house at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

*Die Jovis hora 9na mane.* After prayer, &c.

The affair of Glendermont was now resumed, and Mr. Bond with his fellow Commissioners observed to the Synod, that they were very unwilling to have the Congregation divided, and therefore pray that it may be a Collegiate charge, and that as the other part have fixed on one Candidate, they may have the libertie to choose another, whom they propose also to pay. The other Party opposed this. It was moved, and agreed to by the Synod, that this be refer'd to the Presby of Derry with Correspondents, and that it be recommended to that Presby, that if they find that People willing to fall in with the above proposal, then they shall proceed to the fixing them in a Collegiate way: but if the major part will not comply, then the 2d Overture of last night shall take place. That Presby is to meet at Glendermont the first Tuesday of Aug next, the Correspondents to be, from Letterkenny, Messrs. Dunlop & Boyd, from Strabane, Messrs. Ferguson & Smith, from Coleraine, Messrs. Thomson & Smylie. The Presby of Derry to allow the minor Party such supplies as they shall desire till their next stated meeting.

An appeal from a sentence of the Presby of Armagh, whereby that Presby had recommended a call from Drumanaghar to Mr. Mich. Henry, which call was subscribed by only 73 persons, & 80 were against it, was given in to the Synod by Messrs. Gilbey Kennedy and Jo King, members of 5th Presby: and was read. The minutes of ye Presby of Armagh, relating to that affair, were also read as also the reasons of appeal, and answers to them.

A Commission from Drumanaghar to Jo Irvine, &c., empowering them to prosecute their call to Mr. Henry, & subscribed by 155 persons was also read. The reasons of appeal and answers were again read paragraph by paragraph; the Appellants and Presby were heard: the former allledged, in their reasons, some scruples they had with respect to ye Candidate's soundness, & steadiness, as also some things in the circumstances of Drumanaghar. The Presby allledged several things by way of answer.

Another supplication from a part of that Congregation was presented by Jas. Seewright and subscribed by a considerable number of hands, desiring to be disannexed from it, for w. they also offered several reasons. Parties were removed, and the Synod reasoned on the affair, and then appointed Messrs. Cobham, Alex Brown, Thos. Kennedy, and Jo Carlisle to go out, and form some overtures upon it, to be brought in afternoon.

Adjourned to 4. Committee to meet at 3.

Concluded w. pray'r
Hora 4th post meridiem, &c.

The Committee in the affair of Drumbanaghar now brought in Overtures on it, we were read, and are as follows, viz:—

Overt. 1. That the People who have subscribed to the support of Mr. Mich. Henry, but have not subscribed the Call, shall have an opportunity offered them to subscribe the Call in an orderlie and regular way.

Overt. 2. That this being done, for anything that has appeared to the Synod, we see no reason why the Presby of Armagh may not proceed to the settlement of Mr. Henry in Drumbanaghar, according to the Synodical acts provided in such cases.

Overt 3. That pains be taken with the Partie who desire to be disannexed; that they continue to worship with their Bretheren, but if they cannot be prevailed with, in that case they shall be allowed to worship, where they shall see fit to join themselves, they paying up their proportion of congregational debts that may be due to Mrs. Heslem before they leave it; and that they who go off shall have their seats.

These Overtures were approved by the Synod.

A motion was made by some members of the Presby of Armagh that this Synod would allow and confirm a division of that Presby. The Synod considering that the Tryal of this affair at this time would in all likelihood be attended with ill consequences, appointed the following Bretheren—namely, Messrs. Cobham, Alex' Brown, Hu: Henry, Thos. Kennedy, Jo' Stirling, and Jas. White to go out and form some Overture upon it.

From Dunluce appeared Adam Aul, Comm', representing that, as the Synod of Derry had recommended them to the care of the Presby of Rout, in case there was a considerable majority in that congregation for Mr. Will'm Hare: that they had applied to sd Presby, since the Synod, but were not regarded; and therefore pray for relief from this Synod. The Comm' was heard, and also the Presby, and the Synod refer'd them back again to their own Presby to take a new Poll of that People, if they, the Presby, see it necessary for the peace of that Congregation.

A supplication from Vinicash was laid before this Synod representing the inability of that congregation to support a minister, and requesting that the proportion of the Fund which was granted them in their late minister's time may be continued to them, and that it be paid by the same congregations as formerlie. This was agreed to nemine contradicente.

A supplication from Bailieborough was read, wherein they set forth that as two considerable towns were taken from them, and joined to Oldcastle and elsewhere, whereby they were greatly weakened, and therefore pray y' they may be relieved from paying any of the Fund for the future unless sd Towns be obliged to return to Bailieborough,
and that the arrear due by one of these Towns—viz., Aghnacloghfin, before they parted from them, may be paid. The Synod orders arrear to be paid, and recommends it to Bailieborough, to contribute to the Fund, as they are able; and that the Presby of Monaghan, at their first meeting, endeavour to adjust that whole affair.

Wm. Maxwell, a member of the congregation of Lisluny, suppi-
cicates that this Synod would disannex him from Mr. Ambrose’s Ministry, and allow him to join elsewhere, he offered some allegations to support his request. The Synod considered this affair, and allowed Mr. Ambrose and his Session to grant him a dismiss, provided he make application for it, and pay what stipend may be due by him, to the time of his making such demand, and that the ground on which he lives be still deemed to be in the bounds of Lisluny congregation.

The Committee that went out to consider the motion with respect to the division of Armagh Presby being now returned, make report that they have laboured in that affair with both parties, but to no purpose; however, they brought in an Overture, w° was read, and is as follows, viz.:—Overt: That, whereas it appears that the great reason of desiring ye separation was occasioned by a late debate that happened in ye Presby of Armagh concerning Mr. Mich. Henry, his settlement in Drumbanaghar, which debate occasioned an appeal of some Brethren to the General Synod, and which debate or appeal has been this day discussed in the Synod. The above brethren, in order to restore as much as in them lies the peace of sd. Presby, doe oveture that this Synod would disannex the congregation of Drum-
banaghar, together with the young Gentleman called by them, and make their request that the Presby of Killeleagh do take sd candidate and congregation under their care; at the same time certifying that notwithstanding what has been alleged against him, his character stands fair in the eyes of the General Synod, he being unanimously acquitt of what was laid to his charge. It was proposed as an amendment by the Synod that they shall, at least for one year, continue together, and that if during that time they cannot think of living together with satisfaction, they may in an amicable manner endeavour to prepare, of themselves, an Overture against next Synod for their parting in peace. Upon a debate the question was put—viz., Shall we pass the Overture with the amendment or without it? The Roll was called, and it carried to pass the Overture with the amendment by a great majority. Parties being call’d, the Overture was read to them, and the Mod exhort them to peace and love.

The Synod at this Sed made a charitable contribution for Mr. Mr Dalrymple.

Adjourned to 7 to-morrow morning. Concluded w° prayer.

Die Veneris, Hora 7me mane, after prayer, &c.

The Committee of Overtures brought in the following ones to this Sed° w° were read, and are as follows, namely:—
Overt: 1. That whereas the divisions of vacant congregations have sometimes happened by undue encouragement given by Preachers to such as favoured their settlement among them, it is resolved by this Synod, that if any candidate for the ministry, or Preacher among us shall for the future give any encouragement to any Partie in a vacant congregation, farther than is allowed by his Presby, and suitable to Presbyterial government, and doth not discourage all such divisions as may hurt the peace thereof; that such Probationer or Preacher shall be censured at the discretion of his Presby.

Overt: 2d. That if any Candidate or Candidates join w't a vacant congregation, or any part of a vacant congregation, and apply to a Presby desiring Ordination, that if upon the Presbyteries refusing s't request, be or they apply to any association not belonging to the General Synod for such Ordination without complaining to some of our Synods for redress, and if any minister or ministers of this Synod shall countenance or assist in such irregular application, or have communion with them, he or they shall be censured as the General Synod shall think fit.

Overt: 3d. That when it shall happen that any minister of the General Synod shall be deposed, it shall not be in the power of any particular Presby or Sub-Synod to restore such an one to ye exercise of the ministry again, without the consent of the General Synod.

Overt: 4th. That whereas there has been a complaint, and many ministers are at a loss how to conduct themselves, in several cases, for want of the knowledge of many of our Rules: Resolved—That all books and Records of this Synod be enquired for, and transmitted to our Clk. that he, at his leisure, may extract, and put together the Rules that this Synod hath made from time to time; and that he shall give account of all such books as come to his hand, in order to have their number entered into our Records, to prevent their being lost for the future; and that our Clerk extract as many as he conveniently can before next General Synod.

Overt: 5th. That the old Act of this Synod, which, of late, has gone so much into disuse, be revised and observed—namely, that all the ministers belonging to this Synod take care to have all persons orderly proclaimed, in their respective congregations, three several days of publick worship, before they proceed to marry them.

These Overtures were severally considered and approved by the Synod nem: contradicente.

The Mod' concluded the Synod with prayer.

June y° 17th, Interloc't of the whole house.

A Letter from Mr. Luke Ashe complaining that several congregations are in arrear of the Fund to Sligo, was read. The Interloc' enquired into this, and find that Neutron Lennamaddy owes for 6 years, £9 0s 0d; St. Johnstown for 4 years, £4 0s 0d; Donoghdie for 2 years, £2 0s 0d; Burt for 3 years, £3 0s 0d; Letterkenny for
2 years, £2 0s 0d; Castle Dawson only for this June, £1 5s 0d; and Bellykelly for this year. It is recommended to the several Presbyteries where these congregations lye, that they use all proper diligence for having justice done to Sligo, and make report to next Synod. It is farther ordered that, as part of Newtown, where some of this arrear is due, is not now subject to this Synod, Mr. Victor Ferguson write to them, and Mr. Lynd write to the other part there; Mr. Stirling write to St. Johnstown; Mr. Jno Holmes to Mr. Wirlings, and Mr. Welsh to Mr. Armstrong’s congregation in Donoghdele; Mr. Thos Bond to Burt; and Mr. Willm. Wilson to Letterkenny.

A Letter from Ld. Blaynie to this Synod was read; wherein he presseth that justice may be done to Mr. Hemphill, in paying the arrear of the Fund that was due to her late husband. It appears that there is a considerable difference in the accounts given by her, and that given by the Committee of the Fund; as this arrear is mostly due by the Presby of Monaghan, ordered that Mr. M’Combe attend the first meeting of that Presbytery with the accounts of Mrs. Hemphill, and that, then, they use diligence to have that affair adjusted. Messrs. Carlisle and Ambrose are appointed to bring to the next Sed’ a draught of a civil Letter to Ld. Blaynie, which was done accordingly, and subscribed by the Mod’.

Mr. Willm. Wilson complains that there is near £40 0s 0d of the Fund due to Moy-water; and that he has not above £10 0s 0d of stipend @ annum from his own congregation.

It is recommended to the several Presbyteries where this money may be due that they take care to excite any congregations in their respective bounds, who owe any Fund to Moy-water, that they may speedily pay it.

The Presby of Monaghan are enjoined, at their first meeting, to inquire into the arrear of the Fund that may be due to Old-Castle.

June ye 18th. Hora 9ae Ante Meridiem. Interloq* of Ministere only.

Settled some accounts with Mr. Lang, our Treasurer, concerning ord’ R.D.

It is observed by this Interloq’ that the add’ R.D., tho paid in London, is, when come to Ireland, less than the original grant. Ordered that Mr. Jas. Smith, with Mr. Lang, go to Mr. Choppio, and enquire what light he can give in this matter.

It was moved, and agreed to, that the names of Miisters* Widows that are poor, and have not had hitherto a portion of Ordry R.D. shall now be entered in our Minutes; that the several Presbyteries may consider of and return such as they shall judge needfull, to next Synod, even tho the congregations, where their Husbands served, be planted. In Tyrone Presby Mr. Dykes and Mr. Tombs; in Letterkenny, Mr. Drummond; in Bangor, Mr. Cochran; in
RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD

Armagh, Mrs. M'Lane of Markethill, and Mrs. Wallace of Morn; in T. Patk. Mrs. Crawford; in Coleraine, Mrs. Stirling and Mrs. Fowler.

Ordered that Mr. Jon. Montgomrie, late of Malin, be paid his arrear of R.D. out of the first that comes to hand.

JON. COCHRAN, CLK. G.S.

July ye 1st, 1742.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 21st, 1743.

M'r Jas. Fraser, Moderator of the preceding Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 1. 7, and then constituted it by prayer. After which Sed' Minrs and Ruling Elders from the respective Presbyteries as follow, namely—

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Armagh Pby.

Strabane Pby.

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M'r Jas. Chalmers

Willm. Armstrong Ch. Pike
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T. Patk. Preby.  
Dublin Phy.

Jas. Cobham  
Jo" Moor  
Robt. M'Master

Allex. Brown  
Jo" Johnston

Wm. Livingstone  
Mr Paul Brown  
Monaghan Phy.

Jas. White  
Jo" Davison

Jas. Fraser  
Thos. Blair  
Bapt. Boyd

Willm. Patton  

Tim. White  
Robt. Blackely  
Jas. Hamilton

Wm. Thomson  
Robt. Allen  
Geo. Carson

Thos. Crawford  
Arch'd Hanter  
Hugh Mulligan

Wm. Holmes  
Mr Wm. M'Conchy  
Tyrone Phy.

Jon Moorhead  
Thos. Steele

Jon Thomson  
Jo" Robinson

Thos. Brown  
Jo" M'Killop  
Thos. Kennedy  
Saml. Sloan

Willm. Henderson

Jou. M'Connel  
Geo. Grier  
Hu: Wallace

Jon. Lewson  
Robt. Steele  
Jo" Kennedy  
Jon Wilson

Coleraine or Rout

Pby.

Robt. M'Brude  
Jas. Ranald

Jo" Cochran  
Mr Jo" Strong

Jo" Orr  
Robt. Hamill

Jo" Hill  
Rodger O'Hara

Jo" M'Creight  
Jas. M'Allan

Dav. Smylie  
Mr Jackson Clark

Ja" M'Cardie  
Robt. Edmistone

Jo" Semple  
Alexr. Wright

Jas Cochran  
Willm. Parker

Gid" Neilson  
Jas. Kilpatrick

Robt. Henry  
Bolton Boyle

M' Fraser moved that another be chosen to succeed him as Mod' Modr. & Clk. to this Synod. The following Bretheren were named as a leet, viz: Messrs. Tim. White, Jo" Moorhead, Jo" Gibson, Jo" Kennedy, John Menogh, Jas. Alen, Jo" Orr, Jo" Hill, Vict' Ferguson, Jas. Smith, Jo" Lisle, Bap' Boyd, Geo. Carson, And' Malcolm, Robt Cuningham, Hu. Williamson, & Alex" M'Combe. The Roll was called and M' Tim. White was chosen. And Jo" Cochran was continued Clk nomine contradictes.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night, and prepare returns, to be given to the Clk. to-morrow morning of their several members for their respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Gen. Synod's fixed Committee; with an account of such ministers as have dyed, been ordained, installed, licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on Tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow Prayer morning, for prayer, and continue till 9, when open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.
The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The several Presbyteries made Returns to the Clk as appointed last night.

The Presby of Letterkenney have licensed Mr Hu. M'Crackan, who subscribed, and have entered Mr Jo\(^n\) Kinkead on first tryals. They report that M'r Luke Ashe dyed in Aug\(^t\) 1742.

Derry Presby have ordained M'r Willm. Hare at Glendermott, March ye first, 1742/3, who subscribed, and have entered M'r Jo\(^n\) White on first tryals.

Bangor Presby have ordained M'r Jas. Huey at Newtown Clane-
buys July ye 6th, 1742; and M'r Jas. Rainy at St. field March the 8th, 1742/3, who both subscribed, and have entered M'r Jas. Jackson on first tryals. They report that M'r Jas. Max: Stewart dyed June the 2\(^n\)d 1743.

Killeleagh Presby have ordained M'r Michl. Henry at Drum-
nannagh, Oct\(^t\) ye 20\(^t\)h, 1742, who subscribed, and have entered M'r Warnock on first Tryals.

Armagh Presby have ordained M'r Willm. Thomson at Magheraly, Oct\(^t\) ye 20\(^t\) 1742, who subscribed, and have entered M'r Jas. M'Minn on first, and M'r Geo: Henry on 2\(^a\) Tryals.

T. Patk. Presby report that they have licensed M'r Jon. Martin, who subscribed, and that M'r Jo\(^n\) Hastings dyed Apr. ye 6th, 1743.

Strabane Presby have entered M'r Ch. Gay on first tryals.

Rout Presby have ordained M'r Gid\(^a\) Neilson at Finvoy Nov. the 9th 1742; and M'r Rob\(^t\) Henry at Castle-Dawson June ye 7th, 1743, have licensed Messrs. Jo\(^n\) Love and Jon. Strong, they all subscribed, and have entered Messrs. Fr. O'Bryan and Allexr. Miller on first Tryals.

Monaghan Presby have ordained Mr Hu. Mulligan at Bailie-
brorough July the 27\(^t\)h, 1742; have licensed Messrs. Allexr. Wads-
worth and Jas. Gordon, who all subscribed; they also report that M'r Neth\(^t\) Glasgow dyed in Apr' 1743.

Mr. Jon King.

M'r Jon King produced credentials of his being liceused to preach ye Gospel, by the Revd. Presby of Warrington in G\(^t\) Brittain, and others from several Bretheren in N. Brittain, of his learning and moral character, which were read, and sustained by the Synod; At his own desire, he was put under the care of the Presby of Bangor.

Synod's fixed Committee.

The members of the Gen\(^t\) Synod's fixed Committee are for Letter-
Rout, Messrs. Joa Cochrane and Smylie. Kor Dublin—No return. For Monaghan—Messrs. Plunket and Ambrose. For Tyrone, Messrs. Wallace and Joa Kennedy. These w2 our Mod3 and Ck to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod4 on any Emergent, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

It was moved and agreed to, that the several Presbyteries shall have power to nominate their respective Elders for s5 Committee some convenient time before it meet.

There has been nothing done with respect to the arrear due by the new Erection in Ardstra, to M5 Welsh, which was owing to the neglect of Letterkenny Presby in not sending any members to the Committee appointed last Synod. The appointment is again renewed. Messrs. Boyd and Fairlie from Letterkenny Presby. are to meet w2 Messrs Ferguson and M'Beath from Strabane Presby. at the town of Ardstra the first Wednesday of August next, and then settle their accounts. It is farther ordered that if any of the above Bn. cannot attend, their respective Presbyteries shall appoint others in their place. Letterkenny Presby is to give timous notice to the new Erection there of the meeting of this Committee, and the Presby of Strabane is to apprise Mr. Welsh.


Absent, and no excuse from them, are Messrs. Joa M'Gaughie, Not excused. Thos. Bond, Sam1 Forgie, And5 Kennedy, Rob5 Higginbothom, Joa Hemphil, And5 Welsh, Joa Thomson, Ja5 Bond, Jon Algeo, Wm. Ambrose, Alex5 M'Kye, Jas. Clark and Dav. Hutchison.

It appears to this Synod that the Bretheren in Armagh Presby have not agreed to continue together in an amicable manner, as was recommended last Synod: and that the members who then supplicated for the division of that Presby do still insist on s5 request. The members on the other side insist, that as there are papers prepared on both sides, some of which have made considerable noise in ye country, to the prejudice of their characters and usefullness, this affair may be prosecuted in the usual method before the Synod. Whereas they for the separation moved that it may be issued by a Select Committee.

The Synod, after reasoning, agreed that a Select Committee be now appointed to hear that whole affair, and if they can issue it to the satisfaction of all parties, well. If not, that they prepare it for a more publick tryal. The Committee to consist of the following Bretheren, viz.:—Messrs Ja9 Coham, Ch. Masterton, Sam1 Dunlop, Jon Stirling, Wm. Hare, sen7, Viet5 Ferguson, Tho4 Kennedy, Wm. Boyd, and
Robt. M'Bride, who are to meet at 3 of the clock afternoon in the Session house. The Presby of Armagh to attend 4th Committee. Adjourned to 5. Committees to meet at 3. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5th post meridiem. After prayer Sede qui supra.

A supplication from Maghera was presented to this Synod by Messrs. Jackson, Clark, &c., complaining that notwithstanding the meanings of that congregation had been ascertained by the Synod in 1737, yet several of their People have been entertained and allowed Privileges at Tobermore.

Some of the People who attend at Tobermore allledge that they always looked upon themselves as members of that Congregation, and plead for libertie to continue where they apprehend they shall be most edified. Parties being heard and removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, after which the following question was put—namely, Shall this Synod indulge 19 families in Bellynothome to join Tobermore, or not? which is to be thus understood, that if it be carried in the affirmative, yet this Synod judges that the meanings betwixt Maghera and Tobermore shall continue as fixed in 1737, and that this Resolution relates only to the above families.

Then the Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative nem: contrad. Ordered that the Commiss* give a list of these 19 families, that they may be entered in the Synod's record, w* was done, and they are as follow—namely, Jon Bell, Thos. Jamison, Will*n. M' Master, Jon. Levertie, Rodger Levertie, Will*n. Henderson, Jon. M'Allen, Jon Fulton, Jon Paul, jun., Widw Hunter, Jas. Paul, Rob1 Paul, Samuel Young, Jas Young, Jon Ewings, Rob1 Ewings, And2 Ewings, Jn. Phillips, and Sam1 Neillie.

The Synod now made a charitable contribution for M* Dalrymple.

A supplication from Holywood was presented to this Synod by Matthew Russel, &c. Representing the weak circumstances of that congregation, and supplicating that the proportion of the Fund, granted to their former Pastor, may be continued to them. This referred and recommended to the Committee of Funds that it may be secured to that congregation.

A supplication from Munterbirn was presented to this Synod by Mess* Ja* Hamilton, &c., representing that a very great majority of that Session and congregation had agreed to invite and call Mr. Alex* Cumine to be their minister, that they had applied once and again to the Presby of Tyrone for their concurrence, yet they had not been gratified, and praying that this Synod would please to order his settlement among them in a regular way, they promising to secure for his maintenance the Synod's Quota.

Appeared also from that Congregation Geo. Adams, &c., opposing the above supplication, and requesting that Mr Adam Duffin may be settled with them as their minister, and alleging that though their neighbours were more in number, yet by comparing their former payments, it will be found that there is not so great a majority as the other
Partie represents. The Presby of Tyrone allege that Munterbirn owes some considerable arrear to the Orphans of their late Pastor. They also assert that at the taking a Poll of that congregation it stood thus—viz., for Mr. Cumine, 195. For Mr. Duffin 68; but by their former payments it stood 24 lib to 14 lib.

A supplication from Sam'l M'Kinzie who married one of their former minister's daughters, was also read, wherein he complains that a considerable arrear was still due to the above orphans, and praying that no minister be settled in Munterbirn till sd arrear be discharged. The Commissrs were all fully heard, and also the Presby whose minutes relating to this affair were read, and being removed, the Synod reasoned for some time on it, and then put the following question—viz., Shall this Synod lay both these candidates aside or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed to lay both aside, by a great majority.

From Monaghan appeared Messrs Thomas Nisbit, &c., and presented a Commissn and supplication desiring that Mr Ch. M'Collum, a candidate in the Presby of Rout, a Mr Willm Rodgers, a candidate in the Presby of Bangor, may be appointed to supply that congregation for two months each. The Synod granted the supplication, and appointed M' M'Collum to supply there the months of July and Aug', and Mr Rodgers the months of Sep' and October. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning.

Committees to meet at 8. Concluded w't prayer.

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\text{Next Synod to be at Antrim the 3d Tuesday of June, 1744, Next Synod.} & \\
\text{sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.} & \\
\text{A supplication from Loghbrickland was presented to this Synod by Dr Allan Nisbit, wherein they desire that this Synod would allow them an hearing of M' Ch. M'Collum for some time. The Synod grants the supplication, and appoint him to supply that congregation for the month of October next.} & \\
\text{M' David M'Cleland from Dundalk presented a Commissn and supplication to this Synod representing that they have now put themselves under the ministry of a member of this Synod, and are uncapable of giving him suitable support, and requesting that this Synod would allow them a share of the Fund. It does not appear to this Synod that they are regularly put under the care of any of its members, tho' now the Commiss professeth his, and his constituents subjection to us. But forasmuch as the minister they mention is a member of the Presby of Killeleagh, we refer this whole matter to that Presby, that they enquire into the regularity of that People's coming under the care of this Synod, and that Presby give an account of their diligence to the Sub-Synod of Belfast at their next Stated Meeting, and if that Synod be satisfied, then, and in that case, this Synod refers it to the Committee of Funds to consider how much shall be allowed to that People.} & \\
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The Select Committee now brought in Overture or advice in the
affair of the Presby of Armagh, which was read. The Bretheren
against the separation still move that it is absolutely necessary that
they should be heard before the Synod, for the vindication of their
characters, and this they insisted on, once and again. Some members
of the Committee observed that it will not be for the credit of Religion
to allow this affair to be debated in open Synod, but rather that it be
in an Interloq'. The members of the Presby of Armagh were heard
severally on the above advice, and being removed, the Synod con-
idered the affair, and afterwards proposed the following question—
namely, Shall this affair be tryed in open Synod, or before the
Interloq? Before calling the Roll, a motion was made and agreed to,
viz., that some members shall converse with the Bretheren who insist
on a publick tryal, and endeavour to perswade them to an amicable
agreement without such publick tryal, and if they do not prevail, the
tryal shall be publick, at the opening of next Sedi. The members to
be Messrs. Alex* Brown, Jas. Cobham, Saml. Dunlop, Dav. Harvey,
Ch. Masterton and Robt. M' Master.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committee at 3. Concluded w't
prayer.

Hora 5th post meridiem, &c.

A supplication from some families in Drumaul who for some time
have joined Ahoghill was presented to this Synod by Jon. Ker,
&c., requesting that they may be continued in Ahoghill, for which they
offered several reasons.

It was allledged in favour of Drumaul that the above suppliants
had a libertie to join Ahoghill, or elsewhere, only during Mr.
Henderson's ministry in Drumaul, and now that Mr. Henderson has
dimitted his charge there, they apprehend that the above libertie is
expired. Parties were fully heard and being removed, the Synod,
after reasoning, agree'd to continue the families to Ahoghill, who were
allowed dismisses from Drumaul in 1738, and that no more than these
shall be allowed to separate from Drumaul.

The Committee conferred with the Bretheren of Armagh Presby,
and now brought in a paper which, if the Select Committee first
appointed to consider this affair will subscribe and enter into the
Records of this Synod, then these Bretheren will drop all their debates,
and heartily go in to the division of the Presby. Upon which the
Select Committee went out, and soon returned with 4th Paper subscribed
by all its members, and satisfying to both Parties, and is as followeth,
viz., "We do hereby certify whose names are underwritten upon a
long hearing of both Parties in the Presby of Armagh, that the differ-
ence of sentiment was allledged, yet it did not appear to us that either
of the Parties had denied any article contained in our confession of
faith, and that it appeared to us that there had been indecent heats and
animosities amongst some of the members that had not been influenced
by any difference with respect to any Religious sentiments."
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Upon which the Synod agree'd that st Presby shall be divided so as to be two. The one whereof to consist of the following members, namely—Messrs. Gilb' Kennedy, Ja' Allen, Jon, King, Robt. and Will'm Thomsons, Jon Mulligan, &c., and to be named the Presby of Drummore. The other to consist of the following Bretheren, viz., Messrs. Jon. Menoghp, George Cherry, John Maxwell, Jas. Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, &c., and to be named the Presby of Armagh. The other Bretheren not at this Synod—viz., Messrs. James Johnston, Robt. Gordon, and And' Kennedy are left at libertie to join either of the above Presbyteries, as they shall think fitt. And the same libertie is granted to the vacant congregations in their bounds.

Jas. Barber, Robert Cumine, Jon Seewright, and John Law, Commiss' from Banbridge, desire to be joined to the Presby of Armagh, with which the Synod is satisfied.

Messrs. Will'm Bond, Sam'l Smith, &c., appeared from Glendermott and presented their Commiss' and supplication, desiring that they may be erected, which were read. They propose to give sufficient security for the payment of the Synod's Quota.

On the other hand Messrs. Rob't Hall and Will'm Cochran of Mr. Hare's congregation there, presented a Commission and supplication desiring that the request of their neighbours, with respect to the Erection, may not be granted.

Mr. Hare was heard, and observes that the People are falling in with him, and that if the erection does not take place, he believes the whole congregation will join him, except a very few. Parties were fully heard, and being removed, the Synod considered the affair, and after reasoning, it was moved and agreed to that the following be converse with Mr. Bond and his fellow Commiss'rs, and endeavour to persuade them to join with neighbouring congregations. The Bretheren are Messrs. Cobham, Dunlop, M'Master, Jas. White, and M'Bride, and make report to-morrow morning. Adjourned to 10 in the morning.

Interloqr at 8. Concluded with prayer.

_Die Veneris Hora decima mane &c._

Upon a complaint of some members of the Presby of Monaghan with reference to that Presbyteries licensing a gentleman, who, as the complainants allege, is of a suspected character. Ordered that a Committee consisting of the following Bretheren—viz., Messrs. Jon Maxwell, Allexr. M'Combe, Jon Gibson, Jon Kennedy, Geo. Cherry, Jon Mulligan, Jon King, and Michl. Henry, whereof 5 to be a quorum, do meet at Bellybay the first Tuesday of Aug. next, to try and finally determine that affair.

Upon a complaint that several of the gentlemen who supplied Donogheadic, before that congregation was divided, are not yet paid; this Synod recommends to the Presbyteries of Letterkenny and Strabane, to take all possible care that the arrear due to these suppliers be adjusted and paid by the two congregations now there.
The Committee appointed last night to converse with Glendermott Commiss\textsuperscript{8} now make report that they obeyed the appointment of the Synod, but with no success. The Commiss\textsuperscript{8} on both sides were again heard; and being removed, the Synod, after some reasoning, put the following question—viz., Shall this Synod erect that part of Glendermott now desiring it, into a distinct Congregation or not? Another state of the question was proposed, and, after some reasoning, agreed to—namely, Erect now or leave it to a Committee? The Roll was called, and it was carried to leave it to a Committee, which is to consist of the following Bretheren, with their Elders, namely, from Rout Presby, Messrs. M'Brïde, Orr, and M'Curdie. From Tyrone, Messrs. Stewart and Caldwell. From Strabane, Messrs. Ferguson, M'Beath, and Armstrong. From Letterkenny—Messrs. Dunlop, Wirling, and Fairlie. From T. Patk, Messrs. Higginbothom and Jas. White, whereof 7 to be a Quorum. They are to meet at Glendermott Meeting house the first Tuesday of August next, and erect that People if they see cause. And if the Committee erect them, then they shall be joined to any Presby which the Erection shall desire, and the Presby of Derry shall supply that People every other Lord's day till the meeting of the Committee. The Synod farther orders that in case the Erection shall not take place, then any of their People who desire privileges in neighbouring congregations, shall be admitted upon producing Certificates from the Elders that are among them; and farther, that Messrs. Maj'r Murray and Dav. Harvey attend s\textsuperscript{d} Committee to give what light they can.

From Newtown Lemmavaddie appeared Messrs. Gavin Moor, Jon Boyle, &c., Commiss\textsuperscript{8} from the People there who are under the ministry of Mr Jos. Osborn, who some time ago was ordained among them, by the Presby of Antrim; they presented a supplication requesting that this Synod would take them, and their Min'r, into its body, and they promise subjection, in the Lord, to this, and the other Judicatures of this Church. Mr. Osborn being present, declares his approbation of the above supplication.

A supplication was also presented by Will\textsuperscript{m} Patton, Jos. Houston &c. Commiss\textsuperscript{8} from those who in that place, are under the ministry of Mr Hen. Areskine, complaining that, tho the other Partie was few in number yet had in an irregular & violent manner, taken their Meeting house from them, and had committed several things which had given offence. Messrs. Boyle &c., were asked whither they would give reasonable satisfaction to the other Partie, for everything wherein it shall appear to Referes that they have wronged them, with respect to the meeting house, and ground on which it stands? They answered, that they will leave the title of the Ground to the arbitration of Lawyers, and will leave the value of the house to two indifferent men to be chosen by this Synod. The other Partie also agree that it shall be left to the arbitration of those Referes to determine in any particular wherein Mr Osborns People may allledge, that they have been wronged by that Partie.
Mr. Osborn was then asked, if it was his own desire to be associated to this Synod? He answered it was. Then Parties were removed, and the Synod considered the affair, after which it was moved that the following question should be asked Mr. Osborn, viz. whether he professeth his sorrow for departing from this Church, and the known rules & Government of it, and joining himself to another association for Ordination? Another motion was made, that the question shall be, whether he is concerned that he did not go thro the known rules of this Church, before he applied to the Presby of Antrim, for Ordination? upon a debate, the following question was put, namely, Whither the first or second of these questions shall be asked Mr. Osborn? The Roll was called, and it was carried for the 2d question. Against which resolution the following members entered their Protest, viz., Messrs. Jon. Stirling, Wm. Boyd, Jon. Holmes, Jon. Orr, Rob & Jon. Thomsons, Rob M'Master, and these Elders: Rob Hamil, Rob Dickson, & Rob Martin. Mr. Osborn being called, the question was asked him as above? To which he answered, I am, and my appearance here is plain evidence of it. He being again removed, this other question was put, viz., Whither this Synod is satisfied to receive Mr. Osborn, & his People, on the terms of the Synod, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative by a great majority. Against this Resolution Messrs. Stirling, Wm. Boyd, Orr, Rob & Jon. Thomsons, King, M'Master, Jon. Holmes, & M'Cright, & Rob Martin Elder entered their protests. Protest. Mr. Osborn being called, was asked whither he was willing to subscribe the West: Conf. of faith, and subject himself to the Judicatures of this Church? To both which he answered in the affirmative, and then subscribed the following Formula viz.,

I doe believe the Doctrines contained in the West: Conf: of Faith to be founded on, and agreeable to the Word of God. & accordingly I subscribe it as the Confession of my faith.

Adjourned to 7 & concluded with prayer.

Hora 7\textsuperscript{ia} post Meridiem \textit{& c.},

A supplication from Mrs. Hemphill of Castleblaney, was read in the Synod, representing her necessitous circumstances occasioned by the deficiencies of the Fund to her late Husband, whereby she is rendered incapable to support her poor Famillie. The Synod took her case under consideration, and agreed that there be one Lords-days Collection in the Several Congregations belonging to this Synod, in such manner, as the respective Ministers and sessions shall judge most expedient. The general Collects in each Presby are as follow. For Armagh, Mr. Cherry. For Drummore, Mr. Allen. For Bangor, Mr. Masterton. For Killeagh, Mr. McCombe. For T. Patrick, Mr. Tim White. For Rout, Mr. McBride. For Derry, Mr. Dav. Harvey. For Strabane, Mr. Ferguson. For Letterkenny, Mr. Dnlop. For Tyrone, Mr. Gibson. For Monaghan, Mr. Ambrose. And for Dublin Mr. M'Master.

Mrs. Hemphill of C. Blayney.

Mr. Joa King, a member of the newly erected Presby of Drummore, supplicated that Mr. Sims may be joined to that Presby. Mr. Sims not
being present, and the members of the Synod being mostly gone off, this was referred till next Synod.

The Mod concluded the Synod with prayer.

_Die Veneris Hora 8va mane._

_Interloq_ of Ministers only.

This Interloq expected that Mr Lang would have attended us. Mr Moodie informs us that Mr Lang had come as far as Newry with this view, but that an unforeseen affair had prevented his attendance on the Synod. Ordered that a Letter be wrote to him from this Interloq, and that Mr Will Boyd make a draught of it, which was accordingly done, and subscribed by the Mod and Clk.

Ordered that one year of the ordi R.D. due to Mrs McLane of Market hill be paid her.

Ordered that a proportion of the ordi R.D. be continued to Mrs Hastings in T. Patk Presby.

The several ministers whose congregations are in arrear of the Fund to Sligo, were enquired what has been done in that affair since last Synod. It is recommended to those who have not paid, that they pay it down as soon as possible, and that as the bulk of this mony is due in the Presby of Derry, sd mony be paid to Mr Dav: Harvey.

Ordered that a letter be wrote by the Clk to Strabane to pay their Fund to Lurgan.

Ordered that the Presbyteries of Armagh and Drummore pay the arrear of the Fund due by them, to Mrs. Dick.

Ordered that the Fund be continued to Holywood as formerlie.

July the 5th, 1743.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

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_A Genl Synod at Antrim, June ye 19th 1744._

Mr Tim. White Mod of the former Synod, preached from Math. 28. 20, and then constituted this by prayer. After w Sed Minrs. & Ruling Elders from the respective Presbyteries as follow, namely.—
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*Note: The asterisk (*) indicates a title or position.*
M't Tim White moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod; the following Bn were named as a Leet, viz., Messrs. Moorhead, Jon. Kennedy, Menagh, Allen, Jon. Holmes, Jon. Orr, M'Curdie, M'Beath, Carlile, Hare, Malcolm, Cuningham, Scott, and Smith. The Roll was called, and Mr. Jon Carlile was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night and prepare Returns to be given to the Clk to-morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Gen'l Synods fixed Committee; with an account of such Min's as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on Tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning for prayer, and continue till 9, when open Synod shall begin.

Concluded w' prayer.

**Dis Mercurij Hora nona mane.** After prayer sedt qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was observed

The several Pbyes now made Returns for the several Committees, and also those that follow, viz:

The Pby of Derry report that they have licensed M't Jon White, and have entered Messrs. Jon Smyth and Jon Adams on first tryals.

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Wm. Rodgers at Holywood, Nov. ye 20th, 1743. And have entered Messrs. Jas. Jackson and Richard Walker on first tryals.

Killeleagh Pby have licensed M't Warnock, and have entered M't Jon Strong on 2d Tryals. They report that Mr. Sam' Shannon dyed June ye 26, 1743.


Drummore Pby have ordained Mr. Ch M'Collum at Loghbrickland March ye 6th, 1743/4. And have licensed M't Jon M'Minn. They report that M't Rob't Thomson dyed Sept' ye 4th, 1743.

T. Patk Pby have entered Mr. Jon King on 2d Tryals.

Strabane Pby have licensed Mr. Ch. Gay and entered Messrs. Young and Patk Buchannan on first Tryals. They report that M't Allex' M'Crackan dyed in Sept. 1743.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Allex' Cumine at Bovidy May the 22d, 1744. Have licensed M't Fr. O'Bryan. They both subscribed, and have entered M't Robt. Huoy on first tryals.

Dublin Pby report that M't Jon Allex' dyed Nov. ye 1, 1743.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M' Jas. Turretine at Tobermore June ye 5th, 1744, and have entered M' Adam Dufflue on 2d Tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr. Jon Marshal at Balindred July ye 27th, 1743, and Mr. Wm. Laird at Rye, May the 15, 1744, and have entered Mr. Benj. Holmes on 2d Tryals.

The Members of the Gen' Synods fixed Committee are as follow:

For Derry Pby, Messrs. And'' Ferguson and David Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs. Cuningham and M'Cullough; M' John Brown, elder.
For Killeleagh, Messrs. Williamson and M'Combe.
For Strabane, Messrs. Hemphill and Armstrong.
For Rout, Messrs. Bride and Smylie. M' Jackson Clark, elder.
For Dublin. No return.
For Monaghan, Messrs. M'Kye and Carson.
For Letterkenny, Messrs. Boyd and Fairlie.

These, with our Mod' and Clk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod' on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

This Synod, upon reading the minute of last year relating to the division of Armagh Pby, and considering that there are debates still subsisting between the two Presbys. of Armagh and Drummore, refers it to the Committee of Overtures to form one thereupon.

The Committee met at Bellybay as appointed last Synod, and upon a full hearing of the affair recommended to them, saw cause to acquit the Gentleman.

Absent from this Synod and excused are—Messrs. Thomas Absents
Harvey, Nin. Cochran, Thos. Bond, Jas. Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Sam' Simms, Jas. Rainy, Jas. Reid, Wm. Smith, Sam'


It does not appear that anything has been done by Donoghedie, to the Supplyers, in whose favour a complaint was made last Synod. This Synod agrees that a committee of the following Bn and an elder with each, namely, Messrs. Vic* Ferguson, Wm. Mc*Beath, Wm. Boyd, Jon Marshall, Jon Hood, and Wm. Hare shall meet at Donoghedie the first Tuesday of August, and then settle accounts, and adjust the proportions of the arrear due by these congregations, both to the supplyers and also with respect to the Fund due by them to Moywater. Three of the above min* and one elder to be a Quorum, Mess* Jas. White & Allen to write to these congregations, that they may be apprised of this appointment.

The Committee met at Glendermott, as appointed last Synod, and erected the People, in that place who desired it into a distinct Congregation and put them under the care of the Pby of Ront who Installed Mr Jon Holmes, there Ap* ye 19, 1744. They now request the Synod, that they may be joined to the Pby of Letterkenny, we* was granted.

The Bn who protested, last year, in the affair of Mr Osborne, now gave reasons of their protest, we* were read in the Synod, and it is agreed that they shall be entered in the Synod book only.

And that as the paper of Reasons given in by Mr Stirling, &c., contains in substance, what is in all the rest, st* paper, only, shall be entered, and it is as follows:—

Reas. 1. Because they have been guiltie, Mr Osborne, & these that join him of one of the grossest pieces of injustice in taking by force, and possessing the Meeting house, that properlie belongs to the Congregation of Drumacose, we* they built at considerable expense, possessed it peaceably above 40 years: that a few families not exceeding 20 that have ever paid stipend to yre late Minr. & as we are well informed, & do believe to be true that these never paid 40 shillings towards the building of that house, should by violence & force, take it possess it, & turn the body of that numerous congregation in the middle of Winter, out into the open fields, is a thing, in itself, so unjust and wicked that no apologie can be made for it, to receive such into the bosom of the Synod, wt* out expressing the least sense of their guilt, or receiving so much as an admonition from the Synod in what we cannot help protesting against, for what fellowship hath Righteousness with unrighteousness.
Reas: 2\textsuperscript{d} Because they were guiltie of the grossest impietie in R. 2, profaning the 1\textsuperscript{st} Day in a public scandalous manner in the house of God, at least those whom they employed to keep the house while their neighbours were worshipping God in the open fields under the violence of the weather, committing several gross outrages, acts of wickedness & impietie, to the dishonour of God, the reproach of our holy religion, the grief of the godly, & the scandal of the weak. To receive such without evidence of repentance, & not to receive the least censure, we cannot comprehend how these that were for receiving them, can account for this to God, and their own consciences: Shall the grossest injustice the most base and scandalous impietie be thus overlooked by the highest Judicatorie of this Church? and such received into our communion without censure? What communion hath light w\textsuperscript{t} darkness, \\

Reas: 3\textsuperscript{d} Because both Mr Osborne & that People have been guiltie R. 3, of the grossest rebellion against our discipline, when they applied to the Pby of Derry to be erected into a congregation, the body of the Congregation having given a call to Mr Erskine to be their Pastor; the Pby called correspondents from three other Presbyteries to assist in judging that affair, and when they had fully heard all Parties, they did not see it reasonable to erect them, there not being 20 families that formerlie paid stipend, for the Erection, and all that they paid yearlie to the former min\textsuperscript{e}, was betwixt five and six pounds, as did appear by the lists of their payments that was laid before the Pby. Upon which they gave in a paper renouncing Pby, & withdrawing their subjection from the Pby of Derry, and all Judicatories of our way, & immediately applied to that society that goes under the name of the Pby of Antrim, who soon ordained Mr Osborne by a few of their number. The receiving of such without any censure is what cannot be justified; for all that the Synod enquired at Mr Osborne, was if he was concerned for applying to that Pby, without appealing first to the Synod. Mr Osborne had no business to appeal to the Synod, for the Pby had no affair of his under their consideration, unless he had appealed because the Pby with correspondents would not erect a small hid full of People into a congregation for him. He contrary to his solemn engagement, when he was licensed, to be subject to his Bretheren, with these few families rebelled against the decision of the Pby with correspondents. Shall this be pass\textsuperscript{d} without a censure? The time has been when the Synod would have suspended a Probaitioner for such conduct, but to receive, with open arms, such offenders, we look upon it as a base prostitution of our discipline, & too great an encouragement to those who secretly are enemies to Presbyterie, and to our discipline, and for setting up the high independent sectarian scheme, Mr Osborne & these that join him have walked disorderlie, we are commanded in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw from every Brother that walketh disorderlie, he has by his joining with that People contrarie to the decision of the Pby of Derry, been the great cause of these unhappie divisions that have fallen out in that Congregation & in its neighbourhood, to the great prejudice of Religion, and the dissenting Interest, to give a detail of them would be a melancholy entertainment, & spend
too much of the Synod's time. It's our duty to mark them that cause divisions & offences contrary to the doctrine that we have learned, & avoid them, for they that are such serve not our L's Jesus Christ, but their own belly, & by good words, & fair speeches, deceive the hearts of the simple.

Rea: 4. Because we are of opinion that it was not from any real conviction, that M's Osborne and they that joined him, had done amiss in renouncing Pby, & all the Judicatories of our way, & applying to Antrim Pby, that they came, & desired again to be received by the Synod, but to serve a turn, & to obtain the interest and weight of the Synod to keep them together, and to be an argument to deal with others to join them, for some of their number had quit yin before the last Synod, & one of their Commrs told a member of this Synod at Antrim, that unless they were received by the Synod, M's Osborne might leave them. A member publickly declared that it was not convenient or fair that M's Osborne should own he was wrong in what he had done, least the Synod did not receive him, & he would be obliged to return to the Pby of Antrim: we cannot help looking upon this as a thing most ridiculous, and unaccountable thus to impose upon the Synod, & goe & come, & turn into so many shapes, to serve their own carnal base ends, & to make our discipline subservient to them, tho they had, in the grossest manner, trampled upon it, & abused it.

Rea: 5. Because M's Osborne was received by ye Synod without a certificate from that Body of we he had been a member; he was a member of another society, for some considerable time after he had deserted us and renounced Pby: he produced no testimonial of his ordination & moral character, while he was with them: we doe not remember that the Synod so much as asked for it. There cannot so much as one instance be given these 50 years past, so far as we remember, of any Person that received ordination from another society, that has been received by the Synod without Testimonials: for tho the Pby of Antrim ordained him without any, from any Judicatorie of our way; They are no extraordinary precedent to the Synod in points of discipline. Yet we must own that these Gentlemen acted with more caution, & a more justifyable part than the Synod did: for tho they had not formal Testimonials from any Judicatorie of our way, they did not receive him without Letters from some mihrs. of this Synod, as it is reported, we believe to be true, & if so, we cannot help looking upon it as deceitfull working, & double dealing, to write in the favours of one, to whom no Judicatorie of our way, would give a Testimonial, he could not have the assurance to have asked one, considering what his behaviour had been.

Rea: 6. We take from the way and manner of the management of that affair, & of their reception into the Synod, it was evident that it was industriously put off till the end of the Synod, for it was an affair, which the managers knew, could not bear the light of the whole Synod, it was given out that it would not be proposed, for they despaired of success: there was more than ordinary management with members for their vote & interest, we no good cause needs that comes before upright
judges: a great many of the Members were gone, others stayed to the last, with a view to carry this point; it was done in a hurrie, not with that calmness and deliberation that an affair of that nature required. Some voted for it that had no right to vote, others were denied that had a real right; the Minute of the Synod seems not to be consistent with it self, relating the Meeting house; it is to be refer'd the difference to two indifferent persons, these are to be named by the Synod, & yet the Synod names none. Had the Synod refer'd all till another year, by that time they would [have] seen what reparation would [have] been made to the Congregation, for their house, & seats: for there can be no Repentance, in such cases, without restitution, when it is in the power of the Partie that has done the wrong, to make it; but this was overlooked, yea there was industrie to hinder M'R Osborne making such acknowledgments, as the scandal he had given, required, w* is evident from ye previous vote that was passed, before ye vote was put for their reception.

Rea: 7, is taken from the offence that is given to a great many B. 7. within the bounds of this Synod by these Resolutions They are matter of grief to a great many religious persons, whom, we are, in charitie, to believe, belong to Christ, that the Synod should receive into communion, in such a rash manner without any evidence of Repentance, these who by gross immoralities, & rebellion against our discipline, had given so great offence. It's stumbling to the weak to observe the Synod so easily to overlook such gross immoralities, as Injustice, the open profanation of the Lth Day, & the breach of solemn promises, by this management of the Synod: the profane are hardened in their sinfull courses, and will make but little of acts of Injustice in closing the doors of Meeting houses upon congregations, and turning them to the fields, when they will not submitt to the imposing of Pastors upon them, contrary to their consciences, whom they doe not believe to be sound in the faith, nor fit for ministerial office; by whose labours they cannot propose to reap any saving benefit, or real advantage. It's an encourage-ment to young men who are not fixed and steadie, and in want of bread, if they can, by themselves or their agents, procure a handfull of people, where they have friends & relations, to take irregular and disorderie methods to be ordained, when such things are passed so easily over. We look upon what the Synod has done as a prostituting of our discipline, as a thing dishonouring to God, of which God often complains, & particularly 22 Ezek: 26. Her Preists have violated my law, and have profaned my holy things, they have put no difference between the holy & profane; neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean: they have hid their eyes from my Sabaths, & I am profaned among them. The Protesters therefore requested that the Synod would either resume & reverse what was done at last Synod, or enter these their Reasons of Protest into the Records of this, in futuram rei memoriam.

The following B* now desire to have their names recorded, as joining in that Protest, viz.: Messrs. Tho's Kennedy, Hu. Wallace, Ch. Lyud, Fr. Ross, Jo's Thomson, Jo's Semple, Hen. Ereskiae, and these Elders, Rob's Sloan, Tho's Taylour, & Nath. Langwill,
Commiss' from both Congregations in N. town Lemmasdell, now signify to the Synod, that they have chosen Referees to settle all their differences with relation to the old meeting house there, & other accounts. These Referees are Messrs. W White and Jo Ross, who are to choose an umpire, if they shall see cause. With which the Synod is satisfied.

Mr McBeath requests that he be allowed libertie to leave the Pby of Strabane, & join himself and congregation to some other Pby. He was removed, and the Synod, after reasoning and observing that none of the other members of that Pby are present, only Mr Osborne, & that there is no supplication from the session or congregation of Urnie, put the question, viz: allow him libertie for one year, to join what Pby he thinks proper; or shall a Committee finally issue it? The Roll was called, & it was carried to allow him libertie for one year, &c.

The Synods recommendation, last year, with respect to a Charitable contribution, for the relief of Mrs Hemphill, was observed but by very few of the Pbys. A Letter from L Blaynie, in her favour was read in the Synod. And the recommendation again renewed, and earnestly pressed on those who have yet done nothing for her, that they doo it as soon as possible: And that all the contributions, whither now in hand, or to be made, shall be given, or transmitted to Mr M'Combe. The same Collectors in the several Pbys, as last year, to be continued. Mr M'Bride is appointed to draw up an answer to L Blaynie's letter we done.

The Request of last year with respect to Mr Sims being joined to Drummore Pby, was considered. A letter from him & his session, was read, wherein they declare their willingness, as it is most convenient for them, to join Drummore. This refer'd to next Seating.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees to meet at 3.

Concluded w' prayer.

Hora 5° post meridiem &c.

Next Synod to be at Antrim, the 3° Tuesday of June, 1745. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

A Commiss & Supplication from the Congregation of Caple-Street, Dublin, was presented to this Synod by Coll. Jo Martin, Messrs. Jo Ewing, &c., empowering them to prosecute an appeal from the Pby of T. Patk, in reference to the Transportation of Mr Jo Brown, from B. Mena to Caple Street, & to enforce the Reasons for 3° desired transportation.

Appeared from B. Mena. Messrs Jo McDowell, & Jo Campble, &c.; they presented a Commiss & supplication, desiring and entreating this Synod, to continue Mr Brown with them, & not grant the desired Transportation.
The Minute & Sentence of the Pby of T. Patk from w'e the Commiss* of Caple-Street appealed, was read. Then the Reasons for the Transportation, & B. Mena's answers to it* Reasons were also read: the Commiss* on both sides, & the Pby of T. Patk were all fully heard. The Commiss* from Dublin promise, in case the Transportation takes place, to give M' Brown £60 & an; and a free house. Then M' Brown was heard who observed, that this affair was of such importance to him, that he had seriously weighed it, and thinks that the arguments of B. Mena, are to him, much the strongest; that the harmony between B. Mena and him, has been such that, as he apprehends, he can be nowhere so useful as there: that it is his hearty desire that his relation to B. Mena may be continued and the he would not withdraw his subjection to this Synod, yet he was satisfied to undergo any censure this Synod would inflict, rather than be forced from a People so dear to him. Before Parties were removed, the Synod, by prayer, asked Counsel and direction from God. And being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, for some time, & then put the question, namely, Transport M' Brown from B. Mena to Caple Street, or not? The Roll being called, it was carried in the negative. Parties were called in, & the above Resolution was intimated to them.

The affair of M' Sims being joined to the Pby of Drummore was M' Sims now resumed, and the Synod, after some reasoning, judged that it was not yet ripe for their issuing it.

From Monaghan appeared Messrs. Thos Nisbit, &c., Comm* Monaghan supplicating that as they have called M' Dav. Hutchison from Banbreaky, this Synod would appoint a committee finally to issue that affair, in case either of the Congregations shall appeal from the Sentence of their own Pby with respect to that desired Transportation. The Synod after reasoning, agreed, that the Pby of Monaghan w'e is to meet at Caledon the first Tuesday of Aug* next, with the following correspondents, shall finally issue that affair. These Correspondents to be, from Tyrone Pby, Messrs. Thos & Jo* Kennedy, Orr, & Gibson. From Armagh, Messrs. Nisbit, Cherry, Maxwell, Ferguson & Henry. From Drummore, Messrs. Allen, King, & Mulligan. From Killeleagh, Messrs. M'Combe & Henry. And from Bangor, M' Sims and an Elder w'e each. They are to be called by the Pby of Monaghan. Adjournd to 9 to-morrow morning Interloq* at 8. Concluded w't prayer.


This Synod considering the present circumstances of Caple Street Congregation agreed, that if the People shall call for Supplies from any Pby in the Synod, the shall be granted, and in case there be any difficulties with respect to their settlement, occasioned by appeal from the sentence of any Pby, then such appeal shall be finally issued by the Synods fixed Committee. M' Jo* White is appointed to write a Letter to be sent by the Synod, to that Congregation.

A supplication from some persons in the Congregation of Maghera was presented to this Synod, by Jo* Wilson, Thos Reid, &c., prosecuting
an appeal from a Resolution of the Pby of Rout: and desiring that they, & their Constituents may be dismissed from M'r Smylie's Mi'ry. The Reasons of Appeal were heard one, by one, and Parties heard upon them; after w^e, the Pby & Commw from Maghera, were removed: & the Synod came to consider what they had heard, & after long reasoning, it was agreed to remit these debates to the Pby of Rout, as not being ripe for the Synod's decision; and accordingly s^d Pby were allowed, immediately, to withdraw, & make an Essay to issue these debates with the appellants.

The Synod now made a charitable Contribution for M'r Dalrymple.

Whereas Will^o Clark of Ardstra supplicated this Synod in an affair that had been before the Sub-Synod of Derry, & was by them left to a Committee of their number to be issued by them, & s^d Committee not having met; this Synod appoints one, consisting of the following B^a viz: Messrs. Boyd, Fairlie, Dav. Harvey, Marshal, Hare, & an Elder with each, to meet at Balindred Meetig house, the first Thursday of Aug^t next: of w^e 3 Mi'rs. & 2 Elders to be a Quorum, who are finally to determine this affair. Notice to be given to Strabane Pby, and the Session of Ardstra, by the suppliant, that they may attend.

A Supplication was presented from Castle-Blaynie, desiring that the proportion of the Fund, formerlie allowed to their late Pastor, may be allowed, & conuiued to their present Pastor, & that it may be placed on such Congregations, as shall make good payment; s^d supplication was seconded by a Letter from L^d Blaynie. This affair is refered to the Committee of the Fund.

A supplication from the Congregation of Plunket-Street, Dublin, was laid before this Synod, desiring that the several Phyes may be ordered to send them such supplyers, as they, from time to time, shall write for; and that upon their choosing one, or more, for their Mi'nr, the Pby to whom he, or they, shall belong, may be ordered to forward their Settlement, with all regular expedition. The Synod grants their supplication, & appoints M'r Sims, who is now there, to supply them, the last Sab. of July. M'r Tho^s Kennedy is ordered to bring in a draught of a Letter to that Congregation.

A Letter from M'r M'^Master was read, wherein he represents it as the desire of his Session and Congregation, that this Synod would supply them, in the same manner as granted to Plunket Street; and if they shall unite in the choice of one before next Synod, & the Pby to whom such Mi'nr shall belong as they shall choose, will not grant their desire; the Sub-Synod to which he belongs, may be appointed to determine finally, his Transportation. The Synod grants ye Supplication.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees at 3. Concluded w^t prayer.

Hora 5^a post meridiem, &c.

Mess'^ Kennedy & White now brought in the Letters to Caple Street & Plunket Street w^o were read, and the Mod^t appointed to subscribe them in name of ye Synod.
M' Ja' Smith in the name of Caple Street, supplicated, that M'C Ch. Mc'Collum may supply there, the 2 last Sabs. of July, & three first Sabaths of Aug^t next. Which was granted. He also supplicated that M' Patton may supply Plunket Street, the month of Aug^t next. Which was granted.

An appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Derry, w^t reference to the stating of accounts between M' Wirling and the People of Bovidy, was laid before this Synod; by which sentence, that Congregation was ordered to pay to M' Wirling the summe of £20, whereas Bovidy still alledge, that they owe him, nothing like that summe. The Synod, after reasoning, agreed, that the following Bo, viz: Mess'^t Plunket, King, and Hutchison, goo out, & try to issue it. And that M'^t McCurdie wait on s^t Committee.

An Overture was laid before this Synod, by the Committee of Overture Overtures, & is as follows, viz: Whereas in vacant Congregations, divided by the choice of different Mi'nrs, there are several Instances of some, who by violent measures, take possession of Meeting houses that belong, of right, to ye whole Congregation, instead of taking prudent Christian methods to end their debates. This Synod to testify their abhorrence of such conduct, doe hereby doctare it to be scandalous, unjust, & a reproach to our Profession. We therefore Overture that every Mi'nr, or Probationer who concurs, or assists in doing so, by preaching in such Meeting house, till the affair be amicably & peaceably determined, shall be rebuked & suspended by his Pby. And if any Elder concurr or assist in such scandalous conduct, he is to be censured as above. And some Mi'nr of the Pby shall be appointed to preach to such disorderlie Congregation, & represent the evil of such Riotous tumultuous behaviour to them. We farther Overture that this Resolution of the Synod be published by the several Pbyes, in those places of the Country where such Riots have happened, or shall hereafter happen. The above Overture was approved by the Synod, nem. contra.

An Appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Derry was presented to this Synod by Hu. Young, &c., in w^t they complain that several families, in the bounds of Aghadowie, are entertained by Macaque: and praying this Synod, that these families may be ordered to join with, & continue to Aghadowie. The minute of the Synod of Derry, relating to this affair, was read, & all Parties were fully heard. After w^t the Synod agreed, to refer it to the Pby of Rout, which is to meet at Bellymony, the 2^t Tuesday of July next, with these Correspondents, namely, Mess'^t Higginbothom, Ja' White, Jo'n and Tho' Brown, Hu. Wallace, & Ja' Turretine, & an Elder w^t each; who are finally to determine s^t affair.

The Committee on the affair of Bovidy being now returned, give it as their judgement, that s^t People shall pay to M' Wirling £15, and he give them a clear & full discharge. W^t the Synod approves.

A Suppllication from Drumbannaighar was presented to this Synod by Neth. Henry, in w^t they complain that M' King, a member of Con. of Drum-
Drummore Pby, came into the bounds of that Congregation, tho' belonging to Armagh Pby, & disunited several of that People, from s'd Congregation, and joined them to Mr Mulligan. Mr King denies that he did so; but says, that as some people there had been left at libertie, by the Synod in 1742, to join other Congregations, as they thought proper; they paying their proportion of Arrear, due by Drumhannagh to Mr'· Heslem. That he Mr' King, went by ye appointment of Drummore Pby to secure s'd money for the widow which he accordingly did by taking Penal bonds for it.

Drumhannagh, by their Comm', complain in particular that one Ja' Reid, in their bounds, has been received & encouraged by ye Pby of Drummore, contrary to the order of this Church. That Pby allledge, & say, that they believe that the above person belongs to Port-norris. They were all heard, & being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, observes that the Pby of Drummore, thro' a mistake in that matter, had intermeddled in an affair, which did not come regularly before them. And recommend it to s'd Pby to be more cautious for the future.

A Supplication from Munterbirc was presented to this Synod, by Ja' Durham, &c., desiring to be supplied by Mr Jo' Ker from Derry Pby, & Messrs Tate & Todd, from Rout Pby, for the space of one month each. The Synod grants the supplication, & appoints Mr Ker for the month of Aug'. Mr Tate for Sept', & Mr Todd for Oct'.

Armagh Pby move that the Synod would do something for accommodating the differences still subsisting between them & Drummore Pby, before the Members goe off, & the Synod become too thin. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq' at 8. Concluded w' prayer.

\[Die Veneris Hora \textbf{9}^\text{ma} \textbf{Mane \&c.}\]

The Pby of Drummore, now, gave in a Paper remonstrating against what was done, last night, in relation to ye affair of Drumhannagh'er w' was read, & returned again to s'd Pby.

The Pby of Rout now brought in some Resolutions in the affair of the scruplers who desired dismisses from Maghera Congregation, w' were read, & are as follows, viz.

Res. 1. That the some ungarded expressions might have drop'd from Mr Smylie, which might have given some umbrage of offence to these scrupling B's, yet the Pby are, in the general, satisfied of his soundness, by his explication of himself to them, upon these subjects, which were allledged as grounds of their scruples.

Res. 2d. In regard these B's seem to be under insuperable Prejudices, to continue them under Mr Smylie's ministry, would answer no end of edification: the Pby therefore agree to allow them libertie to join such Congregations, as they conveniently can, till their scruples be removed; which we hope, may be effected by Mr Smylie's conversing with them, which we earnestly recommend to both. This
libertie extends only to these Commissors & their Constituents. Which Constituents, this Synod orders to be enquired into, and fixed by the Pby of Rout. Provided allwise they discharge all stipend, & arrear of stipend, due to Maghera, at this Instant. To w^e an amendment was added by several B^e in these words, namely, that these Scruplers shall continue to pay their stipend to Maghera, as formerlie. After w^e both parties were again heard, & being removed; the question was put, viz: approve the Resolutions brought in by the Pby of Rout, without the amendment, or not? The Roll being called, it was carried in the affirmative, by a great majority.

The affair of Bovidy with respect to their desire of having the £10 of the Fund, continued to them, as formerlie, is refered by this Synod by the Pby of Rout w^e meets in July next, with Correspondents.

Armagh Phy now again insist on what they moved for last Sederunt.

A supplication from some People in Market-hill, was presented to this Synod by Michl. Ochleece, Hu. White, &c., desiring that they, & their Constituents may be put under the care of Drummore Phy, and that they may be supplied by s^t Phy. It was alleged on the other side, that these supposed constituents have not given sufficient evidence of any such power to send these Commissrs: but that if it really appeared, to the Phy of Armagh, to be the sentiment of that People that they desire dismisses, they shall readily grant them, in order to their joining other Congregations, It was farther complained of, by the Phy of Armagh, & they say that they are ready to prove it; that the Phy of Drummore had sent suppliers to Market-hill, tho that Congregation be under the care of the Phy of Armagh. Drummore insist that as this affair has been published, in print, to the world, the Synod would allow them to follow it thither, & leave it to that issue; but at the same time, are satisfied to have it tryed by the Synod.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded w^t prayer.

Hora 4^t post meridiem &c.

The affair of Armagh and Drummore Phyes, with reference to Market-hill, was now resumed: and the Phy of Drummore offered several things to exculpate their sending supplyers to that People. They were all heard at great length, & being removed. The Synod reasoned on the affair, & then came to the following Resolutions, viz:

Res. 1. That the Phy of Drummore have acted an irregular and offensive part in supplying the Malecontents of Market-hill, and that s^t Phy shall send no more supplyes to that People, till next Synod.

Res. 2. That these discontented People may be allowed to hear, and receive sealing ordinances in Neighbouring Congregations, till ye meeting of the Phy of Armagh, upon Certificates from Mr. Ferguson, or his Elders; and that at s^t Phy, such as shall ask dismisses, shall have them, provided they be free of scandal.
Res. 3. Whereas the Phy of Armagh have published a Paper entitled an appeal to the impartial world; this Synod thinks that such conduct was imprudent, & had no tendency to promote peace.

Res. 4. That the Phy of Armagh, with Correspondents, at Market-hill the 11th of July next, shall enquire into the fama clamora, in reference to Mr Ferguson, and that the people who scruple being under his minry, attend sPby, to give all the light they can. These Correspondents to be as follow, viz. From Tyrone, Messrs Jo Kennedy & Gibson. From Bangor, Messrs McCollogh & Huey. From T.Patrick, Messrs Patton & Moorhead. From Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Henry and an Elder with each. Who are to meet with & assist the Phy of Armagh, in issuing that affair; and this is done for the case & satisfaction of that Scrupling People. These Resolutions were agreed to by the Synod, nem: con: and Parties being called in, they were read to them.

Andr. Kennedy

Mr And'. Kennedy of Morn, supplicated this Synod, that he, & his Congregation, may be joined to the Phy of Bangor. The Synod considering the reasonableness of s Request, agreed to it.

The Committee of Overtures laid the two following before the Synod. Which were agreed to, nem: contra, viz.

Overt 1. That the several Sub-Synods, at their stated Meetings, doe yearly enquire into the conduct of their respective Phyes, with reference to their observing private, or fraternal Censures; and that s Synods shall censure such Phyes, as shall neglect them.

Overt 2. That the several Phyes diligently enquire into, and animadvert upon such marriages, in their respective bounds. as are irregular, especially those of Minrs & Probationers.

The Mod' concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interlog 1. Die Jovis June 21, Hora 8va Mane.

Sligo

This Interlog considering the weakness of the Congregation of Sligo, & the Importance of having it comfortably planted, agrees that a double portion of ordry R.D. be allowed to their Minr when he shall be settled among them, over & above their former proportion of the Fund.

Several expedients were proposed for the relief of such widows of Minrs, as are really poor, but none was fixed on. The farther consideration of this, refer'd to next Interlog'.

Interlog 2. June ye 22d of Minrs only.

Minrs Widows

This Interlog considered the case of widows, & after some reasoning agreed that each Phy shall relieve, in the best way they can, those of them, in their respective bounds, that are really poor, and are not entitled to R.D. on account of ye vacancy of Congregations. And this to be done till next Synod.
AT ANTRIM, JUNE 18TH, 1745.

It is farther ordered that the several Pyes send an account to the Clk of the Synod, of such widows as are entitled to R.D. and have been dropped by the Treasurer, or otherwise, sooner than they ought to have been, that the Clk may send an order to the Treasurer to transmit such deficiencies to ye widows.

Mr. Lang our Treasurer now being present, this Interloq' appointed the following B's to examine, & settle accounts with him, viz: Messrs Lynd, Allex Brown, Malcolm & Maxwell who after some time, returned, & made report, that upon examination, they found his accounts accurate & fair.

This Interloq' considered whither this would be a proper time for making application, to C——t for ye removing of some of our Grievances, & an augmentation of R.D. ordered that Messrs Ja White & Menogh prepare a draught of a Letter to this purpose, to be transmitted to Mr. Stewart of Bellylane, now in L——n, & another to Mr. Gibson there, that they may be considered in next Interloq'.

This Interloq' considering the noise that has been made in some parts of the Country, concerning Mr. Wm Armstrong in the Pyb of Strabane, his having challenged, or accepted a challenge to a duell & going to the place of combat, armed with sword and pistol, we this Interloq' looks upon as scandalous in a Minister of the Gospel. Ordered that the Pyb of Strabane enquire into this affair, & make report of their diligence at next Synod.

Interloq 3d. of Minrs only. June 23d Hora 8 Mane.

Messrs White & Menogh did not write the letters, as appointed in the former Interloq. It is now agreed that Mr. Ja White, in conjunction w't Mr. Drennan in Belfast, write to the above named Gentlemen, that they use their interest at C——t for us, and if these B's receive a favourable answer, then the Synod's fixed Committee is to be called by ye Mod'.

JON COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 26th 1744.

A Synod at Antrim June 18, 1745.

Mr. Joa Carlile Mod of the proceeding Synod, opened this by preaching from Phill. 3.6, and then constituted it by prayer. Post preces Sed of
M* Carlile moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following B were named as a leet, viz: Messrs. Allen, Moorhead, Jo* Kennedy, Menogh, Wilson, Hill, M*Beath, & Sims. The Roll was
called, & Mr Moorhead was chosen. And Joa Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night, & prepare Returns, to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning, of their Members, for their respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Genl Synod's fixed Committee. With an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer; and continue therein to 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij, Hora nona, Mane. After prayer, Sed, qui Supra.  

The time appointed for prayer was observed. And it was now Prayer. agreed to, that in the following Synod, the Persons who shall preside in prayer, shall be nominated the night before

The Presbyteries now made Returns for the committees; as also the following Reports, namely:—

The Pby of Bangor report that Mr Ja s McCullogh dimitted his Ordained. charge at Mónyrea Nov 5, 1744, and is gone to N. Brittain. And that Mr Ja s Rainie dyed Jan 20, 1744/5.

Killeleagh Pby have ordained Mr Jo Strong at Ballynahinch, Oct 10, 1744. And Mr Wm Dun at Killeleagh, May 29, 1745.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Francis O'Bryan at Grainge, June 4, Licensed. 1745. Have Licensed Messa Rob Huey, Joä Mitchel & Alex Miller, who all subscribed. The have entered Mr Hu Gaston on first, & Mr Sam Bays on 2d tryals. They report that Mr Heu. Neil dyed Dead &c. March 10, 1744/5.

Dublin Pby report that Mr Hu. Henry dyed Aug 1, 1744, and Mr Ja s Smith Feb 23, 1744/5.

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Tho Boyle at Five-mile-town, May 21, 1745. And have Licensed Messa Wm Flemming, Thoö Plunket, & Robö Smyth. They all subscribed.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Adam Duffine at Dungannon, Oct 10, 1744, who subscribed. And have entered Mr Joö Ker on 2d tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Benj. Holmes at Donoghmore Oct 25, 1744. And Mr And Hamilton at Donegall, Dec 26, 1744. And have licensed Mr Thoö Vance. They all subscribed.

The Members of the Genl Synod's fixed Committee are the same as Synod's fixed last year only Mr McCullogh, in whose place, the Pby of Bangor are to appoint another. And these with our Modö & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Modö, on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least to be Miörs.
The Committee met at Donoghedie, but as the minutes of it are not here, we have not a certain account of what was done; only some of the members of it, report that Donoghedie absolutely refused paying ye Fund, either to Sligo, or Moywater; and feared that the Supplyers would be no better paid. The Synod after reasoning, is of opinion that the Presbyteries of Strabane & Letterkenny were faulty, in not having sufficient securities for the arrear, before these congregations in Donoghedie were planted; and that these unhappy consequences are owing to that neglect. Ordered that letters be wrote from this Synod to these Pbyea. M" McBride to write to Letterkenny, & M" Jo" Maxwell to Strabane Pby.

The Referees in the debates about the Old Meeting house in N.town Lemmavaddie, have come to an agreement, & settled that affair.

Several Miurs have contributed to the relief of M" Hemphill; a good many have not. The recommendation is renewed with respect to those who have not yet contributed; and that the former Collectors in each Pby use diligence, in order to the getting it.

Next Synod to be at Dungannon, the 3d Tuesday of June, 1746. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The Pby of Monaghan, with Correspondents, transported M" David Hutchison from Breaky, to Monaghan.

Mr Ferguson.

The Pby of Armagh, with Correspondents met on the affair of M" Ferguson, & the Malecontents in Markst-hill. The Minutes of that Pby in reference to it were read in the Synod; by w" it appears that ye Libel brought against M" Ferguson, was not proved; and that this was the unanimous judgment of that Pby.

It is refer'd to the Committee of Overtures, to bring in one for the more punctual attendance of the members, at their respective Sub-Synods.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded w" prayer.

Hora 5"a post Meridium &c.

A Letter from the dissenting Congregation in Drogheda, desiring that they may be dismissed from this Synod, was read, wherein they represent that it will be more for their interest, to join the Southern Association. The Synod after some reasoning, agreed to grant the Request.

Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Mess^m Ja" Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja" Reid, W" Smith, Sam^l Forg, Ja" Johnston, Rob" Gordon, Ch. Lynd, Ja" Thomson, Rob" Knox, Fr. Ross, Jo" Orr, Jo" Thomson, Rob" Brown, Alex" Cummine, Bap' Boyd, Alex" Flemming, W" Hare, Pilk. Plunket, And" Dean, Jo" Macleve, Hu. Sharp, Sam^l Dunlop, W" Boyd, David Fairlie, Rob" Wirling, Jo" Holmes, Jo" McGaughie, Jo" Stirling, Tho" Harvey, Maj" Murray, Nin. Cochran, & Tho" Strawbridge.
Absont & no excuse from them are Mess'r Hu. Dickson, Sam'l Not excused. Alex', And' Kennedy, Hu. Will'son, Gilb' Kennedy jun., Mich' Henry, Geo. Cherry, Jo' Moody, Geo. Henry, Rob' Higginbothom, Jo'n Lewson, the whole Pby of Strabane, Gid'n Neilson, Jo'n Algeo, W'm Ambrose, Alex' M'Kye, Geo. Carson, Jo' Clark, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Alex' Wadsworth, Rob' Stewart, Ja'n Orr, Ch. Caldwell, Adam Duffine, And' Hamilton, And' Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Tho' Bond, Jo'n Montgomerie, Jo'n Lisle, Dav. Walker, Jo'n Hood, & Wm Hare.

From Lisburn appeared M' Wm Nichol, & presented a Commiss'n Lisburn. & Supplication from that Session and Congregation, desiring that they may be disannexed from the Pby of T. Patk, & joined to that of Bangor. The Synod considered, & granted ye Supplication.

A Supplication was given in to this Synod, by the Pby of Drummore, desiring that M'r Sims, & ye Congregation of Anahilt may be joined to the above Pby. This refer'd to next Sed'.

Tho' Gilliland, some time a member of Port Norris Session, presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein he complains that the Pby of Drummore had proceeded against him in an irregular manner, & had given him an advice, w'h he the Complainant, looks upon to be equal to a censure, namely, that sq' Gilliland shall cease from acting, for the future, in the quality of an Elder. The Pby of Drummore, and he were heard. And after some reasoning, the Synod agreed, that the whole of this affair be refer'd to ye Synod of Armagh, at their next meeting; and it is recommended to the Members of that Synod that they attend better, than formerlie. Parties are also ordered to attend. It is also agreed that sq' Sub-Synod meet, for this time, sooner than usual, & that their Meeting be at Armagh, & that the Members of it, now present meet immediately after this Sed' and agree among themselves, as to the time of their meeting.

A considerable arrear of the Fund, due to the late M'r Henry of Drogheda, to be considered in the Interloq'.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq' at 8. Concluded with prayer.

Sub-Synod's
Books.

The Revisers of the Sub-Synod books observe that Armagh book was not delivered to them; that they had revised the books of Derry & Belfast, and that they approved these books; as also doth this Synod.

A Supplication from several Members of the Presbyteries, of Rout & T. Patk, was read in the Synod, requesting that a new one be erected out of these two Presbyteries, w^c seem to be too numerous, & that this new one be called the Pby of B.mena. The Synod reasoned on ye affair & then refer'd it to next Sed'. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5^a post meridiem 3°.

New Pby at B.mena.

The affair of the desired Pby of B.mena, was now resumed, and the Synod again reasoned on it for some time; & observes from the repeated declarations of the B^a who are for this new Pby, that it is not from any dissatisfaction with their B^a who continue in the old Phy, but purely for the sake of convenience, that they make this Request. And then the Synod agreed to grant it. Accordingly a new Pby is erected at B.mena, w^c is to consist of the following Congregations, namely, B.mena, Braid, Clogh, Cullybacky, Glenone, Ahoghill, Grainge, Drumaul, Antrim, Connor, Glenarm, & Coleraine. And if any other Congregation lying convenient to join s^a Pby, think proper so to do, they have libertie to join it. It is also provided that none of the above Congregations shall be obliged to join s^a Pby, unless their Miu^r & Session agree to it. Some of the members of the old Pby of T. Patk remonstrated against the above Grant. Upon which the question was put, viz: approve of the above Resolution, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative by a great majority. It is also agreed that this new Pby shall be joined to the Sub-Synod of Belfast.

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Fast.

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This Synod considering the awfull tokens of the Divine displeasure against this part of the world, discovered in the unnatural seasons, threatening a scarcity of bread, as also the bloodshed abroad; occasioned by a destructive war; and the many crying sins, too visible everywhere, w^c provoke an holy and jealous God to pour down his judgments upon us; has agreed that the first Wednesday of Aug^t next, be observed as a Fast, by those of our Communion, in the bounds of this Synod. And if s^t day be inexpedient for any Congregation to observe; the Miur & Session may fix on some other, as near the above day, as conveniently they can.

A Collection was now made in the Synod, for the relief of M^r Dalrymple, & M^r Stirling.

A Commiss^a & Supplication from some discontented People in Markethill, was presented to this Synod, by Michael Ochletree, desiring
that they may be put under the care of the Pby of Drummore. It was observed by the Bn of Armagh Pby, that if these People shall be erected, it will be prejudicial to some of the neighbouring Congregations. The l'by of Drummore promise, in case s People be put under their care, they will not erect them, w'out the leave and direction of the Synod. The Comm' was fully heard, and being removed, the Synod considered & reasoned on ye affair, and the Phyes of Armagh & Drummore waved their priviledge as to their judging on it, & being withdrawn; the question was put, namely, Shall this Synod order these People to join Port Norris, or any other Congregation, now subject to ye Pby of Drummore; or shall they, as a separate body, be immediately put under the care of that Pby? The Roll was called, & it was carried for the first branch of the question, by a great majority.

A Supplication from Caple-Street was presented to this Synod by Mr McCollum, desiring that the several Presbyteries may be ordered to send such Supplyers to that Congregation, as they, from time to time, shall write for; particularly that Mr Tim. White may supply them for six weeks, beginning the 3d Sab. of July next. The Synod granted the Supplication.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Mr Jas Foster, setting forth that he had been entered on tryals, by the Pby of Tyrone, that his tryals had been discontinued for about two years, that he knows not why he should be thus treated; and begging that this Synod would appoint a Committee to enquire into that affair. The Synod orders that this matter be enquired into, & issued, by the Sub-Synod of Armagh, at their next meeting.

The Members of the Synod of Armagh now report that they have fixed their next Meeting to the 2d Tuesday of Oct next. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. Interloq' at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

**Die Veneris, Hora decima mane gc.**

It was moved by the Pby of Drummore, that the Resolution of last night, with respect to the Malecontents in Markethill, be explained. The motion was considered, & the Synod gave this as their sense of it, viz: That no publick preaching be allowed to that People, but at the former usual, and stated place, or places of publick worship.

It was moved and agreed to, that the several Sub-Synods inspect into the Formulas of Subscription to the Confession, used by the several Presbyteries, in their respective bounds; and if they shall observe any material difference in them, that they report it to next Gen Synod.

There being many heavy complaints from the Miirs settled on the Synodical Fund, w' respect to the great arrear due to them; it was overtured, & agreed to, that the several Presbyteries belonging to this Synod shall, as soon as possible, take the voluntary subscriptions of ach Congregation under their care; and bring s subscriptions to next
Gen' Synod, together with a list of the Congregations that are upon the Fund in their respective bounds. And that each Pby appoint a Treasurer to receive the mony subscribed by each Congregation, and bring it to the Gen' Synod, at their next meeting; that a proportional summe may be paid to every Miûr on the Fund.

The Mod' concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq' 1. June 20.

Mrs Cochran.

Ordered that M'" Cochran be paid the arrear of R.D. due to her, down to midsummer 1744 Inclusive.

Mrs Holmes.

Ordered that the arrear due to M' Holmes of Urnie, before it became due to M' McBeath, be transmitted to her, and that as Urnie is now vacant by the transportation of M' McBeath to Ushers Quay, Dublin, the Ord' R D. be continued to her, during the vacancy of that Congregation.

Minrs Widows.

The Miûrs now present made a Return of widows, judged to be really poor; & they are as follow, namely, M'" Cochran, M'Lane of Banbridge, Sinclair, Crawford, Hastings, Stirling, Dykes, Hemphill, Glasgow, Tomb, Vance, & Drummond. The following B', viz: Mess'" Masterton, Livingstone, Gilb' & Tho' Kennedy, M'Master, & Ja' White are appointed to bring in an Overture for the relief and support of these widows, to next Interloq'.

Sermon.

Some few B', who had taken exceptions at some expression in M' Carlile's sermons, now desired that he would satisfy them: they specified the passages, we they looked upon as offensive; and M' Carlile condescended to read them, and gave such explanations of them, as were satisfying to these B'. & to ye Interloq'.


Magheraly.

A case was laid before this Interloq' concerning some debates between Magheraly, and M' And' Kennedy, who having had a call from that People, was for some time lodged among them, & now that he has given up their call, his lodging is charged on him, tho' he received no money for that time. The Interloq' is unanimously of opinion, that the above Congregation should, at least, pay for his lodging, during the time he supplied there.

Sligo.

Application was made to this Interloq' that the Congregations, in arrear of the Fund to M' Ash, late of Sligo, in June 1742, may be ordered to pay it. A List of the arrear, and of the Congregations who owe it, was laid before us & the Interloq' ordered the Clk to write, in their name, to the Pbyes, to whom these Congregations respectively belong, that they may use all possible diligence, in order to have s' arrear paid.

The Pby of T. Patk proposed a case to this Interloq', viz., what censure shall be inflicted on a Person convicted of Blasphemy? The
Interloq' having heard the several circumstances of that case, as also that the Pby of T. Patk had ordered the guilty person to be rebuked before them, and also before his Session; and that these Rebutters be published to the Congregation, to w'e the person belongs. Then the question was put, viz., approve the Pby's conduct, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried, unanimously, in the affirmative.

The B's appointed to form an Overture for the relief of poor widows, now brought in one, w'e was read, & is as follows, viz. That each Minr of this Synod subscribe what they will voluntarily devote for the support of Minrs widows, who are very poor; and proper objects of charity; & that one in each Pby to be appointed to receive the money so subscribed, & bring, or transmitt it to next Gen'l Synod, to be disposed of, as that Judicature shall think fitt. And inasmuch as this cannot be of any present use for these necessitous Widows, it is farther agreed, that till the above Overture can be reduced to practice, the Phy's or particular Synods, in whose bounds, 2d Widows live, shall take the best care of them, they can. Which Overture was unanimously agreed to by the Interloq'.

MrMcMaster has generously proposed to give 20 shill. per an. to each of the following widows, out of his own pocket, namely, to Mrs Sinclair, Crawford, Cochran, Hastings, Stirling, Vance, and Tomb, and this to be continued during his, or their natural lives; and he has now paid down this present year. For w'e generous charity he had the thanks of ye Interloq'.

A Melancholy representation was laid before this Interloq' by the Exec'rs of Mr Henry, late of Drogheda, wherein is set forth that a very great summe of Arrear of the Fund, is still due to his Heirs. A List was given in of the summs due by several of the Congregations, who were to pay to Mr Henry. The Interloq' considering that these Congregations are all subject to the Synod of Belfast (excepting Loghbricland) recommends it to that Synod to use all proper diligence, that these Congregations may be excited to do justice in that affair. And that Drummore Pby use their interest w't Loghbricland to the same effect. A List of the Arrear was given to the Clk of Belfast Synod. It is farther ordered, that the several Localities be continued to Mr Henry for this current year.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 13, 1745.
Mr. Jo Moorhead Mod of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Ephes: 5. 8, and then constituted it by prayer. After which 

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Mr. Moorhead proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bretheren were named as a Leet, viz. Messrs. Menogho, King, Henderson, Higginbothom, Vict Ferguson, Smylie,
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Hamilton, Jo\(^a\) Kennedy, & Wilson. The Roll was called, and Mr Higinbothom was chosen. And Jo\(^a\) Cochran was continued Clk, \textit{nem. con.}

Ordered that the several Phybes meet this night, & prepare \textit{Chk.} Returns, to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Gen\(^t\) Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such Mi\(\text{\&}\)s, as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, since last Synod. Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

\textit{Die Mercurij Hora nona Mane. Post preces Sed}^t\textit{ qui Supra.}

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Phybes now made Returns of their Members for the respective Committees. As also the following Reports, namely:—

The Phy of Drummore have entered Mess\(^t\) Saml Thomson & Ja\(^a\) Baxter on first tryals. The report that Mr Gilb\(^t\) Kennedy dyed July 8, 1745.

T. Phy have Ordained Mr Clotworthy Brown, Feby\(^t\) 5, 1745/6.

Strabane Phy have entered Mr Tho\(^t\) Thomson on first tryals.

Rout Phy have Licensed Mr Hu. Gaston, who subscribed; and have entered Mr Jo\(^a\) Logue on 2\(^t\) tryals. They report that Mr Jo\(^a\) Orr dyed Dec. 5, 1745, and Mr Knox Ap\(^t\) 1, 1746.

Monaghan Phy report that Mr Wm Hare dyed Nov\(^t\) 29, 1746.

Tyrone Phy have ordained Mr Jo\(^a\) Ker at Munterbirn, Oct\(^t\) 9, 1745, who subscribed. They report that Mr Rob\(^t\) Stewart dyed Ap\(^t\) 11, 1746.

Letterkenny Phy have Ordained Mr Jos. Kinead at Stranorlar, Sept\(^t\) 4, 1745, who subscribed; and have entered Mr Rob\(^t\) Law on first Tryals.

Bangor Phy have Ordained Mr Ja\(^a\) McKean at Monyrea, June, 1746.

The Members of the Gen\(^t\) Synod's Fixed Committee are:—

For Killeleagh Phy, Mess\(^t\) Williamson & McCombe.

For Armagh, Mess\(^t\) Menogh & Moodie, Mr Jo\(^a\) Moodie, Elder.

For Drummore, Mess\(^t\) Allen & King, Mr Ja\(^a\) Ker, Elder.

For T. Patk, Mess\(^t\) Fraser & White.

For B. mea, Mess\(^t\) White & Hill, Mr Ch. Johnstoun, Elder.

For Strabane, Mess\(^t\) Hemphill & Armstrong.

For Rout, Mess\(^t\) Cochran & Smylie, Mr Jackson Clark, Elder.

For Dublin. No return.
For Monaghan, Messrs McKye & Carson.
For Tyrone, Messrs Jo Kennedy & Duffine.
For Letterkenny, Messrs Boyd and Fairlie.
For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Dav. Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs Cunningham & Malcolm, Mr Jo Brown, Elder.

These with our Mod' and Cik are to meet at Maghrafelt, when called by the Mod' on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least, to be Ministers.

Nothing has been done by the Pbyes of Letterkenny and Strabane, with reference to the Arrear, due by Donoghedie to the Fund, & to the Supplyers, which these Pbyes say, is owing to their not receiving Letters, as appointed last Synod. This Synod appoints Mr Menog to write to Strabane, & Mr Lynd to Letterkenny Pbyes; and that a joint Committee of the two Pbyes meet at Donoghedie, the 2d Wednesday of Aug next, to adjust that affair.

The Appointment with reference to Mrs Hemphill, is renewed w't respect to those who have not yet contributed to her relief; and that these contributions be raised, & paid to the several Collectors, formerlie appointed, before the first of Nov' next.

It being alleged that the neglect of charitable recommendations from this Synod, is owing to Pbyes not regularly reading the Minutes of the Gen'l Synod; it is recommended to the several Pbyes, that at their next meeting, after their receiving a Copy of the Synod's minutes, they be read, & that such reading be recorded in their respective books; & that Sub Synods, in revising Pbyes books, take notice of it, & censure such Pbyes as shall be guilty of neglect herein.

Next Synod to be at Maghrafelt the 3d Tuesday of June, 1747. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The Synod of Armagh took the Complaint of Thos Gilliland, under their consideration, & issued it.

Mr Sims and his Congregation have joined themselves to the Pby of Drummore, since last Synod.

Mr Moorhead & his Congregation have also joined the Pby of Bangor.

It is now ascertained that by Coleraine in the new Pby erected in B.mena, last Synod, the old Congregation there is to be understood.

The Fast appointed last Synod was observed.

Upon reading the minute of last Synod, with reference to the explication, in the affair of the Malecontents in Markethill, Mr King observes that he then desired that his dissent might be entered, and as it was not then done, he now insists on it; & it is now entered accordingly.
A Letter from St. Arthur Gore, in favour of Mr. Wilson of St. Arthurdore Moywater, was read in the Synod, representing the melancholy situation he is in; and that this Synod would do something for his Relief. The Moderator is appointed to write an answer to it, in the name of the Synod.

Mr. Jaen Archibald Commissary from the third Congregation in Belfast presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring that Mr. Wm. Laird from the Pby of Letterkenny, may be appointed to supply that Congregation for the month of July next. Mr. Buchanan from Strabane, for Aug.; Mr. Young from Strabane, for Sept.; and Mr. Vance from Letterkenny for Oct. And farther that this Synod would enjoin the several Pbyes to send such other Supplyers as they shall, from time to time, write for, till next Synod. The Synod gratefully Supplication. Adjourned to 5 after dinner. The Committees to meet at 3. And the Synod to resolve it self into an Interlocutor immediately after this Sedent. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5th post meridiem &c.

A Letter from Mr. Welsh was read in the Synod, wherein he complains that £40:0:0 was still due to him from the new Erection in Ardstrow, and that the Pby of Letterkenny was about to settle a Minister there notwithstanding that arrear. The Synod appoints the following Bps. namely, Messrs. Boyd, Marshal, Benj. Holmes, & Kinkead from the Pby of Letterkenny, and from Strabane, Messrs. Ferguson, Donaldson, Smith & Armstrong, to meet as a Committee at the town of Ardstrow, the 3rd Thursday of July next, to adjust this affair. And that the Committee use their best endeavours to have the arrear, justly due, to Mr. Welsh, either paid, or secured, before that Erection be planted. And in case a 4th Committee cannot issue that affair, then the Settlement of the Erection shall sit till the meeting of the Sub-Synod of Derry, or the General Synod's fixed Committee, that shall first come.

Upon application of several Bps. this Synod agrees to erect a new Sub-Synod. Sub-Synod at B. Meen, to consist of the following Presbyteries, namely, Rout, B. Meen, & Drummore: & that these Pbyes meet immediately after this Sederunt, and fix the time of their first meeting.

A Supplication from Aghadowie was presented to this Synod by Aghadowie. Issac White, &c., representing the inability of that antient Congregation to support a Minister; and supplicating that some assistance may be allowed by this Synod to encourage their resettlement. They are recommended by the Synod, to the Pby of Rout, for a share of the Fund, to be raised by that Pby.

A Supplication from Ninian Barkley & Jaen Wilson in Maghera was laid before this Synod, setting forth that their houses and effects, to the amount of £150:0:0 were destroyed by an accidental fire, in May last; & praying for relief. The Synod recommends them to the Several Sessions, for the benefit of one day's collection, and to other charitably disposed persons, of our persuasions, in the bounds of the Synod.
Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Committees at 7. An Interlocut temporarily after this Sed. Concluded with prayer.

Dile Jovis. Hora nona Manx, &c.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod, from Enniskillen by Archd. MacDonell, setting forth the melancholy circumstances of that Congregation: and that there is a prospect of some encouragement, provided they be soon replanted, but that there is now such a load of arrear on them, that they cannot see a method for discharging that arrear, unless this Synod give them some advice & assistance. The Synod refers them to be directed by the Pby of Monaghan.

This Synod considering the great Arrear of the Fund still due to the heirs of the late Messrs. Henry, Hemphill, & Dick, are of opinion that the Congregations that owe that arrear shall be reckoned infamous for their injustice, in case they shall not pay it before next General Synod.

It is agreed that the Overture of last Synod, concerning the Fund, be now confirmed, & again inserted, at large, in the Minutes of this Synod, and it is as follows, viz: That the several Pbyes belonging to this Synod shall, as soon as possible, take the voluntary subscriptions of each Congregation, under their care; and bring such subscriptions to next General Synod, together with a List of the Congregations, that are upon the Fund, in their respective bounds; and that each Pby appoint a Treasurer to receive the mony subscribed by each Congregation and bring, or send it to the General Synod, at their next meeting, that a proportional summe may be paid to every Minister on the Fund. This Synod farther appoints the following Brethren to be Collectors, namely. For Killeenagh Pby, Mr. Strong. For Armagh, Mr. Cherry. For Drummore, Mr. Allen. For T. Park, Mr. Tim. White. For B. Men, Mr. Brown. For Strabane, Mr. Ferguson. For Rout, Mr. Cochran. For Dublin, Mr. M'Beath. For Monaghan, Mr. Ambrose. For Tyrone, Mr. Duffine. For Letterkenny, Mr. Dunlop. For Derry, Mr. Hood. And for Bangor, Mr. Moorhead.


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Jo\textsuperscript{a} Brown, Ja\textsuperscript{a} M'Curdie, Jo\textsuperscript{a} Semple, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Hemphill, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Smith, W\textsuperscript{m} Armstrong, Jo\textsuperscript{a} Osborne, Gid\textsuperscript{a} Neilson, W\textsuperscript{m} Patton, Jo\textsuperscript{a} Algeo, Hu. Mulligan, W\textsuperscript{m} Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, John Holmes, Dav. Harvey, Tho\textsuperscript{a} Bond, Jo\textsuperscript{a} Montgomrie, Jo\textsuperscript{a} Lile, Dav. Walker, Jo\textsuperscript{a} Hood, W\textsuperscript{m} Hare, Rob\textsuperscript{t} Cuninghan, And\textsuperscript{c} Malcolm, Hu Dickson, Sam\textsuperscript{t} Allex\textsuperscript{f}, And\textsuperscript{t} Kennedy, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Huey, W\textsuperscript{m} Rodgers, & Ja\textsuperscript{a} M\textsuperscript{c}Kean.

A Letter from Mr. Ch. M\textsuperscript{c}Collum was read, representing it as the desire of the Session and Congregation of Caple-Street, Dublin, that the order formerlie granted for the supplying that Congregation, be now renewed. Which was agreed to by that Synod.

None of the Sub-Synods books were given to the Committee for revising them, but that of Derry; which the Committee approved, & so doth this Synod.

It was moved, & agreed to, that Mr Higinbothom be joined to the Pby of Rout; provided that Pby, Mr Higinbothom, and his Session be all satisfied.

The Mod\textsuperscript{c} concluded the Synod with prayer.

\textit{Interlog\textsuperscript{r}. 1.}

This Interlog\textsuperscript{r} considering the peace and Libertie we enjoy, under his Majestie, and the happy success of his Majestie's arms against the Rebels in N.Britain, agreed that a congratulatory address be drawn up, & sent by this Synod, to him: and that a draught of s\textsuperscript{d} address be formed & brought in to next Interlog\textsuperscript{r} by the following B\textsuperscript{se}, namely, Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Higinbothom, Dunlop, Vict\textsuperscript{f} Ferguson, Ambrose, & M\textsuperscript{c}Bride. It was farther agreed that a Memorial of our present distressing circumstances, occasioned by the poverty of the Country, be drawn up by Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Ja\textsuperscript{a} White, Menoggh, Lynd, Wallace, Carlile, & Jo\textsuperscript{a} Cochran, & be also laid before next Interlog\textsuperscript{r}.

\textit{Interlog\textsuperscript{r}. 2.}

The Bretheren appointed to bring in a Draught of the Address & Memorial, now produced them, they were read, & with some amendments, agreed to. It was farther agreed that the Address be transmitted to the Mi\textsuperscript{n}s in Dublin, that they by the direction of the Lords Justices, may send it, with a letter, to the Earl of Chesterfield, by him to be presented to the King. The Address is as follows, viz.,

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MI\textsuperscript{n}s & ELDERS ASSEMBLED IN A GEN\textsuperscript{c} SYNOD AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 17, 1746, IN THEIR OWN NAME & IN THE NAME OF ALL THEIR PEBSSWATION IN THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND.

May it please your Majestie,

We, your Maj\textsuperscript{st}s most dutifull and loyal subjects, the Mi\textsuperscript{n}s & Elders, &c., beg leave, on this first occasion of our Meeting,
to express the utmost destation of that horrid & unnatural Rebellion, raised in Great Brittan, by perfidious men, enemies to their King, their Country, & their own happiness.

It is therefore with the greatest unanimity & warmth, that we congratulate your Majst, on the glorious victory, with which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless your Majst arms, under the auspicious conduct of his royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; whose wisdom & bravery, worthy of his high birth, has eminently appeared on this occasion; by this victory, the short triumph and vain confidence of the Rebels, has been turned into lasting shame, your loyal subjects delivered from the danger of those complicated evils Popery & Slavery; and your Majst throne more firmly established by that, by which your enemies designed to shake it.

No discouragement nor dangers, in the worst of times, have hindered us from discovering our inviolable attachment to your illustrious house, since the happy settlement of the Protestant Succession: and we now beg leave to assure your Majst that it is our firm resolution to persevere in our duty & Loyalty to your Majst, on whom, under God, depend all our religious & civil Liberties.

We bless God for the great tranquillity we enjoy, in these times of war, thro ye wise & vigilant administration of your Majst Deputy ye E. of Chesterfield.

That Almighty God would unite the hearts of all your subjects in principles of loyalty to your Majst that he may crown your arms with new Triumphs, in this present, just & necessary war, restore peace, & perpetuate prosperity to all your Dominions: that he, by whom Kings reign, would preserve your royal life, & continue your Government a support to Protestant Interest, & establish the succession in your august Family, is & shall be, the prayer of, &c.

The Interloq then considered who would be the proper persons to transect, at C—t, the affair of the memorial: the following B° were named, viz., Messrs Higinbothom, Carlile, Dunlop, Ja° White, MrBride, Jo° Maxwell, & MrMaster, out of whom, two are to be chosen, to morrow morning by balloting.

Interloq° 3.

Ordered that Mr° Stewart of Donoghaadee be paid the arrear of Ord° R.D. & that she continue to have a share af it, till the Congregation be planted.

Ordered that Mr° Hastings have a share of the Ord° R.D. till the Congregation of Balinderry be planted.

It was moved that Mr Wilson of Moywater shall have a double portion of ye Ord° R.D. in consideration of the importance & weakness of that congregation, and after some reasoning, it was agreed to. And also that a proportion of the fund be taken from Moywater, equal to one portion of the R.D.
It was agreed that Sligo be supplied by the Synod, for one year; and that a portion of the Ordnance be allowed towards payment of the Supplyers. It was further ordered that the Pby of Letterkenny shall supply them as they can; & that some Pby may write for such supplyers, as they shall think proper; and that the Pbyes to whom they write, shall send the supplyes if they can.

Mr M' Master sent the Charity to the widows, as promised last year, & it was transmitted to them.

It was moved that the Commissary to be sent to C----t, with the Memorial, and to transact our affairs there, be now chosen: some were for delaying their nomination till the several Pbyes be consulted, & that a Committee of the Synod meet soon, & know the mind of the Pbyes, & then nominate the Commissary. Upon which the question was putt, viz., Nominate them now; or refer it to the Committee? The Roll was called, and it was carried for their nomination now. And accordingly the Interlocutor proceeded to choose the Commissary, & the plurality of the suffrages were for Messrs White & Maxwell, & in case any of them fail, M' McMaster is to go in his place, or failing him M' Higinbothom. It was farther agreed that the Synods fixed Committee meet the first Wednesday of Aug, to consider the time of our Commissary setting out, according to what light can be had from our friends in L----n & D----n, & that the several Pbyes meet before that time, & send their Instructions to the Committee, by their respective members.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 7, 1746.

A Synod at Maghrefelt, June 16, 1747.

M' Rob' Higinbothom Mod of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim. 4. 16. And then constituted it by prayer. Post proces Sed of
Mr. Higinbothom proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following B were named as a lect, viz., Messrs. Jon.

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Mod.
AT MAGHREFELT, JUNE 16TH, 1747.

Maxwell, Ja* Allen, W™ Thomson, Ja* McCurdie, Fr. Ross, Ch: M*Collum, Jo* Kennedy, Dav. Fairlie, Jo* Lisle, & Sam1 Allex'. The Roll was called & M* McCurdie was chosen. And Jo* Cochran was ck. continued Ck nem: contradicents.

Ordered that the Several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to Morrow morning, of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Synod's fixed Committee. Together with an account of such mins as have dyed, been Ordained, or Installed, and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to Morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded w† prayer.


The time appointed for prayer, was observed.

The Pbyes now made returns for the Several Committees: as also the following Reports, namely:

The Pby of Drummore report that they have licensed M* Sam1 Licensed Thomson, who subscribed: & Installed M* Sam1 Sims at Tillilish Novª. 4. 1746.

B.mena Pby have Ordained M* Ja* White at Ranaldstown Apª 28, Ordained 1747, who subscribed.


Rout Pby have ordained M* Jo* Logue at Dunluce, July 1. 1746, and M* Sam1 Buys at Bellyrashean, Oct. 28. 1746. They both subscribed. They report that M* Ja* Thomson dyed Janª 25. 1746/7.

Monaghan Pby report that M* Allex1 Wadsworth dyed March 31. 1747.

Tyrone Pby have entered Mess1Ja Todd & Ja White on 2ª Tryals. They report that M* Tho* Harvey dyed March 3. 1746.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained M* Allex1 Miller at the new Erection in Ardstra Novª 4. 1746. have Licensed M* Rob1 Law. They both subscribed, They also have entered Mr Tho* Vance on 2ª tryals.

Derry Pby have entered M* W™ Cochran on first tryals. They report that M* Tho* Harvey dyed March 13th 1746/7.

Bangor Pby have entered Mess1 Patk Buchannan & Rich,1 Walker on 2ª Tryals. And have Ordained M* Will™ Warnock at Donaghadee, May 20. 1747. He Subscribed.

The Members of the Synod's fixed Committee are:

For Armagh, Mess1 Menogh & Moodie, M* Jo* Moodie, Elder.
For Drummore, Messrs Allen & King.
For T. Patk, Fraser & White.
For B. mena, Messrs Higinbothom & Brown, Mr. Ch: Johnston, Elder
For Strabane, Messrs Ferguson & Armstrong.
For Rout, Messrs Cochran & Smylie, Mr. Jackson Clark, Elder.
For Dublin, No Return.
For Monaghan, Messrs Carlile & Mr. Kye.
For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy & Duffine.
For Letterkenny, Messrs Benj. Holmes & Kinkead:
For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs Cuningham & Malcolm, Mr. Jo Brown, Elder.
For Killilieagh, Messrs Willson & Mr. Combe.

These with our Mod & Clk, are to meet at Maghrefieldset, when called by the Mod on any Emergent. 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Minrs.

Mrs. Hemphill

Mr. Heron

Mrs. Henry

Fund

The charitable contribution for Mrs. Hemphill is again recommended to those Congregations, who have yet done nothing for her: and it is ordered that it be done before the first of Aug next.

Mr. Geo. Heron a Preacher from N. Brittain produced very ample Credentials of his being Licensed by the Pby of Aberdeen: as also from the Pby of Wigtown, under whose care he had been for some time. And now having promised subjection to this Synod, & the other Judicatories of this Church, he was, at his own desire, put under the care of the Pby of T. Patk.

A melancholy complaint, contained in a letter from Mr. Hu: Henry was read in the Synod. setting forth that tho' it had been promised to continue the Fund to Mr. Henry of Drogheda, for one year after 1745, yet there has been very little done for that year: besides a considerable arrear due before that time. The respective Phybes by whom that money is due, are ordered to use all proper means with the several congregations in their bounds, in order to their raising 8d money. And that this may be the more effectually done, the Synod appoints that the Phybes hold visitations in the deficient congregations: and make report of their diligence, to their respective Sub-Synods.

Tho' some congregations have taken voluntary subscriptions for the Fund, in pursuance of the Overture of last Synod: yet the greatest part have done nothing in it. It was now agreed, in order to make the Fund more effectual, that a Select Committee be appointed to bring in some farther Overtures upon it. The members to be Messrs Ja' White, Allen, Allex Brown, Lynd, Mr. Master, Ja' & Tho' Bond, Wallace, Dunlop, Malcolm, & Ja' Armstrong; who are to meet in the
Intervalls of the Synod. Adjourned to 3 afternoon. Concluded w't prayer.

_Hora 3½a post Meridiem &c._

Appeared from the 3d Congregation in Belfast, Messrs Allex' Belfast
Young, Jo' Brown, &c., Commissrs prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Sub-Synod of Derry, in reterence to the Transportation of Mr Wm Laird from Rye, to that Congregation. They presented a Supplication, earnestly desiring that s'd Transportation may take place. Then the Minute of the Synod of Derry relating to that affair, was read. The Reasons of Appeal were also read: & ye Synod of Derry were heard, in answer to these Reasons. Then the Reasons for the Transportation, were read; as also the Answers of the Congregation of Rye, to these Reasons. The Commissrs from Belfast were heard, who promise to give Mr Laird £70 p' an. during Mr Masterton's life, if the desired transportation take place; and in case he shall survive Mr Masterton; they will give him either £80 p' an. and such an assistant as shall be agreeable to him: or if he shall undertake the whole charge himself, they will give him £100 p' annum.

Mr Jo' Brown from Rye was heard, who earnestly desired that Mr Laird may be continued with them. Mr Laird was also heard. Parties being removed, & the Synod having reasoned on the affair for some time: the Question was put, namely, Transport, or not? But before calling the Roll, Mr Allex' Brown was desired to pray for light & direction. After prayer, the Roll being called, it was carried in the affirmative. Parties were called in, & ye Resolution of the Synod intimated to them,

Next Synod to be at Maghrefelt the 3d Tuesday of June, 1748. Next Synod Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Absent from this Synod, & excused, are Messrs Ja' Johnston, Jo' Absents excused Menogh, Rob' Gordon, Wm Livingstone, Ja' Fraser, Tho' Crawford, Ja' McConnel, Ja' Maxwell, Neh. Donaldson, Jo' Osborne, Wm McBeath, Bap' Boyd, Allex' Fleming, Jo' Macleve, Ja' Orr, Hu. Sharp, Rob' Wirling, Jo' McGaughie, And' Hamilton, Jo' Stirling, Maj' Murray, Nin. Cochran, Ja' Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja' Reid, & Wm Smith.

From Dunluce appear Messrs. Jo Hue & Ed. Kelly prosecuting an Appeal from a sentence of the Pby of Rout; and complaining that s° Pby had disannexed five towns from their Congregation, & thereby had greatly weakened it. It was agreed, with the consent of the Parties, that the following 3°, namely, Messrs. Wm Boyd, Ja White, And. Malcolm, Ja Cochran, & Jo Strong shall meet immediately after this Sed & issue that affair.

A Supplication from Bangor was presented to this Synod by M' Jo' Taggart, desiring to be supplied for the months of July, Aug' & Sept' by Messrs. Tho Plunket, Tho Brown, & Ja' Cochran, and that such other Supplyers as they shall afterwards call for, may be sent them, upon their writing to the respective Pbyes. The Supplication was granted.

From Vinicash appear Messrs. Tho' Hodgen & Hu. Hamilton, representing the weak state of that Congregation, & supplicating that this Synod, would now confirm the grant of the Fund, appointed them in 1742, viz., that the Congregations w't paid Vinicash in their late misers time, be allowed to continue their payments as formerlie, namely, Drumara, Rathfryland, Donogholnie, Tonogmore, Clare, Loghbrickland, Markethill, & Port-norris. Which was granted.

A Supplication from Balinderry was presented to this Synod by Mr Hen. Beaty, setting forth the weak state of that Congregation, & praying relief. It was agreed that the former Localities be continued to that Congregation. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq' at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris Hora nona Mane, &c.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod, from part of the Congregation of Bellinyure, by Dav. Arch'd, &c., representing that as M' Clot Brown had been transported from Balinderry, to that Congregation; they think that he is, & may be continued their minr, without being formally Installed.

A Supplication was also given in, from another part of that Congregation, by Ja' Scott, &c., representing it as the desire of a great number there, that M' Brown be Installed, and his relation to them as their Min', be regularly fixed. Parties were fully heard, and being removed; the Synod after reasoning, put the Question, viz. Shall this Synod order the Pby of T. Patk, to Install M' Brown at Bellinyure, as soon as conveniently they can, before next Synod, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq' at 4.

Concluded w't prayer.
Hora 5a post meridiem &c. 

The Committee appointed in the affair of Dunluce, now acquaint Dunluce the Synod, that they have confirmed the resolution of the Pby of Rout; and enjoined that Pby to take care that justice be done between the Parties, in proportion to the numbers on both sides.

Mess° & Hairshaw & Jo° Potts from Loghbrickland, supplicate Loghbrickland that M° Hu. Young, a candidate in the Pby of Strabane, may be appointed to Supply them for six weeks immediately after the 15 of July next; & that if they shall need farther supplyes, ye several Phyes may be ordered to send them such as the Pby of Drummore shall, from time to time, write for, till next Synod. The Supplication was granted.

The Synod also appoints, at the desire of M° Masterton, that s° M° Young supply the 3d Congregation in Belfast, the last Sab. of June, & the two first Sab's of July next.

Supplications from the several Sessions & Congregations of Magheraly, Drummore, Drumara, & Bollyronie were read in the Synod, complaining of sundrie Errors & Corruptions creepung in upon this Church, & praying that they may be redressed, & for the future prevented. The Comm° from these Sessions &c specified & laid before the Synod, several of these errors & Corruptions which they looked upon to be grievous & troublesome to them and their Constituents, They being removed, the Synod considered the affair & after reasoning it was agreed that the following B°, namely, Mess° Ja° Cobham, Sam° Dunlop, Rob° Higinbothom, Wm° Boyd, Ja° White, Jo° Carlile, Rob° M°Bride, Rob° M°Master, & Jo° Maxwell, shall prepare, & bring in a Remonstrance against these errors & Corruptions, to the Synod, to-morrow morning.

The Com°rs from Belfast now supplicate, that in regard to M° Belfast, Mastertons infirmities, & for the greater encouragement to M° Lairds subjecting himself to this Synod, in their Resolution of Yesterday, w° w° they expect his compliancy; that this Synod may renew their former order, namely, that the several Phyes may be enjoined to send them such Supplyers, as they shall from time to time, write for, till next Synod. Which was granted. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning. Concluded w° prayer.

Die Veneris. Hora 8va Mano &c. 

The B° appointed last night, now brought in a Paper, called a Serious Warning, &c., w° was read. After reasoning upon it, & some amendments, the Question was put, viz., approve s° Paper, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative by the whole Synod, excepting one voice. It was also agreed that a fair Copy of s°
Paper be sent to Bellfast, in order to its being printed; and that it be read from the Pulpit, on a Lord’s day, in the several Congregations belonging to this Synod. The Paper is as followeth, namely:

A SERIOUS WARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNION, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD.

Whereas this Synod has been well informed that several dangerous Errors that sap the very foundation of Christianity, are creeping into our bounds; such as men denying the Doctrine of Original Sin; the proper and real satisfaction of Christ; and the necessity of his imputed righteousness, in order to our justification: as also the necessity of sincere obedience to the moral law, to qualify us for Communion with God here, & eternal life hereafter; and that the Doctrine of the ever blessed Trinity of Persons, in the Unity of Essence; & their being of one substance, power, & eternity: & the Gospel ordinances instituted by Christ, the great Head and Lawgiver of his Church, are questioned, or denied by some: nay even the Sacred Scriptures themselves, disbelieved, & openly impugned. This Synod thought it their duty both to lament this Mournfull Case, and to express, hereby, their utmost detestation, & abhorrence of, and to bear testimony against these, and all other Errors whatsoever; and do take this opportunity, to warn & obtest all that are in their Communion, watchfully to guard against them, & to continue stedfast in the faith, that has been handed down to us, from our fore-fathers, contained in the Sacred Scriptures of the Old & New Testament, & summarily abridged in our Westminster Confession of faith, larger and shorter Catechisms.

And for this end we would advise unlearned men not to read erronious books, but rather that they apply themselves to the reading of the Sacred Scriptures, & such practical sound writings as by Divine blessing, may be of use to fill their hearts with Grace, & not their heads with vain disputes, or dangerous errors. And we strictly enjoin all of our Communion, to beware of putting erronious books into the hands of unlearned men; which we look upon to be as dangerous, as putting swords into the hands of children, who know not how to use them.

And whereas some teachers, known by the name of Seceders, have, in a most disorderlie way, intruded themselves into our bounds; & in many places have vehemently railed against this Synod, as if we kept in our Communion, such as are tainted with the most dangerous errors. We hereby declare, that no such thing has ever yet appeared to us, in a judicial way: and sure it would be most contrary to the Rules of Reason, & Presbyterial Government, to cast out of our Communion, any member, without tryal, or evidence of any sort: and therefore we challenge, & at the same time, cheerfully invite all such as pretend to know any such Person, or persons, to appear, & libell them, according to the right & known Rules of Presbyterial Church
Discipline & Government: and we faithfully promise, if any be convicted, that they shall be duly censured, according to the demerit of their crime. And farther we recommend it to all the inferior Judicatories of this Church, to do their utmost, in a true Presbyterial way, to purge this Church of all unsound members, if any such be among us, & to endeavour with all true zeal & diligence, to preserve, as much as lyes in their power, the purity of Doctrine, Discipline & Worship, established in this Church, within their respective bounds.

The Synod considering also the growth of Error & Profaneness & Fast, the confusions thereby occasioned in this Church, agree that a Fast be observed by our several Congregations, the 3d Wednesday of July next.

A letter from the Session & Congregation of Caple Street, was CapleStreet. read wherein they desire that the several Phyes may be ordered to send them such supplyers, as they shall, from time to time, write for till next Synod. Particularly that M' Wm Warnock may supply them for six weeks, beginning the 2d Sab: of July next. Which was granted.

It was moved that this Synod would consider how far Communion with the Non-Subscribers shall be allowed by us. After reasoning, it was again moved, that as this was a matter of great importance: and the greatest part both of the Ministers & Elders are now gone off, the consideration of it be delayed to next Synod: and that the Phyes consider of it till that time. And that in the mean time, the Synod recommend it to it's several members that they be very cautious in this matter, lest they give offence, till next Synod.

The Com'rs from Bellfast desire that Synod would advise Bellfast, M' Laird to comply with their Resolution for his Transportation. And if he shall continue unwilling: & in case of a Call to any other, if need be, such Call be finally determined by the Synods fixed Committee. Which was granted: and the Synod gave their advice to M' Laird accordingly. It was farther agreed that M' Laird give his final answer, in this affair, to the Phy of Letterkenny, at their next stated meeting.

A Supplication from Bellyronie was read in the Synod, complaining, Bellyronie. that the Pby of Drummore had not so heartily concurred in their prosecuting a Call to M' Jas Gordon, as they expected &c as represented in their Supplication: as also desiring supplyes. The Synod refers the issuing of this affair to the Pby of Drummore, w' Correspondents, to meet at Drummore the 2d Tuesday of July next. The Correspondents to be, from Bangor Pby, Mess^r Cuningham, Malcolm, & M'Kean. From Killeleagh, Mess'^ Will^son, Forgie & Strong. From Armagh, Mess'^ Johnston, Cherrie & Moodie with their Elders.

The Mod^ concluded the Synod with prayer.
Interloc. 1.

Mr. Sinclair & Mr. Crawford, two of the widows that were on Mr. McMasters Charity, being now dead; he has thought proper to place Mr. Neil & Mr. Dykes in their room.

Mr. Lang our Treasurer being now with us, the Interloc. appointed the following B. namely, Messrs Saml Dunlop, Wm Boyd & Jas White to examine his accounts, & make report to next Interloc.

Interloc. 2.

The B appointed to examine Mr. Lang's accounts, now make report, that they have done so and observe that they are clear and satisfying: with which the Interloc. is well pleased.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 11. 1747.

A Synod at Maghufeld June ye 21, 1748.

Mr. Jas McCurdie Mod of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Tit. 2. 15. And then constituted it by prayer. Post preces Sed of
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AT MAGHREFELT, JUNE 21ST, 1748.
M' McCurdie proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bv. were named as a leet, viz. : Messrs Wm Thomson, Jo Brown, Vict Ferguson, Jo Thompson, Wm McBeath, Patk Plunkett, Jo Kennedy, And Ferguson, Samm Alex, Wm Dunn, & Jo Maxwell. The Roll was called & M' Jo Brown was chosen. And Jo Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Pyes meet this night, & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Books, Bills, Fund, & the Synods fixed Committees: together with an account of such ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered on tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 of the clock to [morrow] morning, for prayer, & continue therein to 9. When open Synod shall begin. Concluded with prayer.

**Die Mercurij, Hora Nona Mane. Post preces, &c.**

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Presbyes now made Returns for the Committees; as also the following reports. Namely:

T.Patk Pby report that they have ordained M' Geo. Heron at Island Magee Aug 18, 1747.

Strabane Pby have ordained M' Hu. Young at Derg, June ye 8, 1748, and Licensed M' Ja Scott. They report that M' Neh. Donaldson dyed July ye 7, 1747.

Rout Pby have ordained M' Hu. Gaston at Bellywolin, Feb ye 23, 1747/8. And Mr Will Cochran at Dunbo, May ye 10, 1748. And are about to enter Messrs Rob Ewing & Tho Reid on first tryals.

Dublin Pby have entered M' Eben Killburn on 24 tryals.

Monaghan Pby have entered M' Wm Flemming on 24 tryals. They report that M' Jo Carlile dyed May ye 22, 1748.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M' Ja Todd at Vinicash July ye 22, 1747. And M' Jo White at Bellymeg, July ye 23, 1747.

Letterkenny Pby have Ordained M' Tho Vance at Ramolton, Aug the 18, 1747.

Derry Pby have Licensed Messrs Wm Cochran & And Alex, have entered Messrs Jo Hall, Jos. Duglass, & Wm McNeilie on first tryals: and M' Jos. Reagh on 2 tryals. They report that M' Nin. Cochran has dimitted his charge at Fane.


Armagh Pby have Licensed M\(^{2}\) W\(^{m}\) Sloan.

The Members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are:

- Synod's Commit.
- For Drummore Pby, Mess\(^{m}\) King & Sims, M\(^{2}\) Jo\(^{n}\) Lowry, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For T.Patk, Mess\(^{m}\) White & W\(^{m}\) Thompson, M\(^{2}\) M\(^{c}\)Conchy, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For B.mena, Mess\(^{m}\) Higinbothom & Brown, M\(^{2}\) Ch. Johnstown, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For Strabane, Mess\(^{m}\) Smith & Armstrong.
- For Rout, Mess\(^{m}\) Smylie & Henry, M\(^{2}\) Jackson Clark, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For Dublin, Mess\(^{m}\) M\(^{c}\)Beath & M\(^{c}\)Collum.
- For Monaghan, Mess\(^{m}\) Ambrose & Hutchison.
- For Tyrone, Mess\(^{m}\) Wallace & Caldwell, M\(^{2}\) Tho\(^{4}\) Holiday, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For Letterkenny, Mess\(^{m}\) Jo\(^{n}\) & Benj. Holmes.
- For Derry, Mess\(^{m}\) Ferguson & Harvey.
- For Bangor, Mess\(^{m}\) Cuningham & Malcolm, M\(^{2}\) Jo\(^{n}\) Brown, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For Killeleagh, Mess\(^{m}\) McCome & Dunn, M\(^{2}\) W\(^{m}\) Taylour, Eld\(^{t}\).
- For Armagh, Mess\(^{m}\) Menogh & Moodie, M\(^{2}\) Jo\(^{n}\) Moodie, Eld\(^{t}\).

These with our Mod\(^{t}\) & Clerk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod\(^{t}\) on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12, at least, to be Ministers.

M\(^{2}\) McCome is appointed to write to the Collectors in the several Phyes who have been deficient in raising the charitable Contribution for the relief of M\(^{2}\) Hemphill that they use diligence in that affair; & transmitt the money so raised, to him.

It does not appear that anything has been done in respect to the arrear of the Fund due to Drogheda. The Synod orders the Committee of the Fund, to enquire into that affair.

Next Synod to be at Maghrefelt, the 3\(^{d}\) Tuesday of June, 1749. Next Synod.

Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

This Synod appoints Newry to pay their Quota of the Fund to Vinicash, and Rathfryland to Castleblaynie.

The Pby of T.Patk did not Install M\(^{2}\) Clot. Brown at Ballyneure as appointed last Synod. They say that he had joined the Pby of Antrim, & was Installed by that Pby, Adjourned to 3 afternoon. Concluded w\(^{t}\) prayer.

**Hora 3\(^{a}\) post Meridiem &c.**

From the Congregation of Bangor, appeared Jo\(^{n}\) Blackwood, Esq\(^{m}\) Bangor & Mess\(^{m}\) Ja\(^{n}\) Crawford, &c., Commiss\(^{m}\) prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Pby of Rout, with reference to the Removal of M\(^{2}\) Jo\(^{n}\) Cochran from the Congregation of Killraghtes, to that of Bangor; they presented a Supplication, earnestly requesting that the desired Transportation may take place.
Appeared also from Killraghtes Messrs Ja' Clark, Robt Stewart, &c., Commissrs Supplicating that the decision of the Pby of Rout may be confirmed. All the papers relating to that affair were read & the Parties heard at a considerable length. The Commissrs from Bangor propose to give Security for the payment of 60 lib. & 20 boles of oats yearly for Mr Cochran's maintenance. Mr Cochran was also heard. All Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair; and after serious consideration, & and prayer for light & direction: The Question was put, namely, Transport, or not? The Roll being called it was carried in the affirmative by a great majority. Parties were called in, & the Resolution of the Synod intimated to them. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. Interlocut 9 at 9. Concluded with prayer.

**Die Jovis. Hora decima, ante Meridiem &c.**

**Absent excused.**

Absent from this Synod & excused are Messrs Robt Gordon, Ja' Allen, Wm Livingstone, Ja' Fraser, Ja' Maxwell, Robt M' Master, Ch. M'Collum, Bap' Boyd, Alex' Flemming, Geo. Carson, Jo' Macleve, Ja' Orr, Hu. Sharp, Wm' Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, Robt' Wirling, Jo' Stirling, Maj' Murray, Nin. Cochran, Thos Strawbridge, Dav. Harvey, Ch. Masterton, Fr. Montgomerie, Neth. Orr, Ja' Reid, Sam' Forgie, Thos Scott, Ja' Johnston, Jo' Menoghe, & Ja' Moodie.

**Not excused.**

Absent & no excuse from them are Messrs Sam' Sims, Wm Thomson, Jo' Mulligan, And' Welsh, Hu. Young, Fr. Ross, Sam' Buys, Hu. Gaston, Wm Patton, Ja' Bond, And' Dean, Jo' Algeo, Ja' Hamilton, Alex' M' Kye, Ja' Clark, Hu. Mulligan, Jo' M' Gaughy, Wm' Wilson, Jo' Marshall, Benj. Holmes, And'. Hamilton, Jo' Kinkead, Alex' Miller, Thos Bond, Jo' Montgomerie, Jo' Lisle, Dav. Walker, Ja' M' Kean, Richd' Walker, Patk. Buhannan, Gilm' Kennedy, Ja' Armstrong, Mich' Henry, Jo' Strong, & Geo. Henry.

**Killraghtes**

This Synod, at the desire of the Commissrs from Killraghtes, grants them such Probationers to supply them, from time to time, till next Gen'l Synod, as the Pby of Rout shall write for. And orders the Pryes wrote to, that they send these Supplyers, if possible.

**Cloranise.**

From Cloranise, a part of the Congregation of Aghalow, appear Ja' McFarland, &c., complaining that said Congregation has not been supplied as usual, by the Pby of Monaghan, since the 14th of Feb last. The Synod refers the decision of that affair to a Committee to consist of the following B's, namely, from Armagh Pby, Messrs Cherrie, Maxwell, & Ferguson. From Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy, Gibson, & Ker. From Strabane, Messrs Welsh & Young. And that the Pby of Monaghan appoint some of their number to give light in that affair. They are to meet at Caldon the last Tuesday of July next.

**Dunluce.**

Upon a Complaint made by the Congregation of Dunluce in reference to an Arrear alleged to be due by the five towns disannexed from them last Synod. This Synod appoints Messrs Higinbothom & M' Curdie, to meet with the Parties at Bellymony, the 3rd Tuesday of July next, & finally issue it.
The Appointment of last Synod in reference to the continuing the Balinderry. Localities of the Fund, to Balinderry, is confirmed by this Synod; and it is recommended to the Congregations who should pay to Balinderry, that they take care to do justice in that affair.

An appeal from some Resolutions of the Pby of B.mena with Correspondents, was presented to this Synod by Ja. Dickie, &c., in reference to some families formerlie of the Congregation of Drumaul, but now have deserted s'd Congregation, & joined Grainge and supplicating to be continued members of Grainge.

From Drumaul appear Capt. Dobbin, Jo Moor, &c., supplicating that these families may not be dismembred from them. All the papers relating to this affair were read, & Parties heard. And being removed, the Question was put, namely, whither these People who belong to the Congregation of Drumaul, but have for some years joined the Congregation of Grainge, had just ground for Appeal from the Resolutions of the Pby of B.mena or not? Upon calling the Roll it was carried in the negative, by a great majority.

Upon a Complaint that the Arrear of the Fund, due to the late Mr. Ashe of Sligo, is not yet paid, as ordered in the years 1742 & 1745. This Synod earnestly recommends it to the Congregations that are deficient, viz., Loundonderry, which yet owes £3 10 0. Glendermott, £4 10 0. Newtownlemavaddie, £9 0 0. Saint Johnston, £4 0 0. Donoghedie, £3 0 0. And Burt, £3 0 0. And to the Pbyes of Derry, Letterkenny, & Strabane, to see that speedy Justice be done in that affair. Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq' at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Hora Sexta post meridiem &c. 

An Appeal from a Resolution of the Pby of T.Patk was presented to this Synod by Mr. M'Cullom, with reference to the admitting some members to the Congregation of Carrickfergus, without Certificates. The Synod appointed Mess. Ja White, Sen, Rob McBr, Ja Mc', &c., to go out, & confer with Mr. McDowal. Which B' being returned, give it as their opinion, that tho' they find nothing blameable in the Conduct of either the Pby of T.Patk or of Mr. Fraser, yet that a Resolution be entered into the Records of this Synod, that no person be admitted to Christian Communion without proper Certificates from their respective Minis; and the same to be communicated to the Several Sessions in our bounds. By w' we hope, that Gentlemans grievances will be removed, peace restored to the Congregation of Carrickfergus & future occasion of offence prevented. This was agreed to by the Synod.

A Letter from M Ch. M'Cullom was read in the Synod, desiring that Supplyers may be ordered for the Congregation of Caple-Street as formerlie. And particularly that M J. White be appointed to supply there, for six Sabbaths, beginning the 4th Sab: of July next, which was granted.
From Castleblaynie appeared Jo\textsuperscript{e} Skinnier, \&c., prosecuting an Appeal from a Sentence of the Pby of Monaghan transporting M\textsuperscript{r} Ja\textsuperscript{e} Gordon from that Congregation, to Bellyronie. The Synod considering that Bellyronie had dropt that affair, recommends it to the Pby of Monaghan, that they use proper measures for preserving M\textsuperscript{r} Gordon’s usefulness at Castleblaynie, especially since that people continue their regard to him.

M\textsuperscript{r} W\textsuperscript{m} Henry Comm\textsuperscript{t} from Loughbrickland, presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring that the several Pbyes may be ordered to send them, from time to time, till next Gen\textsuperscript{t} Synod, such Supplyes, as the Pby of Drummore shall write for. And particularly that M\textsuperscript{r} M\textsuperscript{c} Cordie be appointed to supply them for the month of Aug\textsuperscript{t} next. The Supplication was granted.

A Complaint was laid before this Synod, by M\textsuperscript{r} Dieck, wherein she observes that a considerable Arrear of the Fund is still due to her, by the Congregations of Drumssannahar, Tonoghmore, Moyra, Rathfryland, Markethill, Port-norris, \& Magheraly. The Synod recommends the payment of 4th arrear with all possible speed, \& that the Pbyes to whom these Congregations belong, use dilligence for that purpose.

The Minute of last Synod with reference to the keeping Communion with the Non-Sub\textsuperscript{r}, was now considered, \& reasoned on for some time: it was observed that some Pbyes had not considered that affair sufficiently, and some, not at all: upon w\textsuperscript{e} it was moved that the question be put, viz., Consider, or not? Another state of the question was proposed, namely, consider now, or refer? Upon a debate the previous question was put, viz., whither the first, or second of these shall be the state of the vote? The Roll was called, \& it was carried for the first. Then the question was put, namely, Consider or not? The Roll being called it was carried in the negative by a great majority.

The Mod\textsuperscript{t}. concluded the Synod with prayer.

\textit{Interloq\textsuperscript{t}. 1.}

This Interloq\textsuperscript{t} agrees to allow a double portion of the Ord\textsuperscript{t} R.D, to Banbreaky, upon their being planted.

Mr Montgomeirie

Complaint being made to this Interloq\textsuperscript{t} that M\textsuperscript{r} Jo\textsuperscript{e} Montgomeirie neither attends any of the Judicatories of this Church, nor even publick worship on the Lord’s day: it is enjoined the Pby of Derry to enquire into this affair, \& to proceed to censure him, if guilty, according to his offence: and make report to next Synod.

Mr Weld

A Letter from M\textsuperscript{r} Weld was read in this Interloq\textsuperscript{t} giving an account of his transactions for us in England. Mess\textsuperscript{r} Higinbothom, \& Ja\textsuperscript{e} White, Sen\textsuperscript{t} are ordered to write an answer to it.
This Interloq' agrees that the children of Mr Glasgow, deceased, shall have a portion of the Ordry. R.D. for one year, at least.

It is agreed that only such Widows as are recommended by the Min's Widows respective Pbyes, shall be returned to our Treasurer for a portion of the Ordry R.D. and that after the settlement of the Congregations, where their Husbands laboured, they shall be entitled to £4 0 0 ½ annum, during their Widowhood, provided the Pby where they reside, recommend them. And that the Widow of the late Mr Rob Drummond in the Pby of Letterkenny, Mrs Hemphill in the Pby of Monaghan, Mrs Stirling, Mrs Neil, & Mrs Dykes in the Pby of Rout, and Mrs Dick in the Pby of Tyrone be returned by the Synod's Clk. for one pound ½ Q' each.

Interloq'. 3.

The advice of this Interloq' was asked by the Pby of T.Patk in Mr Lees reference to the reponing of Mr Lees to the exercise of the Miûry, as they apprehend he may be usefull, having given good evidence of his repentance. The Interloq' refers it to that Pby, to doe in that affair, as they shall see fitt.

This Interloq' considered the melancholy circumstances of the Rye Congregation of Rye, and agrees that some supplyes be sent them by us. And that each supplyer shall have half a guinea ½ day, at next Gen'l Synod, over and above what the People shall give And we now appoint Mr Ja' Cochran, for Sab. come sennight. Mr And', Hamilton, the Sab. following. Mr Tim. White, the 3rd & 4th Sabhs. of July. Mr Wm Thomson, the last of July & first of Aug'. Mr Hill the 2nd & 3rd of Aug'. Mr Ja' Gordon, the last of Aug' & first of Sept'. Mr Ja' Jackson, the 2nd & 3rd of Sept'. Mr Rob' Huey the last Sab. of Sept' & first of Oct'. The Pby of Letterkenny if they see cause, may invite others to supply there.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk., S.G.

Aug' ye 16,
1748.
### A Synod at Maghrefelt, June ye 20, 1749.

M't Jo’s Brown Mod's of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Jon. 2, 6. And then constituted it by prayer. After prayer Sed of

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AT MAGHRÆFELT, JUNE 20TH, 1749.

Derry Pby.  
Wm. Hare  Jas. Allen  Jon. King  Jon. Semple

Bangor Pby.
Jon. Cochrans  Jas. Porter
Jon. Moorhead  Jas. Ferguson
Saml. Alexr.  Saml. Thomson
Wm. Rodgers  Wm. Laird.
Wm. Laird.  Jon. Brown
Jas. M'Kean

M'r Jo's Brown moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Modr. Synod. The following B's. were named for a Leet, viz., Mess'r Willm. Thomson, Jo'n Hill, Vict' Burgess, Jo'n Thomson, Eben Killburn, Patk. Plunkett, Jo'n Kennedy, Dav. Fairlie, Dav. Walker, Sam'l Alexr', Alex'r M'Combe, Jo'n Menogh. & Rob't Gordon. The Roll was called, & M' Jo'n Kennedy was chosen.

And Jo'n Cochrans was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Phyes meet this night & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod next Sed', of their members for the respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Gen'l Synod's fixed Committee; together with an account of such Min's as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin. Concluded w't prayer.

Die Mercurij, hora nona, Mane. Post preces Sed' qui supra. Sess. 24a

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Presbyes now gave Returns for the Committees; as also the following accounts, namely,

T. Patk Pby have entered M'r Benj. Cuningham Neilson, on first Tryals. They report that M'r Jo's Fraser dyed in Aug' 1748. And that Dead M'r Tim. White was transported from Bell Yeaston to Loghbrickland.

B'mena Pby report that M'r Jo's Semple was transported from Ahoghill to Anahilt.

Rout Pby have entered Mess'r Rob't Ewing & Tho' Reid on first tryals. And Mess'r Wm Calender & Jo'n Smith on 2nd tryals. They report that M'r Alex'r Cumine dyed Nov' 9, 1748.
Dublin Pby have Ordained M' Ebenezer Killburn. But when not said.
Monaghan Pby have ordained M' Wm. Flemming at Banbreaky Aug't 3, 1748. And M' Tho' Plunkett at Inniskilling Dec't 14, 1748. And have entered M' Wm. Moorhead on first tryals.

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Tyrone Pby report that M' Jo' Macleve dyed June 17, 1749.

Letterkenny Pby have Licensed M' Hu. Delap. And have entered M' And' Allex' on 2d tryals.

Bangor Pby have Installed M' Jo' Cochran at Bangor, Dec't 6, 1748.

Drummore Pby have Ordained M' Sam'l Thomson at Bellyronie, March 14, 1748/9. And have Installed M' Jo' Semple at Anahilt, June 7, 1749.

The Members for the Gen't Synods fixed Committee are as follows:—

For T. Patk Pby, Mess'n Tho' Brown & Mc'Connel, M' Jo' Mc' Neilly, Eld.'

For B. mena, Mess'n Higinbothom & Brown, M' Ch. Johnston, Eld.'

For Strabane, Mess'n Armstrong & Young. M' Ja' Porter, Eld.'

For Rout, Mess'n M' Bride & Smylie, M' Jackson Clark, Eld.'

For Dublin, Mess'n Mc'Beath & Mc'Collum.

For Monaghan, Mess'n Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Mess'n Wallace & Caldwell.

For Letterkenny, Mess'n Jo' & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Mess'n Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess'n Cuningham & Malcolm, M' Jo' Brown, Eld.'

For Killeleigh, Mess'n Mc'Combe & Strong, M' Wm. Taylour, Eld.'

For Armagh, Mess'n Menogh & Cherrie.

For Drummore, Mess'n King & Sims, M' Jo' Laurie, Eld.'

These with our Mod' & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod' on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum. Whereof 12 at least to be Minrs.

The affair of the Charity to M' Hemphill was considered, & the appointment of last Synod renewed: & the following B'o appointed to be Collectors for their respective Pbyes, namely, M' Jo' Thomson for T. Patk, M' Brown for B. mena, M' Ferguson, for Strabane, M' Buys for Rout, M' Mc'Master for Dublin, M' Ambrose for Monaghan, M'
Gibson for Tyrone, Mr Fairlie for Letterkenny, Mr Hare for Derry, Mr Laird for Bangor, Mr Cherrie for Armagh, Mr Strong for Killeleagh, and Mr King for Drummore. These Collectors are charged by the Synod to take all due care to have the deficiencies raised within three months of this Synod, and such as do not contribute, to be returned to next Synod. Which the Collectors promise to do.

Next Synod to be at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June, 1750. Next Synod Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

Ja* Patterson from Killraghtes, supplicated this Synod to renew Killraghtes the appointment of last year, in favour of that Congregation. We was granted.

M' Ch. M'Collum, by letter, supplicated this Synod to renew their Caple-Street their former Order, with respect to the supplying of Caple-Street. And M' M'Master desires that M' Hu. Young in particular, may be appointed to supply that Congregation for six Sab's, at his convenience. Both which were granted.


Hora 4th post meridiem, &c.

A supplication from Narrow-water was presented to this Synod, by Mr Cherrie, desiring that they may have a proportion of the Fund. The supplication was granted: and referred to the Committee of the Fund for Localities for £6 0 0 & annum.

A Supplication from some People in the new Erection in Ardsta, Mr Miller was presented to this Synod by Mr Ja* M'Ewing, desiring that the Suspension under which Mr Alex*. Miller had been laid by the Pby of Letterkenny, and which had been confirmed by the Sub-Synod of Derry, may be taken off by this Synod, & he restored to the exercise of his Minry among them. Upon we the Minutes of the Pby of Letterkenny, relating to that affair, were read. Whereby it appeared that s'd Pby had suspended him for a pretended clandestine Marriage & other immoralities, as set forth in s'd minutes. Mr Miller was heard,
at a considerable length, in making Remarks on st minutes. The minute of the Sub-Synod of Derry, approving the Conduct, & confirming the sentence of st Pby, was also read. All Parties were heard, & being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, & observed that M' Miller has been guilty of complicated & aggravated previration, and other gross immoralities. Upon the whole, the Question was putt, namely, Whither besides approving the conduct & sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny, & of the Sub-Synod of Derry, this Synod shall proceed to depose him, M' Miller, from the Ministry, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried unanimously in the affirmative. Parties were called in, the Minute read, and the Mod in the name of the Synod, pronounced the Sentence of Deposition.

From Ballee appeared Saml Heron &c supplicating that this Synod would appoint them the following Supplyes, namely, M' Jo's Smith a Candidate in the Pby of Rout, for the month of July next, M' Rob Smith in the Pby of Monaghan for Aug', M' Thos Brown for Sept', and M' Geo. Henry for Oct'. The Supplication was granted.

Adjourned to 9. to morrow morning. Concluded w' prayer.


A Supplication from Movill was presented to this Synod, setting forth the melancholy circumstances of that People, & praying for a share of the Fund. They are recommended to the Committee of the Fund.

A Supplication from Tobermore was laid before this Synod, by Ja's Allen &c: representing the difficulties they have laboured under since M' Turretine dimitted his charge of them: & desiring that the Pby of Tyrone may be ordered to resettle him there, or that they be allowed to join some other Pby. The Synod heard the Commiss & the Pby; and after reasoning agreed, that the affair be refer'd to the Pby of Tyrone, with the following Correspondents, namely, Mess Hills & McCreight from B'mena Pby. Mess Smylie & Henry from Rout. And Mess Lile and Ereskine from Derry. Who are to meet at Tobermore the 3d Tuesday of Aug next, & issue that affair.

M' Ja Hull produced Credentials of his being Licensed to preach the Gospel, & of his moral character from the Division or Pby of Bolton in S. Brittain, w're sustained by the Synod: and he having now subscribed, the West: Confess: of Faith was at his own desire, put under the care of the Pby of Derry.

A Supplication from Cookstown was presented to this Synod by M' Ja Brisbane &c desiring that M' Jos: Kinkead may be appointed to supply them for one month, commencing the 2d Sab: of July next, and M' James Jackson for the month of Aug'. Which was granted.

This Synod appoints M' Calender to supply the new Erection in Ardstra next Sab: & M' Wilson the Sab: following: as also that Mess Tim: White & Geo Cherrie write to that Congregation in the name of the Synod.
A Reference from the Sub Synod of Derry was laid before this Synod concerning the disannexing M' Hen: Ereskine from the Pby of Derry. That Presby complains that he, in many instances has been uneasy & troublesome to them. They & he were heard: the Synod considered the affair, & observed that the Congregation of Newtown Lemmavaddie, where he is Miir, do not appear satisfied to be taken from under the care of that Pby, agrees that he shall continue a member of it for one year, at least. The Synod recommends peace and brotherlie love among them.

Dan
d Galey presented to this Synod, an appeal from a sentence of the Pby of Strabane: of whom he complains, that they had inflicted a censure on him, which he, the Appell, could not comply with. The Pby & he were heard: & the minute of that Pby, with reference to that affair, was read. And whereas that brought the affair of Dan. Galey before that Pby was a Complaint which he had exhibited against a Candidate under the care of s^d Pby, viz., that s^d Candidate should have asserted from the Pulpit, that morality was the foundation of Religion: w^e he the Candidate denied; and Galey did not prove. The Candidate confessed, that in an inference of a sermon he had asserted, that if we imitate God only in His moral perfections, His Holiness, Goodness, Justice & truth, & that by imitating him in these things, we obtained communion and fellowship with him, & procured His love & approbation, then it followed that morality is the chief end and design of Religion &c., some of which expressions having given offence to some members of the Synod: it was moved that the Candidate should be asked, whither in his asserting that the imitation of God in His moral Perfections procured His love & approbation, he meant to exclude the mediation of Jesus Christ, or to take it in to the account? To w^e he answered, that he did not exclude, but took the mediation of Christ in to the account. M^r Tho. Thomson the above Candidate gave, in writing, an explanation of the expressions w^e had been excepted against, as follows, namely, In order to remove the offence that might have been taken from these words I had used, viz., If we can imitate God only in His moral Perfections, His holiness, truth, &c and if by imitating him in these things we obtained communion and fellowship with him, & procured His love & approbation, it therefore followed that morality was the chief end & design of Religion &c. I say to remove the offence that from hence might be taken, as if I did not believe the Christian Doctrines of the merits & satisfaction of Christ: I do with all sincerity declare, that the way to salvation revealed in the Gospel, & by which Christians ought to be saved, is only by the merits and satisfaction of our Redeemer, His name being the only name given under heaven, whereby men may be saved. Which explanation satisfied the Synod. Adjourned to 7 afternoon. Interloq' at 6. Concluded with prayer.

Hora Septima post Meridiem, &c.  

It was now moved by the Pby of Strabane, that the Synod would consider their conduct in the affair of Dan\n\nGaley's appeal. After
reasoning, the question was put, namely, Drop the consideration, of it, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative, by a great majority. However the Synod agreed that Dan' Galey shall be admonished for his rashness in reproaching M' Thomson, & cautioned against the like conduct, for the future; w^c was accordingly done by the Mod'.

The Synod at the desire of some members of the Pby of Monaghan, allows that they divide themselves into two Phyes, as they shall agree, with the assistance of Correspondents, to meet with that Pby, at Castleblaynie the 2d Tuesday of Aug^t next, namely from Tyrone, Messrs Gibson and Ker. From Killelagh, Messrs McCombe & Henry. From Drummore, Messrs Allen & Sims. And from Armagh, Messrs Cherrie & Maxwell, and if at that time, s^d Pby shall think fit to continue together, then M' Gordon, with the concurrence of his Congregation shall have libertic to join any other Pby. And that at s^d meeting, they shall endeavour to make up whatever misunderstandings may be among them. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning. Interloq' at 6. Concluded w^t prayer.

Die Veneris. Hora Octava. Mane &c.

The Committee of Overtures, now, laid before the Synod, w^c was read, & agreed to: namely, that whereas it appeared that several Formula's of Subscription to the West: Confess: of faith, have been used in different Phyes: & the reason given, that they have not had the Synods Formula, which has occasioned some Disputes & Jealousies, it is ordered, that for the future, one Formula, namely, that of the gen'i Synod, shall be used in all the Phyes belonging to this Synod, to be subscribed by all Intrants to Mi'ry, at their being Licensed Ordained & Installed. And that a copy of s^d Formula shall be transmitted, by the Clk, to each Pby, along with the Minutes of this Synod. And that the Phyes give, yearly, an account of their care & diligence, in this matter, to the Synod.

The Mod^t concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq'. 1.

Report being made to this Interloq' of divisions & confusions creeping into the Congregation of Convoy, Messrs Delap & Higinbothom are ordered to draw up a Letter to be sent to that People, which was done.

M' McMaster now paid the Widows, and has ordered that M's Hemphill & the widow of M' Rob' Drummond, be put into the List in the place of M's Tombs & M's Cochran deceased.

Interloq'. 2.

M' Vict' Ferguson complains that he is misrepresented by M' Wm Mc Crackan, as detaining some part of the R.D. due to his Mother's
familie. The Interloq' appoints Mess' Benj: Holmes & Wm Hare, w't the assistance of Wm Hamilton Esqr & M' Jo'. Porter to inspect & adjust accounts between them.

The Interloq' considered how the Supplyers appointed for Rye, Rye last Synod, shall be paid. And after reasoning, it was ordered that seven guineas for fourteen supplyes, shall be deducted from the first Q' of R.D. and that the Clk shall write to the Treasurer that he transmitt s' money to the persons who supplied there, according to half a guinea Q' day.

The Pby of Drummore promise to give, at next gen' Synod, nine Crowns for the support of Rye. The Pby of Strabane promise one Crown for each Congregation subject to them. Messr Menogh, McBrige, Allex', McKean, Cherrie, Wallace, Jo' Kennedy, Wm Wilson, Ja' White sen' & Patk. Plunket promise one Crown each. M' Jo' Brown of Bellfast four. And M' Laird two.

The following B', have now paid one crown each to Rye, namely, Messr Hutchison, Ambrose, M' Master, Moodie, Tho' Brown & Jo' Thomson.

This Interloq' appoints Brughshane to pay their Fund to Castleblaynie.

Ordered that M' Cochrans children, and M' Rainy be allowed one pound £ Q' for one year.

This Interloq' appoints M' McMaster to consult our friends in Dublin, concerning the expediency of addressing the Government at this time. And if they shall judge it expedient, that they do it in our name. And that he farther consult them concerning an application for an augmentation of R.D.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 28.
1749.
A general Synod at Dungannon, June 19th, 1751.

Mr. Jo Kennedy Mod of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts 28. 31. And then constituted it by prayer. Post process sed of

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AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 19TH, 1750.

M' Kennedy moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Montr Synod. The following were named for a Leet, viz., Messrs. Ja. White Jun', Ja. Smith, Dav. Smylie, Ch: M'Collum, Patk. Plunkett, Jo. Gibson, Saml. Allex', Alex' M'Combe, Jo. Menogh, Saml. Sims. The Roll was called, & M' Gibson was chosen. And Jo. Cochran was continued Clik.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Lists, to be given to the Clerk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, the Fund, & Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such miurs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7, to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin. Concluded w' prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona Mane. Post preces Sed' qui supra. Sess. 34a

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees, as also the following Reports, namely,

The Pby of B.mena report that M' Wm. Holmes, dyed May 1, 1750. Dead
Strabane Pby report that M' Ja. Maxwell dyed Feb'. 1, 1749/50.


Monaghan Pby have entered M' Hu: Nesbit on first Tryals, and have Ordained M' Ja. Jackson at Bellybay, Feb'. 21, 1749/50. They report that M' Bapt. Boyd dyed Nov' 25, 1749.

Tyrone Pby have entered M' Allex' Johnston on first Tryals, and M' Rob' Peebles on 2d tryals. And have Installed M' Ja. Turretine at Tobermore.

Letterkenny Pby have entered M' Hu: Delap on first Tryals; have Ordained M' And' Allex' at Urnie Aug' 31, 1749. And M' Callender at the new Erection in Ardstra Oct' 11, 1749.

Armagh Pby have Licensed M' Wm. Campble.

Drummore Pby have Installed M' Tim: White at Loghbrickland Sept' 12, 1749.

Coothill Pby have Licensed M' Wm. Moorhead.

The Members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely, Synod's fixed Com.

From B.mena Pby, Messrs. Higinbothom & Hill. M' Ch: Johnston Eld'.
For Strabane, Messrs Armstrong & Young.
For Rout, Messrs McBride & Smylie. Mr Jackson Clark, Eld.
For Dublin, Messrs McBeath & MCollum.
For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.
For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy & Duffine.
For Letterkenny, Messrs Jo & Benj Holmes.
For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs Malcolm and Huey. Mr Joa Brown Eld.
For Killeleagh, Messrs MCcombe & Strong. Mr Wm Taylour Eld.
For Armagh, Messrs MCowen & Maxwell.
For Drummore, Messrs King & Sims. Mr Joa Lawry Eld.
For T.Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & MCconnel. Mr Joa MC Neilly Eld.

These with our Mod. & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod. on any Emergent. 13 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least to be Ministers.

Mrs Hemphill

Bmena Pby have contributed to Mx Hemphill, as have Rout, Drummore, the greatest part of Bangor & Armagh. No account from T.Patk, Strabane, Dublin, Monaghan, Tyrone, Letterkenny, Derry, or Killeleagh. The appointment is renewed with respect to the deficient Presbys, & the same Collectors continued; only Mr MCollum is to collect for Dublin.

The Pby of Tyrone, with Correspondents, did meet at Tobermore, and ordered the resettlement of Mr Turretine in that Congregation.

The minute of last Synod relating to the Pby of Derry & Mr Ereskine, being read some B's report, that with the consent of that Pby, & at his own desire, he was disannexed from it, by the Sub-Synod of Derry. It does not appear that he, Mr Ereskine, was joined to any other Pby, by that Synod. Mr Menogh is appointed to write to him, & his Congregation, that they put themselves under the care of some Pby before next Synod.

The Pby of Monaghan with Correspondents, met as appointed last Synod; the Minutes whereof were read: whereby it appears that they were then divided into two distinct Phyes. The one consisting of the following B's, namely, Messrs Patk. Plunkett, Wm Ambrose, Geo. Carson, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Thos Boyle, Wm Flemming, Thos Plunkett & Ja Jackson & to be still called the Pby of Monaghan. The other to consist of Messrs Alex Fleming, And Dean, Ja Bond, Ja Hamilton, Joa Algeo, Alex M Kye, Ja Clark, & Rob Gordon, & to be called the Pby of Coot-hill. Upon the whole, the question was put, namely, Whether the division of the Pby of
Monaghan, since the Pby with Correspondents, could not prevail with them to continue together, was agreeable to the intention of the minute of last Synod, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative. At the same time the Synod approves the conduct of the Bș. who corresponded with that Pby in their endeavours to promote peace.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq at 5. Concluded with prayer.

**Hora 5æ post meridiem &c.**

A Supplication from Scotstown was presented to this Synod by Messįn Jaș Brisbane &c: desiring that Mr Robt Ewing, a Candidate in the Pby of Rout, may be appointed to supply that Congregation, for the month of July next. The Synod considered the Supplication, & agreed to appoint him to supply there, the two first Sab's of July, & the two first Sab's of Aug't next.

Application was made to this Synod, by Mr Tim. White, who produced a Commission from the Pby of T.Patk so to doe, desiring that Mr Wm Rogers may be allowed by the Pby of Bangor to supply the Congregation of Bellyeaston for the space of four Lord's days, commencing the 4th Sab: of July next, or if it be more convenient that he supply them earlier. Which was granted.


**Die Jovis. Hora 7æa mane &c.**

A Supplication from some persons, formerlie members of the Castle-Blaynie Congregation of Castle Blaynie (but as they set forth, dissembled from that Congregation by the Sub Synod of Armagh) was presented to this Synod by Will'm. Ballie, desiring Suppyles. The Minute of that Sub Synod with reference to this affair, was read : by w't it appears that s't Sub Synod ordered them to pay what arrear they owed to Mr Gordon,
and upon their so doing, to get dismisses, & be under the care of the Pby of Monaghan, till the gen' Synod. M' Gordon now allledged that the above Commis's is indebted to C.Blaynie, not only in Stipend due by himself, but also as one of the Bondsmen of the whole Stipend. The Commis's allledged money to be due to him by 6th Congregation. A Letter from L'd Blaynie, directed to this Synod, was read, wherein his Lordship asserts that M' Gordon had not made that submission to him, w' the Pby of Monaghan had enjoined. The Synod ordered M' Gordon to write a letter of submission to his Lordship, & bring it in to next sed: & ordered that a letter, in the name of the Synod to L'd Blaynie, be wrote by M' Maxwell. The Synod farther enjoins M' Gordon & the Suppliants, to leave the adjustment of their accounts to the arbitration of Mess'res Jo Kennedy, Jo Gibson, Jo King, Jo Mulligan, & Jo Ker; who are to meet for that purpose, at Kedy, the 4th Wednesday of July next. The Synod farther recommends it to M' Gordon, & the Supplyants, to use all proper & Christian endeavours in order to remove the differences that subsist between them; & that these Malecontents be allowed libertie to associate with neighbouring Congregations, most convenient to them, & be admitted to Sealing Ordinances, as they shall have occasion, upon their producing Certificates from the Session of C.Blaynie; and that 6th Session shall give Certificates to those who are free of publick scandal: and this to continue till next gen' Synod, if their differences be not compromised before that time. The Committee aforesaid are not only to adjust their Accounts, but also to fix the persons who shall have Certificates.

The next Synod is to be at Antrim the 3rd Tuesday of June 1751. Sermon to begin at 5 o' the clock afternoon.

From Caple Street appeared Mess'es Ch: M'Collum, Wm. Simson, &c. prosecuting an Appeal from a Resolution of a Committee of the Pby of Strabane, refusing the Translation of M' Hu: Young from Derg, to Caple Street. A supplication from Derg was presented to this Synod by Wm. Seaton &c. praying that the relation between their Pastor & them, may be continued. Then the Minute of the Committee, from which the appeal was made, was read: The Reasons for the desired Translation, & Dergs answers to these reasons, were severally read. The Commis's from Caple Street & Derg were all heard, as was also the Pby of Strabane. M' Young was also heard, who expressed his sincere attachment to Derg. Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, & M' Delap was desired to pray for light and direction in the issuing of it. Then the Question was putt namely, Remove M' Young from Derg, to Caple Street, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carriyed in the negative by a great majority. Parties were called in, and the Minute read to them.

From Moyra appeared Alex Robison &c suppling that this Synod would put that, now united, Congregation under the care of the Pby of Bangor, which was granted.

Mess'es Tho' Moor &c from Clogher, presented a supplication desiring that they may be supplied from this time, till next Synod, by the following Candidates, namely, M' McNeilly for July. M' Hull for
August. Mr Ewing for Sept. Mr Martin for Oct. Mr Adams for Nov. Mr Sloan for Dec. Mr Duglass for Jan. Mr Campble for Feb. Mr Thos Reid from Rout, for March. Mr Sam Kennedy for Apr. Mr Rowan for May. And Mr Thos Reid from Killeleagh Pby for June. They also supplicate that some ordained Miurs be appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Supper to them. The Synod granted the Supplication, & appointed Messrs Gibson, Cardwell & Ker to administer the Sacrament as desired.

Mr Delap, in the name of the Pby of Letterkenny, applied to this Synod, for leave to call such Probationers to supply Raphoe, now erected into a Congregation by the Sub-Synod of Derry, as they shall from time to time need, till next gen Synod, which was granted.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. And immediately resolve this Synod into an Interloq'. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5th post Meridiem, &c. Sess. 5th

A Supplication from part of the Session & Congregation of Ballei was presented to this Synod, by Messrs Ch Johnston &c. desiring that their appeal from some Resolutions of the Pby of Killeleagh (ordering a Call to be drawn up by part of that Congregation, & that such Call be tendered to Mr Rob Smith) may be considered by this Synod: And farther supplicating that he, Mr Smith, may be laid aside, & that this Synod send them other Supplyes for some time. The Minutes of that Pby relating to this affair, were read: the Reasons of Appeal, & answers to them, were read. Appeared from the other part of that Congregation Messrs Ja Clark, &c., who gave in a Paper containing a long detaile of the proceedings of that Congregation: & supplicating that Mr Smith’s settlement among them may be forwarded, as this Synod shall think fitt. All Parties were heard, & being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, put the Question, namely, Approve the conduct of the Pby of Killeleagh, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative, by a great majority.

The Synod, at the request of a Comm’ from Rye, appoints Messrs Rye McCurdie & Lile to administer the Sacrament of the Supper there the second Sabath of Aug next

Mr McCollum moved that this Synod would grant the same libertie to Caple Street to Caple Street, with respect to their being supplied by the Phyes, as formerlie. Which was granted. He further desired that a letter be wrote, & sent by this Synod, to that Session & Congregation. The Synod agrees, and appoint Messrs Maxwell & McCombe to write s’t Letter. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning. Concluded w’t prayer.

Die Veneris. Hora 8th Mane, &c. Sess. 6th

This Synod now considered what advice shall be given to ye Pby of Killeleagh, with reference to their conduct, for the future, in the affair of Ballei: and in reasoning on this subject, the Synod observed some things advanced last night, & now insisted on, affecting the
Character of Mr. Smith, namely, that he from the Pulpit of Clonanish, in a Lecture, had uttered words which gave great offence to several People there, at that time, & have been since reported thro' the Country: and also considering that the Committee of the Pby of Monaghan had enquired into that affair, & acquitted him, yet it has not put a stop to the offence & clamour raised by it. It was moved by some Members, that a Committee be appointed by this Synod, to enquire into that whole affair, before advice can be given to the Pby of Killeleagh. Others moved that advice be given now. Upon which the Question was put, viz., a Committee or advise now? The Roll was called, & it was carried for a Committee. Accordingly the Synod appoints the following B's, namely, from Tyrone Pby, Messrs Kennedy, Gibson, Duffine, & Ker. From Reut, Messrs Smylie & Henry. From Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Henry. From B. mena, Messrs Higinbothom, & Hill. From Strabane, Messrs Ferguson & Young. From Letterkenny, Messrs Marshall & Callender. From Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Hood. From Bangor, Messrs Alexander & Huey. From Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Maxwell. From Drummore, Messrs White & Sims. And from T. Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel: & with each, an Elder, of which Eight to be a Quorum. They are to meet at Aghnadloy the 3rd Wednesday of July next; and are to give advice to ye Pby of Killeleagh according as Mr. Smith's Character shall be cleared, or otherwise.

A Scheme for creating a Fund for the support of Ministers Widows & Children, being approved by the Interlocutors. And the Interlocutor having appointed Messrs Delap, Jas White Senr, King, Menogh, & Maxwell, together with Mr. Wm Bruce, from Dublin, if he shall think fitt, to draw up a Resolution of the Synod, for the continuing subscriptions, in time to come, for the support of 3d Fund. A Draught of 3d Resolution was now read, and is as follows, namely:— Whereas a Scheme has been formed for enabling such Munirs as shall be so minded to make a provision for their wives & children on the event of their death by an Annual contribution of forty shillings a year, out of their proportion of the King's bounty. Now we the Genl Synod of Ulster having seriously considered 3d scheme, & being satisfied of its evident tendency to support the Credit of the dissenting interest in general, and likewise to save from distress, many Families in particular, doe hereby resolve, that every person who shall succeed to any of the Congregations of those who are, or hereafter shall be contributors to 3d Fund, shall pay yearly, during his being Muir of 3d Congregation, the like summe, of forty shillings. out of his proportion of the King's bounty, to the continuance of 3d Fund; & on this condition, the wife & children of such successor shall be entitled to an equal & annual distribution, agreeable to the nature & design of the above mentioned Scheme. The above Resolution was voted & unanimously approved, excepting one dissenting voice.

The Committee of the Fund, laid the following Overture before the Synod, wth was read, & agreed to, namely, that the state of the Localities shall continue, as appointed last Synod, until the next; and at next meeting of the Synod, the Clerks of the several Pbyes, bring in,
and deliver to the Committee of the Fund, an exact List of ye several Congregations, within their respective bounds, who need it, & the quantity they stand in need of. As also an account of what Fund money, each Congregation within their bounds, pay towards ye Gen' Fund.

The Mod'. concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Interloq'. 1.

A Scheme for creating a Fund for the support of Mi'rs Widows & Children, was read in this Interloq'. & was generally approved, & agreed to; & a subscription of forty shills per Annum was proposed for the raising such Fund. Accordingly several of the B'. now subscribed.

By Certificates from the Gentlemen who had the inspection of Accounts between M' Victor Ferguson & M' Wm. M'Crackan, concerning the R.D. it appears that M' Ferguson has acted a fair and candid part in that matter.

Interloq'. 2d.

Several more B" now subscribed to the Fund for the support of Mi'rs Widows &c. This Interloq' agrees, that the following B", namely, Mess" Delap, Ja" White Sen", King, Menogh, & Maxwell, together w' M' Wm Bruce from Dublin, if he shall think fitt, shall draw up a Resolution of the Synod, for the continuing Subscriptions, in time to come, for the support of s" Fund.

Interloq'. 3d.

The above Scheme was farther considered, & it was agreed that a fair Copy of it be lodged in the hands of the Clk of the Synod, by him to be transmitted to the several Phyes; in order to their taking farther subscriptions.

This Interloq' also considered, & chose Trustees for the Management of this Fund, & these are Allex'. Stewart Esq", Will". Lennox Esq", Alderman Ja" Dun, Doctor Geo; Martin, Doctor Geo; Maconchy, and the Revd M' Rob' M'Master, all of the City of Dublin: and farther agreed that M' Wm Bruce be requested to write to the above Gentlemen, beseeching them to accept of that Trust.

It was also agreed to invite the Pby of Antrim to join in this Scheme. M' Maxwell is appointed to write to s" Pby for that purpose.

Inserted

July 23. 1750.

JO". COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.
RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD

A Gen'. Synod at Antrim, June ye 18, 1751.

Mr Jo' Gibbon Mod'. of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. 4.5, and then constituted it by prayer. Post process Sed' of

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[Names of ministers and elders listed in order, with no additional context provided.]
AT ANTRIM, JUNE 18TH, 1751.


Drummore Pby. B.mena Pby.

Tim. White Jon. M'Cammon Robt Higinbothom

Mr. Gibson moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following B's were named for a Deed, viz. Messrs. Jon. Hill, Robt Brown, Wm. Patton, Wm. Ambrose. Cha: Caldwell, Wm. Rogers, Alexr. M'Combe, Jo' Menogh, Sam'l Sims, Jo' Thomson, Tho' Bond, & Wm. Wilson. The Roll was called, & M' Patton was chosen. And Jo' Cochran was continued Clk nem: contradicente.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night & prepare Lists for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, books, Fund, & the Synod's Fixed Committee, as also an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at Seven o'clock to morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.


The time appointed for prayer, was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in lists for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely:

The Pby of Strabane report that Mr' Hu: M'Crackan was Ordained at Badoney June ye 4th 1751, and Mr' Hu: Delap at Omagh June 5, 1751. They both subscribed.

The Pby of Rout have Ordained Mr' Joseph Duglass at Derrikghan Ap' 9, 1751. And Mr' Rob' Ewing at Killraghtes June 12, 1751. They both subscribed. They report that Mr' Fr: Ross dyed March ye 4, 1750/1.

Monaghan Pby have Licensed Messrs. Hu. Nisbit & Wm. M'Ckye, who both subscribed.

Coothill Pby report that Mr' Alexr' Flemming dyed Oct' 13, 1750, and that they have translated Mr' Gordon from C.Blanyie to Raphoe.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Mr' Alexr' Johnston: who subscribed.

Derry Pby have Licensed Mr' Jo' Haslet: and Ordained Mr' Jo' Cochran at Movill, July ye 3rd, 1750. They both subscribed. Mr' Maj' Murray died in Feb' 1750/1.
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Bangor Pby report that M' Ch. Masterton dyed July ye 15, 1750, that they have deposed M' Neth. Orr. And that Messrs Jos. Mitchell & Wm. Rowan are entered on 2d tryals.

Killeleagh Pby have Licensed M' Joa Williamson, & Ordained M' Robt Smith at Balleec Oct' 3rd 1750. Who both subscribed. And have entered M' Wm Donaldson on first tryals.

Drummore Pby have entered M' Wm Henry on first Tryals.

T. Patk Pby have Licensed M' Alex Neilson, who subscribed & have entered M' Ja Dick on first, & M' Alex Neilson on 2d tryals,

B.mena Pby have entered M' Joa Rainkin on 2d tryals.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely,
For Strabane Pby, Messrs Armstrong & Young.
For Rout, Messrs M'Bride & Buys.
For Dublin, M' M'Collum.
For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.
For Coothill, No Return.
For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy & Duffine.
Nor Letterkenny, Messrs Marshal & Benj. Holmes.
For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs Malcolm & Huet.
For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Henry.
For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Henry.
For Drummore, Messrs White & Sims.
For T. Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel.
For B.mena, Messrs M'Curdie & Brown.

These with our Mod & Ck are to meet at Dungannon, when called by our Mod on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be M'rs.

Mrs Hemphill

It is recommended to those who have not paid their charitable contribution to M's Hemphill, that they do it as soon as possible. It was agreed that the several Physe call their respective absentees from this Synod, to account, at their next, meeting after their receiving a copy of the Synod's Minutes.

Absent, excused


Abst. excused

Absent & no excuse from them are Messrs Ja Smith, Andt Welsh, Wm Armstrong, Joa Osborne, Joa Thomson, Dav. Smylie, Joa Logue,

None of the Committee appointed in the affair of C.Blaynie, C.Blaynie attended, but Mr Gibson. This Synod appoints a new one to consist of the following B\', namely, Messrs Jo\' Kennedy, Maxwell, King, Ker, Gibson, & Geo. Ferguson, to meet at Kedy, the first Wednesday of Aug\' next, and finally issue that affair. Mr Gordon & others concerned, to attend, 8th Committee.

Mr Ja\' Gordon having cast harsh & severe reproofs on Gentlemen, not now present, he was rebuked, in the name of the Synod, by the Moderator. Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Interlocutor at 4 this afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora 10\'s mane &c.

The following Overture was brought in, & agreed to by ye Synod, viz., That whereas Messrs Neth. Orr of Bangor, & Alex' Miller of Ardstra, sometime a part of this Body, but for various crimes absolutely deposed from the Ministry they received from us & now cast out of our Communion, do persist in despite of all our admonitions and reproofs, as we are well informed to marry all such persons of whatever denominations as apply to them. This Synod does hereby declare their utter abhorrence and detestation of such vile & scandalous practices, & could their censures any way farther affect them, we would gladly inflict them. And this Synod does farther declare, that we look upon such marriages as have been made by any of them, since their Desposition, to be no better than if made by any footman in the Kingdom; & all such persons of our Communion, as shall for the future, be married by any of them, shall be deemed none of our Communion till they first publickly, in the face of some Congregation in our bounds, confess their irregular & scandalous behaviour, & enter into the Matrimonial bonds in some regular way. And that all Witnesses of such Marriages shall publickly acknowledge their fault before they shall be received as regular members of our Communion. And this Synod unanimously agrees this Overture shall be read by every Minister, in their several Congregations, in our bounds, on the first Lord's day they can have an opportunity to read the same.

Next Synod to be at Dungannon the 3d Tuesday of June 1751. Next Synod Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

The Committee met at Aghnacloy, as appointed last Synod, & advised the Pby of Killeleagh to proceed to the Ordination of Mr Rob\' Smith at Ballee, w\'s has been accordingly done. The Minutes of 8th Committee were read in the Synod, & the Question put, viz., Approve the conduct of the Committee, or not? The Roll was called & it was
carried in the affirmative by a great majority. Mr Turretine entered his protest against 3d Resolution.

A Supplication from Clogher was presented to this Synod, desiring to be put under the care of the Pby of Tyrone. Which was granted.

A Supplication from the third Congregation in Bellfast, was presented to this Synod, by Mr Jo Brown: desiring that they may be supplied for the month of July, by Mr Jo Rainkin, for Aug by Mr Marshall, for Sept by Mr Hull, & for the rest till next Synod, that the respective Pbyes be ordered to send such monthly supplyers, as they shall from time to time, write for. And farther, in case they shall fix on any Gentleman, & there shall happen to be an Appeal, that the Synod's Committee be ordered finally to issue 3d appeal. The Supplication was granted.

A Supplication from Omagh, was presented to this Synod, by Dav. Denny &c., desiring that they may be disannexed from the Pby of Strabane, & put under the care of the Pby of Letterkenny. Which was granted. The above Comrs complain that the Pby of Strabane send Supplyes to a few persons who had opposed their settlement, & w they fear may be attended with bad consequences: & request that the Synod would put a stop to it, for the future. The Synod after reasoning, appointed Messrs Higinbothom & Mr Master to write to the Pby of Strabane that they desist from sending supplyes to these malecontents. W was accordingly done.

A Supplication from Stone-bridge was presented to this Synod by Wm Harrison, &c., complaining that the Pby of Monaghan had made an Erection at Newbless, in the bounds of the Pby of Coot-hill, w they apprehend, may be hurtful to their congregation, already very weak, and that this was done, notwithstanding Remonstrances against it, made to the Pby of Monaghan, by the Pby of Coot-hill.

Another Supplication from the Congregation of Drumdartrey & much to the same purpose, was presented to this Synod, representing that 4th Erection would, in like manner be detrimental to & subversive of Drum. The Comrs from Stone-bridge and Drum were heard, & also what the Pby of Monaghan had to say with respect to their conduct in erecting 4th congregation. After which the Synod came to the following Resolution, namely, That the Pby of Monaghan was blameworthy in entering into the bounds of the Pby of Coot-hill and erecting a Congregation there: and that the Pby of Monaghan be admonished that they do not so in time to come. And it is also the judgment of this Synod that 4th Erection be dissolved. The Pby of Monaghan was admonished accordingly.

A Supplication from Cookstown was presented to this Synod by Mr Ja Brisbane, desiring that Mr W Wilson be appointed to supply them for the month of July next. The Synod appoints him to preach there two Sabaths of 4th month.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq'. at 5.

Concluded with prayer.
A Supplication from Coagh was presented to this Synod by Jo\(^o\) Creight, desiring that M\(^o\) Hull be appointed to supply them for the month of July next, and M\(^o\) Haslet for Aug\(^1\), which was granted.

From Moyra appeared Jo\(^o\) Robison, &c., setting forth the weakness of that congregation, & requesting that they be allowed a share of the Fund for some time, hoping in a few years, when happily planted, they shall be able to give a competent maintainance themselves. This refer\(d\) to the Committe of the Fund, who are appointed to meet this night, or to-morrow morning; and that the Clks. of the several Phys attend 4\(^{th}\) Committe, at their meeting, to answer the end of last year's Overture.

The Pby of T. Patk desire that this Synod would advise the Pby of Bangor to allow M\(^r\) Rogers to supply Ballineure for either the month of July or Aug\(^1\), as shall be most convenient for him, which was agreed to.

W\(^e\) Harrison Com\(m\)r from Stone-bridge supplicated this Synod for the following Supplyes, namely, M\(^r\) McMin, for the month of July next, M\(^r\) Love for Aug\(^1\). M\(^r\) Smith for Sept\(^r\), M\(^r\) Wight for Oct\(^r\). M\(^r\) Hull for Nov\(^r\) & M\(^r\) Hall for Dec\(^r\) w\(^e\) was granted.

From Rye appeared M\(^r\) Dav: Vance representing the shattered state of that Congregation, and supplicating that this Synod would supply them for some time: & that this Synod, or the Pby of Letterkenny, would write to some Pby in N. Britain, that they send over some agreeable Candidate to supply them for some time. The Synod refers this to the Pby of Letterkenny, to do in it as they shall see expedient.

M\(^r\) Ch: McCollum, by a letter supplicates, in the name of the Session and Congregation of Caple Street, that this Synod would renew their former Order with reference to their being supplied, viz, That the several Phyes be directed to send such supplyes to them as they shall from time to time write for. Which was granted.

This Synod recommends it to the Congregations that are in Arrear of the Fund to M\(^r\) Ja\(^o\) Gordon, that they take care to have it speedily paid. Adjournd to 8 to morrow morning.

Interloc\(t\) at 7. Concluded w\(^t\) prayer.

\textit{Die Veneris Hora octava Mane &c.}

The consideration of M\(^r\) Ereskine's joining some Pby is put off till next Synod, when if he shall find a competent number of Minrs willing to join him, without hurting other Phyes, a new one may be erected.

A Memorial from some Members of the Congregation of Plunket Street, directed to this Synod, was read, wherein they complain that by the influence of another part of that Congregation, a new collection of Psalms & hymns, had been introduced into their publick Worship,
without calling together the Congregation, that their consent might be had in the affair.

A Representation from another part of that Congregation was laid before the Synod, wherein they set forth, that it was agreeable to the majority of s\textsuperscript{d} congregation, that this new Collection should be made use of, in their publick Worship. As this affair was laid before the Pby of Dublin, the minutes whereof were read in the Synod, and their conduct approved: After reasoning, it was agreed that a Letter be wrote from this Synod, to that Congregation, recommending peace, & mutual forbearance to both Parties. Mess\textsuperscript{a} Boyd, Higinbothom, & Hood, are ordered to draw up s\textsuperscript{d} letter, w\textsuperscript{e} being done, the Letter was read, & the question put, viz, Approve s\textsuperscript{d} Letter, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative. Mess\textsuperscript{a} King, Jo\textsuperscript{n} Thomson, Semple & Turretine desired that their Dissent from s\textsuperscript{d} Resolution might be entered in the Minute.

The Mod\textsuperscript{c} concluded the Synod with prayer.

\textit{Interloq\textsuperscript{r}. 1}

A Commiss\textsuperscript{a} from the Pby of Antrim, to Mess\textsuperscript{a} Jo\textsuperscript{n} Henderson, Alex\textsuperscript{e} Colvill, Jo\textsuperscript{n} Elder, Alex\textsuperscript{e} Maclain, Clot. Brown, Jo\textsuperscript{n} Beaty, Jo\textsuperscript{n} Marshal, & W\textsuperscript{m} Nvin, to attend this Synod, and confer w\textsuperscript{e} them about matters of publick concern to them & us, was read in the Interloq\textsuperscript{r} & sustained. Upon which the Gentlemen Commiss\textsuperscript{a} were heard, who represented that of late years, they had observed a very considerable diminution of the Ord\textsuperscript{r} R.D. and desired that this Interloq\textsuperscript{r} would give an account of the number of Congregations belonging to ye Synod, which was done: and the number subject to the Synod, amounts to 157. As the number subject to the Pby of Antrim is 13.

A Letter from Mr Weld in Dublin, was read, wherein he puts us in mind of a Resolution, sometime agoe, entered into by ye Synod, viz. That a present of Table Linnen be given to Doctor Iveral in London for his care in soliciting the add\textsuperscript{i} R.D. We agree that such linnen be purchased; & committ the Management of it to Mess\textsuperscript{a} M\textsuperscript{c}Master and Weld, & the Minrs in the north will pay the one half of ye Charge.

A Letter from the Trustees for the Widow\textsuperscript{a} Fund, in w\textsuperscript{e} they signify their acceptance of s\textsuperscript{d} Trust, & also an enclosed Abstract of their proceedings, in the execution of it, in time past, was read in the Interloq\textsuperscript{r}. Mess\textsuperscript{a} Boyd & Menogh are appointed to answer s\textsuperscript{d} Letter. Which was accordingly done.

This Interloq\textsuperscript{r} now read the proceedings of last Synod w\textsuperscript{t} reference to the scheme for the Widow\textsuperscript{a} Fund: and with some few amendments, s\textsuperscript{d} scheme was unanimously approved. This Interloq\textsuperscript{r} warmly recommends it to the Several Sessions & Congregations subject to this Synod, that they make charitable Contributions to this Fund, in such manner as they shall see most expedient.
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This Interloq agree that Mr Lang shall have a portion of the Mrs Lang Ord R.D. during her natural life: with we the Pby of Antrim concurs.

It is farther agreed that the thanks of the house be given to Mr Wm Bruce for his care and zeal in projecting and carrying on ye scheme for the Widow's Fund. Which was done by ye Mod.

Interloq. 2d.

The Commrs from the Pby of Antrim being now present, it was Key for R.D. agreed between them & us, that for the future, the R.D. shall be distributed only to such Miurs, as actually have Congregations: and that shall be a Key for the Management of the Fund, between them & us.

Mr Boyd is appointed to write to Mr Lang, our Treasurer, to know what securities he has given for the R.D., and with whom they are lodged; and if there be none, that they be given.

It is agreed that a double portion of the Ord R.D. be continued to Moy-water & Banbreaky, & that the portion be taken from Sligoe, till they shall be planted.

Interloq. 3d.

Agreed that the R.D. be continued & distributed to Min till next Synod, as formerlie.

Mr Wm Henderson, tho he has no congregation, generously proposeth to bestow to the Widows' Fund forty shill. a year, without any view of his families receiving anything from it.

This Interloq, considering the trouble and fatigue the Clk. has been at in the Affair of the Widows' Scheme, agrees, that for this year, he shall have double fees: & that he shall transmitt a Copy of the List for the distribution of the R.D., w'he shall send to the Treasurer, to each Pby, along with ye Minutes of the Synod.

Agreed that Mr Holmes of Urney shall receive one pound 3s Qs Mr Holmes of the Ord R.D.

Mr McMaster not being in the Country last Synod, has at this, paid two years Charity to the Widows of his list, viz. forty shill: to each.

WIDOWS' SCHEME.

The Scheme for creating a Fund towards the support of the Widows and Orphan children of such Ministers of the gen Synod of Ulster, and of the Pby of Antrim, having Congregations, as shall be willing to contribute towards it: and likewise for the support of the Widows and Orphan Children of the Successors of all such original Contributors, as it was amended & approved at a Gen Synod at Antrim, June 18, 1751, and as now put under the following regulations, namely:
Reg. 1. That every Minister entering into this Scheme, shall subscribe a summe not less than forty shill: a year: & that this subscription shall be sufficient authority to the Treasurer hereafter appointed, to deduct a summe out of his respective proportion of the Kings bounty.

Reg. 2. That in consideration of this annual Contribution, the Widow of every such Minister shall be entitled to an Annuity for life, not less than twelve pounds a year, & not exceeding thirty. And in case s'd widow shall dye in less than eight years after becoming entitled to s'd annuity, leaving Children or child of that Marriage, s'd annuity shall be continued to all the children of the deceased Minister, whither by that, or any other marriage, to the end of s'd eight years. And in case of children being left Orphans by the death of their Father, such children, or child shall be entitled to s'd annuity for the full term of eight years, & no longer.

Reg. 3. That no widow, or Orphan shall be entitled to more than twelve pounds a year, till after the expiration of eight years from the commencement of this Fund: but after this term, the whole annual produce of this Fund shall be equally distributed, provided the summe shall not exceed thirty pounds to each family or widow.

Reg. 4. That in case any Widow shall marry another Husband, having children, or one child, living, by the deceased. From the time of s'd marriage, only one moyety is to be given to the mother, & the other to the children of the deceased minister, whither by the last, or any other marriage: but on the death of s'd children, the whole is to return, and be paid to the mother.

Reg. 5. That the Treasurer for the time being, to the Gen'l Synod, for the Kings bounty, shall be the Treasurer for this Fund, who shall pay into the hands, of Trustees, hereafter named, the annual Produce of the Fund.

Reg. 6. That the first payment shall be made by him the 25 or 26, of Sept' 1750, out of such portion of the Kings bounty as shall be then in his hands, & that this shall be the annual time of payment for every succeeding year, provided the Treasurer shall have so much of the Kings bounty belonging to the respective contributors, then in his hands, or as soon after as such money shall be received by him. And that the payment of Annuities shall not commence till after the 26, of Sept' 1751. And till after the second years contribution has been paid by the Treasurer, to the Trustees.

Reg. 7. That the Trustees after giving back to the Treasurer, the summe that shall be from year to year, requisite for discharging the annuities; shall have full power to lay out the Residue at Interest, for the benefit of the Fund, & without any risque to themselves, in such manner as they shall see fit.

Reg. 8. That the number of Trustees shall be six, & the following Gentlemen shall be the original Trustees, namely, Allex' Stewart, Esq'; W' Lennox, Esq', Alderman Ja' Dunn, Doctor Geo. Martin, the Rev'd Robi M'Master, & Doctor Geo. Maconchy, all of the City of Dublin.
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And on the event of a vacancy, by death, or otherwise, the remaining Trustees, three at least concurring, are requested to recommend a successor to the Contributors at next Gen'l Synod, and that timous notice, before the Synod, be given to the Pby of Antrim. And upon the approbation of the majority of the Contributors, such Gentleman shall be deemed a regular Trustee.

Reg. 9. That three shall be a Quorum sufficient for managing any other article of business relative to the Trust, excepting a case should happen, when the annual Produce of the Fund shall not be sufficient to afford a distribution of twelve pounds to each annuitant; upon this occasion it shall be in the power of a full Board, to make up this deficiency, out of so much of the principal, or stock of such Fund as shall happen to be dead in their hands, but in case the money lying dead shall not be sufficient for this purpose, then the distribution shall be suspended till after the next meeting of Gen'l Synod, when an opportunity will be had of laying the matter before the Contributors to said Fund, in order to its receiving such a Remedy as a majority of them shall direct; the Treasurer giving seasonable notice, by circular letters, to the several contributors, of the nature of this Emergency.

Reg. 10. That all expenses attending the execution of this Trust, shall be defrayed out of the annual Produce of the Fund; and that the Treasurer shall have a right to charge each Annuitant at the rate of sixpence in the pound for his trouble, till such time as the Contributors & he shall think fit to enter into a new agreement.

Reg. 11. That the respective Annuitants shall be entitled to a proportion of the annuity of the current year, in which they shall happen to dye, corresponding to the time that shall be expired of that year, at the day of their death.

Reg. 12. That an Abstract of the proceedings of the Trustees, & of the state of the Fund, shall annually be transmitted to the Gen'l Synod and to the Pby of Antrim; and that every Contributor shall be allowed libertie to furnish himself with a Copy of that Abstract for his own satisfaction.

Inserted

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 11, 1751.
A Genl Synod at Dungannon June 16, 1752.

Mr Wm Patten Mod of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Rev. 3, 2. And then constituted it by prayer. Post prayers Sed from

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M' Patten moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following B's, were named for a leet, viz., Mess'n Dav. Smylie, Patk. Plunkett, Ja' Clark, Adam Duffine, Ja' Gordon, Jo'n Haslet, Jos. Mitchel, Alex' McCombe, Jo'n Semple, Ja' White sen'r & Vict' Ferguson. The Roll was called, & M' Ferguson was chosen.

And Jo'n Cochran was continued Clk: nem: contradictente.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning, for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, Synods Fixed Committees. As also an account of such Miurs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded w't prayer.


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The Time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in their Lists for the Committees: as also the following Reports, namely:

The Pby of Rout report that M' Ch. Lynd dyed Dec't 21, 1751.

The Pby of Monaghan have entered M' Moorhead on 2d tryals.

The Pby of Tyrone have entered Messrs Wm Kennedy, & Jo'n Simsen on first and M' Ja' Hull on 2d tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have Installed M' Ja' Gordon at Raphoe in Aug't last: and have rescinded M' Rob't Laws License.

Derry Pby have Licensed M' Ja'n Patten, & Ordained M' Jo'n Ordained &c. Haslet at Ballykelly Ap't 21, 1752. They both subscribed. They report that M' Nin. Cochran dyed Sept' 21, 1751. And M' Jo'n Stirling Jan't 21, 1752.

Bangor Pby have Ordained M' Jo'; Mitchel at Moyra Oct't 29, 1751. And M' Wm Rowan at Balinderry Oct't 30, 1751. They both subscribed.

Killelagh Pby have entered M' Ja'n Hamilton on first tryals: and Ordained M' Jo'n Wm'son at Drumca Feb'r 4, 1752, who subscribed.

Drummore Pby have Licensed M' Wm Henry: and Ordained M' Alex' Neilson at Bellyronie Aug't ye 20, 1751. They both subscribed.

T.Patk Pby have entered M' Ja'n Dickson on 2d tryals: & have Installed M' Wm Rogers at Bellyneure Dec't 10, 1751. They report that M' Geo. Heron was translated from Island Magee to N. Brittain.

B.mena Pby have entered M' Wm Smith on 2d tryals: & Ordained M' Jo'n Rainkin at Antrim Oct't 16, 1751, who subscribed. They report that M' Fr. O'Bryan has dimitted his charge at Grainge.
Strabane Pby have ordained Mr Ja Ker at Pettigoe Ap 14, 1752. and Mr Jos. Scott at Termont Ap 16, 1752. They both subscribed.

The Members of the Genl Synods Fixed Committee are.
For Rutp Pby, Messrs Smylie & Buys.
For Dublin, Mr McCollum.
For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.
For Coothill. No Return.
For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy, Duffine & White.
For Letterkenny, Messrs Gordon & Kinkead.
For Derry Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs Malcolm & Huey.
For Killeleagh, Messrs Kennedy & Henry.
For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Henry.
For Drummore, Messrs White & Sims.
For T. Patk, Messrs Tho Brown & McConel.
For B. mena, Messrs McCurdie & Brown.
For Strabane, Messrs Ker & Scott.

These with our Mod & Clk are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod, on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

Mr M'Combe is ordered to bring a List to next Synod of these Congregations who have not contributed to the support of M" Hemphill, it is recommended to those who are deficient, that they contribute to her as soon as possible.


None of the Committee in the affair of C. Blaynie, attended except C. Blaynie Messrs. Gibson & Ker with one Elder. The Synod now appoints the following B's, namely, Messrs. M' Master, Surnlie. Ambrose, Clark, Gibson, Boyd, Ja White sen', Laird, Tim. White, M'Combe, Maxwel and Ja Smith, to meet this evening, & issue that affair.

Next Synod to be at Dungannon, the last Tuesday of June 1753. Next Synod Sermon to begin 5 afternoon.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from Drumacone, by Drumacone Thos Duglass, desiring that Mr Ereskine & that Congregation may be put under the care of some Pby, & particularly of Letterkenny or Rout. The Synod granted the Supplication, & put the question, namely, which of these Phyes shall that Congregation be put under the care of? The Roll was called, & it was carried for their being subject to the Pby of Rout, by a great majority. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interrog't immediately. Committees at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5th post meridiem, &c. Sess. 21st.

The Committee of Overtures now brought in one, viz. That in regard, Minsrs are so careless in attending the Gen'l Synod, it shall be for the future be composed of Delegates of the respective Phyes in proportion to the number of their Members; & their charges in attending shall be defrayed by their respective Phyes. And this Overture shall be under the consideration of the several Phyes till next Synod.

Rob Ker, Esq., Messrs Rob Graham, &c., from Newbless, presented a Supplication, desiring that the Protestant Dissenters about that place, may be erected into a distinct Congregation, & propose to give undeniable security for the payment of 30 pounds a year towards the support of a Minister there. From Stone-bridge appeared Messrs Hu. Hamilton, &c., who gave in a supplication, remonstrating against the desired Erection as likely to be injurious & detrimental to that ancient Congregation—As also from Drumdartry appeared Jon. Rogers, Comm', opposing 3d Erection, as what would be greatly hurtful to their Congregation, & praying that it may not take place. All parties were heard, & being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, now divided, some being for this state of the Question, namely, Shall they be supplied or not? Others moved that the question be, Shall they be erected or not? Upon which the previous Question was put, viz., Whither the first or second of these shall be the Question? The Roll was called, & it was carried for the Second. Then the Question was put, namely, Erection them into a distinct Congregation or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the negative by a great majority. Then another question was put, viz., Shall they be supplied till next Synod, or not? And it was carried to supply them, but with the following Limitations namely, that they pay up their arrear, & continue their former Subscriptions to the Congregations, to w't they formerly belonged, & that they be supplied by the Pby of Coothill, or by such supplyers as that Pby at their desire, shall invite. Adjourned
to 9 to-morrow morning. The Select Com. at 7. The other Committees at 8. Concluded w^t prayer.

_Die Jovis, Hora nona Mane, &c._

Mr. Ja^t McMillan a Candidate from N.Brittain produced Credentials from the Pby of Wigtoun, which were sustained by the Synod, unto w^t he promised subjection.

Upon reading the Minute of last night concerning Newbless, it was moved by Mr. Ker & others, that they may not be under the care of the Pby of Coothill. On reasoning on this affair, it was moved that there shall be a Coalition of the two Pphies of Monaghan & Coothill, in order to which, these two Pphies were to go out & confer together; Mr. Ja^t White, Sen^t & Mr. King are ordered to go with them: and being again returned, they report, that as for themselves, they are satisfied to be reunited, only they of the Pby of Coothill had not consulted their respective Congregations. The Synod recommends peace & concord to all of them, & directs the Ministers to do all in their power, to reconcile their Congregations to this union, so pleasing to the Synod: & therefore the Synod approves of it and orders them, from hence forward, to meet in one Pby, & in a friendly manner, to transact the business of that united Pby.

Mess^s Wm Scott, Ja^s Nixon, &c., Commrs from part, about 50 families, of the old Congregation of Omagh, presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein they sett forth, that they never had subjected themselves to Mr. Delap's ministry, nor would they do it, & desire that they may be erected into a separate Worshiping Congregation, proposing to give undeniable security for the comfortable support of a Minr.

From the other part of that Congregation, now under the care of Mr. Delap, appeared Mess^s Jon. Buchaman, &c., supplicating that their neighbours on the other part, may not be gratified; & representing that if desired Erection take place, it will be attended with very bad consequences. The Commrs on both sides were fully heard: and being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, put the Question, namely, Erect, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative by a great majority: and it was agreed that s^t Erection be under the care of the Pby of Strabane.

Mr. Tho^s Brown, in the name of the Congregations of T.Patk & Carrickfergus, supplicate that this Synod would order each of these Congregations to be supplied by such Probationers from the several Pphies, as they shall call, till next Synod. Which was granted.

The Committee appointed in the affair of C.Blane, Mess^s Ja^s Gordon & Wm Bailie, now brought in a stated account in the following Resolutions, which were approved by the Synod, namely.

Res. 1. That it appears to the Committee that upon a full ballance of Accounts, there is due to Wm Bailie, the summe of £9 13 9.
AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 16TH, 1752.

Res. 2. That it farther appears to 8th Committee, that some time agoe, there was a Collection in the Congregation of C.Blaynie to reimburse 8th Wm Bailie what was due to him, and of 8th Collection, there was lodged with Mr Gordon, for that use, the summe of £6 11 6.

Res. 3. That the 8th Mr Gordon immediately pay to 8th Wm Bailie, the 8th summe of £6 11 6.

Res. 4. That the remainder of 8th £9 13 9 be paid to Wm Bailie, by the Congregation of C.Blaney.

Messrs Ja Dodd & Hu Lile from the New Erection in Coleraine, gave in a Supplication, desiring that Mr Sam Patten from the Pby of Derry may be appointed to that Congregation from this time, till the first of Aug next; and Mr Wm Henry from the Pby of Drummore, for the month of Aug, which was granted.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora Sexta post Meridiem, &c. Sess. 5th.

A Supplication from Mr Hemphill was read in the Synod, wherein she complains that Mr Ja Gordon had unjustly detained some of her effects. The Synod recommends it to the Pby of Letterkenny, that they take care and pains to excite him to do justice to her, so that no more complaints in this affair come before the Synod; and if he does not, that Pby is ordered to censure him.

A Supplication from C.Blayney was read, desiring that Synod C.Blayney would allow them such a share of the Fund, as with what they can give themselves, may enable them to afford a comfortable subsistence to a minister, when they shall be planted. A Letter from Ld Blayney was read, representing the weak state of that Congregation, & recommending them to the care of the Synod. It was agreed that they shall have their former share of the Fund, when planted; and that an answer be drawn up to Ld Blayney’s letter, by Mr Maxwell.

A Complaint was laid before this Synod from Vinicash, wherein they set forth, that a considerable arrear of the Fund was due to that Congregation. The Synod agrees that the former Localities be continued to Vinicash, & the arrear due be got up with all convenient speed; and that the Pby to which these deficient congregations belong take care in this affair.

A Letter from Mr Ch Mc Collum was read, wherein he desires that the former order of the Synod, with reference to the supplying of Caple-street, may be renewed, which was granted.

It is recommended to the several Pby’s to take care, & use Fund diligence in raising the Fund, that the credite & publick faith of this Synod may be preserved; & make report to the Synod.

The Mod: concluded the Synod with prayer.
Mr. M'Master reports that he, in conjunction with Mr. Weld, have bespoke the Table linen for Doctor Avary, and that it is preparing to be sent to him. We agree that our Treasurer pay to them the one-half of the cost of said linen.

This Interloq' now makes the following amendment to the scheme for the Widows Fund, namely, That when any of the Congregations whose Minr is a subscriber to said Fund, shall become vacant, on that event, forty shill. an. shall be paid in to the Fund out of the common R.D. during said vacancy, and that no widow shall be entitled to any portion of the Ord XVI R.D. any longer, or farther than what shall be due to her husband, at the time of his death.

Messrs Boyd, Menagh, & Maxwell are appointed to draw up an Overture with reference to the making Collections for the Widows Fund.

A Letter from the Trustees for the Widows Fund was read in this Interloq', wherein they give an account of the state of the Fund, which was very satisfactory to us. Mr Menagh is appointed to write to the Trustees, & give the thanks of this Interloq' to them for their generous care and concern in this matter.

A Representation from Moyra & Rye was read in this Interloq', giving an account of the great cost they have been, and are likely to be at, in prosecuting a law-suit for the recovery of their Meeting houses, that some time ago, had been violently seized, & detained from them, by the Seceders. The Interloq' recommends it to the Phy's belonging to the Sub-Synods of Derry & B.mena, to contribute to the assistance of Rye; and to the Phy's belonging to the Sub-Synods of Bellfast & Armagh to assist Moyra.

Mr. M'Master now paid 20 Shill of charity to each of the following Widows, namely, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Neil, Mr. Dykes, Mr. Hasting, & Mr. Vance.

Messrs Boyd &c now brought in an Overture to this purpose, viz:, That each Pby shall draw up a paper containing arguments to promote a charitable Collection for the benefit of the Widows Fund: a copy of which is to be taken by each Minr & he to read said paper to his Congregation, & use such prudent methods as may appear to him most effectual for raising such Collection, & that an attempt be made in each Congregation for this purpose. Otherwise such Subscriber as shall neglect to raise such Collection, shall be deprived of the benefit of this Fund, & the money he has already given, be returned to him: & that an account shall be given to the Synod of the diligence or negligence of Minrs in this affair, in order to the Synods behaving towards such persons accordingly: and that a Collection to this purpose shall be made before Michaelmass next.

Inserted \[\]

July 12, 1752.

JOS. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.
AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 26TH, 1753.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 26, 1753.

Mr. Vict' Ferguson Mod' of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 3, 15. And then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from,

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M' Ferguson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this. The following B° were named for a Leet, viz., Mess° McCollum, Ambrose, M' Kye, Caldwell, Jo° Holmes, Warnick, M° Combe, Maxwell, Semple, Scott, Rainkin, & Smylie. The Roll being called, M° Maxwell was chosen. And

Jo° Cochran was continued Clk. nem. contra.

Ordered that the several Phyes meet this night & prepare Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Gen° Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, or entered on Tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday. Nine in the Morning. After prayer, present as in the Roll.

The time appointed for prayer was observed,

The Phyes now gave in Lists for the Committees: as also the following Reports, namely,

Dublin Pby have entered M° Wm Wright on 2d Tryals.
The Phy of Monaghan have ordained M° Wm Moorhead at Fin-tanagh Sept° 26, 1752.
The Phy of Coothill have Ordained M° Wm Smith at Stonebridge Aug° 26, 1752.

Tyrone Pby have entered Mess° Jon Simson & Wm Kennedy on 2d Tryals, & have Ordained M° Ja° Hull at Cookstown Aug° 5, 1752. They report that M° Hu: Sharp dyed Feb° 7, 1753.

Drummore Pby have Ordained M° Wm Henry at Drummore, May the first, 1753.

Killeleagh Pby report that M° Ja° Reid dyed the beginning of June, 1753.
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Ballymena Pby have Installed M° Ja° Ker at Ahoghill. He had dimitted his Charge at Pettigoe.

The Members of the genl Synod’s fixed Committee are as follow, namely from

Dublin Pby, no return.
Monaghan Pby, Mess° Ambrose & Hutchison.
Coothill Pby, no return.
Tyrone Pby, Mess° Wallace, Kennedy & Duffine.
Letterkenny Pby, Mess° Benj: Holmes & Allex°.
Derry Pby, Mess° Ferguson & Harvey.
Bangor Pby, Mess° Malcolm & Huey.
Killeleagh Pby, Mess° Kennedy & Henry.
Armagh Pby, Mess° Ferguson & Henry.
Drummore Pby, Mess° White & Sims.
T. Patk Pby, Mess° Tho° Brown & McConnel.
B.mena Pby, Mess° McCurdie & Brown.
Strabane Pby, Mess° Young & Scott.
Rout Pby, Mess° Smylie & Logue.

These with our Moit° & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod° on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Minrs.

The consideration of having the Synod by Delegation, is putt off till next Synod.

M° Ja° Gordon has payd M° Hemphill, as he was enjoined last Synod.

Port-norris & the other Congregations in Arrear of the Fund to Vinicash, are ordered to use diligence in raising & paying s° arrear.

The Committee of the Fund are ordered, at their next meeting, to enquire into the deficiencies & other disorders of it, & use their endeavours to have them rectified, & make report to the Synod. The Synod resolved itself into an Interloq° & adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Committees to meet at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

5 of the clock afternoon &c.

It was unanimously agreed that next Synod shall be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1754. Sermon to begin 5 afternoon.

M° Ereskine was now enquired whither he, & his Congregation at Drummacose had joined the Pby of Rout? He says that he attended that Pby at their first meeting after last Synod; but that he observed some of their members to be cool towards him. That Pby being enquired, report that M° Ereskine appeared indifferent about his joining them. The Synod after considering this affair, recommends to him
and his Congregation, to continue under the care of the Pby, for this year, at least. Which was voted & approved of by a great majority.

A Proposal from the Committee of Overtures, was laid before this Synod, w3 was read, & is as follows, viz. The Committee having seriously considered that it is more difficult & expensive for the dissenting Ministers to support themselves & families, in a decent manner, than it was some years agoe, by reason of the dearth of provisions, servants & lands, have agreed to make the following Proposal to the Genl Synod, namely, that in time to come, no minister be fixed in any Congregation subject to this Synod, unless they pay by way of stipend, at least £40 0 0 a year: & that it be earnestly recommended to the several Congregations, now planted, who doe not pay yearly, that summe, that they pay it, yearly, in time to come. The Overture was voted & approved by a great majority.

A Supplication from B.mony was presented to this Synod, by Messs4 Jo5 Thomson & Gabriel Todd desiring, that in regard their Minr, M' M'Bride, is become infirm, & they are inclinable to provide him in a Colleague, they be allowed a hearing of some Candidates; particularly that M' Jo5 Simson from the Pby of Tyrone, may be appointed to supply them for the month of July, & M' Wm Kennedy from the same Pby, for Aug6, as also that they have libertie to call other monthly Supplyers, from other Phyes, w7 the concurrence of the Pby of Rout, if need be, till next Synod. The Supplication is so far granted, that M' Hu. Nisbit is appointed to supply them for the month of July, M' Kennedy for Aug6. And the rest with reference to their calling other Supplyers, is also granted.

M' Laird supplicates that M' Simson be appointed to supply the 3d Congregation in Belfast, for the month of July, M' Hamilton from the Pby of Killeleagh, for Aug6, and M' Wight from Rout Pby for Sept7. And that the Phyes be ordered to send them such other monthly Supplyers, as they shall invite, till next Synod M' Hamilton is appointed to supply there, the month of July: & M' Wight for Sept7. The rest of the supplication with reference to their calling others, is granted.


Rob9 Ker Esq10 & others Comm11 from the neighbourhood of Newbless, presented a Supplication, desiring that this Synod would review the affair of that place, & that the desired Erection may be now made, & confirmed. They report that about 50 families concurr in this desire. Mess12 Jos: Ringland, &c., from Stone-bridge appeared opposing s13 Erection as also Jos. Smith from Drumdarty, for the same purpose. The Synod, after hearing the several Comm11, and M' Ker's promising that rather than Newbless should not be erected, sufficient security shall be given for the payment of £40 0 0 a year for the support of a Minister there. The Synod reasoned on the affair, &
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Parties being removed, putt the Question, viz., Erect, or not? And before the Roll was called, the Sub-Synod of Armagh, at the desire of this Synod, waved their priviledge, & went out; then the Roll being called, it was carried in the negative by a great majority.

In reasoning on the above affair, the Bn from Coothill represent, Coothill that it was not in their power to prevail with their People to comply with the Coalition of the two Pbyes of Monaghan & Coothill, and therefore pray that they may remain distinct as formerlie. The Pby of Monaghan agree'd to, and was satisfyed with this desire; and it was granted by ye Synod.

Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning. Interloq' at 7. Concluded w't prayer.

Thursday 8, in the Morning, &c. Sess. 4

The Comm' from Newbless now supplicate that the Synod would grant them Supplyes till next Synod. After reasoning it was moved, & agreed to that M' Smith, Miinr, at Stone-bridge be advised to preach to that People, as often as conveniently he can.

From Dunluce appeared Mess' Hu. Boyland & Rob't Patterson, Dunluce supplicating that they & their Constituents in that Parish may be look'd upon as a distinct Congregation, & that this Synod would allow them to be supplied. M' Logue alledge thst these People did, in an abrupt manner separate themselves from the other part of that ancient Congregation, known by the name of Billy & Balintoy. The Synod heard the Commiss'n, & it appears that humour too much prevails among them; & as there appears no foundation for two Congregations in that place, the Synod earnestly recommends union & peace among them; & as they have builded two Meeting houses, one of which is sufficient to accommodate the whole Congregation, it is the opinion of this Synod that they assemble for Public worship in that house, of which they have the best tenure, & which appears to be on Billy side. And whereas M' Logue is reflected on in this affair, the Synod cannot but approve his conduct. It is farther agree'd that M' Gaston exchange pulpits with M' Logue, & that he, M' Gaston, represent the mind of this Synod, and recommend peace & union among them; and that this exchange shall be Sab; come Sennight; & that M' Gaston shall preach the forenoon in Dunluce side, & the afternoon in Billy.

Absent from this Synod & excused are Mess' Wm Patton, Rob't Absts excused McMaster, Wm McBeath, Ebenezer Killburn, Patk Plunkett, Andr' Dean, Ja' Hamilton, Jo' Algeo, Ja' Orr, Sam' Delap, Wm Boyd, Dav: Fairlie, Rob't Wirling, Tho' Strawbridge, Andr' Ferguson, Wm Hare, Jo' Cochran, Fr: Montgomerie, Andr' Malcolm, Andr' Kennedy, Wm Rowan, Sam' Forgie, Tho' Scott, Ja' Armstrong, Ja' Johnston, Jo' Menogha, Rob't Gordon, Ja' Allen, Wm Thomson, Ja' Cobham, Alex' Brown, Wm Livingstone, Jo' Thomson, Wm Henderson, Rob't Higinbothom, Ji' McCright, Ji' Cochran, Fr: O'Bryan, Rob't McBride, Jo' Thomson, & Sam' Buys.

The Committee of the Fund now report that there has been a stated account given in to them, by the several Congregations on the Fund, by which it appears that there is a great Arrear due to all of them. Particularly to C.Blayne £34 6 0. To Cregane £34 9 3. To Logghall £15 12 5, besides a great Arrear to Tobermore, w't' M't Turretine must fix. To Vinicash £31 7 9. To Moywater £18 0 0, exclusive of near one hundred pounds, given up in the year 1750 by M't Wilson, that his Localities might be sufficient for the future. The Synod enjoins the several Phyes, to enquire into the deficiencies within their respective bounds, & the causes of them & to use their endeavours to raise Arrear, & bring it to next Synod.

The Modr concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq'. 1.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, together with the present state of that Fund, was read in the Interloq', whereby it appears that several Miirs have not raised any charitable contributions to it. The money now on the hands of the Trustees, according to the papers transmitted from them, amounts to £1409 14 6. Messrs Moodie & Jo' Brown are appointed to prepare a draught of a letter to them.

A Letter from M't Colvill, in behalf of the Revd Phy of Antrim, was read in the Interloq', wherein he complains that some Miirs belonging to the genl Synod, continue sharers in the R.D. who are not statedly officiating Miirs: and desiring that a List of such be allowed to that Phy. Upon which an enquiry was made into this affair, and it appears that Messrs Ja' Allen & Saml Thomson in the Phy of Drummore, M't Montgomey in Bangor Phy, M't Jo' Cochran in Derry Phy, & M't Wm Henderson in the Phy of T.Patk are not statedly officiating Ministers. They all are allowed Portions of the R.D. till next Synod, except M't Thomson, who is to be struck off from it: and as he was a Subscriber to the Widows Fund, no more Contributions shall be received from him to that purpose: & that the money he has already contributed, shall be restored to him. The Clk to write to M't Colvill, and send a List; & desire the Phy of Antrim to meet w't the Interloq' of the Synod, next year.

Interloq'. 2.

The recommendation with reference to Moyra, is renewed.
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Mr. Ja. Smith in the Pby of Strabane now desires to be admitted a Subscriber to the Widows Fund. The Interloq observe that 3 years Contributions are due by him to that Fund, with Interest, amounting to £6 14 6 with must be paid before his subscription be admitted. It is farther agreed, that hereafter no Minister shall be admitted a Subscriber to the Fund, who was in the Ministry at the time this Scheme was agreed to by the Synod, & has hitherto neglected to subscribe.

Mr. Turreline is appointed to supply Rye, for the month of July, and the Pby of Tyrone to supply Tobermore two Sabs of that time.

Interloq. 3.

Messrs. Moodie & Brown now brought in the Draught of a Letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Modt.

By a Letter from our Treasurer it appears that since the date of the Trustees letter to this Synod, £7 13 9 has been transmitted to him, for the Widows Fund. Namely from

- Mr. Buchanan . . . . £2 10 3
- Mr. Algeo . . . . 0 5 2
- Mr. Dean . . . . 4 18 7

Ordered that Messrs. Maxwell & Moodie draw up a Letter to be read in the Several Congregations exciting to a liberal Contribution for the benefit of the Widows Fund, & that they take care to have said letter printed.

Inserted by

JOn. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 26. 1753.
A General Synod at Antrim, June 25, 1754.

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AT ANTRIM, JUNE 25TH, 1754.


Strabane Pby.  Dublin Pby.

Victr. Ferguson  Ch. M'Collum &
Hu. M'Crackan  Mr. Gibb. Tennant from America.

Rout Pby.

Jon. Thomson  Jon. Irwine
Robt. Henry  Andr. Brady
Gldn. Neilson  Wm. Martin
Jon. Logne  Jon. Evans
Hen. Ereskine  Wm. Todd
Hu. Gaston  Jon. Boyd
Wm. Cochran  Jos. Douglass
Robt. Ewing

M' Maxwell moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Modr. Synod. The following Bn. were named for a lect, viz., Messrs M'Cullum, Ambrose, Jo Holmes, Menoghe, Marshal, Malcolm, Allenx, Semple, Scott, Rankin, Smylie, Gilb Kennedy, Tho Brown, & Tho Bond. The Roll was called, and M' Menoghe was chosen. And Jo Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Geäu Synod’s Fixed Committee; as also an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, or entered upon tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning for prayer, and continue therein till 9, when open Synod shall begin. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, 9 in the Morning. After prayer, &c.  

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees, and made the following reports, namely:

The Pby of Tyrone report that they have Ordained M' Wm Ordained Kennedy at Carland, Ap' 2, 1754, and M' Wm McNeilly at Clogher, May the 22d, 1754, who both subscribed; and that M' Ja Turretine was removed from Tobermore to Rye.

Letterkenny Pby have Installed M' Turretine at Rye, June 13, 1754, & entered Messrs Ja Calderwood & Isaac Patk on first tryals.

Derry Pby have Ordained M' Sam Patten at Comber, July 3, 1753. Have Licensed M' Jo McCleland. They report that M' Jo Licensed, &c Cochran Dimitted Ap' 20, 1754.

Bangor Pby have entered M' Ja Hamilton on 2d tryals.
T. Patk Phy have Licensed Mr. Ja* Dick, & have entered Mr. Rob* White on first Tryals, who subscribed.

B. Men Phy have entered Mr. Allex* McMullan on first Tryals.

The report that Mr. Francis O'Bryan dyed June 30, 1753.

Rout Phy have Ordained Mr. Jo* Simson at Coleraine, Oct’ 17, 1753, who subscribed.

Dublin Phy have Ordained Mr. Wm* Wight at Caple Street, Aug’ 9, 1753. They report that Mr. McMaster dyed Feb’ 27, 1754. *He subscribed.

The Members of the Gen’ Synod’s fixed Committee are as follow, viz:

For Monaghan Phy, Messrs* Ambrose & Hutchison.
For Coothill. No return.
For Tyrone, Messrs* Jo* Kennedy & Gibson.
For Letterkenny, Messrs* Allex* & Callender.
For Derry, Messrs* Ferguson & Harvey.
For Bangor, Messrs* Huey & Laird.
For Killeleagh, Messrs* McCombe & Michl Henry.
For Armagh, Messrs* Ferguson & Geo. Henry.
For Drummore, Messrs* White & Sims.
For T. Patk, Messrs* Tho* Brown & McConnel.
For B. Men, Messrs* McCurdie & Brown.
For Strabane, Messrs* Young & Scott.
For Rout, Messrs* Smylie & Logue.
For Dublin. No return.

These with our Mod* & Clk are to meet at Maghrebfelt when called by the Mod’ on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Ministers.

The Phyjs have come to no resolution concerning a Synod by Delegation. It is recommended to them that they come prepared to next Synod, [that] this affair may be issued.

Ordered that the Committee of the Fund, meet immediately, & make enquiry into the state of it: & that the several ministers on it, attend s’th Committee, that this affair may be set on a proper foot.

Next Synod to be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1755. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Mr. Ereskine being enquired whither he had attended the Phy of Rout since last Synod: saith that he attended it once, but that he was very much confined since that time: but that he resolves to attend it

* Evidently Mr. Wight.
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for the future. The Synod appoints a Pby to receive him as a member; & that s² Pby with Messrs Higinbothom & M'Curdie as Correspondents hold a visitation at Drumacose, as soon as may be convenient.

Messrs M'Kye & Smith are ordered to preach at Newbl cess as often as conveniently they can, especially in the dead of Winter.


5 Afternoon ²c.

A Petition was presented to the Synod by Wm Rogers a member of Carnmoony Congregation wherein he complains that Mr Thomson refused to baptise a child to him because he had been married by a Clergyman of the established Church. The Synod appointed the following B². & an Elder with each to meet as a Committee at Carnmony Meeting-house the last Tuesday of July next. & issue that affair; five at least to be a Quorum. The B². are Messrs Ja Huey, Gilb Kennedy, Malcolm, Moorhead, Cunningham, Ja Cochran, Laird, & Jo Brown. Mr Huey to preach. Which affair occasioned the Interloq² to draw up the following Minute, w² was read in the Synod and approved. Namely,

A Complaint having been made against a member of this Synod for requiring one of his hearers to submit to censure on account of his being married by the Form prescribed by Law; & this complaint coming in so irregularly, that the matter could not be issued at present, the Interloq³ of the Synod examined that Gentleman and one other who had been reported to act in the like manner, and received full assurance from both that they never brought any of their hearers to censure merely for being married according to Law, unless there was something in their conduct besides, which in their opinion was justly censurable. The Interloq³ appeared unanimously satisfied with this declaration: & as on the one hand, they are truly thankfull for that legal Indulgence given to such Dissenters as scruple being married by the established Form; so on the other hand they do disapprove of any of their members bringing such to censure, who had no scruple at the established Form, for being managed according to Law, provided that there was nothing else in their behaviour justly scandalous. In the meantime, the Synod does not hereby design to approve of all the particulara in the established Form of Marriage, but are of opinion that it is imprudent and unreasonable to censure persons on account of a difference of sentiment respecting them.

A Supplication from Hollywood was presented to this Synod by Joæ Galstone & Hu: M'Kye requesting that a share of the Synod's Fund be allowed to them, that they may be enabled to have a Minister settled among them. It was enquired at the Committee of the Fund. what were the former Localities fixed on that Congregation: & it appearing to be £7 5 0. The Synod after considering the whole affair, refer it to the Pby of Bangor to act in that particular case so their prudence shall direct them: & especially that they recommend it, in the warmest manner, to their Congregations that they enlarge their contributions to Hollywood.
A Supplication from Rye was presented to this Synod by Jos. Brown, wherein the weak state of that Congregation is set forth, & their earnest desire for assistance to enable them to maintain their Minister. The Sub Synod of B.mena, & y* Phyes of Derry & Strabane are enjoined to use their diligence, by adding *to their former Contributions, or otherwise do what they can for the assistance of Rye. Adjourned to 11 to morrow morning Com: at 8. Interloq' at 9.

Concluded w* prayer.

**Thursday 11, forenoon 8c.**

A Letter from Mr M'^Beath was read in the Synod, representing it at the Request of the Consistory & Congregation of Ushers Quay, that this Synod would order the Phyes to send them such supplies as they shall from time to time, write for till next Synod, w* was granted.

A Supplication to the same purpose from the 3d Congregation in Belfast, was likewise granted.

From Killinshy appeared Mess* Jo* Stewart &c., supplicating that the following Gentlemen may be appointed to supply them in the following order, viz., Mr Campble for the month of July next; Mr Tho* Brown for Sept'; Mr Wright for Oct'; Mr Jo* Smith for Nov'; Mr Rob* White for Dec'; Mr Ja* Hamilton for Jan'; Mr Tho* Reid for Feb'; Mr Mulligan for March; Mr Marshall for Ap'; and Mr Kinkead for May, w* was granted.

Mr Tho* Brown supplicates in behalf of Dunmegore, that Mr Brown of B.mena be appointed to supply that Congregation for the month of July next, and Mr Brown of Romoan for Aug. Which was granted.

From Coagh appeared Jo* McCreight &c., supplicating that Mr Jo* Cameron may be appointed to supply them for the month of July next, and Mr Jo* M'^Cleland for Aug. W* was granted. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq* at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

**5 Afternoon 8c.**

From Dunluce appeared Mess* Hu* Boyland &c., supplicating that they of that part of the ancient Congregation of Billy and Dunluce may be allowed supplies. Mr Logue was heard, as were also the Commiss*. And being summoned, the Synod after some reasoning, came to this Resolution, namely, that the Pty of Rout with the following Correspondents, viz: Mess* Higinbothom, Ja* White sen', Mr Curdie, & Jo* Brown, meet at Bushmills the 15 of Aug: next & issue that affair.

A Petition was presented to this Synod by the Rev*. Mr Gilb* Tennant in the name of the Synod of N. York, & the Trustees of the infant Colledge of N. Jersey, & many of the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Provinces, representing that as they had laid a foundation for a Colledge & Seminary of Learning, w* they apprehend, may be of important service
to the Interests of Religion & Learning: & as they are not able to carry this design to such perfection as is necessary to answer the exigencies of Church & State in those parts of His Majesties Dominions: they therefore humbly supplicate for such assistance as this Synod shall think proper, particularly one Sab. days Collection in the several Congregations subject to this Synod w't previous intimation for s'd Collection. The Synod Judging the aboves'd Seminary to be of great importance to the promotion of the Interests of Religion & Learning in several Provinces of N. America, unanimously granted the Petition: & ordered that public Collections be made in all the Congregations under their care, some time before the first of Nov' next, in ye mean time recommending it to all the Ministers of this Synod, to excite by proper exhortations their several Societies to this important Charity. And in particular the Synod appoints that the mony that shall be collected in the Pby of Monaghan be lodged with M'r Ambrose; Coothill w't M'r Smith; Tyrone w't M'r Jo's Kennedy; Letterkenny w't M'r Marshall; Derry w't M'r Harvey; Bangor w't M'r Laird; Killeleagh w't M'r Dunn; Armagh w't M'r Moodie: Drummore w't M'r King; T. Park w't M'r Rogers; B'mena w't M'r Brown; Strabane w't M'r Ferguson; Rout w't M'r Simson, and Dublin w't M'r M'Cullum. And that the Collections in the Sub Synod of Derry be remitted to M'r Harvey. Those in the Sub Synod of Bellfast & B'mena to M'r Laird. And those in the Sub Synod of Armagh to M'r Moodie, in order to be transmitted to M'r Denis De Bert, Merch't in Artillery Court, London. Adjourned to 7 to morrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Fryday 7 in the morning &c.  

The Absents from this Synod are generally excused.

The Committee of the Fund now make report, & observe that a Fund considerable arrear is due to Balinderry. The Synod appoints that the former Localities to that Congregation, be continued to them, & that s'd mony be paid as soon as possible. The Synod earnestly recommends it to the several Phyes, that they take care the Congregations in their respective bounds, pay up what arrear may be due by them.

Carmony is ordered to pay their Fund, to Moy-water, instead of Donoghmore.

It is ordered that each Phye take care to keep a Record of the payments to the Fund, by each Congregation in their respective bounds, & report to the Synod every year.

This Synod earnestly recommends it to the Phyes of Letterkenny Sligo & Monaghan that they take care to encourage Sligo in their settlement by paying their former Localities to that Congregation, as also that what others, in their bounds, not already appropriated may be given to Sligo.
An Appeal from Drummore Phy relating to the boundaries between Drummore & Drumaragh Congregations is referred to the following B\textsuperscript{n}, viz., Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Strong, W\textsuperscript{m}son, Malcolm, Buchanann, Rowan, Menogh, Moodie & Cherrie, & an Elder with each of them, who are to meet at Drummore the last day of July next; & issue that affair. 5 Ministers & 3 Elders to be a Quorum.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Mr Rob\textsuperscript{t} Law wherein he complains that he had been laid under some difficulties by the Phy of Letterkenny, & prays that this Synod would relieve him. A Committee of the following B\textsuperscript{n} with an Elder with each, namely, Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Harvey, Hood, Vict\textsuperscript{r} Ferguson, Thos\textsuperscript{a} Bond, W\textsuperscript{m} Armstrong, Hare, Ja\textsuperscript{s} Smith, Young, Rob\textsuperscript{t} Huey, & Haslet, are appointed to meet at Raphoe on Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} of Aug\textsuperscript{t} next, & issue that affair. The Phy of Letterkenny is appointed to attend s\textsuperscript{d} Committee, & give what light they can in the affair. Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Vict\textsuperscript{r} Ferguson & Thos\textsuperscript{a} Bond are appointed to signify this to s\textsuperscript{d} Committee.

W\textsuperscript{m} Calderwood a reduced Gentleman is recommended to the several sessions subject to the Sub Synod of Bellfast.

The Mod\textsuperscript{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

**Interloq** 1. The Phy of Antrim present.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund was read in the Interloq\textsuperscript{r} whereby it appears that they have now in hand £2121 8 0\textsuperscript{3} besides sent to them from this Synod by Mr McCollum the following Collections.

From Mr Crawford, Crumlin £1 14 1\textsuperscript{3}
From Mr Douglass, Derrikeghan 3 8 3
From Mr Cochran, Dunbo 1 0 0
From Mr Cochran, Bangor 3 0 0

Mr Cumingham of Cumber not having collected any thing for this Fund the Interloq\textsuperscript{r} appoints that such Collection be made there, & that the Phy of Bangor take care that this be done: particularly it is ordered that Mr Malcolm preach at Comber the Sab. before s\textsuperscript{d} Collection, & advertise it and Mr Laird the day of the Collection. Mr Cumingham to preach for these B\textsuperscript{n}.

Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Moodie & Maxwel not having wrote the circular letter to be read in the Congregations, recommending liberal Contributions to this Fund, the Interloq\textsuperscript{r} appoints the following B\textsuperscript{n}, viz., Mess\textsuperscript{rs} Colvill, Nivin, Maclaine, Gib\textsuperscript{t} Kennedy, Higinbothom & Maxwel to draw up such an one. Which was done & ordered to be printed.

There being a vacancy in the Trust for this Fund, by the death of Mr M\textsuperscript{r} Master, the Trustees propose & recommend Rich\textsuperscript{t} Barry of Ushers Quay, Esq\textsuperscript{m} to fill up that vacancy: & it was unanimously agreed to by the Interloq\textsuperscript{r}. 

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**Records of a General Synod**

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**Drummore & Drumaragh**

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**Mr Law**

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**Miners Widows**

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**Circular Letter**

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Messrs. Tho. & Clot. Brown are appointed to draw up a letter to the Trustees.

Interlocr. 2d.

The two Messrs. Brown now brought in the draught of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Mod. The Trustees represent that a Bequest by Mr. M'Kedy, late of Bremen has not come to their hand. The Interloc' appoints Messrs. Ja. White sen', Jo. Brown & Gilb. Kennedy to use their influence in order to obtain the Bequest.

Our Clk is ordered to write to the Treasurer, that he either attend personally, or send yearly, a stated account of the distributions of R.D. to the Gen' Synod & l'by of Antrim, & of the expenses attending it.

Mr. M'Collum is appointed to search, or enquire among Mr. M'Masters papers or otherwise for the original Grant of the R.D. & if possible procure a copy of it.

He is also appointed to enquire concerning Mr. M'Masters Donation of £7 0 0 P an: to 7 widows, of w: there has been no account either last Synod or this.

Interlocr. 3d.

Some B's. having found fault with the Sermon preached by the late M'd. at the opening of this Synod: Mr. Maxwell alledgeth that the complaint should have been first made to himself, when he might have satisfied them: or that they now put it into distinct propositions, that he may have an opportunity to answer for himself. A motion was made & agreed to, that the Committee of Overtures draw up one on this affair. Which Com: after some time returned, & gave in the following Resolutions: w: were read and are as follow, namely:

The Committee having heard the conference w: Mr. Maxwell had w't the members of the Synod who had taken offence at some expressions of the above'd Sermon, came to the following resolutions.

Res. 1. That Mr. Maxwell has discovered a truely christian temper in the pains he took to remove the offence taken, by reading y's parte of the Discourse which occasioned it, & also conversing very freely w't the B's. offended, who also showed the same disposition.

Res. 2. That he has not in s'd Sermon, contradicted any of the Christian Doctrines contained in our Confession of Faith.

Res. 3. That Mr. Maxwell, in our Judgment said what was sufficient to remove the grounds of offence taken at s'd Sermon.
Res. 4. That it is our opinion, that if any member take offence at any expressions contained in Synodical Sermons, or other Discourses delivered by Ministers on other occasions, they are according to a plain precept of the Gospel, to converse with the Preacher, in a private manner, in the first place, in order to the removal of such offence, or offences so taken. These Resolutions were unanimously approved by the Committee: & the diligence of the Committee was approved by the Interlocutor: and the Resolutions ordered to be entered into our Record: & that the last be carefully observed by all the Members of this Synod.

The offended B, viz., Messrs John Holmes, King & Semple said they were not fully satisfied.

Inserted by

JON. COCHRAN, Clk, S.G.

July 25.
1754.
A General Synod at Antrim June 24, 1755.

Mr. Jo° Menogh Mod', of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Jude v. 3. And then constituted it by prayer. After prayer were present from.

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M' Menogh proposed that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following B's. were named as a leet, viz., Messrs Ambrose, Jo Holmes, Marshal, Dickson, Alex. Semple, Ja' Cochran, Rainkin, Gid Neilson, And' Ferguson, M'Combe, Dunn, Wight, Jo' White & Hood. The Roll was called, & M' Jo' Marshal was chosen. And Jo' Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Phy's meet this evening, & propose Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Synods Fixed Committee. As also an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Licensed, or entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.


The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Phy's now gave in lists for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely:

The Phy of Coothill have Licensed M' Rob' Edgar, who subscribed. And have entered M' Wm Warnick on first tryals.

Tyrone Phy report that M' Ja' Orr dyed Ap' 10, 1755.

Letterkenny Phy have Licensed Messrs Ja' Calderwood & Isaac Patrick. Who both subscribed.

Derry Phy have Licensed M' Jo' Law, who subscribed: & have entered M' Wm Burk on first tryals.

Bangor Phy have Ordained M' Ja' Hamilton at Dundonald Oct'. 15, 1754. And M' Jo' King at Hollywood Dec' 3, 1754. They both subscribed.

Killeleagh Phy have entered M' Ja' Dunbar on first tryals.

Drummore Phy have Licensed M' Sam' Ferguson, who subscribed.
T. Patk Pby have Ordained M' Jo's Wight at Dunnegore in Ap' 1755. And Licensed M' Rob's White. They both subscribed. They report that M' Tho's Brown dyed Nov' 17, 1754.

B. mena Pby have Licensed Mess's Alex'. McMullan & David Fullerton; who both subscribed.

Strabane Pby have Ordained M' Rob's Neilson at Omagh in July 1754. Who subscribed.

Rout Pby have Ordained M' Jo's Cameron at Dunluc June ye 3d, 1755. And have Licensed Mess's Rob's Scott & Ja's Whiteside who both subscribed. And have entered Mess's Tho' Lusk & Jos. Little on first tryals.

Dublin Pby report that M' Wm McBeath dyed but the time not mentioned.

Monaghan Pby have entered M' Harper on first tryals.

The Members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are as follow, namely:

For Tyrone Pby. Mess's Wallace & Caldwell, w't an Elder.
For Letterkenny, Mess's Gordon & Benj'. Holmes, with an Elder.
For Derry, Mess's Ferguson & Harvey, w't an Elder.
For Bangor, Mess's Huey & Laird, w't an Elder.
For Killeleagh, Mess's M'Combe & Michl Henry, w't an Elder.
For Armagh, Mess's Ferguson & Geo. Henry, w't an Elder.
For Drummore, Mess's Semple & Sims, with an Elder.
For T. Patk, Mess's Rogers & Wight, with an Elder.
For B. mena, Mess's Brown & Rainkin, with an Elder.
For Strabane, Mess's Young & Scott, with an Elder.
For Rout, Mess's Smylie & Logue, with an Elder.
For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Mess's Ambrose & Hutchison, and an Elder.
For Coothill. No return.

These with our Mod' & Clk are to meet a Maghrefelt, when called by the Mod' on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, where of 12 at least to be Mi'rs.

The holding a Synod by delegation, is refer'd to be considered by the Phyes, till next Synod.

Next Synod to be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1756. Next Synod. Sermon to begin at 5 o' the clock afternoon.
The Committee met at Carnmony, & the Minutes of it were read in the Synod, & the conduct of the Committee approved: and for as much as the Committee observes that Wm. Rogers did not prove the charge he had exhibited against Mr. Thomson, the Synod looks on aed Rogers to be censurable, & accordingly he was admonished by the Mod'.

It does not appear that any thing has been done for Rye by the Synod of B. mena, or the Phyes of Derry or Strabane. The appointment is renewed, that at their next meeting they make some assistance to that Congregation, & remit it to the Pby of Letterkenny.

There has been very little done by the Phyes in the affair of the Charity to the Colledge in N. Jersey, as appointed at last Synod. This Synod renews the recommendation, & enjoins the several Miirs to represent it in the warmest manner to their Congregations: & to pay their Collections to the Gentlemen formerlie appointed, before the first of Novr next.

Absent from this Synod and excused are, Messrs. And Dean, Ja Hamilton, Jo Geo, Ja Clark, Hu. Wallace, Sam Delap, Dav. Fairlie, Rob Wirling, And Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, Tho Strawbridge, Tho Bond, Wm Hare, Jo Cochran, Fr. Montgomery, And Kennedy, Wm Warnick, And Kennedy, Saml Forgie, Ja Johnston, Geo. Cherrie, Jo Maxwel, Ja Moodie, Rob Gordon, Ja Allen, Wm Thomson, Saml Thomson, Alex Brown, Rob Higinbothom, Rob McBridge, Jo Thomson, Saml Buys, Wm Patten, Ch. M'Collum, Patk. Plunkett, Dav. Hutchison, & Tho Boyle.


The recommendation in favour of Sligoe, is renewed to the Phyes of Letterkenny & Monaghan.

Mr. Hen. Ereskine promiseth to pay yearly to Sligoe, one guinea at least.

Clogher is appointed to pay their Fund to Moywater.

The Fund to be continued to Loghgall as formerlie.

The Committee in the affair of Mr Rob Law, did meet, & the minutes of it being read, after some reasoning, the question was putt, viz, approve the conduct of the Committee, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative by a great majority. Messrs Jo Thomson, King, & Alex Neilson, dissented. Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Committees at 4. Interloq at 5.

Concluded with prayer.
Hora 6<sup>ta</sup> post meridiem &c.

Sess. 3<sup>4</sup>

Messrs Boyd & Ambrose are appointed to write to the Trustees of M'r Maxwell's Fund, in favour of Sligo. Which was done.

Messrs Adam M'Cutecheon & Sam' Railstone Commissrs from B.mony, presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring the following supplyes, namely, M'r McCleland from the Pby of Tyrone, for the mouth of July; M'r Jo Smith from Letterkenny, for Aug; M'r Dav. Fullerton from B.mena, for Sept; & M'r Hu. Nisbit for Oct. And farther that this Synod would appoint them such other Supplyes, as they shall think fitt, till next Synod. The Synod grants the above mentioned Supplyers, and appoints the Phyes to send them such other monthly Supplyers, as the shall from time to time, write for till next Synod.

The Committee met at Drummore, as appointed last year, the minutes of it were read, & the conduct of it approved by the Synod.

M'r Jo Stewart a member of the Session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congregation in Belfast, presented an Appeal to this Synod, against the proceedings of the Pby of Bangor towards him. The appeal was read, & the Reasons for it, as also the Phyes answers to s<sup>rd</sup> Reasons were read. A dispute arising between the Pby & M'r Stewart concerning a Promise alleged to have been made by M'r Stewart to resign his office after some short time: the Pby affirming & he denying it. The Phyes minutes at their desire, were read: by which it appears he had made such a promise: the Pby also proved the same by two Witnesses, namely, Messrs Sam Kennedy & Jo Galston, who both solemnly declared that they heard him speak to the same purpose. The Synod after some reasoning, agreed to refer it to the Committee of Overtures to form some Resolutions on the affair, & bring them into the Synod at next sed. Adjourned to 11 to morrow morning. Com. at 8. Interloq't at ten.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday. Eleven in the forenoon &c.

Sess. 4.

The Committee of Overtures having considered M'r Stewart's Appeal now brought in the following Resolutions upon it, viz:

Res. 1. That it does not appear to this Committee, that the Pby of Bangor have been guilty of male-conduct in this affair.

Res. 2. We recommend it to M'r Stewart, that for the sake of peace he wave his Privileedge, for the future of sitting in the Session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congregation in Belfast.

Res. 3. In case M'r Stewart does desire to be disannexed from s<sup>rd</sup> Congregation, we allow the Min't & Session to give him a Dismiss: there having nothing appeared to us, with respect to his moral Character to disqualify him for being received into Communion in any Christian Society. The above Resolutions were read, & unanimously approved.
An Overture from the Committee of Overtures, was laid before this Synod, namely, that if any of the Minrs belonging to this Synod, shall marry any persons, without previously publishing the Banns, such offender shall be suspended by his Phy, for one Sabath, and that the Phy shall send one of their number to supply his Congregation, & signify the reasons of it. Which was unanimously approved by ye Synod.

Mr Robt Law now gave in a paper desiring that as he had his License to preach restored, by the Committee at Raphoe, & approved by the Synod, he may be put under the care of some Phy. The Synod orders him to be subject to the Phy of Strabane.

The Mod. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq. 1.

Messrs Malcolm & Laird attended at Cumber, as appointed last year, but the Session were not willing to collect any thing at that time: but it appears they have since collected for the Widows Fund £2 11 2s which was remitted to the Trustees of that Fund.

Mr Robt Cuningham became a subscriber to s Fund, before his Phy in Oct' last, & that Phy refer'd it to this Synod whither he shall be returned as such, to the Trustees. The Interloq considering this as a peculiar case, agreed to admit s subscription: but in case he shall afterwards have a wife, he shall then pay up what may be due from the commencement of s Fund, w' the Interest that shall be due upon it.

Mr Ereskine, at his own desire, is now admitted a Subscriber to the Widows Fund, upon the terms agreed on by the Synod: & he is enjoined by the Interloq, to recommend the affair of collecting for s Fund, to his Congregation.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, giving an account of the state of it, was read in the Interloq: whereby it appears that the have now in hand £2425 2 6s. They also observe that by the death of Dr Martin there is a vacancy in the Trust: to fill up w' the[?] recommend Coll: Jo Martin of Dublin. The Interloq unanimously agrees that s Gentleman shall be Trustee in the place of Dr Martin deceased.

Messrs Gilb' Kennedy & Maclane are appointed to bring in the draught of a letter, from this Interloq, to the Trustees of that Fund, at next Sed.

Interloq. 2d.

Mr Lang sent to this Synod a stated account of the ord & add R.D. with which the Interloq is satisfied.

Mr M'Collum has been at due pains to procure the Original Patent, granted by the late Queen Anne for the R.D. of w' he has sent a Copy to this Synod: and it is the unanimous opinion of this
Interloq' that the Patent be lodged with M' McCollum, and that the Copy, which was now read be lodged with the Clk of the Synod.

M' McMasters donation to the seven Widows, appears now to be dropt.

The circular letter to be read in the several Congregations, exciting to a liberal Contribution to the Widows Fund, has been printed: the expence of which to be paid to M' Laird by our Treasurer.

Upon reading the minute of last year's Interloq' w' reference to the offence taken at M' Maxwels Sermon: whereas it is said in that minute, that Mess's Jo° Holmes, King, & Semple were not fully satisfied with the explanations then given by M' Maxwel, they now declare that they were not at all satisfied.

The B°. now brought in the draught of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Mod'.

Inserted by

July 24. 1755.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

A Gen'. Synod at Antrim, June 29, 1756.

M' Jo° Marshal Mod' of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Cor: 2. 2. And then constituted it by prayer. After which Sed' from the

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Andr. Malcolm | Jon. Semple | Mr. Ch. Orr
Jas. Huey | Saml. Sims | Alexr. Neilson
Wm. Laird | Wm. Henry | Jon. Bigham
Jas. M'Ckian | Wm. Henry | Jon. M'Nae
Patk. Buchannan | Wm. Thomson | Wm. Houston
Jas. Mitchell | Wm. Henderson | Wm. Rogers
Wm. Rowan | Wm. Rogers | Andr. Loramore
Jas. Hamilton | Jon. Wight | Mr. Robt. Gamble
Jas. King | Robt. White | Mr. Saml. Birnie
B.mena Pby. | Dublin Pby.
Jas. White, Senr. | Ch. M'Collum | Jas. Boyle
Jas. Hill | Jon. Hood | Mr. Ch. M'Mahon
Jas. M'Cright | Jon. Hood | Jon. Thomson
Jon. Brown | Jon. Simps | Mr. Jon. Thomson
Jas. Cochran | Jon. Smith | Wm. Cochran
Jas. White, Junr. | Neil Campbe | Wm. Cochran
Jon. Rankin | Jon. Simps | Jon. Smith
Jas. Ker | Jon. Smith | Jon. Smith
Alexr. M'Mullan | Jon. Simps | Jon. Simps

M't Marshal Mod'o the former Synod moved that another be chosen to moderate in this. The following B'o were named for a lect, viz, Mess'r Ambrose, Hutchison, Turretine, Todd, Walker, McCombe, Dunn, Hen: Jackson, Crawford, M'Cright, Rankin, Rob't Henry, & M'Collum. The Roll was called & M't Ambrose was chosen. And Jo'n Cochran was continued: Clk.

Ordered that the several Physe meet this night & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund & Synods fixed Committee, as also an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, licensed or entered on tryals since last Synod.
Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at seven to
morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till nine, when open
Synod shall begin. Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona Mane &c. Sessions 26th

The time appointed for prayer was observed. And the Phyes now
gave in Lists for the Committees, as also the following Accounts namely:

The Pby of Tyrone have ordained M‘ Joa McCleland at Coagh Ordained
Sept y* 9th 1755. Who subscribed.

The Pby of Letterkenny have ordained M‘ Hu‘ Nisbit at Sligoe
May y* 5, 1756, who subscribed. They report that M‘ Vance was re-
moved from Rathmelton to Ushers Quay, & M‘ Kinkead from Stranorlar
to Killinshy since last Synod.

The Pby of Bangor have entered M‘ Dav: M‘Kye on first tryals.

The Pby of Killeleagh have licensed M‘ Ja‘ Dunbar who sub-
scribed.

Drummore Pby report that M‘ Tim‘ White dyed June y° 5, 1756, Dead
& that they have entered M‘ Ja‘ Kinnier on first tryals.

The Pby of T.Patk have ordained M‘ Rob‘ White at T.Patk Aug‘
24, 1755. M‘ Tho‘ Reid at Glenarm in March 1756, & M‘ Dav:
Fullerton at Carrickfergus, March y° 11, 1756. Who all subscribed.

B.mena Pby have ordained M‘ Allex‘ M‘Mullan at Braid Jan‘
13, 1756: & licensed M‘ Rob‘ Killpatrick. They both subscribed. Licensed,

Rout Pby have licensed M‘ Joseph Little, who subscribed.

Coothill Pby report that M‘ Ja‘ Clark dyed in Nov‘ 1756.

The Members of the gen‘ Synods fixed Com: are as follow viz.

For Tyrone Pby Mess‘ Caldwell & Duffie w‘ an Elder.

For Letterkenny, Mess‘ Holms & Allex‘ with an Elder.

For Derry, Mess‘ Ferguson & Harvey w‘ an Elder.

For Bangor, Mess‘ Huey & Laird with an Elder.

For Killeleagh, Mess‘ McCombe & Dunn w‘ an Elder.

For Armagh, Mess‘ Ferguson & Geo: Henry w‘ an Elder.

For Drummore, Mess‘ Sims & Semple w‘ an Elder.

For T.Patk, Mess‘ Rogers & Wight with an Elder.

For B.mena, Mess‘ Brown & Rankin with an Elder.

For Strabane, Mess‘ Armstrong & Scott with an Elder.

For Rout, Mess‘ Smylie & Logue with an Elde.

For Dublin, no return.
For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison w're an Elder.

For Coothill, no return.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Modr on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Minrs.

Next Synod to be at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June 1757. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Very little appears to have been done for Rye: the former appointment on the Synod of B.mena, & the Phyes of Derry & Strabane is renewed, the Synod is displeased with their negligence & enjoins them to use diligence, & that the several contributions be paid or remitted to Mr Marshall.

The affair of the recommendation in favour of N.Jersey, considering the present situation of affairs in that part of the world, is put off till next Synod: and as some B's. have made contributions for that purpose the Synod is well pleased with them.

Absent from this Synod, & excused are Messrs Hu: Wallace, Jo\(^2\) Kennedy, Adam Duffine, Jo\(^3\) Ker, Sam'l Delap, Will\(^2\) Boyd, Dav: Fairlie, Rob't Wirling, Jo\(^3\) Holmes, Fr: Montgomery, Sam'\! Forgie, Tho' Scott, Ja' Jackson, Ja' Moodie, Rob't Gordon, Ja' Allen, Wm Thompson, Jo\(^3\) Mulligan, Ja' Cobham, Alex'l Brown, Wm Livingstone, Rob't Higginbothom, Ja' Mc'Curdie, Rob' Mc'Bride, Jo\(^2\) Thomson, Gid'n Neilson, Sam'l Buys, Will\(^2\) Patton, Eben' Killburn, Wm Wight, Patk Plunkett, Ja' Jackson, & And' Dean.


Whereas as a complaint has been made to this Synod that some Mi\(\text{\textsc{n}}\)rs attend none of the Judicatories of this Church, & that tho' some of them have been wrote to, several times by their Phyes to attend their meetings, & give an account of their conduct, they have not done it. This Synod looking on this conduct as very irregular & prejudicial to the dissenting Interest, and a direct violation of their Ordination Vow, enjoins all such Mi\(\text{\textsc{n}}\)rs to attend the next meeting of the Synod, to give an account of this their Conduct: of w' if they fail, without lawfull excuse, they shall be excluded from our Body. We appoint that a Copy of this Minute shall be sent to every such delinquent by the Pby to w' they are judged to belong.

Upon enquiring for returns of such Mi\(\text{\textsc{n}}\)rs as have been Ordained, Installed &c., it was found that Mr Jos. Kinkead his name was not
entered in the list of the Pby of Killeleagh tho' he had been translated from the Congregation of Stranorlar in the Pby of Letterkenny in July last, to Killinsby in the Pby of Killeleagh. It was moved & seconded by many, that advice should be given to the Pby of Killeleagh, how they shall conduct themselves in this affair for the future, where upon after reasoning, M' Huey was ordered to write to the Session & Congregation of Killinsby informing them that they are enjoined by this Synod to apply the first opportunity, to the Pby of Killeleagh in order to have M' Kinkead Installed in that Congregation, with all convenient expedition.

A Supplication from Garvagh was presented to this Synod by Hu. M' Callender Young containing a complaint against M' Wm. Callender, who having received a call to be their Pastor, brought Credentials from the Pby of Letterkenny, & was put under the care of the Pby of Rout; in consequence of which, the day of his Installment, was fixed, but s'M' Callender did not observe the appointment, nor did give notice thereof to the Pby of Rout, who also complain of the treatment they received from him. This Synod considered the above affair, & enjoins M' Callender to attend the first meeting of the Pby of Rout to give an account of his conduct towards them & the People of Garvagh; & upon his submitting to such Censure as they shall think proper to inflict, they are to give him Credentials to return to the Pby of Letterkenny, & be put under the Care. As the Pby of Letterkenny had received M' Callender into their number, & allowed him to preach at Ardstra without Credentials from the Pby of Rout, this Synod is displeased with their Conduct, & do hereby enjoin them, & give notice to other Pbyes to beware of such behaviour in time to come.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

_Hora 5^a post Meridiem, &c._

Very little has been done for Sligoe by the Pby of Monaghan. Sligoe
This Synod enjoins that Pby that at their usual stated meeting, they enquire into what deficiencies may be in their contributions to Sligoe and that they take care to have them speedily made up without hurting any other Congregations placed on s'd Pby.

The Fund mony that was due to Loghgall is ordered by this Synod Loghgall to be paid to M' Orr, and that the Fund formerly granted to Loghgall, be given to her, for at least one year more, unless that Congregation be planted before that time.

A Supplication from Loghbrickland was presented to this Synod Loghbrickland by Ja' Ingram desiring that such Minrs or Probationers may be allowed to supply them, as they shall from time to time, write for till next Synod. Which was granted.

A Commission and Supplication from Scarva was presented to this Synod by Wm M'Gill &c. desiring to be supplied as this Synod shall think fit, they declare that they have no view of making an Erection there. Another Partie from Loghbrickland appeared opposing that request. The Commiss from both sides were heard, & the Synod
reasoned on it. After w it was moved and agreed to, that the Pbyes of Drummore Armagh & Killeleagh meet at Loghbrickland the 28th of July next, & finally determine that affair.

A Supplication from C.Blainy was presented to this Synod by Wm Bailie representing the low circumstances of that Congregation, & desiring that this Synod would grant them such assistance as they shall think fit. The right Honble Lord Blainie by a letter to this Synod makes the same representation & request for them. This Synod resolves that a Portion of the Ordinary R. D. shall be paid, or a summe equal to one portion to C.Blanyne at next gen of Synod, provided that Congregation be planted before that time.

A Supplication from B.mony was presented to this Synod by Messrs Jo Haltridge & Jo Thomson desiring to be supplied in the following manner, viz. by M' Ja Dunbar for the three last Sab's of July and first of Aug. By M' Jo Smith for the four remaining Sab's of Aug M' Rob Scott for Sept. M' Jo Little for Oct. By M' Jo Brown of B.mena for Nov. M' Rankin for Dec and that leave may be given to call such other Supplyers subject to this Synod as they shall want, from time to time, till next Synod; w was granted. Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

**Die Jovis Hora decima &c.**

A Supplication subscribed by a great many hands was presented to this Synod by Messrs Geo. Gordon, Fr Moor &c. representing that as they live at a great distance from Brughshane, & that many of them are not able to attend ordinarily at that place; they earnestly desire this Synod would erect them into a distinct Congregation. The offered several reasons enforcing their request, w were read.

From Braid appeared Capt. Jo White, Messrs Ch. Johnston &c. remonstrating against a Erection, & produced answers to the above a reasons, w were also read. Then the reasons for the Erection, and the answers were read alternately, & the Commissrs from both sides were heard at a considerable length; and being removed, the Synod reasoned on the Affair, & enquired at several of the members of the Pby of B.mena in order to the obtaining all the light possible in the affair. And then the Question was put viz Does it appear to this Synod that there is a sufficient foundation for an Erection at Buckna, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative nem : contra. Then the Synod appointed these B's, viz. Messrs Jo Thomson, And. Malcolm, Dav. Hutchison, Ja' Huey & Jo Semple to go out & converse with the Parties and try if in an amicable manner they can fix the bounds.

W Con: being returned laid the following Resolutions before the Synod, namely:

Res: 1. That the Congregation of Buckna if erected shall include and consist of the Inhabitants of the towns or denominations of lands herein specified, namely six quarter towns in Roeavan, Kels half a town, Bellyligpatrick a town, Carnstroan a town, Ballinacard a town, Buckna a town, Tamenaghbreck a town, Killiolpagh a town, Declay a
town, Slane half a town, Killiearn half a town, Claggan half a town, Aghnawhilke half a town, Aghasaltan or flaxtoun a quarter, Langmore a quarter, Breakogh half a town, & Logheconolly a town, & no more.

Res: 2d. That if any of the Inhabitants of Logheconolly, on being acquainted with this Resolution, shall choose to continue Members of the Congregation of Brughshane, they are not hereby prevented, only 2d towns or denominations are still to be considered as within the bounds of the Congregation of Buckna.

Res: 3d. That if any persons, at present, inhabiting or dwelling within the bounds of the Congregation of Brughshane & not within 3d towns, shall choose to worship at, or contribute to the support of the Congregation of Buckna, they are not hereby prevented from so doing, only they are still to be considered as members of the Congregation of Brughshane.

These Resolutions were read in the Synod, & reasoned on, & then the Question was put viz: approve them, or not? The Roll being called, it was carried in the affirmative nem: contra; Then another question was putt, namely, Erect, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried unanimously in the Affirmative.

Adjourned to 5 in the Afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

**Hora 5 post Meridiem &c.**

Ushers Quay to be supplyed as formerlie.

A Suppllication from part of the Congregation of Bellyeaston was read in this Synod, from w't it appears that there are some Divisions & Misunderstandings among that People. This Synod appoints the following B's, namely, the Members of the Pby of T:Patk. & from Bangor Pby, Messrs: Malcolm, Huay, Laird, Walker & Rowan. From Killeleigh, Messrs: Kennedy & Strong. From Drummore, Messrs: Semple & Neilson. And from B.mena, Messrs: Hill, Brown, Cochran, Rainkyn & McMullan, who are to meet at B.Easton on Wedensday the 14th of July next, & an Elder with each; Nine to be a Quorum whereof six to be Minrs; who are to use diligence in order to issue the debates in that Congregation, Mr. Rowan to preach. The Congregation to be apprized of this our appointment by the Supplyer who is to be there next Lords Day.

Whereas it appears to this Synod, that the state of the genl Synods Fund is much confused: it is resolved that there shall be a stated Clk for the Fund, who shall be allowed a Sallary, & who shall every year lay before the Synod a clear account of what each Congregation within the bounds of this Synod pays, & how applyed. That the Collections made for the Fund, shall be paid to the Clk of s't Fund, & that the summ'a allowed for the support of weak Congregations shall be paid by the Clk of s't Fund.

The Mod: concluded the Synod with prayer.
It was moved & agreed to by this Interloq' that an Address be sent to the King from this Synod, & that Messrs Menogh, Maxwell, Dunn, and Nivin bring in a Draught of it to next Interloq.

The Treasurer is appointed to pay Mr. Wm Henderson in the Pby of T. Park the arrear of £rd R. D. due to him.

Interloq'. 2d.

The Bn. appointed to bring in a Draught of an Address to the King, now laid one before the Interloq', was read & approved. We appoint & desire our Bn. in Dublin to wait in a Body on the Lords Justices with this our Address, humbly to request them to transmitt it to our Ld Levtenant, to be by him presented to his Majestie. The Address is as followeth.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE:

May it please your Majestie,

We your Majesty's most dutifull & Loyal subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Minrs of the North of Ireland in behalf of themselves & all others of their Denomination throughout the Kingdom.

May it please your Majestie,

We your Majesty's most dutifull & Loyal subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Minrs of the North of Ireland, now met in our Annual Assembly, in the present critical juncture of publick affairs, take this first opportunity of concurring with other Bodys of your Majesty's faithfull subjects, in expressing our most sincere sentiments of loyalty & affection to the best of Kings: who hath on all occasions shewn himself the tender Father of his People, & the faithfull Guardian of their civil & religious rights & libertys.

Deeply sensible of the manifold and unspeakable Blessings which have accrued to these nations in general from the accession of the illustrious house of Hanover to the British throne, & filled with the most lively sentiments of gratitude in particular, for that liberty & quiet & other marks of your royal favour which we have enjoyed under your Majestys benign administration, we beg leave in our names, & in behalf of all our Bn. in this Kingdom, to give your Majestie the strongest & most solemn assurance of our incorruptable fidelity to your Majesty's person & Government, & Inviolable Attachment to the Protestant Succession in your royal house, as being under God, the great Bullwark & Support of civil & religious libertie.

As your Majesty's dissenting subjects of our Denomination in Ulster and every other part of this Kingdom have upon all occasions, & particularly in the late most detestable & unnatural Rebellion, shown a most becoming zeal to concur in every measure that was judged necessary for your Majesty's honour, the preservation of the Succession in your royal house, & the security of our most happy Constitution: we beg your Majesty may rest assured of your continuing to reign in
our hearts, & in the hearts of our People: & that an invariable attachment to your royal person and Government springs from, & is inseparably connected with the principles which we profess & inculcate. And we can truly say that of above one hundred thousand fit to bear Arms, we know not a man who is not determined, at the expense of his life & fortune to defend & support your Majesty's person and Government against all enemies foreign and domestick, & this we hath been our indisputable character, we hope ever to maintain.

It is our unfeigned & daily prayer that Allmighty God may preserve your royal person, bless you with health and long life; give success to your arms in defence of the just possessions of your subjects & in support of the invaluable rights and Liberties of your Dominions: make you an eminent Instrument in defeating the ambitions & unjust designs of your restless enemy's: & at the end of a glorious Reign on Earth, that your faithfull services for the good of mankind may be recompensed with a crown eternal and incorruptible.

Subscribed in the name of the Synod, by the Mod'.

Interloq'. 3rd.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, was now read in the Interloq' by which it appears that they have in hand £3377 0 2.

It hath been observed in this Interloq' that the Remittances made by some B's are not specified in the Returns made by our Treasurer. Upon which it was agreed, that each Phy give an exact account at our next gen'd Synod, of the particular Collections received from their Congregations. & paid into the Treasurers hand, that a Committee of the Synod may compare the Remittances with the Returns made by our Treasurer.

Messrs Maxwell & Gilb' Kennedy think that something may be done by Mr Maxwells Fund, for the assistance of Sligoe, now that it is planted.

Messrs Gilb' Kennedy & Niven are appointed to write to the Trustees of the Widows Fund. Which was done.

Inserted by JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

Sept' 1.

1756.
A General Synod at Lurgan, June ye 28th, 1757.

Mr. William Ambrose Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Gal. 4. 18. and then constituted it by prayer. After which were present from the several Phybes as follow, viz., from the,

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AT LURGAN, JUNE 28TH, 1757.

It was moved by Mr Ambrose that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named for a leet viz: Messrs Cherrie, Todd, Turretine, Walker, M'Combe, Dunn, King, Semple, Rainkin, Wm Wight, Carson. Hutchison, & Wm Smith, the Roll was called and Mr Cherrie was chosen. And John Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the sev' Phyces meet this night & prepare lists to be given in to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Gen' Synods Fixed Committee. As also an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, or Entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 8 to morrow morning for prayer & continue therein till 10. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii Hora Decima, &c.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Phyces now gave in lists for the Committees, and made the following reports, namely:

Bangor Phy have Licensed Mr David M'Kee, who subscribed according to order.

Killyleagh Phy have Licensed Mr David Brown, who subscribed according to order.

Dromore Phy report that Mr Willm. Thomson dyed No. ye 8, 1756.

B. mena Phy report that Mr Ja. M'Creight dyed March ye 12th, 1757; that Mr John Logue was Installed at Buckna, No. the 5th, 1756; and ye they have entred Mr Ja. Cochran on first tryals.

Monaghan Phy have entred Mr Robt. Edgar on 2d tryals.

Coothill Phy report that Mr Ja. Hamilton dyed in Aug., 1756; and that they have ordained Mr John Warnock at C.Blayney in Oct', 1756, who subscribed according to order.

Tyrone Phy report that they have entred Mr Ja. Whiteside on 2d tryals.

The Members of the Gen'. Synod's Fixed Committee the same as last year, who are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod'. on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Minr's.

Next Synod to be at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June, 1758. Next Synod Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Nothing appears yet to have been done for Rye. The Synod, Rye after Reasoning, appoints Messrs. King, Semple, Rainkin, & M'Mullan to attend the next Synod of Ballymena and sollicite that affair, & press
it on these Phy's that they with all convenient expedition do justice to that congregation.

As the Pby of Dromore have raised some contributions for N.Jersey and st money not remitted, this Synod orders that it be applied to other Charitable purposes, till the Synod know farther.

Mr. Huey wrote to the Session & Congregation of Killinshy, but it appears that Mr. Kinkead is not yet Installed there.

A Supplication from the greater part of that congregation was presented to this Synod by Messrs John Moore, John Maxwell, &c., Commissioners, wherein they request that they may be disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, & put under the care of another.

Another Supplication from the Lesser Part of said congregation was presented to this Synod by Messrs John Stewart, David Brown, &c., Commissioners, wherein they desire that the former appointment w't reference to the Installation of Mr. Kinkead may be renewed.

Reasons were produced by the Commissrs from the Greater Part for their being disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh & were read. They Pby of Killyleagh were heard in giving answers viva voce to said Reasons. The Commissrs from both Parties were fully heard, & being removed, & the Synod having seriously considered the above affair, put the Question, namely, Disannex the Congregation of Killinshy from y' Pby of Killyleagh, or not? and it was carried in the negative without a Dissenting Voice, one only excepted.

Mr. Kinkead upon hearing the above Minute, declared that the People of Killinshy had said, they would not submit to above sentence, and therefore he was sorry that by the Resolution of the People about Killinshy affair, he was put under the necessity of parting with the Congregation of Killinshy or of Declaring for an Independency. The Synod being offended with the above Declaration, allows him till to morrow morning at first sed to explain himself.

A letter from the R. Honble the Lord Farnham representing the Low Circumstances of Killinker, & desiring that this Synod would give them some assistance, [was read]. Mr. Dickie heir at Law to Mr. Hamilton the late Min of that congregation, prays that before they are planted with another, justice may be done to him with reference to an arrear due by that people to Mr. Hamilton's Heirs. This is recommended to the care of the Pby of Coothill.

Mr. Plunkett Commr from Glennan represents the weak condition of that Congregation & that they are not able to pay the 40 £ 40 annum as the Synod has ordered, & prays that this Synod would either dispense with that Resolution or give them such other assistance as this Synod shall seem good. The Synod refers this matter to the Pby of Monaghan.

Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Interroq' at 8.

Concluded with prayer.
M' M'Crefght is represented as an object of Charity to this Synod, & it is agreed that each Minister bring some contribution to her at next Synod.

M' Kinkead now explained what he said Last night, in these words, namely that the Resolution of the Synod, & the consequent Resolution of the Congregation, he feared, wou'd lay him under a necessity of being as an Independant for a time, by which he meant, that thereby he would be deprived of the satisfaction & benefit of a Pby or deserting his Congregation.

The following Brethren viz Messrs Malcolm, Moorhead, Sims, & Hutheison are appointed to converse with the Commissioners of Killinsby, & that some of the members of the Pby of Killyleagh be present with them.

A Memorial from Castle Blayney was presented to this Synod by Mr Blaynie. Wm Baillie representing that as they are now planted with a Gospel Minister, this Synod wou'd make good the promise made in their favour last Synod. The Honourable Lord Blayney by letter seconds said Memorial, this affair is refered to the Committee of the Fund, which Committee M' M'Combe is to attend, & make report of what may be done in that affair to the next sederunt of this Synod.

Some Overtures of a Committee of this Synod with regard to the management of the fund were read in & confirmed by this Synod.

Res: 1st. That a Clk for the Committee of the fund be appointed by the Synod to keep an exact account of the sev'l sums to be paid by the Congregations in the Bounds of this Synod, of those who do not pay, & of those who are on the fund, what they are yearly to have, & their Localities, & the said Clk be paid 12d £ & for the first year out of the produce of said fund.

Res: 2nd. That every Pby within the Bounds of this Synod give an exact account to said Clk of what every Congregation is to pay yearly to said Fund, what any are in arrear & of those who have not yet paid any, & that if they can't do this at present, that they do it as soon as possible at farthest before the first of May next.

Res: 3rd. That every Pby give notice to those Min's whose Congregations have not as yet contributed to the fund that they at next meetings of their respective Pbyes, after such notice given, do make a Return to the respective Moderators of the several Pbyes of the sums they'll yearly give to the support of the fund, & that in case, said Min's neglect to make a return, then the Pbyes under whose care said Min's are, are to be enjoined by the Synod to make an Estimate of what they think they can pay & make a Return thereof to the Clk of the Committee of the fund against meeting of the General Synod.

Res: 4th. That by a Resolution of Last Synod, every Min' was enjoined to bring his respective proportion of the fund to next General Synod, to be put into the Hands of the Clk of the Committee of the fund to be distributed as the Synod shall direct, yet we humbly
conceive that method will not answer the end designed, it's therefore our opinion that the usual way of Distribution be observed till next meeting of the Synod.

A Supplication from Logghall was presented to this Synod by Messrs Tobias Gilespie &c., requesting the continuance of the grant of the Synod's Fund with them. Several members were heard & the Synod agrees that the fund usually paid to Logghall be kept in hand, until next General Synod, & then disposed of, as they shall think fit.

Mr Hutchison is appointed to write to Lord Farnham.

The Bn. that were sent out to converse with Killinshy Commiss' report that the Commiss' from that Place tell them that the Members of that Congregation continue very warm in their dispute.

From Broughshane appeared Commiss', David Darragh, John Hood &c., offering a protest subscribed by a number of Hands, against being disannexed from the Congregation of Broughshane & joined to Buckna. The Synod commits this affair to the Pby of B.mena with the following Correspondents, viz., from T.Patk Pby, Messrs Rogers, Wright, Lewson, & Reid, from Rout Pby, Messrs Smylie, Henry, Neilson, & Ewing & an Eld, with each, to meet at B.mena the 2d Tuesday of August next. Mr Rainkin to write to the Correspondents.

A Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Allen, King, Semple, Sims, Neilson, Henry, Cuningham, Malcolm, Dickson, Alex', Huey, M'Kean, and Hamilton and an Elder with each, of whom five Minrs & 3 Elds to be a Quorum, to meet at Killinshy the 3d Tuesday of August next, to hear & determine in the Matter of a Petition exhibited to this Synod by Mr David Brown a member of the Session of Killinshy, with regard to his suspension. Mr Semple to preach, & the Pby of Killyleagh to attend & give what Light they can to said Committee.

This Synod farther appoints that Mr Malcolm & Mr Kinkead change pulpits at their convenience that he, Mr Malcolm may deal with that people to bring them to a more peaceable temper, & in the mean time ordered that the Affairs of that Congregation remain as they were until next General Synod, in the hopes of a more Amicable accommodation.

Mr John Thomson of Carnmoney, at his own request, and with the consent of the Pby of Dromore, is annexed to that Pby.

The Synod upon Reading the Minute of last year with reference to those who have not attended the meetings of the Judicature & finding it has not had its proper Influence, came to the following Resolution, namely, That a Committee consisting of the following Members, viz., Messrs Cherrie, Menog, Maxwell, Jackson, King, Sims, & Dunn, do meet the first Tuesday of August next at Banbridge in order to draw up such expedients as they shall think fit to prevail with the members of this Synod who have not given due attendance on the Judicatories of this Church, and especially on the meetings of the General Synod, to be more punctual for time to come, and that their Resolutions with respect to said affair shall be decisive.
AT LURGAN, JUNE 28TH, 1757.

This Synod appoints that a Fast be observed in the several Congregations subject to it, the second Thursday of November next.

The Mod'. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interlocr 1st.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widdows Fund was read in the Interlocr, by which it appears that there is now in their Hands £3808 10 2s. Messrs Maxwell & Colvill are appointed to write to the Trustees in the name of this Interlocr.

Interlocr 2d.

Messrs Colvill, &c., now brought the Letter to the Trustees of the Widdows Fund, which was read and approved.

Inserted *p*

JON, COCHRAN, Clk S.G.
Mr Geo. Cherrie Mod' of the former Synod. opened this, by preaching from Isa: 50: 4: & then constituted it by prayer, after which, were present from the several Phy's, as follow, viz:

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Mr. Cherrie moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod.

The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz. Messrs And Mrs Ferguson, Gilb. Kennedy, John King, Alexr. Macomb, Wm. Thompson, Jno. Hill, David Smylie, Thos. Vance, Geo. Carson, Adam Duffin, & Wm. Willson. The Roll was called, & Mr. And Mrs. Ferguson chosen.

It was moved that Inasmuch as Mr. Cochran had served the Genl Clerk Synod, as Clerk for many years, with great fidelity, that the Benefit of the Clerkship be continued to him for this year, as an additional Reward for past services, But in the meantime another Clerk be chosen, to write the minutes of the Synod & Transmit a fair copy to Mr. Cochran that he may send copies thereof to the several Phys of the Genl Synod. This was unanimously agreed to, & the chusing of a Clerk put off until tomorrow morning.

Ordered that the several Phys meet this night & prepare Lists to Phys to meet be given to the Clerk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of the members for the Respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund & Genl Synod’s fixed Committee, as also an account of such Ministers as have Dyed, Been ordained, Installed, Licensed, or Entered on trials, since Last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at Eight o’Clock to morrow morning for prayer & continue therein untill ten, when open Synod shall begin: this Sess’d concluded with prayer.

24 Session Wednesday at ten in ye forenoon, after prayer. 24 Sess’d.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, & the Following Clerk chosen Brethren being proposed as a Leet, viz. Messrs John Gibson, George Henry, David Smylie, Wm. Dunn, John Hill, Jas. Huey, Wm. Willson, Jno. Warwick, & Wm. Rodgers & The Roll being Called Will; Rodgers was chosen.

The Phys gave in Lists of their members for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely:
The Pby of Dromore have Licensed Messrs James Kinneer & Robt Semple they Both subscribed according to order & they ordained Mr Jno. Smith at Loghbrickland 8ber 31st 1757 & Isaac Patrick at Magharry June 22d 1758, they both subscribed; they report that Mr Semple Dyed March 24th 1758.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr James Dumas & Eob't Semple they Both subscribed according to order & they ordained Mr Jno. Smith at Loghbrickland 8ber 31st 1757 & Isaac Patrick at Magharry June 22d 1758, they both subscribed; they report that Mr Alex'Brown dyed Janry 2d 1758.

Ballymena Pby have Licensed Mr James Cochran, who subscribed, & Entered Messrs James Cumin & Chaebrown on first Trials. They report that Mr Ja'Kerr dyed Sep' 18th 1757 & Mr Michael Curdy dyed Janry 8th 1758.

Monaghan Pby ordained Messrs Samuel Kennedy & Wm Sproot 8ber 12th 1757 they both subscribed, they Installed Mr Hugh Mulligan at Aghnacloy 8ber 13th 1757 who subscribed & they have Entered Mr James Coulter on first Trials. They report that Mr Hutcheson was Removed from ye Cong of Monaghan to Cork, in Sep' 1757.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr James Whiteside at Tobermore Agt. 1st 1757, & Mr Peebles at Loghgal June 26th 1758. They both subscribed; & they have entered on first trials Messrs James Hogg, Geo. Harris, Rob't Campbell & Wm Ray.

Derry Pby ordained Mr James Law July 5th 1756: & have Licensed Mr M'Culre they Both subscribed according to order.

The members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are as follow:
For Tyrone Pby Messrs Duffin & White w't an Elder.
For Killyleagh Messrs Macomb & Henry w't an Elder.
For Bangor Messrs Kennedy & Buchanam w't an Elder.
For Dromore Messrs King & Sims with an Elder.
For Templepatrick Messrs Lewson & Fullerton w't an Elder.
For Armagh Messrs Jackson & Ferguson w't an Elder.
For Ballymena Messrs Brown & Rankin w't an Elder.
For Strabane, Messrs Young & Scott w't an Elder.
For Root Messrs Smylie & Henry w't an Elder.
For Derry Messrs Harvy & Lile w't an Elder.
For Letterkenny Messrs Delap & Callender with an Elder.
For Coothill Messrs Makee & Smith with an Elder.
For Dublin. No return.
For Monaghan Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton & an Elder.
These with our Mod'. & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod'. on any Emergent, fifteen to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least to be Min'.

Enquiry was made, if the Appointment of Last Synod referring to Rye Rye, had been observed, & it appeared that little has been done in that matter; The appointment now renewed. And to make it the more Effectual, The following Brethren, viz. Messrs Higginbothom, Harvey, Boyd, Smylie, & Ewings are ordered to Recommend that affair to the Subsynods of Derry & Ballymena, & they are to make Report of the success they have at next meeting of this Synod.

The several Phys are ordered to give an acc't at next Session of Mrs McCreight what they have done for M' McCreight, In pursuance of the appointment made, in her favor, at Last Synod.

It was unanimously agreed by this Synod, that all the fund money Mrs Orr formerly allowed to the Cong's of Loghgal to M' Orr.

The Committee according to appointment, met at Killinchy & issued the matter of the Petition of David Brown which he gave in at last Synod.

Messrs Malcom & Kinkead changed Pulpits, one Lord's Day, as the Synod had ordered, & M' Malcom says he used arguments with the people of Killinchy to bring them to a more peaceable temper. But had not the desired success.

The Committee met at Banbridge, as appointed, to form some Expedients, to engage the members of this Synod, to be more punctual in giving attendance upon the several Judicatories of this Church, & particularly upon the Meetings of the Gen'l Synod. M' Jackson a member of that Committee, produced a Letter to this Synod, containing an Overture to that purpose. This Letter was referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Overtures & their opinion of it is to be considered by this Synod.

It was moved that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The Question was put, viz., meet at Lurgan or Antrim. The Roll was called, & it carried by a great majority to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1759. Sermon to begin 5 o'clock afternoon. The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately after this Session, Interloq' half an hour after four. Open Synod at six.

Concluded with prayer.

34 Session Wednesday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer. 34 Session

The appointment in favour of M' McCreight was again enquired Mrs McCreight into, and it appeared that some Ministers were prepared to give money for her use, M' Brown of Ballymena, is to attend upon the several Phys this evening, to receive from them what money they have for her. And this Synod recommend it to the Phys to urge the absent
members, to use diligence in this affair, & send what they can get for M' M'Cright, to M' Brown of Ballymena as soon as possible.

The Committee of Overtures informed this Synod, that they have not yet fully considered the Overture of the Committee which met at Banbridge.

M' Vance in the name of the Congregation of Usher's Quay, requested that the several Pbyes belonging to this Synod, be appointed to send them such suppliers untill next Synod, as they shall write for, this granted.

A Supplication from Ballymony, was presented to this Synod, by Messrs And Catherwood, Sam' Ralstone & others, intreating that this Synod, in pursuance of a Reference from the Pby of Ballymena, in April 1757, to the Gen' Synod last past, wou'd be pleased to remove M' Jno. Rankin from Antrim to Ballymony.

Some Gentlemen from the Congregation of Antrim appeared, who complained that they had not been timously apprised of the Intention & Request of the people of Ballymony, & earnestly intreated the Synod not to give judgment at this time.

The Synod, after Reasoning a Considerable time, agreed that as this affair did not come regularly before them, they wou'd not give judgment in it, & therefore leave it to the people of Ballymony to proceed (if they think proper) in the usual way.

From Ballyborrough appeared Jno. Gibson & Robt Anderson Commrs, Supplicating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to disannex their Congregation from the Pby of Monaghan, & put them under the care of the Pby of Coothill. The Pby's of Monaghan & Coothill discovered an Inclination that the people of Ballyborrough shou'd be gratified in their request, & the Synod granted their Supplication.

From the Cong of Killinker a Supplication was presented to this Synod by Ja' Henry, setting forth the weak state of that Congregation and their inability to support a Minister, & praying this Synod to inform them, of the portion of their fund which they wou'd be pleased to allow them. This refered to the Committee of funds.

From a part of the Cong of Killenchy, a Supplication signed by their Session Clerk, was presented to this Synod by Messrs John Moor, Michl Stevenson and Robt Logan, requesting that their Cong may be Disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, & Liberty granted them to put themselves under the care of another.

From another party in the Congregation of Killenchy appeared Messrs John Stewart & John Brown Intreating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to continue their Relation to the Revd Pby of Killyleagh and not to put them under the care of any other Pby: They offered many Reasons in support of this Request.

The Commrs of both parties were heard at large, M' Kinkead & the Pby of Killyleagh were also heard. The Synod agreed to defer the
consideration of this affair, until next Session. Adjourned until to
morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

This Session Concluded with prayer.

4th Session. Thursday at 9 o'clock morning, after prayer.

The matter of the Supplication from Killenchy was again entered
Killenchy
upon, according to the Resolutions of last night, & the parties from
that Congregation heard for a considerable time, The Pby of Killyleagh & Mr
Kinkead were also heard at large. The parties, the Pby of Killyleagh,
and Mr Kinkead being removed, the Synod, after much reasoning &
mature Deliberation, Resolved that this whole affair shall be remitted
to the Pby of Killyleagh, who are hereby clothed with the authority of
this Synod to Disannex Mr Kinkead & the Congregation of Killenchy, from
their Presbytery, as they shall see cause, & the Synod earnestly
recommend it to said Pby, to treat Mr Kinkead & that Congregation,
with all possible tenderness & do all they can to gratify them. The
parties being called in, this Resolution was Read to them, & they
submitted to it.

The Communion from Ballymony (with the concurrence of the Pby of Ballymony
Roote) requested that this Synod would authorise them to
apply to the several Phys within their Bounds for such Suppliers as
they shall have occasion to ask, until next Synod. This granted.

The several Communion are ordered to meet immediately. Interlocut
at 4 o'clock afternoon. Open Synod at six.

Concluded with prayer.

5th Session. Thursday, at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Thos: Gordon & Buckna
Francis Moor, Communion, from Buckna, in which they complain of the
Resolution of the Pby of Ballymena with Correspondents, as laying a
foundation for breaking through the Bounds fixed by the Genl. Synod
in June, 1756, when they were Erected into a Congregation, and intreat that
this Synod would allow the Bounds of their Congregation to Remain as they
were first fixed. A Copy of the Minute of the Pby of Ballymena with Correspondents relating to that affair was Read, and the Minutes of the Synod giving an accinf of the Erection at Buckna, were also Read. The Communion being Removed, the Synod, after some Reasoning upon the Matter of this Supplication, Resolved—that the people of Broughshane & Buckna shall abide by the Resolutions of the Synod in June,
1756. Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

This Session concluded with prayer.

6th Session. Friday, Ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The Clerk to the Committee of the Synod's Fund, informed this Synod that Returns have not been made by several Phys (as formerly appointed) of the state of the fund in their Bounds. The Synod
ordered that the Pbys be punctual in making Returns of the Localities within their Bounds, to Mr. Macomb as soon as possible.

Some Members of the Pby of Dromore, applied in the name of Annahilt Congregation, for Liberty to Write to the several Pbys within the Bounds of this Synod, for Suppliers, & particularly for Mr. Kinneer of Coothill, & Mr. Montgomery of Templepatrick Pby. This was granted.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to by this Synod, that every Pby within our bounds shall annually Demand a full Settlement of the Acct between every Min & his Cong & this be transmitted by them to the Committee of Books, & Entered into their Records, & this Minute is ordered to be Read in each Congregation.

The Committee of Overtures proposed that every vacant Congregation in the Bounds of the Gen' Synod whose yearly Stipend was forty pounds, or did not exceed fifty, shou’d pay to each probationer, for preaching on the Lord’s Day, Eight Shillings & three half-pence, and in case the vacant Cong was on the fund & whose yearly stipend did not exceed thirty pounds perhaps not Twenty, that in such cases, what shou’d be paid to the Suppliers, be left to the prudence and discretion of the Pbys to whom such vacant Congs do belong.

And as for those Congregations whose yearly Stipend was fifty pounds, it was overtured that they pay their Suppliers in the Bounds of their own Pbys at least half a Guinea a day, but if such vacant Cong was shou’d apply to the Gen' Synod or other Pbys, for suppliers, that then they pay to such Probationer or Probationers three crowns for every days preaching on the Sabbath Day.

As for those Congs that usually paid sixty pounds a year they ought to pay their Suppliers a pistol £ per day at least, & so on in proportion for other Congregations whose yearly stipends exceed the sum last mentioned.

These overtures were considered & approved, and it was Recommended to the several Pbys that they use their Interest & Influence with the Congregations under their care to do justice to the Probationers, Particularly that the above overtures be observed.

The Mod'. concluded this Synod with Prayer.

A Letter from the trustees for the Widows fund was Read in this Interloq wherein they gave an acct that, that fund amounts to the sum of £3840 19 5½ which with the present year’s Subscriptions will make up £4170. This Interloq agreed to refer y’s affairs relating to that fund to a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Colvil, Niven, Higginbothom, Maxwell, Menogh, Moodie, Kennedy, Harvy, & Makay, who are to bring in their Overtures to morrow morning.
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Interloq'. 2d.

The members appointed to inspect into & bring in Overtures relating to the Widows fund, brought in the following.

1st. That a Publick collection shall be made in all the Cong** belonging to the Gen Synod & Pby of Antrim for strengthening y* fund, that the money so collected be put into the hands of some one Min* in every Pby, & by him brought to this Synod at it’s next meeting, with an acc* of the particular Collections made, & a return of y* names of such Min**, as have appointed no such Collection, if any such there be, who for every such omission shall be mulcted in a guinea, to be deducted out of his R.D. & paid into the said fund the Quarter immediately after.

2d. That as frauds have been committed, & hereafter may be, in this matter. A List of the annuitants justly intitled, shall be annually made by the Gen Synod, subscribed by the Mod*, & Clerk, & returned to the Treasurer for this fund, to whom only annuities shall be paid, until the next meeting. To enable them to do which, the Psys in the Returns they make of Min* Dead, shall particularly mention, leaving Widows or Orphan children or not.

3d. That no addition shall be made by the Treasurer to the sum now paid the several annuitants, untill he receive particular instructions for that purpose from the constituents. That Mess* McKay & Kennedy write to the Trustees, & Mess* Colvill, Dunn, & Nivin to the Treasurer. These Overtures were considered & approved.

A Supplication from Mrs Cornwell was read in this Interloq* Mrs Cornwell intreating that she may be allowed four pounds yearly of the Gen Synods Bounty, as formerly granted her, and we* for some time past she has not Rec*. This Supplication was granted & the Clerk of y* Synod ordered to write Mrs Lang to that purpose & desire him to pay Mrs Cornwell the arrear due her.

A member of this Interloq* complained that Mrs Turrettine had Rec* money from the Cong* of Tobermore to Buy Cups & Flagon for Sacramental occasions which he Bought but now Detains & will not give up to that Congregation.

In order y* the Interloq* might receive farther Light in this matter, they called upon Mrs Paul an Elder from Tobermore, who declared that the above Complaint was Just, and added, that Mrs Turrettine had Rec* money & been employed by that Congregation to Buy a Bible for the use of the Publick, & also money to Buy Deals for their meeting house, & to Buy a New testament with Psalms for a poor woman, & thirteen shill* of fund money, which several sums he never laid out as directed by the people, nor accounted for. These Complaints Mrs Paul undertook to prove by many Witnresses.

This Interloq* Resolved that the matter of the above complaints shall be Inquired into & judged by a Committee of the following Brethren, viz. Mess* Higginbothom, Smylie, Simson, Caldwell, Hull,
Osburn, Patten, Henry, & as many of the Pby of Letterkenny, as can
attend, who shall meet with their Elders at Tobermore, the last tuesday
in July next, & consider and Judge this affair, & Censure as far as sus-
pension untill next meeting of the Gen' Synod, in case M' Turretine
be found Guilty: five Min's with two Elders to be a Quorum, M' Turretine
to be Informed of this process, with the names of the Wit-
nesses who are to support the above Charges, ten free Days before the
meeting of the Committee; M' Smylie to procure a List of the names of
the Witnesses & send it to M' Turretine, by a person who shall appear
at the meeting of s'd Committee, & give evidence of having duly served
M' Turretine with this Resolution, & names of the Witnesses. And
M' Turretine is hereby to take notice, that if he shall absent Himself
from the meeting of the Committee (without very sufficient cause) he is
to be suspended by the s'd Committee, Ipso facto a copy of this Minute
for M' Turretine to be signed by the Mod' & Clk of this Synod.

_Interloq_ 3^d._

Mess'r Colvil & Niven brought in a Letter to the treasurer for the
Widows fund, which was Read and approved by this Interloq' & signed
by the Mod'. & Clk.

Mess'r Kennedy & Makay brought in a Letter to the Trustees for
said fund, w't was also read & Approved.

This Interloq' appointed M' Jno. Maxwell, to write to M' Maconchy
concerning the Expediency of applying for a Charter for the Security
of the Widows fund.

A motion was made in this Interloq consisting of the Gen' Synod
& a Deputation from the Pby of Antrim, That as it would tend much
to the credit & advantage of Dissenters in Gen', that their different
associations shou'd correspond w't & be mutually assisting to each other,
in their consultations for supporting their Gen'. Interest, And that
they shou'd appear in the eye of the world as one Body & engaged in
one come cause.

It was therefore proposed that some of our members be appointed
to write on this subject, to the Pby of Antrim & Doc' Duchal, desiring
that Correspondents from them, & from our Brethren in the South, may
be appointed to meet w't us, at our next Gen' Synod, at Lurgan the
Last tuesday in June 1759. And likewise proposing that Correspond-
ents be appointed from this Synod to attend on any of their meetings,
when the Breth's there shall think it necessary & desire it.

The above motion was unanimously agreed to. And Mess'r
Kennedy & Makay were appointed to write to Doc' Duchal, Mess'r
Kennedy & Laird to the Pby of Antrim. Mess'r King & Kennedy to
correspond w't the Pby of Antrim, Mess'r Maxwell & Wight w't the
Southern Association, when Desired.

The Pby of Derry having Represented that the Cong'. of Bally-
kelly scrupled to pay the arrears due to their late Min' M' Jn'. Haslet,
desired the Advise of this Synod, how they shou'd proceed, in case that Cong's. wou'd persist in their Refusal.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Interloq't. that justice shou'd be done every person, & that the Pby of Derry be advised to use all possible care and diligence to engage that Cong's. to Discharge s'd arrear.

A Complaint was made to this Interloq't that M' White of Mr White Broghshane had collected annually money for the Synod's Fund & had applied it to other purposes.

This Interloq't ordered that M' Macomb, Clerk for said Fund, shall write to M' White to do justice in this matter, & particularly that he pay the arrear of the fund money, Due by his Cong's. to Ballenderry. And in case that be not done, in four weeks after he has been wrote to, M' Macomb is to write to the Pby of Ballymena, to inquire impartially into, & see justice done in this matter.

This Interloq't ordered that the acc't. of the state of the R:D: sent by M' Lang, be given to M' Macomb w't he is to examine and lay before the Committee of Funds at next meeting of the Gen'l. Synod.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, Clk. G.S.

July 20th, 1758.
**RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD.**

*A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 26th, 1759.*

M' Andrew Ferguson Mod' of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from I Tim. 6. 2. And then Constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pbys as follow, viz., from

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Messrs Alex'. Colvil, Jas Makay & William Niven appeared Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim, & produced a Commission signed by their Mod & Clerk appointing them to join in consultation with this Synod, in such matters as are of Gen' Concern, to the protestant Dissenting Interest. Their Commission was sustained.

A Letter from Dr Duchal & one from Mr Hutchison, Members of the Southern Phys, were Read, signifying the Heartly Inclination & Readiness of these Phys, to correspond with this Synod, & apologising for not sending Correspondents at this time. They promised to send some of their members to any of our subsequent meetings, if that shall be judged necessary.

Mr Maxwell appointed to Answer Doc'. Duchal, Mr Gilb'. Kennedy, Mr Hutchison.

Mr Ferguson moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Lect, viz., Messrs John Hood, Alex'. Macomb, H. Dickson, Jas'. Bond, James Armstrong, Alex'. Neilson, Thos. Craford, David Smylie, Wm. Wight, Geo: Carson, Jno. White & Jno. Rankin. The Roll was called & Mr Jno. Hood chosen.

Mr Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the several Phys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members, for the respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, books, fund & Gen' Synods fixed Committee, as also an Account of such M' as have Died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed, or Entered on Trials, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at eight o'clock for prayer to morrow morning, for prayer & continue therein until ten, when open Synod shall begin: This Sess° concluded w't prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 2d Sess°

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

Some members of this Synod, upon Reading the Minutes of last Session, Referred to the Correspondents from the Phys of Antrim & the South, desired and alleged that the words Gen' Interests of Dissenter, in w't they were to join in consultation with this Synod to promote, shou'd be explained to signify Gen' Secular concerns only. This was agreed to. Mr Cherrie & others Dissented from the Explanation of the Minute of last night; alleging that these Correspondents
shou'd be consulted in all matters of Importance, that come before this Synod.

The Pby's gave in Lists of their members for ye' several Committees, as also the following acc't namely:

The Pby of Bangor have Licensed Mr Rob't Nickel who subscribed according to order.

Dromore Pby have Entered Mr Rob't Dickson on first Trials.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Wm Montgomery at Bally-easton July 27: 1758, who subscribed the Widows fund, &c. They Report that Mr Livingston Died the first day of Sepr 1758 & Mr Ja's Cobham Died Feb'ry 23rd 1759.

The Pby of Ballymena have Licensed Mr Cha's Brown who subscribed, & haveEntered him on 2d trials.

Rout Pby have Licensed Mr Rob't Elder, who subscribed, & have Entered Mr Hu: Smith on 1st trials.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Mr Geo: Harris & Moses Hogg, they both subscribed, & they have Entered Messrs Wm Ray & Rob't Campbel on 1st Trials.

Dublin Pby report that Mr Patton Died April 22d 1759.

Coothill Pby have ordained Mr Kinneer 25th of June 1759, & they Installed Mr Wm Sprott at Ballyjamesduff 16th of May 1759. They both subscribed the Widows fund, &c.

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

For Bangor Pby Messrs Andw Kennedy & Buchanan w't an Elder.
For Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Kennedy w't an Elder.
For Dromore Messrs King & Sims w't an Elder.
For Templepatrick Messrs Lewson & Fullerton w't an Elder.
For Ballymena Messrs Cochran & Rankin w't an Elder.
For Letterkenny Messrs Delap & Callender w't an Elder.
For Monaghan Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton w't an Elder.
For Armagh Messrs Maxwell & Ferguson w't an Elder.
For Rout Messrs Smylie & Gaston w't an Elder.
For Tyrone Messrs Jno. Kennedy & White w't an Elder.
For Dublin Pby. No return.
For Coothill Messrs McKee & Smith w't an Elder.
For Derry Messrs Ferguson & Harvy w't an Elder.
For Strabane Messrs Young & Scott & an Elder.

These with our Mod'. & Clk are to meet at Dunganon, when called by the Mod'. on any Emergency, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Mi'nrs.
This Synod finding that some arrear of the fund money, is yet due to Mr. Orr to Mr. Orr, recommended it to the Pby of Tyrone, to take care that sd arrear be paid her. The Pby of Tyrone report that part of the arrears has been paid Mr. Orr & that they will use diligence in collecting the Remainder & as soon as may be.

A Letter from Mr. Vance in the name of the Congregation of Usher's Quay, was Read, desiring that the appointment of last Synod, with regard to the supplying that Cong. may be Renewed, & particularly that Mr. Kinkead may be appointed to preach to them six Lords Days from the last week in July next. This granted.

Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon. Ye Sess. concluded with prayer.

3d Session. Wednesday, at Four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 3d Sess'.

From a part of the Cong. of Annahilt appeared Messrs. Jas. Annahilt Henderson, Willm. Caruthers & others, Commissioners, who produced an Appeal from a Determination of the Pby of Dromore, to Recommend a Call from a part of their Cong. to Mr. Robt. McClure. The Reasons of Appeal were read; the answers given by the Pby of Dromore to the Reasons of Appeal were also read. And a Commission from another part of that Cong. to Messrs. Danl. Mussenden, Jn. Cowan, & Carson, to attend this Synod, & answer to the Opposition and Reasons of it, we might be made to Mr. Maclure's settlement in Annahilt, were also read.

The Appellants were heard at large: the Pby of Dromore were also heard, & the Commrs. appointed to prosecute ye Call to Mr. Maclure were heard at a considerable length.

The parties being removed, the Synod, after Reasoning upon the matter of the Appeal & answers to it, Resolved, That the following Brethren, viz., Messrs. Gilb.' Kennedy, Williamson, Henry & Strong from the Pby of Killicheagh; Messr. Moorhead, Alexander, Huey, Laird, Walker, & McKeen from the Pby of Bangor; Messrs. Cherrie, Menoghh, Moodie, Jackson, & Ferguson from the Pby of Armagh, shall meet with their Elders at Annahilt, the 4th Tuesday in July next, seven of them to be a quorum. These with the Pby of Dromore (if they please) shall Judge and Determine this matter as they shall see cause. Mr. McKeen is to preach. The parties were called; this Resolution read to them, and they acquiesced in it.

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The Question was put—Meet at Antrim or Lurgan? Lurgan. The Roll was called, & it was carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1760. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to that Mr Saml. Thompson's name should be struck out of our list, not for any Immorality, but having withdrawn from the work of the Ministry.

The Synod, upon reading the Minutes of last year, agreed to enquire at the Pby of Killicheagh what they had done with regard to the Cong. of Killenchy & Mr. Kinkead. That Pby answered that tho'
M'r Kinkead & many of that Cong®. applied for a Disannexation from their Society, they unanimously agreed that they wou'd not Disannex them, as they offered no Reasons in support of that request.

From a party in the Cong® of Kilrenchy appeared Messrs Jno. Moor, Jno. Huet &c., Comm®, who produced an appeal from the resolution of the Pby of Killyleagh, w® they think was not agreeable to the determination of last Synod, refering to that affair.

From another party in said Cong® appeared Messrs Jno. Stewart, David Brown & Jno. Brown Comm®, remonstrating against the disannexation desired by the majority of their Congregation, & praying that the Cong® of Kilrenchy may be continued under the care of the Revd Pby of Killyleagh, to whom they acknowledge many & great obligations, & in support of this request they offered many arguments.

The reasons of appeal & answers to them were read. The parties were heard at large. M'r Kinkead was also heard who requested earnestly that he & his Cong® might be disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, & liberty granted them to join another. He affirmed to this Synod that he cou'd not be happy in his Cong® otherwise:—The Pby of Killyleagh gave the Synod a large account (from their minutes) of the reasons w® determined them to deny the request of the majority of Kilrenchy Congregation, desiring to be disannexed from their society.

The Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned (a considerable time) upon the matter of the above Appeal, the reasons of it, & answers to these Reasons.

It was then agreed to put this question, viv., Defer the determination of this matter, or decide it now at this Synod. The Roll was called & it carried to defer. From this resolution M' King dissented.

Interloq't at 9 o'clock to morrow morning, open Synod at 12.

This Session Concluded w't prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer &c.

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Kilrenchy

Upon reading the minutes of last Session, the appeallants from Kilrenchy, gave in a written Supplication, to this Synod, wherein they pray, that, if (in the course of providence) their Congregation shou'd become vacant, this Synod wou'd provide for their being supplied, in some other way, than by the Pby of Killyleagh.

The Synod enjoined the Pby of Killyleagh to write for such Suppliers as the people of Kilrenchy shall desire. This the Pby of Killyleagh engaged to do.

From the Cong® of Killenker appeared Mr Jno Brann Comm', who presented a Supplication from that Cong®, intreating that this Synod wou'd allow them some part of their fund, & let them know the Localities, in case their supplication be granted.
The Synod sensible of the Reasonableness of the above Request, Resolved that the sum of ten pounds £ per year, be paid to Killenker, & by the following Congs the sums annexed to them viz.

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The Deficiency to be made up by the Committee of funds.

A Report came to this Synod that M't Erskine of Newtonlamavaddy was charged with many Immoralities. The Pby of Rout & Subsynod of Ballymena gave Information that his Behaviour, in time past, was exceedingly offensive to them, and Dishonourable to Religion, & the Pby of Rout prayed & Intreated that he might not be continued, any longer, a member of their Society.

This Synod, Grieved to hear any of their members Reported to be a man of such scandalous Behaviour, Agreed, that a Committee of the following members, viz. Messrs Geo: Cherrie, Jno. Maxwell, Wm Ambrose, Jno. Gibson, Jno. King, Tho Plunket, Chas Caldwell, Gilb Kennedy, Jno. Wright, Wm Kennedy, Wm Dunn, Wm Mackneilly, M't Murray, Wm Montgomery, Jno. White, Robt White, Jno. Lewson, Tho Read, Wm Laird, & Wm Rodgers with their Elders, shall meet at Colerain, the Last tuesday in July next, nine of them to be a Quorum, whereof seven at least, are to be Ministers, to Enquire into the Grounds of these Charges against M't Erskine. And if they shall have Evidence to Determine them to Believe that he is Immoral & scandalous, as same publishes him to be, they shall censure him as they shall see cause.

The Pby of Rout are enjoined by this Synod to give Information of M't Erskine's Character to the Committee: And to send him a Copy of the Charges alleged against Him, with the names of the Witnesses that are to support said Charges, at least Ten free days before the meeting of said Committee: A Copy of this Resolution, signed by the Mod & Clk, to be sent, by the Pby of Rout, to M't Erskine, and by a person, that shall attend the meeting of the Committee, & Declare that he has served him duly w't it. And M't Erskine is hereby to take notice, that if he shall Absent himself from the meeting of said Committee They are to proceed against him as they shall see cause. The Pby of Rout are authorised by this Synod to cite any persons that can give Light in this Affair, to attend at the meeting of the Committee.

The several Phys were ordered to make Returns to y' Clk of the Funds Committee of funds, of the Localities in their Bounds and the Sums paid by Each, before next Session.
Adjourned untill six o’clock afternoon. This Session concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Six afternoon after prayer, &c.

The Clk of the Committee of funds Reports that he has not yet Rec’d Returns of all the Localities from the several Pby’s.

A motion was made and unanimously agreed to, y’ every Member in this Synod shall make a Collection before the meeting of next Gen’l Synod, for strengthening The Widows fund, And that they that made none last year, are to make two this, And for every failure they are subjected to the Penalty mentioned at Last Synod.

A minute from the Pby of Coothill was Read in ye Synod, Desiring assistance in fixing the Bounds of Stonebridge & Drum Congregations.

The Synod agreed to appoint Mess* Ambrose, Jackson, Rob’ Smith, Kerr, Gibson, Fleming, Hamilton, Maxwell & Macomb, with their Elders to meet as Correspondents with the Pby of Coothill, The 2d tuesday in Aug’ next at Coothill & Judge that and all other affairs Laid before Them from these places, & by that Pby.

A Supplication from Buckna was presented to ye Synod by Mr Geo: Gordon, praying that this Synod wou’d be pleased to use such Methods as they shall think proper, to assist them in Raising some money for the payment of a Debt they are under by Building a meeting house & which they are not able to pay.

The Synod unanimously agreed to Recommend the affair of Buckna to all well disposed people, & particularly to the Sessions & Cong* within the Bounds of this Synod, & that this Recommendation may have its due Effect, the Synod ordered their Mod’ & Clk to sign it.

A Supplication from Mr Henry of Drogheda was Read in this Synod, Wherein he Intreats that the sum of £108 of the arrear of fund money, which, he says, the Gen’l Synod in the year 1743, promised to pay him, may be p’d instantly. The consideration of this Defered until next Sess*.

From the new Erected Cong* of Ballymote appeared Tho’ Edmonstone Comm’ setting forth the weak state of that Congregation (they being 15 families in number only) & their Inability to pay for Suppliers, & Intreating that this Synod wou’d apply in their favour to the trustees for Mr Maxwell’s fund, for a portion of it.

The Synod agreed to converse with some of the trustees for s’d fund that are now in Town, And at next Session to give an answer to this Supplication.

Adjourned untill to morrow at 11 o’clock. Interloq’ at Nine. This Session concluded w’t prayer.
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6th Session Friday Eleven o' clock after prayer, &c.

Pursuant to a Resolution of the former Session, the Synod considered the affair of Ballymote, And, after Inquiry made, find that some of the trustees of M' Maxwell's fund have been consulted, whether there might not be some ground of hope given to the people of Ballymote to Expect that their Interest wou'd be used in their favour, And Report has been made, that they might Expect their Interest wou'd be Employed to promote the Dissenting Interest in said place.

The appointment of last Synod with Regard to Probationers was Renewed by this Synod.

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to, that a Committee of the following Brethren, viz. Mess'rs Macomb, Cherrie, Modie, Maxwell, Gibson, Ambrose and Fergusou shall meet at Markethill the first tuesday 8ber next, to prepare the affair of the fund for next Gen'ly Synod.

The Synod appointed all the Phys in their Bounds to observe Stated a'ct carefully the minute of last year Relative to the Min'' stating acc'' w't their Cong'ns.

The matter of Mr Henry's Supplication was Considered, according to the Resolution of last Session; And the payment of the Arrear of the fund which he says is Due him, by this Synod, was objected to, by one of y' members, who alleged, that he M' Henry had taken into his possession & appropriated to his own particular use, a meeting house, & dwelling house built by the Donations of Protestant Dissenters. M' Henry Answered, that he was in possession of these Houses And that his father had purchased the Dwelling house, And he himself had purchased the meeting house, after a Bill in Chanry had been fyllted against him by M' Fulton. M' Fulton was called upon, who Declared that M' Henry threatened to turn the Protestant Dissenters out of the meeting house of Drogheda, And shortly after Threatning them in that manner, he Rendered it Exceedingly Inconvenient for them to assemble in that house, for Publick Worship, by Building a house before it & upon their Ground, And M' Fulton said further that he & that Cong' were under the Disagreeable necessity of making out a Bill in Chanry against M' Henry, and after a considerable sum of money Expended at Law, were obliged to sell out the property of their meeting house for the Small Sum of one hundred & five pounds, tho' the Expence of Building c'h house far Exceeded that sum. The Synod after hearing M' Henry & M' Fulton, were of opinion, that Sufficient Evidence cannot be had at this time, for them, to give Judgment in the matter, And therefore Deferred Judging untill next Gen'ly Synod; And in the mean time M' Fulton is requested to use Diligence in finding out the Contributions made by Dissenters for Building those houses, & to attend w't or send these acc' to next Gen'ly Synod, M' Henry to attend if he pleases, & the members of this Synod are to use Diligence in obtaining all the Light they can in this matter before next Gen'ly Synod, Mess'' Cherrie & Modie to search the old Records of the Synod.

As the Synods appointment for the Ministers attendance for the house of prayer, has not been duly observed, it was agreed, upon, that it not
be only warmly recommended to the Members of this Synod to be more punctual at the hours for prayer, but that each Phy shou'd appoint one or more of their number, and make a return of the persons named for that purpose, to ye' M' onipously the evening or morning, before the hour of prayer.

This Synod Concluded with prayer.

*Interloq*. 1st.

A Letter from the trustees of the Widow's fund, was read in this Interloq*. Wherein they gave an acc of the present amount of that fund, is £4309 17 9. This Interloq* agreed to refer the affairs relating to that fund to a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Colvil, Niven, Makay, Wight, Maxwell, Ambrose & Ferguson, who are to receive the Collections made since last Gen' Synod, bring in Overtures relating to it, & the Draught of a Letter to the trustees for that fund, at next Interloq*.

*Interloq*. 2.

The members appointed to inspect into, to receive ye' Collections for, & bring in Overtures relating to the Widows fund, produced this Interloq* a list of ye' Annuitants, they also gave an acc of the Collections made by the members of this Synod & Phy of Antrim, & we have not been remitted to Mr Lang to the amount of £127 18 0½, which sum was given to Mr Wight of Dublin, & his Rec' taken for it, by him to be delivered to the Trustees Treasurer, this list was signed by the Mod' & Clk.

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to by this Interloq*, that Mr Lang shou'd be directed in a letter, w' is to be wrote to him by Mr Ambrose, to deduct one Guinea, and pay it into the fund, out of the first Quarter, of the R.D., that shall become due to Min* having Cong's, who have omitted to make Collections for strengthening the Widows fund, provided the do not raise & remit him, their Collections, before the 26th day of Sep' next. A list of these Min* to be sent in Mr Ambrose's Letter.

A motion was made, and unanimously agreed to, That the Contributors to the Widows Fund shou'd be Desired and Urged by this Interloq*, to attend at the meeting of this Synod in 1760, in order that the Scheme and circumstances of that fund may be considered & such Regulations made, as shall then appear necessary; And in the mean time ye' each Phy shall give an Acc of the Women Living that have been Wives to Dissenting Min* in the Gen' Synod and Phy of Antrim, at next Interloq*, to see if they Exceed the number of 35.

The Draught of a Letter to the Trustees for the Widows Fund was Read & Approved, & signed by the Mod' and Clk.
Interloq. 3d.

The several Phys gave in Lists of the Women Living that were Wives to Dissenting Minis in the Gen Synod and Pby of Antrim, w* Amount to the number of 74. This inclined the Synod & Pby of Antrim to Resolve upon taking the Scheme of the Widows Fund into serious and particular consideration, at their meeting in 1760.

It was proposed to the Interloq. & agreed to, that the Clk of the Synod be Directed to Collect into a Separate Book all that has been hitherto concluded in Relation to the Widows Fund, before the next Gen Synod, that the Contributors may have a more Clear & Distinct view of that Important affair, & that the Clk shall Receive a proper Gratuity, in such manner as shall seem most Expedient, for such Extraordinary Care & Labour, & that all the Minutes Relating to that Affair be Inserted in said Book, for time to come.

Application was made, in Behalf of the Cong of Inniskilling, to this Interloq that they would be pleased to assist them, inmentaining their Right to a Bequest made them, which is now Disputed, & they are obliged to Plead at Law; and at the same time, it was observed, that other Bequests are Depending upon the Issue of that Suit.

The Interloq unanimously agreed that every Min in the Synod & Pby of Antrim shou’d procure, if possible, at least five shill & five pence, from his Cong for the above purpose. Mr Colvil engaged to use his endeavours to procure the above sum at least from each member of the Pby of Antrim; Messrs Craford & Fullerton from the Pby of Templepatrick; Messrs King & Sims from Mr Pby of Dromore; Messrs Hamilton & Ambrose from the Pby of Monaghan; Messrs Cherrie & Menagh from the Pby of Armagh; Messrs Armstrong & Smith from the Pby of Killyleagh; Messrs Smith & Warnock from the Pby of Cothill; Messrs Malcom & Laird from the Pby of Bangor; Messrs Alexander & Delap from the Pby of Letterkenny; Messrs John Kennedy & Gibson from the Pby of Tyrone; Messrs Jas. White & Rankin from the Pby of Ballymena; Mr Wight from Dublin; Messrs Simson & Neilson from Rout; and Messrs Harvy & Ferguson from Derry Pby, & these Collections shall be Remitted to Mr Plunkett at Inniskilling before 9ber next, if possible.

This Interloq inquired if the Committee met at Tobermore as Turretine appointed at last Synod. A member of that Committee produced a paper signed by Mr Turretine & some of the members of that Cong whereby it appeared that Mr Turretine had made proper Restitution to the people of Tobermore, & he gave such a Representation of that affair as in some measure alleviated the charges given in against him. The Interloq agreed that he shou’d be admonished by the Mod never to behave in such manner for time to come, w* was accordingly done, & Mr Turretine promised to be more cautious in all future times.

Mr Simson charged Mr Turretine with assisting Mr Erskine when under suspension, in administering theSacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The Interloq resolved that as this affair did not come regularly before them, they would not give judgment in it.
A Supplication was presented by Joseph Haslet to y* Interloq', intreating that the Cong" of Ballykelly may be enjoined to do justice to his son their late Min". The Interloq' enjoined the Pby of Derry to see justice done, before they proceed to the settlement of that Congregation.

Inquiry was made if M' Macomb wrote to M' White of Broughshane, concerning the fund money due by his Cong" to Ballenderry; it appeared he did write, but nothing has yet been done in that matter. M' White & his Elder allledged that the Cong" of Broughshane was not willing to pay fund money to any Cong", but to such as they thought proper:

The Interloq' resolved that M' White's Congregation shall annually collect their portion of the fund money, w° is £1 10. And bring it to the meetings of the Gen¹ Synod, and in mean time they are enjoined to use diligence, in raising the arrear of the fund money, & to bring it to the Gen¹ Synod with the Annual fund.

A motion was made that none of the Widows that have £4 a year from the Gen¹ Synod shall (in time to come), be admitted to that charity, unless they be yearly returned by the several Pbys in whose bounds they reside, to the Synod's Clk y¹ lists of their names may be returned by him to the Treasurer: y¹ agreed to & y¹ Clk ordered to write the Treasurer to y¹ purpose.

Inserted by

WILL RODGERS, G.S.C.

Jan²⁷. 22¹, 1760.
A General Synod at Lurgan, June 24th, 1760.

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M't John Hood moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz. Messrs. Macomb, Dunn, Craford, Jno. King sen'r, Rankin, Neilson, McCollum, Duffin, Plunket, Ben: Holms & Walker. The Roll was Called & M't McCollum chosen.

M't Rodgers continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Phys meet this Evening & 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, & Genl. Synods fixed Committee as also an acct of such min's as have died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed or Entered on Trials since last Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at Eight O'clock to morrow morning for prayer & that a Return be made of the persons appointed for y' purpose to the Mod't this evening or early to morrow morning; prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded w't prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at Ten O'Clock forenoon after prayer.

The Appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phys gave in Lists of their members for the several Com'tee's as also the following accounts namely:

The Pby of Killyleagh have Licensed M't Geo: Martin, who subscribed according to order.

The Pby of Dromore have ordained M't Rob't McClure at Annahilt April 29th 1760 Who subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.

The Pby of Letterkenny have ordained M't Wm Burk July 25th 1759. He subscribed according to order.
The Pby of Ballymena have ordained Mr. Charle Brown 8ber 6th Ordained 1759 & Mr. Douglass June 3d 1760 they both subscribed y currency Synods formula & Widows fund. They have entered M. Cuming on 2d trials. They report that M. Jno. Hill died July 29th 1759. The Pby of Rout have Licensed Mr. Hugh Smith he subscribed. Licensed They report that Mr. Robt. McBride died Sep't 2d 1759, he was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Messrs Ray & Robt. Campbell. Licensed They both subscribed.

Derry Pby have Licensed Messrs Arthur Kyle Solomon Moor & Licensed Wm Craig. They all subscribed according to order.

Coothill Pby Report that Mr. Andw Dean Died April 1760. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. They have entered Mr. Nickel on 2d trials on 2d trials.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow. Synod's fixed Committee
For Dromore Pby Messrs King & Sims with an Elder.
For Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & Fullerton with an Elder.
For Monaghan Pby Messrs Jackson & Hamilton with an Elder.
For Tyrone Pby Messrs Todd & White with an Elder.
For Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Kennedy with an Elder.
For Ballymena Pby Messrs Cochran & Rankin with an Elder.
For Rout Pby Messrs Smylie & Gaston with an Elder.
For Letterkenny Pby Messrs Delap & Callender with an Elder.
For Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Harvy with an Elder.
For Strabane Pby Messrs Young & Scott with an Elder.
For Armagh Pby Messrs Menagh & Maxwell with an Elder.
For Bangor Pby Messrs Kennedy & Buchannan with an Elder.
For Dublin no return.
For Coothill Pby Messrs M'Cree & Smith & an Elder.

These with our M't & C'k are to meet at Dunganon when called by the M't on any Emergency 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least are to be Min's.

Upon Reading the minutes of Last Synod relative to an arrear of M't Orr fund money Due M't Orr, The Pby of Tyrone informed this Synod, that the greater part of said arrear had been paid & promised That the Whole shall be paid up before the meeting of next Gen'l Synod.

The Committee met at Annahilt as appointed & issued the debates Annahilt Relating to M't M'Clore's Settlement in that Congregation.

It was proposed that the time & place of next Synods meeting be fixed now. The Pby of Letterkenny made it their earnest request that the Synods next meeting should be at Derry, the Synod unanimously
agreed to grant this request, provided it shou'd not be insisted on to meet there soon again, this condition was submitted to: Next Synod to be at Derry the last Tuesday in June, 1761. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Committee met at Colerain as appointed, the minutes whereof were read, by which it appeared that Mr Erskine was suspended from the execution of any part of the ministerial office for the space of eight weeks, & a power lodged in the Pby of Rout to continue the suspension some time longer, unless they had evidence of his having made a profession of repentance.

The Synod approved the Committees conduct. The Pby of Rout reported that they continued Mr Erskine under suspension thirty one weeks, then rebuked him as directed by the Committee & took off the suspension.

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to, that the recommendation of the last Synod in favour of Buckna, be renewed by this, & accordingly each Pby in the bounds of the General Synod were urged to use great care & diligence in that matter: and a member or two in every Pby are to put the Pby to which they belong in mind of this appointment, & receive the Collections when made for Buckna. The members for that purpose are. In the Pby of Killyleagh, Messrs Dunn & Strong; in Armagh Pby, Mr Hen. Jackson; in Dromore Pby, Messrs King & Sims; in Templepatrick, Mr Wm. Thompson; in Ballymena, Mr Jno. Brown; In Strabane, Messrs Osborn & Young; in Rout, Messrs Neilson & Ewings; in Dublin, Mr Collum; in Monaghan, Messrs Armbrse & Hamilton; in Coothill, Mr Smith; in Tyrone, Messrs Duffin & White; in Letterkenny, Messrs Boyd & Ben. Holms; in Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvy; in Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird. These members are to transmit the Collections which are to be made for Buckna as soon as possible to Mr Jno. Brown of Ballymena, & Mr Logue is ordered to write them immediately a Representation of the state of Buckna.

The Committee appointed to meet at Markethill to inspect into the state of the Synod's fund, did not meet. This Synod ordered each Pby to bring acc to next Gen Synod of the Localities in their bounds, how much each pays, & to whom, & the several Phys are ordered to give what acc they can of that matter to Mr Macomb Clk of the fund to morrow morning.

The several Phys belonging to the Gen Synod are ordered to see acc annually stated between each Min & Cong in their bounds.

Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

3rd Session Wednesday at 4 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

From Bangor appeared Mr Hu: Jackson Comm Supplicating that Mr John Wright from the Pby of Templepatrick, may be appointed to supply that Cong the month of Aug next, Mr Wm Ray from the Pby of Tyrone the month of Sep & Mr Jno. Rankin from Ballymena Pby
the month of 8ber, & that the several Phys belonging to this Synod, be ordered to send that Congregation such supplies as they write for untill next Gen' Synod. This was granted.

A Supplication from Newtownlamavaddy was presented to this Newtow Synod by Andw. Oliver & James Shannon Comm'*, subscribed by a considerable number of that Cong* intreating that Mr Erskine be enjoined by this Synod to fulfill a promise he made of demiting his charge of that people, which they say he gave under his hand he wou'd do provided they payed him the sum of eighty pounds, & now declines the performance of said promise.

Mr Erskine appeared & denied he ever made a promise of demiting upon receiving eighty pounds, but acknowledges, he said he would demit if the Cong* desired him, & paid the two thirds of the arrear Stipend due him. The Comm* were asked if the eighty pounds had been paid Mr Erskine, they produced two rec'd for forty eight pounds, & Mr Erskine said he rec'd in all about sixty six pounds of that sum.

The Synod considered the above Supplication, heard Mr Erskine & the Comm* from his Cong* at large, & Resolved that if the majority of Mr Erskine's Cong* desire him to demit, they shou'd apply to the Pby to we he belongs, who shall have it in their power to accept his demission.

From the major part of Killenshy Cong* appeared James Huet Killenshy Ja* McKean & other Comm*, who presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein they intreate to be now disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh (which they say they can neither love nor esteem) & liberty granted them to join another Pby. This they plade as a liberty they think themselves intitled to as Protestant dissenters, & which all their Cong* (six or seven only excepted) earnestly desire,

A Letter from Mr Kinkead to this Synod was also read, wherein Mr Kinkead's Letter he earnestly intreats that the above desired disannexation be granted, declaring that if his people be not gratified in this, he cannot promise himself peace in his Congregation.

A Supplication from another part of that Cong* subscribed by twenty six, was also presented to this Synod, by Mr Jno. Brown Comm*. In which they earnestly intreated that the relation of their Cong* to the Revd Pby of Killyleagh, (to which they acknowledge many & great obligations), may be continued.

The Pby of Killyleagh Desired that the Comm* from the majority Pby of of Killenshy Cong* shou'd be asked, if they had any Exception to the principles or morals of any of their members that occasioned Them to say they cou'd neither Love nor Esteem them. That Question being proposed, they answered that they Did not Chuse to say anything, but Wou'd give their Reasons in Writing: These Reasons were Rec'd Read & are in Retenis.

The Pby of Killyleagh fully answered these Reasons & urged again & again, that the Comm* wou'd tell if they had any exception to the Religious principles or morals of any of their members, to This they
wou'd give no answer, But refered to their Writen reasons. The parties being heard for a Considerable time were removed & After some Reasoning the Synod Resolved:

1st. That nothing Contained in the Reasons offered by the majority of Killenshy Cong° or that has appeared to the Synod, give the Least ground to Suspect the Pby of Killyleagh to be unsound either in their principles or morals & therefore the prejudices of that people against them are judged to be groundless.

2nd. That seeing the majority of Killenshy Cong° remain obstinate in their inclinations & Resolutions to be Disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, this Synod, (to prevent trouble to that people & to oblige the Pby of Killyleagh & Mr Kinkead) Agreed that they shou'd be Disannexed & accordingly do disannex them from that Pby: The parties were Called, these Resolutions Read to them & they acquiesced; Mr Kinkead & his Congregation were allowed to join any Pby that wou'd receive them.

Adjourned untill eleven o'clock to morrow morning. Interloq° at eight, this Session concluded with prayer.

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

A Supplication from Loughgall was presented to this Synod, by Willm Lawson, Wherein they Complain that the fund money formerly granted them, & without which, they say, they Cannot possibly Support a Min°, has been Latly Lessened & pray that this Synod wou'd be pleased to allow the Sum granted to them, when they were first erected into a Congregation w° was twelve pounds a year.

Some members in the Pby of Tyrone moved that Venecash shou'd be allowed part of the Localities in their Bounds, & an Equivalent be made to Loughgall by the Committee of the fund. The Synod Resolved, that the Localities in the Bounds of the Pby of Tyrone (those appointed to Moywater only excepted) be Divided between Venecash & Loughgall, & that the Com° of the fund make up the sums formerly granted to these Congregations, by giving them other Localities.

At the Desire of the Pby of Armagh this Synod ordered the Congregations belonging to that Pby to pay their portion of the fund money to the Congregations upon the fund in their own Bounds.

The Rev'd Char° Beatty from the Pby of Philadelphia produced Ample Credentials from his Pby and was Recev'd a member of this Synod. He also produced a very Large Recommendation from the honourable Ja° Hamilton, Governor & Commander in Chief of Pensylvania; he Likewise exhibited Letters recommending him to this Synod, signed by several ministers of the Church of Scotland, & Doc's of Divinity in the Universities of Edenburgh & Glasgow.

An Address of the Corporation of Philadelphia & New York was presented to this Synod by the Rev'd Char° Beatty, Wherein They set forth the Distressed Condition of Ministers and their families in the
Bounds of that Country, & pray for such Relief as this Synod shall think most proper.

The Synod unanimously agreed that a publick Collection shall be made in all the Congregations within the Bounds of the General Synod the second Sabbath in April next, for the above purpose, that the Collections made in the bounds of each Pby shall be deposited in the hands of some one member in every Pby, by him to be transmitted to Col: Dunn in the City of Dublin. The members to whom the collections are to be given are These following, viz., in Killyleagh Pby Mr Dunn; in Armagh Mr Moodie; in Dromore Mr Sims; in Templepatrick Mr White; in Ballymena Mr Brown; in Strabane Mr Ferguson; in Rout Mr Simson; in Dublin Mr M'Collum; in Monaghan M' Hamilton; in Coothill M'Smyth; in Tyrone M'Duffin; in Letterkenny M'Boyd; in Derry M'Hood; in Bangor M'Laird.

The Mod' concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq. 1st.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read in this Interloq'., Wherein they gave an acc^t that the present amount of that fund is £4807 : 0 : 1 : & propose that Messrs Wm Dunlap & Thos. Read, Merchants in Dublin, be added to the present Trustees, some of whom they say are often out of the City & Cannot attend their meetings. The Interloq' agreed to appoint a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Boyd, Maxwell, Moodie, Colvil, Niven, Gibson, Cherrig, Menagh, Buchanan, Campbell, Jackson & Rankin, to bring in overtures Relating to that fund, at Next Interloq', & Docet Colvil is appointed to ans' the Trustees Letter.

Interloq. 2d.

The members appointed to Bring in Overtures Relating to the Widows fund, Brought in the following, namely:

1st. That the Widows whose husbands died within the first five years after the commencement of this fund, shall for two years to come, have only six pounds a year; they whose husbands died after the first five years & before the meeting of this Synod, shall have eight pounds a year for said two years; & they whose husbands die after the meeting of this Synod shall have ten pounds a year for two years to come. This affair to be Reconsidered at the meeting in June, 1762.

2nd. That a Letter shall be Wrote to Mr Lang by the Clerk of the Synod, Desiring him to send a particular Acc^t of the state of the fund—To whom every particular sum is lent,—at What Rate Interest is paid, how much of it is due, what sum is not yet given out upon Interest, upon what security the money is lent, & that the acc^t thereof be conveyed to the Ck of the Synod, by him to be Laid before a Committee for that purpose, to meet at Dunganon the first Tuesday in August next, whose names are as follow:—From Killyleagh Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Macomb; from Armagh, Messrs Maxwell & Jackson;
from Dromore, Messrs King & Sims; from Templepatrick, Wright & Rodgers; from Ballymena, Cochran & Rankin; from Strabane, Scott & Neilson; from Rout, Smylie & Henry; from Monaghan, Ambrose & Mulligan; from Coothill, Smyth & Warnick; from Tyrone, Gibson & Duffin: from Letterkenny, Boyd & Ben: Holmes; from Derry, Harvy & Hood; from Bangor, Huey & Buchanan; from Antrim, Colvil & Campbell. If any of these members cannot attend the Pby to which he belongs is to meet pro re nata & appoint another in his place.

3rd Overture. When the Committee appointed to meet at Dunganon in Augt next, Receive a Letter from Mr Lang with respect to the Widows fund, they be vested with a power to give such advice to the Trustees with reference to the management thereof, as they shall see cause.

4th Overture. That Messrs Moodie, Vance, Killburn, MrCollum & Wight do attend the Trustees of the Widows fund at some one of their meetings, to settle the affairs thereof of which meeting Mr MrCollum is to give Mr Moodie Timely Notice.

5th Overture. That the ministers who have not Collected in 1759 & 1760 for the Widows fund, be appointed to Collect before next Genl Synod.

These overtures were considered & approved by the Interloq'.

Docr Collvil as appointed brought in a Letter for the Trustees of the Widows fund, which was read & approved & signed by the Modr & Clk.

The Clk of the Synod was ordered to write Mr Lang a Copy of the Interloq's minutes (before he leaves this Town) relative to the Widows fund.

A List of Collections was given to this Interloq', and have been made since last Genl Synod for strengthening the Widows fund; & have not been sent to Mr Lang, but are now in the hands of Mr MrCollum by him to be Carried to Mr Lang and are as follow:

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By Messrs Cherrie, & Maxwell one Guinea each in obedience to the Synod for not Collecting this year for ye Widows fund.

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By Mr McGlure of Do 1 2 9
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In all £33 8 10.

The Interlocq' Inquired if the appointment in favour of Inniskilling had been observed, Mr Plunket informed them that Little had been done in that matter; The Interlocq' warmly recommended to the several Phys to observe that appointment, & those ordered to Receive the Collection for Inniskilling & have not brought them here, are to send them with the members of the Committee to meet at Dunganon y° first Tuesday in Aug'.

A Suppllication from Moyra was presented to this Synod by Mr Mitchell, wherein they give an acc° of the unhappy situation of their Congregation occasioned by an Expensive Lawsuit they are engaged in with the Sceders, who have taken forceable possession of & Detain their meeting, which was Built by Donations from the Genl Synod & pray for some assistance from this Interlocq'.

The Interlocq' unanimously agreed to Recommend Moyra to the Moyra Several Sessions & Cong°s in the Bounds of the Genl Synod y° have not already contributed to y° Relief of Moyra, & Beseech them to do it as soon as possible.

Interlocq°. 3d.  34 Interlocq°

The Clerk of the Synod Brought in a Letter to the Treasurer of the Widows fund, which was read and approved.

Inquiry being made if Mr White of Broughshane had Collected Mr White one pound ten shill° for the Synod's fund, together w° the arrears due by his Cong° to said fund, as appointed at last Synod, it appeared that nothing had been done in the matter. Mr Sims is appointed to Write Mr White on the subject, & Mr Ben. Holmes is to Write Mr Brown of Ballymena to urge Mr White & his session to fulfill the above appointment.

This Interlocq° agreed that y° Clerk of the Synod shall have the Additional fees addition of half fees for this year on acc° of the Expenses & Trouble of purchasing a new book & Inserting All into it hitherto Concluded with respect to the Widows fund.

The Clerk of the Synod was ordered by this Interlocq° to inform Children of M° Lang that the Constituents of the Widows fund have no power to prevent M° Cobham's Children, or the Children of any Deceased Min° that was a subscriber to the fund, receiving the annuity of the fund for eight years from the feather's death; but M° Lang is to observe that where there are more Claimants than one (of which the Phys to whom
the Deceased did belong are to Inform him), he should send the Annuity to the Phy who are to make ye Dividend.

It was proposed & agreed to ye the Clik of the Synod send to Mr Cochran for all Letters sent to the Gen Synod by the trustees of ye Widows fund, relative to it, & Insert them together with the Letters sent by them to the Synod, since he became Clerk, into a Book now in his hands which contains an acc of ye formation & progress of that fund, & the Interloq proposed that the Clik shall receive some Gratuity at next Gen Synod for that Labour.

Apologies were offered by some members of this Interloq in ye name of the Brethren in Dublin and the South, that were appointed to attend as Correspondents at ye Synod, for not attending. These apologies were sustained, & Mr Maxwell appointed to write to Mr Hutcheson, & Mr McCollum to Mr Mears, that Correspondents may be sent from Dublin & the South to our next Gen Synod at Derry, if they shall see that Convenient.

Inserted ye 23d of July, 1760, by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S.C.
**A Genl Synod at Londonderry, June 30th, 1761.**

Mr. McCollum the moderator of the preceding Synod being indisposed, Mr. Hood opened this by preaching from Rom. 9. 20. And then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from several Phys as follows, to wit from:

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Mr. Hood moved that one should be chosen to moderate in the Synod. The following brethren were named as a list to wit: Messrs. Macomb, Patrick, Lewson, Rankin, Smith, Carson, Jas. Bond, Hull, Gordon, Thos. Bond, Smylie, King, & Mich. Henry. The Roll was called & Mr. Macomb chosen, Mr. Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod, to morrow morning of their members for the Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & General Synod's fixed committee, as also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, installed, licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at Eight O'Clock tomorrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made to the Moderator of the persons appointed for that purpose this evening or early to morrow morning, prayers to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin; ye Session concluded with prayer.

2nd Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Presbyteries gave in lists of their members for ye Session, as also the following accounts namely:

The Pby of Ballymena have ordained Mr. James Cuming at Ahoghill ye 14th of October 1760, he subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They have entered Mr. Jno. Bankhead & Mr. Read on first & Mr. James Cochran on second trials. They report that Mr. Ja's White died the 24th of April 1761; he was a subscriber to the widows fund.

Strabane Pby have entered Mr. Rodgers on first trials. They report that Mr. Armstrong died ye 17th of May 1761; he was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

Lettsterkenny Pby have entered Mr. James Knox on first trials & are about to enter Mr. Jno. Rodgers & Wm. Cochran.
Templepatrick Pby have entered M' Sam' Barbar on first trials. Trials

Tyrone Pby report that M' Hu: Wallace died the 16th of March, 1761, and M' John Kennedy died the 25th of June, 1761. They were subscribers to the Widows fund.

Bangor Pby have ordained M' Wm Ray at Kirkdonald, June 16th, 1761. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They report that M' Francis Montgomery died the 30th of 1761. He was not dead a subscriber to the Widows fund.

The Pby of Coothill report that M' Wm M'Kee was removed from Dead Drum to Baillyborrough the 4th of May, 1761, & died the 13th of 6th month. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

The Pby of Dublin have ordained M' Nickel at Ushers Quay yº Ordained 11th of Sep', 1760 sixty. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.

The Pby of Antrim report that M' Gawdy died yº 13th of March Dead 1761, he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children.

Rout Pby report yº M' Boys died in Sep' 1760, he left children & was subscriber to yº fund.

The members of the Synods Fixed Committee are as follow:

For Dromore Pby Messrs King & Sims w¹ an Elder.
For Templepatrick Pby Messr Lewson & Fullerton w¹ an Elder.
For Monaghan Pby Messrs Plunket & Warnick w¹ an Elder.
For Tyrone Pby Messr Todd & White with an Elder.
For Killyleagh Pby Messr Kennedy & Dunn with an Elder.
For Ballymena Pby Messr Brown & Rankin w¹ an Elder.
For Rout Pby Messr Smylie & Henry with an Elder.
For Letterkenny Pby Messr Ben: Holms & Delap w¹ an Elder.
For Derry Pby Messr Ferguson & Harvy w¹ an Elder.
For Strabane Pby Messr Scott & Neilson with an Elder.
For Armagh Pby Messr Maxwell & Jackson w¹ an Elder.
For Bangor Pby Messr Kennedy & Buchannan w¹ an Elder.

No return from Dublin & Coothill Phys.

These with our Mod' & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called Dungannon by the Mod' on any Emergency, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

The Synod inquired if the fund money due M' Orr had been paid M' Orr & found it was not, the Pby of Tyrone are enjoined to use all possible diligence in raising said arrear, & are to pay it as soon as in their power.

* Month omitted.
Resolved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put, meet at Dunganon or Antrim, & it carried by a great majority to meet at Antrim the last Tuesday in June 1762. Sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

Upon reading the recommendation of last Synod in favour of Buckna, inquiry was made if the members appointed to receive the Collections in the several Phys & transmit them to M' Brown at Ballymena, to be forewarded to Buckna, had observed that appointment, & it appeared that very little had been done in that matter.

The Synod after attentively considering the above affair, Resolved that as many members as are so minded may raise collections in favour of Buckna, and the Phy of Ballymena are appointed to urge Cong" of Buckna to do justice to the Widow Gordon, in case it shall appear to them, justice has not already been done her by that people.

The affairs of the Synods fund to be considered afterwards:

The Phy of Rout reported that in obedience to last Gen¹ Synod they met at Newtonlamavady, polled that Congregation, & found one hundred & fifty seven of its members unwilling that M' Erskine shou'd continue any longer their Minister, & sixty two for his continuing; that Phy also informed this Synod that M' Erskine proposed once to demit but by the solicitations of a friend appeared determined to continue; it was proposed & agreed to that this affair shou'd be reconsidered at the first Interloq¹.

Mr Kinkead informed this Synod that he & his Cong" were subjected to y" care of the Phy of Bangor.

The affair of Venecash & Logh gall refered to the Committee of funds.

This Synod inquired if the appointment of last in favour of the American Ministers & their families has been observed, & it appeared that in the Presbytery of Armagh consisting of eight Congregations only, fifty one pounds three shill¹ & eight pence halpenny had been collected for the above purpose; in Dromore Phy, about thirty pounds; in the Phy of Derry, forty seven pounds, the rec¹ of w² sum Col: Dunn acknowledged in a letter to M' Hood; In Letterkenny Phy, fifty seven pounds 3s 4½d. Some members of the Phy of Templepatrick said they had collections with them. The Clerk of the ____¹ was ordered to receive these & give them to M' White who was appointed to transmit the Collections of that Phy to Col. Dunn:—No particular acc¹ from the rest of the Phys.

The Synod enjoined the Min" that have not collected for the American Min" to do it soon & send their collections to Col. Dunn.

M' John Murray produced very ample credentials of his being Licensed to preach the Gospel by the Northumberland class of Protestant dissenting Ministers, which, by a large certificate from the Phy of Edenbrough, appear to have been sustained by them, these

* Word omitted.
credentials were also sustained by this Synod, & M' Murray allowed
to subject himself to any Pby in the bounds of the Gen^1 Synod he
pleases.

Adjourned untill 5 o'clock afternoon. This Session concluded w^t
prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday at 5 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 5^t Session

A Supplication from the Congregation of Glennoan was presented
to this Synod by Rob' Simson & other Commissioners, in which they
complain that the settlement of M' James Cochran, to whom their
Congregation subscribed a call a considerable time ago, has been too
long delayed, & pray that this Synod wou'd give orders to the Pby of
Ballymena to ordain him to be their Minister, as soon as may be
consistent w^t their Rules.

A Supplicatoin from another party in said congregation, was laid
before this Synod by Jno. Davidson, W'^ Simson, & other Comm'^s, in
w^ they complain that the call to M' Cochran was subscribed by several
persons that had no right to call a Minister to that Congregation, &
intreat that this Synod wou'd be pleased to order the Pby of Ballymena,
not to ordain him to be their Minister : for that there were one hundred
& eighty of their Cong'', who propose to pay twenty eight pounds
yearly stipend, against his settlement there ;—The minutes of the Pby
of Ballymena relative to the above affair, were read & the members of
that Pby were heard, by w^ it appeared that when the Cong'' of Glen-
noan were polled, one hundred & twenty three were for M' Cochran to
be Minister of that Congregation ; & one hundred & nine for two other
Candidates, & that after debating the matter for some time, both parties
agreed to leave the determination to the Gen^1 Synod.

The Comm'^s from both parties being heard at large, the Synod
resolved that the following brethren to wit, Mess'^ Smylie & Henry
from the Pby of Rout, M' Caldwell from Tyrone, & Mess'^ Wright,
White, & Read from the Pby of Templepatrick, shall meet as correspond-
ents with the Pby Ballymena, the first Tuesday in August next, at
Glennoan, poll that Congregation, & if there be two thirds in men &
money for M' Cochran's settlement in said [Congregation] the
Correspondents & Pby of Ballymena shall determine whether M' Cochran
may be advised to accept said call or not ; M' Cochran is to
supply that Congregation as often as the Pby of Ballymena shall judge
proper untill their meeting :—The parties were called this resolution
read to them & they acquiesed.

A Supplication from the congregation of Bangor was presented to
this Synod by M' Jno. King, in which they request that M' Kyle from
the Pby of Derry, M' Hull from Tyrone, & M' Plunket from the Pby
of Monaghan, be appointed to supply that Cong^ the months of Aug',
Sep', & 8ber next, & liberty granted them to apply for other Suppliers
(if they see cause) untill next meeting of y^ Gen^1 Synod.

The Pby of Derry at the instance of some Gentlemen from Colerain
made their request, that M' Kyle shou'd not be appointed to Bangor
at this time. This request was granted, & Mr Hull appointed to supply Bangor the month of Sep & Mr Plunket the month of Sep next, & liberty given that Congreg to apply for any other Suppliers they may desire untill next Gen' Synod.

Some members of the Synod observed that a considerable arrear Stipend was due to the Rev'd Mr Mackay by the congregation of Bangor. The Synod unanimously agreed to give the Pby of Bangor strict orders not to proceed in the settlement of any Min' in Bangor, until Mr Mackay be paid.

Mr Alexander

The Comm' from Bangor, after Mr Kyle was set aside, requested that Mr Alexander from Letterkenny Pby be appointed to supply that Cong the month of Aug next. This was granted.

Mr Gordon

Mr Gordon complained to this Synod that the Pby of Coothill had ordained a Min' at Castleblainny, tho' a considerable arrear of stipend was due him by that Cong'. The Synod enjoined the Pby of Coothill to do all in their power to see justice done Mr Gordon by that people.

Adjourned untill eleven o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloq' at nine. This Session concluded with prayer.

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

A Letter from the Rev'd Mr Thompson of Makasky was read in this Synod, wherein he complained that some Min's in his neighbourhood have gone into a practice of marrying people without proclamation—a practice very inconsistent with the rules of this Church. Some members of this Synod observed that it was reported of ministers in other parts that they had gone into the like practice.

This Synod unanimously agreed that the several Pphys shou'd call their members to an account, & censure by suspension for some time (if any there be) such as are guilty of this irregularity, & do hereby enjoin all their members to marry none without proclamation, paying a due regard to an act made for that purpose by y' G. Synod, 1755, & also that they rebuke publicly before their congregation, such as are married, especially without the consent of their parents or guardians, by persons that marry in an irregular manner.

Some members of Dromore Pby proposed that their Pby shou'd be disannexed from the Subsynod of Ballymena & annexed to the Subsynod of Belfast. The consideration of this deferred untill next Gen' Synod.

Adjourned untill four o'clock afternoon. Interloq' at six.

This Session concluded w't prayer.

5th Session Thursday, at four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Resolved, that the committee to whom the affairs of the Synod's fund were committed, shou'd be called upon to give an acc' of that fund, & Inquiry being made, it was found they had done no business relating
to it since the meeting of this Synod. It was therefore agreed that a committee of the following Brethren, to wit, Messrs Macomb, Cherry, Gibson, Ferguson, Neilson, & Mulligan, should meet at Mountnorris the 27th 8ber next, to inspect into the state of that fund & make such regulations for strengthening it as to them shall appear necessary.

Application was made to this Synod by Mr Andw Ferguson in the name of the Revd Mr Higginbothom & his congregation, requesting that he & they may be put under the care of the Revd Pby of Derry. Inquiry was made if the Pby of Ballymena of we Mr Higginbothom is a member, were satisfied that he & his cong. should be disannexed from them & annexed to the Pby of Derry, & it appeared they were satisfied. The request granted.

The Mod. concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq'.

Resolved, that the affair of Mr Erskine’s demission be considered now. Several members of the Interloq' represented him as in very distressing circumstances, being grievously afflicted, & that there is great probability he will soon be removed out of this world. The Interloq' agreed to refer this affair to the Pby of Rout, & gave it as their opinion that it is Mr Erskine’s duty & interest, in his present situation, to demit; and accordingly ordered that Pby to recommend it warmly to him to demit, & to use their best endeavours to make the remainder of Life as comfortable to him as in their power.

Inquiry was made if the Collections for Inniskilling had been raised according to the appointment, several members paid at the Interloq’, & it was warmly recommended to the brethren appointed to receive these collections, & who have not paid them now or formerly, that they use diligence in raising them & send them as soon as possible to Mr Plunket.

2d Interloq'.

Messrs Elder Colvill & Mackay attended as Correspondents from the Revd Pby of Antrim.

The Committee met at Dunganon in Augt last as appointed, the Committee at Dunganon minutes thereof were read approved & are as follow:

A Committee at Dunganon Augt 5th 1760, the members of which were as follow, to wit Messrs William Boyd, Ben: Holms, Jno. King, Saml Sims, Jno: Maxwell, Alext Macomb, Jno. Wright, Pat Buchanan, Jno. Rankin, Wm Smyth, Jno. Warziek, Jno. Gibson, Adam Duffin and Alext Colvill; besides these the following Min's attended, to wit Messrs Jno. Kennedy, Geo. Cherry, Jno Moody, Geo: Ferguson & Ja' Hull.

Mr Boyd chosen Chairman, Mr Gibson Clerk.

The minute of the Synod with respect to the widows fund was read, Mr Lang our Treasurer from Dublin attended the committee, &
laid before us a more particular state of the fund than formerly was
given to the Synod; the Committee having proposed some questions in
order to get light into said affair, & having seriously considered the state
of the fund, came to the following resolutions.

1st. It is the opinion of this Committee, that the Trustees of the
Widows fund have taken great pains in the management thereof, &
acted with great integrity, for which thanks ought to be returned in
our names, in a letter wrote to that purpose by Mr Jno. Maxwell.

2d. That all the money lent out & not in the hands of the Govern-
ment, be called in as soon as is convenient & lent to the Government.

3d. That application be made for obtaining a Charter, & that Alex't
Stewart, Ja' Dunn, Jno. Blackwood, Arthur Upton, Esq', Doc' Geo:
Maconchy, Mr Ja' Adair, Mr Rich't Bamber, Mr Tho' Read, & the
following Min't Messrs Wm' Boyd, Jno. Maxwell, Gibb' Kennedy, Ja' 
Moody, Dav: Harvy, Pat: Buchanan, John Wight, & William Niven
be Trustees in case a charter be obtained, Messrs Cherry, Maxwell &
Harvy do apply (as soon as is convenient), to the Lords Justices &
take such steps as they shall judge proper for obtaining a Charter, &
the expences attending y' prosecution of said affair to be paid by the
Synod & Pby of Antrim, out of the widows fund, as also that they go
to Dublin for that end before the 1st of 8ber next.

4th. That Mr Lang our Treasurer give security to Mr Maxwell or
Mr Harvy for the Kings bounty.

Mr Bruce

The Interloq't resolved that Mr Mackay write to the Rev'd Mr
Bruce, that if it be not convenient for him to pay the money due by his
uncle's note, into the hands of the Trustees for the widows fund, he
may take care to have it & the interest due upon it properly secured.

In pursuance of the Committee's appointment that met at Dunganon
in August last, Messrs' Maxwell & Harvy went to Dublin in Novemb'r, applied
to the Lord Justices to obtain a Charter for the widows fund, got
promises that their interests wou'd be used in favour of it, & conducted
the whole affair with such prudence & Diligence, that the Interloq't
unanimously agreed thanks ought to be returned them in our names.
& accordingly the Mod't thanked them in the name of the Interloq't.

Messrs Maxwell & Harvy were appointed to write a letter to the
Primate intreating him to accept the thanks of the protestant dissent-
ing ministers at their annual meeting, who are the constituents of the
Widows fund for the encouragement his Grace was pleased to give
their application for a Charter, & the regard he expressed for the pro-
testant dissenters in Ireland.

Mr Maxwell is to write Mr Wight of Dublin to use his best en-
devours to bring forward the affair of the Charter with the Primate as
speedily as may be & if it shall appear to Mr Wight that quickening
fees to the Att'y Gen'l & Solicitor Gen'l be necessary, he is to apply to
Mr Lang for ten guineas & give five to each of them.
AT LONDONDERRY, JUNE 30th, 1761.

The Interloq' resolved that Messrs Maxwell & Harvey be vested and accordingly do vest these brethren with a power of managing the affair of procuring a Charter, in the intervals of the Gen'l Synod, as they shall judge proper, & they have a power to Call a Committee or assistants if they shall see that needful.

3d Interloq'.

A letter from the trustees of the Widows fund was read in this Fund Interloq' by which it appeared that the amount of that fund is £5,271 5 ½; this Letter & abstract of the state of the fund sent by the trustees to be inserted in the Widows fund book. Mr Mackay appointed to ans' the trustees letter.

The great increase of annuitants upon the fund this year inclined the Interloq' to recommend it warmly to y* constituents to make collections in their several congregations, after giving previous notice before next Gen'l Synod.

And as it was observed that the Pby of Bangor have generally omitted making collections for a considerable time, Messrs Moodie, Kennedy & Jackson are to attend that Pby at some one of their meetings & use their interests & influence to persuade them to make Collections in all their Congregations before next Gen'l Synod, & Mr Boyd is to write Mr Laird to that purpose.

It was proposed and agreed to that his Majesty king George shou'd be addressed in the name of the Presbyterian Ministers of the northern association at their annual meeting, in behalf of themselves, & all others of their denominations, & Messrs Wm Boyd, Alex Colvill, Ja' Mackay, Andw. Ferguson, David Harvy, Jno. Maxwell & Jno. Hood were appointed to draw up an address against next Interloq'.

4th Interloq'.

The following collections for strengthening the Widows fund were brought to this Interloq' & deposited in the hands of Mr Boyd by him to be transmitted to Mr Lang, the trustees secretary.

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M' Mackay as appointed brought in the draught of a Letter to the trustees of the Widows fund, which was read & approved & signed by the Moderator & Clerk.

The brethren appointed to bring in the Draught of an address to his Majesty king George, brought in the following which was read and approved by the Interloq'.'

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble Address of the Presbyterian Ministers of the Northern Association in Ireland.

May it please your Majesty,

With hearts full of veneration for the memory of y'r Royal grandfather under whose auspicious reign these nations enjoyed many invalu-able blessings, we your Majesty's most dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers, of the Northern Association in Ireland, take this first opportunity of our annual meeting to congratulate your Majesty, on your happy accession to the throne of your ancestore, and to express our unselfed affection and inviolable attachment to y'r Majesty's person and Government.

When we behold a prince of the house of Hanover again ascending the throne of these kingdoms, a prince so happily endowed by nature, formed by education & so early distinguished by his abilities for gover-ment, & a paternal care of his people, the highest sentiments of reverence & esteem possees our hearts, & the most pleasing & joyful prospects rise to our view.

Y'r Majesty's seasonable proclamation for the suppressing of vice & encouragement of virtue must endear you to all good men & enforced by so great an example have a most salutary & extensive influence, & draw down the blessing of heaven upon your reign.

The Royal assurances so graciously & freely given that you will support our present happy constitution, the tender regard you have been pleased to express for the rights of conscience, & your resolution to maintain the toleration inviolable, have greatly added to all former ties of duty and gratitude & laid us as protestant dissenters under pecu-liar obligations.

For these & other testomies of your royal favour and Goodness, the most suitable returns which persons in our situation can make, is a most assiduous care to propagate just sentiments of piety & social virtue & to inculcate principles of the strictest fidelity & attachment to your Majesty's person & Govern-ment, by which conduct it shall ever be our highest ambition to merit the continuance of your Majesty's countenance & protection.

Your Majesty's protestant dissenting subjects in the north of Ireland, are a numerous body, the main strength of the protestant Interest in this part of the Kingdom, of well-known Zeal for the
succession in your illustrious house; and as our Ancestors in times of
danger have always been ready to sacrifice their lives and fortunes in
its defence and support, we beg leave to assure your Majesty that
nothing shall be wanting on our part to cherish & cultivate the same
loyal & hereditary spirit.

Permit us, great Sir, with the rest of our fellow-subjects in the
sincerest & warmest manner, to congratulate your Majesty on ye Late
important conquest of Belleisle, w^ has reflected so much honour on the
beginning of your reign.

That in the prosecution of this most just & necessary war the
Lord of hosts, to whom victory doth belong, may crown your Majesty's
arms with still greater & more remarkable success, until your enemies
are brought to listen to just & honourable terms of peace. That
your Majesty may long live to be the darling & happy prince
of an affectionate & loyal people, the ornament and support of the
protestant interest, & the Guardian of the rights and liberties of
mankind, is & ever shall be the Earnest prayer of—

May it please your Majesty,

Yr Majesty's
Most dutiful, most faithful,
& loyal Subjects,
The Ministers of the Phy^a
Denomination in the
north of Ireland,

Subscribed at Londonderry, July 3d, 1761, by
ALEXR. MACOMB, Mod^.

The Interloq^ agreed to recommend it warmly to the constituents Fund
of the Widows fund, that they make the scheme & Circumstances of that
fund, an object of their serious attention, and make any new regulations
that to them may appear necessary to be made at their meeting in 1762,
when that affair is to be reconsidered.

Resolved that the Gen^ Synod at their annual meeting shall appoint
a special committee to inspect into the papers and acc^ sent by the
trustees of the Widows fund & Mr^ Lang our treasurer, that these
matters, through hurry of Synodical business, may not be neglected, as
sometimes is the case: the Committee of Overtures are judged proper
persons for that purpose.

The precedent of a Memorial to their Excellencies the Lord^ Memorial
Justices Gen^ & Gen^ Governors of Ireland, & letter of att^ to our
agent for receiving the King's Bounty, to be inserted into the Widows
fund book, for this & the labour of inserting all letters sent by the
trustees to the constituents of the Widows fund since its Commence-
ment the Clerk of the Synod is to receive the addition of half fees.

Inserted by
WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

8ber 22d, 1761.
**Records of a General Synod**

*A Genl. Synod at Antrim, June 29th, 1762.*

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Thos. Boyd
Jas. Hamilton
Saml. Kennedy
Wm. Smith
Jas. Kinneer
Jno. Gibson
Chas. Caldwell
Jas. Todd
Petter May
Jno. White
Robt. Speer
Jas. Hull
Edwd. Patteson
Wm. Kennedy
Jno. M'Clelland
Jas. Whiteside
Wm. Boyd
Wm. Willson
Jas. Turetine
Ben. Holms
Jno. Eliot
Jno. Hood
Saml. Patten
Arthur Kyle
Jas. Haslet
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Armagh Pby. Bangor Pby.

Geo. Cherrie Jno. Moorhead
Jno. Maxwell Hu. Dickson
Jas. Moodie Saml. Allexander Wm. Busby
Geo. Ferguson Jas. Huey Jno. Boyd
Mathew Bell Wm. Laird Jno. Brown

Wm. Ray

M' Macomb moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet to wit: Mess' Neilson, Henry, Wm. Thompson, Lewson, Rankin, Osborn, Smylie, Camren, Hamilton, Smyth, Turetine, Patton, Dickson, Armstrong, Dunn, Jackson & Caldwell. The Roll was Called & M' Caldwell chosen.

M' Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the several Phys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members, for the Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & Gen' Synod's fixed Committee, as also an account of such Min's as have died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials, since last Gen' Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at Eight o'clock to morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made to the Mod' of the persons appointed, this evening or early to morrow morning: prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin.

This Sess' concluded w't prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phys gave in lists of their members for the several committees as also the following acct' namely:

The Phy of Dromore report that M' Rob' Gordon died the 10th of April 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

The Phy of Ballymena have licensed Mess' Jno. Bankhead & Jas' Licensed Read. They both subscribed according to order, & they have entered Mess' George Richey & Jno. Egleson on 1st trials.

The Phy of Templepatrick have licensed M' Sam' Barbar. He on trials subscribed according to order & have entered M' Jas' Beggs on 1st trials.
Strabane Pby have licensed Mr Rodgers; he subscribed according to order. They have entered Mr Ja's Torbet on first trials.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Robt Scott in the united Cong° of Dunnean & Graings, the 28th of this Ins. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They report that Mr Wm Cochran of Dunbo gave up his Cong° in April last, & conformed to the established Church & y° Mr Erskine demitted his charge of Newtonlemavady in 8ber, 1761.

Coothill Pby have ordained Mr Jn° Mathewson at Baillyborough the 10th of Feb'y, 1762. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.

Tyrone Pby Report that Mr Peebles died the 31st of July, 1761. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. They have entered Mr Hogg on 2nd trials.

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Mr Ja's Knox & entered Mr Jn° Rodgers on 1st trials.

Derry Pby Report that Mr Tho° Strabridge died the 2d of April, 1762 & Mr Jn° Cochran the 21st of June, 1762. They ordained Mr Kyle at Colerain ye 23d of Sep't, 1761. He subscribed according to order; and they have licensed Mr Jacob Davis & entered him on 2d trials.

Bangor Pby have licensed Mr Tho° Stewart. He subscribed the Synod's formula.

Armagh Pby have licensed Mr Ja's Bryson. He subscribed according to order.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows:
For Dromore Pby, Mess° King & Sims w't an Elder.
For Templepatrick Pby, Mess° Lawson & Fullerton with an Elder.
For Ballymena Pby, Mess° Jn° Brown & Itankin with an Elder.
For Strabane Pby, Mess° Scott & Neilson w't an Elder.
For Rout Pby, Mess° Scott & Elder with an Elder.
For Monaghan Pby, Mess° Ambrose & Hamilton w't an Elder.
For Tyrone Pby, Mess° Gibson & White with an Elder.
For Coothill Pby, Mess° Smith & Kinneer with an Elder.
For Letterkenny Pby, Mess° Ben: Holmes & Alexander w't an Elder.
For Derry Pby, Mess° Ferguson & Hood w't an Elder.
For Bangor Pby, Mess° Kennedy & Buhanan w't an Elder.
For Armagh Pby, Mess° Jackson & Campbell w't an Elder.
For Dublin no return.
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For Killyleagh Phy, Messrs Kennedy & Dunn & an Elder.

These with our Mod & Clk 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.

Inquiry was made if the arrear of the fund due Mrs Orr be paid, Messrs Menagh, Huey & Walker are to attend the Phy of Tyrone & see what has been done in that matter since last Gen Synod, & make report to morrow morning.

A letter from Mr Erskine was read wherein he signifies his demission of the charge of Newtonlamavaddy, complains that an arrear of nine pounds & sixteen bowels of oats was due him by that Congregation, & intreats that this Synod wou'd enjoin the Phy of Rout not to fix a Min in Newtonlamavaddy until 6th arrear be discharged.

The Synod recommended to the Phy of Rout to inquire into & see Justice done in that matter.

The several Phys were ordered to give an acc, if the appointments of the proceeding Synods with reference to the American Ministers have been observed, & it appears that besides the acc returned to last Gen Synod, some of the Phy of Templepatrick have sent their Collections by Mr White to Col: Dunn. Mr White being now absent is to give an acc of these Collections afterwards, & the members in that Phy that have not Collected are enjoined to do it soon & give the money to Mr White to be transmitted to Col: Dunn.

Mr Brown is to receive the Collections in Ballymena Phy and send them to Col: Dunn.

No acc from Strabane Phy.

Mr Rob Smylie produced a letter from Col. Dunn wherein he acknowledges the acc of £28 5 11 from the Phy of Rout.

Mr Nickell informed the Synod that Mr Beatty from America by personal application to the people in Dublin, & a Collection of 18d some shill from Ushers Quay had acc (according to the best information) the sum of £120 std.

Mr Hamilton informed the Synod that he raised a Collection & sent it to Col: Dunn, & some others in Monaghan Phy collected he cou'd not say how much; he is ordered to remind the members in that Phy who have not collected to raise Collections soon, & send them to him to be transmitted to Col: Dunn.

The Phy of Tyrone report that all their members Collected, & the money was remitted to Col. Dunn, the sum they cou'd not ascertain:— Mr Laird informed the Synod that about Seventy Seven £ std had been acc in the Phy of Bangor & sent to Col. Dunn, he is ordered to remind those in that Phy that have not collected to do it as soon as possible.

Mr Dunn reports that he remitted about Seventeen pds to Col. Dunn, from Killyleagh Phy for w he has his acc, some of their members have not yet Collected, these he is to remind to do it soon & send the money to him to be transmitted to Col. Dunn.
Upon reading the minutes of last Gen' Synod with reference to M'. Murray's Credentials, it appeared by several members of this Synod, that the certificate w's he produced from Edenborough was forged; some time ago he left this Country, & the Synod unanimously agreed to Dismiss him from our Community, & accordingly ordered all their members to do so; y's Pby of Ballymena report y's they did not employ him to preach w's them for some time past.

The Pby of Ballymena w's Correspondents met at Glennoan as appointed, M'. Cochran gave up the call he had from that Cong, w's issued the debates about his settlement there.

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen' Synod with reference to the instructions given the Pby of Bangor concerning an arrear of Stipend charged the Congregation of Bangor by M'. Mackay, & having heard the Pby & some Gentlemen from that place, this Synod resolved, that the congregation of Bangor shall chuse one Gentleman and M'. Mackay another, who are to meet at Bangor on Monday 26th July next, & settle the accomp's between them & him, & if the Arbitrators cannot agree they are to chuse an umpire who is to determine the affair, & they are to give their Determination in writing within eight days after they meet to M'. Laird, & as it has been alleged that some of the arrear (if any there be) has become insolvent by M'. Mackay's negligence, the arbitrators are to Determine that also.

It was proposed & agreed to by the Gentlemen from Bangor & M'. Maxwell in the name of M'. Mackay, that Hen: Warren Esq' of Bangor & Dav. Fran': Hamilton of Craigavad shall be the arbitrators; & it was farther agreed that in case M'. Mackay declines to give attendance on the day appointed for the arbitrators to meet, the Pby of Bangor may proceed to the settlement of Bangor Congregation.

M'. Macomb reports that he is credibly informed, that M'. Gordon & the congregation of Castleblainey settled the affair of the arrear charged by him at last Gen' Synod.

M'. Macomb informed this Synod that the Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorris to Inspect into the state of the Synods fund did not meet, the appointment was renewed, & the following Brethren to wit Mess'n Cherrie, Gibson, Macomb, King, Ferguson, Neilson, & Mulligan are enjoined at Mountnorris the 21st of July next, and make such regulations for strengthening s'd fund as to them shall appear necessary.

Adjourned until five o'clock afternoon. Interloq' at three, this Session concluded w's prayer.

3d Session

It was agreed that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Antrim or Lurgan, y's Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan y's last Tuesday in June 1763. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.
A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Joseph Haslet, in which he intreats that the Congregation of Ballykelly may be enjoined to pay an arrear Stipend they owe their former Min' his son.

A Supplication from Ballykelly also presented by Messrs Sam McClelland & Jno. Giffin Commrs, wherein they offer several exceptions against the arrear charged on them by M' Jos: Haslet, & pray that this Synod would not insist upon the payment of 2d arrear, M' Haslet & the Commrs being heard at large, the Synod resolved with the consent of the Commrs that nine months Stipend shall be deducted out of the arrear, & the Cong are to pay the remainder to M' Joseph Haslet, & in case 2d arrear be not paid or secured, the Pby of Derry are not to fix a Min' in that Cong.

From Loghball a Supplication was presented to this Synod by Loghball Tobias Gillespy, intreating that the fund money formerly granted them by the Gen' Synod may be continued.

From Venecash a Supplication was also presented by Peter May, Venecash intreating that the Localities appointed by the Gen' Synod to pay fund money to that Cong., & who have been negligent in doing it may be enjoined to fullfil that appointment.

The Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorris are enjoined to take the case of these two Congs' under consideration, & make an equal division of the Localities appointed to pay them fund money.

A Supplication from Mrs Peebles (in w' she complains that a considerable arrear of the fund is due her) was also presented to this Synod, & prays that the deficiencies of last year may be enquired into, & the Localities appointed her husband be enjoined to pay her the whole of this year. This refered to the Pby of Tyrone.

Adjourned until 12 o'clock to morrow, y' Session concluded w't prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

M' White now informs the Synod that he received & transmitted to Dublin £16: 19: 5½ from the Pby of Templepatrick for y' American Min. Broughshane

A Supplication from Messrs Jno. White & Alex' Brown of Broughshane was read in this Synod, wherein they complain that they & others in that Cong are in danger of being agrieved by persons w't them able to pay Stipend & neglect to do it, & request that this Synod would be pleased to order the Pby of Ballymena to visit that Cong & see justice done their Min', & also to give such other directions to them as may appear needful.

The Synod unanimously agreed to grant this Supplication, and that the desired visitation Pby may be the more useful, have appointed the following Brethren to wit M' Ewing from Rout Pby, & M' Montgomery from Templepatrick to meet as correspondents at Broughshane w't the Pby of Ballymena, that Pby giving them timely
notice when they meet: M' Cochran change pulpits w' M' Brown next Lords Day, & inform that Cong's of this Resolution, and the Phy with correspondents are particularly to instruct the Managers & Session of Broughshane Cong's, that with respect to persons in considerable arrear Stipend & able to pay it, they ought to proceed w' such as justice & the rules of our discipline direct.

M' Nickel in the name of M' McCollum & the Cong's of Caple Street, applied for liberty to send for such suppliers within the bounds of the Gen'l Synod as they shall desire until next Synod. This granted.

M's Gordon presented a petition to this Synod, praying that contributions may be raised in such congregations as have not yet contributed for reimbursing a considerable sum her husband laid out for building the meeting house of Buckna.

This Synod agreed to renew the appointments of last with respect to the widow Gordon, and as information has been given that justice was not done her by some members of Buckna Cong's. The Phy of Ballymena are ordered to use their influence with such persons to bring to do Justice.

The Rev'd M' McCullogh from Scotland was requested to sit & vote as a member with us & he consented to do it.

Adjourned until 6 o'clock afternoon. Interloq' at 4. Concluded w't prayer:

[5th Session.]

On review of the minute of a former Session with reference to Ballykelly, it was agreed that the Phy of Derry (after deducting nine months Stipend out of the arrear charged upon that Cong') shou'd settle the acct's between them & Jos. Haslet.

M' Jno. Murray admitted as a preacher at last Gen'l Synod, & mentioned in a former Session of this one as not having been employed by the Phy of Ballymena appeared now, & by a long representation, complained of being injured by s'd Phy. The Synod heard him and that Phy, & it appeared to them by a letter from the Rev'd Doc. Geo: Wishart, one of the Ministers of Edenbrough, whose name is subscribed to M' Murray's certificate to the Rev'd M' Jno. Brown, & by another from the Rev'd M' Jno. Gawdy Min'st of Pennecuick in North Britain, as also one testifed to have been rec'd by the Rev'd M' Mackay from Doc' Lickman principal of the University of Glasgow, that the certificate on w't the s'd M' Murray had been admitted by s'd Synod was forged. This Synod in consideration of the premises approve the conduct of the Phy of Ballymena, and declare the s'd M' Murray to be no preacher belonging to this body, & in tender compassion to him considering his youth & inexperience in the world, earnestly obtest & beseech him the s'd M' Jno. Murray to consider his ways & return to the paths of virtue & goodness, that he may be thereby qualified to be hereafter useful in y'e world.
Adjourned until nine o'clock to morrow morning. Interloq' at 7.
This Session concluded with prayer.

6th Session. Friday, at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 6th Sessn.

Mr Jno. King complained that no part of the fund money allowed Mr King at his settlement in Hollywood had been paid. The Synod recommended it to the Pby of Bangor, to do what they can to see justice done Mr King.

A Supplication from Abram McClelland was presented to this Synod wherein he complains that the Pby of Dromore refused him Liberty to produce all the evidences he had to support a Libel they exhibited against Mr Smith, one of their members, but proceeded to give judgment before all the witnesses were examined. Mr McClelland and the Pby of Dromore being heard were removed; some brethren who had been present at the trial were also heard. This Synod resolved unanimously: con: that Mr McClelland's complaint should be dismissed as entirely groundless & accordingly dismissed it.

A petition was presented to this Synod by Wm Rodgers of Carn- mony in which he complains that the Revd Mr Jno. Thomson will not admit him to Church privileges because he was married by a clergy- man of the Established Church & prays for redress. Mr Thomson was heard and acknowledged he thought it his duty to censure people for being married by the Established form. He & s' Rodgers being removed, the Synod resolved that Mr Thompson should be enjoined to allow the s' Wm Rodgers privileges & not to refuse them to any of his congregation for being married by the Established Church, & in case Mr Thompson do not submit to this order of the Synod, s' Rodgers is to be allowed privileges in any neighbouring Cong. In the meantime Mr Thompson is to be admonished for his contempt of the Genl Synod's positive instructions given in the year 1754 in the like case. This order is to extend to all the members of the Genl Synod.

Mr Thomson was called, this resolution read to him, he submitted & was admonished by the Mod'.

The Moderator concluded this Synod w' prayer.

1st Interloq'. 1st Interloq'

Messrs Colvill, Marshall, Niven & Sinklar from the Pby of Antrim attended as Correspondents.

Messrs Kennedy & Laird are appointed to wait on Mr Anderson of Belfast, and beg she may be pleased to offer the grateful compliments of the Constituents of the widows fund to her brother in London for his kind continued donations to that fund.

A letter from Mr William Cochran of Dunbo was read in y' Mr Cochran Interloq', wherein he signifies his having conformed to the Established church, & desires that his subscription money to the widows fund may be returned him. The Interloq' agreed to this, & have appointed Mr
Ambrose to write Mr. Lang to return Mr. Cochran the subscription money he paid into that fund whatever it be.

It was proposed & agreed to, that Mr. Jno. Martin of Antrim be put on the £4 list, & that the Clk of y^c Synod inform Mr. Lang of this appointment.

The Committee of Overtures & Correspondents from the Phy of Antrim, were ordered to take the scheme & circumstances of the widows fund into consideration & make their report at next Interloq'.

Mr. Smith complained of bad treatment from Mr. King, after he had been acquitted by his Phy of the charge alleged against him by Abram McClelland. As this complaint did not come by a reference or appeal from the Phy of Dromore, of w^c Mr. King is a member, the Interloq' agreed to refer it to that Phy, & enjoined them to take it under their special consideration, & have appointed the following Brethren, viz. :—Mess^a Cherrie & Moodie, from the Phy of Armagh; Mess^a Dunn & Williamson, from Killyleagh; Mess^a Malcom, Kinkead, & Rowan, from Bangor; & Mess^a Gibson & Todd, from Tyrone, to meet with the Phy of Dromore at Dromore y^c 3d Tuesday in Aug' next to assist them in judging & Issuing that affair, & Mr. Smith is to reduce his complaint to writing, & send a copy of it to Mr. King, w^t the names of the witnesses to support it ten free days before the meeting of the Phy of Dromore, with the Correspondents. Mr. Patrick is to change pulpits w^t Mr. Smith next Lords day, & read a copy of this minute : & y^c Phy of Dromore are to conduct the whole affair with all convenient speed.

2^d Interloq'.

They who have not paid their contributions to Inniskilling are enjoined to send them to Mr. Plunket as soon as possible.

The Interloq' being informed that Mr. Lang's security for the R:D: is dead, require he shou'd renew it, & that the security to be given be legal and sufficient. The Clerk of the Synod is ordered to write Mr. Lang to that purpose, & that Mess^a McCollum & Vance, of Dublin, are appointed to take the security. Mr. Dunn is to write these Gentlemen that they are to take s^d security before the 1^t Tuesday in Sber next.
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A Letter from the trustees of the Widows Fund was read in this Interloq, & also an abstract of the state of that fund, by w* it appears that the present amount of it is £5,387 0s 8½d. M' Colvill appointed to answer this letter.

The Committee of Overtures and Correspondents deferred making their reports until next Interloq.

Inquiry was made if the several Phys had collected for y* Widows Collections Fund since Gen¹ Synod, & it appeared the following collections had been made:—

By Messʳ Harvy & Hood, Derry Pby .. .. £20 4 7
M' Ferguson in Do .. .. 1 2 9
M' Todd in Tyrone .. .. 0 10 10
M' Kinkead in Bangor .. .. 2 5 6
M' Maicom in Do. .. .. 1 7 1
M' Huey in Do. .. .. 1 5 5½
M' Cuningham in Do .. .. 1 2 4
M' Dickson in Do .. .. 0 16 4
M' Ross in Do .. .. 0 12 3
M' Dunn in Killyleagh Pby .. .. 2 13 10

In all £31 16 5

These collections were sent by M' Nickell to M' Lang in Dublin.

It was proposed and agreed to y¹ a collection be made for Collections to strengthening yº Widows' Fund by every member of the Gen¹ Synod & be made Pby of Antrim that has not collected since last Synod before yº 29th of Sepr next, & sent to M' Lang of Dublin.

3ᵈ Interloq.

M' Colvill, as appointed, brought in the Draught of a letter to the trustees of the Widows Fund, w* was read & approved and signed by the Modr. & Clerk.

The Committee of Overtures and Correspondents made their reports concerning the Widows Fund, which were considered and approved, & are as follow, to wit:

That M' Maxwell gave an account to the Committee of his negotiation with respect to a Charter for the Widows Fund. The Committee put the question—Approve of his diligence or not, & it carried unanimously approve, and that he receive not only the thanks of the Committee but of the Gen¹ Synod for his diligence and industry in that affair.

There was a motion made whether there shou'd be any addition or alteration with respect to the trustees of the Widows Fund at present or not, and it carried there shou'd be no alteration at present.
A motion was made whether the distribution of the Widows Fund should continue in the same manner for the ensuing year, as it hath been for two years past, & it carried continue.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

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A Gen'l Synod at Lurgan, June 28th, 1763.

Mr Caldwell the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Ep: 5: 2: & then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pby's as follows to wit from:

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Ballymena Pby.

| Jas. Cochran       | Wm. Sproot   |
| Jas. Rankin        | Jno. Warnick |
| Alexr. M'Mullan    | Jas. Kinneer |
| Robt. Kirpatrick   |              |

Rout Pby.

| Jno. Smith        |
| Hu. Gaston        |
| Jacob Davis       |
M' Caldwell moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet, to wit:—Messrs. Fullerton, Rankin, Smith, Vance, Milligan, Warnock, White, Willson, Simms, & Gilb' Kennedy. The Roll was called, & M' Kennedy chosen. M' Rodgers continued clerk.

Ordered that the several Pby's meet this evening, & prepare lists Pby's to meet to be given to the Clk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund & Gen. Synods fixed Committee, as also an acct of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen'l Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to prayer attend at eight o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made of the Persons appointed to the Mod' this evening, or early to-morrow morning; prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded with prayer.
24 Session Wednesday at ten o’clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pby’s gave in lists of their members for the several committees, as also the following accounts, namely

The Pby of Templepatrick have licensed Mr James Beggs. He subscribed according to order. They have entered Mr John Bankhead on second trials, & report that Mr Wm Thompson died the 13th May last past. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Ballymena Pby have ordained Mr Rob' Kirkpatrick, of Glennoan, ye 19th of Aug', 1762, & Mr Richey, at Donaghamore, the 27th of June Inst. They subscribed according to order, & also the Widows Fund.

Strabane Pby report that Mr Vic' Ferguson died the 15th of May last past. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Jacob Davis at Newtownlamavaddy, April 26th, 1763. He subscribed according to order, and they have entered on first trials Messrs Gordon, Park, Loggan, Willson, Knox, & Murray.

Dublin Pby have ordained Mr Callwell at Ushers Quay ye 11th of June Inst. They report that Mr Nickell died in 8ber, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, but left no widow nor family.

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Algeo died ye 20th of July, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, and left a widow.

Coothill Pby report that Mr Bond died the 11th Sepr., 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Moses Hogg, at Loghgall, Aug' 25th, 1762, & Alexr. Johnston, at Benburb, 23 of May, 1763. They subscribed according to order.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Lytle at Letterkenny the 20th April, 1763, & Mr Means July 16th, 1762. They subscribed according to order. They have entered Mr Love on first trials, & report that Mr Delap died Aug' 30th, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, and left a widow.

Derry Pby have ordained Mr Neilson 8ber 5th, 1762. He subscribed according to order.

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Jas. Cochran at Ballywalter the 27th of July, 1762, & Installed Mr Hull, at Bangor, Jan' 4th, 1763; & Mr Kinkead, at Killenshy, 28th April, 1763. They all subscribed according to order. They report that Mr Malcom died March 2nd, 1763. He was a subscriber to the Widows’ Fund, and left a widow.

Dromore Pby have ordained Mr Sam' Barbar at Ralphisland ye 3rd of May, 1763. He subscribed according to order, & they have entered Mr Jas. Burch on 1st Trials. They report that Mr Jno. King died the 9th 9ber, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows’ Fund, and left a widow.
The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows:—

For Templepatrick Pby, Messrs Lewson & Fullerton, w1 an Elder.

Ballymena Pby, Messrs Jno. Brown & Rankin, w1 an Elder.

Strabane Pby, no return.

Rout Pby, Messrs Scott & Elder, w1 an Elder.

Monaghan Pby, Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton, w1 an Elder.

Tyrone Pby, Messrs Gibson & White, w1 an Elder.

Coothill Pby, Messrs Smith & Kinneer, with an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby, Messrs Ben. Holmes & Alexander, w1 an Elder.

Derry Pby, Messrs Andw. Ferguson & Hood, w1 on Elder.

Bangor Pby, Messrs Buchanan & Kennedy, w1 an Elder.

Armagh Pby, Messrs Jackson & Campbell, w1 an Elder.

Dublin no return.

Killyleagh Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Dunn, w1 an Elder.

Dromore Pby, Messrs Simms & Smith, and an Elder.

These with our Mod2 & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod2 on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers.

This Synod, upon reading the minute of Last relating to the fund Mrs Orr money due Mr Orr, have appointed Mr Menagh to Inspect into that matter, and make report to the Synod afterwards.

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen1 Synod inquiry was made if Mr Erskine ye1 Pby of Rout had taken care to see the arrear stipend charged on Newtonlamavaddy paid off. That Pby informed this Synod they were satisfied justice had been done Mr Erskine by that congregation.

It was proposed and agreed to that the Committee of Overtures form an overture how Mr Erskine shall be treated by this Synod. Messrs Wilson & White to attend that Committee.

Bangor Pby informed this Synod that Mr Mackay had rec1 satis. Bangor faction from the Cong2 of Bangor for the arrear stipend they owed him.

Mr Gordon observed, upon reading the Minutes of last Gen1 Synod, Mr Gordon that the accamps between him & Castleblainey Congregation, were not stated, and complains that there is a considerable arrear due to him by that Congregation. Ordered that ye Pby of Coothill shall inspect into y1 affair & inform Mr Gordon of ye time when they will take it under consideration.

The Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorris to Inspect into Committee at Mountnorris & make regulations relative to the Synods fund met several times, their minutes were read & considered, & conformable to a resolution of that Committee, this Synod agreed that in the afternoon the affair of that fund shall be considered & that no other business shall divert the consideration of it.
Next Synod

It was proposed and agreed to, that the time & place of next Synods meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Belfast or Lurgan, the Roll called & carried by a great majority to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1764. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Upon reading the minutes of last G : Synod, refering to the arrear Stipend due by the Congregation of Ballykelly, it was observed that the Phy of Derry have ordained a Min" to that Cong". contrary to the Express Instructions given by last Gen¹ Synod. Resolved that that Phy be appointed to attend at next Gen¹ Synod and shew cause for their proceeding in that manner.

M' Macollum in a letter to our Clk requests that liberty be granted the Cong" of Caple Street to apply for such supplies in the bounds of the Gen¹ Synod as they shall think proper until next Synod. This granted.

The Phy of Ballymena were ordered to give an acc⁴ what they had done w⁴ reference to some persons in Buckna congregation, that had not done justice to the Widow Gordon. It appeared that little had been done in that matter. The appointment of last Synod relative to that affair renewed.

Inquiry was made if the Phy of Bangor had used any endeavours to see justice done M' King w⁴ respect to the fund money allowed him at his settlement in Hollywood. It appeared that nothing has been done in that matter. That Phy were enjoined to consider this affair in the Intervall, & make report at next session.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon, this Session concluded w⁴ prayer.

Widow Gordon

Sr King

34. Session

Synods Fund

3d Session at five o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

The Synod (according to a former resolution) proceeded to consider the state & circumstances of the fund for assisting weak Congregations to support their min².

The minutes & resolutions of the committee at Mountnorris were again read considered & with some alterations approved & are as follows, to wit, that a letter recommending this Charitable fund, be wrote by the Gen¹ Synod printed and a Copy of it sent to every Congregation in the Bounds of this Synod.

2d. That every min² in the Gen¹ Synod use diligence in raising said fund, in his Congregation, every year, according to the abilities of his people.

3d. That the fund collected in the bounds of each Phy be deposited into ye hands of some one member of that Phy by him to be carried annually to the Gen¹ Synod, & by them to be disposed off, as they, with the concurrence of s¹ Phy shall judge proper.
Lastly, that the Genl Synod shall call each Pby annually to give an acct. of their diligence & fidelity in this matter, & if any prove negligent proceed with them as they shall see cause.

The following brethren to wit Messrs Cherrie, Gibson, Macomb & Simms are appointed to meet at Mountnorris the second Tuesday in Augt next to write said letter, & send copies of it when printed (which is to be done at the publick expense) to the several Pbys.

The Synod in the meantime recommend it warmly to the several Pbys to use diligence to have the arrear due those on the fund p'd off speedily, & that a Letter be wrote by each Pby to the several congregations in their bounds by whom fund money is due to pay it off as soon as possible to the persons to whom it is due.

An Address from the Corporation of Philadelphia for the relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Minis & their families, was read & is as follows:—

TO THE VERY REV'D & HONOURED THE GEN'L SYNOD IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND.

THE ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR & DISTRESSED PRESBYTERIAN MINIS & OF THEIR WIDOWS & CHILDREN.

Very Rev'd & honoured Gentlemen,

We the Corporation for the relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Minis & of their widows & children, beg leave to express the high sense we have of your condescension & goodness in promoting our pious and Benevolent designs laid before you by our worthy agent, the Rev'd Mr Cha' Beatty, and to offer you our sincere & hearty thanks in the most respectful manner for your charitable contributions.

The condition of our numerous frontier settlements is still deplorable for want of stated ministers & gospel ordinances. The poverty of many of our ministers & of their widows & children is truly distressing. These afflictions were greatly heightened by a most barbarous and bloody war with the Indian nations, when we made the first efforts for their relief, & applied to our Christian brethren for their charitable assistance.

By Colonel Dunn of Dublin we have had remittances to the amount of four hundred & twelve pounds three shills. & eleven pence, by a bill drawn on his son in New York, the greater part of which was paid in the name of the Genl Synod in Ireland, which sum we thankfully accept, & beg leave to assure the venerable Synod that we shall always endeavour, with the utmost care & fidelity, to manage the trust reposed in us, so that the pious and benevolent design thereof may be answered, to the satisfaction & the benefit of them for whom it is intended.
We determined to know what sums of money might be contributed, and for what purposes, before we began to make any distributions thereof, y' we might execute every trust according to the directions & designs of the Charitable Donors. But since M' Beatty's arrival we have contributed five hundred pounds to recover liberty to some of our fellow citizens and Christian friends who have long endured a most distressing captivity among savage & barbarous enemies. We have had a hopeful foundation to provide for ministers, widows & children. We have bestowed a considerable sum to relieve a society of Xa Indians that suffered greatly in the late wars; and we have provided that proper persons be sent, with all convenient speed, to visit & preach among all the frontier Inhabitants, & to report how we may best promote the kingdom of Christ among them & the Indian Nations in their neighbourhood.

We sincerely congratulate you on the prospect of a peace so honourable to Our Most Gracious Sovereign & the British Nation, & so much for the benefit and safety of these Colonies in America; and which must afford so many and such delightful opportunities of enlarging the borders of Christ's Kingdom in these remote parts of the earth. We rejoice that while the fields look white for Harvest we are in some measure enabled to work as labourers, and y' we may yet further confide in Our Christian brethren for their aid, in so glorious & so extensive an undertaking.

As we presume it will give pleasure to your venerable Synod to be made acquainted with Our proceedings, so we shall ever account it a singular felicity to merit your esteem & approbation, and shall earnestly and constantly pray that Christ Our Redeemer may ever preside in y' Assemblies, & distinguish you w' peculiar honour amidst all His Churches. We are

Sealed with Our Seal & Signed in our names & by our appointment at Philadelphia y° 12th day of Feb°, 1763.

Ballymena Pby

Donaghmore

Killenkear

The Pby of Ballymena request that this Synod won'd be pleased to disannex them from the Subsynod of Ballymena & annex them to the Subsynod of Belfast. This granted.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from the Congregation of Donaghmore by John Martin & Thos Caddell Comm° wherein they Intreat (with the concurrence of The Rev° Pby of Armagh) that they be joined to The Rev° Pby of Dromore; This granted. And the Synod enjoined the Pby of Dromore to take care that the Cong° of Donaghmore pay the fees due the Pby of Armagh's Ck & the fund due Venecash & Narrowater.

From Killenkear a Supplication was presented to this Synod, complaining that the localities appointed to pay fund money to that
Congregation have been very Deficient & pray that some Method be taken to engage them to be more punctual in paying for time to come; This falls under the Rule given to others that are in arrear to the fund.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from Loghgall by Geo. White Commr Intreating that the localities formerly allowed to pay fund money to that Cong a be continued.

A Supplication was also presented from Venecash by Geo. Russell In w° they complain that the distribution of the fund money between them & Loghgall made by the Gen'l Synod in 1760 has not been observed & pray that the Synod would would interpose their authority in this affair:

Resolved, that the Synod's order in 1760 with reference to the division of the fund between Venecash & Loghgall be observed, & that Localities be appointed to make deficiencies, a Return of those to be made to morrow morning by M'r Todd.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Wm Rodgers from Carnmony wherein he complains that the Rev'd M' Thompson refuses to admit him to privileges according to the order of last Gen'l Synod, And prays for relief—Resolved that the Phy of Dromore with the following Correspondents to wit, Messrs Gilb' Kennedy, Wm Laird, J'a Cochran, Rob't White, & David Fullerton, shall visit the Congregation of Carnmony The 3° Tuesday in October next, *Inquiry into the grounds of Wm Rodgers his Complaint, issue the affair & make report to next Gen'l Synod. The Phy of Dromore to inform M'r Thompson of this resolution.

Addourned untill 12 o'clock to-morrow interloq at ten. This Session Concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer & c.

M'r Todd as appointed gave in a list of the Localities which have been appointed to pay fund money to Venecash & are deficient. The Phy of Tyrone are ordered to make an Equal Distribution of the fund raised in their Bounds between Venecash & Loghgall. The Synod recommend it to the Committee of funds to appoint localities for Twelve pounds a year to Loghgall & ten pounds a year to Venecash.

Adjourned untill Six o'clock afternoon. Concluded w't prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Six o'clock afternoon after prayer, &c.

The Committee of overtures (according to ye Resolution of a Mr Erskine former Session) gave in an overture concerning M'r Erskine which was considered & approved, & is as follows, to wit that M'r Erskine's character is reported to us in such a variety of Instances to be infamous, that we can no longer consider him as a member of our society until his character be vindicated.

* Inquire.
An overture was also made that the Pphys of Monaghan & Coothill be united & go by the name of Monaghan Pby as formerly, in as much as their division has been attended with consequences which are not honourable to the dissenting Interest. The Synod approved this overture & accordingly recommended it to these Pphys to unite.

The Mod2 concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interlogr. 1st

A Supplication from Timothy Sloan was read in this Interlogr' wherein he complains that he is in danger of loosing a considerable sume of money, by being security for the Rev'd M' Nisbet of Sligoe, and prays that the Genl Synod woud use their influence to engage M' Nisbet to do him justice:—Resolved that a letter be wrote by M' Gibson to the Pby of Letterkenny, enjoining them to take cognizance of that matter immediately, see justice done the petitioner, & make full report to next Genl Synod, & in case the Pby of Letterkenny do not issue the affair, they are to Cite M' Nisbet to attend next Genl Synod when the affair will be reconsidered.

Interlogr. 2d.

Messrs Colvill, Mackay & Nevin attended as Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim.

Those that have not contributed to Inniskilling are enjoined to do it speedily.

A Letter from M' Lang was read in this Interlogr' wherein he gives an acc of ye Div's of the R.D. and also that M' Hamilton of Knock & old M' Ross of Rosstrever, stand security for his trust;—Resolved that Messrs Collum & Vance be employed to enquire for Messrs Ross and Hamilton's bond, if found, to deliver it to Messrs James & Hu. Lang & take their own security; their security to be taken, whether the above bond be found or not, Doc' Covill to ans' M' Lang's letter, & let him know this resolution.

A letter from M' Maconchy a trustee of the Widows Fund, was read in this Interlogr' & also an abstract of the state of that fund, by which it appears that the capital is £5662 17 8. The scheme & circumstances of that fund to be considered by the Committee of Overtures & Correspondents, & their regulations to be given at next Interlogr'; Messrs Ambrose, Sims & Dunn to answer the trustees letter.

Interlogr. 3d.

M' Colvill as appointed answered M' Langs letter.

Messrs Ambrose, Sims & Dunn brought in the Draught of a letter to M' Maconchy which was read and approved & signed by the Mod2.
The Committee of Overtures & Correspondents brought in the following overtures relative to the Widows Fund, they were read & considered, the first being objected to, the question was proposed approve of it or not, The Roll was called & it carried in the affirmative, one dissenting voice only; the second was voted & approved. The rest unanimously approved, the Overtures are as follow:

1st. Whereas a considerable capital is already accumulated by the subscriptions of the present contributors to the fund, whereof future subscribers are to reap benefit by securing the payment of their respective annuities to their Widows or Children, it is proposed that every subscriber to the fund who has yet paid nothing to it, should the first year of his becoming a subscriber, pay his entire share of the R.D. to the increase of this capital; that he shall in like manner pay his entire share of the R.D. for that purpose in the year of his marriage, & if his marriage & becoming a subscriber to the fund, shall happen in one year, he shall pay his entire share of R.D. for that year & next year to this fund, that this rule shall bind the present subscribers on the years of any of their marriages, & that if any subscriber is married before his becoming a subscriber he shall pay his entire share of the R.D. to the fund both that year & next year, and the subscription on all other years shall be 40s. each subscriber.

2d. That the Distribution of annuities shall for the year ensuing continue in the same manner as in the year past.

3d. That a letter be wrote to the trustees, among other things representing to them, that if we be rightly informed, a number of their body having from hurry of Business, & other Circumstances, little time to attend to attend on the affairs of the fund, & therefore desire them to name such persons to be added to their present number as they shall Judge proper, & return them to us at our next meeting, And whereas, it appears expedient, that Minns be named trustees, to request their opinion & advice relative thereto.

4th. That minns who have not collected for the Widows fund, since last Synod, be ordered to do it before next.

5th. That whereas it was formerly resolved, that when a Min dies who was a subscriber to that fund, a sum of 40s be deducted annually out of the R.D. & paid into the fund, for that Cong during the vacancy so Mr Lang to be reminded to observe this direction, which he has in some yrs neglected.

The following Collections for Strengthening the Widows fund were brought to this Interloq & transmitted by Mr Vance to Mr Lang:

From Mr Carson of Monaghan Pby £3 18 3½
From Mr Hamilton of Monaghan Pby 1 2 9
From Mr Gibson of Tyrone Pby 0 11 4½

In all £5 12 5

It was proposed & agreed to that the Draught of an address to his Majesty King George be Brought into next Interloq by Mr Mackay.
Mr Mackay as appointed brought in the Draught of an address to his Majesty King George, w^e was read considered & after some reasoning approved, and is as followeth:

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRIN. MINES. OF THE NORTHERN ASSOCIATION IN IRELAND

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers of the Northern Association in Ireland, with Sentiments full of duty & respect, beg leave to embrace this first opportunity of our Annual Meeting, to express our warmest congratulations on the birth of the Prince of Wales, w^e by the new accession of Strength it gives your Royal family & the protestant succession, must fill the heart of every true protestant & lover of his Country with the sincerest joy. May the Almighty continue to watch over and guard the Royal Infant, & preserve his life in which there Kingdoms are so much, Interested, & from which hope, the Inestimable blessings w^e we enjoy, will be perpetuated to lastest posterity.

While with the sincerest gratitude to Heaven we reflect on the unparalleled series of success & victory which attended your Majesty's councils and arms during the late just and necessary war, permit us, Great Sir, at the same time to express the high sense we have of that moderation & humanity which, in the full tide of glory & prosperity, determined your Majesty to put a stop to the miseries of War, & restore peace to your kingdoms, an event which cannot but be agreeable to us, as men, as Christians, and as Min^m of the Gospel of peace.

When we consider the immense accession of Territory to the British Empire, ceded and confirmed by treaty, and look forward to the extension of commerce, arts, liberty, laws, religion, & social happiness through those vast uncultivated regions, a grand as well as pleasing prospect opens to our view, & we are naturally led to adore the wisdom of that Being who makes the rise and fall of empires & all the revolutions in human affairs subservient to the great and benevolent ends of his providence.

Thankful for the protection we enjoy as protestant dissenters, and firmly persuaded that the security of our liberties, civil & religious, depends under God on the succession in your Illustrious house, we beg leave to renew all former assurances of our inviolable attachment to your Majesty's person, family & government, and of the firm & steady Loyalty of that numerous body of protestants with w^e we are connected, who have been at all times remarkable for their zeal in support of the revolution, and the protestant succession, in the House of Hanover. This spirit it hath ever been our Care to Cherish & Culti-
vate; And as it is our duty, we trust it shall be our endeavour on all occasions to merit the continuance of y'r Royal favor & protection, by approving ourselves zealous & grateful, faithful & loyal, subjects to the best of Kings.

That your Majesty & Royal Consort, happy in the endearments and adorned with the virtues of private & domestic life, may be blessed with a numerous & happy progeny, the delight of their country & pledges of its future happiness; That under your auspicious reign great Britain, formidable abroad, free & happy at home, may long continue to be what she is at present, the praise and admiration of the whole Earth; and y'r with her widely extended Empire the invaluable blessings of British freedom & of pure uncorrupted Christianity may spread, and be diffused to the remotest ends of the Earth, is & ever shall be the ardent wish and fervent prayer of—

May it please y'r Majesty,

Y' Majesty's
Most dutiful & faithful Subjects,
The Pbyn Minr of the Northern Association in Ireland.

Subscribed in our name & by our appointment at Lurgan on July 1st, 1763, by

GILB'T. KENNEDY, Mod'r.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S;Cler:
Mr. Kennedy the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Gal: 1: 10 & constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev' Presbyteries as follows:—

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M' Kennedy moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a lect.—Messrs Carson, Dunn, Hen: Jackson, Simms, Craford, Hen: Holms, Caldwell, Ker, Rankin, Mulligan, & Jn6 White. Y6 Roll was called & M' White chosen. M' Rodgers continued 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, & Genl Synod's fixed Committee, as as also an acc of such Min's as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed or entered on trials since last Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at eight o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made to the Mod' this evening of the persons appointed. Prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded with prayer,

2d Session Wednesday at Ten O'Clock forenoon after prayer &c. 2d sessn.

The appointment for prayer was observed

The Presbyteries gave in lists of their members for the several committees, as also the following acc, namely:—

The Pby of Ballymena have entered Messrs M' Cashland & Mackaa, 1st trials on first trials.

The Pby of Letterkenny report that M' Hamilton died, the 27th Dead of Decem'r 1763. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow.

Bangor Pby have ordained M' Ja* Bryson at Lisburn, June 7th1764 Ordained he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have licensed M' Ja* Licensed Malcom, he subscribed according to order & he is entered on 2d trials, they report that M' Buchanan died on the 1st of 9ber 1763. He was Dead a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow.

Armagh Presbytery report that M' Jn6 Maxwell died the 13th of Dead Decem'r 1763, he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow.

And M' Geo: Henry removed from Narrow-water & went for America Removed in May last past.

Dromore Pby have licensed M' Ja* Jackson Burch, & have entered Licensed Trials him on 2d trials, he Subscribed according to order, they report y5 Mr Dead Allen died the 14th Jan'y 1764, he was a subscriber to y5 fund & left a 1st trial Daughter. They have entered M' Sum'l Livingston on 1st trials.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained M' Jn6 Bankhead Aug't 16th Ordained 1764. He subscribed the Widows fund. They have licensed M' Licensed Cowan.

Strabane Pby have licensed Messrs Neilson & Torbit, & ordained Licensed M'torbit the 19th inst. June. He subscribed the Widows fund.
Rount Pby have licensed Messrs David Park, Jun* Loggan, Robert Gordon, Wm Knox, Geo Murray, & Wm Willson. They all subscribed according to order; they have entered M* Ja* Caldwell on 1st trials.

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

For Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Cuming w* an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton w* an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs Caldwell & White w* an Elder.
Letterkenny Pby Messrs Ben: Holms & Lytle w* an Elder.
Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Hood w* an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Walker & McKean w* an Elder.
Killyleagh Pby Messrs Kennedy & Macomb w* an Elder.
Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson & Campbell w* an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Simms & Barber w* an Elder.
Rout Pby Messrs Neilson & Scott w* an Elder.
Dublin no return.
Strabane Pby Messrs Osborn & Neilson w* an Elder.
Templepatrick Pby Messrs Wright & Montgomery & an Elder.

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

A motion was made & unanimously agreed to that M* Kennedy, our late Mod', shou'd have the thanks of this house for the very acceptable sermon delivered to us, & be requested to print it for publick edification, and accordingly the Mod' thanked M* Kennedy & made y* above request.

It was moved & agreed to that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put, meet at Dunganon, Belfast, or Lurgan, the Roll called, and it carried to meet at Belfast in M* Laird's meeting house the last Tuesday in June 1765, sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

M* McCollum requested that the order of last Gen' Synod with reference to liberty granted Caple Street to apply for such supplies in the Bounds of the Gen' Synod as that congreg* shall think proper, be renewed. This granted.

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen' Synod wherein M* King complained that justice had not been done him in paying the fund money allowed him at his setlement in Hollywood, a letter from M* King was read requesting that this Synod may do something in the above affair.

Resolved that the Pby of Bangor shall make such compensation to M* King as shall be agreed to by that Pby & him.
It was proposed & agreed to that Inquiry be made how the fund money allowed Mr Menagh at his settlement in Lurgan, & which was formerly granted his predecessor, has been paid, and it appeared that upwards of three hundred & thirty pounds of that fund was due Mr Menagh, besides a considerable arrear due by Armagh & Lurgan. Resolved, that all possible care be taken to have justice done Mr Menagh in this affair, & in the meantime the congregations of Armagh & Lurgan are to continue to pay him their proportion of the fund, and in the Distribution of the fund money brought to this Synod some compensation be made to Mr Menagh for past Deficiencies. That a full state of this matter be drawn up, read in each congregation in the bounds of the Gen'l Synod, a Collection made by every min'r & brought to this Synod at next meeting to make farther compensation for Deficiencies. Messrs Menagh & Dunn to draw up 5ᵗʰ state of that case & bring it into next Session.

Upon reading the resolutions of last Gen'l Synod relative to the fund for supporting weak congregations, it was resolved that each Pby shall give an accnt to the Committee of that fund how these resolutions have been observed, & pay into the hands of the Clerk of that Committee the fund money collected, which he is to bring into the Synod at next Session.

According to the appointment of last Gen'l Synod, the Phy of Wm Rodgers of Dromore with correspondents visited the congregation of Carnmoney; the minutes of that Phy were read, by which it appeared that the complaint made against Mr Thompson by Wm Rodgers was issued, & peace restored between Mr Thompson & him. The Phy's conduct approved.

The Phys of Coothill & Monaghan have united as ordered by last Gen'l Synod, one Cong'n only excepted, who requested that they will be allowed to consider the matter until next Gen'l Synod.

3ᵈ Session Wednesday at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3ᵈ Sessⁿ

Mr Ferguson, in the name of the congregation of Strabane, applied Strabane to this Synod for liberty to invite such supplies in the bounds of the Gen'l Synod as they shall think proper. This granted.

This Synod recommend it to the Phy of Tyrone & Committee of Mrs Orr the fund to take care that justice be done Mrs Orr with respect to the arrear of the fund money due her.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Yᵉ Session concluded wᵗ prayer.

4ᵗʰ Session Thursday at eight o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 4ᵗʰ Sessⁿ

A long complaint in writing exhibited by some members of the congregation of Ballykelly to the Rev'd Phy of Derry was referred by yᵗ Phy to yᵗ Synod setting forth their suspicions of Mr Neilson's soundness in the Christian faith, & the grounds upon which their suspicions were founded.
A Supplication from another part of said congregation was also referred to this Synod by the Pby of Derry, in which they express great dissatisfaction with their brethren of that Congregation for propagating groundless reflections on the preaching & conversation of Mr Neilson their minister, spreading disgust at him and endeavouring to divide his congregation, And mention in several particulars their behaviour as tending to this disorder and confusion, particularly that they formed a Libel against Mr Neilson's principles, in the name of the Session & others, without calling the Session & heads of Families together, carried it through the Congregation, to draw the unwary & inattentive to their party. And pray that Pby to interpose their authority to suppress all such unjust surmises & reflections & use their endeavours to restore harmony between Mr Neilson & the complainants y't the good & edification of the Congregation may be secured & promoted.

The Minutes of the Pby of Derry were likewise read, by which it appeared that Mr Neilson was enjoined by his Pby to use his best endeavours to remove every suspicion that any of his hearers may have entertained of his soundness in the Christian faith.

The explanations which Mr Neilson (in obedience to the Pby of Derry), gave to his Congregation of the sev't Articles exhibited against him were also read.

This Synod after mature consideration, resolved to take the determination of this affair upon them. And accordingly the several articles in the complainants Charges were read one by one. Mr Neilson's explanations of what they excepted against him were also read. Mr McClelland representative of the complainants was allowed to make his remarke, on the explanations which Mr Neilson gave for the satisfaction of his people. Mr Patten another member of that congregation being present was also allowed to give his opinion.

1st Article was a charge of hypocrisie in preaching differently from what he had done before his ordination, for that he preached original sin, man's lost state in Adam & recovery by J: X', but since he was ordained, had dropped these subjects.

In Mr Neilson's answer it is observed that the Charge of hypocrisie is very uncharitable, and as to his preaching differently from what he had done, &c., he said he had been careful to inform himself as to the truth of these doctrines, & still believed them upon Divine authority.

2d That he preached up selfrighteousness & that according to the use or abuse of the powers God has given us, he is pleased or displeased with us.

He denyed the preaching of selfrighteousness and Justification by Works, & appealed to themselves if he had not very frequently insisted on the Righteousness of God by faith, which worked by love, &c., but admitted he had said that God was pleased or displeased with men according to the good or bad use they made of the powers & faculties he had given them.
34 That in repeating these words which the Complainants say is in 34
the Ep: to the Heb: Jesus Xst was made like unto his brethren in all
things—Sin only excepted—he omitted that part of the ver:—sin only
excepted, which they think is a foundation for suspecting his belief of
the Divinity of our Lord J.Xst.

M' Neilson admitted that he had not, as the complainants do, Ans
added these words—sin only excepted, to a portion of Scripture to
which they are not added in the New Testament, and is greatly sur-
prised at the conclusion, for that wherever he found the words sin only
excepted applied to our Saviour, he always repeated them.

4th That in preaching on that text: As in Adam all die so in 4th
Christ shall all be made alive, he did not represent Adam & Christ
as two federal heads—the one of all his posterity, the other of all his
spiritual seed.

M' Neilson, in what he offered for the satisfaction of his people, Ans
allowed he had not made use of these expressions, but shewed that if
the penalty of the Law had been executed & the free grace of God
in J.Xst had not prevented the execution of it, Adam must have
perished, & with him all his posterity. This M' McClelland said
satisfied him.

5th That M' Neilson is an enemy to all human composures, & does 5th
not enjoin his people to Believe in Westminster confession of faith
when he baptizes their children, but discourages the use of it as a rule
of faith & manners.

M' Neilson in his answers allowed himself to be an enemy to
human composures only when set up as infallible guides, but not as
Helps to men's faith & manners, and M' Patten & others from Bally-
kelly declared they always heard him speak of the confession of faith
& compliers of it with high respect.

The complainants further set forth in a written paper that M' Neilson
in conversing with his people had not taken sufficient pains to
speak upon & explain the Doctrines of which they suspected the
soundness of his belief.

M' Neilson admitted that he declined entertaining his people with M' Neilson
subjects which tended not to their edification, & endeavoured to draw
their attention from subjects of Controversy & doubtful disputation, &
fix it on subjects directly tending to piety & virtue.

The complainants papers contained many other Grounds (as they
alleged) of discontent with M' Neilson's principles, in substance of the
same kind with what has been set forth—on all which M' Neilson's
remarks to his congregation were heard—and in conclusion M'
McClelland declared he had no manner of exception to M' Neilson's
moral character.

The Supplication from the other part of the Congregation of Bally-
supplication kelly presented to the Phy of Derry, & by them referred to this Synod,
was again read & considered.
A Supplication from the complainants in the cong of Ballykelly was presented to this Synod by Mr Sam Neilson in which they complained of the Pby of Derry as refusing to examine their evidences against Mr Neilson, and to give them the copy of a spurious paper given in by Mr Neilson’s friends in that Congregation, and pray that this Synod would be pleased to dissolve the relation between Mr Neilson & them as the only method to preserve their congregation from destruction. Mr Ferguson, from the Pby of Derry, proved both the charges against that Pby to be groundless, which the commissioners could not deny.

This Synod, having fully heard & considered all the Articles in the charge against Mr Neilson, his answers to them, and the observations made on these answers by Mr Mc Clelland, came to the following resolution—namely, to propose this question:—Whether the Charge of Insincerity & corrupt Doctrine exhibited against Mr Neilson, be proved or not? The roll was called, & it unanimously carried, “Not proved.” One only excepted—to wit, Mr Turrentine, who desired his dissent from this resolution to be entered in the Synod’s Records.

This Synod exhort and beseech the complainants in the cong of Ballykelly to lay aside their prejudices, & by all means in their power preserve peace & good order in their society by submitting to Mr Neilson’s ministry; and it is hoped Mr Neilson’s integrity & prudence, together with their good temper, will preserve the union of that ancient & valuable Congregation; but should there be any of their number who cannot reconcile themselves to his ministry they have the allowance of this Synod (upon their regular application for dismissals, & discharging their obligations to Mr Neilson & the cong) to join any neighbouring congregation belonging to the Gen Synod.

Adjourned until 8 o’clock afternoon. Interlocut at 5. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday, at 8 o’clock afternoon, after prayer, 3v.

The Committee of the fund report that few of the Pphys attended on them as directed at a former Session, & very little money had been paid into their hands. Resolved, that another letter be wrote recommending this charitable fund by Messrs Cherrie, Gibson & Macomb, printed at the publick expense, and sent as speedily as possible to the several Pphys, by them to be read to their respective Congregations, and it is hoped and earnestly urged by this Synod that every member of it will be careful & diligent in recommending this Charity to his Congregation, & each Pby is enjoined to deposit the contributions made in their respective bounds into the hands of some one member, by him to be carried to the Gen Synod, together with an acc of what each Congregation pays, and to whom the several Congregations desire the fund money contributed by them shou’d be paid.

Messrs Menagh & Dunn (as appointed at a former Session) brought in a state of Mr Menagh’s case with regard to the Synod fund & is as follows:
M'r Menagh being invited by the Congr. of Lurgan in the year 1731 to take upon him the pastoral Care of that Congregation, declined accepting the same for this reason—that the contributions of the people were alone insufficient for his support, & he had no assurance that the Gen'l Synod would continue to him that portion of their fund, w'th their former min' had all along enjoyed. Commrs were therefore sent to the Gen'l Synod that year, to whom the Synod readily engaged, that fifteen pounds yearly, should be regularly paid him out of their fund of which there is due to him an arrear of upwards of three hundred & thirty pounds, besides a considerable sum due by Armagh & Lurgan.

M'r M'Cullum applied to this Synod for advice with respect to introducing a collection of Psalms, made by him & M'r Vance & a specimen of which was laid before the Gen'l Synod in June, 1763, into the Meeting house of Caple Street & Usersquay. This Synod think that if these Gentlemen & their Congregations judge it proper to use that collection it will not be disagreeable to this body.

The fund money rec'd since the meeting of this Synod is as follows:

From Ballyrony  £1 0 0
Mountnorris  0 12 0 Monymore  £0 16 3
Donaghmore near Newry  1 2 9 Killylish  1 10 0
Keddy  1 0 0 Ralph Island  0 15 0
Portaferry  1 2 9 Three Congrs in Belfast  10 15 0
Killyleagh  1 2 9 Glenturbret  0 11 4½
Drummaragh  0 17 0

In all £21 4 11½

At M'r Laird's desire four pounds eleven Shills. were given to M'r Mitchell, & three pounds eight shillings. & three pence to M'r Willson, of the money brought from Belfast; two pounds ten shillings. & six pence, were given to M'r Menagh, & the residue Distributed according to directions given by the several Phbs.

The Moderator Concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interlocut.,

At an Interlocut consisting of the Gen'l Synod & Messrs Niven & Sinclair from the Pby of Antrim, a letter from M'r Lang was read, wherein he gives an acct. of the Divid. of the R.D. as also that his Brother Hugh Lang, & he have executed a Joint security to M'r M'Cullum, & M'r Vance, for the R.D. that comes into his hands.

A letter was also read from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, Letter wherein they give an acct. that the Capital of that fund is £6178 15 0½ and that they judge Tho' Read, Esq., M'r Wm M'Murtry, & M'r Wm Sinclair, proper persons to be added to the present trustees, & they likewise approve of the proposal that Min's be put into that trust. The Mod' & Clerk answer this letter, & inform the trustees that the constituents of the fund, Judge it convenient for the present, that the Gentlemen whom they nominate, be added to the trustees. Messrs.
M'Collum and Caldwell, appointed to wait on these Gentlemen & in the name of the constituents of the fund, to Intreat them to accept that trust.

Upon reviewing the resolutions formed at last Gen' Synod relative to the Widows fund, after some reasoning, it was proposed & unanimously agreed to y' that every subscriber, instead of paying his entire share of the R:D: for y' year of his ordination, & his entire share for another year on the event of his marriage (as resolved at last Gen' Synod) shall pay only his ordinary R:D: for the year of his ordination instead of forty shillings towards the increase of the fund. This regulation shall affect all those who have been ordained since the meeting of y' Gen' Synod in June 1763.

And it is farther resolved that if any person since June 1763, or hereafter to be ordained, be not satisfied with this regulation, he is at liberty to be, or not to be, a subscriber to this fund, as he shall judge proper; and if any ordained since June 1763 & is a subscriber be unwilling to continue, subject to this regulation, he may withhold his subscription for the future.

M'r Richey, in the Pby of Dromore, tho' ordained before the meeting of the Gen' Synod in June 1763, generously allowed the whole of his ord'R:D: for that year instead of forty shillings.

The distribution of annuities to continue for the ensuing year in the same manner as in the year past.

The Interloc' observed some mistakes in the returns made of annuitants on the fund, to prevent which for the future the Clerk of the Synod is directed to inform M'r Lang that he take the acc' of Min'' widows or families on the fund from the Gen' Synod, at their annual meetings. The sev' Pby's are ordered to be punctual in giving an acc' yearly of the min'' that die in their bounds, the time of their death, if they leave a widow or children, to the Clk of Synod, & not to M'r Lang.

Mess'' Cherrie, Simms & Jackson engaged to be security for ten pounds, to be paid out of the fund, to M'' M'Clelland, daughter of the late M'r Allen, & not to her husband, for the ensuing year.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:Clk:

July 4th, 1764.
A Gen'l Synod at Belfast, June 25th, 1765.

Mr White Mod of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Jo: 20: 21, and then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev' Presbyteries as follow.

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AT BELFAST, JUNE, 25TH, 1765.
Mr. White moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as lect—Messrs. Smylie, Vance, Hamilton, McNeally, Patten, Armstrong, Neilson. Craford, Lawson, Cochran, Rankin, & Huey. The Roll was called, & Mr. Huey chosen. Mr. Rodgers continued clerk.

Ordered that the sev' Phys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the sev' committees of Bills, Books, fund & Gen' Synods fixed committee, as also an acc' of such Min's as have died, been ordained, installed, licensed, or entered on trials since last Synod.

Ordered that each by appoint one or more of their number to attend at nine o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made to the Mod. of the persons appointed, this evening or early to-morrow; prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open Synod shall begin. This Sess'n concluded with prayer.

2nd Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phys gave in lists of their members for the sev' committees, as also the following acc' , namely—

The Phy of Rout have licensed Messrs. Murry & Caldwell, & have entered Messrs. Loggan, Smith & Knox on second trials.

The Phy of Dublin report that Mr. M'Cullum demitted his charge of Capel street congregation May 5th 1765, & Mr. Knox gave up his charge of said congregation 21st of May 1765.

Monaghan Phy have entered Mr. Martin on second trials.

The Phy of Tyrone have licensed Mr. Moor. He subscribed, & have entered Mr. Wilson on 2nd trials.

Letterkenny Phy report that Mr. Turretine died the 21st of July 1764 & Mr. Worling in April 1765. Both subscribers to the Widows fund: each left a widow & children.

Derry Phy have entered Messrs. Stewart, M'Clelland & Moor on 1st trials. They report that Mr. Lylie died 20th May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow only.
Bangor Pby ordained M' Malcom 24th December 1764. He subscribed the confession of faith & Widows fund. They report that M' Cochran died 22d of June 1761. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund and left a widow & children. M' Rea Demitted his charge of Kirkdonald in Feb' 1765, & sailed for North America in May 1765.

Killyleagh Pby have licensed M' Bleckly. They report that M' Fergy died the 3d May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow & children. M' Dunn removed to Cookstreet Dublin Feb'y in 1765.

Dromore Pby have licensed M' Sam' Livingston & ordained M' John Dunbar, & entered M' Cowan on 2d trials.

Ballymena Pby have entered M' Ja' Thompson on 1st trials.

Armagh Pby have licensed M' Wm' Craford & entered M' Livingstone on 2d trials. They report that M' Cherry died 17th May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow & children. They installed M' Campbell in Armagh in 9ber 1764.

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

For Rout Pby Mess' Smylie & Henry with an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Mess' Ambrose & Hamilton w' an Elder.

Strabane, Dublin & Letterkenny no return.

Tyrone Pby Mess' Caldwell & McClelland with an Elder.

Derry Pby Mess' Ferguson & Hood with an Elder.

Bangor Pby Mess' Warrick & Hull with an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Mess' Kennedy & Macomb w' an Elder.

Armagh Pby Mess' Menagh & Jackson with an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Mess' Fullerton & Montgomery w' an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Mess' Cochrans & Rankin w' an Elder.

For Dromore Pby Mess' Sims & Neilson with an Elder.

These with our Mod' & Clerk are to meet at Dungannon when Dungannon called by the Mod' on any emergency, fifteen to be a quorum, whereof twelve at least to be min'

A letter from Capelstreet congregation was read in this Synod requesting that the setl Pbys belonging to the Gen' Synod be ordered to send such supplies to that Congregation as they shall apply for until next Gen' Synod, and particularly that M' Plunket may be ordered to supply them six Sabbaths as soon as may be convenient. This granted, & the Pby of Monaghan enjoined to send M' Plunket to supply them six Sabbaths, commencing the 3d Sabbath in July next.
Mr Menagh

Upon Reading the minutes of last Gen Synod enquiry was made if the appointment had been observed by the sev Pbys relating to ye arrear of the fund due M' Menagh, and it appeared that nothing has been done in that matter. Ordered that the appointment of last Synod be renewed, & particularly that a collection may be made in every cong in the bounds of the Gen Synod, & brought to the Synod at next meeting, & given to M' Menagh as a compensation for the Loss he has sustained by the nonpayment of the fund allowed him by the Gen Synod at his settlement in Lurgan, & which had been paid his predecessor. This Synod likewise order the committee of the fund to draw up a recommendation of this matter, give it to the Synods Clerk to be entered in their minutes, & read to every cong in the bounds of the Gen Synod, that the collections may be more successful.

This Synod, finding that the Interest of their fund for the support of weak congregations has for a considerable time been too little attended, request that all possible care be taken by the sev Pbys to collect this fund in all the congregations within their bounds, & that it be brought to the Gen Synod annually, according to a former resolution to this purpose.

The sev Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Adjoined until six o'clock afternoon. Interloq at 5. Concluded wt prayer.

3d Session Wednesday at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

A Supplication from Hollywood was presented to this Session by Messrs John Galson & John Sims wherein they complain that the cong of Bangor, Newtown, Donaghadee, Castlereagh, Saintfield, Moneyrea, Morn & Drumbo have not paid any part of the fund money allowed M' King at his settlement among them, & pray this Synod to see Justice Done in the affair. M' King, the comm from Hollywood, & Pby of Bangor, were heard & removed, & after some reasoning it was resolved that the Pby of Bangor shou'd annually collect the fund money which the Synod formerly ordered them to pay, & let it be disposed of at the meeting of the Gen Synod. The committee of the fund are ordered to appoint other localities to Hollywood, & in the meantime the Pby of Bangor are to use diligence in raising the arrear to M' King.

A Supplication from the Congregation of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod by M' Rob Dowell & Thos Harron requesting that M' Willson be appointed to supply them the months of July & Aug next; M' Craford, Sep & 8ber; M' Camron, Novem; M' Wright, Decem; M' Birch, Jan; M' Bleckly, Feb; M' Livingston, March; M' Abernethy, April; M' Smith, May; & M' Dickson, June.

This Supplication was considered, & it was observed & agreed to that the appointing twelve months supplies to Killyleagh might be attended wt disagreeable consequences, & it was judged to be particularly inconvenient to appoint M' Willson & M' Craford two months each. This Synod therefore order M' Camron to supply that cong the month of July, M' Willson the month of Aug, & M' Craford Sep,
And if they do not agree to call one of these Gentlemen they have liberty to apply (under the direction of the Pby of Killyleagh) for the other Gentlemen, any number of them, or for any other supplies, as they may see cause.

A memorial from the united congregation of Narrowwater & Carlingford was presented to this Synod setting forth the distressed condition of that congregation by the removal of their min', & the smallness of their numbers by Death & otherwise, & praying that, besides the fund already allowed them, this Synod would be pleased to appoint the cong° of Morn, Rathfriland, & Donaghmore to pay their fund money to them.

This Memorial & supplication were considered, & as it was judged to be inconsistent with former appointments relating to the fund to give away any localities at present: Resolved, that the fund money of these cong° be brought to the Genl Synod annually & Distributed according to the Synod's directions, & as Narrow Water & Carlingford is well attested to be entitled to a larger share of the fund than is at present allowed it, this Synod agreed to comply with their supplication in granting that cong° a larger share of it.

Adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow. Interloq' at six. Concluded with Prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock, after prayer, &c.

Mr. Kennedy informed this Synod that Mr. Simson of Dundalk requests that Inquiry be made in the sever Pby's for a Gentleman that can preach in the Irish language to whom he believed he could give very considerable encouragement. This Synod Recommended it to all the Pby's in their bounds to comply with this request, and inform Mr. Kennedy at Belfast if any such person be found.

Resolved, that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was proposed, meet at Dungannon or Belfast, the Roll called, & it carried to meet at Belfast the last Tuesday in June 1766, sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Mr. Scott, a member of the Pby of Rout, desired with the consent of that Pby to be disannexed from them & joined to the Pby of Ballymena. This granted.

This Synod being well informed that Mr. Erskine perseveres in the practice of various highly aggredated Immoralities, and tho' an opportunity, & notice by a copy of our Minutes, for two years past, has been given him, to vindicate his character, he has never attempted to do it, but in contempt of former admonitions & rebukes, he still persists in his Infamous practices, to the great prejudice & reproach of the Christian & Ministerial Character. The question was proposed, depose him, Mr. Erskine, or not. The Roll called & it carried unanimously Depose. Messrs. Kennedy & Laird were appointed to draw up & publish a notice of his deposition in the Belfast newspaper, & to be signed by ye Mod'.
Adjourned till six o'clock afternoon, Interloq at 5. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session, Thursday, at Six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

The Committee of overtures proposed the following overtures.

That whereas so few Minis attend the General Synod, to engage them to be more punctual in their attendance for the future, every member that absents himself from the annual meetings of the Synod, unless he can fully satisfy the Synod for his nonattendance, is to be mulcted in half a guinea, to be deducted out of his R.D., & paid into the widows fund: this matter referred to the consideration of the synod by the next meeting, & it is warmly recommended to each Pby seriously & deliberately to consider the affair & make report at next General Synod.

The Committee of overtures likewise proposed that the 4th Wednesday in August next, or some day in that week, be observed as a religious fast, or set apart for the purposes of private & public worship & devotion, throughout the bounds of the General Synod. This agreed to.

The Committee of the fund did not meet as appointed, to draw up a Recommendation in favour of the collections for the arrear due M of Menagh. Ordered that the collections be punctually made, agreeable to the resolution of a former Session, to that purpose, to make up deficiencies to him.

It was proposed & agreed to that a letter be wrote to each Pby in the Bounds of the General Synod, by Messrs Gibson, Macomb, Sims, & Richey, urging them to use diligence in raising the fund for the support of weak congregations, & to bring what may be collected for that purpose to next General Synod. These brethren to meet at Mountnorris the 3rd Wednesday in August next to draw up said letter.

Ordered that the Localities appointed M of Wills of Moywater be continued to him, & punctual payments made.

The Mod concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq 1st.

At an Interloq consisting of the General Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from M of Lang was read wherein he gives an acct. of the Div of the R.D. & of the vacant congregations for which ten Shills, quarterly is deducted, out of the R.D. for the widows fund.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was also read wherein they give an acct. y & ye Capital of that Fund is six thousand four hundred & ninety five pounds, one shilling & eight pence. The state and circumstances of this fund, to be considered by the Committee of Overtures, & Pby of Antrim, who are to make their reports at next Interloq, Messrs Menagh, Mackay, & Niven, to answer the Trustees letter.
The Committee of Overtures & Pby of Antrim, having fixed upon no resolutions, since last Interloq' relative to the widows fund. This Interloq' proceeded to the consideration of that matter, and after some reasoning the following regulations were proposed, voted & agreed, to, namely.

That a Deduction from the annuity of every widow or children of a subscriber to this fund, shall be made for the future at the rate of forty shill's yearly, until such deductions, together with what the husband or father has paid in his lifetime, amount to the value of ten years subscriptions.

That an equal distribution shall be made to all annuitants. And that the widows & children hitherto receiving six and eight pence yearly, shall therefore receive equal with other annuitants, when the deductions made from, together with the payments made, by their husbands & fathers, shall be equal to ten years subscriptions respectively.

But it being uncertain what annuity the fund will allow, that the classes at six eight or ten pounds, stand for this year. And that it be recommended to the members of the Gen'l Synod, and Pby of Antrim, to make exact calculations against next Synod, what annuity the fund will allow to all on an equal distribution.

The Clerk is allowed to make out an exact list of all min's that have died since June 1750, the time of their Deaths, and for this trouble, he is to be allowed a proper compensation at next meeting of the Gen'l Synod.

Every constituent of the widows fund is allowed to rise some money, by Collection or otherwise, against next Synod, for strengthening the widows fund & if any neglect to make a contribution less or more half a Guinea is to be deducted out of his R. D. and paid into the widows fund.

This Interloq' enjoined the sev'l Pby's to be punctual in making Returns at the annual meetings of the Gen'l Synod of all that are Subscribers to the fund.

The Committee of overtures, proposed that it be recommended to Correct speaking the Sev'l Pby's that before the license young men to preach, they try them whither they read English with propriety, as some, by pronouncing words improperly & ungramatically, have in their prayers and sermons given offence to men of taste & occasion to speak contemptibly of them: This agreed to.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

August, 2d 1765.
Mr Huey Mod' of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Dan' 12. 3: and then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev' Phygs as follows:

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Jno. Logue  Mr. Jno. Thompson
Jno. Rankin  Chas. Brown  Mr. Alexr. Brown
Jos. Douglas  Robt. Kirkpatrick

M' Huey moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Modr. chosen
The following brethren were named as a leet. Messrs Smylie, Jackson, McNeally, Kyle, Caldwell, Laird, Armstrong, Campbell, Patrick, Lewson, Cochran, & Warnick. The Roll was called & M' Warnick chosen. M' Rodgers continued 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 sev' committees, as also an acct. of such min's as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed, or entered on trials, since last Gen'l Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their number to attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made of the persons appointed to the Modr this evening or early to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock, until eleven, when open Synod shall begin. This session concluded w't prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock after prayer, &c.  2d Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev' committees as also the following accounts, namely,

Rout Pby have licensed M' Wm Knox, 9ber 18th 1765 & have licensed ordained M' Wm Knox. Augst 18th 1765 & M' Jas Loggan, Novem' Ordained 24th 1765 both subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M' Wm Willson, 9ber 10th 1765 and M' Ordained Murray, Decem' 10th 1765 both subscribed the confession of faith and widows fund & they have entered M' Greer, on 1st trials.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M' Martin, 9ber 15th 1765 & M' Ordained Stewart, 22d April 1766 both subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund. They report M' Ambrose, died the 29th Decem' 1766 he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a family.

Derry Pby have ordained M' Henry M'Cinly, 4th March 1766 he Ordained subscribed the widows fund, they have licensed Messrs Wm Stewart, and Licensed Hu. M'Clelland, & have entered on trials Messrs Jn Ervin, & Trials Wm Dean.
Records of a general Synod.

Bangor Pby have licensed Messrs Grahams, & Kennedy, both licensed the confession of faith, they have ordained Mr Hu. Smyth, June, 3rd 1766 he subscribed the confession of faith, & widows fund.

Armagh Pby have licensed Mr Jn Moodie May 27th 1766, they ordained Mr Sam Livingston Aug 20th 1765 & Mr Dickson, 24th 9ber 1765, both subscribed the widows fund. They report that Mr Johnston, died 9ber 20th 1765, he was a subscriber to the widows fund, and left a widow & children.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Cowan Aug 20th 1765. He subscribed the widows fund. They report Mr Dunbar died the 26th of April 1766. He was a subscriber to the widows fund, & left a widow, &c.

Ballymena Pby have licensed Mr Jno. Thompson. He subscribed according to order.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow—
Rout Pby Messrs Smylie & Henry w't an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Jackson & Kennedy w't an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs Gibson & White with an Elder.
From Lettermoney & Strabane no return.
Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Hood with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Rowan & Malcom with an Elder.
Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Strong with an Elder.
Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson & Campbell w't an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Sims & Maclure with an Elder.
Templepatrick Pby Messrs Fullerton & Montgomery w't an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Douglass and an Elder.

These with our Mod & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be min.".

This Synod inquired if the appointment of last had been observed with respect to the payment of the arrear of the fund charged on the Pby of Bangor by the congregation of Hollywood.

The consideration of this matter deferred till afterwards.

The sev't committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until one o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

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

Inquiry was made if the appointment of last Synod respecting the payment of the arrear of the fund due Mr Menagh had been observed, & it appeared that little has been done in that matter.
It was proposed & unanimously agreed to that it shou’d be warmly recommended to each Pby to use diligence in raising some money for Mr Menagh before next Synod, and to make this appointment the more successful the following brethren are appointed to speak to the members of their respective Pys to observe the Synod’s directions in this affair, to receive the money that may be raised for Mr Menagh & remit it to him—In Rout Pby, Mr Wm Knox; Dublin, Mr Vance; Monaghan, Mr Jackson; Tyrone, Mr White; Letterkenny, Mr Ben: Holmes; Derry, Mr Ferguson; Bangor, Mr Huey; Killyleagh, Mr Armstrong; Armagh, Mr Jackson; Ballymena, Mr Jno. Brown; Strabane, Mr Craford; & in Templepatrick, Mr Rodgers.

This Synod inquired if the members appointed to draw up & send Fund to each congregation in the bounds of the Gen’ Synod a recommendation in favor of the fund for supporting weak congregations had observed that appointment, and it appeared they had observed it.

The sev’ Pys are ordered to give their collections to Mr Macomb, a member of the committee of the fund; that committee to meet to-morrow morning at eight o’clock, & make their report to the Synod afterwards. The sev’ committees are ordered to meet at four o’clock. Interloq’ at six, open Synod to-morrow at twelve o’clock. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o’clock after prayer, &c. 4th Sess’d

The Synod proceeded to consider the affair of the arrear of the fund due by the Pby of Bangor to the congregation of Hollywod. Mr Hull reported he had given Mr King for Bangor congregation one pound eighteen shills. & seven pence. Mr Warnick said he had some money for Mr King, & wou’d endeavour to raise more. This Synod recommend it warmly to the Pby of Bangor to be punctual in raising the fund money annually from their respective congregations, & also that they use diligence in raising some money to make compensation to Mr King before next Synod.

The committee of the fund report that they had formed a scheme for rendering the fund more successful. The scheme was read, considered and approved, & is as followeth.

1st. That there be a fixed Clerk whose salary shall be sixpence out of the pound paid into the fund.

2d. Let him keep a regular book containing an acct. of such min’ in the Gen’ Synod as have not been promised £30 annual stipend from their respective congregations. Let every Minister’s collection or a rec’ from the min’ to whom he has paid it be entered yearly in this book in the presence of the Committee of the fund.

3d. Let it be an instruction to each Pby to send their contributions to the Clk of this fund, by one of their number at the hour appointed for the meeting of the sev’ committees, and the ministers on the list or their order, do likewise, at that hour, attend the committee of the fund.
4th. When all the collections are rec'd let two thirds, thereof be divided in exact proportion to what the stipend promised each min' on the list falls short of £30 annual stipend: the other third to be distributed at the discretion of the committee & as the circumstances of the min's on the list may require, no less than nine of the committee to act in the distribution of this last third.

5th. That the sext Distributions he recorded likewise in the committees Book, and the whole read in open Synod for the satisfaction of all concerned. They likewise report that Mr Macomb was elected their Clerk.

It was agreed that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put meet at Dunganon or Lurgan, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan, the last Tuesday in June, 1767, Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Adjourned until seven o'clock. Interloq' at six. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Seven o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

The committee of the fund produced an acct. of what money they had rec'd & rec'd as for what money had been paid to min's on the fund: and as there cannot be a list made out at present of the congregations that do not pay £30 annual stipend, it was recommended to each Phy, that they make out lists of such congregations & return them to next Gen Synod, and all enjoined in the warmest manner to make contributions for that fund, before the meeting of next G. Synod.

Mr Caldwell in the name of the congregation of Caple Street requested that each Phy in the bounds of the Gen' Synod shou'd be enjoined to send such suppliers to that Cong as they may apply for, until next meeting. This granted

The Mod. concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq'. 1st.

At an Interloq' consisting of the G. Synod & Phy of Antrim, a letter from the trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acct' that the amount of that fund is £6716 10 11.

And upon reading the regulations of last year relative to that fund it was debated whether there shou'd be different classes, of the annuitants or not. The Roll was called & it carried by a great majority, that there shou'd be no classes but that all annuitants, shall hereafter, have an equal share of the produce of the fund annually, after ten years subscriptions according to the Resolution of last year.

The gentlemen who made calculations relative to the widows fund, together with any other that please to join them, are desired to meet to morrow morning at ten o'clock, compare their sext calculations, & fix upon one that will be proposed to next Interloq'.
The members that made calculations respecting the Widows fund report that upon comparing their several calculations they find that the fund will not allow more than an annuity of eight pounds to each widow or family of a deceased minister. They find likewise that the present annuitants have received each an annuity of more than eight pounds from their commencement, in the proportions following:

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Resolved, that a deduction at yeare of four pounds a year shall be made from the annuity of each of the preceding annuitants, and paid into the fund until the sums they respectively owe be paid up.

Mrs. Plunket's family £11 10 0

Five pounds fifteen shillings to be deducted from yeare for 2 yeares to come.

Mrs. Boyd’s family Dr to yeare fund £10 10 0

Three pounds ten shillings, to be deducted from their annuity for three years to come. And from the following annuitants at the rate of two pounds a year until the sums they owe be paid.

Mrs. Clarke’s Dr to yeare fund £28 6 8

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Mrs. Worling Do 1 15 6

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Mrs. Cherrie Do 1 6 8

Mrs. Lyle Do 1 6 6

Mrs. Cochran Do 1 2 6

In all £563 : 10 : 8
Contributions

The severalth Pbys were desired to inform the Interloq if they had observed the appointment of last Synod in raising contributions for the widows fund. Mr. Hood said he had twenty guineas from the City of Derry, & one from the congregation of Birt, no more appeared from that Pby. Mr. Warnick, of Bangor Pby said he had five guineas from Lady Mountalexander, no other contribution from that Pby. Mr. Campbel of Armagh collected six pounds, no other in that Pby collected. Mr. Kinneer in Monaghan Pby, remitted eight shills, & eight pence, the other members in vth Pby had not raised any money for the fund, since last Gen Synod, nor does it appear that any other of the Pbys have collected.

The Interloq proceeded to consider the expediency of deducting half a guinea from each member's portion of the R.D. that have not raised any money for the fund since last Synod & it was agreed to defer the doing of that, at this time & that the appointment of last Synod be renewed & if any member declines making a publick collection, he is at liberty to raise some money in a private manner, or pay half a guinea, into the fund, as he shall chuse. The above contributions which amount to £36 0 2 were remitted to Ja' Dunn, Esq one of the trustees for the fund, by bill on Messrs Jas. & Hu. Lang from Mr. Rodgers.

Resolved that Messrs Kennedy, Jackson, & Campbel, shall ans the the Trustees letter & recommend it to them that, if they think proper a purchase in land, shou'd be made with the money in their trust for the widows fund, & the severalth constituents of that fund, are ordered to inform the trustees if any purchase of that kind occurs to them.

Messrs Drenan & Huey are appointed to write a letter of thanks to Lady Mountalexander for her kind donation to the Widows Fund.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod's Cks fees instead of one shilling annually from each member of the Synod, shall be one shilling & seven pence half penny, & 6½ from each member of the Pby of Antrim.

A motion was made by a member of the committee of overtures that there should be a new regulation, with respect to the Widows on the four pound list, as he apprehended that severalth Persons had the benefit thereof, who had not a right thereto, as they were not in needy circumstances, & had been put into that list by the recommendation of some minster or ministers, out of favor & affection, the committee considered that affair, and were of opinion, that every Pby shou'd take care of the widows within their respective bounds and support such as they looked upon to be in indigent circumstances, in such a way as they shall think proper. This overture was considered & approved & the Clerk of Synod ordered to inform Mr. Lang of this resolution.

It was also overtured that no minister who has not a cong shall hereafter receive any part of the R.D.—The Interloq considered this overture, likewise, & finding that Mr. Henderson, Mr. McCollum, Mr.
Knox, Mr Murray, & Mr Neilson, have not congre were of opinion that neither these Gentlemen nor any others, not having congregations, have any title to the R: D:—The Clerk of the Synod ordered to write Mr Lang that he may not send them any share of it, due after the 25th of June Inst.

Inserted by

WILL ROGERS: G: S. Clk.

Aug 11th 1766.
RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD

A Genl. Synod at Lurgan, June, 30th, 1767.

Mr Warnick the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. 1, 12, then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the serv' Phys as followeth.

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M' Warnick Moderator of the former Synod, moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet. Messrs Craford, Todd, Carson, Willson, Bryson, Campbell, Neilson, Wright, Kirkpatrick, & Armstrong. The Roll was called & M' Armstrong was chosen, M' Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev' Phbs meet this morning & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning of their members for the several Committees, as also an acc' of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials since last Gen' Synod.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made this evening, to the Moderator of the persons appointed; prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open synod shall begin. This session concluded with prayer.

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

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phbs gave in Lists of their members for the several committees, as also the following accounts namely.

Strabane Pby ordained M' Wm Craford at Strabane, 6th Feb', Ord' 1766, he subscribed the Widows Fund.

Letterkenny Pby ord' M' James Taylor at Convoy, the 28th Aug', Ord' 1766, M' McDowell at Ballykelly, 2d September, 1766, M' Ja' Love at Stranolar & M' Rob' Caldwell for Donegal, Mount Charles & Beleek ye 16th June, 1767, all subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith & Widows Fund.—That Pby have licensed M' Jno. Harris, & have licensed entered Messrs Saml Patton, Andw. Miller, Ja' Turretine & M' McNeally Trials on first trials, they report M' Hamilton died in March, 1767, she left Dead children.

Derry Pby report that M' Walker died 21st July 1766, & M' Hare died 26th July 1766, each left a widow & children.

Dublin Pby Installed M' Jn° Beard from the Isle Man in Capel Street Jan' 11th 1767. He subscribed the confession of faith & the Installed Widows fund.

Coleraine Pby report that M' Hu: Gaston died 15th Sber 1766, & M' Rob' Brown the 18th May 1767. Both subscribed to the Widows fund, & each left a widow & children.

Killyleagh Pby ordained M' Neilson in Kilmore. He subscribed the Widows fund.

Armagh Pby licensed M' Jno Best. Licensed

Dromore Pby licensed Messrs Jos: Little, Saml Kennedy, & Ja' licensed M'Aulay. They ordained M' Jno. Thompson at Carnmoney 10th March 1767. He subscribed the Widows fund.

* Date omitted.
Templepatrick Pby licensed Mr William Dickson.

Ballymena Pby have licensed Messrs Jn. Cochran & Fran. Gray.

The members of the Gen Synods fixed Committee are 5th same as last year. They with our Mod. & Ck are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 are to be min.

The members appointed at last Gen Synod to receive from their respective Pbys the Contributions ordered to Mr Menagh as a compensation for the great arrear of the fund due to him were desired to inform this Synod what success they had in that affair, and it appeared that some observed the appointment & many did not. Ordered that such as have not observed it do it before next Gen Synod, and the following members are enjoined to remind their respective Pbys to be punctual in attending to this appointment, viz:—In Strabane Pby, Mr Craford; in Coleraine, Messrs Simson & Knox; in Monaghan, Messrs Plunket & Fleming; in Tyrone, Messrs Caldwell & White; in Letterkenny, Mr Ben: Holmes; in Derry, Mr Hood; in Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird; in Killyleagh, Messrs Armstrong & Smith; in Dromore, Messrs Birch & Patrick; in Templepatrick, Messrs White & Rodgers; & in Ballymena Pby, Messrs Cochran & Rankin.

The Revd Mr Morgan Edwards, from North America, being present, was invited to sit & vote as a member of this Synod, & he consented to do it.

The Pby of Bangor were desired to inform this Synod if collections for the Synod’s fund had been raised in their several congregations since last Gen Synod, & it appeared that few had been made for that purpose. This Synod recommend it warmly to that Pby to urge their congregations, as many of them are numerous & wealthy, to be liberal in their contributions to the fund; and it is likewise recommended to all Pbys in the bounds of the Gen Synod to be very attentive to the interest of that fund, to make collections in their several congregations & bring them to next Synod, that they may be distributed for the support of ministers in weak congregations, as the Synod shall direct.

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen Synod respecting the regulations then formed relative to the Synod’s fund, it was proposed and agreed to that every Pby make a return of the congregations in their several bounds whose annual stipend does not amount to £30. This return to be made at next session, & laid before the committee of the fund at their first meeting, that the fund may be distributed in due proportion, & the Pbys who have few members here present were ordered to make such return at next Gen Synod.

It was unanimously agreed that the Pby of Antrim, now present, should be invited to correspond with this Synod. The Invitation being given they returned their thanks for the compliment offered them, and expressed their readiness to give their opinions when asked with freedom & candor, but begged to be excused from giving their votes in anything that implied Jurisdiction.
The several committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon; Interloq' at four. This session concluded w' prayer.

3rd Session Wednesday, at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 3d Sessio\n
The Phys were called according to a former resolution to make a Fund return of such congregations in their several bounds as did not promise £30 annually to their ministers & were upon the fund. The following were returned:—In Monaghan Pby, Castleblainy and Killinker; in Tyrone, Venecash & Loghgal; in Letterkenby, Moywater & Sligo; in Bangor, Hollywood, Ballinderry & Moyra; in Killyleagh, Cregan; in Armagh, Lurgan, Narowater & Carlingford.

Resolved, that the time & place of next Synods meeting be fixed now, and the question was put, meet at Dungannon or Lurgan, the Roll called, & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1768; sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

From Killyleagh appeared commissioners Messrs Tho' Lindsay, Killyleagh Tho' Taylor, Nath' Harron, &c., supplicating that this Synod would be pleased to use such methods as to their wisdoms may appear most proper for effecting the speedy settlement of Mr Hays as their fixed pastor. They offered many allegations for the desired settlement, particularly that a rule which they who are in the opposition to this settlement judged to be in their favour—namely, that where two-thirds of a congregation, men & money, are not for a minister, he ought not to be fixed in that place; that this rule ought not to be attended to in the present case.

From Killyleagh also appeared Messrs Ja' Jardon, Jn' Duff, Ja' Richeson, &c., remonstrating against the settlement of Mr Hays in that congregation. They alleged that there were 159 in the opposition to his settlement, whose annual stipend amounted to £27:10:0, & that the people for it number 267, paid only £32:9:0.

A letter from Jno. Blackwood, Esq., to our Moderator was also read, wherein he gives it as his opinion that the peace & unanimity of Killyleagh congregation (which are objects of his attention) will not be promoted by fixing Mr Hays min' in that place. He therefore remonstrates against his settlement, & hopes this Synod will not encourage it.

The parties for & against Mr Hays settlement in Killyleagh were fully heard, the Pby of Killyleagh were also heard, who declared that tho' they used their best endeavours to bring about a reconciliation between the contending parties in the congregation of Killyleagh such a party spirit still existed as put it out of their power to proceed to the settlement of Mr Hays, & therefore have refered the determination thereof to this Synod. Mr Blackwood's letter was also considered, & Mr Hays heard. The parties being removed, the Synod resolved that the following brethren, Messrs Moodie, Menagh, Gibson, Caldwell, Plunket, Campbell, & Huey converse with Mr Hays, and with the commissioners, for & against his being minister of Killyleagh, endeavour to reconcile the contending parties, & make report to the Synod at next session.
Adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock afternoon; Interloq' at ten forenoon. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday, at one o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

The brethren appointed to converse with M' Hays & the Commissioners from Killyleagh observed the appointment.

M' Hays appeared & gave it as his opinion that it would not serve the Intrest of Killyleagh in their present situation shou'd he become their minister, and therefore tho' he has & still will retain a grateful sense of his obligations to his friends of that cong', & will entertain no resentment against such as he imagines used him ill, he cannot think of becoming min' in that place. He likewise appealed to the Phy of Killyleagh for a character, of his capacity as a preacher, and of his morals. that Phy and several other members of the Synod gave a very ample character of his capacity, doctrine & morals. The commissioners, in the opposition to his settlement, affirmed they had no exception to M' Hay's character, but believed him to be a well behaved young gentleman, tho' they did not chuse him for their minister. This Synod approved the conduct of M' Hay in declining to be fixed in Killyleagh, & thinks he has behaved as became a min' of peace; and they enjoined the congregation of Killyleagh to be generous in paying him since the time he received their call, & recommend to that people to gaid against all divise courses for the future. A Copy of this minute to be read upon a Lord's day to that congregation by a member of Killyleagh Phy as soon as may be convenient. Mess's White & Campbell to answer M' Blackwood's letter.

A Joint Supplication from the commissioners of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod, wherein they request that each of the following Probationers be appointed to supply that cong' for four Lord's days—viz., M' Little to commence the 3rd Lord's day in July inst.; M' Lynd the 3rd in Aug'; & M' Mercier the 2nd in Sep'; M' Cochrane the 2nd in Sber; & M' Rodgers the 2nd Lord's day in November. This granted.

M' Warnick was requested to print his sermon which he preached at the opening of this Synod.

From Lisuny appeared commissioners Messrs Huggins & Irvine, supplicating that M' Hays be appointed to supply that congregation the month of July Inst, & the first Lord's day in Aug', & liberty to apply to the several Phys in the Gen'l Synod for other suppliers if they shall see cause. This granted.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon; Interloq' at four. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday, at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Application was made to this Synod by Messrs Huey, Warnick, Cochran & Smith, of the Phy of Bangor, representing that whereas that
Pby, by the accession of several congregations from other Pby's, is become so large as to render it inconvenient for several of its members to attend the meetings thereof, it hath for that reason been their opinion, and the opinion of several other members of that Pby for some time past, that it would be for their advantage if it were divided into two, which it is apprehended may be easily done, & therefore they request y^t power may be granted to the Subsynod of Belfast to do this at their next meeting, but still so as it may be effected w^t y^t consent & at y^t option of y^t Pby: Resolved, y^t the Subsynod of Belfast grant y^t above request, provided y^t Pby of Bangor be unanimous in it.

Y^e Mod^c conc^d y^t Synod w^t prayer.

1st Interloc^t.

At an Interloc^t, consisting of the Gen^t Synod & Phy of Antrim, R.D. old Minu's upon reviewing the minutes of last years Interloc^t, that ministers not having congregations shou'd have no part of the R:D, it was unanimously agreed that the meaning of that resolution is not to be so understood, as that min's not able thro' age or infirmities to exercise their ministry shou'd be excluded from the benefit of the R:D:

It was observed that Mr. Macraken in Strabane Phy was not particularly mentioned tho' included in the number of those y^t were to have no share of the R:D: after the 25th June 1766 except what was due them before that time. The Clk of the Synod was ordered not to return him to Mr. Lang.

It was moved that no person who now is or shall be a subscriber to the Widows fund shall have it in his power to withdraw his subscription money from that fund on any account whatsoever. After some reasoning the question was proposed, agree to the motion or not? The Roll called, & it carried in the affirmative.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein it appears that the amount of that fund y^e 13th June 1767 was £6960 16 3½ they express likewise a sensible concern, at the small increase of that fund & give it as their opinion (by Mr. Moodie who attended the Trustees at some of their late meetings) that the only probable method of increasing the fund will be by appointing collections in all the Congregations of its constituents, they likewise signified their approbation of purchasing Land with the money in their trust. Resolved that it be recommended to the constituents of the fund to make collections in their respective Congregations before next Synod, & if any declines to give publick notice to his Congregation for a collection to the fund, or does not by private applications procure at least half a guinea, he is to pay half a guinea into the fund.

Mess^t Mackay & Colvil to answer the Trustees letter signify y^e resolutions to them & Intreat their influence to revive the collections in the City of Dublin.

The Interloc^t having considered what the Trustees say upon laying out the fund in purchasing Land, resolved that a Committee
consisting of two members from each Pby, not exceeding twelve in number, & three from each Pby exceeding twelve shall be appointed with whose concurrence the Trustees shall be impowered to make a purchase, which Committee is to be called by the Mod' of the Gen' Synod, to meet at Lurgau when he sees cause. And the following are the members—from Strabane Pby, Messrs Scott & Neilson—Coleraine, Messrs David Smylie, Henry, & Robt. Smylie—from Dublin, Messrs Kilburn & Caldwell—from Monaghan, Messrs Carson, Plunket & Hamilton—from Tyrone, Messrs Gibson, Caldwell, & White—from Letterkenny, Messrs Marshall, Burk & Ben. Holms—from Derry, Messrs Hood & Kyle—from Bangor, Messrs Hney, Hull & Warnick—from Killyleagh, Messrs Kennedy & Macomb—from Armagh, Messrs Jackson & Campbell—from Dromore, Messrs Simms & Maclure—from Templepatrick, Messrs Lewson & White—from Ballymena, Messrs Cochran & Rankin, and from Auttrim Pbs Messrs Colvil & Mackay, these or any others the Pbs shall judge proper to appoint shall be the members, 13 to [be] a quorum.

The Gentlemen appointed to answer the Trustees letter, brought in the Draught of an answer, wth [was] read & approved & signed by the Mod' & Clk.

The following contributions for the widows fund were brought to this Interloq' & deposited with Mr Richey by him to be transmitted to Mr Lang.

From Glenan . . . £1 2 9 Magherafelt . . . £0 12 0
Coleraine . . . 0 11 4£ Mr Stewart in . .
Cissledawson . . . 0 11 4£ Monaghan Pby . . . 2 1 10£
Garvagh . . . 0 11 4£ Portaferry . . . 0 11 4£
Macasky . . . 0 8 13 Tobermore . . . 0 13 9£
Strabane . . . 0 5 5 Mr Murray in

Tyrone . . . 0 15 8

In all £7 15 1

Ordered that the sev'l Pbs when they report annually to the Clerk of the Gen' Synod, the min's that have died from the time of y's meeting of y's Synod, until next G. Synod, shall likewise make a return of the widows upon the fund that die, in that period, that information thereof may be given to Mr Lang the Trustees Secretary.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S.C.

8ber 6th, 1767
AT LURGAN, JUNE 28th, 1768.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 28th, 1768.

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Mr. Armstrong moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet, Messrs. Caldwell, Hamilton, M'Clelland, M'Dowell, Bryson, Strong, White, Cuming, Henry, Craford, & Camron, the roll was called & Mr. Camron chosen; Mr. Rodgers continued Clk.

Ordered that the sev' 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' Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund & Gen'l Synod's Fixed Committee, as also an acc't of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen'l Synod.

Ordered that the sev' Pby's in their returns to the Clerk of the Synod give an acc't of the Widows upon the fund that have died since last G. Synod, also of the widows & women now living that have been min's wives, & are not upon the fund.

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, & the names of persons appointed be returned to the Mod' this evening, or earlie to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded with prayer.

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

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pby's gave in Lists of their members for the sev' Committees as also the following accounts, namely—

The Pby of Rout have entered Mr. Caldwell on 1st trials. They report there is one ministers widow in their bounds besides those on the fund.

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr. Moor at Banbrecky, June 22d 1768; he subscribed the widow's fund. They have entered Mr Geo: Harrison on 2d trials.

Tyrone & Killyleagh Pby's have each one minister's widow not upon the fund.

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Messrs Miller, Patton, Turretine & M'Neally; all subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They report that Mr Stirling, a widow upon the fund in their bounds, died the 20th 8ber, 1767.

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr David M'Kee for South Carolina. They have licensed Messrs Jno. Adams & Jno. Stoop & have entered Messrs William Stitt, Robt. Porter & Will'm Miller on 1st trials. They report that Mr Warnick died Jan'y 19th, 1768; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children. Three ministers widows in their bounds not upon the fund.
Antrim Pby report that Mrs Henderson, a widow in their bounds, died the 23rd Jan’, 1768, & that Mr Drenan died the 12th Feb’, 1768; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children.

Armagh Pby have three min’s widows in their bounds not upon the fund.

Templepatrick Pby have licensed Mr Stephenson. There is one minister’s widow in their bounds, & one in Ballymena Pby not upon y’s fund.

The members of Synod’s fixed committee are as followeth:

For Rout Pby Messrs David Smylie & Henry with an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Plunket & Hamilton with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs Gibson & White with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Rowan & Bryson with an Elder.
Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Strong with an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Simms & Smyth with an Elder.
Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & White with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Cochran & Rankin with an Elder.
Strabane, Dublin, & Derry, no return.

Letterkenny Pby Messrs Marshall & McDowell & an Elder.

These with our Modr & Clerk are to meet in Dunganon when called by the Modr on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 are to be min’s.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod write to absent Pbys for an acc of the widows & families upon the fund, that he may be able to furnish Mr Lang with an exact List of the annuitants, and also of the widows, or women, that have been ministers wives, which he is to Ingross in the Synods Minutes.

Upon Inquiry it appeared that the members ordered by last G. Synod to remind their respective Pbys of the appointment for making collections, as a compensation to Mr Menagh for the great arrear of the fund due to him, have not met with success in that matter. After reasoning for some time upon the expediency of continuing the recommendation in favour of Mr Menagh, or not, the Roll was called, & it carried continue, by a great majority. Accordingly this Synod recommend it warmly to such members as have not collected, to make compensation to Mr Menagh that they do it before next meeting of the Gen’l Synod.

Ordered that the Collections for the Synods fund be paid to the Committee of that fund who are to Distribute them, according to the regulations formed for the purposes of it—and such as have not collected since last Gen’l Synod, are enjoined to do it before next; and it is to be hoped and expected that they, and all other members of this Synod will use their best endeavours to excite their respective Congregations to be generous in their contributions to this charitable fund.
Next Synod

Resolved that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. Armatgh, Lurgan, & Dunganon were named as a leet—the Roll called, & it carried to meet at Dunganon, the Last Tuesday in June, 1769. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Several Committees are ordered to meet at 4 o'clock, Interloq' at five, open Synod at seven; this Session concluded with prayer.

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

A Supplication from Carickfergus was presented to this Synod by Messrs Wm. Boyd & Thos. Legg, Commissioners, wherein they Intreat that Mr. Litle a Probationer in the Pby of Killyleagh be appointed to supply that Cong's six Lords Days commencing the 1st Lords day in July next—they likewise supplicate that the serv Pby's in the bounds of the Gen' Synod be enjoined to send them such suppliers as they may have occasion to apply for, until next meeting of the Gen' Synod, the likewise Intreat that Mr. Dick a probationer in the Pby of Templepatrick be appointed to supply them, after Mr. Litle until the next meeting of that Pby.

Some members of Killyleagh Congregation, to which Mr. Litle is now under Call appeared & objected to the Synod's appointing Mr. Litle to the Congregation of Carickfergus. The Pby of Killyleagh gave it as their opinion, that sending him six Lords days to Carickfergus wou'd be very inexpedient & might be attended with disagreeable consequences, & they offered some reasons against his leaving Killyleagh any part of the month July. Several members of the Synod were of the same opinion, with the Pby of Killyleagh. Some urged Mr. Litle shou'd be appointed four Lords days to Carickfergus, others two, the Roll was called, and it carried that he shou'd supply that Congregation the 2nd & 3rd Lords days of Aug' only. The other parts of Carickfergus supplication granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, Interloq' at eight. Concluded w'i prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

A supplication from Mr. Todd was presented to this Synod, wherein he intreats that some expedient may be thought of for paying him ninety five pounds, five shills. & three pence, arrear of the fund promised his Cong's, to enable them to have a minister fixed amongst them, for making good which fund he thinks the honour, & fidelity of the Gen' Synod are concerned.

The Synod much concerned to find that there is such an arrear of the fund due Mr. Todd, order the Pby of Tyrone to use their best endeavours to have all the fund money due in their bounds, raised as speedily as possible, and Justice done as far as in their power to Mr. Todd in the Distribution of it.
A supplication subscribed by forty eight persons, who call themselves, members of Markethill Congregation was presented to this Synod by Robt. Dougan, wherein they express Disaffection to Mr. Ferguson’s ministry, and pray that suppliers (not from Armagh) but some other Phb may be appointed to them. It was proposed by a member of the Synod & unanimously agreed to, that the forty eight persons signing the above application, shall have dismisses from the Congregation of Markethill upon paying what stipend they owe there and Liberty to join any other Congregation as they shall judge proper.

By a letter from the Phb of Rout was read in this Synod, it appears they have erected a Congregation in their bounds by the name of Armoy. The Synod unanimously agreed that the erection of Armoy ought not to be looked upon as valid—and therefore think the Phb of Rout have acted out of Character in taking upon them, to make such an erection, but in the mean time they are allowed to supply the people of Armoy if they see cause, until next meeting of the Gen' Synod.

The Phb of Dromore requested that they might be annexed to the Sub-Synod of Armagh. This granted.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interlocut.

At an Interlocut consisting of the Gen’ Synod & Phb of Antrim a letter from the trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acct that the present amount of that fund is £7361 18 5s., and express satisfaction in hearing that the Constituents had entered into measures for increasing the fund. They likewise observe that their repeated endeavours to revive their Collections in Dublin had been opposed by some members of the Gen’ Synod, min” in that City. Resolved that Messrs Menagh & White answer the Trustees Letter, and Doc’ Colvil write to Mr Lang that it is the desire of the Constituents of ye fund he shou’d very particularly inform them at their next meeting in Dunganon, in which of the funds any & what sums of their money are Deposited or on what other securities—that Interest the particular sums bear, & how long any & what sums ly in his hands, after paying the annuitants, before he can find an opportunity of placing them out upon securities, approved by the trustees & that he give them y’s like satisfaction every succeeding meeting of y’s Gen’ Synod.

The sev’ Phbs were ordered to give an acct. if they had observed the appointment of last years Interlocut in making collections or by private applications, raising contributions for the widows fund, & it appeared that only a very few complied with that appointment. It was then proposed that the Clerk of the Synod shou’d Instruct Mr. Lang to take half a guineas & pay it into the fund from the R.D. of every member who had not collected or attempted to collect for the fund since last Gen’ Synod. After some reasoning upon this proposal, the Roll was called, & it was rejected, by a considerable majority.
The following were the only collections for the widows fund brought to this Interloq:\textsuperscript{1}

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In all £30 18 4

These collections were deposited with M:\textsuperscript{r} W:\textsuperscript{m} Miller, merch:\textsuperscript{a}, in Lurgan, by him to be transmitted to M:\textsuperscript{r} Lang, & his rec\textsuperscript{t} was taken for them.

Mr Edmonstone

A Bill upon M:\textsuperscript{r} Fran:\textsuperscript{a} Laird, merch:\textsuperscript{a}, in Dublin, for £100 bequathed to the widows fund by And. Edmonstone, Esq:\textsuperscript{a}, late of Red hall, was produced to this Interloq:\textsuperscript{1} by M:\textsuperscript{a} Baukhead. Ordered that said bill be deposited also with M:\textsuperscript{r} Miller by him to be forwarded to M:\textsuperscript{r} Lang, the Clk of the Synod, to take his rec\textsuperscript{t} for it, & M:\textsuperscript{r} Miller to order his correspondent in Dublin to take M:\textsuperscript{r} Lang's rec\textsuperscript{t} for the same.

Ordered that Mess:\textsuperscript{m} Kennedy & Mackay write a letter of Thanks to M:\textsuperscript{r} Edmonstone for her readiness & punctuality in paying the above bequest, which is to be signed by the Moderator.

2\textsuperscript{d} Interloq:\textsuperscript{1}

Mr Knox

It was moved by some Members of this Interloq:\textsuperscript{1} that M:\textsuperscript{r} Knox shou'd have his entire share of the R.D. for the time he had a Congregation & before a regulation, formed in June 1766, by which he & others not having Congregations, were to have no part of it. To this motion it was objected, that the greater part of M:\textsuperscript{r} Knox's R.D. must be paid into the Widows fund, conformable to a resolution of the constituents, that all subscribers to the fund are to pay their, ord\textsuperscript{t} R.D. for the first year after ordination. After some reasoning the question was put. Consider M:\textsuperscript{r} Knox a subscriber to the fund, or not. The Roll was called & it carried not. The Clerk of the Synod to inform M:\textsuperscript{r} Lang, that he is to pay M:\textsuperscript{r} Knox the R.D. due him before the 28\textsuperscript{th} June 1766 without any deduction for the Widows fund.

Ordered that the sev\textsuperscript{t} Phys make the scheme & circumstances of the Widows fund an object of their serious attention & if they make any improvements, Relative to it, they are to be subjected to the consideration of the constituents, at next Gen\textsuperscript{t} Synod.

It was observed to this Interloq:\textsuperscript{1} that Mess:\textsuperscript{m} Beard & Killburn of Dublin, had expressed to a member of this Synod, their willingness to have collections made in their congregations for strengthening the Widows fund. Resolved that M:\textsuperscript{r} Campbel, write to these Gentlemen
AT LURGAN, JUNE, 28TH, 1768

that it is the earnest desire of this Interloq' that collections for the fund be made in their congregations, previous notice being given in as publick a manner, as they shall judge proper.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod inform Mr. Lang, it is the mind of this Interloq' that one shilling be taken from ye R.D. of every member of the Gen'l Synod, for this year & paid to Mr. Sproot of Monaghan Pby, and if any of the absents, refuse to comply with ye resolution and write Mr. Lang to that purpose, no Deduction for Mr. Sproot, is to be made from their R.D.

Inserted ye 24th Augt 1768 by

WILL. RODGERS, G:S:C.
Mr. Camron Modถ of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Mat: 28. 19 then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev'i Pby's as followeth—

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AT DUNGANON, JUNE, 27TH, 1769.

M' Camron moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a lect Mess' Carson, Ker, Gordon, Patten, Mich' Henry, Hen. Jackson, Wm. Henry, Wright, Rankin, Smylie, Osborn, & Hull. The Roll was called & M' Hull Chk chosen; M' Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev' Phys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to Morrow morning of their members for the sev' Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Gen' Synods Fixed Committee, as also an acc' of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed Licensed, or entered on trials since last Gen' Synod, as also an acc' of the widows upon the fund, & if any have died since last Synod, an acc' of the time of their death—and likewise of the women now living, that have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that each Phy appoint one or more of their members to Prayer attend to Morrow morning for prayer, & that the names of the persons appointed be returned to the Mod' this evening or earlie to Morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open Synod shall begin, This Session concluded with prayer.

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

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phy gave in lists of their members for the sev' Committees, as also the following acc' namely:

The Phy of Rout, have licensed M' Rob' Caldwell & entered M' Licensed Jno. Abernethy, on Second trials. They report that M' Rob' Smylie, died 31st Aug' 1768. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow only.

Bangor Phy have licensed M' Ja' Stoup, Wm Stitt, Wm Miller & Rob' Porter. They all subscribed the confession of faith. They report Dead M' Moorhead died the 20th of June, Ins'. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & family.
Trials

Letterkenny Pby, have entered on trials Messrs Nathaniel Patton & Samuel Hamilton, they report, there are upon the fund in their Bounds Messrs Delap & Hamilton's families, Mr Worling & Mr Turretine.

Derry Pby, have ordained Mr David Walker, at Malin Sber. 10th 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund. They licensed Messrs Christy, Caldwell, Scott, & Brizell.

Killyleagh Pby, have ordained Mr Litle at Killyleagh November 18th 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund,

Ord'd

Dromore Pby, have licensed Messrs Wm Martin & Jno. Lyndsay, they subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. They have entered on trials Messrs McCaulay and Kennedy, on 2nd trials. The Widows upon the fund in their bounds are—Mr White, Mr Semple, Mr Thompson, Mr Gordon, Mr King, Mr Sims, Mr Allen's Daughter—Mr Lang not on the fund. They report Mr Sims, died, the 14th Sber. 1768. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow and family.

Licensed

Monaghan Pby, have ordained Mr Harris at Lisluny, 2d Augst 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund. They report Mr Plunket, was removed from Inniskilling to Strand Street Dublin, In Jan'y 1769. Upon the funds in their bounds are Mr McKee & Mr Clark.

Widows

The members of the Synod’s fixed Committee the same as in ye year past.

Dead

The consideration of the arrear of the fund, due Mr Menagh deferred until next session.

Ord'd

The sev’l Pbys were enjoined to pay their contributions to the Committee of 5th fund, at their first meeting.

Licensed

Ordered that the Pby of Tyrone give an acco’t of their success in raising the arrear of the fund due Mr Todd. This affair refered to the Committee of the fund, who are enjoined to take it under their consideration, & report to the Synod what is done at next Sed’t.

Ord'd

The Sev’l Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Interloc’ at four, open Synod at Six, this session concluded with prayer.

3d Session

Mr Todd

Wednesday at Six o’clock afternoon after prayer, &c.

Widows

Inquiry was made if the Sev’l Pbys had paid their collections for the fund to the Committee of that fund—and it appeared that a few only have paid—ordered that the Committee of the fund meet at the
vestry, tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, and such as have collections next Synod are ordered to pay them to the Clerk of the fund at that time.

It was proposed that the Time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now—Derry, Lurgan, & Dungannon, were named as a leet; many objected to Derry's being upon that Leet, some insisted it shou'd—the Roll was called, & it carried by a great majority it shou'd not. The question then put was, meet at Dungannon or Lurgan? The Roll called & it carried, meet at Dungannon the last Tuesday in June, Mr Rodgers 1770. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

The Revd Ja' Rodgers a member of the Southern Association being present was asked to sit & vote as a member of this Synod, & he Jno. Davison consented to do it.

A Supplication from Jno. Davison of Broughshane was presented to ye Synod, by his son, wherein he sets forth, that a Libel was exhibited against him by Ja' Jno. Miller & others to the session of Broughshane & by that session refered to the Revd Pby of Ballymena which they the Pby of Ballymena took under their consideration but did not publish their opinion or Judgment as to the truth or falsehood of the crimes alleged against him—by which he thinks his character much injured & prays for relief from this Synod. The above Supplication being considered, the Synod resolved that a Committee of the following brethren, Messrs Lewson, Wright, Read, Montgomery, Cowan, & Rodgers, from the Pby of Templepatrick, & Messrs Neilson, Ewings, Douglass, & Camron, from the Pby of Rout, shall meet at Broughshane the 1st Tuesday in Aug next, five to be a quorum, who are to consider & give Judgment of the Libel exhibited against this supplicant Jno. Davison. The Pby of Ballymena are enjoined to appoint some of their members to attend said Committee, lay before them the Libel, with their minutes upon it, and give what light in the affair they can—this resolution to be published in the meeting house of Broughshane & a copy of it sent to the Libellers.

Adjourned until to morrow morning at Eleven o'clock, Interloq at nine; this session concluded with prayer.

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

The Committee of the Synod's fund gave an acc of the collections Fund paid to ye Clerk of that fund, by which it appeared that M' Gordon had recd £1: 6: 0 of that fund from the cong of Ballykelly, sev members gave it as their opinion, that he had no title (according to the Regulations of the fund) to any share of it; M' Gordon undertook to prove it by the minutes of Letterkenny Pby—that he had a title to it, upon inquiry it appeared the Pby of Letterkenny had appointed a collection to be made in their respective congregations & given to M' Gordon for a compensation for a large arrear due him by his congregation, but that their doing so, gave him no title to a share in the Synods fund—therefore the sum given him from Ballykelly congregation ought to be refunded.
This Synod very much concerned that the Intrest of their fund is not properly attended to, recommend it most affectionately to their respective members to be careful in making collections & in conforming to the regulations of that charitable fund.

Mr. Richey in the name of the congregation of Tullylish requested that Mr. Abernethy be appointed by this Synod, to supply that congation the four last Lords days in July next. This granted.

Mr. Menagh gave an acc\(^4\) of what money he rec\(^d\) as a compensation for upwards of £300 arrear of the fund due to him w\(^e\) is as followeth

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None rec\(^d\) in 1768 or 69

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Mr. Menagh expressed his gratitude to his friends for their trouble in collecting the above sum, & desired the recommendation might no longer be continued in the Synod’s minutes.

Adjourned untill six o’clock, Interloq\(^t\) at 4, ye 7th sess\(^n\) concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at six o’clock, afternoon, after prayer &c.

A supplication from part of the congregation of Caplestreet was presented to this Synod by Mess\(^t\) Moore & Harrison, wherein they represent the Rev\(^d\) Jno. Baird as having acted, in a variety of instances, a part very unbecoming the character of a Gospel Min\(^e\) both before & during the time of a trial to which he subjected his character & conduct, before the Rev\(^d\) Pby of of Dublin & pray \(^t\) the libel w\(^e\) was sustained by that Pby & Mr. Baird be considered & finally determined by this Synod, as Mr. Baird has refused subjection to ye judgment & authority of the Poy of Dublin, tho’ he once allowed the merits of said libel to be Judged & Determined by them.

The Libel was also produced which contained the following articles. That Mr. Baird sat by & knowingly suffered Marg\(^t\) Christian to prevaricate widely from the truth, in order to support allegations against see\(^t\) persons in the City of Dublin whom Mr. Baird charged with aspersing his character—That to some questions proposed to him by the
Pby of Dublin he gave evasive answers, & to one in particular his answer was a direct falsehood.

M' Caldwell in the name of the Pby of Dublin produced to this Synod in writing a representation of M' Bairds conduct towards that Pby, who, tho' he consented to attend upon them, when they shou'd meet to consider a Libel & give Judgment upon it, which had been exhibited against him & tho' he had due & timely notice of the day appointed by the Pby, for their determining the merits of said Libel, yet refused to attend, & when suspended from his ministerial office, by the Pby, for his obstinacy & disobedience, continued contumaciously in the exercise of it, in contempt of their Judgment & authority. They therefore request that this Synod wou'd interpose their authority in vindication & support of the Judgment they passed against M' Baird.

M' Baird appeared & was heard at a considerable length, who charged the Pby of Dublin with partiality & great severity in their determination against him, & disrespectful treatment of the members of his Session, who adhere to him, and that if he had submitted to the Judgment & censure of the Pby of Dublin, he, said, he would have been cast off by the Cong* of Caple-street.

M' Caldwell was also heard, who in order to vindicate the Pby of Dublin from the imputation of partiality & severity against M' Baird, requested * the ministers of that Pby relating to the trial wherein M' Baird was the complainant shou'd be read, which he imagined would sufficiently invalidate the force of these aspersions.

M' Howison was likewise heard who said many things in favour of the Pby of Dublin, & very circumstantially asserted, that the Intrest of protestant dissenters considerably affected in the City of Dublin by allegations against M' Baird, induced him and others in Caplestreet Congregation to take such measures as they had pursued, to have M' Baird's character represented in a proper light.

Messrs Ewings, Gilbert, & others of Caplestreet Congregation, who adhere to M' Baird's ministry, also appeared, spoke a considerable time in favour of him, and allledged that, of the persons subscribing the Libel, several shou'd not appear against M' Baird, as minister of Caplestreet Cong as they had not been members of that Cong for many years.

The Articles in support of the allegations in the Libel, were also read we represent M' Baird as sitting by & knowingly suffering Marg Christian to bear false witness, before the Pby of Dublin and giving evasive answers and falsifying before said Pby, when they sat in judgment upon allegations exhibited against some persons in the City of Dublin, by M' Baird for aspersing his character.

M' Baird was again heard, who offered many things in vindication of his own character;—and in answer to his sitting by and suffering Marg Christian to bear false witness, before the Pby of Dublin, he asserted that he enjoined her Marg Christian to consider she was upon her oath, & to tell all the truth without criminating herself. This M' Caldwell admitted—and as to his giving evasive answers to the Pby of
Dublin he allowed, that to be true—because the questions proposed to him, were calculated, to criminate another person & improper for any court to ask. And if he had apprehended any such questions wou'd have been asked him, he wou'd have come with a mind firmly resolved to give evasive answers—and for the same reason. And as to the charge of falsifying, that must have been a misapprehension, which he pleaded in excuse for himself, without alleging that the Pby of Dublin either did mistake or have misrepresented the question then put. Did you see Marg Christian during the time we had no acce of her? Misapprehension in him he says it must have been for to one of y Gentlemen present in this assembly, he had declared in friendship, four weeks before the trial, that he had seen her a few times during the space of the first nine weeks of the six months the Pby had no acce of her which declaration he afterwards confirmed to ten or eleven of his own Elders, and three or four days after he gave the answer complained of took three gentlemen to the place where he had seen her, to receive evidence & bear testimony to the truth of what he had so declared. Therefore as he was assured in his own mind, that he meant not to falsify in a circumstance so immaterial, he hopes the very Revd Synod from the foregoing relation which happily he can certify, will favourably admit, this seeming falsification, may readily stand in the minutes of the Pby of Dublin, with giving a s sufficient ground for the falsification alleged against him.

The parties being fully heard were removed & the articles in support of the Libel with the answers given to them by Mr Baird were carefully read over & are in retentis. The Synod then proceeded to consider & determine the first Article, and after reasoning upon it for a considerable time, the question was put. Doth this Article charge Mr Baird with anything blame worthy or not? The Roll was called, & it carried, that it implied blame—next question put was, is the first Article proved or not? The Roll called, & it carried, proved, the consideration of the other Article deferred until next Sederunt.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to morrow morning. Concluded, &c.

6th Session. Friday, forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The Synod proceeded according to a former Resolution to the 2d Article in the Libel, and after reasoning upon the 1st part of it, were unanimously of opinion, that he gave evasive answers, and this, he, Mr Baird admitted in his defence—the 2d part of this article—that he knew nothing of Marg Christian for the six months the Pby had no acce of her—for that assertion this Synod Judges him chargeable with falsehood—the Synod proceeded to consider, whether Mr Baird upon the articles proved or admitted, be censurable or not? The Roll was called, & it carried unanimously (two only excepted) that he is censurable. The question was then put, Rebuke or Suspend? The Roll called, & it carried Suspend—the question then was how long, for a limited or an unlimited time, the Roll called & it carried for a limited; it was then proposed for how long & it was agreed, the state of the vote shou'd be for four or two weeks, from this day, the Roll called, & it carried for two weeks.
Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod make out a copy of this minute, give it to the Gentlemen Commissioners from Dublin, with instructions to said Gentlemen, that it be read in Caplestreet meeting house, immediately after divine service in the forenoon ye 2d Lord's day in July next.

The Complaint exhibited against Mr. Baird by the Pby of Dublin, of contumacy & contempt of their authority was again read. The Commrs from Dublin on both sides were again called, and hear'd, but as they had no new matter to add, were removed, and the Synod proceeded to consider the conduct of the Pby of Dublin towards Mr. Baird & the complaint of that Pby against him. And after several members had spoke upon that affair, the question first put was, approve the conduct of Dublin Pby in suspending Mr. Baird or not? the Roll called & it carried approve. Resolved that Mr. Baird and the Gentlemen from Dublin be called, these resolutions read to them, Mr. Baird admonished, & suspended from the exercise of his ministerial office by the Moderator conformable to the resolutions of this Synod.

Mr. Baird & the Gentlemen from Dublin being called in these resolutions were read to them, Mr. Baird admonished and suspended for two weeks from this hour & Mr. Baird submitted to the admonition & suspension.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon. This Sessn concluded with prayer.

7th Session Friday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Upon reviewing the minutes of last Session relative to Caplestreet it was proposed & agreed to, that the Pby of Dublin shall be enjoined and accordingly are hereby enjoined to take the congret of Caplestreet under their care, the two succeeding Lords days & instruct the member of that Pby that preaches to them Sabbath some sennight to read this copy of the Synod's minute.

From Armoy appeared Commrs Juo. Neal, & Hu. Fulton, who prosecuted a Supplication to this Synod, setting forth that a considerable number of Protestant dissenters, formerly members of Kulkenny congret, & the commrs added that some from Killraghts & Cunlough congret labour under great difficulties, by living far distant from the meeting houses of these congregations where they formerly worshipped, & pray that they may be erected into a congret by ye name of Armoy, with the concurrence of the Rev'd Pby of Rout.

Mr. Ewings a member of that Pby was ordered to inform this Synod if the creation at Armoy, wou'd be hurtful to the neighbouring congregations, he declared it wou'd not affect the Intrest of any congret. The Commrs from Armoy were asked, if they cou'd make up forty pounds annual Stipend for the support of a minister amongst them. They affirmed they were able and willing to pay that sum & more.
After some reasoning upon the above supplication, it was proposed & agreed to that the Phy of Rout w'd Correspondents shall take this affair under their consideration & erect, or not erect, the people of Armoy into a cong" as they shall see cause. The Correspondents to meet with the Phy of Rout, are from Ballymena Phy Messrs M" Mullan, Cuming, Douglass, & Cha" Brown, from Derry Phy M' Kyle, from Strabane, M' Osborn, these members & the Phy of Rout are to meet at Ballywoolin, the 3d tuesday in Aug't next, five to be a quorum.

A motion was made that M' Gordon be ordered to refund £1 6, fund money he rec'd from Ballykelly cong". Some objected to this, the Roll was called & it carried by a great majority, he shou'd refund said money, & that it be given to M' Willson of Moywater.

The Mod's concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq".

At an Interloq' consisting of the Gen1 Synod & M' Niven from the Phy of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc' that the present amount of that fund is £7869 : 14 : 0½ & refer the constituents to former letters, as to their opinion of the properest & most effectual, methods of strengthening & forwarding ye Intrest of ye fund. Messrs Rankin & Smith appointed to answer ye Trustees letter.

A letter from M' Lang in answer to M' Colvills of ye 29th June 1768 was also read, wherein he gives an acc' of the securities in which the widows fund is vested & are as followeth. £750 in Dunleir Turnpike Dehrs, at 5 " ct, there are £1400 in Irish Governent Deb' at 5 " ct, and the remainder in English and in Bank annuities, Consolidated, both w's bear Intrest at 4 " ct, no part of the Debt near £300 due by Lenox & French yet rec'd by the Trustees.

Ordered that M' Rodgers write M' Lang that it is expected he will inform the constituents if any alterations happen in the securities of the fund.

2d Interloq".

Messrs Rainkin & Smyth brought in the Draught of a letter to the Trustees of the fund w'd was read, & approved, & signed by the Mod's.

A motion was made, that the consideration of the Widows fund be posponed until the next meeting of the Gen1 Synod, that the sev1 Phys shou'd make that fund an object of their serious attention; & if alterations or amendments he suggested to any, before they be proposed, they shou'd be reduced to writing & laid before the Constituents, & finally determined at next Gen1 Synod. This motion was considered & approved.
A Supplication from Messrs Reagh & Huey, members of the Pby of Derry, was presented to this Interloq', wherein they represent their circumstances to be so necessitious, that they cannot live any way decently or comfortably in this Kingdom, therefore they must transport themselves and their families to some of the American Colonies—And pray that their subscriptions to the widows fund may be refunded to them. After some reasoning upon the above Supplication, it was agreed that a former resolution prohibiting any subscriber to withdraw his subscription from the fund upon any acct whatsoever, should be conformed to. Therefore, Messrs Reagh & Huey couldn't obtain their request, but in compassion to their circumstances a collection shall be made in all Congrs belonging to the Genl Synod & remitted to these gentlemen to be divided betwixt them as a Compensation for their subscriptions to the widows fund. In the mean time it was proposed & agreed to that the members present should advance for their Congrs such a sum as they shall judge proper & if the collection when made by each min't in his congregation who now advances money shall exceed the sum now given by him, the residue together with the collections of the ministers absent & of such as do not now pay, shall be deposited in the hands of some one member in each Pby by him to be transmitted to Messrs Harvy & Hood of Derry or to Mr And' Ferguson of Bert, for the use of Messrs Reagh & Huey. And the sev'l members of the Genl Synod are enjoined to recommend it warmly to their cong's to be liberal in their contributions, the collections to be made in the month of July, or as soon after as possible.

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These contributions for Messrs Reagh & Huey were deposited with Mr Andw. Ferguson.

3d Interlog.

Upon a review of the Minute relating to Messrs Reagh & Huey it was moved & agreed to that in case they do not remove to America the money collected to enable them to transport themselves & families, be returned to the Modr of the Gen'l Synod, by him to be applied to the Widows fund, if one of the above Gentlemen only remove himself & family, he is to have the half of the sum that may be collected & the other half to be disposed of as above: The Gentlemen to whom the collections are to be transmitted are enjoined to take notice of this resolution.

A motion was made that as the Localities where Mr Sproot has upon the fund are in great arrear a method should be laid down which may prove more effectual for his support in time to come.

In the mean time it was agreed that for this year, twelve pence should be given out of the R.D. belonging to every min in the Gen'l Synod to Mr Sproot. Mr Lang to be informed of this by our Clerk.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

Aug 31st, 1769.
AT DUNGANON, JUNE 26TH, 1770.

A Genl Synod at Dunganon, June 26th, 1770

Mr Hull Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Rom. 14. 22, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev'l Presbyteries as followeth.

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M' Hull moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, ye following brethren were named as a leet, Mess'n Simson, Carson, Duffin, Livingstone, Neason, Patten, Wright, Patrick, Cochran, Alexander, Cuming, and Caldwell. The Roll was called and M'Caldwell chosen—M'Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev' Phys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for ye sev' committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Gen'l Synod's Fixed Committee, as also an acc't of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials, since last G. Synod—also an account of the Widows upon the fund, if any have died since last Synod, the time to be mentioned, likewise of the women now living that have been ministers wives and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that each Phy appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that the names of the persons appointed, be returned to the Mod' this evening or earlie to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock, after prayer, &c.

The time appointment for prayer was partly observed.

The Phys gave in Lists of their members, for the sev' Committees, as also the following acc'ets, namely—

Monaghan Phy have ordained M'Stoupe, at Eniskillen, ye 29th November 1769. He subscribed the Widows fund, The Widows upon the fund in their bounds are: Mes'n Bond, Mes'n Algoe, Mes'n M'Kee, & M's Clark.

Tyrone Phy have in their bounds, widows upon the fund, M's Orr, M's Kennecy, & M's Peebles. Not upon the fund M's Rea.

Dublin Phy report they have entered M' Alexander Henry, upon trials. M's Macbeth, & M's Patten, on the fund with them.

Letterkenny Phy have licensed Mess'n Saml. Hamilton & Nathan. Patten, Upon trials M'Thomas Marshall, With them the widows upon the fund are M's Worling, M's Torretine, & Mess'n Hamilton & Delap's families.

Derry Phy report they have licensed Mess'n Stephenson & Shaw, and ordained M'W'stewart, June 18th, 1770, & M'Knox 1st May, 1770, both subscribed the widows fund. In their bounds upon the fund are M's Murray, M's Cochran, M's Strawbridge, M's Lyle, M's Hair & M's Walker.

Bangor Phy have in their bounds M's Malcomb, M's Cochran, M's Buchanan, M's Warnock, & M's Moorhead's family, not upon the fund M's Moor, M's Hastings, M's Montgomery.
Killyleagh Pby report that Mr Scott died in April, 1770 left a widow & family; upon the fund in their bounds are Mr Read M'Curgie.

Armagh Pby have in their bounds widows upon the fund M's Widows Maxwell, M's Cherry, M's Johnston. Dromore Pby ordained Mr Morriel, 6th March, 1770, a subscriber Orainted to the fund. Widows on the fund in their bounds are M's Gordon, M's Widows Thompson, M's King, M's White, M's Semple, M's Simms, Mr John Thompson's family & M's Allen's daughter—M's Lang not on the fund.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr McAnly, December 14th, Orainted 1769, not a subscriber to the widows fund—they report Mr McConnell died, 3d 8th June, 1770, left no family. Widows with them are M's Dead Thompson, M's Dunbar. Not on the fund M's Frezier.


Strabane Pby report that Mr Smith died, 13th Feb'y, left no family. Dead On the fund with them M's Armstrong, not on the fund are M's Hemphill & M's Donaldson.

Rout Pby ordained Mr Abernethy, 15th Aug', 1769, & Mr Wm Orainted Lynd, 11th June, 1770, both subscribers to the fund. On the fund in their bounds M's Lynd, M's Gaston, M's Smylie, M's M'Bride, family of Mr Brown.

Antrim Pby have on the fund M's M'Cowen, M's M'Claine, M's Gaudy, & M's Drenan.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in the Synods Committee year past.

The committee met at Broughshane as appointed, considered the Broughshane Libel exhibited by Jn's Ja's Miller and others against Jn's Davison a member of Broughshane Session, and judged him not guilty of the allegations in said Libel.

Inquiry was made if Mr Gordon had returned the one pound, six shillings of fund money he rec'd from Ballykelly, & if said sum had been given to Mr Willson as ordered at last Genl Synod. Mr Gordon being called, after some reasoning upon the affair, paid the above sum to the Mod' for the use of Mr Willson.

The Pby of Rout with correspondents met at Ballywoollin in Aug' last and erected the people of Arnnoy, by the name of the congregation of Arnnoy, & put themselves under the care of the Pby of Rout.

The sev' committees to meet immediately—adjourned until six o'clock afternoon, Interloq' at four—y' session, concluded with prayer.

3d Session at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

An Appeal from a sentence of suspension passed upon M's McNeally by the Pby of Tyrone, was read, together with the reasons of said
appeal. M' M'^Neally was called to prosecute his appeal, but did not appear. Resolved that a Committee of the following members w^t their Elders Messrs Carson, Hamilton, Mulligan, Boyd, Smith, & Stoupe, from Monaghan Pby; Messrs Callender, Delap, & M'^Means, from Letterkenny; Messrs Neaslon, Scott, & Coulter, from Strabane Pby, & from Armagh, Messrs Campbell, Ferguson, & Livingstone, five to be a quorum, shall meet at Carnal meeting house, the 3d Tuesday in July next, consider the grounds of the suspension passed upon M' M'^Neally by the Pby of Tyrone, and all other complaints exhibited against him. The Pby of Tyrone are to attend & give what Light in this affair they can. The Committee are to pass Judgment upon and finally issue the merits of a libel exhibited to the Pby of Tyrone against M' M'^Neally. In the meantime as he M' M'^Neally hath given in his demission to said Pby, they are to appoint one of their number to preach in Carnall meeting house next Lord's day, declare that congregation vacant, & serve M' M'^Neally with a copy of this minute & notice to attend said committee and answer to the allegations in said Libel, and all others brought in against him and in case he does not attend the Committee, they are to declare him to be no longer a member of the General Synod; and if the Libellers do not prosecute their Libel is to be dismissed and they censured, as the Committee shall Judge proper, and of this resolution they are to receive information by the minister who preaches to them next Lord's day, who is to read a copy of this minute immediately after divine worship.

M' Rodger produced a supplication to this Synod, from the Congregation of Carrickferogus, wherein they intreat that M' Blakely a probationer under the care of the Rev'd Pby of Killyleagh, may be appointed to supply them four Lord's days in July next, and in case he cannot be obtained, that M' Lyndsay from the Pby of Dromore be appointed to supply them four Lord's days in said month of July, and also that this Synod would be pleased to grant them a liberty to apply for such other suppliers, in the bounds of the Gen'l Synod as they may have occasion to write for until next Synod.

Resolved that as M' Blakely is engaged three Lord's days in July next he shall supply Carrickferogus the two last of that month & the two first in Aug. The other part of their supplication granted.

A Supplication from Killead was presented to this Synod by Messrs Jno. Barbar & Wm Scott Commrs, wherein they requested that M' Jno. Cochran from the Pby of Ballymena, might be appointed to supply them the four first days in July next, M' Lyndsay from Dromore the month of Aug, M' Speer from Ballymena the month of Sep, and the Rev'd M' Abernethy of Rout Pby the month of Sber next, and that liberty be granted them to apply for such other suppliers in the bounds of this Synod as they may have occasion to write for until next Synod. The above supplication granted.

The Pby of Letterkenny represented in a supplication to this Synod, that at their meetings they can by no means enjoy peace or happiness or live together as Gentlemen & Christians while M' Gordon continues a member and sits in the Pby with them, and therefore pray he may be disannexed from them.
Mr. Gordon objected to this supplication, he alleged it was not the unanimous supplication of that Pby, that his congregation were not consulted in this affair, that the reasons offered for his being disannexed were too general, therefore the supplication ought not to be granted. The Pby asserted it was the unanimous supplication of the members that generally attended their meetings, that the congregation of Raphoe knew this matter, that the reasons offered were sufficient to influence Mr. Gordon to withdraw from them as a Pby. The parties being heard at large were removed and after some reasoning it was moved by some, that the supplication should be granted, by others that Mr. Gordon should be continued a nominal member only of Letterkenny Pby. It was agreed, the state of the vote should be disannex Mr. Gordon from the Pby of Letterkenny or not, the Roll called, and it carried by a great majority, to disannex. It was unanimously resolved that Mr. Gordon be allowed liberty to join himself to any Pby in this Synod that will receive him. The parties were called, this resolution communicated to them, and Mr. Gordon requested that his appeal from the sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny and Subsynod of Derry should be considered by this Synod, to morrow; y" granted.

Adjourned until to morrow at ten o'clock forenoon, concluded w" prayer.

4th Session Thursday 10 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, 5c.

The Synod agreed to enter upon the consideration of the state of Fund their fund, enquiry was made if the sev' Pbys had given in their collections to the Clerk of that fund, and it appeared very few have been brought to the Synod this year; The Synod very much concerned at the indifference shown by many of its members to the Interest of this Charitable Institution, Resolved that the Regulations, formerly adopted for the benefit of that fund, be read, that the sev' Pbys be enjoined, and accordingly are hereby enjoined to make collections in all their congregations, bring them to next G. Synod for the use of the fund, and let them be disposed of according to these regulations; Resolved farther that Mr. Macomb be instructed, and accordingly is hereby instructed to reprint a letter, at the expense of the fund, formerly printed, recommending collections to be made in each congregation for the fund, and copies thereof sent to the sev' Pby to be read by the ministers to their respective congregations upon the Lord's day immediately before the collections be made.

A letter from Mr. Willson of Moywater was read, wherein a very Mr. Willson affecting representation is given of his necessitous and distressing circumstances—Resolved that the Pby of Letterkenny be enjoined to be punctual in collecting and remitting to Mr. Willson the fund money allowed in each congregation within their bounds, as nothing else can be done for him at this time.

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed.—Lurgan and Dunganon were proposed as a lect, the Roll called and it carried to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June 1771. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.
Mr Gordon

M' Gordon requested that he might be allowed liberty by this Synod to call some of his neighbouring ministers to assist him in any affairs relating to his congregation. It was moved and agreed to that M' Gordon or his congregation have liberty upon any emergency to apply to the neighbouring Phys, who are to allow, if they judge the reasons offered sufficient, a number of their members to meet with him or his congregation, and act as they shall see cause, in regulating any matter laid before them.

Appeal

Messrs' Gordon & M'Dowell give in their appeal, from the sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny and Subsynod of Derry, with their reasons of appeal, which were read and are in retentis. The answers to said reasons given by the Pby of Letterkenny were also read, and are likewise in retentis. The parties being heard at large were removed, and after some reasoning it was agreed to, that it is the mind of y's Synod that Elders are essential to and have a right to vote in our Judicatories, and in order to this, that they be approved to their office in the congregation to which they belong, and the Synod unanimously dismissed the appeal without a vote. The parties were called, this resolution read to them and they submitted.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Session

Mr Todd

A supplication from M' Todd was presented to this Synod, wherein he complains that the Pby of Tyrone had not conformed to the order of this Synod, in dividing the Localities of the fund between his congregation and Loghgall—this affair refered to the Committee of the fund, who are ordered to take it under their consideration. In the mean time the localities are to be continued to Loghgall until others be appointed to it by the Committee of the fund.

Overture for preaching

It was moved by the Committee of Overtures, that whereas the appointment for prayer hath not for some time past been duly observed, the member of the Synod upon the lect for Mod' who is next in votes to the one chosen, shall be appointed to preach at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the second day of the Synod's meeting, if the same Person by this means shou'd be chosen twice to the office of preacher, then the person next below him in number of votes for the chair shall be appointed preacher, and that two or more members shall be called upon by the Moderator to preside in prayer, as he shall see cause. The above overture was considered and unanimously approved, and M' Carson appointed to preach the second day of the ensuing Synod, as next to the Moderator in votes.

The Committee of Overtures proposed the following regulations for the Licensing of Candidates for the ministry, as an overture to y's consideration of this Synod:—

1st. That every candidate for the ministry, before he is admitted to trials, shall be obliged to produce to the Pby a certificate of his having attended the University at least two seasons, and particularly
the classes for natural and moral Philosophy, and that if he has attended only two seasons, he shall not be admitted in less than six years from the time of his first entering the University.

2nd. That a candidate who attends the University only three seasons, shall not be admitted in less than five years from the time of his first entering college.

3rd. That a candidate who produces certificates of his having attended regularly for four years, shall be admitted without farther delay.

4th. That the principal examination of candidates in the different Branches of Science shall precede their being admitted to trials, and that every candidate shall be examined in the Languages, Logick, Metaphysics, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Church History, and Theology.

5th. That this course of examination shall be gone thro' at three different meetings of the Pby at least—at the first the Languages and Moral Philosophy, at the second Logick, Metaphysics, and Natural Philosophy, and at the 3rd Church History and Theology—but to encourage young men to spend as much time as possible at the University, such as have attended regularly for four years shall have their Examination dispatched at one meeting, and that at some meeting of the Pby previous to the holding of said examination particular members shall be appointed as Examiners in each of these branches of science.

6th. That when any candidate is licensed a certificate from the Pby of his having spent the time above specified, and gone thro' the several examinations in the manner required, and given the ordinary number of Discourses shall be transmitted to the Synod's Clerk, and if a certificate of this kind be not transmitted to the next Genl Synod, such licentiates shall not be entered into our records as belonging to our body.

7th. That every candidate shall be obliged to produce from one or more of 5th Professors of the College he attends, a certificate of the time he hath spent each season at the University, and that nothing less than five months shall be deemed as sufficient time for a season's attendance.

The above regulations were considered & unanimously approved, the Clerk ordered to enter them into the Synod's records to be transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and each Minister is enjoined to read them to his Congregation upon a Lord's day before next meeting of the General Synod.

It was also proposed and agreed to, that Mr Campbel shou'd be appointed and accordingly is hereby appointed to write to the universities of Glasgow and Edenbrough to beg that the Professors will be particular in the Certificates they give to Irish protestant dissenting students to signifie the time of their stay in the college each session, and give the best accounts they can of their moral characters.

It was overtured to the Synod, that no new erection shall be made in any congregation belonging to our body, who shall not give such
security as the Pby shall approve for fifty pounds a year to whatever probationer or minister the shall call. This overture was considered and unanimously approved by this Synod.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. Interloq'.

At an Interloq' consisting of the Gen' Synod and Presbytery of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read wherein they give an account that the present amount of the fund is £8345 14 3½ and express a hearty Inclination to cooperate with the constituents, in promoting the success and establishment of the fund. They mention their not having rece' an answer to theirs of ye 19th June, 1769. The Clerk of the Synod informed the Interloq' he had sent the answer to said letter (a copy of which was now read), under cover to Mr Lang. Resolved that Messrs Campbel & Read answer the Trustees Letter, and that the answer to theirs of the 19th June, 1769, shall accompany it, that the Trustees may be satisfied, the constituents are not insensible of their obligations to these Gentlemen for their attention to the Interest and advancement of the fund.

It was observed that the Interest of the fund paid since last Synod falls some few pounds short of what the capital produces if regularly paid. The Clerk of ye Synod to ask M' Lang how that comes to pass.

The Clerk is likewise to enjoin M' Lang to stop payment of R.D. in his hands belonging to M' MacNeally, until he receive farther orders from the Gen' Synod.

Inquiry was made at the several Presbyteries, if any alteration or amendment relative to the fund was prepared, and reduced to writing to be offered to the consideration and disposal of this Interloq'. It appeared there was none. Moved that a committee be appointed to consider ways and means that may best serve the interest of the fund, this motion approved and the members are, Messrs Simson, Caldwell, Macomb, Campbel, Craford, Ferguson, Read, Richey, Bryson, Marshall, Cuming, & Niven, they are to meet in this meeting house to morrow at eight o'clock.

2d Interloq'.

The Committee appointed to think ways & means to serve the interest of the fund met this morning, and it is their opinion the Trustees treasurer and M' Caldwell do, some time before the meeting of next Gen' Synod, lay the case of our fund before a Lawyer of Eminence and take his opinion whether any method can be devised for laying out the Capital of our fund, with safety in purchasing lands to be transmitted to the Constituents at next meeting of the General Synod. The Counsel's fee to be paid by the Treasurer who is to receive information of this by our Clerk.

Inquiry was made at the sev Pphys if the collections for Messrs Reagh and Huey had been made according to appointment, and if they
had removed themselves & families to America. It appeared the collections have not been universal in the several Presbyteries belonging to the Gen'ly Synod, and that M' Reagh and his family only have removed. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that if M' Huey be not removed from this Kingdom, and the collections universally made before next meeting of the Gen'y Synod, the money already collected or that may be collected for the above purpose, before that time, shall be brought to the Gen'y Synod, & returned to the ministers who collected said money, and in case the collections be universal in the Gen'y Synod & Presbytery of Antrim, the half that shou'd be given to M' Huey if he shou'd go abroad shall be vested in the Widows fund.

3d Interloq'.

M' Hull was requested to have the sermon printed which he Mr. Hull preached at the opening of this Synod.

A Memorial was presented to this Interloq' by M' Sproot setting Mr. Sproot forth the distressed situation, to which he is reduced by the death and removal of some of his best friends, whereby his annual stipend scarcely amounts to six pounds. Resolved that one shilling from the R.D. of each minister belonging to the Gen'y Synod, be continued to him as in the years past.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S. Clerk.
**Records of a General Synod**

*A Genl. Synod at Dunganon, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1771.*

M' Caldwell Mod<sup>2</sup> of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 3: 15 then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev<sup>1</sup> Pbys as followeth.

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Mr. Caldwell moved that another be chosen to moderate in Synod. The following Brethren were named as a lect. —Messrs. Rankin, Carson, Todd, Strong, Jackson, Read, Nealson, Bryson, Coulter, Simson, and Alexander. The Roll called and Mr. Alexander chosen. Clerk Rodgers continued Clerk.

A letter from the Revd. Pby of Munster was read, wherein they express a hearty inclination, that on the foundation of a future and unanimous concord, a correspondence may now commence and be continued with the Generall Synod of Ulster, and for that purpose they have appointed the Revd. Mr. David Hutcheson one of their members, to attend upon this meeting of the Generall Synod as their Correspondent.

The above letter was considered, and it was unanimously agreed, That a Correspondence with the Revd. Pby of Munster shou'd now commence and be continued in time to come, and therefore Mr. Hutcheson was invited to sit and act as a Member of this Synod, which he consented to do.—the above letter to be answered by Mr. John Caldwell, & he is enjoined to signify to our brethren of Munster Pby this resolution, and that one of our Members shall be annually appointed to carry on this friendly correspondence.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this evening and 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 Generall Synods fixed Committee, as also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed and Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod; also an account of the widows upon the fund, if any have died, the time to be mentioned; also an account of the women now living that have been ministers' wives and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any widow's Death, an annuitant on the fund the Pby in whose bounds she lived do immediately inform Mr. Lang of the time of her Death, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the Annuities.

Ordered that Mr. Carson, as appointed at last Generall Synod, preach to the Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock at nine o'clock, and that he be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Moderator shall then appoint until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

Mr. Ranken, next in votes to the Moderator, now chosen, is appointed to preach the second day of next Synods meeting at nine o'clock in the morning, and to be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Moderator shall then appoint until eleven o'clock. This session concluded with prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer &c.

Mr. Carson preached from Job: 5:37, and the appointment for prayer was observed.

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Monaghan Pby have on the fund M^t Algoe, M^t Clark, M^t McKee, M^t Bond, family of M^t Ambrose.

Tyrone Pby report M^t Duffin died 14th Sep' 1770. He was a contributor to the fund, left a widow and children. They have entered M^t McCurdy on 1st Trials. Upon the fund with them are M^t Kennedy, M^t Peebles, M^t Orr, M^t Duffin—not on the fund M^t Carlisle, M^t Rea.

Letterkenny Pby have licensed M^r Alexander Marshall; on the fund w^t them M^t Turretine, family of M^r Hamilton.

Derry Pby ordained M^r Dunn June 18: 1771 a Contributor to the fund. With them on the fund M^r Murray, M^r Cochran, M^t Strawbridge, M^t Walker, M^t Lyle, M^t Hare. Not on the fund, M^t Ross, M^t Harvy, M^t Spence.

Bangor Pby report that M^r Smith died the 11th Feb'y, 1771, was not a contributor to the Widow's fund; and M^r Dickson a contributor died ye 18th May, 1771, left a widow & family. Widows with them on the fund are M^t Malcom, M^t Cochran, M^t Buchanan, M^t Moorhead, M^t Warnick, M^t Dickson; Not on the fund M^t Moor, M^t Stewart, M^t Hastings, M^t Montgomery.

Killylea Pby have ordained M^r Dickson, 6th March 1771, a contributor to the fund. Widows on the fund M^t Fergie, M^t Scott.

Armagh Pby have on the fund M^t Cherry, M^t Maxwell, M^t Johnston.

Dromore Pby have upon the fund M^t King, M^t Gordon, M^t Semple, M^t White, M^t Simms.

Templepatrick Pby have Licensed M^r And^t Hume, & ordained M^r W^m Biakely, 12th Dec' 1770, a contributor to the fund. Widows upon the fund with them M^t Thompson, M^t Dunbar, Not on y^t fund M^t Frezier.

Ballymena Pby have Ordained M^r Jno. Lyndsay, 28th May 1771; a Contributor to the fund. They report M^r Jno Cochran, died 19th Decem' 1770, M^r John Brown, 5th June 1771, each left a widow & family, M^r Higginbothom died, time not mentioned, he left family only. They have licensed Mess^t Tho^t Armstrong, & John Forsyth, they have entered on 1st trials M^r H. Miller. Widows with them M^t O'Bryan, M^t McCurdy, M^t Hill, M^t James White, M^t Cochran, M^t Brown, family of M^r Higginbothom.

Strabane Pby have Licensed M^r Maxwell Welsh, & M^r Sam^t Lettimor, & have entered M^t Letch on 1st Trials. M^t Armstrong on the fund. Not on y^t fund M^t Hemphill, M^t Donaldson.

Rout Pby report M^r Thompson died the 7th June Inst, left a widow & family, they ordained Hu. M^cClelland, June 10th, 1771, a Contributor to the fund—on the fund with them M^t Lynd, M^t Gaston, M^t Smylie, M^t McBridge, family of M^r Brown, M^t Thompson.
The members of the Synod’s fixed Committee, the same as in ye Fixed Committee years past.

The Committee appointed to meet at Carntall the 2d Tuesday in July last past, to consider and give Judgement upon the merits of a Libel, exhibited to the Pby of Tyrone against M’McNeally, mett, they produced a copy of their resolution with respect to said Libel, by which it appeared that they approved the conduct of the Pby of Tyrone with regard to M’McNeally, & suspended him from the exercise of his ministerial office, sine die,—this Synod see no reason why said resolution shou’d not be approved.

It was moved & unanimously agreed to, that if M’McNeally do M’McNeally not satisfie the Pby of Tyrone, as to the disposal of £20 Biquathed to the min’ of Carntall Congregation, & likewise of £20 bequathed to the poor of said Parish, he shall be deposed from the ministerial office.

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod respecting the Killead appointment of suppliers to the Congregation of Killead, it was observed, that a young man who had been appointed to supply that Congregation was forbid to go, in a Letter from a member of Templepatrick Pby at the desire of said Cong, whereby he sustained considerable Damage.

Resolved that Mess”Bryson from Bangor, Mess”Rankin, Cuming, & Scott, from Ballymena Pby shall meet with the Pby of Templepatrick at Crumline the 2d Tuesday in Aug’ next, and enquire into the reasons of forbiridig the suppliers appointed by last Gen’ Synod to supply Killead—M’Rodgers is enjoined to use his best Endeavours to procure ye copy of the minutes of last Gen’ Synod respecting the suppliers, appointed to supply Killead Congregation, and enjoin the Clerk of said Congregation to attend Templepatrick Pby, w’t Correspondents as above.

It was proposed that the Time & place of next Synod’s meeting be Next Synod fixed now, the question was put meet at Antrim or Lurgan, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1772. Sermon to begin at five o’clock afternoon.

Ordered that the sev’ Committees meet immediately, adjourned Next Synod until half an hour after six. Interloq’ at five, 3d’ session, concluded w’t prayer.

3d Session at half after six upon Wednesday afternoon, after prayer, &c. 3d Session Inquiry was made if the sev’ Pphys have conformed to the Synod’s order, in reading to their respective Congregations the Regulations relative to entering Students upon trials & licensing Candidates for the ministry—And it appeared that some ministers have read those regulations & some have not; ordered that each member who hath not observed the Synod’s Instructions in ye matter, shall do it before next Synod:

M’Rankin requested that this Synod wou’d be pleased to inform the Pby of Ballymena, whether any Dissenting preacher a foreigner may be appointed by a particular Pby in the bounds of this Synod, to supply a congregation under their care, without having first exhibited creden-
tials to the Genł or a particular Synod. After this matter was long debated the Synod resolved that their Clk be enjoined & accordingly is hereby enjoined to search their records, and if in them any Rule be found respecting the admission of foreign preachers into the Bounds of the Genł Synod, he is to transmit a Copy to the Phŷ of Ballymena for their information & they are to conform to it.

A Supplication from Donaghadee was presented to this Synod by Samł Young & Jaⁿ Adams Commⁿ wherein they request that suppliers may be granted them for the space of six months, and that the following Gentlemen be appointed to supply them that time, Revⁿ Mⁿ Stoup, from the Phŷ of Monaghan, the month of July next; Mⁿ Jnⁿ Adams Junⁿ from yⁿ Phŷ Tyrone the month of Augⁿ next, Mⁿ Saml. Patten from Letterkenny, the month of Sepⁿ, Mⁿ Caldwell from Rout Phŷ, the month of 8ber, the Revⁿ Mⁿ Abernethy the month of November, & Mⁿ Andw. Hume from Templepatrick Phŷ the month of Decemⁿ. The above Supplication granted.

A supplication was presented to this Synod, subscribed by Messⁿ Wⁿ Boyd, Mⁿ Magaghy, Jnⁿ Holmes and Ben : Mⁿ Dowell, wherein they say they are surprised that Mⁿ Gordon hath been disannexed from the Phŷ of Letterkenny, and Intreat that this Synod wou’d be pleased to erect them, Mⁿ Gordon, and all other ministers, Probationers, and vacant congregations in the Phŷ of Letterkenny who please to join them, into a Phŷ by the name of Raphoe.

To this supplication the Phŷ of Letterkenny objected, and urged it ought not to be granted. Mⁿ McDowell and the Phŷ of Letterkenny were heard at a considerable length and removed—after some reasoning the question was put—grant the above supplication or not? The roll called and it carried not by all the members present—three only excepted. The parties were called, this resolution read to them, and they acquiesced.

The Committee of Overtures and the Committee of the fund to meet in this meeting house to morrow morning at eight o’clock. Interloq at nine, open Synod at twelve. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at Twelve o’clock after prayer, &c.

The Committee of Overtures proposed the following overture to the consideration of this Synod—

Whereas there is reason to believe that sevⁿ Bequeathments, Donations and Legacies, given for the maintenance and support of sevⁿ congregations in the bounds of this Synod have, thro’ negligence or fraud in the Trustees, been lost or alienated to other purposes than those for which they were granted—for the recovery, preservation, and security of such grants and donations it is humbly overtured—

That all money, houses, lands, &c., which have been, or shall hereafter be demised, granted or bequeathed, for the use of any Dissenting congregation within the bounds of this Synod shall be en-
quired into, demanded, reported to and entered in the books of the Presbytery to which such congregation belongs, before the meeting of next Genl Synod, an extract of which shall be transmitted or produced by the Clerk of each Pby to next Synod, and that each Pby be enjoined to make a particular enquiry of such Grants and make a report accordingly.

The above overture was read and approved, and each Pby enjoined by this Synod to demand a restitution of all such alienations.

The Subsynod of Derry complained that the Pby of Rout do not attend upon their meetings, tho' they presume that Pby have been rejoined to them, as their Clerk annually receives his fees from each member of it.

The Synod being uncertain whether Rout Pby hath been rejoined by order of the Genl Synod to the Subsynod of Derry or not, unanimously agreed that they should be rejoined to that Subsynod and order them to attend its meetings in time to come.

Enquiry was made if collections for the Synod's fund have been made and brought to this Synod as appointed; and it appeared very few have been made. Ordered that M' Macomb (as formerly appointed) be enjoined, and accordingly is hereby enjoined to reprint the letter recommending Contributions to this Charitable fund, and copies of it be sent to the sev'l Pbys, by them to be read in their respective congregations.

A Supplication from the session of Raphoe was presented to this Synod by John Wilson, wherein they complain that three members of that congregation have interrupted them in the exercise of their office, by taking the publick collections, & will give no account of the distribution of them, and pray for advice.

Resolved that as the party complained of is not present, the Synod cannot take upon them to give Judgment in this affair, but refer to the consideration of such members, as M' Gordon or his congregation may invite, from any neighbouring Pbys (according to a former resolution of this Synod) to assist him or them in the management of their affairs, who are hereby authorized to give Judgement in the present case as they shall see cause.

A Supplication from Eloxth Brakenridge, daughter of the late Revd Baptist Boyd, was presented to this Synod, representing her distressed circumstances, & the distressful situation of a disordered sister who depends upon her for support. Resolved that a collection be made, we accordingly was made from the members present, for the immediate relief of these poor distressed women; and it was warmly recommended to the Pby of Monaghan to raise contributions for their future support.

A letter from Mr Magill a member of an associate Pby addressed Mr Magill to the Pby of Tyrone, & refered to this Synod was read, wherein he complains of being Injured by his Pby, who have suspended him from the exercise of his ministerial office (as he says) without any just cause, & prays that by this Synod he may be restored & allowed to become a member with them. Resolved that the Pby of Tyrone ought not to take...
notice of any application of this kind, from Mr Magill until he take proper measures to have the suspension he is now under removed or show to their conviction that he is unjustly suspended.

The Mod concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interlocr.

At an Interlocr consisting of the Genl Synod & Messrs Mackay & Niven from the Pby of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an account that the present amount of the fund is £8614 4 ½ & that Mr Caldwell carries with him to the constituents of the fund the opinions of two Lawyers of Eminence relative to the funds being vested in Lands. And they Judge it expedient (if the constituents shoul'd resolve to lay out the money upon land), to draw out of the English & purchase in the Irish funds in order to be prepared; & for this they think the present a very proper time, as Irish treasury debts can be had on very advantageous terms. And they mentioned the following gentlemen, as being proper any of them to fill up the Number of Trustees Messrs Exekl Bullock, Wm Colvill, & Couns' Cromie.

The opinions of the Lawyers were also read, by which it appears the fund may safely be vested in Lands.

Resolved that Messrs Mackay & White ans' the Trustees letter, and signifie to them that it is the opinion of the constituents they shoul'd draw out of the English & purchase in the Irish Treasury Debts, Especially as the Trustees are of opinion Irish Treasury Debts may now be had on very advantageous Terms.

It was next taken into consideration whether the Expediency of purchasing lands with the funds be determined now or postponed until next Synod. The Roll called and it carried, determine now, the question was next put, purchase at present or not? the Roll called & it carried not.

2d. Interlocr.

The Trustee's letter was again read. Resolved that it be signified to the Trustees that Mr Bullock is chosen and invited by the constituents to fill up the present vacancy in the Number of Trustees, in the room of Mr Montgomery deceased. It was next taken into consideration whether an addition shoul'd now be made to the number of Trustees, or not? The Roll called, & it carried in the affirmative; & it was unanimously agreed that Couns' Cromie & Doc' Mackbride of the city of Dublin be added to the number of Trustees, and accordingly are chosen & invited to take upon them, that Trust.

Resolved that it be proposed to the Trustees in the ans' given their letter whether it would be expedient that any gentlemen added to the number of Trustees or placed in the room of a former one, shou'd declare his trust.
AT DUNGANON, JUNE 25TH, 1771.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the Clerk of the Synod in a letter to Mr. Lang should signify that it is the desire of the constituents of the fund, that he Mr. Lang inform them why he should take upon him to detain any of the annuities arising from this fund and particularly why he hath detained Mrs. Cherrie's for private Debt, and declined to give any satisfaction to the Pby of Armagh, when they wrote to him upon that subject & that the constituents expect he will speedily answer the Pby of Armagh's letter.

The Gentlemen appointed to answer the Trustees letter, brought in the Draught of an answer, which was read & approved, and is to be inserted in the widows fund book.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr. Sprate be allowed a double portion of the R. D. in time to come; of this resolution Mr. Lang is to be informed by the Clerk of the Synod.

Messrs. Ferguson and Hood refunded all the money they received for Mr. Huey in case he had gone to America as was proposed, except the following sums, which Mr. Ferguson hath in his hands, and will Return as soon as he hath an opportunity.

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WILL: RODGERS, G. S. Clk.
**RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD**

*Lurgan, 30th June, 1772.*

Mr. Alexander Mod' of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Isa. 11:9. Then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev'l Presbyteries as followeth.

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M' Caldwell as appointed wrote to the Rev'd Pby of Munster, that it was the inclination of the G. Synod to keep up a friendly correspondence with them.

Ordered that the sev' Pphys meet this evening and 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. Synods fixed Committee, as also an acc't. of such ministers as have died, been ordained, installed or candidates licensed, or entered on trials since last G. Synod—likewise an account of the widows upon the fund, if any have died since last Synod, the time to be mentioned; also an acc't. of women now living that have been min'r. wives, and are not upon the fund.

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Ordered that M' Ranken as appointed preach to this Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod'. shall then appoint, until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

As M' Ranken is next in votes to the Moderator now chosen, M' Henry Henry who is second in votes is appointed to preach to the G. Synod the second day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

This Session concluded with prayer.

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

M' Ranken preached from 2 Cor. 14 9, the appointment for M' Ranken prayer was observed.

The Pphys gave in lists of their members for the sev' Committees, as also the following accounts:

The Pby of Dublin report that Doc'. Tho'. Vance died the 1st Dead June 1772, he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow and children. On the fund with them are M'Macbeth, M'Vance.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M' Young the 8th inst, he is a Ordained contributor to the widows fund, they have entered Mr Stephenson on Trials 2d trials. Widows on the fund with them are M'Algoe, M'Kee, M'Clark, M'Bond fam' M'Ambrose—not on the fund, M'Carlile.

Tyrone Pby have licensed M'Macurdy, they have entered M'Licensed Adams on second trials. They report M'Johnstone died the 16th Aug., Dead 1771 he was a contributor to the widows fund, but left no family—
widows with them on the fund are Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mr Orr, Mr Duffin. Not on the fund, Mrs Rhea.

Letterkenny Pby have entered Mr David Allen on 2nd trials they report Mr Boyd died the 2nd May 1772 he was a contributor to the widows fund and left children only—on the fund with them Mrs Turretine, family Mr Boyd.

Killylea Pby have on the fund Mrs Fergie, Mrs Scott.

Bangor Pby have installed Mr Stoupe at Dunmurry 3rd June 1772. they have entered Mr Caldwell on 2nd trials—widows on the fund with them are Mrs Malcolm, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Dickson—not on the fund, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Moore, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Montgomery.

Armagh Pby report Mr Menagh died the 20th Decem' 1771. he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow and family. On the fund with them are Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Cherrie.

Dromore Pby report Mr Richey died the 7th Decem' 1771. he left a widow and children, and Mr Morrel died the 6th March 1772 he was a contributor to the fund left no family. On the fund with them Mrs Semple, Mrs Gordon, Mrs King, Mrs White, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richey, family Mrs Allen & Mr Thompson.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Andw. Hume at Killead 26th Febr'. 1772. he is a contributor to the widows fund—on the fund with them are Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dunbar—not on the fund Mrs Freziér.

Ballymena Pby have entered Mr Rentell on 2nd trials. On the fund with them Mrs O'Bryen, Mrs Macerudy, Mrs Hill, Mrs White, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown—not on the fund Mrs M'Cright.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in years past.

Enquiry being made by this Synod concerning the ordination of Mr Young, at Enniskillen, it appeared that Mr Hamilton alone attended, who preached and performed all the service of ordination excepting the imposition of hands and prayer which accompanies it, but that Mr Young was afterwards ordained at Glenan. The Synod appointed Messrs Alexander, White, Smith, Campbell, Caldwell, Jackson, Bryson, and Bankhead to meet as a Committee immediately, and bring in a report to us of their opinion what should be done in this affair.

Said Committee mett and reported that it was their opinion this Synod should express their dissatisfaction with the Pby Monaghan (excepting Mr Hamilton, who we are satisfied hath been regular in the discharge of his duty as a member of that Pby) for not attending at Enniskillen on the day appointed for Mr Young's ordination, and for not attending Presbyterial appointments and meetings in gen'l, and to entreat and enjoin that Pby to be more regular for the future, and to order the whole meeting of that Pby at Enniskillen the 1st
Tuesday in Aug'. next, and to have Mr. Young's public declaration in the meeting house of his acceptance of the pastoral care of that congregation, and their acceptance of him for their minister, and that Messrs. Nealson and Delap of Omagh do attend said Pby at 3d. meeting, and that Mr. Nealson preach, and Mr. Delap read this minute immediately after public worship from the pulpit, and that Mr. Young give timely notice of this appointment to his congregation, and that timely notice be given, by order of this Synod, to Messrs. Nealson and Delap, and that they make a return to next G. Synod of all who attended, and of the observance of this our order—the above determination was considered and approved by this Synod, and their Clerk ordered to make out a copy of it and send it by Mr. Alexander to Messrs. Nealson and Delap.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the Regulations respecting entering upon trials candidates for the ministry have not been read by some members of the Synod to their congregations. Ordered that they be read before next meeting of the G. Synod, and if any neglect to do it, they are to be called to an acc't. for their omission by their Pby, and report made to next Synod.

It was reported to this Synod, that the Pby Rout have not attended the meeting of Derry Subsynod tho' enjoined to do it by last G. Synod—Resolved that the Pby Rout be ordered, and accordingly are hereby ordered and enjoined to attend next meeting of Derry Subsynod, and if they refuse compliance with this our order, as they have with a former, their conduct will be animadverted upon at G. Synod, as it deserves—and they are hereby expressly requested and enjoined to attend at next meeting of the G. Synod, and answer for their conduct in the above affair.

The state and circumstances of the Synod's fund refered to the Synod's fund consideration of the Committee of that fund.

Enquiry was made it the Pby Monaghan had complied with the Synod's Instructions in raising contributions for Eliz's, Brakenridge and her sister (daughter of the late Revd. Bapt. Boyd) now in very indigent circumstances, and it appeared the Synod's order in that affair hath not been attended to. Resolved that the former appointment respecting these poor women be renewed, and the members of that Pby now present are enjoined to inform those of them, that are absent, of this resolution and to recommend it warmly to them to comply with it.

Adjourned till six o'clock afternoon. Interloq'd at five, this session concluded w't prayer.

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

The Revd. Mr. Caldwell requested this Synod that such min's. or Probationers w'in their bounds, as he in the name of Usher's quay Dublin, shou'd invite to supply that congregation may be authorized without farther application, immediately to comply. This granted.
Enquiry was made if the senl Phys have complied with the Instructions given at last G. Synod to Enquire whether in their respective bounds any donations in houses, Lands, or money have been made, or Leases granted for the use of Dissenting congregations.

Armagh Pby reported that bequests have been made to the amount of £130 to the dissenting congregation of Banbridge, and the interest regularly paid to the min' of said cong\(^a\). They likewise report that £130 was bequeathed by Arthur Graham Esq., for the use of 3° Dissenting min\(^a\) of Armagh cong\(^a\) which sum hath been laid out, together with a large voluntary contribution in building a dwelling house for the use of the dissenting [Minister], on a tenement granted for lives renewable for ever, trust being declared in the body of said lease date 31\(^{st}\) Decem\(^r\), 1768. About the year 1730, a large tenement was taken for three lives for the use of said cong\(^a\), from M'R Maxwel afterwards L' Fernham, on part of which the meeting house now stands & also the above named dwelling house, the rest was given up to John Johnstone Esq', for valuable consideration.

Strabane Pby report that Hu. Edwards Esq', bequeathed to the cong\(^a\) of Dergg ten pounds st\(^d\) yearly, which was regularly paid to the dissenting min' of said cong\(^a\). They also reported that M' John Knox bequeathed £30 to the Dissenting congregation of Strabane which was not received,—and that M'David Bradly bequeathed £30, and M'Tho' Knox £16 to said congregation which were rec\(^d\) and applied to the design of the doners, and that the late Rev'd Vic' Ferguson, bequeathed a house & farm to the congregation of Strabane, of which it enjoyed the benefit.

It was proposed that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Lurgan or Antrim, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1773, Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

A supplication from Donaghadee, was presented to this Synod by Mess\(^a\) William Macormick & Tho\(^a\) Macage, wherein they request that M'Miller who hath supplied them one month lately, may be appointed to supply them two more, or what part of that time this Synod thinks proper, and that a member of Bangor Pby supply them the Sabb\(^b\) immediately after & take the minds of that cong\(^a\) with respect to their giving M'Miller an Invitation to become their minister. After some reasoning, it was determined that M'Miller supply Donaghadee the two ensuing Lord's days and the Pby of Bangor will send one of their members, the Lord's day immediately after & take the sense of that people with respect to M'Miller.

A supplication from Raphoe was presented to this Synod by Jos. Henderson, wherein they set forth that M'Gordon hath been charged with many Irregularities, and pray that a Committee be appointed to meet at Raphoe as soon as convenient, to enquire into & give Judgement upon this affair.

Letterkenny Pby informed this Synod, they had exhibited a complaint against M'Gordon to the Subsynod of Derry, which was
referred to this Synod & requested, if a Committee be appointed to meet at Raphoe they be ordered to take their complaint under consideration also, & give Judgement upon it. The above granted, & the members of the Committee are—Messrs. And Ferguson, Tho. Bond, Jno. Hood, Sam. Patten, & Jno. Law, from Derry Pby—Messrs. Hu. Young, Rob. Nealson, Jo. Coulter, Ja. Torbet, & Wm. Crawford, from Strabane Pby—these with an Elder each to meet at Raphoe, the 2d Wednesday in Aug. next, five min. & three Elders to be a quorum, and then & there to hear and determine, all complaints against Mr. Gordon from the congregation of Raphoe & Pby of Letterkenny, that Pby to attend the Meeting of said Committee & give what Light in the affair they can. The Commissioner to inform all the members who are to constitute said committee & serve Mr. Gordon with a copy of this minute. Adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow. Interlocut. at 9, y. Sess. concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock after prayer, &c. 4th Sess. 6

The Committee of Overtures offered the following overture to this Synod, w. was considered and approved—namely, that in appointing candidates to supply vacant congregations, no more than one candidate shall be appointed at once, and that upon hearing said candidate for the time appointed, the sense of the congregation be taken concerning him, by a member of the Pby to which the congregation belongs, whether they would choose to give him an invitation to be their min. and provided he be not chosen, that they then apply for the hearing of another, and the sense of the congregation be taken in the same manner as before, and so on till they are settled.

The following overture was likewise proposed:—That any Prohibition from another Kingdom coming into the bounds of this Synod as a candidate, shall not be allowed to preach by any min. belonging to the Synod till he have first produced his credentials to the General Synod, and if sustained as genuine, shall by them be put under the care of such Pby as they think fit; and that every such Licentiate shall deliver a discourse before said Pby at their first meeting and go thro' such examination as they shall think proper: After reasoning upon the above overture the question was put, pass it into a Rule or not? The Roll called and it carried, pass.—Mr. Ben: McDowell dissented from this Rule, and said he would give the reasons for his dissent in due time.

The Committee of the fund took under their consideration the Synod's fund, which our forefathers had designed to support a gospel ministry in such poor congregations in their bounds, as must otherwise want an opportunity of joining in publick worship and receiving Instructions from the publick teaching of Christianity. That Committee after bewailing the General Inattention at present to that important Charitable Institution, recommended the following expedient as more likely to keep in ministers a constant sympathy with their brethren in a poor situation than any that have been hitherto attempted:—That each Pby do from this time undertake to make the best provision they
can for one of the ministers now on the list of that fund, and in pursuance of this the Committee proposed the following disposition—and if any minister on the List receive from any congregation allotted to another he shall forfeit the protection of 5th G. Synod.


The foregoing expedient was approved by the G. Synod, and each Pby enjoined to take special care of the minister allotted to them.

Adjourned till six afternoon. Interloq' at four. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at six afternoon, after prayer, &c.

From the congregation of Carnntall appeared Commissioners—James Majer, Geo: Mitcheltree and David Johnston, who produced a paper subscribed by sev' members in that cong' in which they exhibit many complaints against M' M'Neally, particularly his attempting to prevent the settlement of a min' in that congregation by unfairly charging them with an arrear stipend of £475: 2: 6:—and pray that this Synod wou'd interpose their good offices to have a Gospel Min' fixed among them.

M' M'Neally appeared, spoke long in his own vindication, allledged that the complaints against him were groundless, and prayed that justice be done him before a min' be fixed in Carnntall cong'. M' M'Neally and the Comm'., being heard for a considerable time and removed, it was resolved that a Committee of the following min': Messrs Ferguson and Campbel from Armagh Pby; Messrs Mulligan, Hamilton, Kennedy, Harris and Young from Monaghan Pby; Messrs Scott and Coulter from Strabane; and from Bangor Pby Messrs Bryson and Stoupe, these min'. with their Elders shall meet at Carnntall the last Tuesday in July next (five min'. and two elders to be a quorum) and Inspect into, settle and finally determine all matters of dispute between M' M'Neally and the congregation of Carnntall, and report their determination to the Pby of Tyrone, and the Committee are to enquire into, and see the Bequests for the use of the poor of Carnntall congregation and the widows fund properly accounted for, M' White to inform the members of the Committee, who are not present of this appointment.

The Pby of Dromore in the name of Tullylish congregation requested that M' Adams Jun' from the Pby of Tyrone be appointed to supply that Congregation the three last Sabbath's in July & first in August, and in case that Pby, upon enquiring into the minds of the
people of Tullylish, find they are not inclined to give Mr Adams a call, Mr Rentall of Ballymena Pby be appointed to supply that song the three last Sabb in Aug & the first in Sep. This granted.

Mr Alexander was requested to have the sermon printed which he preached at the opening of this Synod, and Mr Ranken was also requested to print the sermon he preached upon the second day of this Synod's meeting.

The Mod concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. Interloc.

At an Interloc consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read in which they give an acc that the present amount of the fund is £8492 : 9 : 8½, and that the Capital hath been removed from the English & vested in the Irish funds, and the expenses attending that transfer was £259 : 5 : 2½. Messrs Mackay, Campbell & Alexander, are to answer the Trustees letter, and propose to them whether it might not be expedient to have a deed of Trust duly executed, in order to prevent to any of them or to us, any trouble, that might possibly arise from the Exr of any of the Trustees upon the event of their death.

Resolved that Mr Lang he enjoined to pay annually, (until he be otherwise instructed) into the Widows fund £346 out of the R:D: and over and above that sum he is to pay out of the R:D: of each min, who shall be a contributor to the fund four pounds twelve shillings for the first year after his ordination.

2d. Interloc.

The affairs of the widows fund was taken into consideration, and after some reasoning, the question was put, let the fund remain where it is or not? The Roll was called & it carried remain.

It was proposed that every subscriber to the widows fund, shall have power to order the distribution of the annuity arising to his children out of this fund to be made in such manner among them as he shall direct, whether by will or otherwise, this agreed to.

It was proposed that Mr Lang be enjoined to pay the annuities arising from our fund, without any reguard to private acc and particularly to pay the whole of the annuities to Mr Cherrie—after some reasoning upon this proposal, it was moved that the question shou'd be put, enjoin Mr Lang or not? Mr White of Tyrone Pby protested against putting of this question to a vote, after his protest was entered, the question was put, Enjoin Mr Lang or not? The Roll called & it carried enjoin. The Clerk of the Synod was ordered to inform Mr Lang of this resolution.

Mr Jno. Peebles complained that Mr Lang refused to pay him any part of the annuity to which he is entitled, by his father, being a
subscriber to the widows fund. Resolved that the Clerk of the Synod inform M' Lang, that M' Peebles has a right to the eighth part of annuity arising from the fund to the family of the late Rev'd M' Peebles—no retrospect to what M' Peebles has received.

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WILL: ROGERS G:S: Clk.

July 12th 1772.
AT LURGAN, JUNE, 29TH, 1773.

A Gen' Synod at Lurgun, 29th June, 1773.

M' Strong Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Rom. 12: 3, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev't Presbyteries as followeth.

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| Jos. Osborn | Ballymena Pby | Wm. Craford | | |
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| Jno. Bankhead | Jno. Ranken | Wm. Blakely | Jas. Douglases |
| Andw. Hume | Jno. Cuming | Hu. Moor | Jas. Cuming |
| Hu. Moor | Jno. Lyndsay | | |

| Armagh Pby. | |
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| Jas. Moody | Jas. Caldwell |
| Hen: Jackson | | |
| Wm. Campbell | Geo. Kennedy | | |
| Saml. Livingstone | Robt. M'Neally | | |
| Robt. Dickson | | | |
Mr. Strong moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a leet, Messrs. Jackson, Clelland, Smith, Osborn, Wright, Henry, Kinked, Abernethy, Ranken, McDowell, and Campbell, the Roll called & Mr. Campbell chosen—Mr. Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev'l Phys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sev'l Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Gen'l Synod's Fixed Committee, also an acc't of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, or candidates entered on trials since last G. Synod, likewise an acc't of annuitants upon the fund, and if any have died, since last Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an acc't of women now living that have been ministers' wives, and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitants death, the Pby in whose bounds, said annuitant lived, do immediately inform Mr. Lang that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that Mr. Henry preach to this Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod shall appoint, until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

Ordered that as Mr. Ranken is next in votes to the Mod' now chosen, and Mr. Henry second, Mr. Osborn be appointed to preach to the G. Synod the 2d day of their next meeting, comformable to former regulations, as Mr. Ranken hath already preached upon the 2d day of the Synods meeting, and Mr. Henry is to preach to morrow morning.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer 3d.

Mr. Henry as appointed preached from 1 Tim: 1: 15.

The Phys gave in Lists of their members for the sev'l Committees, as also the following reports, namely.

The Pby of Armagh report that being duly certified, that Mr. Geo. Kennedy, had studied Philosophy & Divinity the time prescribed by the late regulations of the G. Synod to that purpose, and having in conforrnity to said regulations, examined him at three different meetings of the Pby, they admitted him on trials, in every [one] of which he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Pby, and on the 20th of March last they licensed him to preach the Gospel. They likewise report Mr. Maxwell died the 23d March 1773.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr. Mercer 22d Decem', he is not a subscriber to the widows fund—they have ordained Mr. Whiteside the 23d of said month and Mr. Andrew Miller the 15th June Inst. both subscribers to the widows fund—widows on the fund with them are Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Peebles, Mr. Duffin, Mr. Orr—Mr. Rhea not on the fund.

Monaghan Pby have on the fund Mr. McKee, Mr. Algoe, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bond, fam. Mr. Ambrose.
AT LURGAN, JUNE, 29TH, 1773.

From Derry Pby no return.

Templepatrick Pby report that Mr White died the 14th Aug. 1772 he was a contributor to the fund and left a widow and family—on the fund with them are Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White—not on the fund Mr Frezer.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Marshall 18th Aug. 1772 not a contributor to the widows fund, and Mr Caldwell the 1st Sep. 1772, and Mr Hamilton 8th June Inst., both contributors to the fund, they entered upon trials and licensed Mr Sherard conformable to the late regulations for that purpose.

Bangor Pby have ord'd Mr Caldwell the 1st Septem. 1772, and Mr Adams the 8th Decem. 1772—both contributors to the fund—they have Mr Orr on 1st trials, Mr Stitt on 2d, they report Mr M'Kean died the 8th June 1773, he was a contributor to the fund, left a widow and children; Mr Cochran a widow on the fund died 8th June 1773—on the fund with them are Mr Malcom, Mr Buchanan, Mrs Moorhead, Mr Dickson, Mr M'Kean—not on the fund Mr Moor, Mr Hastings.

Killylea Pby have ordained Mr Porter 16th June 1773 a subscriber to the fund. They report Mr Kennedy died 18th May 1773 he left a widow and children on the fund; w't them Mr Scott, Mr Kennedy.

Dromore Pby ordained Mr Hay 9th March 1773 a subscriber to the fund; on the fund with them are Mr Gordon, Mr White, Mr Semple, Mr Simms, Mrs Richey, Mr King, fam'd Mr Thompson.

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mr Armstrong.

Letterkenny Pby report that Mr Holmes died 15th May 1773 left no fam'.

Ballymena Pby have ordained Mr Speer 23rd Feb'y 1773 a subscriber to the fund, they report Mr M'Mullan demitted his charge of Cullybackey the 15th Sept. 1773, and Mr Logue removed to America 1st 9ber 1772—widows on the fund w't them are Mrs O'Brian, Mr Hill, Mrs Macurdy, Mr White, Mr Cochran, Mr Brown, not on the fund Mr Macreight.

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mr Moor, Mr Patten, Mr Vance.

Upon enquiry it appeared that Messrs Nealsone and Delap have made no return to this Synod of the members of the Pby of Monaghan, who observed the order of last G. Synod in attending at Inniskillen the 1st Tuesday in Aug. 1772, and of those who did not attend—This Synod cannot but express their disapprobation of those Gentlemen in not complying with the Instructions of last Synod respecting that matter, and defer the consideration of it until next meeting of the G. Synod, at which time they are enjoined to make report according to the Instructions given them.

The Rev'd Mr Jun. Moodie from the city of Dublin being present Mr Jun. Moodie was requested to sit as a member of this Synod, and he consented to do so.
It appeared Mr. Mulligan made a collection for Elez's. Brakenridge and her disordered sister (daughters of the late Rev'd Bap: Boyd) and hath given it unto them, and that Messrs. Jackson, Carson, and Young have likewise made collections and deposited them with Mr. Miller, by him to be given to these poor women. The other members of Monaghan Pby are enjoined by this Synod to make collections as speedily as possible and transmit them by Mr. Mulligan to Elez's. Brakenridge and her sister.

Adjourned till 6 o'clock afternoon, this Session concluded with prayer.

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

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod respecting Donations for the use of Dissenting congregations within our Bounds, Mr. Stoupe reported 1st Mr. Cranston near Eniskillen bequeathed an hundred pounds for the benefit of the min's of the dissenting congregations of that place which is now in the hands of James Armstrong Esq', of Lisgool, the only surviving Ex's of her will—that by said Will twelve Trustees were originally appointed to manage the said Bequest, three of whom are only now alive. The present Incumbent, Mr. Young hath according to the Tenor of the will, with the consent of the cong's filled up the number of Trustees, with the following Gentlemen, viz., Tho's Armstrong Esq', Messrs. Lettunell, Hudson, Wm Shaw, Baptist Gamble, Dav's Gamble, Dav's Whitton, John Armstrong, James Charters, Wm Charters, Alex' Livingstone, And's McDowell, & Wm Gamble, who, have bound themselves by a mutual bond, to meet twice in the year for the purpose of enquiring whether the Interest be duly paid, whether any of the Trustees be removed from the cong's by Death or otherwise, and if so to elect new ones.

There is also a Bequest of thirty pounds for the same purpose now in the hands of the Rev'd Mr. Plunket, of Dublin, managed by the same Trustees in the same manner.

There is also a third bequest of five pounds & ann. by Mr. Cranston, to which Lands are subjected, the advantage of which neither the present Incumbent nor any of his predecessors, have enjoyed, tho' a Lawsuit was commenced for the recovery of it, but cou'd not be carried on for want of proper support.

It was proposed and agreed to, that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Antrim or Dunganon, the Roll called, and it carried to meet at Antrim, the last Tuesday in June, 1774. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Upon reading an overture passed into a Rule at G. Synod, respecting the admission of Foreign Probationers, into the bounds of this Synod, Mr. McDowell requested that the reasons of his Dissent from said Rule might also be read which was agreed to. Several members moved that that Rule ought to be repealed—it was objected to this, that it would be rash to repeal any Synodical Rule, without mature consideration—it was then proposed and agreed to that the question be
put, resume the consideration of that Rule, at this meeting of the Synod or not? the Roll called & it carried resume, by a large majority. Sev' spoke for, & many against the continuance of that Rule, and after Reasoning for some time, it was proposed and agreed to, the 8th Rule shou'd not be repealed, but is not to be so understood, as to make it necessary for such candidates for the ministry to produce credentials before the G. Synod previous, to their preaching in our Bounds, as shall be regularly invited into this Kingdom by any of our Phys, at the Instance of a vacant congregation.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Interloq'. half-past seven, this session, concluded w' prayer.

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

Mr Ja' Malcom in the name of the Pby of Bangor produced a narative of their proceedings towards Cumber (a congregation in their Bounds), who have fallen into such disputes in their choice of a min', as they think extremely difficult to remove, & therefore refer the determination of that matter to this Synod.

A supplication from a party in the congregation of Cumber, who call themselves the majority of that congregation, was presented to this Synod by Messrs. Jn Dunlop, Wm Murdoch, & Wm Brice, &c., wherein they Intreat that M' Patten, be appointed to supply that congregation a month or two as soon as possible, or if that he refused, a member of this Synod be appointed to draw up a call & see it subscribed by them to M' Patten, & they promise to find sufficient security for sixty five pounds yearly stipend to him. And if it be doubted whether they have the Synod's majority, a member be appointed to poll the cong' & be satisfied about that matter—and if these requests shou'd be refused that they shou'd be disanexxed from the Phy of Bangor, & put under the care of some other Phy belonging to the G. Synod.

A supplication from another part of that congregation was also presented by Messrs Geo. Gillespie, Robt. Ridle, &c., wherein they set forth that irregular methods had been pursued in obtaining votes by the party that call themselves the majority, for that when the congregation was polled by a member of Bangor Phy M' Patten had not the Synod's majority, and to certify this they produced that state of the Poll as taken by M' Huey, they therefore pray that the supplication from that party, who call themselves the majority may not be granted, and that their neighbours be ordered to join them in taking a hearing of some other candidates in the choice of one of whom they hope they will happily unite.

It was moved and agreed to that Messrs Moodie, Carson, Caldwell, Jackson, White, Osborn, Rankin, and Henry shou'd converse with the Comm's of both parties and use their best endeavours to establish an agreement between, and report the success of their endeavours for that purpose to this Synod.

The Gentlemen appointed to converse with the Comm's from Cumber reported they had no success with them. The Parties were
heard for a considerable time and removed. After some reasoning it was proposed that a Committee be appointed to meet at Cumber and use their best endeavours to issue the debates in that Congregation as they shall see cause; to this some objected, and the question was then put, determine now, or appoint a Committee? the Roll called and it carried, determine now. It was next proposed shall the congⁿ of Cumber be polled again for Mʳ Patten, the Roll called and it carried, another poll should be taken.

Resolved that Mʳ Smith from Killelea, Mʳ Maclure from Dromore and Mʳ Wright from Templepatrick Pby shall meet at Cumber the 2ᵈ Tuesday in Sepᵗ next, Poll that congregation, and report to the Pby of Bangor the issue of that Poll—and it was resolved that the stipend which was cessed upon each seat (during the time of Mʳ Cunningham's ministry) shall only be counted in making up the majority with respect to money, tho' every person who paid stipend formerly shall be allowed a vote in the election of a minister.

It was likewise agreed that it shou'd be inserted in our records that yⁿ Synod had no intention to cast any reflection upon the Pby of Bangor's conduct towards the Congⁿ of Cumber, and that it appeared to this Synod a very prudent method which that Pby have taken in referring the debates in Cumber to our determination, and this Synod have appointed Mʳ Kennedy a Probationer in Pby of Dromore to supply that congⁿ this month of July, Mʳ Geo. Kennedy from Armagh Pby the month of Augᵗ, and Mʳ Jaⁿ Craford from Templepatrick Pby the first two Lord's days in Sepᵗ immediately before the meeting of this Committee.

Adjourned until five afternoon, this Session concluded with prayer.

5ᵗʰ Session Thursday, at five afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Raphoe

Inquiry was made if the Committee appointed by last G. Synod to meet at Raphoe the 12ᵗʰ day in Augᵗ last past had observed that appointment, and it appeared they did. A copy of their minutes were produced and read, wherein they set forth that they had considered the sevⁿ articles of complaint exhibited against Mʳ Gordon, and judged his conduct towards the people of Raphoe, in many respects blame worthy, and that the Modⁿ had rebuked him and admonished him to act more in character for the future—the Committee likewise set forth in their minutes, that by a Complaint from the Pby of Letterkenny wⁿ Mʳ Gordon cou'n'd deny, it appeared to them he had supplied a vacant congⁿ in the Bounds of that Pby which they judged worthy of admonition, and accordingly their Modⁿ admonished him for that Irregularity. And whereas the differences between Mʳ Gordon and his opponents appearedⁿ to the Committee to be irreconcilable, they had ordered him to give dismisses to as many as shou'd apply for them—upon paying the arrear stipend due by them, and shou'd he refuse dismisses upon the above condition the people were at liberty to join any other congⁿ they pleased—In the Committees minutes it was also observed that
Mr. Gordon had refused to comply with their resolutions and applied to this Synod to give Judgment in the affair.

The Committees conduct respecting Mr. Gordon & the people of Raphoe was considered & approved by this Synod.

This Synod took into consideration the state of the fund, long since established by our forefathers, for the support of the Gospel in weak congregations, which otherwise must be deprived of that valuable blessing.

They are sorry to think that a matter of such importance shouldn't be neglected, and therefore do earnestly recommend it to every min' within their bounds to promote an annual Contribution for this purpose, and they sincerely hope that the people under their care, will be convinced that they cannot apply their mite in a manner more agreeable to the directions & example of their great Lord & Master, or more conducive to the Interests & ends of his Kingdom, and will look upon this kind of charity as of all others, the most excellent having for its immediate object the happiness of immortal souls, the Synod therefore beseech them to consider what they would have expected from their fellow members of the household of God: had providence placed them in the like situation, and as they would wish to share in the humane & generous liberality of others, even so to do unto them.

A copy of this recommendation to be made out by the Clk of each Pby, & given to the members by them to be read annually in their respective Congregations: and the sev' Pbys are to be called to give an acct at the annual meeting of the G. Synod of their observance of this appointment.

The Committee as appointed met at Carntall the last Tuesday of July 1772 the minutes of which were produced & read, by which it appeared that Mr. McNeally had withdrawn his subscription from our Judicatories: an acct of which was transmitted by the Committee in a letter to the Mod' of the Pby of Tyrone, to whom the Committee Signified that it was their opinion that the Pby ought to proceed in the Ordination of a min' to the Congregation of Carntall, and that as Mr. McNeally did not attend the meetings of the Committee, no inquiry could be made concerning the Bequests made to the widows fund & poor in the parish of Carntall.

A Joint supplication from Mr. Rentoul and the Congregation of Lurgan was presented to this Synod, wherein he Mr. Rentoul acknowledges that the Laws of this Synod prescribed for the preservation of order have been transgressed by him, and says that he thought the treatment he then met with from the Pbys with which he had been connected, justified the step which he took, but now says as he is a lover of peace he desires to be rec'd into this Synod & joined to the Pby of Dromore, or to such other Pby as the Synod shall think proper, and the congregation of Lurgan acknowledge the step which they took was precipitate, & pray that it may be overlooked & they rec'd again under the care of this Synod, & that they and Mr. Rentoul may be put under the care of any Pby this Synod think proper.
Ordered that Messrs Moodie, Osborn, Caldwell, & Bankhead, take Mr Rentoul's supplication under their consideration, & report their opinion of it to this Synod. The Gentlemen appointed to consider Mr Rentoul's supplication, gave it as their opinion that in lenity to him his acknowledgements should be sustained. Mr Rentoul appeared & produced credentials of his ordination from the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, after some reasoning Mr Rentoul was asked if he acknowledged that the supplication given to this Synod signed by his name to be his, he said he did acknowledge it, he was then asked if he was willing to acknowledge that he was sorry for transgressing the Laws of this Synod, prescribed for preserving order, he replied that his supplication to the Synod contained his sentiments at that head, that nothing but necessity would make him preserve, and then withdrew from the Synod house.

Adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock, Interloq' at 7, concluded w' prayer.

6th Session Friday, at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

It was proposed & agreed to that Mr Rentoul's acknowledgment should be again taken into consideration—some members observed that his withdrawing from the Synod house (at last session), in the circumstances he was then placed, was not designed to show any disrespect to this Synod, but thro' accident, for that he was just returning, as the Synod adjourned. Mr Rentoul appeared, made the same declaration, & also acknowledged he was sorry he had transgressed the Rules of this Synod, and promised that he would be subject to the Judicatories & conform to the discipline of this Church, as other members of it do, provided he be admitted as a member of it. The Synod satisfied with this acknowledgment & submission, agree to receive Mr Rentoul as a member, provided always that upon writing to the Pby of Elgine we find they give a satisfying acc' of the means and by what certificate they were induced to ordain him.

The Pby of Armagh made it their unanimous request that Mr Rentoul, be not joined to them, but to some other Pby belonging to this Synod. This granted.

Mr Rentoul being received on the above terms into this Synod, he & his congregation of Lurgan were subjected to the care of Dromore Pby, and that Pby enjoined to write in the name of the G. Synod, to the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, as before resolved, and Mr Rentoul is to be Installed in the congreg' of Lurgan, by the Pby of Dromore, as soon as they shall see cause.

The congregation of Tullylish supplicated this Synod that they be allowed liberty to apply, thro' their Pby, to any other Pby in the bounds of this Synod for supplies, until next meeting of the G. Synod—This granted.

Mr Gordon informed this Synod, that he had thoughts of removing to America, and begged a committee from the G. Synod might be appointed to assist him in settling accompt*, with his congregation, and to give him credentials,
Mr. Gordon was allowed to apply to some of his neighbouring PBys (as ordered at the meeting of the Gen' Synod in 1770), for assistance in regulating matters, between him and his congregation, and the PBys to whom he shall apply are hereby enjoined to appoint some of their members to meet & give Mr. Gordon assistance, and credentials as they shall see cause.

Mr. McNeally produced a supplication, praying to be relieved from the sentence of suspension passed upon him by the PBy of Tyrone, and confirmed by the Synod's Committee. This Synod cou'd not enter upon the consideration of Mr. McNeally's supplication, but refered it to next G. Synod.

Mr. Jos. McNeally a Probationer in the PBy of Letterkenny complained to this Synod that the Cong'n of Carntall had given him no compensation for preaching to them (by advice of Tyrone PBy). Six Lord's days & assisting at two sacraments, and prayed this Synod to give him relief as they shall see cause.

Ordered that the congregation of Carntall be enjoined & accordingly are hereby enjoined to pay said Mr. McNeally, for these days he preached to them. A copy of this minute to be produced to that cong'n by the complainant.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq.'.

At an Interloq' consisting of the Gen' Synod and PBy of Antrim, it was proposed and agreed to, that as the deducting 40s annually out of the R:D: for the widows fund on acc' of every vacant congregation, is attended with some difficulty, Mr. Lang is enjoined by our Clerk to pay only 40s out of the R:D: of every min's a contributor to the fund, and over and above that sum £4: 12s: for the first year after the ordination of every subscriber to the fund—this resolution respecting the 40s for every vacant congregation to be reconsidered at next G. Synod.

Inquiry was made if Mr. Lang had conformed to the Synod's In-structions respecting the payment of annuities, and it appeared he had not for that Mr. Cherry had not received her annuity.

The Interloq' dissatisfied that Mr. Lang shou'd treat their directions w't such disrespect, resolved that Messrs. Bryson, Craford and Jackson shall prepare the draught of a letter for Mr. Lang 'gainst next Interloq', wherein they are to signifie to him that it is the determined sense of the Contributors to the widows fund that the annuities arising from that fund be paid without regard to any other acc' whatever, and particularly that Mr. Cherry be p'd before the 1st of October next.

2nd Interloq'.

Messrs. Jackson, Craford and Bryson Brought in the draught of a letter for Mr. Lang which was read and with some alterations approved and signed by y' Mod'.
Resolved that after this year no annuity be paid by Mr Lang until he receive a certificate of the annuitant’s being alive from a neighbouring minister where the annuitant resides.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, by which it appears that the present amount of that fund is £8884 19 10s, and that in consequence of a Resolution entered into by the contributors at Magharafelt the 2d of Feb'75 last they lent £7600 of the Capital of the fund to Ld Antrim which the Trustees, by advice of Lawyers of eminence thought was very well secured, that Messrs Robt Stewart, Jno. Cromie, and David McBride, were the Trustees named in the Deeds, and that as soon as the necessary Deeds for declaring their Trust can be prepared, they will be properly executed. The Trustees likewise propose Robt Stewart Esq, Wm Dunn Esq, and Mr Wm Colvill as proper persons to be added to the number of our Trustees, Messrs McKay, White and Strong, to answer the Trustees letter and signify to them that we approve of the gentlemen they mention to the Trust.

The minutes of the Constituents of the fund who met at Magharafelt were read, and Messrs Bryson and Wilson’s reasons of protest against the resolution at Magharafelt were likewise read, which they desired should be entered into the widows fund Book.

3d Interlog.

The Gentlemen appointed to write to the Trustees brought in the Draught of a letter, which was read and approved and signed by the Mod'.

It was proposed that an addition be made to the annuities arising from our fund—the several Prys are requested to take this matter into serious consideration until next meeting of the G. Synod, when this matter will be reconsidered.

Some members proposed that each Pry should be furnished with a Copy of all transactions relating to the widows fund.

Resolved that each Pry shall have a Copy of the widows fund Book by applying to the Clerk of the Synod and paying him for his trouble in transcribing it.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

July 30th, 1773.
AT ANTRIM, JUNE 28TH, 1774.

Antrim, 28th June 1774.

Mr. Campbell Moderator of former Synod opened this by preaching from Mat. 28 & later clause of ver. 20th then constituted by prayer, after which appeared from the several Phys as followeth.

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Mr. Campbell moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet—Messrs Mulligan, Kennedy, Smith, Livingstone, Osborn, Patten, Lewson, McClure, Kinkead, McDowell, Neilson and Ranken—the Roll called and Mr. Ranken chosen Mr. Rodgers continued clerk.

Ordered that the sev' Phys meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning of their members for the sev' Committees of overtures. Bills, Books, fund and G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also, an acc't of such min' as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod.

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitant's death the Phy in whose bounds the annuitant lived do immediately inform Mr. Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that Mr. Osborn preach to this Synod tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod' shall appoint until Eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

Ordered that as Mr. Osborn is next in votes to y' Mod' now chosen and Mr. Lewson second, Mr. Lewson be appointed to preach to this Synod the second day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon conformable to former regulations. This session concluded w't prayer.

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

Mr. Osborn as appointed preached from Mat. 22: 27, the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phys gave in lists of their members for the sev' Committees, as also the following acc't, namely:—

The Phy Derry ordained Mr. Patten 20th Aug 1773, and Mr. Adams 18th May 1774, both subscribers to the widows fund—they entered Mr. Allen on trials: they report that Mr. Hood died the 21st Inst: he left a widow and children.

Monaghan Phy report that Mr. Warnock died the 23d June Inst. he left a widow & children.
Letterkenny Pby have entered M\textsuperscript{r} Con\textsuperscript{y} Smith on 1\textsuperscript{st} trials.

Dromore Pby have Installed M\textsuperscript{r} Rob\textsuperscript{t} Rentoul at Lurgan Sep\textsuperscript{t}. Installed

26\textsuperscript{th}, he subscribed the confession of faith, but not the widows fund.

Bangor Pby ordained M\textsuperscript{r} Mar: Stephenson 20\textsuperscript{th} June Inst\textsuperscript{t}, he sub-
scribed the widows fund, they report M\textsuperscript{r} Walker died the 20\textsuperscript{th} Jan\textsuperscript{t} 1774, he left children only.

Ballymena Pby ordained M\textsuperscript{r} David Park 25\textsuperscript{th} July 1773, and M\textsuperscript{r} Rob\textsuperscript{t} Christy 17\textsuperscript{th} Aug\textsuperscript{t} 1773, both subscribers to the widows fund.

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

For Dublin Pby Mess\textsuperscript{t} Killburn and Caldwell with an Elder.

Monaghan Mess\textsuperscript{t} Mulligan & Hamilton with an Elder.

Tyrone Mess\textsuperscript{t} Caldwell & White with an Elder.

Killelea Mess\textsuperscript{t} Smith & Strong with an Elder.

Armagh Mess\textsuperscript{t} Moody & Campbell with an Elder.

Strabane Mess\textsuperscript{t} Osborn & Craford with an Elder.

Derry Mess\textsuperscript{t} Ferguson & Knox with an Elder.

Letterkenny Mess\textsuperscript{t} Holms & Alexander with an Elder.

Temblepatrick Mess\textsuperscript{t} Lewson & Read with an Elder.

Dromore Pby Mess\textsuperscript{t} Henry & Patrick with an Elder.

Bangor Mess\textsuperscript{t} Huey & Hull with an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Mess\textsuperscript{t} Cuming & Lyndsay & an Elder.

These with our Mod\textsuperscript{r} & Clerk are to meet at Dungannon when called upon by the Mod\textsuperscript{r} on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be minrs.

Ordered that a member in each Pby be appointed to inform the Clerk of the Synod (as speedily as may be) or at farthest against the 1\textsuperscript{st} of Aug\textsuperscript{t} of the annuitants upon the fund in their respective bounds, and also of the women now living that have been min\textsuperscript{t}s wives, and the following members are to make the returns for the present year—for Dublin Pby, M\textsuperscript{r} Caldwell, for Monaghan, M\textsuperscript{r} Mulligan, for Tyrone, M\textsuperscript{r} White, for Killelea, M\textsuperscript{r} Smith, for Derry, M\textsuperscript{r} Ferguson, for Letterkenny, M\textsuperscript{r} Alexander, for Strabane, M\textsuperscript{r} Craford, for Armagh, M\textsuperscript{r} Campbell, for Templepatrick, M\textsuperscript{r} Rodgers, for Dromore M\textsuperscript{r} Henry, for Bangor, M\textsuperscript{r} Hull, for Ballymena, M\textsuperscript{r} Cuming, for Rout, Mr Simson, for Antrim Pby, M\textsuperscript{r} M\textsuperscript{r} Kay, and these members are to make the like returns annually.

The sev\textsuperscript{t} Pphys were called to give an acc\textsuperscript{t} of the success which the Synod's fund recommendation of the last Synod met with, respecting the payment of the fund, for the support of the Gospel in poor congregations, within the Bounds of the G. Synod, and it appeared the recommendation hath not been universally attended to.

Resolved that the recommendation be renewed, & that each Pby be enjoined, and accordingly is hereby enjoined to be punctual in
observing it, and to contribute to the support of the ministries committed to their care, and it was particularly recommended to the Pby of Monaghan, that they be very attentive to the support of Mr Sprate, who is said to be in very indigent circumstances, the further consideration of this affair recommended to the Committee of ye fund.

It was proposed & agreed to that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put meet at Lurgan or Antrim; the Roll was called and it carried to meet at Antrim the last Tuesday in June 1775, sermon to begin 5 o'clock afternoon.

The sev1 committees ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon, this session concluded with prayer.

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

Inquiry was made if the committee met at Cumber as appointed, and it appeared they did, the minutes of that committee were produced and are as followeth.

"Sep' 14th 1773, Messrs Smith, Wright, & Maclaine met at Cumber according to the appointment of last G. Synod, and after reading the minute relative to that affair, they were unanimously of opinion, that the Intention of the direction given them was, that the stipend formerly p'd Mr Cunningham was to be considered as the majority in money, & that according to the order among dissenters in polling Conginc under-sitters are not to be considered as entitled to a vote. The Synod's Committee called for the Roll of the Conginc, which they compared with the Committee book of the house, & found that it differed in almost every return.

The minority complained that they had not access to the Committee Book, tho' they applied for it, in order that a just return might be made to Poll the conginc by, & therefore objected to the Poll, the committee from the Temper that seemed to prevail among the people thought it best to proceed to Poll the conginc by the Poll returned to them, but in the course of the Poll, they found the list very Imperfect & contrary to the Committee Book, from whence it is said to be extracted & the stipend, as will appear by the Poll exceeded in many Instances the rate of the seats—according to the Poll taken.

For Mr Patten 229, money £33: 0: 4½
Not for him 43, money 12: 9: 3½

The Committees conduct was approved,

Bangor Pby were desired to inform this Synod, what they had done relative to Cumber congregation; the minutes of that Pby were read by which it appeared, they did not sustain the Poll taken by the Synods Committee as ascertaining the majority to be in favour of Mr Patten, and the reason they assigned was, that it appeared to them that the lists wrote which the Committee were furnished for polling the Congregation, were very imperfect, therefore the Poll ought not to be sustained.
An appeal from the sentence of the Pby of Bangor & also from the determination of the Subsynod of Belfast, with the reasons of appeal were produced to this Synod by Messrs Willm Murdoch, Jas Dunlap, &c., Commissioners, wherein they set forth that they think themselves aggrieved by the sentence of the Pby of Bangor & Subsynod of Belfast in not allowing them to give a call to Mr Patten, as there is in their estimation a great majority in his favour, and pray this Synod would give them Releif—from another party in Cumber congregation appeared Messrs Gillespy, Andrews, & Mac oughtry, Commrs, who produced a supplication signed by a great number, wherein they remonstrated against Mr Patten receiving a Call from that cong, as they think such a measure would have a tendency to impose a min' upon them, which they would not wish to do to their neighbours, and pray that this Synod would not Countenance that party that call themselves the majority in this attempt.

The parties being heard, it was agreed that the farther consider-ation of this affair be postponed until next sed.

Adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq at 8. This Session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

It was proposed by the Committee of the fund that Mr King should be committed to the care of Derry Pby, & Mr Sprate to Strabane; Mr Sprate this agreed to.

The Synod proceeded to the farther consideration of the supplication from Cumber, the commissioners of both parties were called & asked if they had anything new to add, they replied they had not, after some reasoning it was agreed that the question be put, shall the supplication from Cumber for having a Call presented to Mr Patten be granted or not? The Roll called & it carried by a great majority, that it be granted.

Mr M'Dowell in the name of the Cong of Taghboine supplicated this Synod that it be recommened to the Pby of Letterkenny to ap-point one of their members to write to the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, for a month's hearing of Mr Farkwar, a Probationer in their bounds. Resolved that it be recommened to the Pby of Letterkenny to write as above, and they are enjoined to meet for that purpose the 2d Wednesday in July next.

The Pby of Bangor informed this Synod that Saintfield a cong in their bounds had applied thro' them to the Pby of Dromore for a month's hearing of Mr Birch, a member of that Pby, and the Pby of Dromore refered that supplication to this Synod. The supplication of Saintfield cong granted so far that Mr Birch is appointed to supply that Cong the two last Lord's days in July next.

The Pby of Bangor requested that the following Brethren, viz.—Messrs Ferguson, Campbell, Caldwell, White, M'Dowell, Osborn, & Bankhead, be allowed to converse with them for some time in the Vestry. This granted.
M' Mulligan was enjoined to use his best endeavours to influence the Phy of Monaghan to make a collection in their respective congregations for the relief of Eliz\textsuperscript{th} Brakenridge & her distressed sister (daughters of the late Rev\textsuperscript{d} Bap\textsuperscript{i}. Boyd), and the Synod will be under the disagreeable necessity of expressing their disapprobation of any min\textsuperscript{i} in that i by (if any shou'd be) who shall neglect to make a collection for so charitable a purpose.

The congregation of Ralphisland presented an appeal to this Synod, from the sentence of the Phy of Dromore, in allowing Rob\textsuperscript{i} Boyd, Sam\textsuperscript{i} Knox, Hu: Thompson, & two others to become members of the congregation of Ballyroney and to desert their society—the reasons of appeal were read and are in retentis. Ans\textsuperscript{e} to the reasons from the Phy of Dromore were also read, and are likewise in retentis. Resolved that it be recommended to every Phy in the bounds of the G. Synod, that they be particularly cautious in not Dismembering any cong\textsuperscript{n} within their respective bounds—but as we hope and believe the Phy of Dromore had sufficient reason for granting the liberty to the above named persons, which they applied for, we approve of their sentence.

The Committee appointed to converse with the Phy of Bangor, report that the following members of that Phy—Mess\textsuperscript{e} Rob\textsuperscript{i} Cuning-ham, Sam\textsuperscript{i} Alexander, Ja\textsuperscript{a} Huey, W\textsuperscript{m} Laird, Jos. Kinkead, and Jno. King, request to be erected into a Phy by the name of the Presbytery of Belfast, and the rest of their Brethren acquiesced, and that such other members of y\textsuperscript{a} Phy Bangor and such Probationers and vacant cong\textsuperscript{ba} as shall chuse, and the Phy of Belfast approve, may join said Phy. The above request granted.

Adjourned until seven o'clock afternoon. Interloq\textsuperscript{i} at 5, y\textsuperscript{a} Sess\textsuperscript{e} concluded with prayer.

[5\textsuperscript{th} Session.]

A supplication from that part of the congregation of Cumber called the minority, was presented to this Synod by Mess\textsuperscript{e} Gillespy, Andrews, & Macoughtry, wherein they requested to be erected into a distinct congregation, immediately after reading the above supplication information was given to this Synod that M' Patten declared he wou'd not be farther concerned with the Congregation of Cumber, upon this declaration the above supplication was withdrawn.

It was proposed by the parties from Cumber that M' Bankhead might be appointed to supply that Congregation four Lord's days in July next, this granted, & M' Bankhead appointed to supply Cumber congregation all the month of July except the first Lord's day, & M' Bankhead's congregation is to be supplied the 2\textsuperscript{d} Lord's day in July by M' Miller, the 3\textsuperscript{d} by M' Read, both from Ballymena Phy, & the other two days by the probationers in Templepatrick Phy.

It was proposed & agreed to that the Congregation of Cumber be not annexed to any Phy, but continue under the immediate care of the G. Synod, until they agree in their choice of a min\textsuperscript{i}, or until next meeting of the G. Synod; and it was further resolved that the Phy of
Dromore shall be enjoined, & accordingly are hereby enjoined to meet (upon application made to them by the people of Cumber), to Poll that congregation, preside in seeing a Call subscribed, inviting such suppliers as they shall ask, & in doing every office of a Phy to them, until next meeting of the G. Synod, or until a min' be fixed among them as their minister, & they are at liberty to join any Phy they shall choose.

A motion was made & agreed to that every vacant congregation within the bounds of the G. Synod, upon applying for the hearing of a candidate w' an intention to give him a call, shall make out a full list of all the members of their Cong^, with the stipend which each individual annually paid annexed to his name, that disputes may be prevented, in case the congregation, shou'd be polled; this List to be read publickly to the whole congregation, & deposited in the hands of ye Phy, and the people of Cumber are strictly enjoined to conform to this appointment.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq' at 8; 3^ Session concluded w't prayer.

Sixth Session Friday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Mr M'Cneilly appeared & prayed this Synod be pleased to relieve Mr M'Cneilly from the suspension imposed upon him by the Phy of Tyrone, and afterwards confirmed by the G. Synod's Committee.

Ordered that a Committee of the following members, viz,—Mess^ Hamilton, Young, & Harris from the Phy Monaghan; Mess^ Ooborn, Neilson, & Craford from Strabane; Mess^ Scott & Cuming from Ballymena; Mess^ Jackson & Livingstone from Armagh Phy; Mess^ Mercer & Whiteside from Tyrone Phy; M' Adams from Derry, & M' Rentoul from Dromore Phy, shall meet with their Elders (5 min' & three Elders to be a quorum) at Dungan[on] the 2^ Tuesday in Aug^ next who are to consider and finally issue this affair, and Mess^ Mulligan, Campbel & Delap, together with the Phy of Tyrone, are to attend said Committee not as judges, but to give what light they can in this affair, M' Mercer to inform the members of this appointment.

It was proposed & agreed to that the Phy of Templepatrick, with Mess^ Ranken & Cuming, Ballymena, & Mr Thomson from Dromore Phy, shall meet at Dunagor the first Tuesday in August next, take M' M'Craiken's conduct under consideration, & treat him as they shall see cause, of this appointment M' M'Craiken is to be informed by M' Bankhead that he may attend, and if he does not attend he is to be treated for that contempt as the Phy and Correspondents shall judge proper; the Phy of Strabane are to inform the Phy of Templepatrick and Correspondents how M' M'Craiken behaved when a member with them.

The Mod^ concluded this Synod with prayer.

1^ Interloq'.

At an Interloq' consisting of the G. Synod & Phy Antrim, Inquiry was made if M' Lang had conformed to the Instructions of last year's Interloq' in paying M' Cherry's annuity, and it appeared he
had not. Mr Caldwell informed the Interloq' he had conversed with Mr Lang upon the affair, and that he told him he was very desirous to leave the whole affair in Debate between Mr Cherry and him to the determination of any Gentlemen that might be appointed for that purpose, Mr Lang in a letter to Mr Campbell expressed the same desire, and Intreats it may be complied with for the vindication of his character.

Resolved that Mr Lang's request be complied with, and Mr Cherry and he are to chose two or more arbitrators, whose Judgment shall finally determine the matter in debate between them, and this to be done before the 1st November next.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, by which it appeared that the present amount of that fund is £8980: 2: 8. they refer the constituents of the fund to Mr Lang's letter, wrote by their order, wherein an acct is given of the lands mortaged by Ld Antrim for the money lent & payment of the Interest; also that the Gentlemen Trustees who transacted the affair of the Loan with Ld Antrim have declared their Trust & this declaration of trust and all other deeds relative to the Loan are duly registered.

It was proposed that any minister or ministers who find it necessary to remove themselves and families from this to any other Kingdom shall have the subscription money they p'd into the widows fund refunded them. The above proposal was considered & after some reasoning, the question was put, refund or not? the Roll called & it carried unanimously, refund—it was proposed & unanimously agreed to that this resolution shou'd extend to such as have already removed & have not rec'd sufficient compensation for the money they p'd into y't fund.

Resolved that the Phy In whose bounds any minister or ministers have resided, or do reside, who have removed or may hereafter remove to another Kingdom, shall direct the Trustees Secretary, to remit the subscription money be refunded to some one member of that Phy who (under the direction of the Phy) is to forward it immediately to the individuals for whom it is intended.

2d Interloq'.

A Letter from Mr McCollum directed to our Mod' was read, wherein he complains of Injustice in not allowing him any part of the R.D. since he had not a cong'. & that his being discontinued to share that Bounty hath struck of his subscription to the widows fund, and thereby his wife and family are to be deprived of the benefit of it, into which he p'd a considerable sum of money, & requests this Synod would see Justice done him.

After considering this matter & reasoning upon it, the question was put, allow Mr McCollum to become a subscriber to the widows fund or not? The Roll called & it carried in the negative, it was next proposed shall Mr McCollum be refunded the subscription money he p'd into the widows fund, & it was unanimously agreed he shou'd be re-
funded; this resolution is not to extend to others who relinquish their congregations (if able to do the duties of their office) & live in the Kingdom.

The Mod' is to answer M't McCollum's letter & inform him that the subscription money he paid into the widows fund, shall be remitted to the Pby in whose bounds he resides, and upon payment of the money to him, he is to give a full release in due form of Law for all claims & demands upon the G. Synod, & if he refuseth to perfect such a release, the Pby is to detain the money.

It was proposed that the annuitants upon the fund should be placed in different classes—the consideration of this referred to the constituents of the fund until next meeting of the G. Synod

Ordered that Messrs Makay & Campble answer the Trustees letter and request them to order their Secretary to inform next Synod in whose hands & upon what security that part of the fund is placed that is not lent to Lord Antrim, & that he be instructed to give the like information annually.

Inserted by

WILL RODGERS, G:S:C.

July 29th.
M'r Ranken Mod' of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Tit. 2: 15. then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev' Pbys as followeth.

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Mr Ranken moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a leet: Messrs Harris, McClelland, Dickson, Craford, Lewson, Barbar, Rowan, McDowell, Neilson, White, & Hen: Jackson. The Roll called & Mr Jackson chosen. Mr Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev' Pbya meet this evening & prepare lists of their members to be given to the Clerk of Synod tomorrow morning for the sev' Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also an acc't of such mins. as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates, licensed, or entered on trials since last G. Synod.

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitant's death, the Pby in whose bounds said annuitant lived do immediately inform Mr Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuitities.

Ordered that Mr Lewson preach to this Synod tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, and be succeeded in prayer until eleven, when open Synod shall begin, by such members as the Mod' shall then appoint.

Ordered that as Mr Lewson is next in votes to the Mod' now chosen & Mr Gideon Neilson second, Mr Neilson be appointed to preach to this Synod the second day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon, according to former regulations.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon.

Mr Lewson preached from Luk: 9: 55—the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbyas gave in lists of their members for the sev' Committees, as also the following acc's:—

Monaghan Pby ordained Mr Davis at Castleblainy 13th Decem' 1774, he is a Contributor to the widows fund—widows on the fund w't them are Mr C Clark, Mr M' Kee, Mr A Algeo, Mr Bond, Mr Warnock.

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mr Patten, Mr M' Beth, Mr Vance. Tyrone Pby have entered on trials Mr Trimnell. On the fund with them are Mr Orr, Mr Kennedy, Mr Peebles, Mr Duffin.

Killilca Pby have on the fund Mr Fergie, fam' Mr Scott, Mr Kennedy.

Armagh Pby have on the fund Mr Cherrie, Mr Johnston, Mr Menagh.

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mr Armstrong.

Derry Pby have on the fund Mr Murray, Mr Strabridge, Mr Cochran, Mr Lyle, Mr Walker, Mr Hare, Mr Hood.

Templepatrick Pby Installed Mr Abernethy at Templepatrick 12th Inst'd Aug' 1774. Mr Thompson a widow on the fund with them died the 27th March 1775. On the fund with them are Mr Dunbar, Mr White.
Dromore Pby licensed M" Tho' Birch, being certified & examined, according to the late regulations, he subscribed the W. M: Confession of faith; they ordained M" Sherard at Tullylish 8th Novem' 1774, he subscribed the Confession of faith, and is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them are M" White, M" Semple, M" Gordon, M" Simms, M" Richey.

Bangor Pby have ordained M" Kennedy at Lisburn the 15th February 1775. he is a Contributor to the widows fund. They report that M" Mitchel died the 5th September—74, he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow & children. On the fund with them are M" Buchanan, M" Warnock, M" Dickson, M" Mitchell. M" Moorhead died 15th Feb' 1775.

Belfast Pby have Installed M" Patten at Monyrea 9th Aug' 1774, they ordained M" Henry at Castlereagh 13th Decem' 1774, he subscribed the widows fund, both subscribed the W: M: Confession of faith. On the fund with them M" Malcom, M" McKean, fam' M' Walker.

Letterkenny Pby have licensed M" Smith according to the late regulations, they ord'd M" Turretine at Ray 18th Jan'—75, he is a contributor to the widows fund, both subscribed the Confession of faith. On ye fund with them M" Turretine, fam' M' Boyd.

Rout Pby have licensed M" Thos. Lyle according to the late regulations. On the fund with them M" Lynd, M" Gaston, M" Smylie, M" Thompson.

Ballymena Pby have ordained M" Brown, at Conor ye 27th Feb'y 1775. he is not a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them are M" O'Bryan, M" M'Curdy, M" White, M" Hill, fam' M" Higginbothom, M" Cochrane, M" Brown; not on the fund, M" M'Cright.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in the year past.

It was observed that the members appointed at last G. Synod to make Returns to the Clerk of this Synod of the annuitants upon the fund, and also of the women now living that have been min' wives, & are not upon the fund have not generally observed that appointment.

Ordered therefore that a return be made by a member in each Pby at next settled.

Resolved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, Lurgan, Antrim, Dunganon and Armagh were named as a lect, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Armagh, the last Tuesday in June 1776. Sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

Inquiry was made if the Recommendation of last G. Synod had been observed by the Pby of Letterkenny, in appointing one of their members to write to the Pby of Elgin in North Britain, for M' Farkwahr to preach to the congregation of Taghboin, four Lord's days, and it appeared they did not order any of their members to write as above. After some reasoning, upon this affair Information was given the Synod
that Mr Davison from Scotland was expected at Tagghoain, in order that he may be appointed by some Pby belonging to the G. Synod to supply that Congregation for some time. Resolved that if said Gentleman comes to this Synod or to any Pby belonging to it, & exhibits satisfying Credentials he & the people of Tagghoain are to be taken under the care of the Pby Derry or any other Pby belonging to this Synod they shall chuse, & be appointed to supply the Congregation of Tagghoain the time they shall desire or as long as may be convenient to him—of this appointment Congregations are to be informed by a letter which Messrs Huey & Campbell are enjoined to write them, and in which they are to recommend to that Congregation a peaceable & condescending temper of mind & a due regard to good order in the dissenting church.

The servie Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjoined until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

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

This Synod were informed that Elezra Brakenridge & her disordered sister, (daughters of the late Revd Bap. Boyd) are still in very indigent & distressing circumstances.

Resolved that it be recommended, and accordingly it is hereby warmly recommended to the Pby Tyrone to make a Collection in each of their congregations, as speedily as may be, for the relief of these distressed women, & be deposited with Mr Miller to be given to them.

The Committee's minutes which met at Dungannon the 2d Tuesday in Aug last were produced and read, by which it appeared that Mr McNeilly was continued under the suspension laid upon him by the Pby of Tyrone, & afterwards confirmed by a Committee of the G. Synod. The Committee's conduct approved.

The Pby of Templepatrick with Correspondents met at Dunago1 the 1st Tuesday in Aug last. A Copy of their minutes was produced, and is as followeth:—The Pby of Templepatrick & Correspondents conformable to the order of last G. Synod took under their consideration the conduct & character of Mr Hu: McCraken, once a member of the Pby of Strabane, & now residing at Carrickfergus. Mr Bankhead was asked if he, as appointed by last G. Synod, had informed Mr McCraken of this meeting & the design of it, he produced the Copy of a letter sent to Mr McCraken, wherein he very properly pointed the indecency & criminality of marrying young people without consent of parents or Guardians, in a clandestine manner, & showed him how Injurious such a practice was to the peace & happiness of society—Intreated him to attend this meeting as a penitent, prepared to give the Pby & Correspondents assurance that he wou'd not persever in that base practice & he shou'd find him as an advocate w't his Brethren. Mr Thompson informed the members that, in a Conversation he lately held with Mr McCraken upon marrying people in the manner he did, Mr McCraken told him he [would] persevere in marrying in that way in opposition to all that cou'd be done by the G. Synod. No account from the Strabane Pby. Sev members testified they had sufficient evidence of Mr
M'Cracken's irregular & unbecoming behaviour in marrying people, & in other instances of conduct not at all decent to be named. The Pby & correspondents therefore unanimously agreed that M' M'Cracken hath no title to the character of a Gospel minister, that the people ought not to look upon him as such, and consequently he hath no authority to marry people more than any other man in the Country. This resolution to be published in all the Cong* within our Bounds. The Pby & Correspondents conduct towards M' M'Cracken approved, & their sentence confirmed.

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Interloq at 8: 7th Session concluded with prayer.

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

M' Huey in the name of the people of S'field requested this Synod to enjoin the sev Pibs belonging to it to send them such suppliers as they would desire the Pby of Belfast to write for, until next G. Synod—this granted.

A supplication from Venecash was presented to this Synod by M' Todd, wherein they complain that sev congregations in the Pby of Dromore & many in Rout Pby enjoined by the G. Synod to pay fund money annually to assist them in supporting a Gospel min* among them, have neglected to do it; & pray this Synod to grant them redress. Resolved that it be recommended, and according it is hereby warmly recommended to the min* in the Pby of Dromore & Rout who have not annually collected fund money in their respective congregations for the benefit of Venecash, that they be punctual in making Collections for the above purpose in time to come. The members of these Pibs who were present promised to observe *' recommendation.

The Synod very much concerned to find that the Interest of their Charitable fund for the support of the Gospel in poor Congregations within their bounds is very little attended to; have resolved that every minister belonging to this Synod shall warmly recommend the support of this fund, & make a Collection for it in his congregation before next G. Synod, and also a Collection in every succeeding year, and if any min* neglects to make such collection, he shall pay half a guinea into the Committee of the fund for every such failure. And each Pby is likewise enjoined to make Collections in the vacant congregations within their Bounds, if any there be.

From Drumbo appeared Comm* Mess* Mat: Rea, Wm Shaw & Ja* Carlile, who produced a supplication, wherein they set forth that their min* the Revd M' Malcom hath been so much indisposed for two years past that he hath not been able to perform the duties of a Gospel min*, and as there is no prospect for his recovery, they beg this Synod would declare them a vacant congregation.

The Commissioners informed this Synod that the Congregation of Drumbo had made an offer to M' Malcom's relations, to whom the management of his affairs was committed, of £32. 10. which was half a years stipend, more than in justice they were bound to pay, as they
had a full discharge for all stipend due at Novem' 1773, and Mr Malcom had not officiated among them since June—73. Mr Henry informed this Synod that Mr Laird and he attended at Drumbo, the 14th Inst, used their best endeavours to effect an agreement between Mr Malcom's relations & the Congregation of Drumbo, but to no purpose. After some reasoning the question was put, declare the Congregation of Drumbo vacant now, or not? The Roll called & it carried in the affirmative with one dissenting voice only—it was next proposed & unanimously agreed to that a Committee of the following Brethren, Messrs Bankhead & Abernethy from the Pby of Templepatrick; Messrs Henry, Macure, & Thompson, from Dromore; & Messrs Smith, & Strong, from Killilea Pby, with their Elders, shall meet at Drumbo, the last Monday in July next, three min' to be a quorum, who are to inspect into & finally to settle the acc' between Mr Malcom & the Cong of Drumbo, and that Congregation are to be informed that whatever sum shall appear to the Committee to be due Mr Malcom must be p'd before they are to expect another minister to be settled among them. A Copy of this minute to be sent by the Comm' to Mr Malcom, and it must appear to the Committee that he hath rec'd a Copy of it, at least ten days before their meeting.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. Interloc'.

At an Interloc' consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc' that the present amount of that fund is £9180 10: 8. of which sum £7600 is lent to L'd Antrim & £750 is vested in the Dunleer Turnpike Deb'—no acc' of the residue of the fund, which is £630 10:8. Messrs M'Kay, & Smith, to answer the Trustees letter and signify to them, that the Constituents would be much obliged for information where the residue of the fund besides that lent to L'd Antrim and vested in funds is placed & upon what security; & their secretary be instructed to give us that information at our next meeting in Armagh the last tuesday in June 1776.

The Interloc' observed that Messrs Logue & M'Cullin who removed from the Pby of Ballymena to America, have not had the money they p'd into the widows fund remitted to them. Ordered that the Pby of Ballymena be enjoined to receive that money from M'r Lang & transmit it as speedily as may be to these Gentlemen to whom it is due.

Upon considering the proposal made at last G. Synod of placing the annuitants in different classes, after reasoning upon the matter, it was agreed that the proposal be rescinded & accordingly y' Clerks was ordered to rescind it.

A letter from M'r M'Collum to our Moderator was read wherein he acknowledges the rec' of the money he p'd into the widow's fund, this letter to be kept by the Clerk of the Synod.
2 Interloc. The Constituents of the fund finding that the annual produce of it will afford more than eight pounds annually to each annuitant, have agreed to allow ten pounds annually to each from the 1st of July next.

It was proposed & agreed to that the money w's M' Williamson paid into the widows fund be repaid him & M' Smith was ordered to receive it for his use.

A motion was made that if any minister, a Contributor to the widows fund who removeth from his Congregation in the Bounds of the G.Synod or Pby Antrim, and fixeth in a Congregation belonging to the Southern Association, shall, if he pleaseth be allowed to continue a Contributor to our fund, & his wife & family receive the benefit of it.

Proposed also that any minister who hath already removed to the Southern Association & was a Contributor to our fund, may upon paying up the subscriptions, with the Interest thereof, be likewise allowed to become a Contributor to the fund, and his wife & family receive the benefit of it—These proposals refered to the consideration of the Constituents, until next meeting of the G.Synod.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

Augt 20th 1775.
AT ARMAGH, JUNE 25th, 1776.

Armagh, 25th June 1776.

Mr. Hen. Jackson Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1 Kings 22: 24. compared with Acts 20: 23. then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev'l Pby's as followeth.

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Mr Jackson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet—Messrs Carson, M'Cleland, Kennedy, Mich Henry Livingstone Osborn, Craford, Bankhead, Neilson, Bryson, Mich Henry, & Mulligan. The Roll called and Mr Mulligan was chosen.

Mr Kennedy from the Pby of Charlestown, in South Carolina being present was requested to sit as a member of this Synod, & he consented to do it.

As Mr Neilson who was appointed to preach the 24th day of this Synod's meeting hath not attended, Mr Campbel was requested to supply that defect by preaching to this Synod tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, & he consented.

Ordered that the Moderator write a letter to Mr Neilson, enjoin him to attend at next G.Synod, and answer for the disrespect he hath shown to this Synod, in not observing their appointment nor sending any apology, for his not attending.

Ordered that as Mr Wm Kennedy is next in votes to the Mod now chosen, he be appointed to preach to the G.Synod, the 24th day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Ordered that the several Pphys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning, of their members for the Sev Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and G.Synod's fixed Committee, as also an acc of such ministers as have died, been ordained Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G.Synod, likewise an acc of annuitants on the fund, if any have died since last G.Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acc of women now living that have been mino wives & are not upon the fund.

Adjourned until Eleven o'clock tomorrow morning, this session concluded with prayer.

24th Sess Mr Campbell as requested preached to this Synod, from Jan. 17: 20 and he received the thanks of the house for his ready compliance with their Request.

The Pphys gave in lists of their members, for the sev Committees as also the following acc namely—

Dublin Pby report they have on the fund Mr Patten, Mr M'Beth, Mr Vance.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund Mr Orr, Mr Kennedy, Mr Peebles, Mr Duffin, not on the fund Mr Rhea.

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Miller at Eniskillen 13th January 1776 and Mr Trimble at Monaghan 24th Inst both contributors to the widows fund—They report that Mr Hamilton removed from Monaghan
to Waterford in 8ber 1775.—On the fund with them are Mrs. Algoe, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Warnick.

Killilea Pby have on the fund Mr. Scott, Mr. Kennedy.

Armagh Pby have licensed Messrs. Rainy & Black, agreeable to the Licensed late regulations—On the fund with them are Mrs. Cherry Mrs. Johnstone Mr. Menagh.

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mr. Armstrong, not on 5th fund Mr. Donaldson.

Templepatrick Pby have on the fund Mr. Dunbar, Mr. White.

Dromore Pby report that Mr. Mulligan died 4th Jan' 1776, he left Dead children only. On the fund with them are Mr. Gordon, Mr. Semple, Mr. Simms, Mr. Richey, Mr. White, fam' Mr. Mulligan.

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr. Stitt at Moyra, 10th 8ber—75, he is a Ordained contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them Mrs. Warnick, Mrs. Dickson, Mr. Mitchell.

Belfast Pby have ordained Mr. Tho. Birch at Saintfield, the 21st Ordained May 1776, he subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund. They Licensed report Mr. Cunningham died in Feb'—76, he left no family. They Licensed licensed Mr. Hu. Mr. Kee according to the late regulations. On the fund Licensed with them Mr. Malcom, fam' Mr. Walker, fam' Mr. Kee.

Letterkenny Pby ordained Mr. Allen in Aug' 1775, & Mr. Miller in Ordained May 1776, both contributors to the widows fund. They report Mr. Licensed Ferlie died 7th January—76, he left children only.

From Derry Pby & from Rout no returns.

As sev' Physys made no returns of the members for 5th G. Synod's Committee they are the same as in years past.

It was observed that in the return made of licensing Candidates for the ministry by the Phy Letterkenny, no certificate was produced of their conforming to the late regulations in licensing Messrs. Cochran & Holms. The Synod determined that these regulations shall be observed, have resolved that the Pby of Letterkenny be enjoined, and accordingly that Pby are hereby enjoined to transmit s'd certificate to the Clerk of the Synod as soon as possible, that these Licentiates may be looked upon as under the care of this Synod, which cannot be (consistent with a former resolution of the G. Synod) until said certificate be obtained, and entered into our records, which the Clerk is ordered to do, as soon as he receives it from the Phy L.kenny.

It was observed that no returns were made from several Phys of this Synod, and information was given that the Phy Rout had Installed Mr. Pat. Davison from North Britain, at Taghboin the 9th Jan' 1776, & that he & that Cong had subjected themselves to the care of Rout Pby. N.B. Mr. Davison no contributor to the widows fund.

Resolved that it be declared as the opinion of this Synod, that if any Pby shall in future neglect to make returns to the G. Synod at their annual meetings they are very reprehensible, & ought to be
censured for the disrespect they show to the appointment of this body, and in the meantime Messrs Campbel and Bryson are enjoined to write a letter, a Copy of which is to be sent by the Clerk of the Synod to each Phv who have not made returns at this time, in which letter this Synod’s disapprobation of their conduct is to be warmly expressed.

Upon Inquiry it appeared that in the Phv of Tyrone, the following congregations made collections for Eleventh Brakenridge & her disordered sister, viz., Stewartstown, Dunganon, Tobermore, Coagh, Maghrafelt, Carlin, Carrtal, Benburh, & Keady, & the following have not collected, Minterburn, Monymore, Cookstown, Venecash, Loghgall. The minster to whom these Congregations belong are enjoined to make collections for these distressed women, as soon as possible, and the members of Monaghan Phv who have not made collections for them since last G. Synod, are likewise enjoined to make collections for them speedily.

The Sev' Committees are enjoined to meet immediately. Adjourned till seven o’clock afternoon, Interloq' at five, this session concluded with prayer.

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

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod’s meeting be fixed now—Dunganon, Antrim, Lurgan, and Armagh were named as a leet. The Roll called, and it carried to meet at Armagh the last Tuesday in June, 1777. Sermon to begin at five o’clock afternoon.

A particular Inquiry was made if the Synod’s recommendation respecting the fund for the support of the Gospel in poor congregations belonging to the G. Synod had been observed; and it appeared that many members in the sev Phys have not duely attended to it.

It was proposed that half a guinea, the penalty mentioned at last G. Synod, be levied now, of such minster as have not made collections for the above purpose since last meeting of the G. Synod, but it was resolved that previous to the determining of anything farther relative to this matter, the minster upon the fund shou’d attend the Committee of that fund (who are to meet to morrow morning at eight o’clock), and lay before them a list of those members who have not made collections since last G. Synod, for the fund, and then the affair is to be laid before this Synod at sed, when the affair will be fully considered.

Adjourned till 11 o’clock to-morrow, Interloq’ at nine, ys. session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 11 o’clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the affairs of their fund. Lists containing arrears of the fund due to Messrs. Macomb, Sprate, Todd, Davis, & Hogg to a very considerable amount, were produced. This Synod are much concerned that so very Charitable an Institution shou’d be neglected by many members belonging to their
body. Some members of Templepatrick Pby alluded that Castleblainy Congregation was not entitled to a share of the Synod's fund consistently with former regulations respecting the distribution of that fund, as that congregation paid more than £30 annual stipend. To this it was objected, that the Cong* (exclusive of some donations from Gentlemen) promised only £26 annual stipend. Templepatrick Pby gave it as their opinion that the congregation of Buckna in Ballymena Pby was better entitled to their fund than Castleblainy.

After much reasoning it was resolved that it be recommended to the members of Templepatrick Pby who have not collected for the fund since last G. Synod, to make collections in their several congregations as speedily as may be, and transmit them to Mr. Davis at Castleblainy.

Resolved also that Templepatrick Pby shall no longer be appointed to pay fund money to Castleblainy, as that Cong* is now committed to the care of Derry Pby, Hollywood being committed to Belfast, and Buckna to Templepatrick Pby.

Resolved likewise that as the greater part of the members who have not conformed to the Instructions of last G. Synod in making collections for the fund are now absent, therefore the fine then threatened cannot be levied now; but a list of the names of such ministers shall be made out by the Clerk of the Synod and sent to Mr. Lang with Instructions for him to detain half a guinea from every such minister's R.D. until the Synod shall direct the disposition of it; however, if the ministers or as many of them, whose names will be returned to Mr. Lang, shall write him within the space of four months after he hath received the above Instructions, that they have made collections, then and in that case, he shall not detain any of their R.D. on ye above account.

As Mr Wilson of Moywater by reason of his age & infirmities is incapable of making personal application to the Localities granted him, this Synod earnestly intreat the R. Pby of Letterkenny that they be punctual in making collections for him, and the Revd Mr Marshal of Ballendreit is requested to receive & transmit the same.

Upon reviewing the records of last General Synod, Inquiry was made if the Committee met at Drumbo as appointed, and it appeared they did meet, a Copy of their minutes were produced, wherein they set forth that they had resolved that the Cong* of Drumbo shou'd pay Mr Malcom or his order, the sum of £32: 10. being stipend due by them at May 1774, and that they also pay him, or his order £6: 11. being money he had laid out for the use of the Congregation, the Congregation being liable to pay their suppliers from May 1774, and no charge to be brought against the congregation by Mr Malcom or his representative for entertaining min* or Probationers, supplying them.

The conduct of the Committee was approved, and the Pby of Belfast are enjoined by this Synod to see a discharge from Mr Malcom or his representative for the above sums, before they proceed to the ordination of a minister in Drumbo.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.
At an Interloc⁴ consisting of the Constituents of the widows fund, a letter from the Trustees of that fund was read, wherein it appears that the present amount of that fund is £9899: 14: 9, the Trustees also signify that Mr Armstrong, late of Belfast bequeathed £500 to that fund which they had received, they also say that notice was given them that the money lent Lord Antrim from the widows fund would soon be paid off; and that they have a prospect of lending to Mr Price the younger of Holymount near Downpatrick, not only the money in Lord Antrim's hands, but the whole Capital (exclusive of what is in the hands of the assignees of Lenox and Franch & in the Dunleer turnpike Debts) which amounts to £8500, the also signify that the turnpike Debts cannot be disposed of upon terms any way agreeable, Mr Lang in his letter to our Clerk mentions that it is the desire of the Trustees that Coun' Andw. Caldwell of the city of Dublin should be added to their Number, & that they wish for the approbation of the Constituents in order that he may be introduced to that Trust.

Resolved that Messrs Hull, Osborn, & M'Dowell answer the Trustees letter, signify to them our entire approbation of their conduct in the management of our fund, and that we rely upon their attention & fidelity, in lending it upon proper security.

Ordered that Messrs Campbel, Caldwell, & Craford, write a letter to Doc' Maconky, express our gratitude to him, for his very great assiduity & fidelity in managing the affairs of our fund, and Intreat him to make it an object of his attention, so long as he finds it convenient for him to give attention to affairs of that nature.

Ordered that Messrs. Niven & Jackson write to Mr. Lang and inform him that the acc⁵ of the disposition of the £630 10s. 8d. (of which no mention was made in the acc⁵ furnished last year), now given is not at all satisfactory, and request he may be more explicit in future in giving an acc⁵ of the disposition of our fund.

A complaint was made by Mr. Litle against Killilea Pby of which he is a member, which complaint was thought not to come regularly, at present, before the Interloc⁴, therefore, resolved that the Constituents of the Fund will take his complaint under their consideration at the next meeting of the G. Synod, when he and Killilea Pby are enjoined to attend.

A copy of the Patents for the R.D, granted by King William and Queen Ann, was produced to this Interloc⁴ by Mr Caldwell, of Dublin, in whose hands the original Patents are deposited. This copy was given to the Clerk of the Synod, by him to be safely kept for the use of the G. Synod and Pby of Antrim. Mr. Caldwell received the thanks of the house for his attention to this affair.

Messrs Hall, Osborn and M'Dowell brought in the copy of a letter to the Trustee of the Widows Fund, which was read & approved & ordered to be signed by the Mod⁴.
AT ARMAGH, JUNE 25TH, 1776.

Messrs. Niven and Jackson produced the copy of a letter to Mr. Lang, which was read & approved, & ordered to be signed by the Mod'.

Resolved that a letter of Thanks from the Constituents of the fund be wrote to Mrs. Armstrong, of Belfast, for her punctuality in paying into the widows fund, the very generous and ample Bequest of £500 made by her husband to that fund—Messrs. Hull, Bryson, and Caldwell to wait upon her and deliver said letter.

Ordered that Mr. Lang be instructed by our Clerk that in the payment of annuities he is to look upon a rec't from her who is, or was, ye widow, or from the children of the Contributor to the fund as the only authority for his paying the annuity.

The Constituents of the fund finding that the annual produce of that fund will afford more than ten pounds a year to each annuitant, have agreed that eleven pounds shall be given to each, from ye first of January last past; but if the money in Lord Antrim's hands be not laid out at Interest for any considerable time after he pays it into the fund, the annuities shall be reduced to nine pounds, from the 1st of next January.

Inserted by

WILL RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

Sep' 4th, 1776.
RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD

A Gen' Synod at Armagh, 24 June, 1777.

M' Mulligan Mod' of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Jas. 3. 17. then constituted by prayer. After which were present from the several Pbys as followeth.


Monaghan Phy.
Hu. Mulligan Wm. Mulligan Wm. Rogers Wm. Henry
Wm. Fleming Wm. Rogers Thos. Read
Jas. Jackson Thos. Read
Saml. Kennedy Jas. Birch
Wm. Smyth Jas. Birch
Wm. Sprat Mr. SAML. Livingston
Jno. Mathewson
Wm. Moore
Geo. Harris David Vogan
Jno. Davis Alex. Henry
Mat. Trimble Arch. Dobbin

Tyrone Phy.
Chas. Caldwell Chas. Caldwell
Jno. Kerr Wm. Rogers
Jas. Todd Thos. Read
Jno. White Hu. Weir
Wm. Kennedy Jas. Birch
Jno. M'Cleland Jno. Thompson
Mos. Hogg Robt. Rentall
Will. Wilson Jno. Shearard
Geo. Murray Mr. SAML. Livingston
Jas. Whiteside, Junr. Henry Dixon
Andw. Miller Jno. Cochran

Templepatrick Phy.
Minrs. Elders.

Killelea Phy.
Alexr. M' Combe Alexr. M' Combe
Robt. Smyth SAML. Martin
Mos. Neilson Georg. Kennedy
Jos. Little Wm. Stitt
Wm. Steel Dixon Robt. Maclintock

Strabane Phy.
Jos. Osborn Jos. Osborn
Jos. Scott Jos. Osborn
Jas. Coulter Jos. Scott

Belfast Phy.
Jas. Huey Jas. Huey
Wm. Laird Wm. Laird
Thos. Birch Thos. Birch
Andw. Greer Andw. Greer

Letterkenny Phy.
Jno. Marshall Mr. Jno. Best
Andw. Alexander Mr. Jno. Best
Franc. Turrettine Jas. Coan
Jas. Coad David Allen

Root Phy.
Robt. Henry Robt. Henry

Ballymena Phy.
Jno. Rankin Jno. Rankin

Dublin Phy.
Jas. Caldwell Jas. Caldwell
Mr. Mulligan moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a Lect—Messrs. William Kennedy, Wm. Smyth, Osborn, Livingston, Read, Birch, Stephenson, and Robt. Smyth. The roll called, and Mr. Smyth chosen.

Mr. Rogers continued Ck.

Mr. Gideon Neilson, in a Letter to Mr. Campble, requested that he would inform this Synod that want of health put it out of his power to attend at the next [last] meeting of the Genl Synod, and that the same cause prevented his attendance at this meeting.

Ordered that [as] Mr. Macelland is next in votes to the Moderator now chosen, he be appointed to preach at the next Genl Synod, the second day of their meeting, at 9 o'clock, forenoon.

Ordered that the several Phys meet this evening and prepare lists for 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 Genl Synods fixed Committee, as also, an account of such Min. as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed, or entered on travels, since last Genl Synod. Likewise an acc. of annuitants upon the fund if any have died since last Genl Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an acc. of Women now living that have been ministrirs wives and are not upon the fund.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Sess. Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 2d Sess

Mr. Kennedy as appointed by last Genl Synod preach'd to this Synod from Prov. 19. 27.

The Phys gave in Lists of their members for the several Committees, as also, the following acc., namely—

Dublin Presb' report that Mr. Kilburn died the 27th of October, Dead 1776. He was a contributor to the Widow's Fund, and left a child only. On the fund with them, Mr. Paton, Mr. Macbeth, Mr. Vance, family Mr. Kilburn.

Monaghan Pby report that Mr. Kinneer died 21st March, 1777. Dead He was a contributor the Widow's Fund, the same on the fund with them as in the year past.

Tyrone Pby report that Mr. Mercer demitted his charge of Demitted Dungannon in Decem'. last, & removed to the neighbourhood of Dublin, and Mr. Gibson demitted his charge of Keady some time ago, being by the infirmities of old age unequal to the duties of the Ministerial office. They have entered upon trials Mr. Robt Montgomery. Trials On the fund with them Mr. Orr, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Peebles, Mr. Duffin. Not on the fund Mr. Rea.

Armagh Presb' have ordained Mr. Black, at Dromore 28th June. Ordained Inst. he is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them
M" Cherry, M" Menagh,—not on the fund M" Stewart, M" Carlile.  
M" Johnston Died 2d June Inst.

Strabane Pby have on the fund M" Armstrong, not on the fund M" Hemphill.

Templepatrick Pby have on the fund M" Dunbar & M" White.

Dromore Pby have ordained M' Cochran at Dromore 5th May 1777, he subscribed the Confession of faith, but not the Widows fund. They have licensed M' Ferson according to the late Regulations. They entered upon trials M' Ja' M'Bride, the widows on the fund with them the same as in the year past.

Belfast Pby ordained M' Hu: M'Kee, at Drumbo 25th Septem'; 1776, he subscribed the Confession of faith, but not the Widows fund. They ordained M' And' Greer, the 20th of May last, he subscribed the Confession of faith & the Widows fund; the Widows with them the same as in the year past.

Letterkenny Pby entered upon trials M' Fairland, M' Morison. They both subscribed the Confession of faith & conformed to the late Regulations. Widows with them as in the year past.

Bangor Pby have on the fund M" Warnick, M" Dixon, M' Mitchel. Not on the fund M" Moor.

Ballymena Pby have on the fund M" Hill, M" White, M" McCurdy, M" Cochran, M" Brown, M" O'Bryan.

Killelea Pby have on the fund the same Anuitants as in the year past.

From Root and Derry Pbys no return.

The Members of Synods fixed Committee are as followeth:

For Dublin Presby M' Calwell with an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Mess" Smith & Trimble with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Mess" White & M'Clelland with an Elder.
Killelea Pby Mess" Smith & Strong with an Elder.
Armagh Pby Mess" Jackson & Campble with an Elder.
Strabane Pby Mess" Osborn & Crawford with an Elder.
Letterkenny Pby Mess" Marshal & Alexander with an Elder.
T:Patrick Pby Mess" Montgomery & Bankhead with an Elder.
Dromore Pby Mess" Henry & Barber with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Mess" Hull & Caldwell with an Elder.
Belfast Pby Mess" Huey & Laird with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Mess" Rankin & Lindsay with an Elder.

These with our Moderator & Clark are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Moderator upon any Emergency 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers.
Upon Inquiry it appeared that some Congregations in the Pby's of Monaghan & Tyrone have not made Contributions for Eliz'th Bracken-ridge & her disordered sister as injoined by last Gen' Synod. Resolved that the former appointment be renewed & that the collections, be speedily made & transmitted to Mr. Miller of Augher for the use of these distressed women.

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately,— adjourned until 7 o'clock afternoon, Interloq at 5, this Session concluded with prayer.

3d Sessn Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after Prayer &c. 3d Sess.

Resolved that the time & place of next Gen' Synods meeting be fixed now, the question was put "meet at Dunganon or Lurgan" the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan, the last tuesday in June 1778, sermon to begin at 5 oclock afternoon.

From the Congregation of Caple Street, Dublin, appeared Com's Caple Street Mess' Jn' Blair, John Stewart, Hugh Biggard, Alex' Richy & William Gilbert, who produced a supplication signed by a considerable number of that Congregation, Wherein they intreat, that the relation hitherto subsisting between them, and the Rev' John Beard may be entirely dissolved, and in support of said supplication they offered a number of reasons which they had reduced to writing and are in retentis.

A Memorial subscribed by another part of the Caple Street Congregation, together with other papers, inclosed in a Letter to our Moderator, were also produced, setting forth many Instances of bad treatment Mr. Beard had received, from that part of the Congregation, who now supplicate that the Relation between him & them may be dissolved & intreating that this Synod may be pleased to interpose their Influence to have peace restored in their Congregation, and Mr. Baird continued their min'.

A letter from Mr. Baird directed to our late Moderator in which he acknowledges his being cited to attend this meeting of the Gen' Synod, was also read representing the present state of his health to be such, that he could not travel to Armagh either on horseback or in a carriage, if matters of the last moment depended on it; but in the papers transmitted to the Mod' had laid the whole state of the unhappy Difference between the party in Opposition & him, so fully and exactly before the Synod, for their judgment and decision that he could not throw greater light on it, tho' he were present & subjected himself and his cause to the determination of the Synod. Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with Prayer.

4th Sess. Thursday at 10 o'clock forenoon.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the affairs of Caple Street congregation. The Comm's were asked whether they could
show that they were deputed by the majority of that congregation, in
answer to which they produced a list of 40 subscribers, the amount of
whose subscriptions the first of June, Inst., was £65 6s. 6d. They
also produced the original Books containing the names of those who
have been subscribers, for a considerable number of years, to the
support of that congregation, & affirmed they did not produce any
as a subscriber, who had not been such for one whole year, on or
before the first of June, Inst. The List produced and names found in
the Books perfectly correspond.

A List of subscribers sent with the papers transmitted by Mr
Baird containing the names of sixty persons was also read, & the Comm's were asked if they had any remarks to make, they objected to
forty five of them as not being contributors, & upon comparing the
Lists with the Books produced containing the subscribers names,
fifteen only were acknowledged, the amount of whose subscriptions
was seventeen pounds five shillings: and seven pence annually. The
Comm's were heard at considerable length & removed. The Synod
then proceeded to consider whether from what they had heard of this
whole affair, they were now prepared to give their opinions concerning
the dissolving the Relation between Mr. Baird & the Congregation of
Caple Street or not.

Several members spoke in support of the supplication as it
appeared to them that the purposes of Mr. Baird's ministry could not
be answered by continuing him any longer their min'. Some members
spoke against deciding that question at present, and proposed to refer
it to a Committee. After much reasoning the question was put,
"determine at present or refer to a Committee?" The Roll called
and it carried "determine now." The question was then put,
"Dissolve the Relation between Mr. Baird and the congregation of
Caple Street or not." The Roll called, and it carried in the affirmative,
without a dissenting voice. And the congregation is now declared
vacant. Mr. Caldwell of Dublin, & Mr. Mulligan of Monaghan Pby
desired that it may [be] inserted in the Minutes, that they declined
voting upon this occasion. The Comm's were called, & this
Resolution read to them:

Whereas in considering the supplication from Caple Street, Dublin,
a paper appeared containing many things, reflecting highly on the
conduct & behaviour of the Rev'd Mr. Baird, therefore it was thought
necessary in justice to Mr. Baird & for the Honor of this Synod & the
Christian Church to appoint a Committee to give Mr. Baird an opportu-

nity of vindicating his conduct, & Behaviour, & accordingly a Committee
is appointed to meet at Newry the 1st Tuesday in Aug next for this
purpose, & also to hear evidences for and against Mr. Baird, & to Judge
& act as they shall see cause. The Committee to consist of the following
members with their Elders—from Monaghan Pby, Messrs Jackson, Smyth, Harris, & Davis; from Killelea, Messrs Smyth, Neilson, Henry,
& Little; from Dromore, Messrs Smyth, Patrick, Barbara, & Hay; from
Armagh, Messrs Moody, Campble, Jackson, & Livingstone; from Bangor,
Messrs Kennedy of Morn, & Hull; from Belfast Pby, Messrs Huey, &
Laird; from Tyrone Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Wilson; seven Minrs & two Elders to be a quorum—Mr. Barber to preach at 12 o'clock. Mr. Baird is inducted to attend said Committee, & also Commrs from Caple Street in opposition to him, for the purpose of ascertaining certain alleged facts, in a paper intitled "Reasons offered in support of the supplication" which facts were not considered by the Synod, as Mr. Baird was not present, & because without entering into such consideration, it appeared to them that Mr. Beards ministry could be no longer usefull in that congregation. A Copy of said paper, with an attested copy of this minute to be delivered to Mr. Baird as soon as convenient by one or more of the Commrs of Caple Street congregation, & also the names of the witnesses to be aduced in support of said reasons, & if Mr. Baird does not attend said Committee without giving a satisfactory reason to the Committee for his not attending, he is not to be considered any longer a member of this Synod. Mr. Caldwell requested this Synod to order the several Pbys within its bounds to send such suppliers to Dublin as he shall have occasion to write for. This granted.

The Revd Mr. James Summervill produced credentials from Caithness Pby in North Britain, that he had been licensed to preach the Gospel by said Pby, & also a certificate of his being set apart by prayer & the Imposition of hands to the work of the Ministry by a class of Protestant Dissenters at Penrith in South Britain; these Credentials & Certificate were sustained by this Synod, & Mr. Summervill allowed to subject himself to any Pby within the bounds of this Synod as he pleaseth, who may be disposed to receive him as a Member with them.

Mr. Caldwell in the name of the Commrs from Caple Street congregation applied to this Synod to appoint Mr. Adams of Donaghadee to supply that congregation Eight Lord's Days, commencing the 2d Lords Day in July next—this granted. And Mr. Mercer is appointed to preach to that congregation next Lords Day & the first of July, & upon the first in July is inducted to read the Resolution of this Synod declaring said Congregation vacant.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Sess. Thursday at 5 o'clock, after prayer, &c. 5th Sess

It appeared that Mr. Lang (conformable to the Instructions of last Gen'l Synod) hath detained half a Guinea from the R.D. of each Minr returned to him as not having collected for the Synod's fund.

Ordered that the Committee of that fund meet immediately, & form a Resolution relative to that affair, to be laid before the Synod at next Sederunt.

From Kircubbin, in Ballyhalbert Congregation, appeared Commrs Messrs Ja's Baily and Rob't Warnock, who produced a supplication. Wherein they set forth that they look upon themselves as much
agreed by many of their fellow members of that Cong* who refused about four years ago to join with them in building a Meeting House at Glastry, which they think is the most proper situation for their Meeting-House, & in consequence of said refusal, they had begun and were carrying on the building a Meeting House at Kirkubbin; and that as they, the suppliants, had absented from the Meeting House of Ballyhalbert, and applied to the Pby of Killelea, for suppliers to preach to them, were refused, as they were not erected into a Congregation by the Rev'd Synod, they therefore pray to be erected into a Congregation.

A letter from Ja* Bailie, Esq., to this Synod, was also read, wherein he informed this Synod of his joining in the above supplication, & said he was ready to be security (when necessary) for £50 annual stipend to a proper Min'.

From the Congregation of Ballyhalbert appeared Comm* Mess* Ja* Read, Ja* M*Kee, & Edward Calvert with a Remonstrance against the prayer of said Petition, and offering Reasons why it should not be granted—viz., that the Congregation of Ballyhalbert is now building a Meeting House in the same field which the people of Kirkubbin acknowledged to be the proper site for a Meeting House—that they agreed to this before a Meeting House was begun at Kirkubbin—that an Erection at Kirkubbin would injure not only the Cong* of Ballyhalbert, but the neighboring Congregations of Baillywalter & Grayabby—that many of them who originally contributed towards a House at Kirkubbin had forfeited their proportion & had rejoined the Congregation at Glastry—that Kirkubbin is nearer the Meeting House they are now building than any other Extremity of their bounds; & moreover that there is an express Act of Synod against an Erection at Kirkubbin, as it is not two miles distant from said House.

Comm* appeared from the Congregations of Portaferry & Grayabby & produced Remonstrances against said intended Erection, alleging that the Party in favor of Kirkubbin is very small, that the security was offered for £50 annually towards the support of a proper Minister, said sum was not proposed to be paid without loss to the neighboring Congreg* & that the party in Kirkubbin had not separated from their Brethren on acct. of any religious Concern, Matter of or Objection against the Conduct or Ministry of M* Dixon, and that upon the whole the Erection at Kirkubbin, would be injurious to the Interest and Reputation of Protestant Dissenters in that neighbourhood.

The Comm* being heard & removed and this affair considered it was proposed & agreed to that the Question be put, "Grant the supplication for an Erection at Kirkubbin, or, not." The Roll called & it carried unanimously, Not; the Comm* were called, and this Resolution read to them. Resolved that M* Henry of Cumber change Pulpits with M* Dixon first Lords day in July next, & use his best Endeavours, to reconcile the contending Parties in that Congregation.
A Supplication from Messrs Hu: Mulligan Tho' Boyle & Willm New Pby Moerhead Members of Monaghan Pby, Mr Scott of Strabane Pby, & Mr Miller of Tyrone was read representing the Inconveniences they labor under by their Distance from the places where their Phys usually meet. They apprehend these Inconveniences, would be removed by their being erected into a separate Pby, by the name of the Pby of Clogher & pray that this Synod, would be pleased to erect them. After some reasoning their Supplication was granted & at their request were joined to the Subsynod of Armagh. Mr Miller of Iniskillin is at Liberty to become a Member of this Pby if he pleaseth.

From Killmacrenan appeared Patrick Campbel Comm who produced a supplication to this Synod setting forth that they had applied to the Pby of Letterkenn & also to the Sub-Synod of Derry, to be reunited to Dunfanaghy of which Killmacrenan had many years ago been a part, & that by said Presby & Sub-Synod they had been referred to this Synod; they therefore pray this Synod, may be pleased to allow them to Join the people of Dunfanaghy & become one Congregation & the Minister’s Labors be divided between them. the Comm’ was heard & after some reasoning the Question was put “Grant the petition or not?” the Roll called & it carried in the affirmative.

Adjourned untill 10 o’clock tomorrow. Interloq at 8. this session concluded with Prayer.

6th Session. friday at 10 o’clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The Commitee of the fund met as appointed & brought in an Overture, in which they gave it as their opinion, that it should be recommended to the Members of this Synod to be very punctual in making collections for the Synod’s fund, & that every thing in the Power of the Genl Synod, ought to be done to secure that charitable Institution from being neglected. Resolved that the order of last Synod respecting the fund shall stand & that the Cik inform Mr Lang that he is ordered by this Synod to transmit to next Genl Synod, the money which he deducted from the R.D. of those Ministers whose names were returned to him, as not having collected for the fund, which is to be disposed of by the Synod, as they shall see cause. The Clerk is likewise to inform Mr Lang that this Synod order him to deduct half a Guinea from the R.D. of each Minister of the Pby of Derry, on account of their not making collections for Castleblaney as appointed which he Mr Lang is likewise to send to the next Genl Synod.

Application was made to this Synod by Mr Sprat in behalf of the Congregation of Killinker for aid to help them to build a Meeting House as they are excluded the little place where they usually met for public Worship. Resolved, that as soon as Mr Sprat & his Congregation obtain a lease of a Plot of Ground for a Meeting House from Lord Fernam, of which they have a promise, Mr Sprat is to inform Monaghan Pby, & they are hereby ordered to appoint some of their members to write to each Pby in the bounds of the Genl Synod, that
this Synod hath injoined every minister belonging to them to make a Collection in his Congreg^a for the above Purpose, as soon as he conveniently can after he receives the notice from Monaghan Pby, and transmit it to M^b Campble of Armagh or to M^c Mulligan of Aughnacloy, by them to be forwarded to M^d Sprat.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloq^r

Trustee's Letter

At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod and Mess^s Nivin & Drummond, Constituents of the Widows fund, a Letter from the Trustees of that fund was read, by which it appears that the present amount of that fund is £10,146 10s. 0d., of which £8,500 were lent to M^e Price the younger, at Hollimount, near Down, and upon the same terms, as lent to Lord Antrim, at £6 ϖ cent., and half ϖ C^f to be abated if one half years Interest be paid, before another becomes due, they signify also that the money is well secured, as there are particular Lands, to the amount of £700 yearly, mortgaged for payment of the Interest of the Lease. These are let within their value, & one half years Interest is already paid.

Ordered that Messrs. Jackson, Alexander, and Livingston, answer the Trustees Letter and express our gratitude to them for their very great assiduity & care in the Management of the fund.

It was proposed & agreed to that M^e Little's Complaint against the Phy of Killelea made at last Gen^l Synod, & refered to the consideration of this Synod, be considered now. He complained of being deprived of his Liberty in being obliged to become a Contributor to the Widows Fund, which was not his desire, he produced M^f Nilson as an Evidence, who said he heard some Members of Killelea Phy urge M^g Little upon the evening of the day before his Ordination to become a Contributor to the fund; they alleged it would be his advantage to do so, & one member in particular, he did not believe he would be ordained conformable to the Regulations of the fund if he did not become a Contributor, and the rest of the Members were silent.

After hearing M^h Little at large, & reasoning some time, upon the subject of his Complaint, it was proposed and agreed to that the Question be put, "is it the opinion of this Synod that M^i Little was compelled to be a Contributor to the Widows fund or not?" the Roll called & it carried by a great majority Not compelled.

Resolved, that conformable to a Rule fixed by the Gen^l Synod in Sixty Six, M^j Moor formerly of Root Phy & M^k Mercer, who removed from Dunganon to the Neighbourhood of Dublin, be struck out of the List of Ministers intitled to R.D. of this the Clerk of the Synod is to inform M^l Lang.

Resolved 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,
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every Contributor, who dissaproves thereof, shall have a right to go out of the Scheme & be repaid all he has contributed to the fund; provided he declares his Resolution to do so, then, or at the next meeting of the Gen\' Synod, & whoever votes for such an alienation, shall be excluded the Benefit of this Resolution.—The Clerk of the Synod is ordered to make out a List of such as shall vote for for an Alienation & keep said List to prevent mistakes in the Execution of this Resolution.

Resolved that the affairs of the Widows fund shall be fully, considered at the Interloq' upon thursday morning at the annual meetings of the Gen\' Synod.

2d. Interloq'.

Mr\' Langs answer to our Letter of the 27th of June 1776 was read in which he gives an acc\' of the particular sums, which make the Capital of the Widows fund & upon what Security each sum is placed. This acc\' perfectly satisfactory, & is as followeth.

By Mr\' Prices Securities... Three Treas'y Deb\'t with Interest due on them to Midsummer 1777 Premium 3 \pence commiss\' at 5\% each... 15 Turnpike Deb\'ts... Due by the Assignees of Lenox and French... for payment of annuities from y\' 1st Jan\'-77... £10,146 10 0

The Constituents request that Mr. Lang may furnish them Annually with a Similar Acc\' at the meeting of General Synod.

Inserted by

WILL: ROGERS G:S:C:

Aug\' 12th, 1777.

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