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THE present Volume has been delayed, partly owing to the death of Rev. J. H. Orr, D.D., Clerk of the General Assembly and of the General Synod, and Convener of the Assembly's Committee for Historical Purposes. Rev. W. J. Lowe, M.A., was appointed his successor in these offices in June, 1895, and lost no time in pushing on the work. He revised the sheets of this volume from page 40.

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[MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.]

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

M^r Gilbert Kennedy, Mod^r to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching on Prov. ii. 30, & after constitution by prayer, *Sederunt* these Min^{rs} & Ruleing Elders:—

The Præbys.	Min ^{rs}	Ruleing Elders.
Longford M ^{rs}	Rob. Thomson David Sim Alex ^r Hamilton	Adam Henry Alex ^r Davison
Antrim	Will. Taylor, Sen ^r Will. Leech Alex ^r Brown Jo ⁿ Abernethy Char. Masterton Will. Livingston Ja. Creighton Tho. Wilson Jo ⁿ Henderson Will. Taylor, Jun ^r Sam. Getty Jam. White Josias Clugston	Jo ⁿ Morison Jo ⁿ Thomson Jo ⁿ Jamison Jo ⁿ Miller Sam. Parker Co ^{ll} Upton Jo ⁿ M ^c Ka Jo ⁿ Craig Jo ⁿ Eggar Jo ⁿ Jackson Jo ⁿ Cummin M ^r Pat. Agnew
Colerain	Math. Clerk Rob. Haltridge Hen. Neil Will. Boyd Rob. Higginbothom Jo ⁿ Porter Rob. M ^c bride Jo ⁿ Cochran Tho. Cobham Jam. Thomson Rob. Knox	Sam. Torrence M ^r Agnew Jam. Morison M ^r Fran. Ross Jo ⁿ White Jam. Ball Gawin Steel Will. Boyd Jo ⁿ M ^c Clelan And. Duncan
Augher	Rob. Coltheart Bapt. Boid Josias Cornwall Sam. M ^c Gachin Pat. Plunket Tho. M ^c Clain	Arch. Lettimer Jo ⁿ Rogers Gil. M ^c Ka Jam. M ^c Conchy Jo ⁿ Bocock

RECORDS OF A GENERAL SYNOD

Prebys.	Min ^{rs}	Ruleing Elders.
	M ^{rs} Sam. Irwin Sam. Hemphill Nethan Glasgow	Rob. Cullen Tho. Irwine
Down	Ja. Bruce Jo ⁿ Gaudie Hen. Hamilton Ja. M ^c Calpin Tho. Orr Sam. Shanon Will. Biggar Will. Smith Ja. Reid Arch. Dickson Tho. Nivin Fran. Montgomery Tho. Elder Jo ⁿ Mairs Nethan Orr	Tho. Williamson Jo ⁿ Orr M ^r Trail Jam. Murray Jo ⁿ Adair Arch. Davison Jo ⁿ Chalmers And. Laurie And. Tod Jo ⁿ Hathorn Will. Smith Jo ⁿ Dobbins M ^r Jo. Thomson
Tyrowen	Hen. Crooks Tho. Kennedy Jo ⁿ M ^c Clave Tho. Mulligan David Tomb Hugh Wallace Jo ⁿ Kennedy Alex ^r Moor Nethan Cochran Ja. Dykes Rob. Stewart	David M ^c Creigh Capt ⁿ Stephenson Jam. Busby Jam. Boyd Jo ⁿ Campbell Ja. Henry Jo ⁿ Fisher M ^r Will. Agnew Will. Ramsey Will. Smith
Letterkenny	Sam. Henry Sam. Dunlop Char. Lynd Rob. Wilson Fran. Laird David Fairley Jam. Cochran Jo ⁿ Homes Pat. Vance	Alex ^r M ^c Chiny Antho. Lawson Capt ⁿ Henderson M ^r Jo ⁿ Laird Jam. Paterson M ^r Will. Blair Will. Smith
Derry	Will. Gray Jo ⁿ Stirling Jam. Wallace Tho. Harvey Jo ⁿ Harvey Sam ^l Ross Major Murray Ninian Cochran Will. Cuninghame	Jo ⁿ Moderell Rob. Miller Will. M ^c tyre M ^r Rob. Andrew Jo ⁿ Alex ^r M ^r Jos. Morison M ^r Jam. Bann Rob. Hopkins

Prebys.	Min ^{rs}	Ruleing Elders.
Belfast	M ^{rs} Jo ⁿ Malcom	Jam. King
	Fran. Iredell	D ^r Martin
	Alex ^r M ^c Crackan	Tho. Small
	And. Crawford	M ^r Geo. Russel
	Jam. Kirkpatrick	M ^r Arbuckle
	Jam. Cobham	Hugh Donaldson
	Jo ⁿ Riddel	M ^r Isaac M ^c Cartney
	Rob. Sinclar	Sam. Hallyday
	Sam. Hallyday	David Kennedy
	Char. Seaton	Hugh Pettigrew
	Jam. Stewart	Capt ⁿ Moor
	Rob. Wirling	Pat. Scot
	Michael Bruce	Rob. Craford
Sam. Harper	Jam. White	
Pat. Bruce		
Jam. Fraser		
Armagh	Jo ⁿ Hutcheson	M ^r Jam. Johnston
	Jo ⁿ Wilson	Will. Duglass
	Geo. Lang	M ^r Alex ^r Reid
	Gilb. Kennedy	Nethan Mongomery
	Ja. Fleming	Jo ⁿ Clerk
	Rob. Rainey	M ^r Campbell
	Jam. Johnston	David Scot
	Will. Mackay	Rob. Stephenson
	Jam. Moor	Jo ⁿ Campbell
	Rob. Gordon	Ough. Hart
	Hugh Henry	Capt ⁿ M ^c Neil
	Pat. Simson	And. Walker
Jo ⁿ Campbell	Hen. Heron	
Arch. Maclain, Jun ^r		
Straban	Jam. Maxwell	Jo ⁿ Walker
	Tho. Winsley	Jo ⁿ Leny
	Will. Homes	
	Jo ⁿ Ball	Jam. M ^c Crea
	Alex ^r M ^c Crackan	
	Nehem. Donaldson	Tho. Smily
Victor Ferguson		

M^r Nathaniel Weld, M^r Jos. Boyse, & M^r Richard Choppin, Correspondents from The Rev^d Preby in Dublin.

The Former Mod^r desireing that a new Mod^r may be chosen, proposed a Leet of the following Bretherin, viz^t:—M^r Jam. Fleming, M^r Jam. Reid, M^r Will. Gray, M^r Will. Homes, M^r Joⁿ Malcom, M^r Masterton, M^r Math. Clerk, M^r Sam. Henry, & M^r Tho. Kennedy, that one of them may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, and these bretheren being removed, the vote was put, & M^r Gray was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices. Mod^r Chosⁿ.

Clerk Chosen.

Then M^r Crawford proposed to dimit 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 brethern was proposed, viz^t:—M^r Alex^r Brown, M^r Will. Boyd, M^r John Wilson, & M^r Will Mackay, one of whom may be chosen Clerk to this Synod, and the vote being put, M^r Mackay was chosen Clerk by plurality of voices.

For the more orderly manageing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several Prëbys 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 morneing at 8 of the Clock, and to continue in prayer till 12.

This Sed^t concluded w^h prayer.

Sessio 2da.

Die Mercur. Horâ 12. Jun. 21

After prayer *Sed^t qui supra.*

Prayer

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

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

OVERTURES—

Ma ^{rs} Will Gray	Fran. Laird
Rob. Thomson	Jo ⁿ Stirling
Sam. Magachin	Sam. Ross
Jos. Cornwall	Ja. Kirkpatrick
Sam. Hemphill	Ja. Cobham
Mat. Clerk	Fran. Iredell
Rob. Haltridge	Sam. Hallyday
Will Boyd	Jo ⁿ Hutcheson
Ja. Bruce	Gil. Kennedy
Tho. Orr	Ja. Moor
Will Biggar	Hugh Henry
Ja. M ^c Calpin	Will Homes
Jo ⁿ Abernethy	Jo ⁿ Ball
Cha. Masterton	Will Mackay
Will. Livingston	Neth. Weld
Jos. Clugston	Jos. Boyse
Hen. Crooks	Rich. Choppin
Tho. Kennedy	and their
Dav. Tomb	Elders
Cha. Lind	

BILLS.

Alex ^r Hamilton	Jo ⁿ Homes
Ja. Creighton	Ja. Wallace
Will. Leech	Tho. Harvey
Ja. White	Mich. Bruce

Rob. Higginbotom	Jo ⁿ Malcom
Rob. M ^r Bride	Rob. Sinclar
Neth. Cochran	Cha. Seaton
Pat. Plunket	Jo ⁿ Wilson
Hen. Hamilton	Ja. Johnston
Jam. Shanon	Rob. Gordon
Arch. Dixon	Arch. Maclain
Tho. Nivin	Tho. Winsley
Tho. Mulligan	and their
Alex ^r Moor	Elders
Sam. Henry	

BOOKS.

Sam. Getty	Jo ⁿ Kennedy
Tho. Wilson	Ja. Dykes
Will. Taylor	Rob. Stewart
Jo ⁿ Henderson	Pat. Vance
Henry Neil	Ja. Cochran
Ja. Thomson	Major Murray
Rob. Knox	Rob. Wirling
Rob. Coltheart	Ja. Fraser
Neth. Glasgow	Sam. Harper
Neth. Orr	Jo ⁿ Riddel
Jo ⁿ Gaudie	Ja. Fleming
Fran. Montgomery	Victor Ferguson
Jo ⁿ Campbell	and their
Will. Smith	Elders

FUNDS.

David Simm	Jo ⁿ Harvey
Alex ^r Brown	Will. Cunningham
Jo ⁿ Porter	Pat. Bruce
Tho. Cobham	And. Crawford
Bapt. Boyd	Geo. Lang
Sam. Irwinc	Nehem. Donaldson
Jam. Reid	Pat. Simson
Jo ⁿ Mairs	Ja. Thomson
Sam. Dunlop	and their
David Fairley	Elders

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

Sessio 3^{ta} Horá 5^{ta} a meridie.

Sessio 3^a

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

The Rev^d M^r Weld, M^r Boise, & M^r Choppin produced their Commission from the Rev^d Preby in Dublin to correspond w^h this Synod, & were received accordingly.

M^r Tho. Harvey, M^r Joⁿ Harvey, jun^r, & M^r Major Murray having been absent from last Gen^l Synod, reported the reasons of their absence, & are excused. Absents
Excused.

M^r Tate, M^r Dunlop, M^r Hair, M^r Rob. Campbell, M^r Shaw, M^r Drumond, M^r Alex^r Sinclare, M^r Craighead, M^r Arch. Maclain, sen^r,

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.

Dead.

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

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

Installed.

M^r Will Hair was Installed at Inniskillin since last Synod; & M^r Sam. Hallyday was Installed in the Old Cong^{ra} 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.

Ordained.

The Prëby of Tyrowen have ordained M^r Rob. Stewart at Donoghmore, Aug^t 11, 1720.

Licensed.

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

Entered on tryals.

Longford Prëby 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 2^d 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 2^d tryals.

Time & place of next Synod.

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, & Vinecash.

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 carefull of that affair.

Synod books revised.

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

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

We have no report from the Revisers of Derry Book.

Pacific Act.

Upon reading the Pacific Act, inquiry was made whether all the Prëbys have observed the s^d Act. It was alledged by some members of

this Synod that the Pröby of Belfast have broke in upon s^d Act in the Installment of M^r 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 Preby & 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^{ta} Die Jovis, Horá 10 ante meridiem.

Sessio: 4^{ta}.

After prayer, *Sed^t 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£ due to Galway by Down Pröby is paid. M^r 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. Galway.

A Supplication from Moywater was read. They pray that the 8£ Moywater. P annuum promised for support of their suppliers dureing their vacancy may be paid; & being now in a way of settlement, they pray that the 18£ P ann. promised by this Synod for support of that poor cong^m may be continued. This was referred to the Committee of Funds.

Longford Preby represent it as a Grievance that M^r John M^ogachin & M^r Rob^t 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. Mr Megachin.
Mr Rutherford.

Adjourned to 5 *a meridie.* Concluded w^h prayer.

Die Jovis, Horá 5^{ta} a meridie.

Sessio 5^{ta}.

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

A Letter from S^r Alex^r Cairns, M^r Henry, D^r 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. Letters from
S^r Alex. Cairns,
&c. +

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 Belykelly; a Supplication from the Session of Donoghmore, in the Preby of Letterkenny; a Supplication from the Session of Lammavady; a Supplication from the Session of Londonderry; a Supplications
from
several
Sessions.

Supplication from the Session of Muff; a Supplication from the Session of Convoiy; 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^r & Session of Ramelton; a Supplication from the Session of Baylyborough; a Supplication from the Session of Claudevadog; a Supplication from the Session of Kinaird; & 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 Judicatories of this Church, may be obliged to subscribe the Westmin^r Confession of Faith as the confession of their faith.

Certificates.

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

Overture concerning the Eternal Deity of Christ.

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 beginn to-morrow, at 8 of the Clock in the morning, & to continue till ten.

Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. This Sed^t concluded w^b prayer.

Sessio. 65a.

Die Ven. Jun 23, Hora 10^a ante meridiem.

After prayer, *Sed^t 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^d Overture was brought into this Synod, & was read paragraph by paragraph three several times, & the bretheren reasoned upon the form of it at great Length.

Some bretheren, 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.

Overture.

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 defection 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^d aspersions are, as far as we know, Groundless.

And it is our resolution if any person or persons shall hereafter deny the s^d Article as above Expressed by preaching or writeing, or in conversation, to proceed against him or them, according to the Laws of the Gospell & the known practise of this Church; and not to own him or them as members of this Church. Agreed to

This Overture was voted & approvén.

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

Adjourned to 5 a meridie.

This Session concluded w^h prayer.

Session: 7^{ma}.

Die Ven. Jun 23, Horá 5^{ta} a meridie.

After prayer, *Sed^t 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^r 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 gott to be Lodged w^h our Mod^r for her use; & we recommend it to each Min^r of this Synod to procure what relief they can from their several Sessions for her. The Clerk of each Prëby is to collect from the several Prëbys for her, & to be accountable to M^r Hugh Wallace. Charity to Mrs Boyd.

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

The affair of M^r Hallyday's Installment in the Old cong^{ra} of Belfast being resumed, & the case being reasoned at great Length, it was moved that M^r Hallyday's testimonials may be read, & accordingly his testimonials from the Prëby of Convooy, from Leiden, Rotterdam, Basil, & Geneva were read; also a Letter from some Min^{rs} In London giveing testimony to M^r Hallyday's soundness in the faith was read; also M^r Hallyday's own Letter, Wrote from London to the Prëby of Belfast, was read; also a Letter from the Preby of Down to Co^{ll} Ferguson & M^r Isaac McCartney, was read. This Letter declares their satisfaction with the soundness of M^r Halyday's faith; also a Letter from some bretheren of Antrim Preby, & some of Colerain Preby, to the same Gent., & to the same purpose, was read; also a Letter from the Prëby in Dublin to the Prëby of Belfast to the same purpose, was read. Mr Hallyday's Installmt, testimonials in his favor.

Also a Certificate from the Old Cong^m of Belfast, subscribed by a great number of hands, attesting the Orthodoxy of their min^{rs} faith, was read.

And after long reasoning upon this matter,

Adjourned to 10 *mane*.

This Session concluded w^h prayer.

Sessio: S^a.

Die Sat. June 24, Hord 10 ante merid.

After prayer, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Mr Hallyday's
Installmt
resumed.

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

Reasoned.

Then the Mod^r asked M^r 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^c men may be entitled to the favour of God & the hopes of Eternal life, and according to the Laws of the gospel to Christian & ministerial communion in the Church, when Imposed as a necessary term of such Communion. The Reasons of w^c Scruples I am now ready to lay before this assembly, & shall always be open to conviction.

It was then moved that M^r Hallyday shod now lay the reasons of his Scruples before this Synod. M^r 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 altercation in this Synod about them. This Synod, taking into their serious consideration M^r Hallyday's answer, does utterly disclaim all power of imposing upon the consciences of men of w^c God onely is the Lord, and therefore declare themselvs ready to receive & seriously to weigh the reasons M^r Hallyday has for his Scruples, and shall be as open to conviction as he is, and, consequently, cannot charge themselvs with the guilt of Sinful imposition.

Then the Rev^d Com^{rs} from the Preby of Dublin proposed to this Synod Dropt. †
 their earnest request that, considering the whole matter complexly,
 they wo'd please to come to this resolution—that this Synod do entirely
 drop it, w^c 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 carryed drop it entirely *nemine contradicente*.

A motion was made that all the members of this Synod who are A motion to subscribe the Westminster Confession. †
 willing to Subscribe the Wesmin^r 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 M^r Iredell, at the desire of this Synod, called upon God for direc-
 tion in this affair; and, after prayer, the vote was put, vote now or
 adjourn, and it carryed, vote now, by a great majority. Then M^r
 Boise & Mr. Choppin desired that their Protest against coming to this Protest.
 vote in name of the Prëby of Dublin may be entered into the records of
 this Synod. Also M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Abernethy, M^r Hallyday, M^r
 Nivin, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Arch. Maclain, Jun^r, M^r Clugston, M^r
 Pat. Bruce, M^r Tho. Wilson, M^r Donaldson, M^r Tho. Maclain, M^r
 Joⁿ Henderson, Min^{rs}; & Captⁿ M^r Neal, M^r Pat. Agnew, M^r Isaac
 Macartney, & Joⁿ Hathorn, Elders, Protested against this vote, & Entered.
 desired that their Protest might be entred 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 Allow Subscription. †
 Subscribe the Westmin^r Confession of Faith according to the terms of
 the Pacific Act or not, and the vote being put, it carryed allow by a
 great majority.

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

Adjourned to Munday next at 3 a meridië:

Concluded w^h prayer.

Die Lunae Jun. 26, Hora 3^{tia} a meridië:

Sessio: 9^{ua}.

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra*.

A reference from the Prëby of Derry to this Gen^l Synod of an
 affair depending between the cong^m of Ushers Key in Dublin, & the
 cong^m of Taughboin, about the transportation of M^r Gray from Taugh-
 boin to Ushers Key, the reference of that Prëby being read, came orderly M^r Gray's transportation. †
 before this Synod.

From Ushers Key appeared M^r Bagenall, M^r Norton, M^r Lord, &
 M^r Aikman, Com^{rs}, Prosecuting their Call to M^r Gray & his transporta-
 tion to them.

From Taughboin appeared M^r Joⁿ Maclinto, Joⁿ Moderel, Rob.

Wilson, Com^{rs}, to oppose the transportation of M^r Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key.

Reasoned.

Then the Call from Ushers Key to M^r Gray was read, and a Supplication from the Session & Cong^{tn} of Ushers Key to the Preby of Derry was read; they sett forth their most earnest desires that M^r Gray may be transported from Taughboin to Ushers Key, this, their Supplication they enforced by many reasons. Then the ans^{rs} of Taughboin to these reasons, for the transportation desired, were also read. Then the Com^{rs} from Ushers Key & the Com^{rs} from Taughboin were fully heard; also, M^r Gray was fully heard. Then it was moved, that it be enquired of the Com^{rs} of Ushers Key whether they be willing to subject themselvs to this Synod. These Com^{rs} declared their willingness to subject themselvs to this Synod, and for their Authority so to do, referred themselvs to their Commission from the Session & Cong^{tn} of Ushers Key, which, being read, we find a Clause in it Impowering them to declare the willingness of that Session & Cong^{tn} to be Joined to this Rev^d 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.

Encouragem^t
to M^r Gray.

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

Transportation
of M^r Gray
to Ushers Key
carried.

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

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

Mr Iredell's
declaration
& dissent,
& reasons.

The Rev^d M^r Fran. Iredell having dissented from the vote allowing such as are willing to subscribe the Westmin^r 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^r 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 Issueing 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^r 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 s^d vote, and do desire that this my declaration of assent to the Westmin^r 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.

FRAN. IREDELL.

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

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

Adjourned to 10 *mane*, this Session concluded w^h prayer.

Die Mart. Jun. 27 Horá 10^a Ante meridiem.

Sessio: 10^{ma}.

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

Appeared from Longford, Alex^r Graddon, Com^r, Supplicating that each Prêby within the bounds of this Synod may send a min^r or probationer to supply Longford the space of one moneth. This Synod considering their Supplication, agreed, that M^r Jam. Orr, from Down Preby, shall supply them the moneth of July, & M^r Jam. Bann, from Derry Preby, shall supply them the moneth of Aug^t, & M^r Sam. Kenay, from Sligo, the moneth of September, and from that time till Next Gen^l Synod, the charge of supplying them is committed to the Synod of Armagh. Longford

A motion was made that, in regard some of M^r Hallyday's cong^m, thro their misunderstanding our vote of dropping the affair of M^r 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^r Hallyday be called to declare himself upon the point of Subjection to this Synod. Vote drop.

He was called accordingly, & freely declared, that he 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^c he explained further in all things lawfull, where the Laws of the Gospell & the Laws of Society are not broke in upon. Upon w^c 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 M^r 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 carryed Approve by a great majority, & M^r Hallyday was called & received accordingly.

Donoghedy
united to
Derry Preby.

A Supplication from the cong^m 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 alledge, that the support of their cong^m depends upon their being reunited to the Preby of Derry. The Synod considering their Supplication, agreed unanimously to grant their petition, and that cong^m is hereby annexed to the Preby of L. Derry.

Adjourned to 4 *a meridie*:

This Session concluded w^h prayer.

Sessio 11^{ma}.

Horá 4^{ta}, a meridie.

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

M^r Gray declared his resolution to continue a member of the Preby of Derry till Next Gen^l Synod, and therefore, the cong^m of Ushers Key is to be under the conduct of that Preby Untill that time.

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A motion was made, this Synod wo^d make a charitable declaration in favour of the bretheren who are not free to subscribe the Westmin^r confession of faith; and M^r Boyse brought in a draught of s^d declaration w^o was read; the Synod considering this affair, it was moved that, whereas the bretheren who are not willing to subscribe s^d confession have protested against our coming to a vote, whether we shod allow such as are willing to subscribe s^d confession, may withdraw their protest in order to clear our way to make such a charitable declaration in their favor. Hereupon these bretheren 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 bretheren 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 w^h their Rev^d Bretheren as formerly, and to endeavour conscientiously to preserve the Hon^r, Just Authority, peace & order of our Ecclesiastical assemblies, viz^t:—Sessions, Prëbys, & Synods, being subject to our bretheren in the Lord, and to promote Love & peace among all our people.

Charitable
declaration.

A draught of charitable declaration in favour of our nonsubscribing bretheren 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 Rev^d Synod make the following charitable declaration—viz^t: that this Synod, by

allowing such min^{rs} 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 Westminin^r 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^{rs} merely on account of their not subscribing at this time, But that they w^d look upon this as a matter wherein Christians & min^{rs} are to Exercise mutual forbearance towards one another. These declarations were voted & approved by this Synod.

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

M^r Clerk's
Dissent.

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

M^r Rob. Thomson gave in his dimission of his charge of the cong^{tn} of Belturbet, as also the reasons of his dimission: in them he setteth forth that his cong^{tn} 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.

M^r Robt
Thomson's
Dimission.

Also, a Supplication from the cong^{tn} of Belturbet was read: they sett forth their earnest desires of haveing the Gospell continued wth them, and y^t the Arrears of the fund due to their min^r may be speedily paid to him, y^t so he may be able to stay among them. This was referred to the Comm: of funds.

An Appeal from the Prëby of Armagh, by some of Dromore cong^{tn} in reference to M^r Carlisle, came orderly before this Synod. The Appeal was read and the Sentence of the Prëby of Armagh, & the reasons of the Appeal were read, also a Commission from part of the Session & Cong^{tn} of Dromore to M^r Magill, &c., to appear in opposition to s^d Appeal was read. The Synod considered this case, & heard the Com^{rs} from both parts of the cong^{tn} of Dromore, & also the Preby of Armagh were heard, & they & all parties being removed, the vote was stated, Approve the Conduct of the Preby of Armagh or not, & it carryed Approve *nemine contradicente*.

Appeal from
Armagh Preby.

Preby approved.

From the Session of Antrim Appeared M^r Joⁿ Shaw, Jam. Bell, &c., Com^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may take the most effectual methods to preserve charity & Union, & to secure the reputation & Usefulness of these worthy min^{rs} who have conscientiously declared against subscribing the Westmin^r confession of faith at this time.

Supplicat̄ion
from Antrim
Session.

For making the Pacific Act more Effectual & secureing the peace of this church, It is Overtured:

Overtures.

I^o.—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^r in the Preby he shall be added to the two-thirds.

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

III^o.—If the Pacific Act be violated in the manner of licensening, ordaining, or installing any person, the min^r who shall preside in the licensening, ordaining, or installing such person, shall be suspended at the discretion of the Subsequent Synod. All these Overtures were voted & Approved by this Synod.

Adjourned to 7 of the clock to morrow morning.

This Session concluded w^h prayer.

Die Mercur. June 28, Hora 7^{ma} ante merid:

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

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

Joⁿ Young, Will. Simm, & several other members of the old cong^{rs} of Belfast brought in a Supplication w^{ch} was read: they earnestly pray that they may be allowed to Erect a new cong^{rs} in Belfast, & that this Synod may allow them monethly Supplies. Also another Supplication to the same purpose, signed by M^r Smith, M^r Lennox, & several other Gen^l in Belfast was read: they also supplicate for a new Ereccion & monethly Supplies, these Gen^l offer that there will be sufficient security given for the maintenance to the min^r of s^d Ereccion when they shall be planted; they further plead that there is great Necessity for s^d Ereccion on account of the numerousness of their cong^{rs}, & they hope this will be a mean to make the gospell more successful. Then M^r Hallyday was heard, & the Com^{rs} from both parts of the old cong^{rs}, & then all parties were removed, & the Synod came to consider this affair, & it was moved and agreed to,

Overtures.

Agreed to.

Members of
the Synod's
Committee.

Supplications
from some
of the old
congregation
in Belfast
for an Ereccion.

that Co^l Upton, M^r Hutcheson, M^r 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^{ra} of Belfast, and at some length reasoned about the way of their coming in at this time and the method in w^o 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 adhere to them, shall, first of all, Endeavor by mutual and amicable conversation among themselves and with their Neighbours, and also with M^r Hallyday to come to Unanimity and concord, and having made this tryal 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^l Synod's Committee, w^o the Mod^r of the Gen^l Synod is appointed to Call 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 Approven.

Overture
Agreed to.

Adjourned to 5 a meridie:

This Session concluded w^h prayer.

Dis Mer: Hora 5^{ta} A Meridie.

Session: 13th

After prayer, *Sed^t qui Supra.*

M^r Pat. Simson gave in his dimission of his charge of the cong^{ra} 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 Preby of Armagh to accept of M^r Simson's dimission if they see cause.

M^r Simson's
Dimission.

A Supplication from the cong^{ra} of Drum, earnestly praying that this Synod may take some care to support their min^r was read, they represent their circumstanes to be very deplorable, &c. The Synod, considering this affair, renews the Appointment made last year in favour of M^r M^ogachin, viz^t: that each min^r within bounds of this Synod pay him one shill: and sixpence. M^r Michael Bruce is to collect s^d money from the Belfast Prby, M^r Nivin from Down, M^r Mackay from Armagh, M^r Jo^o Kennedy from Tyreown, M^r Abernethy from Antrim, M^r Higginthom from Colerain, M^r Ross from Derry, M^r Ferguson from Strabane, M^r Rob. Thomson from Longford, M^r Dunlop from Letterkenny, and to transmit it to M^r Magachin as soon as may be. This Synod also recommends it to each cong^{ra} within our bounds to contribute some assistance towards the buildeing of Drum Meeting-house.

Supplication
from Drum.

Appointm^t

The Petition of Joⁿ Holden, a verry poor man, praying for some charitable assistance from this Synod was read. The Synod, considering

Charity to
John Holden

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

M^r McCrackan
and M^r Rob^t
Wilson.

This Synod renews the Appointment made by last Gen^l Synod in favor of M^r Rob^t Wilson and M^r Alex^r McCrackan, Jun^r, viz^t: that there be a Collection in all the several cong^{ms} within our bounds with previous intimation, for their relief. M^r Alex^r Fleming is to collect from Augher Prby, M^r Johnston from Armagh, M^r Tho. Kennedy from Tyreowen, M^r Victor Ferguson from Strabane, M^r Ross from Derry, M^r Simm from Longford, M^r Dunlop from Letterkenny, M^r Mcbride from Colerain, M^r Livingston from Antrim, M^r Kirkpatrick from Belfast, and M^r Nivin from Down Prby. What can be gott is to be brought to Next Gen^l Synod for their relief.

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

Due to Belturbet	40 : 13 : 6	thus by Longford Prby	£14	
		Augher	14 : 16 : 6	
		Tyrone	2 : 10 : 0	
		Letterkenny	1 : 10 : 0	
		Colerain	7 : 0 : 0	
		Antrim	0 : 10 : 0	
to Dunfanachy	10 : 15 : 0	by Strabane	3 : 0 : 0	
		Lisburn	1 : 0 : 0	
		Letterkenny	0 : 10 : 0	
		Derry	6 : 0 : 0	
to Galway	51 : 00 : 0	y Down Preby	£45	Derry Prby £6
to Golan	81 : 00 : 0	by Derry Prby	£37	Tyrone £11 : 14 : 0
			Convoy, £6; Antrim, £1; Colerain, £6; Augher, £4	
to Lurgan	57 : 6 : 0	by Armagh,	£40 : 6 : 0;	Antrim, £2;
			Monaghan, £5; by the Synod, £10	
to Dundalk	101 : 11 : 8	by Antrim Prby	£51 : 9 : 0;	Armagh,
			£21 : 2 : 0; Colerain, £9; Down,	£3 : 10 : 8; Belfast, £16 : 0 : 0
to Drogheda	173 : 10 : 6	by 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 Stranorlan	10 : 11 : 00	by Strabane,	£8 : 11 : 0;	Antrim,
			£2 : 0 : 0	
to Castle blaney	18 : 4 : 0	by Armagh,	£2; Tyreowen, £3 : 10 : 0;	
			Augher, £12 : 14 : 0	
to Sligo	22 : 15 : 0	by Letterkenny,	£8 : 15 : 0; Colerain,	
			£8; Derry, £6 : 0 : 0	
to Vinicash	12 : 0 : 0	by Armagh Prby,	£12 : 0 : 0	
to Kirk Donald	7 : 5 : 2	by 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 followinge :—

Belfast Prby	38 : 15 : 0	to Kirkdonald, £4; to Moyra, £5
to pay		to Drogheda, £21 : 0 : 0; to Dundalk, £8; to Moywater, 15s
Down Prby	30 : 5 : 0	to Dundalk, £3 : 10 : 0; to Galway, £18: to Drogheda, £8: to Moywater, 15s
Antrim Prby	31 : 5 : 0	to Dunean, £5; to Dundalk, £10 : 10 : 0; to Edenderry, £5 : 10 : 0; to Turbet, 10s; to Stranorlan, £2; Moywater, 5s
Armagh Prby	32 : 5 : 0	to Vinicash, £9; to Edenderry, £3 : 10s; to Lurgan, £15; to Drogheda, £5 : 0 : 0; to Moywater 15s
Longford Prby	10 : 10 : 0	to Turbet, £5 : 10 : 0; to Athlone, £5 : 0 : 0
Augher Prby	18 : 0 : 0	to Castleblaney, £11; to Golan, £4; to Turbet, £3
Tyrone Prby	18 : 0 : 0	to Loughgall, £12; to Edenderry, £3 : 10s; to Turbet, £2 : 10s
Strabane Prby	14 : 10 : 0	to Stranorlan, £6; to Badony, £7 : 10 : 0; Clandevadog, £1 : 0 : 0
Colerain Prby	21 : 0 : 0	to Athlone, £5; to Sligo, £5 : 10s: to Turbet, £7 : 0 : 0
Letterkenny Prby	11 : 10 : 0	to Turbet, £1 : 10; to Dumfanachy, 10s; to Sligo, £9 : 10sh.
Derry Prby	25 : 0 : 0	to Clandevadog, £4; Dumfanachy, £6; to Movill, £10 : 0 : 0; Moywater, £5 : 00 : 0
Lisburn Cong ^m	4 : 0 : 0	to Drogheda, £1; to Dumfanachy, £1 : 0 : 0; to Galway, £2 : 0 : 0
Total,	255 : 10 : 00	

Last Genⁿ Synod promised fifty pounds to M^r Dunlop of Athlone ^{M^r Dunlop.} for reimburseing his charges in the consistorial court. This Synod renewed the appointment on that affair. In pursuance whereof the several Prbys shall pay him the followeing Summs :—

Belfast	7 : 10 : 4	Down Prby	5 : 18 : 2	Antrim Prby	6 : 6 : 2
Armagh	6 : 10 : 2	Longford	2 : 2 : 2	Augher	3 : 14 : 2
Tyreone	3 : 12 : 2	Strabane	2 : 18 : 2	Colerain	4 : 4 : 2
Letterkenny	2 : 6 : 2	Derry	5 : 0 : 2	total	50 : 0 : 0

This Synod coneluded w^h prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.G.S.

The Bretheren, whose names are hereunto Annexed, in pursuance of the vote passed in this Synod, alloweing such as are willing to

subscribe the Westminster confession of faith, subscribed the s^d confession in the followeing formula :—

Reserveing to our selves 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^d confession as the confession of our faith.

June 26, 1721.

Longford Prby.
Rob^t Thomson
David Simm
Alex^t Hamilton
James Hamilton, Probationer

Antrim Prby.
Will. Taylor
James Creighton
Will. Leech
Sam. Getty
Jam. White
Char. Masterton
Alex^t Brown
Will. Livingston

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

Tyrone Prby.
Henry Crooks
Thomas Kennedy
Hugh Wallace
John Kennedy
Alex^t Moor
Nethan Cochran
Jam. Dykes
Rob. Stewart
David Tomb
Thom. Mulligan

Colerain Prby.
Math. Clerk
Rob. Haltridge
Hen. Neil
Will. Boyd
Joⁿ Porter
Rob. M^cbride
Joⁿ Cochran
Rob. Higginbothom
James Thomson
Rob. Knox

Augher Prby.
Josias Cornwall
Rob. Coltheart
Sam. Irwine
Bapt. Boyd
Sam. Hemphill
Nethan Glasgow

Belfast Prby.
Jam. Fraser
And. Craford
Char. Seaton
Joⁿ Riddel
Alex^t M^cCrakan
Jam. Cobham
Fran. Iredell
Rob. Sinclare
Jam. Stewart
Rob. Wirling
Joⁿ Malcom

Armagh Prby
Gilbert Kennedy, in terminis
Joⁿ Wilson
James Moor, in terminis
Will. Mackay. Joⁿ Campbell
Rob. Gordon, in terminis
Joⁿ Hutcheson
Jam. Fleming
Rob. Rainey

Letterkenny Prby.

Sam. Henry
 Sam. Dunlop
 Char. Lynd
 Rob. Wilson
 Fran. Laird
 David Fairley
 James Cochran
 Joⁿ Homes
 Pat Vance

Derry Prby.

Wm. Gray
 Joⁿ Stirling
 Jam. Wallace
 Tho. Harvey
 Joⁿ Harvey, Jun^r
 Major Murray
 Sam. Ross
 Will. Cunningham

James Johnaton

Pat Simson
 Geo. Lang

The followeing brethren subscribed

at Newry, Aug^t 1st
 Arch. Maclain, Sen^r }
 Char. Wallace }
 Arch. Maclain, Jun^r }

Strabane Prby.

Thom. Winsley
 Jam. Maxwell
 Alex^r M^cCraken
 Joⁿ Ball
 Victor Ferguson

98 Min^{rs}

The following Elders subscribed :—

Jam. Anderson
 Joⁿ Campbell
 Joⁿ Campbell
 Jam. Murray
 Jam. M^cCrea
 Adam Henry
 Jam. Johnston
 Joⁿ Magill
 Will. Ramsey
 Joⁿ Clark
 Math. Montgomery
 James Stephenson
 Will. Agnew
 Joⁿ Agnew
 Will. Duglass
 Sam. Halyday
 Joⁿ Craig
 Joⁿ Rodgers
 James Morison

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

35 Elders.

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

M^r William Gray, Moderator to the former Synod, opened this

Sermon.

Synod by preaching on Mala. the 3^d and 3^d, and after Constitution by Prayer. *Seder^t*, the Min^{rs} and ruling Elders:—

	Min ^{rs}	Elders
Antrim :	M ^r Brown M ^r Aberneathy M ^r Masterton M ^r Livingston M ^r Tho ^s Willson Ja ^s Creighton Tho ^s Shaw Jo ⁿ Henderson Ja ^s White Josias Clugston	Jo ^s Innis John Shaw Co ^{ll} Upton Fra. Taggart M ^r Cha. Johnston Tho ^s Wilson Hugh Owens Ja ^s Hill Jo ⁿ M ^r Tra
Colrain :	Matt. Clerk Robt. Haltridge Honery Neil W ^m Boyd Rob ^t Higginbothom Jo ⁿ Porter Robt. M ^r Bride John Cochran Tho ^s Cobham Ja ^s Thompson Robt. Knox	Jo ⁿ Wiley M ^r Dorrence M ^r Arch. Stirling M ^r Arch. Campbell Ja ^s Hemphill M ^r Ja ^s Ferguson Dan. Boyle M ^r Gawin Steel M ^r Tho ^s Reed Geo. Lesslie
Augher :	Robt. Coltheart Bapt. Boyd Tho ^s Thomson Alex. Fleming Josias Cornwall W ^m Hair Sam. Magachin Tho ^s M ^c Clane Sam ^l Hemphill Nath. Glasgow Jo ⁿ Carlisle	Robt. Wily Jo ⁿ Armstrong John Moore Ja ^s Saunderson W ^m Faires Robt. Strachan Jo ⁿ M ^c Kee Jo ⁿ Colter Jo ⁿ Carson
Down	M ^r Bruce Hen. Hamilton Sam. Shannon W ^m Biggar W ^m Smith Ja ^s Reid Arch ^t Dixson Tho ^s Nivin Tho ^s Elder Jo ⁿ Mairs	M ^r M ^c Cullagh Jo ⁿ Adair Peter Dunn Gilbert Jackson Jo ⁿ Coulter W ^m M ^c Crey
Tyrone :	Hen. Crookes Jo ⁿ M ^c Cleave Tho ^s Mulligan	Adam Willson M ^r Leadly Ja ^s Busby

	M ^r Hugh Wallace	Nath. Dunlap
	John Kenedy	Josias Bryans
	Alex. Moore	Nath. Paterson
	Nath. Cochran	
	Ja ^s Dykes	Jo ⁿ Hanna
	Ja ^s Orr	
	Robt. Stewart	
Letterkenny :	Robt. Campbell	James Watt
	Sam Henery	Jo ⁿ Hutcheson
	Seth Drumand	Capt. Henderson
	Sam. Dunlap	Sam. Dunsmore
	Robt. Willson	Robt. Fairley, and
		Rich. M ^c Ilwaine
	Fran. Laird	Gab. King
	David Fairly	Jo ⁿ Gay
	Ja ^s Cochran	M ^r W ^m Bann
	Jo ⁿ Holmes	M ^r John Henderson
	Pat Vance	Jo ⁿ Rankin
Derry :	Mr. Ferguson	Jo ⁿ Williamson
	Mr. Harvy, sen ^r	Rich ^d Kelly
	W ^m Gray	M ^r Mat ^h Lynd
	Jo ⁿ Stirling	Mich. M ^c Leery
	Tho ^s Winsley	Ald. Mackey
	Han ^s Stewart	And ^r Carson
	Ja ^s Wallace	And. Ramage
	Tho ^s Harvy	
	John Harvy, Jun ^r	
	Sam. Ross	Sam. Logan
	Major Murray	Mich ^l Johnston
	Nin. Cochran	Rich ^d Wiley
	Tho ^s Strabridge	
	W ^m Cuningham	
Belfast :	And. Craford	W ^m Martin
	Ja ^s Kirkpatrick	W ^m Rainey
	Ja ^s Cobham	John Hasty
	Jo ⁿ Ridle	Coll. Bryce
	Cha. Seaton	Jo ⁿ M ^c Kitrick
	Ja ^s Stewart	Edward Whiteside
	Robt. Wirling	John Shaw
	Mich. Bruce	Dav ^d M ^c Cullagh
	Robt. Craighead	
	Pat. Bruce	
	Ja ^s Fraser	
	Sam. Hallyday	
Armagh :	John Hutcheson	Dav ^d Johnston
	John Willson	Robt. Wallace
	Geo. Lang	W ^m Atcheson
	Gill. Kennedy	Arch ^d Stewart
	Robert Rainy	Jo ⁿ Leister

	Ja ^a Johnston	Fran. Moore
	Will. Mackay	Capt. M'Neil
	Ja ^a Moore	
	Hugh Henery	
	Pat Simpson	
Strabane :	Sam. Halyday	M ^r Love
	Ja ^a Maxwell	Will Craford
	W ^m Homes	
	Jo ⁿ Ball	John Lowry
	Ale ^x M ^c Cracken	
	Nehe ^a Donaldson	Jo ⁿ Sample
	Victor Ferguson	M ^r Hugh
	Jo ^a Hemphill	— Moore
Longford	Tho ^a Anderson	
	Sam. Dunlop	Benj. Parsons
	Rob ^t Thompson	M ^r Calib Barns
	Alex ^r Hamilton	
	William Patton	

M^r Weld
 M^r Boyse
 M^r Stewart
 M^r Choppin

Correspondents from
 the Reverend Preby in
 Dublin.

Moderator
 chosen.

The Former Moderator Desiring that a new Modèra^r may be Chosen, proposed a Leet of the following Bretheren, viz^t: M^r Robt. Rainy, M^r Henery Hamilton, M^r John Harvy, Sen^r, M^r William Homes, M^r James Cobham, M^r Cha. Masterton, M^r Robt. Haltridge, M^r Tho^a Kennedy, M^r Seth Drumand and M^r Josias Cornwall, M^r Matthew Clerk, M^r John Hutcheson, M^r Sam^l Henery, that one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these breth^{rn} being removed, the vote was put, and M^r Tho^a Kennedy was chosen Moderator by Plurality of voices.

Clerk.

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

Correspondts.

M^r Weld, M^r Boyse M^r Stewart and M^r Chopin produced their Comission from the Presby of Dublin, to Correspond with this Synod, this was Referred to Interloq^r.

Comittee.

For the more orderly Managing the affairs to be Laid before this Synod the sev^l presbys are to return their Members for the sev^l Comittees, viz^t: 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 Prayer.
Clock to morrow morning.

Die Mercur Horâ 11 An. Merid: June 20th, after prayer, Seder^t. Sessio: 2^{da}.

The time appointed for prayer was observed, the Interloq^r of the whole House being Mott at 10 of the Clock, M^r Weld, M^r Boyse, M^r Stewart, and M^r Chopin having produced their Comiss. from the Preby of Dublin at last Sederunt, which being reffer'd to this Interloq^r, 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 accordingly.

The Sev^l Prebys returned the names of their Members for the severall Comittees as follows :—

OVERTURES.	BILLS.	BOOKS	FUND.
M ^r Masterton	M ^r Creighton	M ^r Henderson	M ^r Brown
M ^r Livingston	M ^r Tho ^s Shaw	M ^r White	M ^r Higginbothom
M ^r Aberneathy	M ^r Willson	M ^r Clugston	M ^r Cobham
M ^r Clerk	M ^r M ^r Bride	M ^r Thomson	M ^r Boyd
M ^r Halbridge	M ^r Neal	M ^r Knox	M ^r M ^r Clanc
M ^r Boyde	M ^r Porter	M ^r Hemphill	M ^r Biggar
M ^r Thompson	M ^r Hair	M ^r Glasgow	M ^r Elder
M ^r Fleming	M ^r Magahin	M ^r Carlisle	M ^r John Kennedy
M ^r Cornwall	M ^r Plunkett	M ^r Tho ^s Niven	M ^r Nathaniell
M ^r Bruce	M ^r Hamilton	M ^r Mairs	Cochran
M ^r Shannon	M ^r Smith	M ^r Dukes	M ^r Ja ^s Orr
M ^r Crooks	M ^r Mulligan	M ^r Vance	M ^r Fairly
M ^r M ^r Cleave	M ^r Wallace	M ^r Stewart	M ^r John Holmes
M ^r Drumand	M ^r Moore	M ^r Willson	M ^r John Stirling
M ^r Dunlop	M ^r Lind	M ^r Harvy, Jun ^r	M ^r Murray
M ^r Hen. Laird	M ^r Cochran	M ^r Stawbridge	M ^r Cunigham
M ^r Gray	M ^r Wallace	M ^r Mich ^l Bruce	M ^r Pat. Bruce
M ^r Winsley	M ^r Thos. Harvy	M ^r Stewart	M ^r John Willson
M ^r Harvy, Sen ^r	M ^r Ross	M ^r Riddell	M ^r J. Maxwell
M ^r Kirkpatrick	M ^r Ja ^s Cobham	M ^r Fraser	M ^r Donaldson
M ^r Halyday	M ^r Seaton	M ^r Lang	M ^r Patton
M ^r Craighead	M ^r Wirling	M ^r Moore	M ^r Nivin
M ^r Craford	M ^r Johnston	M ^r Vict ^r Ferguson	M ^r Lang
M ^r Huteheson	M ^r Simson	M ^r Hemphill	M ^r Laird
M ^r Gilb. Kennedy	M ^r Rainy	M ^r Dunlop	M ^r Jo ^s M ^r Kee
M ^r Mackay	M ^r M ^r Cracken		Capt. M ^r Neil
M ^r Homes	M ^r Hamilton	and their Elders.	and their Elders.
M ^r Ball	and their Elders.		
M ^r Robt Thomson			
and their Elders.			

M^r Weld, M^r Boyse, M^r Stewart, M^r Chopin.

The Following Bretheren, viz^t—M^r Taylor, Senr., M. Leech, M. Gety,

M^r Mair, M^r Gaudie, M^r M'Alpin, M^r Malcome, M^r Iredell, M^r M'Cracken M^r Maclaine, Sen^r, M^r Charles Wallace, M^r Cherry, M^r Fleming, M^r Robt. Gordon, being absent from this Synod, are all Excused for reasons now offered to this Synod.

Absents
not Excused.

These following bretheren are absent :—M^r Irwin, M^r Mongomry, M^r Nathaniel Orr, M^r Tomb, M^r John Campbell, M^r Archibald, M^r Claime, Jun^r, M^r Teat, M^r Sim, M^r Dean, M^r Robt. Sinelar, and are not Excused.

Absents
not Excused.

Dead

M^r Thos. Orr Died, Jan^y the 1st, 1721/2.

M^r Alex. Sinelar Died, Aprill the 6th, 1722.

Ordained

The Preby of Augher report that they have ordained M^r John Carlisle on January the 10th, 172 $\frac{1}{2}$, and have Licensed M^r Mat. Chalmers.

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

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

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

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

The Preby of Colraime have on Second Tryals M^r Ross and M^r Joⁿ Elder, and they have Licensed M^r Samuel Willson, and have received M^r John Orr, a probationer from Scotland.

The Preby of Down have Licensed M^r John Orr.

The Preby of Belfast have Licensed M^r David Helm.

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

On first and
2d Tryals.

The Preby of Tyrone have M^r Rea on first Tryals.

The Preby of Down have M^r Hugh Williamson on 2d Tryals.

The Preby of Armagh have M^r Menagh on Second Tryals.

It was moved by the Clerk, that whereas by reason of the Multiplicity of business in the Last Synod, Sevⁿ 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.

Funds.

And the Minuets relateing to the fund being read wee find that the severall 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.

M^r M'Craken
and
M^r Willson.

Inquiry was made whether the severall Prebys have collected for M^r M'Craken and M^r Robt. Willson, according the appointm^t of Last Generall Synod, it appears that the Prebys of Longford, Tyrone, Antrim, Belfast and Down and Collraime, have paid Little, and

sev^{ls} in the other prebys are behind. Each Preby is strictly Enjoyed at their first Seder^t to Enquire who are Deficient, and to take effectuall Care to Collect said Money, and to Transmitt it to M^r M^cCraken and M^r Willson, for their Reliefe.

The Bretheren from Dublin promise to Contribute to their reliefe before they leave this towne. All Comittees to meet at 3, and Committee of the whole house at 5 *A Meridie*.

Adjourned till 5. Concluded with Prayer.

Die Mer Horâ 5^{ta}, A Meridie. After Prayer, *Seder^t qui Supra.* Sessio: 3^{ta}.

The Committee of the whole house being mett Entered upon the consideraçon of the affair comitted to them, and first Inquiry was made whether the sevrall prebys have paid their proportion of the Expences of the Lawsuite comenced by M^r Darragh ag^t Some Members of this Synod; it appears that sevrall prebys are deficient, it is Recomendod to the sevrall prebys to pay their proportions of said money at their first Seder^t.

Expences of
M^r Darragh's
Lawsuite.

The Committee 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; Ardmagh, £19 : 12.

Debts Due upon
the Fund.

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 Strabane 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 : 6; 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 Congregaçon, £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; Belfast, £4 : 17 : 9d.

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

Item due to Gclan, £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 Vinicasb, £16 : 12, by Ardmagh Preby.

Supplications
from Cong^{ns}
on the Fund.

Then a supplicacōn from Sligo, a supplicacon from Turbett, a Suplicaōn from Glendevadoge, a Supplicⁿ from Drumfanaghy, a Suplicaōn from Athlone, a Suplicaōn from Moywater, setting forth the sinking state of these congr^{ns}, by reason of the Deficiency of the fund, were read, the Synod considering the sevⁿ supplicacons, appointed the Comittee of funds to meet at 8 to-morrow morning, and to resume the consideraōn 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, M^r Lang and M^r Nivin, be added to the Comittee of funds.

Drum

A Supplication from Drum setting forth the sinking state of that cong^m 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 comittees to meet at 7 tomorrow morning, and open Synod at 9 : Concluded with prayer.

Session: 4^{ta}.

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

Time and place
of next Synod.

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 preceeding years, and do approve it, and so doth this Synod.

Charity
to
Mrs Boyd.

M^r Hugh Wallace haveing been appointed to collect the Charity of the Sevⁿ Prebys for M^{rs} Boyd, reporte 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 w^h hath not paid their Charitable Contribution to M^{rs} Boyde, collect for her as soon as possible, and Transmitt the same to M^r Hugh Wallace for her use.

Location of the
Fund.

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

Protest
Explained.

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^t, M^r Boyse and M^r Choppin Explained themselves thus, that the design of their protest was only against comeing to the vote that night, it being late, and not ag^t the main question Subscribe or not.

This Synod agrees that our Treasurer pay our clerk one Shilling

out of R:D for each Min^r of this Synod, they to be refunded by their congr^s. Clerks fees

Longford was suplyed according to appointment of Last Gen^l Synod. They are now in a way of setlem^t.

M^r Gray haveing at Last Gen^l Synod Declared his resolution to to continue a member of the preby of Derry till this Synod, this case was now considered, and report was made that M^r Gray is not yett Installed in Usher's Key ; it was then moved that the congrⁿ of Usher's Key may be annexed to the preby of Ardmagh, 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. Usher's Key.
Anexed to
Ardmagh
Preby.

It was then Moved that the congr^{ns} of Caple Street and Plunkett Street may be annexed to Armagh Preby ; the motion was reason^d upon for some time, and the Synod considering that these congr^{ns} 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 M^r Iredell and M^r M^cQuay to apprize them of this Motion, which Letter they are to communicate to their Sessions and congr^{ns} if they shall in prudence see fitt, and they are to make reporte to next Synod ; after reasoning the vote was stated Approve this motion or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve ; and Coll^r Upton and M^r Hutchison are to write the said Letters. Letters to
Mr Iredell and
M^r M^cQuay.

All committees to meet at 3, Interloq^r at 5, open Synod at 7 *A Meridie*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis, June the 21st, Hor^a 7^{ma} after prayer, Seder^t

Sessio: 5^{ta}.

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

Mr. Alexander Hamilton gave in his Dimission of his charge of the Congrⁿ of Gallway, which, with the reasons of it was read : in them he setts forth that that congⁿ was intirely sunk ; also, a letter from the congrⁿ in Gallway was read : that letter setts forth the mallancholly 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 valueable for the support of a min^r among them, there not being above 8 or ten famyls of our perswasion in that place. The Synod considering this affair, and finding it impracticable that M^r Hamilton should stay in Galway in these circumstances, the vote was stated, accept M^r Hamilton's Dimission or not, and the vote being put, it caried unanimously accept it. Ordered that the Prebys who owe M^r Hamilton arrears upon the fund pay him Imediately. Gallway.
Mr Hamilton's
Dimission
accepted.

M^r Robert Thompson gave in his Dimission of his charge of the congrⁿ of Turbett, and the reasons of it, which were read ; in them he setts forth that that congrⁿ promised him but £15 per ann, and that they now owe him Three years of said promisses, and that there is £40 due him of the fund promised him for his Suport in that place ; also, a Mr Robert
Thompson
Dimission
Referred

Letter from M^r Teat and M^r Sim was read; in that Letter they sett forth that unless the fund promised to Turbett be duely paid to that place it will intirely 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 M^r Thompson's case be considered further in interloq^t.

Mr Dunlop's
Dimission
Accepted.

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

Comittees to meet at 8 tomorrow morning, Interloq^t at 10, open Synod at 11 : Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris, June 22^d, Horâ 11^{ma}, Ante Meridid, Sederunt.

Sessio: 6^{ta}

The Synod Entering upon the Consideration of the charitable Declaration, Two Overtures were brought in from the Comittee of Overtures, not as agreed upon by that Comittee, 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 Comittee to meet at 4, open Synod at six in the afternoone. Concluded with Prayer.

Die Veneris, June 22^d, Horâ 6, A meridie. Seder^t.

Sessio: 7^{ma}.

Charitable
Declaration.

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

Members of the select Co^mittee are M^r Drumand, M^r Masterton, M^r Aberneathy, M^r Hutchison, M^r Gilbert Kennedy, Capt. Hender-son, M^r Bruce, M^r Gray, M^r William Royd, M^r Ball, M^r James Cobham, M^r Weld, M^r Boyse and Coll^t Bryce. That Co^mittee 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 Seaton 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,

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The above mentioned leaf, which is wanting in this Volume, was lost at the time when the Rev. John Thomson of Carnmoney 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 Westminster confession of faith, as being founded on the Word of God, Res: 24.

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*.

Res: 3^d.

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, yett they desire to exercise christian forbearance towards their bretheren 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 disturbe 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. M^r Matthew Clerk and M^r John Stirling dissented from this Resolution, and desired that their Disseent might be Entered into the records of this Synod.

Res: 5th.

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 Bretheren, 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, M^r 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^r of Ministers to meet on Munday, at 10 of the clock, and open Synod at 4 *a meridie*. Concluded with prayer.

Sess: 9^a.

Die Lux: June 25, Horá 4^{ta}. A meridie. After prayer, *Sederunt*.

Charity to
James Henderson

The appointment Recomending James Henderson to the Sev^{al} Congregacions within the bounds of this Synod for their charitable assistance, was resumed, and M^r Hutcheson is to write to the severall prebys to acquainte them with the state of this case.

The affair of Belfast being resumed, it was moved that, whereas the Com^{rs} from Belfast had mett and conferred with the Bretheren whome they had desired to converse with, and had proposed an Expedient for Issuing 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 Com^{tee} are M^r James Bruce, M^r William Boyd,

M^r Hutcheson, M^r Aberneathy, M^r Shannon, M^r Craighead, M^r Smith, M^r Masterton, M^r Lang, M^r Fraser, M^r Hemphill, and M^r Stirling.

A Supplication from Ballynure was presented by Andr^w Laurimer, &c., Com^{rs}, setting forth their earnest Desire to be Erected into a distinct congrega^on. They sett forth that they will give undenyable Security for maintainance to a minister without dissabling neighbouring congrega^ons; appear'd also from Ballyclare, Francis Taggart, Com^r, suplicating that the people of Ballynure may be obliged to continue members of Ballyclare congrega^on; 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^l papers relateing 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^t the Execution of this sentence, and M^r Nivin joined in the protest.

Ballynure Erected.

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

Die Martis, June the 26th, Hora 10^a An. meridiem. After prayer Sed^t. Sess: 10^a

The Committee 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 Committee at Dungannon, that is, that the Persons who did not subscribe to the new Erection within the time appointed by the Committee shall be reputed Members of the other Two congrega^ons.

2. In case any Members of the other congra^ons shall desire to Joine the new Erection, or any of the new Erection to Joine either of the other congra^ons, they shall take the usuall 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, yett we earnestly and most seriously exhorte 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 aquiesced, and the Com^{rs} Dropt their appeal from the sentence of the Committee at Dungannon upon this affair.

Overture upon the new Erection approved

M^r Sam^l Smith, Comissioner from the new Erection at Belfast, moved that their peticon for their proporeon of the comon Stock belonging to the other Congr^{ns}, and of the cloaks, Palls, flagons, and cups,

&c., may now be considered. This Synod recomend 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 Min^{rs} and Gentlemen to assist them.

Synod's Fixt
Committee.

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

This Comi^ttee to meet at Dungannon; they are to be called by the Moder^r upon Emergents, and if any member here named can't attend his preby is to appointe another; and if the Joint Comittee of South and North be obldged to meet upon any Emerg^t, they are to be called by the Min^{rs} of Dublin, to meet at Newery.

Edenderry
Loosed from
this Synod.

A Supplication from Edenderry was read and managed by M^r Creghead, comissionated by that congr^s. They therein earnestly pray that the rela^on of their min^r and congraga^on to this Synod may be Loosed, and that the arrears of the fund due to them may be punctually paid. M^r Craighead, their Com^r, 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 Supplic^on; and as to the arrears of the fund, the Synod will endeavour to do Justice to M^r Anderson, as ffar as in their power.

Ballynure, &c.

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

Carrickfergus.

A Supplication from Carrickfergus, earnestly praying for some assistance towards building their Meeting-house, was read; allso a supplic^on from Drogheada to the same purpose, was read. The Synod recomends it, considering these supplic^ons, to all the congr^s within the bounds of this Synod to contribute to their assistance.

Adjourned to 5 *A meredie*. Concluded wth Prayer.

Die Martis, June the 26th, Horâ 4^{ta} A Merid.

Sees: 11^{ms}.

After prayer *Sed*.

Our Reverend bretheren, M^r Weld, M^r Boyse, M^r Stuart, and M^r Choppin, Correspondents from the Reverend Presby in Dublin, attended the sev^l Sessions of this Synod, and behaved themselves Discreetly, and were very usefull 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. M^r Hutcheson, M^r Lang, and M^r Abernethy are to write said Letter, and bring in their draught of it to this Synod, to be read and approvén.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Bellfast 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 alledged that neither of these two Congr^{ns} can subsist unless they be supported by the publick fund whereof no part can be disposed that way without great prejudice to the Congraons for the suport whereof it was designed, and whereas a great part of the newly erected Congr^{ns} belonged to Ballyeaston, and no due intimacon of this matter hath been given them; and, further, whereas it is suggested to us that veiv upon which this new Ereccion hath been carried on is a supposition that Ballyeaston would be Divided for the support of these two Congr^{ns}, whereof there no probabillity; and finnaly, whereas this Synod hath neither time nor oppertunity to inquire into the truth of these suggestions, therefore its Humbly overtured that this Synod appointe the preby of Antrim, with Corrspondents 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 M^r Willson by these of his people that Joine to the said Ereccion and their proportion of the desperate Debt Due to M^r Willson by the congragacon of Bellyclare, be paid before any Supplies be granted to the new Ereccion. After reasoning, the vote was sated approve this Overture or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve. M^r Choppin moved that the Clerk be allowed to give a Coppy of the minutes of this Synod to the Preby in Dublin. This was agreed to.

Overture upon
the new Ereccion
approvén.

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

The congragacon of Taughboine did supplicate that they may be

Taughboine. 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 applicaçon to them from the preby of Derry.

Derry. M^r Jo^s Morrison, M^r Anderson, &c., Com^{rs} from the congrāon 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 propper to disscuss that appeal now, but agreed to refer it to the next Gen^l Synod, and orderd that it be the first business that comes before next Gen^l Synod.

A referance from the Preby of Monnaghan of an affair depending before that Preby between the Congragāons of Monaghan and Clantuberate, a part of that congrāon was brought before this Synod. Clantuberat's Supplicāon for an Erection, and the reasons for it, were read. The reply of Monaghan and the rejoinder of Clantuberate, 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 putt determine this matter now or reffer it, and the question being putt, it carried Reffer. Then it was moved that the question be put whether we will refer it to the Synod of Ardmagh or to next Gen^l Synod, and the question being put, it carried reffer it to next Gen^l Synod.

The State of the fund as Left by the Synod is to be found after the Interloquit^r Minuets. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq^r. *Seder^t*. the Ministers of this Synod.

M^r Hair. It was moved that, whereas M^r 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.

Letters. M^r Boyse Read two Letters from our friends abroad about our affairs. It was moved, and agreed to, that Coll. Upton, Capt. Henderson, and M^r Weld write to My Lord Barinton, M^r Wallpole, and M^r Hamilton, and bring their draught to this Interloq^r. Said Letter to be subscribed by the moderater of this Synod.

It was Moved, and agreed to, that a Comittee be appointed to inspect the Treasurer's acc^{ts}, and M^r Lang, M^r Ried, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Henderson, M^r Higinootham, M^r Ross, M^r Humphry Thompson, and M^r Crook, M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Drumand, are to revise his acc^{ts}, and make report. These Bretheren being returned, make report that his acc^{ts} are very exact.

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

M^r Magahin and M^r Rutherford. Order'd that, If there be any additionall R. D. due to M^r John Magahin and M^r Rutherford, they shall be paid out of the first additionall R. D.; and withall, M^r Kirkpatrick, for further Light in

this matter, is to inspect the account of our late Treasurer, and send Acc^t to the Clerk, how far these two bretheren rec^d ordinary R. D., after their relaçon to this Synod was Loosed, that we may know how to adjust this matter fairly.

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

It was moved and agreed to that Breaky have a Double proporcon of ordinary R. D.; agreed that M^r Iredel have a double proportion of ordinary R. D. for one year, for his services to this Church in procureing acquittances for R. D. Breaky.
M^r Iredel.

It was moved that this Interloq^r may consider whether M^r Glasgow be intituled to any part of R. D., additionall or ordinary, in regard he never had charge of any congrāon, the vote was stated allow M^r Glasgow any share of the R. D. or not; it carried Not. M^r Glasgow

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

Interloq^r 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 severall 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 Majestie'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 y^e Greatest abhorrance we received the account that severall of your Mäties 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 wickèd conspireacy to raise a Rebellion in your Majestie's 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 continueing to preserve and Establish you thereon; by Discovering and Defeating all the wicked Devices and repeated attempts of your restless Enemyes. Wee cannot but ascribe these traitorous Practices to the Height of Infatuācon 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 secureing the many valuable Priviledges they enjoy under your Majestie's Just and mild administrācon, 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 severall 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 wth 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 Perniceous attempts of such as would subject a free Protestant people to Tyrany and Idolatry.

That He may Long preserve your Majesty to rule over these nations, Continue you a powerfull Guardian to the Prottestant 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^r agrees that M^r James Fleming, M^r Gilbert Kennedy, M^r James Bruce, M^r Biggar, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Fraser, M^r Aberneathy, M^r Livingston, Coll. Upton, and Coll. Brice shall meet at Belfast on the second Wednesday of July, and Draw a representation of our Grievances in the Prosecution of our People on account of their being married by our minisrs and other Particulars, and to Draw a petiçon thereon to the Government ; and this Interloq^r recomends it to the sevⁿ presbitarys to use their uttmost endeavour to procure some assistance in the speediest manner from each congregaçon, for one James Fulton, who was in Prison on a Public acct, and is to be tryed at Law. Every Presby is to have a Collⁿ for said money, and to Transmitt said money when collected to Coll. Upton or M^r M^cCracken, and they are to give an acct. how said money is Expended.

THE APLOTMENT OF THE FUND.

Belfast Preby	£	s	d	
is to pay	38	0	0	Thus to Kirkdonald, £4; Moyra, £5; Drogheda, £20; Dundalk, £8 : 10 : 0
Down	30	0	0	To Gallway, £11 : 4 : 0; Drogheda, £8; to Dundalk, £10 : 16 : 0
Antrim	31	5	0	To Gallway, £6 : 13 : 0; Drogheda, £3 : 15; Edendery, £9; Dunean, £5; Moywater, £2; Dundalk, £4 : 17.
Armagh	32	5	0	To Vinicash, £9; Lurgan, £15; Dundalk, £6; Drogheda, £2 : 5.
Longford	10	10	0	To Turbett. £10 : 10.
Auher	18	0	0	To Turbett, £9 : 10; Castleblaney, £8 : 10.

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; Clandevadoge, £1.
Colrairie	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 ^s .
Derry	25 : 0 : 0	To Sligo, £3; to Clandevadoge, £4; Dumfanaghy, £6; Movill, £10; Moywatter, £2.
Lisburn	4 : 0 : 0	To Drogheda, £1; Dunfanaghy, £1; 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 congr^{ss} 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 p^d 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^s; Banbridge, £1—

The £20, due to Sligo is to be paid thus: by Colrain 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 Synod by Preaching on Ps. 133.1, and after constut^{ion} by prayer, Sederunt, the Minrs and ruleing Elders:—

	Min ^{rs}	Elders.
Colrairie	Cha. Masterton, Mod. Mat. Clerk	Tho ^o Reid Arch ^d . Stirling

	Min ^{rs}	Elders.
	Robt. Haltridge	W ^m Stirling Gill.: Akin
	Hen. Neill	Ja ^s Wear
	William Boyd	Moses Dunlap
	Rob. Higinbothom	M ^r David Millar
	Jon. Porter	M ^r Gawin Steel Math. Longvill
	Jon Cochran	Fran. Ross
	Tho ^s Cobham	John Elder
	Ja ^s Thomson	Robt. Cochran
	Robt. Knox	M ^r John Orr
Augher	Robt. Colthert	W ^m Stephenson
	Bapt. Boid	Tho ^s Harvy
	Humphry Thomson	Alex. Willson
	Josias Cornwall	John Armstrong
	Alex. Fleming	Mich ^l Clerk
	W ^m Hair	M ^r Tho ^s Mercer
	Pat. Plunkett	John Stewart
	Tho ^s M ^c Claine	Fran. Scot
	Sam. Irwine	
	Sam. Hemphill	Robt. M ^c Allen
	John Carlisle	M ^r Greason
	Nath. Glasgow	Jo ^s Knox
Down	Ja ^s Bruce	Nath. Taylor
	Jon. Goudie	W ^m M ^c Kee
	W ^m Biggar	John Cox
	Ja ^s M ^c Alpine	Jam. Logan
	W ^m Smith	Rob. Gordon
	Jam. Reid	W ^m M ^c Quoid
	Arch ^d Dixson	M ^r Byare
	Tho ^s Nivin	Dan. Neill
	Fran. Mongomry	M ^r John Hathorn
	Nath. Orr	
	John Mairs	
	Hugh Williamson	
Tyrone	Hen. Crooks	Geo. M ^c Conchy
	Tho ^s Kennedy	Robt. M ^c Cullagh
	Jon. M ^c Cleave	Adam Dunlap
	Tho ^s Muligan	Ja ^s M ^c Creight
	David Tomb	David Bleakly
	Hugh Wallace	
	John Kenedy	M ^r Will Agnew
	Alex. Moor	John Jerdan
	Nath. Cochran	M ^r Will Rea
	Ja ^s Dykes	M ^r John Rainy
	Rob. Stewart	John Hanna
	Ja ^s Orr	Rob ^t Brady
Letterkeny	Sam Henry	
	Sam Dunlap	Alex ^t Billsland

	Cha. Lind	Tho ^s Ward
	Rob ^t Willson	Cap ^t Henderson
	Fran. Laird	M ^r John Henderson
	David Fairly	
	Jo ^s Cochran	
	Jo ⁿ Homes	
Derry præby	And Ferguson	Rob M ^r Kintire
	Will Cornwall	M ^r Will Band
	John Harvy	M ^r Hugh Thomson
	Tho ^s Winsley	W ^m English
	Jo ⁿ Stirling	M ^r Jo ^s Morrison
	Hance Stewart	Jam Colhoone
	Tho ^s Harvy	M ^r Will White
	James Wallace	Will Martin
	Sam Ross	M ^r Rob Wilson
	John Harvy, Jun ^r	M ^r Sam Smith
	W ^m Cuningham	Tho ^s Boel
Belfast præby	And. Crawford	M ^r Sturgeon
	Ja ^s Kirkpatrick	Geo. Beaty
	Jon. Riddell	John Linsey
	Rob. Sinclar	Jon. M ^r Clure
	Sam ^l Hallyday	Ja ^s Adams
	Cha. Seaton	
	Jo ^s Stewart	Alex. Willson
	Rob. Wirling	
	Mich. Bruce	Jon. M ^r Connell
	Sam. Harper	
	M ^r M ^c Quay	
	Pat. Bruce	
	Ja ^s Fraser	
Armagh	Jon. Hutcheson	Ja ^s Johnston
	W ^m Gray	M ^r Begnall
	Geo. Lang	Tho ^s Machlin
	Gilb. Kennedy	Will Maxwell
	Ja ^s Fleming	David Scot
	Ja ^s Johnston	Rich ^d Ferguson
	Ja ⁿ Moor	Jon. Stewart
	Rob. Gordon	Rob. Fraser
	Hugh Henery	Capt. M ^c Neal
	Pat. Simson	Robt. Campbell
	Jo ⁿ Campbell	Alex. Whitley
	Arch ^d M ^r Claine, Jun ^r	Sam Herron
	John Menoch	Mongo Oughtree
Strabane	Ja ^s Maxwell	Jas. M ^r Clelland
	Alex. M ^r Craken	
	Neh. Donaldson	
	Tho ^s Willson	
	John Henderson	

	Isaac Taylor	John Webster
	Jo ^s Hemphill	Tho ^s Sprowl
Longford	Jam. Tate	Hugh Herbertson
	Sam. Dunlop	W ^m M'Creight
	Rob. Thomson	Coll. Upton
	David Sim	John Archiball
	Alex. Hamilton	Joseph Hill
	And. Dean	Jo ^s M'Cullagh
	W ^m Patton	
	Ja ^s Bond	
Antrim		Jo ^s Brown
	W ^m Leech	Ja ^s Herbertson
	Alex. Brown	M ^r Jon. Shaw
	John Aberneathy	
	W ^m Livingston	John Millar
	Jo ^s Creighton	(92)
	Tho ^s Shaw	
	Tho ^s Willson	
	John Henderson	
	Sam Getty	
	Ja ^s White	
	Alex. M'Crackan	
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Moderator.

THE FORMER Moderator desireing that a new Moderator may be chosen, proposed a Leet of the Following b^{ns}, viz:—M^r Masterton, M^r Goudie, M^r John Harvy, Senior, M^r Robt. Halltridge, M^r Crooks, M^r Sam. Henery, M^r Josias Cornwall, M^r Clerk, M^r James Fleming, M^r Hutcheson, M^r Tait, M^r Leech, one of whom may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these Bretheren being removed, the vote was put, and M^r Masterton was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices, and this Synod unanimously agree to continue M^r Mackay Clerk.—

Clerk.

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

Prayer.

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. Interloq^r meet at 10, and open Synod at Eleven. Concluded wth Prayer.

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

Die Mercurii, 11 ante merid: post preces, Sederunt qui supra.

The severall prebys returnd the names of their members for the Committee as Follows :—

OVERTURES.	BILLS.	BOOKS.	FUNDS.
M ^{rs}	M ^{rs}	M ^{rs}	M ^{rs}
Mathew Clerk	Hen. Neil	Fran. Ross	Tho ^s Cobham
Robt. Haltridge	Jon. Porter	Jon. Elder	Rob. Knox
Robt. Higinbothom	Jon. Cochran	Josias Cornwall	Bapt. Boyd
Humph. Thomson	Robt. Coltheart	Pat. Plunkett	Tho ^s M'Caine
Alex. Fleming	W ^m Hair	Nath. Glasgow	W ^m Smith
Sam Hemphill	Sam. Irwin	Hugh Williamson	Arch ^d Dixson
Ja ^s Bruce	Jon. Goudie	John Mairs	Tho ^s Muligan
Ja ^s M'Alpine	W ^m Biggar	Fran. Montgomery	John Kennedy
Ja ^s Reed	Nath. Orr	Nath. Cochran	Ja ^s Dykes
Hen. Crooks	David Tomb	Rob. Stewart	Sam. Henery
Tho ^s Kennedy	Hugh Wallace	Jas. Orr	Cha. Lynd
John M' Cleave	Alex. Moore	David Fairly	John Harvy, Jun ^r
Sam. Dunlop	Robt. Willson	Jas. Cochran	W ^m Cuningham
Fran. Laird	W ^m Holmes	Hans Stewart	Pat. Bruce
John Harvy, Sen ^r	John Stirling	Rob. Wirling	Arch ^d M'Clain,
Tho ^s Winsley	Tho ^s Harvy	John Riddle	Jun ^r
Sam. Ross	W ^m Cornwall	Ja ^s Stewart	Pat. Simson
Ja ^s Kirkpatrick	Mich. Bruce	And. Crawford	Hugh Henery
Sam Hallyday	Rob. Sinclair	Jo ^s Johnston	Isaac Taylor
Cha. Seaton	Ja ^s Fraser	John Campbell	W ^m Patton
Jon. Hutcheson	Arch ^d M'Claine,	John Menagh	Ja ^s Bond
W ^m Gray	Sen.	Jo ^s Hemphill	Alex. Brown
Geo. Lang	Ja ^s Fleming	Rob. Thomson	And their Elders
Gilb. Kennedy	Ja ^s Moore	Sam. Getty	
W ^m Mackay	Rob. Gordon	Jo ^s Creghton	
Neh. Donaldson	Alex. M'Crackan	Ja ^s White	
David Sim	And. Dean	And their Elders	
Jo ^s Tait	Alex. Hamilton		
W ^m Leech	John Henderson		
John Aberneathy	Tho ^s Willson		
W ^m Livingston	And their Elders		
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The Following Bretheren were absent from last Synod, viz.—M^r Excused.
 Irwin, M^r Montgomery, M^r Nathaniel Orr, M^r Tomb, M^r John Campbell, M^r Arch^d M'Claine, Junior, M^r Teat, M^r Dean, M^r Simm, M^r Robt. Sinclair, the reasons of their absence were severally heard and sustained, and They excused.

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

Augher preby report, that M^r Sam^l Magachin, Died October the Dead 12th, 1722.

The preby of Colraine report, they have ordained M^r Francis Ross and M^r John Elder, May the 7th, 1723, and have entered, M^r John Orr, on 2^d Tryalls.

Ordained.

Down preby have ordained M^r Hugh Williamson, July the 31st, 1722, and have Entered M^r John Orr, on 2^d Tryalls.

Licenced and

Tyrone preby have Licenced M^r William Rea.

Letterkeny preby report, that M^r Robt. Cambell, died October the 5th, 1722, and that they have M^r William Henery, on First Tryalls.

Derry preby have Licenced M^r Andrew Ferguson, M^r John Thomson and M^r Hugh Thompson.

Entered on
Tryalls.

Belfast preby have Installed M^r Masterton in the Third Congregation in Belfast, and have Licenced M^r Tho^s Crawford.

Armagh preby have ordained M^r Menagh, August the 14th, 1722, and have entered M^r George Cherry on First Tryalls.

Longford preby have ordained M^r James Bond, February 20th, 1722/3.

Antrim preby have Licenced M^r Robt. M^oMaster, and have entered M^r Tim. White on 2^d Tryalls.

M^r McCracken.

ORDERED—That each preby take due care of the contribution allowed to M^r McCracken and M^r 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.

Derry appeal
referred.

From Londonderry appeared M^r Jo^s Morrison, Commissionated to prosecute an Appeal from the sentence of the Synod of Derry, in an affair depending between the congregation of Derry and the congregation of Muff, and from Muff appeared W^m Reed, &c., Com^{rs}, and from the Townlands of Bellyamill, Ballymagard and Cullmore appeared William English, Com^r, supplicating that this Synod may confirm the sentence of the Synod of Derry; the appeal of Derry congregation from said sentence was read, as also the reasons of said appeal, but the Synod of Derry not having 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.

Charity to
M^{rs} Boyd.

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

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

Sessio: 4th.

Die Jovis Horâ, 9 ante merid: post preces, Sederunt, qui supra.

The preby of Armagh report they have conversed with M^r 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 fitt to appointe the time when he shall be Installed, they are ready for their part to do their duty. This was refferred.

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

Appeared, from the 3^d Congræon in Belfast, Sam. Smith and John Young, Com^{rs}, they presented a supplicaçõn, complaining of sundry grivances, perticularly that the other Two Sessions in Belfast refused to give Dismisses to some persons who think they have a right to Joine with the said 3 Congræon, according to the Acts of this Synod; 2dly, that the said sessions, tho they have applyed to them once and again for their proporçõn of the coõmon Stock, and the benefitt of the Cloaks and and palls and utensills; yett they have given them no answer; 3dly, that they have been branded with the odious names of Schismaticks by their neighbours, and that these invectives have been printed by their means in Scotland, to their great Dissadvantage.

The 3^d
Congræon in
Belfast.

ALLSO—A Supplicaçõn from 5 persons in M^r Kirkpatrick's Congragæon was read; they complain that, tho' they have applyed to M^r Kirkpatrick and his Session, yett they have delayed to give them dismisses; the names of the above Supl^{ts} are Robt. Hay, Andrew Love, Adam Boyd, John Donaldson, Tho^s Millright: M^r Kirkpatrick made replys to the several perticulars complained off, as above, and endeavour'd to prove that none of them lay Imediately before the Synod, and further alleaged, that some of the perticulars 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 Dismisses and the supplicaçõn of the 5 persons comes regularly before this Synod or not, and the question being put it carried not.

Supplication and
complaint.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon: concluded wth prayer.

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

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

The reasons of M^r Stirling's Dissent from the 4th pacific resolution condescended upon by the Generall Synod which mett at Londonderry, June the 19th, 1722:—

Its matter of grieffe and the Deepest concern to me that I found myselfe under a necessity Last Synod which met 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 brñ. now actually in the miñry 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:—

The reasons
of
M^r Stirlings
Dissent.

REASON 1st—The 5 resolutions framed by the Committee to end our melancholy Debates, and to heal our unhappy Divisions so far as

Reas 1st

I apprehend were brought in as heads of agreement for these brñ. 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 declareing 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 brethern who differs from the Synod; they reasoned against it. The 2^d and 3^d resolution wherein the Synod declares its firm and constant adhereance 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 M^r Tho^s Shaw, and by non of the rest so far as I could observe: the reverend M^r 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 mutuall, other ways they are no agreements. If the Synod comes in to the 4th resolution to entertain them as members of this Synod, lts but reasonable they should have agreed to the first Three or at least to the 2^d and 3^d 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 sinfull than a Christian forberance to Indulge such. Its known to this Synod that none are ordained miñrs. of this Church, but such who in the most solemn publick manner owns our confession of Faith, and profess their adhereance 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 min^{rs} in this Synod who do refuse after their ordination to own our Doctrine and government when the Synod thinks fitt to call them to it: This is so far from being an inquisition or a piece of uncharitable Tyrany, that a godly min^r rather looks upon it as a priviledge to have an oppertunity to give satisfacon to all y^t Desire it with meekness and fear, especially when there's grounds of suspicōn that they are altered.

Reas. 2nd

REASON 2D.—These Gentlemen are altered in their Judgements 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 Min^{rs} 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 Comunion 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 verry 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 errs in fundamentals.

REASON 3^D.—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^r Darragh, when he renounced the Jurisdiction of the Synod, he was imediately deposed and excommunicated. I think it most unreasonable to entertain those as Members of our Judicatories who will not promise subjection to their Bretheren in the Lord, but with such cautions and Limitaōns 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 oblidged to retaine, tho' we may be reproached as bigots as weak and hot men. Further, these brū rather act like a faction in the Synod, then a part of it I am sorry I'me oblidged 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 skinning 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^t 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.

Reas. 3^d

REASON 4TH.—I cannot help believeing that their refusing to subscribe the West. Conf. of faith does arise from a dissatisfaōn 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 satisfāōn to many if they would declare themselves as to that of original Sin.

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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 brethⁿ had for peace, tho' they are like to produce as Little as the charitable declaraōn did, resolutions of such importance should not have been past in so great heast, 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 declaering Arts. of faith only in Scripture words and expressions

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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 forbearing 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 to 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 adhearance 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 subjection to the minry of our own non-subscribing Brethren, yet we earnestly and seriously exhort all of them to condescend as far as their conscience will allow them in adhering to their pastors; here the Synod supposes y^r non-subscription is not a sufficient cause for people to seperate from y^r min^{rs}, otherwise the Synod would not exörte people earnestly and seriously to adhere to them as far as conscience will allow. Those who scruple you allow them a liberty to seperate. I do not think this agreeable to presbyterian Government to people to seperate from their min^{rs} 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, exörte people to submit to their minry certainly, according to this if the people leaves their min^{rs} 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 congragacons 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 scruples 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 condensed upon, for tho' it may seem to bear hard 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 congraõns should be supported. Further, this resolution seems much to favour the Doctrine of personal perswasion in its greatest extravagancy.

Reason 6th.

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 owing 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 apeeches deceive the hearts of the simple." It seems to be a judgement from God upon us which ought to be humbleing

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 Gospel hereby much obstructed: the grossest imoralities that have fallen out among us has not done the harm to religion that this hath done, and the 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 Breth^{rs} retain their principles and vent their notions as they have done, I despair 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 fixt Committee; the arrears due to Edenderry are referred to the Committee of funds, they are to make report to the Synod.

M^r Frazer reports that many congregacons have not contributed to the building of Carrickfergus Meeting-house, the Synod recomends Carrickfergus it to all who have not contributed to that use speedily to collect for it, and to transmitt it to M^r Frazer. and

M^r Henery reports that they in Drogheda have got very little Drogheda. assistance towards the building of Drogheda Meeting-house; this was referred to Interloq^r.

The preby of Antrim report they called correspondents to assist them in the managing the cause of Bellyclare and Bellynure comitted to them by Lst General Synod: the resolution of the preby of Antrim with correspondents 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 Lst General Synod, erecting Bellynure according to the allowance given them by Lst General Synod in that case. Bellyclare and Bellynure.

From Bellynure appeared Andrew Lorrimer, &c., com^{rs}, 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 min^r: they further plead they have scruples of conscience against submitting to the minry of a non-subscribing min^r. From Bellyclare appeared John Woodside, Sam^l Wallace, &c., com^{rs}; their supplicacon was read; they earnestly pray that Bellynure may be continued a part of Belyclare congregacon; all partys were heard, and these com^{rs} being removed It was moved that the preby of Antrim ought to be removed, they being partys in this cause and after reasoning the question was put, are the preby of Antrim partys in this cause or not, and it carried that the preby of Antrim are parties. Then the com^{rs} from both parties were called, and the preby of Antrim were fully heard, and all parties were removed; the Synod came then to consider on the merits of the cause, and reasoned upon it for some time, and

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erected.

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^r Willson till the last day of June, 1723, before they gett any supplys; and it was moved we shoud further agree that all in the bounds of Belynure or Straid who are inclined to continue under M^r Wilson's minry shall be allowed to do so, and that those of Bellyclare y^t scruple submission to M^r Willson's min^{ry} 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 referred this matter and adjourn'd to 8 tomorrow morning—concluded with prayer.

Sess: 6th.

Die Ven Horá 8 Ante Meridiem post preces 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^r William Gray protested against adding said clause and desired that his protest may be entered into the records, and M^r Alex. Macrakan, Sen^r, M^r Hutcheson, Capt. Henderson, M^r Irwin, M^r Masterton, M^r Laird, M^r W^m Agnew, and Coll. Upton, joined in this protest.

Coll. Upton's
Appeal.

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 supplicacon was read by which it appears the design of it is to obtain a synodical recom^mendation to North Britain for some charitable contributions to finish the 3^d Meeting-house in Belfast; severall members haveing spoken on that head M^r Hallyday alledged he had seen a letter from a learned professor in Scotland signifieng that one of the comissioners from that congra^on who had been formerly in that country on that affair had at least in private conversacon suggested that the minrs of Belfast from whome that congregacon 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^r Hallyday took to be a grivous 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 comunion with non-subscribers on that 'score, several members complaining that what Coll. Upton now had 'alledged was a great injury done to their carracters 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 supplicacon which was first Tabled may be first considered the question was put shall the supplicacon 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 brethⁿ. The compl^t moved 'before they went out that no more of that pamphlett called the

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“Vindicacon,” &c. should be considered but what was now observed, unless they be present; after Coll. Upton, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Hallyday, M^r Michael Bruce, and M^r 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. Haveing concluded y^t Coll. Upton, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Hallyday, M^r Michael Bruce, and M^r 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 M^r Upton that M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Hallyday, M^r Michael Bruce, and M^r 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 referred to a book called the “Vindicacon,” &c., as a prooffe of his charge against those min^{rs}, 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, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r M. Bruce, M^r Hallyday, M^r Nivin, and no more, are to be lookt upon as partys in this cause from which resolution Coll. Upton appealed to next Generall Synod; 2^{dy} It doth not appear to this Synod from the evidence produced by Coll. Upton that M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Hallyday, M^r Michael Bruce, and M^r 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. 3^d 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 perticular. 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.

Reasons
of the
Appeal.

Sessio : 7th.

Books
Revised.*Die ven Horâ 4 A merid. post preces Sedert. qui supra.*

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.

Appeals discuss-
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Then the 3^d 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^{rs} who corresponded with that Synod and judged in that affair, viz^t., M^r Simpson, M^r Menagh, were removed ; also it was moved that Capt. M^cNeal M^r 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^cNeal or not, and it carried remove, and its agreed that James M^aAlen being Elder to M^r Menagh the other correspondent with that Synod shall be removed and also M^r M^cCrakan, Sen^t, 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^l 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 Defend^{ts} : Then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said first resolution or not, and it carried y^t he had reason to appeal by majority of voices.

Then the Synod came to consider Coll. Upton's 2^d appeal and the 2^d 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^{rs} 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 ans^{rs} and what was offered by both parties upon them ; and then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said 2^d 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 3^d appeal and the 3^d 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

sev^l parties and reasoned upon this cause for some time; then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said 3^d 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 Declaratōns but because the use they made of it at that time had a Tendancy to deprive our people who are against comūnion with non-subscribers of the benefitt of the 5th pacific resolution of the last General Synod mett in Londonderry which explicatōn was voted and approven—Adjourned to 8 in the morning—Concluded with prayer.

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

Orderd that each preby speedily pay what was promised to M^r Samuel Magachy and transmitt it to his widdow, and if any congraon 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.

Charity to
M^{rs}. Magachy.

All partys to the appeal were called and the aentance of the Synod was intimated to them upon which some members of the Synod of Belfast expressed their Dissatisfacon with these resolutions now read, and M^r 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 M^r Aberneathy, M^r Hallyday, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Nivin, M^r Mairs, M^r Tho^s Shaw, M^r Henderson, and M^r Harper, Min^{rs}, and M^r John Shaw and Capt. M^cNeal Elders, Desired that their protest against the said resolutions may be entered into the records of this Synod. These brⁿ 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 protestaōn in General without M^r Kirkpatrick's additional clause or not, and it carried not, by plurality of voices, and then M^r M^cAlpin 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 M^r Ja^s Bruce, M^r Hugh Henery, M^r Ja^s Reid, M^r Dickson, M^r Arch^d M^cClaine, Jun^r, M^r Simson, M^r Josias Cornwall, M^r Tho^s M^cClaine, M^r Plunkett, M^r Williamson, M^r Carlisle, M^r Donaldson, M^r Pat Bruce, M^r Cunigham, M^r Higinbothom, M^r Getty, M^r W^m Smith, Min^{rs}, and these Elders William Macquoid, Tho^s Sturgeon, Jo^s Hill, M^r Grycon, Ja^s Logan, M^r Byars adhered to this Dissent. M^r Upton moved that this Synod would asertaine the time when they would consider the merits of the cause upon which he had appealed. Its agreed that this Synod shall meet on Munday at 4 of the Clock after-noon upon this affair. It was further moved that it be asertaind 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

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Orderd M^r Higinbotham, M^r Humphry Thompson, M^r Cunigham,

M^r Sam^l Henery, M^r Tait, M^r Nivin shall inspect our Treasurers accounts and make report to the Synod—adjourned till Monday 4 in the afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio: 9th.

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

The Synod
of
Belfast
parties.

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^r 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 haveing judged in this cause allready, but this mocon was opposed by some members, and they alledged the Synod of Belfast had not given sentence in the merits of the cause, after long reasoning the Synod of Belfast haveing been fully heard were desired to remove till the Synod determine this matter, that Synod offered severall reasons and arguments why they should not be judged partys in this cause and then withdrew, and after long reasoning the vote was put admitt the Synod of Belfast to judge in this Tryal or not, and it carried not by a great Majority. M^r Tho^s M^r Claine, M^r Donaldson, M^r Arch^d M^r Claine, Jun^r, M^r Josias Cornwall, M^r Higinbothom desired that their Dissent from this vote should be recorded.

Protest
not
allowed.

Then the Synod of Belfast was called and this intimated to them and M^r Dickson desired that his protest in his own name and in the name of all who shall adhere to him in behalfe of the priviledges of the Synod of Belfast against this last vote, may be enterd into the records of this Synod and against all proceedings of this Synod dureing their exclusion, and M^r James Bruce, M^r M^r Calpin, M^r Smith, M^r Reid, M^r Williamson, M^r Simson, M^r Patrick Bruce, min^{rs}, and these Elders, William Maquoid, M^r Byars, M^r John Shaw, M^r Robt. Willson desired y^t their adherence to said protest may be recorded: Capt. M^r Neal allso 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^r Tho^s M^r Clain, M^r Arch^d M^r Clain, Jun^r M^r Donaldson desired that their Dissent from this vote may be recorded.

Dissents
entered.

M^r Michael Bruce moved in the name of all the Defendants that this Synod would give an explicacon of the sense of the 2^d resolution of this Synod upon Coll. Upton's 2^d appeal, and then it was moved that the Synod adjourn, and this being opposed by severall 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.

Sessio: 10th.

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

The above Mocon by M^r Bruce was again considered and the matter reasond at some length, and the question was put, Explaine now or not, and it carried Not by a great majority—partys 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 moōn, and they were called accordingly, but they declined to sitt and judge in this cause unless this Synod declare they have a right so to do, upon which the mocon was Dropt.

M^r Kirkpatrick moved in the name of the Defendants that in order to their 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; partys 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^{ts} and the question was put approve this resolution or not, and it carried approve, *nemine contradicente*.

M^r 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^{ts} have ye same right, and in pursuance of said right they do except against M^r Mathew Clerk, M^r Gilbert Kennedy, M^r J^{os} Morrison, and all those min^{rs} and elders whose sessions had sent supplicacons to this Synod in the year 1721; as to M^r 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^r 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^{ts}, and they offered to read a manuscript which they said was his sermon in proof of what they alledged. M^r Kennedy signified his willingness to have his sermon read but to make matters easy said that in his oppinion, 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 referred untill the Synod hear and consider all the other excepcions the Defendants have to offer against any of those who are to be their Judges in this cause, because severall other members are excepted against by the defendants as Dissqualified to judge upon this particular evidence; this was agreed to as to M^r 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^r 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 Communion with them, tho' he loves their persons. M^r Ross was called upon as an evidence ag^t M^r Morrison. M^r Ross freely answered that he

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never heard as far as he remembers, any person say he heard M^r Morrison drink such a health, but he heard M^r Morrison deny it, in presence of M^r Davy who was said to be present when such a health should have been drank by M^r Morrison & that M^r Davy seemed to acquiesce in what M^r Morrison said.—Adjourned to 4 afternoon—concluded with prayer.

Sessio : 11th

Die Martis horâ quarta A meridie post preces sedert. qui supra.

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Exceptions
against
their Judges
Discussed.

The Defts. having excepted against these Min^{rs} 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 excepcion against min^r and elder of said congraon. & upon reading the supplicacon from Killraughts, they dropt their excepcions as to the min^r and elder of said congraon; and the supplicacon from Londonderry being read they dropt their excepcion against M^r Ross; then the supplicacons from Belykelly, Donnaghmore, Convoy, Achalow, Kinard, Baillyborough, Clendevadoge were read and the Def^t argued from these supplicacons that the min^{rs} and Elders of said congraons should be excluded from Judgeing in this cause; and the supplicacon from Taughboin not being found M^r Kirkpatrick alleaged 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^r Higginbothom was adduced as an evidence to prove this and M^r Higginbothom being called, averrs the truth of it. They then more expressly excepted against M^r Laird, Capt. Henderson, M^r Morrison, M^r Baptist Boyd, and his Elder, M^r Simm and his elder, M^r Gray, M^r Stirling and his Elder. M^r Matthew Clerk was heard what he had to offer why he should not be excluded from Judgeing in this cause; M^r Laird was heard, and Capt. Henderson was heard, M^r Bapt. Boyd was heard, and M^r Symm was heard; they dropt their excepcion against M^r Symm, but insisted upon their excepcion against John Davison, M^r Symm's Elder; M^r Symm was also heard and they dropt their excepcion against him and his elder: they dropt their excepcion also against M^r Stirling; after hearing him M^r Gray was also heard; he denies that the above-said expression was in the supplicacon from Taughboyn. M^r Higginbotham being again called averrs that the said expression or words to that effect are in the Supplicacon from Taughboyn; partys being removed except M^r Gilbert Kennedy, the exceptions against whome are to be tryed afterwards The Synod came to consider the Excepcions against the above named persons on acct. of the Supplicacons from the severall Sessions, viz^t:—M^r Laird and Capt. Henderson, M^r Bapt. Boyd, and Tho^s Harvy his Elder, and John Davison M^r Simm's Elder, M^r Irvine and his Elder, and M^r 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 contradicente*. Then the Synod considered the excepcions brought against M^r Clerk and after some reasoning, this Synod upon the evidence

given by the Defend^{ts} unanimously agree to exclude M^r Clerk from Judging in this cause; then the Synod considered the excepcons given in against M^r Morrison, and after reasoning the vote was put Exclude M^r Morrison from Judging in this cause or not, and it carried not by a great majority; as to M^r Gilbert Kennedy he wav'd his priviledge of judging in this cause.

The Reverend M^r 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 M^r Alex^r Cairns, D^r 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 preces Sederunt, &c. Sessio: 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:—M^r Taylor, Jun^r, M^r Tho^s Willson, M^r Clugston in regard that these breth^m have not an opportunity to make their defences, the parties being removed the Synod unanimously resolved that the said three non-subscribing breth^m 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 M^r Gilbert Kennedy who has waved his priviledge, the defend^{ts} moved that he might not be allowed to speak in this cause unless he join Coll. Upton in the prosecution: the Synod agreed to this Mocon, and M^r Kennedy is allowed to joyn Coll. Upton. Capt. M^cNeall moved that he ought not to be excluded from judging in this cause; he was heard what he had to offer, and the Synod considering their former vote exeluding Capt. M^cNeal, 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^{ts} 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 severall 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 declareacon 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^{ts} that he would explain more peticularly the principle with which he charges them: for they alledge that the above principle is ambiguous and may admitt of two different sences: Either, first that no declaracon or confession of faith except in words of Scripture only, ought to be

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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 2d^{ly}, 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 *ēim* with both these senses or if he charges *ēim* 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. Partys being removed, the Synod considered this motion 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, M^r Tho^s McClaine, M^r Arch^d McClaine, Jun^r, M^r Donaldson Dissented from this vote and the partys were called and the sentence intimated to them. The defend^{ts} 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. Horá 3 A Meridie—after prayer *sederunt qui supra.*

From a newly erected congragon at Newton appeared Jo^{sh} Thomson Comissioner suplicateing that this Synod woud send supplies to that congragon 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 M^r James Hamilton; the the preby of Armagh by M^r Gordon for August; preby of Antrim for 7^{br} by M^r William Murdagh; Agher for October by M^r Glassgow; Belfast for 9^{br} by M^r Frazer and M^r Stewart; Derry for December by M^r John Cochran; Down for January, Strabane for February by M^r Cadow; Coleraine for March, Tyrone for Aprill by M^r Dick; Letterkeny till next General Synod by M^r William Blair.

The Synod resuming the affair in dependance between Coll. Upton and the defend^{ts}, they the said defend^{ts} were heard; they offered their plea to the ambiguity of the charge given in against them in writeing which was read and they desired that their plea shu'd be entered into our records: partys 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 ascertaine the sense of this General proposition wherewith they charge us viz^t: that no declareacon of faith, creed or confession of faith in human words meerly or the words of fallible men is or can be a Test of Orthodoxy, or terms of ministeriall communion in this church, which proposition we have shown to be so ambiguous as to admitt of contradictory meanings whereby perplexity and confusion may be occasioned

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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 Defend^{ts} therefore answer that if the above-mentioned proposition be understood in this sence that no Declaracon or 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 qualifie them for admission to the ministry in this church, then they the Defend^{ts} allow Coll. Upton and M^r Kennedy to adduce their evidence under the limitations to be hereafter menconed to prove that these Defend^{ts} have vented and maintained said principle in the said sence : if the proposition is to be understood in the following sence, that no perticular 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 Defend^{ts} answer that the accusacon is not relevant that is to say it does not infer censure 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 senses, then the Defend^{ts} 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 Defend^{ts} answer they can make no defence till that sence be declared either hy the prosecutors or the Synod, but whereas the prosecutors declared that their propoision did not mean nor glance at what is comonly 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 satifing to his ordainers, altho' the explanacon is not sufficient yett since the Synod have refused to require any further from the prosecutors the Defend^{ts} are willing to proceed reserving to themselves the liberty of Demanding a more full explicscon which may appear necessary in the course of the tryall : the Limittacon with respect of the evidence allready referred to is this, that no evidence shall be admitted against them here but such as was offered to the Synod of Bellast, because such only should be brought to the Synod on the Appeal and because they have a right of the comon 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 Def^t 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 referred to a book Intitled the "Vindicacon, &c." and desired that the 21st page of said book might be read; then the Def^t alledged that he ought to prove that they the said Def^t 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 manner he thinks fitt; the Def^{ts} 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 produceing 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 produceing evidence by a great majority, M^r Tho^s M^r Claine M^r Arch^d M^r Claine Jun^r and M^r 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 prosecutors observ'd severall 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 prosecutors 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.

Good
old
Way.

Evidence
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Then the Prosecutors referred to a pamphlett called "The good old Way," but the Defts. objected against reading that book, alledging that it had not been adduced upon the Tryall of this cause at the Synod of Bellfast. M^r Upton therefore adduced M^r Alexander Hamilton to prove that it was adduced at that Synod. M^r 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^r Upton desired that M^r Frazer may be called and he was called accordingly and declares that he heard M^r Upton mention the "Good old Way" as an evidence in the cause dureing the time of that Tryall before said Synod. Then the Defts moved that M^r 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 aduced M^r 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^r Seston 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 Belfast: then the prosecutors desired that the 12th and 13th pages and a part of the 14th page of the book intituled 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 permitt them to Differ
"and which therefore cannot be the vitals or essentials of religion,
"shoud not occasion any breach, allienation of affection or excommu-
"nicating 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 replied to this last plea and both prosecutors and defendents were heard. Adjourned to 8 in the morning—concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Herá 8 ante merid : roll called ; after prayer—*Sed^t &c.* Seasio 14th

The Defend^{ts} moved that their plea to this 2^d 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 Writeing, and to take notice in our records that such a plea was read; and partys being called, the Defts brought in their plea which was read: they therein alledge that the charge of the prosecutors out of the "Good old Way" is contrary to Scripture, to the 27th article of the 1st Chap^r and the 2^d article of the 26th Chapt. of our Confession of Faith and to reason, and yt they maintaine the above principle as cited out of the "Good old Way" to be a true principle agreeable to Scripture, reason, and our Confession 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^r Higginbothom, M^r Tho^s M^rClaine, M^r Donaldson and M^r Arch^d M^rClaine Jun^r Dissented.

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2^d
Plea.

Then the prosecutors desired that the 1st pacific resolution of the General Synod mett in Londonderry 1722 may be read and the prosecutors alledged that the Defts not voteing in passing said resollution proves that the Defts do maintaine the above principle wherewith the prosecutors charge them: The Defend^{ts} replied to this plea and offered their defences and whereas Coll. Upton alledged that M^r 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^r William Boyd was called, he declares he does remember there was some debate between M^r Henderson and him about the consistancy of human composures with the perfection of the Scriptures and says that M^r Henderson did alledge that subscribing Human composures argued the imperfection of the Scriptures or words to that effect Then M^r Henderson desired that M^r Boyd might be asked if he could remember that he expressed himself to this purpose that the resolution as it stood in these words appeared to him to do so. M^r Boyd said that he could not charge his memory with respect to M^r Henderson's expressing these words; then Coll. Upton adduced M^r John Stirling as an evidence in this case. M^r Stirling declares that M^r Henderson argued that subscribing Human composures was inconsistant with the perfecon of the Scriptures. M^r Stirling was further interrogate if he remembers the very words uttered by M^r Henderson on that argument: M^r Stirling answered that M^r Henderson said that that resolution argued the imperfection of the Scriptures: he was further interrogate if M^r Henderson proposed it as a scruple or used it as an argument, and M^r Stirling replied he used it as a medium. Then M^r Henderson called M^r Patrick Bruce; he declares he does not remember whether M^r Henderson proposed it as an argument or used it as a scruple: then M^r Henderson desired that Capt. M^rCullagh may be

Resolution
in
Derry
Quoted.

Evidences.

Examined.

called, and he was called, and declared that M^r Henderson offered some things as Difficulties against coming to that resolution. M^r Simson declares that M^r Henderson said that the resolution as it there worded does argue the imperfection of the Scripture. M^r Cuninghame declares that M^r Henderson said he hopes the Synod does not intend to derogate from the perfection of the Scripture. M^r Fraser being interrogate, declares M^r Henderson said he could not agree to that resolution because that resolution appeared to him to argue the imperfection of the Scripture. M^r Henderson desired that M^r 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^r Henderson spoke anything further on that subject. He answered he did not remember that M^r Henderson did so much as attempt to justify the argument he had advanced. M^r 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^r John Shaw, who being called, declared that M^r 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 himself allowed that it could not be expected they should; to which Coll. Upton agreed, and further that M^r Boyse spoke also to the same purpose.

The General
Synod's Fixt
Committee.

The several Prebys returned the names of their Members for General Synod's Fixt Committee, as follows:—For Down Preby, M^r Will: Smith, M^r Montgomery, M^r Williamson, and M^r Hugh Wallace Elder; Coleraine, M^r William Boyd, M^r M^rBride, M^r Knox, and M^r Gawin Steel, Elder; Tyrone, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r Nath Cochran, M^r Tomb, M^r William Agnew Elder; Armagh, M^r Lang, M^r Mackay, M^r Moor, and M^r M^rMullan Elder; Derry, M^r John Stirling, M^r Thomas Harvy, M^r Ross, and M^r John Harvy Elder; Letterkeny, M^r Sam. Henery, M^r Vance, M^r Lyn, and M^r John Henderson Elder; Longford—M^r Robert Thompson, M^r Dean, M^r Bond, and M^r John Willson Elder. Antrim—M^r Leech, M^r Brown, M^r Getty, M^r Pat. Agnew Elder; Strabane—M^r Isaac Taylor, M^r Hemphill, John Willson Elder; Belfast—M^r Masterton, M^r Hallyday, M^r Pat. Bruce, M^r Robt. Willson Elder,—Augher; M^r Alexander Fleming, M^r Hemphill, M^r Bapt. Boyd, Capt. Robt. Willson Elder—15 of whome 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.

Sessio 15th

Die Jovis horâ 4 a. merid. Roll called—after prayer. *Sed^t &c.*

The affair in dependance being resumed the prosecutors moved that they would proceed to adduce their evidence to prove that the Defts. are Authors or abettors of the pamphlett called the "Vindicacon," &c., or that they Espouse the principles of said book quoted by the prosecutors. The Defend^{ts} alledged 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 comenced, 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 Br^a 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 Harvy and M^r Tait are to converse with them and make report to this Synod. These Breth^a being returned, report that the partys 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 y^r just right which they could not depart from, and the prosecutors insisted upon their plea as above. Partys 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 Ja^s Fleming, M^r William Boyd, M^r James Moore, M^r Ross, M^r Lang, M^r Tait, Capt. Henderson.

No new
Evidence
allowed.

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 Augher 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.

Augher and
Longford
United.

It was then moved that the congragacon 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 Horâ 8 Ante Merid. post preces Sederunt qui supra. Sessio 16th.

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 y^r 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

1. Resol.

that pties 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 M^r Tho^s M'Claine, M^r William Smith, M^r Pat. Bruce, M^r Simson, M^r Arch^d M'Claine Junior, Min^{rs}, and M^r 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 lett in errors and heresies into this church; then the question was put approve this resolution or not, and it carried approve; *nemine contradicente*.

2 Resol.

Then the 2^d Resolution was read, and after reasoning it was read again, and it was moved that the partys be heard upon this resolution: this mocon being oposed, the question was put, hear the partys or not, and it carried not by a great majority, and M^r Tho^s M'Claine, M^r Donaldson, M^r Arch^d M'Claine, Jun^r, M^r Simpson, Capt. M^cNeall, M^r John Shaw and M^r Byars desired that their dissent from this vote may be entered into our records.

The Resolution is in these words—Resol. 2^d—Tho' it may be alledged that Candidates for the Ministry by words of their own may declare their faith to the satisfaction of their ordainers, 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 2^d resolution or not, and it carried approve by a great majority, M^r Pat. Bruce dissented from this vote and desired that his dissent might be entered into our records.

3^d Resol.

Then the 3^d 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 mocon being opposed the question was put, call in the non-subscribers or not, and it carried not by a great majority, and M^r James Bruce, M^r Pat Bruce, M^r Simson, M^r Tho^s M'Claine, M^r Arch^d M'Claine Jun^r, M^r John Shaw dissented from this vote. The 3^d Resolⁿ 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 comunion 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 perticular; and the Synod further declares that we do not hereby intend to justify the pamphlet

intituled an Acet of the Mind of the Synod, or a reply to dugaels paper; then the question was put, Approve the said resolⁿ or not, and it carried approve by a great majority.

Then the 4th Resollution was read and after reasoning, was read again, and it was moved that the partys 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 resolⁿ for some time. The Resolution is in these words: Resol. 4th: "Whereas the defend^{ts} insisted upon it as their right that no evidence should be adduced against them but only those which had been menconed 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 General Synod: Then the question was put Approve said resolution or not, and it carried approve." Resol. 4th.

From the newly erected congregacon near Taughboyn appeared David Maky &c com^{rs} 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. Taughboyn.

From the old Congregacon of Taughboine appeared Robert Willson, Ja^s Moor &c com^{rs} 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 Committee 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^r Gray shall be installed in Usher's Key on or before the last Wednesday of 7^{br}. 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 whome 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; Strabane 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. Taughboyn.
Supplys.

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^r Kirkpatrick, M^r William Boyd and M^r 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. Letter to
Dublin
Preby.

This Synod considering the toil and trouble our clerk hath had doth order our Treasurer to pay him Two Shills for each Min^{ut} 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 M^r Willson are paid.

All Business
referred.

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 reffer 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.

Interloquiter: sederunt Pastores.

This Interloq^r took into consideracon the case of some of our people who are sufferers for their nonconformity: after reasoning, this was refferred to the Committee of Overtures.

It was moved and agreed to that M^r William Cornwall shall have his share of ordinary R. D. from Midsummer, 1723 and forwards, and he is to return an account of what expences he was at in the Lawsuite comenced by M^r 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^t, that whereas it is represented that M^r Hawthorn's charges amount £31, and James Fullton's to £24 sterling, that the sum of £50 be apploted on the severall prebys for the payment of said sum.

M^r Kirkpatrick read a representacon of the case of our people who are prosecuted in the Ecclesastical courts; said paper is in M^r Kirkpatrick's hands.

Orderd that M^r Robt. Thompson have a double porcon of ordinary R. D. for another year.

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

Orderd that each preby shall pay their arrears to Drogheda with all possible speed, and that the severall min^{rs} shall use their intrest with such of their people as trade to Dublin to contribute to the building of Drogheda meeting-house and each min^r shall make a collection with previous intimacon for their assistance within six weeks.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Preby.		Antrim Preby.	
W ^m Gray	Alex. Reed	Jon. Henderson	Capt. M'Cullagh
George Lang	Tho ^s Purdy	Ja' White	Mat. Templeton
Gilbert Kennedy	Jas Youngson	Josias Clugston	Jon M'Brien
Ja ^s Fleming	Johu Paxton	Tim. White	Robt. Willson
Rob. Rainy	Jon. Alison	Rob. M'Master	
Ja ^s Johnston	Jos. Kelly		
Ja ^s Moore	Jon. Campbell	Coleraine Preby.	
Rob. Gordon	Robt. Davison		
Hugh Henery	W ^m Anderson	Mat. Clerk	Hugh Owins
Pat. Simpson	Sam Vance	Hen. Neil	Tho ^s Reid
Arch ^d M'Clain Jun ^r		Sam. Dunlop	W ^m Stirling
John Menagh		W ^m Boid	John Smith
W ^m Mackay		Rob. Higginbotom	Tho ^s Wallace
		John Porter	John Howie
Strabane Preby.		Robt. M'Bride	Hugh Hamilton
W ^m Holmes	Manasse Fenton	Jon. Cochran	Gawin Steel
Ja ^s Maxwell	Tho ^s Porter	Tho ^s Cobham	John Brown
John Ball	Moses Beard	Rob. Knox	Jas Brown
Neh. Donaldson	W ^m Woods	Fran. Ross	Ja ^s Willson
Alex. M'Crakan	Jos. Graham	John Elder	Dav ^d do
Isaac Taylor	Nath. Kidd	John Orr	Moses Dunlap
Jos Hemphill		Alex. M'Crakan	Mat. Campbell
			David Fulton
			Tho ^s Small

Moderator
chosen.

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

Clerk.

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

Committees.

For the more orderly managing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several prebys are to return the names of their Members for the sev^l Committees, viz^t :—for Overtures, for Bills, for revising the books of the sev^l Sub Synods, and for the fund, to next Sed^t.

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. Interloq^t to meet at 10, and open Synod at Eleven—Concluded with prayer.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Die Mer Hora 11, *Ante Merid. post proces Sedt. &c June* 17th

The several Prebys returned the names of their members for the several Committes, as Follows:—

Overtures.	Bills.	Books.	Ffund.
Thomas Kennedy.	Hen. Crooks	Math. Cochran	Tho ^s Mnligan
Hugh Wallace	John M'Cleave	Robt. Stewart	John Kennedy
Alex. Moor	David Thom	Jos Orr	Jos Dikey
John Aberneathy	Ja ^s Creighton	Jos. Clugston	Tim. White
W ^m Livingston	Tho ^s Shaw	Ja ^s White	Will. Leech
John Henderson	Tho ^s Willson	Tim White	Dav ^d Sym
Humphry Thomsson	Sam ^l Hemphill	Robt. McMaster	Jo ^s Bond
Alex. Fleming	Tho ^s M'Clean	John Carlisle	Pat. Plunket
W ^m Hair	Robt. Thomson	Sam. Irwin	Hugh Williamson
Bapt. Boid	William Patton	And. Dean	Robt. Gordon
Ja ^s Bruce	Tho ^s Elder	Tho ^s Nevin	Archd M'Clane
Sam. Shannon	Fran. Montgomery	Jon. Mairs	Pat. Bruce
W ^m Biggar	John Gaudie	Jon. Orr	Sam ^l Henery
Hen. Hamilton	James Fleming	Robt. Rainy	Robt. Willson
John Hutcheson	Ja ^s Johnson	Ja ^s Moor	W ^m Cunigham
George Lang	John Menagh	Jon Ruddle	Hen. Neil
Gilb. Kennedy	Arch ^d M'ClainSen ^r	Tho ^s Craford	Jon. Porter
Will. McKay	Ja ^s Cobham	Ja ^s Stuart	Tho ^s Cobham
Will. Gray	Chas. Seaton	Jon. Hastings	Alex. M'Crakan
And. Craford	Robt. Smelar	Pat. Vance	Isaac Taylor
Jo ^s Kirkpatrick	Mich. Bruce	Jos. Cochran	
Sam Hallyday	Cha. Lyn	Han ^s Stuart	
Cha. Masterton	John Holmes	Ninian Cochran	
Seth Drumand	John Harvy	Robt. Knox	
Sam. Dunlap	Major Murray	John Elder	
Fran. Laird	Will Cornwall	John Orr	
Tho ^s Winsley	Robt. M'Bride	Jos. Hemphill	
Sam. Ross	Sam ^l Dunlop		
Jo ^s Wallace	Jon. Cohran		
Mat. Clerk	Ja ^s Maxwell		
W ^m Boid	Neh. Donaldson		
Rob. Higginbothom			
W ^m Holmes			
John Ball			

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

Mr. Nivin.

M^r Nivan 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 capitally 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 sence the Jews may be said to blaspheme Christ in denying him to be God.

It was then moved that M^r 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 M^r Nivin should be read and after long reasoning this was agreed to and the paper was read accordingly, and this matter was refferd to next Sederunt.

Mr Nivin's
Letter read.

Adjourned to 4 *A. Merid.* Concluded with Prayer.

Se-sio 3^{ua}

June 17. *Horá 4^{ta} post merid. Sed^t. post preces. qui Supra.*

M^r Nivin's affair was resumed, and it was moved yt he shoud withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly, and the Judgement of several members was asked as to the manner of trying and issueing this affair, and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that the members who have taken offence at M^r 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 perticularly M^r Sam. Henery, M^r Gray. M^r William Boid, M^r M^cBride, M^r Thomas Kennedy, M^r Gilbert Kennedy are to meet as a Comittee to draw up said words in writing; but at the same time said members shall not be accounted for so doing as accusers of M^r Nivin or be precluded from giveing judgement in this affair. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning—Concluded with Prayer.

June the 18th. *Horá 9^a Ante Merid post preces Seder^t. &c.*

The Charge
against
M^r Nivin.

The Comittee appointed to draw up an account of the Matters that are offensive to many members of this Synod in M^r 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, M^{rs} Sam. Henery, W^m Gray, Tho^s Kennedy, Gilb. Kennedy, Rob. M^cBride, and W^m 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. M^r Tho^s Nivin's just now published and publickly ownd by him, directed to the Rev^d M^r W^m Smith, of Ballee; together with such other expressions as he dropt in defence of said Letter, do with concern, observe,

Articles
against
M^r Nivin.

1st That he gives us an account (p. 3) of an Affidavit made by William Hanuntington, Tho^s Kennedy, & Solomon M^cBride, in which said persons Depone that said M^r 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^r Nivin freely acknowledged before the Synod, Wee beg leave to observe that said words are highly disshonourable 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.

2^d Wee begg leave to observe that the evasion made in his letter (p. 5) viz^t: that he only said it was no blasphemy in them, viz^t. 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^t: that he said that it is no blasphemy to say that Christ is not God. For as he represents it, he limited it expressly to the Jews, they swear that he expressed it indefinitely or universally, viz^t: 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 Dilema viz^t: either to question the truth of M^r Nivin's evasion, or to deny the veracity of s^d 3 Depth.

3^{ly} We 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^r Nivin's own evasion (p. 5) where are these words, 'that then it was urged, was it not blasphemy in them, viz^t: the Jews, to deny Christ to be God,' to which, says M^r 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 admitt of such a restriction as is mentioned by M^r 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.

4^{ly} 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.

5^{ly} 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.

6^{ly} We 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, becomes railing; and undecent expressions to his Majty's Justice of the peace (p. 9) as also to the Gentlemen who upon oath had declared what had passed in Conversacon, 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 Common 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 M^r Nivin be called to be heard upon them.

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

Time and place
of Next Synod.

The Next Meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon on the 3^d 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 shoud be considered in the first place at this Synod, the Synod therefore entred upon the consideration of that affair.

Taughboin.

From Taughboin appeared M^r John M^cClinto, Rob. Willson, &c., Com^{rs}; these Com^{rs} and the preby of London Derry were heard, and after reasoning, it was agreed that the preby of Derry and these Com^{rs} together with a Committee of the following Breth^{rs} viz: M^r Ja^s Bruce, M^r Hutcheson, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r Robt. M^cBride, and Capt. Henderson shall meet and conferr together upon this cause, and the above named Com^{rs} are to bring in an overture upon it to this Synod.

Adjourned to 5 *a merid*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta}

Die Jovis June the 18th, Horâ 5^{ta} A Merid. post preces, Sederunt, &c.

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

Absts.

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

These following Bren are absent, and are not excused, M^r Smith, M^r Dixon, M^r Ja^s Reed, M^r Brown.

Licensed.

Monaghan preby report that they have Licenced M^r John Hill and have M^r W^m Faires on 1st Tryals.

Ordained.

Colrain preby report that M^r John Mairs died June 25, 1723, and that they have ordained M^r John Orr, 8^{br} 29, 1723.

Down preby have ordained M^r John Orr, Jan. the 6th, 1723/4, and have entered M^r John Gaudie on 1st Tryalls.

Belfast preby have ordained M^r Tho^s Craford, June the 10th, 1724, and M^r John Hasty, June the 11th, 1724.

Ardmagh Preby have Licenced M^r Geo. Cherry, and have M^r James Allin on 1st Tryalls.

Antrim preby have ordaind M^r Tim. White, August the 8th, 1723 ; and M^r Robt. M^cMaster, March the 10, 1723/4, and they report that M^r Gety died Feb. 27, 1723/4, and they have entered M^r Ja^s Ardis and M^r William Thomson on 1st Tryalls.

Strabane preby report that M^r Sam. Halyday Died in Feb. last, 1723/4.

The affair of Taughboin being resumed, the Committee appointed to conferr with the preby of Derry and the Com^{rs} 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^{rs} from Taughboin.

The Overture is in these words, "The Committee appointed to con-
fer with the Rev^d preby of Derry on the one side, the old congregacon of Taughboin on the other, haveing 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 declareing a concern that any of their members should have given offence to the Rev^d 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 sence of their fault, which appears to us by their readiness to accept of a general Acknowledgment of the injury done them, and declareing their resolution to concurr with every demand which they apprehend might be for the advantage of that valueable congregation. 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 exorted to subject themselves will all cheerfullness, and our Rev^d bren of the preby, we hope, will readily concurr 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 Congracon of Taughboin ; and its further agreed that M^r M^cBride 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^r Cornwall.

M^r Kirkpatrick protested against the vote approveing the above Overture, and desired that his protest may be entred into our records : and M^r Halyday, M^r Harper, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Aberneathy, M^r Shaw, M^r Mairs, M^r Henderson, M^r Clugston, M^r Tho^s Willson, Min^{rs} and Coll. Brice, Capt. M^cCullagh, and Pat. Getty, Elders, joined in the protest.

From the North side Congracon of Taughboin appeared M^r Ja^s Edminston, Com^r supplicating that this Synod may confirm the sentance

Overture upon
Taughboin
Affair.

Agreed to

Protest.

of the preby of Derry in their favour in relation to the bounds and members of their congregaon : the Synod considered this supplicaon, and agreed to it.

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

It was moved that a paper from the North Side congregaon of Taughboin which was read in this Synod last year, and whereof M^r Gray got the cobby may now be read : after long reasoning this was reffered.

Adjourned to 9 mane ; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6th.

Die Ven. Hora 9^a Ante Merid. post preces, 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 severall Psalms, do recomēd it to the sev^l Members of this Synod to encourage said proposealls as much as they can.

Mrs Magachin. 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^r due to M^r Magachin by the promise of this Synod for 2 years before he died, and this Synod also recomēds that 1s 6d from each min^r be continued to Mrs Magachin for one year.

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

Paper from
North Side
of Taughboin

It was moved again that the paper from the North Side Congⁿ of Taughboin should be read, and after reasoning, it was read accordingly, and sev^l bren haveing spoke upon that affair, M^r 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.

Protest.

M^r Mich. Bruce dissented from said vote and protested ag^t it, and Capt. M^cCullagh joined in that dissent and protestaon 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 putt 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.

M^r Thomas M^cClain protested against said vote and M^r Aberneathy, Protst.
 M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Hallyday, M^r Henderson, M^r Shaw, M^r Thomas
 Wilson, M^r Simson, M^r Mairs, M^r Harper, Coll. Brice, William
 M^cQuoid, Pat Getty, Sam Thompson, John Johnston joined in the
 protestacon.

It was moved by some bren that whereas M^r Pat Simson takes a
 History in shorthand of what passes in this Synod that this practice is M^r Simson.
 offensive to sevl brethrn that this Synod may consider this affair; this
 was referred; adjourned to 5 *Amerid*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven—June the 19th Hora 5^{ta} Amerid post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 7^{ma}

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

The motion made at Last Sed^t that this Synod may consider M^r
 Simaous practice in takeing a History in shorthand of all that passes
 in this Synod was renewed sevl bren declared that it is offenaive
 to them after long reasoning this matter was referred to a select
 Committee. viz^t M^r James Bruce, M^r Masterton, M^r Hutcheson, M^r
 Aberneathy, who are to bring in an overture upon it to-morrow
 morning. Adjourned to 8 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Die Sat June 20th Hora 8^a ante merid post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 8^a.

From the newly erected congregacon in Newton appeared M^r John Newton.
 Thomson, M^r John Wirling Comm^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may
 supply them for another year and that this Synod may appoint a
 Committee 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^r John Cochran, and M^r William
 Boid, Letterkeny the month of August By M^r Lind, Derry the month
 of 7^{br} by M^r John Thompson Strabane the month of 8^{br} Monaghan
 9^{br} Ardmagh x^{br} by M^r Reid Tyrone January by M^r John Kennedy
 Antrim, February, Belfast March, Down Aprill 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 Congregacon of Taughboin appeared James Moor Taughboin.
 Comm^r supplicating that this Synod may appoint them some supplys
 and that a Comittee may be appointed finaly to determine their settlemt,
 if their affairs shall require it. The Synod considering their applica-
 tion 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 settle^t the General Synods fixt Co^mittee is
 finally to determine their cause.

The Preby of Monaghan represented to this Synod that they had

Mr Sims.

loosed M^r Sims relacon to the congregacon of Ballyburrogh that he had rec^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 M^r Sims relacon to this Synod or not, and it carried agree.

Mr Nivin.

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

Adjourned to 3 on Munday afternoon, concluded with prayer.

Sessio 9th.

Die lunae June 22 Hora 3^{tia} a merid post preces, Sed^t &c.

Ordered that the sev^l Preby^s return the names of their members for the Gen^l Synod's fixt Committee to next Sed^t.

The brethⁿ who were appointed to gett a cobby of M^r Nivin's answer report that they have not finished their cobby: they sett forth that M^r Nivin was indisposed on Saturday afternoon, and could not attend them. Ordered that they gett their cobby finished against next Sed^t and that it be lodged with the Clark of this Synod: this affair was referred to next Sed^t.

Synod Books
Approven.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Ardmagh 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: orderd 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 unvited till this Synod see fit to alter that appointment.

Monaghan preby
Moywater.

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

M^r Pat Bruce gave in his reasons for his Dissent from the Resolution of Last General Synod which are *in retentis*.

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

Sessio 10^a

June 20th—Die Mart. Hora 9^a Ante Merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

The sev^l prebys returned their members for the General Synod's fixt Committee as follows:—

General Synod's
Committee.

For Monaghan preby, M^r Teat, M^r Eleming, M^r Hair, M^r Bond, and M^r John Willson Elder. For Down preby, M^r M^cAlpin, M^r Reid, M^r Dixon, and M^r Trail Elder. Tyrone preby, M^r Hugh Wallace, M^r Tomb, M^r Cochran, and M^r William Agnew, Elder. Letterkeny preby, M^r Robt Willson, M^r Linn, M^r Fairly, and M^r Laird, Elder. Derry, M^r Will. Cornwall, M^r Tho^s Harvy, M^r Strawbridge, and Alderman Macky Elder. Belfast, M^r And. Crawford, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Sinclair, and M^r Sam. Smith Elder. Ardmagh, M^r Hutcheson, M^r Gordon, M^r Mackay, and M^r Ja^s Johnston, Elder. Strawbane, M^r Maxwell, M^r Hemphill, and Dav^d Deny Elder. Antrim, M^r Leech, M^r Henderson, M^r Ja^s White and Coll. Upton Elder. Colrain, M^r Porter, M^r Boid, M^r M^cBride, and M^r 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 min^{rs}.

From a major part of Dromore congregacon appeared Robt. Hamilton, Tho^s Ingram, Com^{rs} supplicating that they may be annexed to the preby of Down, and they offer'd sev^l reasons to support their supplication; and from a minor part of said congregacon appear'd M^r John Magill Com^r supplicating that the congⁿ of Dromore may not be annexed to the preby of Down, and offer'd sev^l 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.

M^r Mich. Bruce dissented from this vote, and desired that his dissent might be entered into our records, because he thinks that every Christian Congⁿ has a Right to choose what Preby they will subject to as they think most for edificacon; and M^r Halyday and Capt. M^cCullagh joined in the Dissent.

Adjourn'd to 3 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Mart. 23^d June, 3^{tia} a. merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Sessio 11.

The Synod entring upon the consideracon of the Complaint tabled against M^r Nivin, the 1st Article of the charge drawn up against him as above was read, and then M^r Nivin read some preliminary observacons, which he thought necessary to illustrate his defence, and then read his answer to the first Article of the charge; and the Comittee who were appointed to mannage in that affair made sev^l replyes, and after long reasoning it was moved by M^r Nivin that the question be put whether the first Article relating to the Deposition be cognizable by this Synod; but it being alledged that there is a conexion between the first and the 2^d 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, M^r Nivin upon this, dropt his mocon and consented to proceed to the 2^d Article.

Mr. Nivin's
1st Article.

Then the 2^d Article of the Charge against M^r Nivin was read and M^r Nivin read his answer to it, and the members reasoned a considerable time upon this Article, and after both M^r Nivin and the managers

were fully heard, M^r Nivin ownd that said Articles are a sufficient ground of Process against him. It was moved that we reffer the further inquiry into the truth of the 2 first Articles and the tryall of them and the affid^t to the preby of Down, with such corres^{ts} 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^r Nivin censurable at this time, this Synod is not to be understood by the above resolu^{on} to preclude themselves from proceeding thereupon : then the question was put, refer the 2 first Articles and affid^t as above limitted, or not, and it carried reffer : then it was moved that the question be put approve the above explicacon of the sence of the Synod upon the above resolu^{on} or not, and it carried approve.

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 12.

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

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

34 Article.

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

Adjourned to 4 afternoon, concluded with prayer.

Sessio 13.

Die Mer. June 24 : Hora 4^{ta}, A merid. post preces, sed^t &c.

M^r Nivin's affair was resumed and he was heard again upon the 3^d Article and allso the Committee appointed to mannage that affair were heard and after reasoning it was moved that the Synod come to this resolution that this proposition refferd to in the 3rd article of the charge against M^r 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^r 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^r Nivin being removed the question was put, approve the above resolution or not, and it carried unanimously approve, then M^r 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 he declared his sence of the above proposition in the following words—

34 Article.

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 revileing our blessed Saviour so I had expressly declared against y^t sence 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 sence I did and do condem it as much as any member of this Synod, then the Synod came to this resolution that they do reffer

the further inquiry into and the trial of this article to the Preby of Down with such corresp^{ts} as this Synod shall appoint.

Then the fourth article of the charge against M^r Nivin was read 4th Article. and he read his answer and the managers replyed 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 &c. Sess 14.

M^r 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 6^{ta} A Merid post preces Sed^t &c. Sess 15.

The Synod resumed the consideration of M^r Nivin's affair and the 4th Art: of the charge against him was read and he read his answer to it and the Committee replyed to his answer and this Article was reasoned upon for a considerable time. M^r Nivin offer'd that blasphemy coming from the Jews in denying Christ to be God does not come within the spear of human laws and upon a debate arising on M^r Nivin's explication of these words M^r 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 Committee agrees with him to be contained in that part of the letter viz^t 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 offerred whether M^r Nivin's proposition as thus explained in the 8th page of his letter be a relev^t ground of process or not, also another question was offred viz^t 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 2^d question shall be put and it carried that the 2^d question shall be put.

Then it was moved that the question be put whether that proposition in the 8th page of M^r Nivin's letter viz^t. 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 9^a Ante Merid post preces Sed^t &c Sess 16th.

M^r 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.

5th Article.

Then the 5th Article of the complaint against M^r Nivin was read, and he read his answer, and the managers replied, and after reasoning, it was moved by the managers that M^r Nivin should make a declaration of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and they alledged his making such a declaration would be for the glory of God, the edification of this Church, and would in a great measure remove the offence he had given. This motion was reasoned a long time, and M^r Nivin declined to comply with it: he alledged 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 sinful.

Then the question was offered whether we think it our duty for the glory of God, the Edification of this Church, and M^r Nivin's own Vindication to require that M^r 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^r Nivin's own Vindication to require M^r 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.

Protests.

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

M^r 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^r Nivin gave in his answer in these words: Before I went out, I declared it to be my judgem^t that to make any such declaration in my present circumstances when I was under prosecution as if I maintained the contrary error was directly sinful, 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 disbelief of that doctrine of the Supreme Deity of Christ.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. June 26, Hora 5^{ta} a merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 17th.

Many Members of this Synod moved that in regard M^r Nivin refused to make any declaration of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ that they have not freedom to sitt in Synod with him, or to be any further concerned in his tryall. M^r Nivin was heard, and after reasoning a question was offered, seeing M^r Nivin has refused to make a declareacon 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 comunion with him the said M^r Nivin, and proceed any further in his tryall or not, and the question being put, it carried not by a great majority.

M^r Nivin

M^r Kirkpatrick dissented from and protested against this resolution, and desired that his dissent and protestacon may be entered into our records, and M^r Aberneathy, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Hallyday, M^r Tho^s M^rClain, M^r Shaw, M^r Henderson, M^r Clugston, M^r Harper, M^r Simpson, M^r Donaldson, M^r Arch MacClain Jun^r, Ministers, and Coll. Brice, Capt. M^rCullagh, 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 comunion with M^r Nivin, notwithstanding the resolution of this Synod, excluding him, which they look upon as unjust & unwarrantable because convicted of no scandall.

Protest.

M^r Nivin was called, and the sentence of the Synod was intimated to him.

M^r Robt. M^cBride desired that his sence of the above vote may be entered into our records in the following words:—Altho' I had voted, I was not free to allow M^r Nivin to sitt in Synod who had decluied 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 awfull impressions of the fear of the Great God, yett my voice is not to be constructed as if I unministred all those who are of different sentiments from me in point of Church Government; for I allow the clergy of the Established Church and these of the independant thought to be min^{rs} of the Gospill, but do not think that these sev^l denominations of min^{rs} could probably, during their conscientious diff^r sentiments in point of Church Government rule the Church of God together to God's glory, and the edificacon of souls: and many other brethⁿ declared themselves to be of the same sentm^{ts} with M^r Macbride in this point.

The Defendants in the cause depending before this Synod wherein Coll. Upton is prosscutor, 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^{ts} 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 gon 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 resoluton or not, and it carried Approve.

Minutes being read,

Concluded with prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dnngannon, June 15, 1725.

The Rev. M^r James Teath, Mod^r to the former Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Jer. III. 15, and constituted the Synod by prayer, and the roll being called, Sed^t:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Down Preby.		Armagh.	
Jo ⁿ Stirling, Mod.		John Hutcheson	M ^r Brown
James Bruce	Tho ^s Crooks	John Wilson	
John Gaudie	Jon. Bryson	Geo. Lang	Jo ⁿ Smith
Henry Hamilton	Tho ^s Mulligan	Gilbert Kennedy	Rob. M ^c Calman
James M ^c Alpin	Will. Reid	Jam. Fleming	Will. Acheson
Fran. Montgomery	Jon. James	Rob. Rainey	Jo ⁿ Paterson
Nath Orr	Jon. Fraser	James Johnson	Jon. Fysher
Jo ^s Orr	Jon. Mairs	Will. Mackay	Jon. Tod
		Jam. Moor	Jon. Irwin
		Rob. Gordon	M ^r Moor
		Hugh Henry	Jo ⁿ Hill
Tyrone.		Arch. Maclain Jun ^r	
Henry Crooks	Henry Espy	Jon. Menoch	M ^r M ^c Cleland
Tho. Kennedy	M ^r M ^c Mullan		
Tho. Mulligan	Will. Fleming		
David Tomb	Jam. Campbell	Strabane.	
Hugh Wallace	Jon. Campbell		
Jon. Kennedy	Will. Ker	Jon. Ball	Geo. King
Nath. Cochran	Jam. Stirling	Nehem. Donaldson	Jas. Hemphill
Jam. Dykes	Edward Adams	Jos. Hemphill	Will. M ^c Dowel
Robt. Stewart	Alex. Thomson		
James Orr	John Nicolson	Antrim.	
	Tho ^s Gilpin		
		Alex. Brown	Jon. Montgomery

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Letterkeny.		Antrim.	
Sam ^l Henry	Rob. Gorrel	Jon. Aberneathy	Arch ^d Brown
Sam ^l Dunlop	James Paterson	Will. Livingston	Tho. Parker
Rob. Wilson	M ^r Stewart	James Creightown	Sam Park
Fran. Laird	M ^r Thomson	Tho. Shaw	Jam. Hill
David Fairley		Tho. Wilson	Jo ⁿ Tagart
James Cochran	Will. Adams	Jo ⁿ Henderson	
Jon. Homes	Moses M ^c Intyre	Tim. White	
		Rob. M ^c Master	
Derry.		Coleraine.	
Thomas Winsley	Rob. Wilson	Math. Clerk	Arch ^d Stewart
Will. Boyd	M ^r Scot	Rob. Haltridge	Fergus Smith
Tho ^s Harvey		Henry Neil	John Wilson
Samuel Ross		Saml Dunlop	M ^r Dunlop
Ninian Cochran		Rob Higginbottom	Jo ⁿ M ^c Ga
And. Ferguson Jun ^r		Rob. M ^c Bride	Rob. Giviu
		Jo ⁿ Cochran	M ^r Gawin Steele
Belfast.		Thos Cobham	John Stirling
And. Craford	John Linsey	James Thomson	M ^r Murray
Jam. Kirkpatrick	Jo ⁿ Ferguson	Rob. Knox	John M ^c Roberts
Char. Mastertown	M ^r Saml Smith	Jo ⁿ Eldar	William Dunlop
Jam. Cobham	Jo ⁿ Hasty	John Orr	Geo. Meek
John Riddell	Will. Magill	Sam. Irwin	John Cullon
Sam ^l Halyday	James Smith	Sam. Hemphill	And. Paterson
Char. Seaton	Jam. Clagharty	And. Dean	Hen. Cook
Tho. Macquay	M ^r M ^c Intyre	Will. Patton	Capt. Wilson
Jam. Stuart	Will. Bell	Jo ⁿ Carlisle	M ^r Dennison
Michael Bruce	M ^r Sinclair	Jam. Bond	M ^r Donaldson
Pat Bruce	Thos Boyle	Nat ^l Glasgow	
James Fraser		Jo ⁿ Algeo	
Tho. Crawford			
Jon. Hasty			
Monaghan.			
Bapt. Boid	Tho ^s Harvey		85
Jam. Teath	Dav ^d Beaty		
Alex. Fleming	Elias Rutherford		
Will. Hair	M ^r Johnston		
Robt. Thomson	Jam. Campbell		
Pat. Plunket	Alex. Wadsworth		
Alex. Hamilton	Adam Henry		
Tho ^s M ^c Clain	Tho ^s Johnston		

M^r Alex^r M^cCrackan Sen^r Rich^d Colston Elder.

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The former Mod^r desiring that a new Mod^r may be chosen a Leet Mod^r Chosen. of the following Bretheren was proposed, that one of them may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, viz^t M^r Crooks, M^r Gaudie, M^r Sam^l Henry, M^r Humphrey Thomson, M^r Math. Clerk, M^r Jam. Fleming M^r John Stirling, M^r Will. Livingstone, M^r Tho^s Winsley; and these Bretheren being heard and removed, and the vote put, M^r Stirling was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices, and this Synod unanimously agreed to continue M^r Mackay Clerk, and M^r Geo. Lang is to assist him. Clerk.

For the more orderly managing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, it was moved and agreed to that the several Presbys shall return the names of their members of the several Committees viz^t 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.

Sessio 24.

Die Mer. Juno 16 Hora 10 Ante Merid Sed^t qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

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

Absents
Excused.

These following Bretheren are absent from this Synod and are excused for reasons now offered viz^t M^r William Smith, M^r Thomas Elder, M^r John Mairs, M^r M^cClure, M^r Drumond, M^r Laird, M^r Vance, M^r And. Ferguson Sen^r. M^r John Harvey Sen^r, M^r Malcom, M^r Robert Sinclair, M^r Arch^d M^cClain Sen^r, M^r Charles Wallace, M^r Cherry, M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Isaac Taylor, M^r William Taylor Sen^r, M^r James White, M^r John Porter, and M^r Robert Coltheart.

Not excused.

These following Bretheren being absent are not excused, viz^t Mes^{rs} Hugh Williamson, David Fairley, James Wallace, Major Murray, William Cuninghame, Thomas Strawbridge, Francis Iredell, Robert Craighhead, Patrick Simson, William Homes, James Maxwell, Alex. M^cCrackan, Jun^r, Will Leech, And. Dean.

Ordained.

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

The Presby of Down report that they have entered M^r John M^cMurray on 2nd tryals and that they have M^r John Gaudie Jun^r on 1st tryals.

Died.

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

Antrim Presby have licensed M^r James Ardys and they intend to enter M^r John Moorhead on 1st tryals.

Strabane Presby have on 1st tryals M^r Joⁿ Homes, and M^r Robert Cuninghame.

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

Dead.

Tyrowen Presby report that M^r Alex^r Moor dyed July 8th 1724 and that they have entered M^r John Mowat on first tryals.

Belfast Presby have entered on first tryals M^r Robt. Thomson and M^r James Dalrimple.

The clerks of the several Presbys are to collect 5s. 6d. from Charity. each minister for M^{rs} Magachin, M^r 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 Sed^t.

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. of next Synod.
Adjourned to 5 *a merid*: concluded with prayer.

Die. Mer Juno 16, Horã 5^{ta} a merid. post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 3^{ta}

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 M^r Will. Boid in Taughboin on the 25 of April last.

The reasons of a protestation offered against M^r Nivin's exclusion from ministerial 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, Com^r, supplicating that this Turbet. Synod may fall upon some proper expedient for supporting their minister: he setts forth that M^r Thomson their minister had given in his dimission on account of the discouragement he labors under thro' deficiency of the fund. M^r Thomson's dimission was read, and this matter was referr'd.

From Narrowater appeared John Smith Com^r: he setts forth the Narrowater sinking state of that cong^{ra}. particularly that they are not able to pay one half of the Quota they promised to their minister. This was referred.

From Newtown appeared M^r John Thomson &c Com^{ra} supplicat- Newtown. ing that this Synod woud allow them monethly supplies till next General Synod. And in case they call a min^r 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 cong^{ra} at Combar appeared M^r Alex. Mon- Combar. gomery, Jam. Paterson &c, Com^{ra} 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^d 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.

Sessio 4th.

Die Jovis, June 17 Hord 8^a Ante Merid Post Preces Sed^t &c.

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

General Synods
fixt Comm^{es}

For Down M^r Biggar, M^r Nathan^l Or, M^r John O^r, and M^r Hugh Wallace Elder. Tyrowen M^r Mulligan, M^r Dykes, M^r James Or, & James M^cMillan, Elder. Letterkeny M^r Fairley M^r Vannce, and M^r John Laird Elder.

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

Belfast, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Sinclair, M^r And^m Crawford & M^r Jo^s Ferguson Elder.

Armagh, M^r Hutchison, M^r Jam. Johnston, M^r Mackay & M^r Jam. Johnston Elder.

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

Antrim, M^r Lecch, M^r Henderson, M^r Jam. White & Capt. M^cCullogh Elder.

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

Monaghan, M^r Hum. Thomson, M^r Alex^r Fleming, M^r Irwin & M^r Scot Elder.

They are to be called by the Mod^r upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon fifteen to be a quorum 12 whereof to be min^r

Monyrea.

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^r Black, M^r Jam. Or, &c. Comm^{rs} supplicating that the Rev. M^r Alexander Hamilton may be settled among them as their min^r.

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

Monyrea.

All parties were fully heard and removed and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that M^r Teath, M^r M^cBride, M^r Kennedy and Cap^t Wilson go out and converse with M^r Kyle and to treat with him to fall in with the majority & in case they cannot prevail with M^r Kyle they are to converse with Cap^{tn} Hanningtown and to treat with him and his party to drop their design of calling M^r 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^cCreight 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 employ him. M^cM^cCreight.

A supplication from M^r Sam^l Hemphill was read wherein he sets forth the great deficiency of the fund promised to that cong^o this was referred to the Comm. of Overtures.

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

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

Adjourned to 5 afternoon.—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Horá, 5^{ta} a merid post preces, Sed^t &c.

Sessio 5^{ta}.

The Comm. appointed to confer with M^r Kyle and Capt^l Hannington, both of Monyrea, brought in their overtures upon that affair, which was read and after reasoning it was read again, and is in these words: "We who were appointed to converse wh the several parties concerning the affairs of Moneyrea, haveing used what diligence we were capable of in that matter, do find both parties so fixed in their own opinion that that there is no ground to expect any compliance with one another: the Lesser party will not yield to M^r Hamilton's settlement there, the greater party are constantly and unanimously resolved to have him settled among them, and do promise uduenyable security for £30 P ann. with turf and oats, and Cap^t Hanningtou promiseth three pounds P ann. over and above sd thirty pounds during his own life and will settle said three pounds P ann. on the cong^o for ever. So that upon the whole, we humbly 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 M^r Hamilton whom they so earnestly desire, (provided they give satisfactory security to the preby of Down for their quota) that M^r Hamilton may be settled among them with all convenient speed, and that such of the lesser party who can- Monyrea.

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 approvén.

Urníe.

A supplication from part of the cong^a of Urnie was read, setting forth that a part of their people have greatly injured their cong^a 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^r Homes his settlement among them. The Synod considering this case, agreed to refer it to the preby of Strabane with these correspondents viz^t. from Derry preby, M^r John Harvey, M^r Major Murray, and from Letterkenny preby M^r Laird, and M^r 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.

Sessio 6^{ta}.

Die Ven. Horá, 9^a ante merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Fast.

An overture was brought in by the Comm. of Overtures that a fast day shall be observed by all the cong^{na} within the bounds of this Synod on the first Wednesday of August next. This the Synod agreed to and appointed M^r Jam. Bruce, M^r Hutcheson, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Livingston, M^r Teath, and M^r M^cBride 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 transmitt to our clerk: agreed to.

Subscribers and Non Subscribers to meet by themselves.

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 Bretheren and their elders, and the non subscribing Bretheren 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.

Drumore.

From Drumore appeared Robert Hamilton John Beard &c Comm^{ra} prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Armagh in relation to their settlement with M^r 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^{ra} 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 examine the affair of Drumore without putting the above question or not? and it carried not proceed without putting the above question from w^b vote M^r Abernethy, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Shaw M^r Halyday, M^r

Henderson, M^r Higginbotham M^r Thos Wilson, dissented. The Comm^{rs} 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 Judicatorie 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 Councils sho'd 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 requiring 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 lawful, 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^{rs} Subscribing Rob^t Hamilton John Beard Adam Keatley, Jam. Ker, Geo. Woods.

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

Die Saturni June 19 Hora 9 Ante Merid post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 7^{ma}

The affair of Dromore being resumed Cap^t John Magill &c. Commissioners from the minor party of Drumore congregation presented a supplication earnestly desiring that M^r Colvill may not be settled in Drumore for that it is against their consciences to submit to his ministry. The Commissioners from Drumore 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 Drumore from the Sub Synod of Ardmagh first, and it was moved by others that the Synod ought to consider M^r Colvills and the people of Drumore's conduct first and after reasoning the following vote was put shall we enter upon the discussing the appeal of Dromore or upon M^r Colvill's and the people of Dromore's conduct first and it carried enter upon the consideration of M^r 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 M^r Colvill and the Comm^{rs} 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 M^r Masterton, M^r Liviston and M^r Boyde, are to draw them up in writing.

M^r 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.

Belturbitt.

The affair of Belturbitt was resumed and parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning, the vote was put, shall we accept of M^r Thomson's dimission or not, and it carried accept, *nomine contradicente*, and all the prebys that are indebted to M^r 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 £ ann. out of the fund during their vacancy, and their whole proportion when settled, and this is to be paid by their own preby.

Plunket Street

The Rev^d M^r 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 totime desire, till next general Synod, and particularly that M^r 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 adjoyn'd 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 8^a

Die Lunæ, Jun: 21, Horâ 3^{tiâ} a meridie post preces—Sed^t &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 Sed^t.

Adjourned to 9 tomorrow morning: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 9^a

Die Martis, Horâ June 22, 9 ante merid. post preces; Sed^t &c.

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

M^r Robt Wilson.

M^r 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 M^r Wilson and M^r M^cCrackan, speedly to make said collection, with previous intimation the Sabbath before.

Charity.

The Synod considering the necessitous case of Jane Smith and Mary M^cKee, 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 approvén.

The Synod considering the distressed condition of Oliver White do recommend him to the several cong^{ns} within our bounds.

From Clontubrit appeared Geo. Meek & Com^{rs} supplicating for an erection at Clontubrit. They set forth that they will give £27 ^{Clontubrit.} ann. and 30 Barrels of Oats to a min^r and from Monaghan appeared Will. McMoran desiring that that matter may be referred in regard their min^r is absent, and that they had not timely notice. It was moved that the Synod wo'd 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 ministers and Elders to be members viz^t M^r Dickson, M^r Montgomery, Hugh Dickson Elder M^r Mulligan, M^r Nath^l Cochran, M^r James Or, and Hugh Bigham Elder M^r Fairley, M^r Lind, and Cap^t Henderson Elder M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r And. Ferguson Jun^r and M^r William Baird, Elder M^r Harper M^r Fraser, and M^r M^cTeer Elder, M^r Hutchison M^r Rainey, M^r Johnston, and M^r Quintin Scot, Elder, M^r Joseph Hemp-hill M^r Donaldson, M^r Isaac Taylor and William Cook Elder, M^r Alexander Brown, M^r Joseph Clugaton, M^r Robert Wilson Elder, M^r Higginbothom M^r Fran Ross, and Robert Givin Elder M^r Bapt. Boid, M^r Humph. Thomson, M^r Samuel Irwin and M^r 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 quorum 10 whereof to be ministers.

A supplication from the congⁿ of Vinicash, was read setting forth the weakness of that Congⁿ & 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^t £9 ^{Vinicash.} annum dureing their vacancy and that the said fund be paid by the Preby of Armagh, & by the same cong^{ns} which formerly paid it except Newry instead whereof Donoghlonny is to pay to Vinicash.

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

Adjourned to 4 afternoon concluded with prayer.

Die Mart Hor 4^{ta} a merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

Seasio 10^{ma}

The Synod considering the distressed case of Jam. Wilson do recommend 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 M^r 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 virtually issued by M^r 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 M^r Colvill's and the people of Drumore's conduct first.

Drumore.

The affair of Drumore being resumed these Commr^s appeared viz^t John Beard and Adam Heatly they moved in name of their cong^{ra} that this Synod would consider their appeal first, and so resume our vote past on Saturday last these Commr^s 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 carryd not resume by a great majority then the parties were called and these Commr^s 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 M^r Colvill's and the people of Drumore's conduct first. Then M^r Colvill was called but he did not appear but the above named Commr^s 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 cong^{ra} from this General Synod and from all the Synods and Presbys 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.

Sessio 11^{ma}

Die Merc. June 23 Hor 10 Ante Merid post preces Sed^t &c.

The affair of Drumore was resumed and M^r 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 M^r Colvill's conduct or not? and the question being put it carryd that there is sufficient ground to proceed upon the examination of M^r Colvill's conduct meantime it was moved and agreed to that M^rM^rCalpin and M^r 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 brethern being returned report that unless this Synod would formally try their appeal and hear all the reasons of it as such, these Comm^{rs} would condescend to nothing. Then the Synod proceeded to consider M^r Colvill's conduct and reasoned upon it for some time, and a minute of the Presby of Ardmagh upon M^r Colvill's affair was read, by which it had appeared that M^r Colvill had produced to that Presby Certificates from some ministers in London, giving an Account that the said ministers had ordained him, and that M^r 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 M^r 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-

Mr Colvill.

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^r Colvill not to be of our communion and to be incapable 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^r 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^r Aberneathy, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Shaw, M^r John Elder, M^r Archibald Maclain Jun^r, M^r John Orr, Ministers and M^r Samuel M^cTeer 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 tryal, 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.

Dissent & protest.

Reasons of the dissent.

Then the question was put shall we suspend M^r Colvill or depose him, and it carried suspend him, and he is hereby suspended accordingly.

M^r Colvill suspended.

M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Shaw, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Abernethy, M^r John Orr pursuant to the pretestation entered ag^t the preceding resolution which determines the Question (suspend or depose M^r 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 pretestations in due time.

Protest.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon: concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. Juno 23, Horâ 6^{ta} a merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Sessio 12^{ma}

The Synod resumed the consideration of M^r Colvill's case, and it was moved that the suspension be continued on M^r 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.

M^r Colvill.

M^r Henry go
to Dromore.

Then it was moved and agreed to that M^r Sam^l Henry shall go to Dromore, and preach in their Meeting House next Lord's day, and intimate the sentence of M^r Colvill's suspension to that congrega^on, and if the major party refuse to give him access to their meeting-house, he is to preach to the minor party; and M^r Henry is also to intimate the sentence of M^r Colvill's suspension to him the said M^r Colvill, and M^r Will. Boid, and M^r Liviston are to write a letter to the people of Dromore to exhort them to their duty.

Letter to
Dromore.

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

M^r Colvill no
communion to be
kept w^h him.

Then it was moved that this Synod may consider in case M^r Colvill disobey our sentence, how we shall conduct ourselves towards any minister who shall keep ministeriall communion with M^r 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^r 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.

Protest.

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

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 13th.

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

Drumore.

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

Adjourned to 3 afternoon concluded with prayer.

Sessio 14.

Die Jov. Horâ 3th a merid. post preces Sed^s &c.

fund.

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 congrega^on is able and willing to pay to the fund and that the Clerks, of the several Presbys 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^r 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 transmitt them to the severl Presbys, this was agreed to and M^r 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 M^r John Ball, M^r Mathew Clarke, M^r John Or, M^r John Cochrane, M^r Nath. Cochran, M^r Gaudie, M^r Irvin, Cap^t Henderson, M^r Sam. Smith, M^r Gawin Steele, Fergus Smith, John Tod, and M^r Jam. Murray Elders dissented, 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 wh said Act is expressed, and if any intrant shall scruple any doctrine or doctrines of our confession, that the Presby to which he belongs, shall not proceed to license ordain or install him, untill 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 severl Presbys 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 tryal, whether first or second tryals or before he be ordained but if notwithstanding, any preby shall license, ordain or install any Intrans 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 Intrans 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 prebys, but this motion was opposed by others: and then the question was put, shall we consider this overture now or transmitt it to the sev^l prebys, 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^r Haliday, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Shaw, M^r Michæl Bruce, M^r Jon. Elder, M^r Abernethy, M^r Jon. Or protested agt the said vote.

Overture 5.

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 :

New Preby at Bangor.

1. That there be a new preby entered at Bangor, to consist of the following ministers, M^r Gaudie, M^r Henry Hamilton, M^r Biggar, M^r Montgomery, M^r Jam. Stuart, M^r Seaton M^r Alex. M^r Crackan Sen^r, M^r Malcom, M^r Masterton, and M^r Tho. Elder, if he please, and M^r 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 2^d Tuesday of Aug^t.

New Preby at Killyleagh..

2. That there be a new preby erected at Killyleagh, to consist o the following ministers : M^r Jam. Bruce, M^r Jam. Reid, M^r John Or, if he please, M^r Pat Bruce, M^r Archibald Dickson, M^r Williamson, M^r Smith, M^r Shannon, M^r Arch^d M^r Clain, Jun^r M^r Hasting, M^r 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.

Preby at Templepatrick.

3. That a new preby be erected at Templepatrick to consist of the following members : viz^t : M^r Livingston, M^r Tho. Craford, M^r Alex. Brown, M^r Robt. Macmaster, M^r Jam. White, M^r Tim White, M^r Jam. Creighton, M^r Robt. Sinclare, M^r Jam. Cobham, M^r And. Crawford, M^r John Riddle, and M^r Fraser is allowed to join this preby, if he please ; M^r Will. Taylor Sen^r and M^r Leech at liberty to join this preby ; and these congregations, viz : Bellynure, Envor and Killead are annexed to this preby. This preby to meet at Templepatrick on the 2^d Tuesday of August.

New Preby of Antrim.

4. That a new preby be erected at Antrim to consist of the following ministers, viz^t : M^r Michæl Bruce, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Haliday, M^r John Mairs, M^r Harper, M^r Abernethy, M^r Tho. Wilson, M^r Clugston, M^r Henderson, M^r Tho. Shaw, M^r Will. Taylor, Jun^r M^r John Or of Comber, if he please, and M^r John Elder, left at liberty to join this new preby of Antrim, or continue where he is, and M^r 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^l 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 espescially 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 Intrans 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 Intrans ; and the question was put, approve this overture or not, and it carried approve.

Overture 1.

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 Scandall.

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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 there is a parity of power, the obligation to mutual submission should not be equal in all the members.

Overture 2.

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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 judicially demanded, and not confessed or declared.

Overture 3.

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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 sev^l prebys, viz^t: 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 Gen^l Synod, that he subscribe or declare the Westminster Confession of faith to be the Confession of his faith, as a qualification of membership.

Overture 4.

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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.

Overture 5.

Then the question was put shall we transmitt these overtures to the consideration of the sev^l prebys, or not, and it carried transmitt by a great majority.

Committee on
M^r Wirling's
case.

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.

Protest and
reasons of it.

M^r Sam. Haliday gave in a protestation in name of several Bretheren against our resolution of suspending such ministers as keep ministerial communion with M^r Colvill during his suspension in these words: "From this resolution M^r Sam. Haliday, M^r Kirkpatrick, M^r Abernethy, M^r Shaw, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r John Or, M^r John Elder Ministers, and these Elders, M^r M^cTeer, and Tho^s 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 Reasons
influencing
The Synod.
to come to
the above
resolutions in
M^r Colvill's
case.

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

1. That M^r Colvill's conduct is most irregular, and unexampled, for it appeared to us by the Records of the Presby of Ardmagh that said M^r Colvill contrary to his promise to subjection 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 or 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^r 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 subjection, 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^r Colvill, appears from the continuance of his relation to Ardmagh Presby, notwithstanding his ordination, for M^r Colvill never desired to have his relation to said Presby loosed, as a proof of which it was alledged 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^r Colvill's nonappearance before the Synod cannot be any just hinderance of our procedure in his cause since it appeared to the Synod that on Saturday last the Moderator published from the pulpit before the Commissioners of Drumore when M^r 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^r Colvill were desired to Attend, nor can we comprehend how M^r 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^r 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

Causes of
the fast.

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 prophaned, 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 pharisaical diligence propagated, and their fryars 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 affraid 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 employ 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 stirr 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.

WILL^M MACKAY, C.S.G.

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

MR JOHN STIRLING Mod^r 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.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Tyreown Preby.		Letterkenny.	
Henry Crooks	David Sloan	Sam. Henry	Ja. Dennison
Thom: Kennedy	John Laird	Char. Lerid	Capt. Henderson
John M'Clave	Alex ^r Atcheson	Robert Wilson	And. Stinson
Tho. Mulligan	John Wilson	Fran. Laird	
Hugh Wallace	Mr. Agnew	John Holmes	
Robert Thomson	John Reid		
John Kennedy	Ja. Paul	Templepatrick.	
Neth. Cochran	John Jordan		
Jam. Dykes	Robert Creighton	Ja. Cobham	David M'Alpine
Robert Stewart	John Anderson	Alex. Brown	Tho. Boyle
Ja. Or	Will. Dickson	Robert Sinclair	Mr. Chas. Johnston
		Wm Livingston	Hugh Owens

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Derry.		Templepatrick—Cont.	
John Harvey Sen ^r		Ja. White	John Brown
Wm Cornwall		Robert M ^c Master	Ja. Laird
John Stirling		Timothy White	John Hamel
Hans Stewart	Mr. John M ^c Clinch	Tho. Craford	W ^m M ^c Creight
Wm Boyd	Alderman Cowan	Wm Thomson	
Sam. Ross	Ja. Colyhoon	Antrim.	
John Harvey Jun ^r	Robert Barber	Ja. Kirkpatrick	Mr. Pat Getty
Major Murray	Alex. Porter	John Abernethy	Arch. Patterson
Wm Cuningham	Mr. Hugh Thomson	Sam. Halyday	Mr. Sturgeon
		Mich. Bruce	Cap ^t M ^c Neal
		Pat. Simpson	Jos Hill
		John Mayers	John Cooper
Bangor.		Armagh.	
Mr ^r Gaudic	W ^m Warnock	John Hutcheson	Mr. Robt. Scot
Mr. M ^c Alpine	Gawin Hamilton	Wm Gray	And. Tod
Mr. Biggar	Mr. W ^m Townsend	Geo Lang	David Chalmers
Mr. Stewart	Wm Lister	Gil. Kennedy	And. Strachan
Mr. Elder	Jam. Alexr	Robert Rainey	Hugh M ^c Kibbin
Mr. Mastertown	Wm Beaty	William M ^c Kay	Mr John Knox
Mr. Seaton	Hugh Wilson	Robert Gordon	Hugh Magill
Mr. Dickson		John Menoch	John Moody
Mr. Montgomery		Geo. Cherry	Cap ^t Magill
		Ja. Allan	
Killeleagh.		Straban.	
Wm Smith	John Clark		
Ja. Reid	Pat ^k Patton	Ja. Maxwell	Mr John Knox
Pat Bruce	And. Tod	John Ball	Ja. Caldwell
Arch Maclaine Jun	Rob ^t Tannyhill	Neh. Donaldson	Robert Greer
Hugh Williamson	Hen. Montgomery		
Jam. Hasting	Wm Crick	Monaghan.	
John Murray	Mr. W ^m Byars		
Victor Ferguson	Neth. Hood	Baptist Boyd	Adam Alexander
Isaac Taylor	Wm M ^c Dowell	Hump. Thomson	Mr Alex ^r Wilson
Joseph Hemphill	Alexr Woodburn	Jos. Cornwall	Richard Robinson
		Alex ^r Fleming	Ja. Shaw
Colerain,		Wm Hair	Percival Raser
Matth. Clark	John Hasletown	Pat. Plunket	Fran. Scot
Rob. Haltridge	Mr. Ja. Murray	Tho. Maclaine	Peter Miller
Sam. Dunlop	Ja. Weir	Sam. Irwin	W ^m Haverson
Rob ^t Higginbotham	Gawin Steel	Sam. Hemphill	Wm Clark
Rob ^t M ^c Bride	Ab. Holmes	And. Dean	Sam. Wallace
John Cochran	Martin Campbell	John Carlyle	Ja. Campbell
Tho. Cobham	Sam. Hodge	Jam. Bond	W ^m M ^c Morar
Ja. Thomson	Ja. Laurence	Neth. Glasgow	Mr M ^c Clagherty
Rob. Knox		John Algio	84
John Or		Matth. Chalmers	
		Robert Craghead	

The former Mod^r desireing y^t a new Mod^r may be chosen, a list of the following Brⁿ was proposed viz; M^r Crooka, M^r Gaudie, M^r Sam. Henry, M^r Jos. Cornwall, M^r Clark, M^r Gordon, M^r Cobham, M^r Laird, M^r John Harvey Sen^t, M^r Ball, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Reid, y^t one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod and the Brⁿ being heard and removed and the vote put, M^r Laird was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices. And this Synod unanimously agreed to continue M^r Mackay, Clerk.

Moderator
chosen.

Clerk.

The several Presbys are to return the names of their members for the several Committes viz: of Overtures, Bills, for revising the Synod books, and for the Fund to next Sed^t.

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. Interloq^t to meet at ten of the Clock. open Synod at eleven of the clock; concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. horâ 11^{ma}, ante merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 2

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

M^r Robt. Paterson produced testimonials of his ordination from some min^{rs} 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 M^r Paterson on these Tstimonials, then it [was] moved and agreed to that the Presby of Bangor shall write to some particular min^{rs} 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 imploy him upon his conforming himself to the rules of this Church in the admission of intrants in subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith.

Mr Paterson

The several Presbys 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 Brⁿ, that this Synod would appoint longer adjournments than usual, that so the subscribing Brⁿ 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 M^r Kirkpatrick proposed to give in these expedients to next Sed^t.—Adjourned to 4 a merid. Concluded with prayer.

Expedients for
peace by the
Nonsubscribers.

Die Mer. hora 4^{ta} a merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Sessio 3.

M^r Arch^d Dickson moved that whereas his own peace and the peace of his Session & congregacon appears to depend upon his being annexed to the Presby. of Bangor that this Synod may disjoyn him from the Presby of Killeleagh & annex him to that of Bangor. He also voluntarily declared himself to be of subscribing principles in opposition to

Mr Dickson,

the non-subscribing and non-declaring principle. This motion was seconded by his Session and congregaon, and after reasoning, a question was offered shall we grant M^r Dickson & his Session and congregaon their request or not, and the question being put it carryed grant by a great majority.

The Presby. of Banger is also allowed to receive M^r Nathaniel Or, he giving them satisfaction.

Subscribing
Body to meet.

M^r Kirkpatrick in pursuance of the motion made at last Sed^t 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 s^d paper by themselves or not? And that question being put it carryed that the subscribe s meet separately to consider s^d 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.

Sessio 4th

Die Ven horá 7^{ma} Ante Merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

Time and place
of Next Synod.

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 s^d Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

Synod Books.

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

Glenon.

From Glenon appeared James Patton &c. Commiss^{rs} to prosecute the appeal of that congregaon 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 sed^t.

Banbridge.

From Banbridge appeared Hen. Heron, Daniel Richie Comm^r supplicating that their min^r M^r Arch^d Maclaine 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 congregaon depends thereupon M^r Maclaine not being present this affair was delayed.

Overture from
the Subscribing
Body.

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 Judicatories as formerly consistently with the faithfull discharge of our ministerial office and the peace of our own consciences.

M^r 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.

M^r Ared^d Maclaine being now present the affair of Banbridge was resumed and M^r 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 M^r Cobham, M^r Pat. Bruce, M^r Stirling, M^r M^cCalpine, M^r Livingstone, shall meet with the Presbytery of Armagh and M^r Maclaine and endeavour to reconcile any differences amongst them that might obstruct the reuniting M^r Maclaine to the Presby of Armagh and make report to nex sed^t. Mr M^cClain.

M^r 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 M^r M^cClaine's affair. Mr Hasty.

From Drumore appeared Capt. John Magill Com^r 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^{ns} 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 M^r Thomas Kennedy is to collect for Tyreown Presby M^r Laird for Letterkenny M^r Major Murray for, Derry, M^r Montgomery for Bangor M^r Ball for Strabane, M^r Pat. Bruce for Killeleagh, M^r Livingston for Templepatrick, M^r Allen for Armagh, M^r Irwin for Monaghan, M^r Thomson for Colerain. Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer. Drumore.

Die Ven. hora 4^{ta} A Merid, post preces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 5^{ta}

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

From Comber appeared M^r James Or Com^r supplicating for supplies to that congregacon till next Gen^l Synod, the Synod considering their Combar.

supplicacon appointed Derry Presb^y to supply them the moneth of July by M^r Hugh Thomson, Straban Presb^y the moneth of August by M^r Robert Cuningham, Templepatrick September by M^r Ritchie, Letterkenny Octob. by M^r Lind, Armagh Novem. by M^r Reid, Bangor Decemb. by M^r Robert Thomson, Rout January by M^r Hill, Monaghan February by M^r Ja. Hamilton, Tyreowen March by M^r Rea.

Mr Wirling.

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

Mr Wirling.

They likewise set forth that it is of great importance y^t this process against M^r Wirling be speedily issued, the Synod considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some time & then it was moved, (that whereas M^r Wirling proposeth in his letter to our Mod^r that he will come before this Synod with all convenient speed, whenever he shall receive notice yt this Synod will try and issue his affair) yt M^r Hutcheson may be appointed to write to M^r 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^r Hutcheson wrote to him accordingly.

The Rev M^r Craghead moved y^t the Rev M^r Iredell and he and their congregacon may be annexed to the Presby of Monaghan, this was referred.

Oldcastle.

From Oldcastle appeared Thom. Wilson James Hunter Comm^{rs} 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 supplicate 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^{rs} belonging to this Synod in Dublin & some of the most adjacent Br^{ns} in the country this was referred.

Turbet.

From Turbet appeared Wm Stephens comm^r setting forth in his supplicacon yt yt congregacon is able to give but 20 pounds P^r annum to a Min^r, yt they have given a call to a probationer that their Rev^d Presby. cannot recommend sd 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.

Mr Murdoch.

The necessitous circumstances of M^r William Murdoch preacher of the Gospel being represented by some Br^{ns} 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^d M^r Ja. White, by M^r Tho. Shaw for Antrim Presby, M^r M^cBride for Rout, M^r Mastertown for Bangor, M^r Cunningham for

Derry, M^r Ball for Straban, M^r Dunlop for Letterkenny, M^r Lang for Armagh, M^r Tho. Maclaine for Monaghan, M^r John Kennedy for Tyreowen M^r Smith for Killeleagh, before the first of September next and M^r Ja. White is to collect for Templepatrick Presby.

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

M^r 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 M^r Alex Colvill in the meeting place of the minor part being refused access to the meeting house of the major part of that congregacon. Dromore.

The reasons of a protest against a vote of last Synod in a case of M^r Colvill's were delivered by M^r 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.

Die Saturn. Horá 7^{ma} Ante Merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

M^r 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^{rs} installed by that Presb^y since last Gen^l Synod pursuant to an Act of s^d Synod. Ordained
&
Licensed.

By which it appears yt they observed said Act in licensing M^r John Gaudie Junior, and M^r Ja. Dalrymple and M^r Rob^t Thomson.

M^r Cobham reports that Templepatrick Presb^y observed s^d Act in the ordinacon of M^r W^m Thomson June 7th 1726 & in licensing M^r Moorhead.

M^r And. Craford dyed June 7th 1726.

Armagh Presb^y report y^t they observed sd Act in ordaining M^r George Cherry December 14th 1725 and M^r Ja. Allen May 18th 1726. Killeleagh Presb^y ordained M^r M^cMurry December 28th 1725. Letterkenny Presb^y licensed M^r Ja. Smith. Derry Presb^y licensed M^r David Harvey. M^r And. Ferguson Sen^r dyed July 18th 1725. Straban Presb^y licensed M^r Robt Cunningham. And Colerain licensed M^r Ja. Murray & have M^r Ja. M^cCurdy on tryals.

And Monaghan licensed M^r 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^{rs} thought fit to wave their privilege to have yt affair tryed now.

The affair of M^r 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 Mr Robert
Wilson.

that affair, at Letterkenny on the 2nd Tuesday of July, M^r Wilson has dimitted his charge of Stranorlan congregacon into the hands of the Presb^y of Letterkenny.

M^r Hutcheson, M^r George Lang, M^r Tho. Kennedy, M^r Gilbert Kennedy are appointed to draw up an answer to the letters of the Presb^y of Dublin to this Synod.

Overture from
the Subscribers
Reasoned upon.

The nonsubscribers being now come M^r Kirkpatrick read a draught of their observacons 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

M^r Kirkpatrick dissented from this vote as also M^r Abernethy, M^r Halyday, M^r Henderson, M^r Tho. Maclaine, M^r Donaldson, M^r Simpson, M^r Tho. Wilson, M^r Williamson, M^r Michael Bruce, M^r Cobham, M^r Pat. Bruce, M^r Jos. Cornwalli, M^r Algio, M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Mayers, M^r Andrew Ferguson, and M^r Getty, Capt. M^cNeal, M^r Sturgiou, Jos. Hill and Wm Byars.

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 themselves from the next meeting of this Gen^l Synod, & in the meantime wave all our debates, & all printing upon all contraverted 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 engagements 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 y^t they were willing to wave all our debates at present. M^r Abernethy 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 declaracons against them in their absence with several other limitacons. 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 replied yt our principles are very well known being contained in our confession of faith that we might go through said confession Article by Article & and declare our assent, and where they agree they might declare their assent too but this they declined.

Overture from
the Subscribers
voted and
carried.

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 nonsubscribers 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 ariseing it was moved y^t 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. +

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

M^r 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, Cap^t M^o Neal joined with M^r Simpson. +

Adjourned to Munday at 2 afternoon, Concluded with prayer.

Die lun. Hora 2^{da} A Merid post preces Sed^t & c.

Sessio 7^{ma}

It was moved that whereas the nonsubscribers desired y^t 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. +

M^r Tho. Craford was ordered to search his fathers papers for the records of this Synod, and to transmitt them to our Clerck.

From Ballehalbert appeared William Creek Comm^r supplicating that their Min^r and congregaon may be dissannexed from the Presby of Killeleagh and joined to the Presb^y of Bangor this was referred. Ballyhalbert.

From Glenon appeared John Mulligan & c. Comm^{rs} supplicating that their congregaon may be put under the care of the Rev^d Presb^y of Rout & no party appeared in opposition, to them the Synod considering this case agreed that the Presb^y of Rout shall take them under their care upon a regular applicaon from the congregaon of Glenon to that Presb^y.

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

The Comm. of overtures brought in an overture that a fast be observed by all the congregaons belonging to this Synod last Wednesday 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^l Synod, this overture was agreed to. And the Synod of Derry are allowed to keep the sd fast on the third Wednesday of July. Fast. +

The fast appointed last year was observed.

The several Presb^{ys} returned the names of their members for the General Synods fixt Committee as follows.

Synods fixt
Comm

Tyreowen, M^r Tho. Kennedy, M^r John Kennedy, M^r Cochrane and M^r Agnew, Elder. Letterkenny M^r Dunlop, M^r Sam. Henry, M^r Laird, and Cap^t Henderson, Elder; Derry M^r Winsley, M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r Tho. Harvey and M^r Morison, Elder; Bangor, M^r Moor, M^r Dickson, M^r Alex^r Hamilton, and M^r John Thomson, Elder. Killeleagh M^r Smith, M^r Williamson M^r Pat. Bruce, and M^r John Johnston, Elder; Templepatrick M^r Livingston M^r Frazer, M^r Ja. White, and M^r John Birnie, Elder. Armagh, M^r John Hutcheson, M^r Lang, M^r Mackay, and M^r Ja. Johnston, Elder; Straban M^r Ball, M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Isaac Taylor, and M^r John Love, Elder. Colerain, M^r Matth. Clark, M^r M^cBride, M^r Ja. Thomson, and M^r Gawin Steel, Elder. Monaghan, M^r Hemphill, M^r Irwin, M^r Chalmers, and M^r Fran. Scot, Elder.

This Comm to be called by our Mod^r upon emergents to meet at Dunganon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be Min^{rs} each Presb^r 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^r 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^r at least another year and M^r 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 Presb^{rs} to the next Gen^l Synod.

Mr M^cCrackan
and
Mr Wilson

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

Fund.

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 Presb^{rs} 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 Presb^r be returned to the Gen^l 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.

Drogheda.

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^r 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.

Die Mart. Hora 7^{ma} ante merid. post preces, Sed^e &c.

Sessio 8.

This Synod allows Templepatrick to pay their fund to M^r Henry Fund. this year. It was moved yt in regard the fund has been very much neglected for some years past and yt the Credit of this Synod depends very much upon our doing justice to the weak congregacons depending on sd fund & that many of sd weak congregacons are likely to be deprived of the Gospel thro' deficiency of the said fund, that the fixt Comm. of this General Synod shall meet with the Synod of Armagh at Monaghan on the first Tuesday of October next to settle the affair of the fund; this was agreed to.

The Motion for erecting a new Presb^y at Dublin was resumed and it was overtured that the Min^{rs} of Caple Street, Pluckett 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^r Iredell to open that Presb^y by preaching. And that Baileyborough & Oldecastle 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 carryed approve. New Presb^y
in Dublin.

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 retentis*. +

M^r Higginbotham 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. M^r Wirling.

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.

Sessio 9th

Die Mart. Horá 4^{ta} a merid. post preces; Sed^t &c.

It was agreed that M^r Gray be allowed to call some min^{rs} and probationers to assist him by turns in Usher's Island, and yt the presbys be appointed to send such 4, 5 or 6 weeks as he shall write for, the Synod considered this motion and agreed yt the presbys, if they think fit shall send up such as M^r Gray shall desire, provided Usher's Island and the prebys shall secure 20s p diem to such as shall supply them.

Usher's Key.

Mr Wirling.

M^r Wirling's affair was resumed, and whereas M^r 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, & yt in that case he promised that he would forbear the exercise of his ministerial office in a voluntary manner till the affair be tryed and issued. The Synod agreed not to inflict any censure on him at this time, and appointed a Comm. of the following Min^{rs} and Elders, viz: from Armagh preby, M^r Lang, M^r Kennedy, M^r Fleming, M^r Allen, and Capt. Magill and M^r Reily, Elders; from Bangor, M^r M^cCalpine, M^r Dickson, M^r Moor, M^r Montgomery, and M^r Sam. Smith and M^r Small, Elders; from Templepatrick, M^r Ja. Creighton, M^r Ja White, and M^r Timothy White and M^r W^m Thomson and John Birnie and Robt. Wilson, Elders; from Rout, M^r Haltridge, M^r M^cBride, M^r John Cochran, M^r Ja. Thomson and Arch^d Stirling and Ben. Boyle, Elders; from Derry, M^r Stirling, M^r Ross, M^r Murray and M^r Cunningham and Capt. John Harvey and M^r John Alexander, Elders; from Tyreowen, M^r Crooks, M^r Tho. Kennedy, M^r Wallace, M^r Dykes and John Rainey and David Sloan, Elders; to meet in Lisburn 7ber. 6th, at 10 in the forenoon to issue any process that is commenced against M^r 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.

Committee
for his tryal

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

1. *Interloq^r Sed^t pastores.*

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

2. Interloq^r M^r 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^{rs} are not concerned, and yt such Min^{rs} as may be received into their prebys 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 Syno^ls Clerk.

WILL^M MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 20, 1727.

M^r Fran. Laird, Mod^r 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^t the Min^{rs} and Ruling Elders which follow :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Letterkenny Presby.		Ardmagh Preb ^y	
Sam ^l Henry		John Hutchison	M ^r Alex. Johnston
Sam ^l Dunlop		George Lang	M ^r Alex ^r Reid
Char. Lind		Gilb ^t Kennedy	Tho ^s Purdy
Fran. Laird	Cap ⁿ Henderson	Jam. Fleming	M ^r Miles Raily
Jam. Cochran		Jam. Johnston	Will. Andrew
John Homes		Will. Mackay	John Warnock
Pat Vannce		Robt. Gordon	Cap ⁿ Magill
		Arch ^d M ^c Clain	Jon. Kinghan
		Geo. Cherry	Hugh M ^c Kie
Derry Presby.		Jam. Allen	M ^r Robt. Fraser
		Will Dick	
Will Cornwall	Robt. M ^c Entire	John King	
Tho. Winsley	Mr Hugh Thomson		
John Stirling	Mr Jam. Anderson	Strabane Preb ^y	
Will Boid			
Tho ^s Harvey	Moses M ^c Kintire	Jam. Maxwell	John Blackburn
Sam ^l Ross	David M ^c Cleland	John Ball	
Major Murray		Jos. Hemphill	
Bangor Presby.		Colerain Preb ^y	
John Gaudie		Math. Clerk	M ^r Jam. Ball
Jam. Macalpin	Will. Beaty	Hen. Neil	M ^r Gawin Steel
Jam. Stewart		Sam ^l Dunlop	Dan. Steel
Chas ^s Mastertown	Alex. M ^c Kail	Robt. M ^c Bride	Tho ^s Carothers
Charles Seaton	Sam ^l Halliday	Tho ^s Cobham	Will. Galt
Alex. Hamilton		Robt. Knox	
Killileagh Presby.		Monaghan Preb ^y	
Sam. Shannon		Bapt. Boid	Jam. Brown
Will Smith	Robt M ^c Donald	Jos. Cornwall	Jon Irwin
Jam. Reid	Ja ^s Clagharty	Robt. Coletheart	Jon Irwin
Pat. Bruce		Jam. Teat	Jo ⁿ Bowcock
John M ^c Murry		Alex. Fleming	Hugh Dobbin
		Will. Hair	M ^r John Johnston
Templepatrick Presb ^y		Pat. Plunket	Elias Rutherford
		Tho. M ^c Clain	
Will. Leech	M ^r Alex. Adair	Sam ^l Irwin	
Jam. Cobham	John Hasty	Jon. Carlisle	
Alex. Brown	Sam ^l Fairie	And. Dean	
Robt. Sinclair	James Gibson	Neth. Glasgow	
Jam. Creighton	David M ^c Colough	Jon. Algeo	
Will. Livingston		Math. Chalmers	
Jam. Fraser	Roger M ^c Knight	Dublin Preb ^y	
Jam. White	Hugh Lynn		
Robt. M ^c Master	Jon. Begs	Will. Gray	James Wright

Ministers.	Eiders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presb ^r		Dublin Presb ^r	
Tim. White Will. Thomson John Hasty	Jon. M ^c Cullogh Jon. Thomson	Hugh Henry Sam Hemphill Will Patton Jam. Bond Will. Wilson	Cap ⁿ Wilson John Francis Will. Dunlop
		Tyrown Preb ^r	
		Hen. Crooks Tho. Kennedy John M ^c Clave Tho ^s Mulligan Hugh Wallace Robt. Thomson Jon Kennedy Nath. Cochran Jam. Dykes Robt. Stewart Jam. Orr	Hugh Magillwain Mat ^w Wilson Dav ^d Chalmers Ja ^s M ^c Call Robt. Maxwell M ^r Agnew Jam. Clerk Jo ^s Bryans Tho ^s Kennedy Tho ^s Gilpin Will. Rea
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Moderator
Chosen.

The former Mod^r desiring that a new Mod^r may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed viz^t Ma^s Sam^l Dunlop, Sam^l Ross, James Stewart, James Reid, Will. Livingston, James Fleming, James Johnston, John Ball, Robt. M^cBride, Jos. Cornwall, Will. Patton, Hen. Crooks, that one of them may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod; and these Brethren being heard and removed, and the vote being put M^r Livingston was chosen Mod^r and M^r Mackay continued clerk.

Committees.

It was moved and agreed to that the sev^l Prebys^s return the names of their members for the Sev^l comm. viz^t: of Overture, Bills, for revising the Synods' Books, and for the fund, to next Sederunt.

Prayer.

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: interloq^t to meet at 10: open Synod at 11 of the clock—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio :
2^{da}

Die Mercurii June 21 : Hora 11^{ma}, ante merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly

The prebys returned the names of their members for the several Committees, according to appointment.

The following Breth^m are absent from this Synod, and are excused for reasons now offered, M^r Seth Drumond, M^r John Harvay, sen^t, M^r Fairly, M^r Hanse Stewart, Will. Cunningham, Andrew Ferguson, Alex. M^cCrackan, Henry Hamilton, John Malcome, Will. Biggart, Arch^d Dickson, Jam. Moor, Francis Montgomery, James Bruce, Hugh Williamson, Will. Taylor, Arch^d M^cClaine, Sen^t, Chas. Wallace, Mos. Cherry, John Willson, Alex. Macrackan, Sen^t, Victor Ferguson, Robt.

Absents
excused.

Haltridge, John Porter, John Cochran, James Thomson, Fran. Ross, John Orr, Fran. Iredell, John Riddell.

The following Bretheren being absent are not excused, viz^t, Ma^r John Harvey, Jun^r, Ninian Cochran, Thom. Strawbridge, Tho. Crafford, John Menoch, Will. Holmes, Nehem. Donaldson, Robt. Craighead, Tho^s M^rQuay, Robt. Higginbotham, John Elder. Absents not excused.

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

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

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

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^r Will. Sloan on 2^d tryals. Ordained.

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

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

The next Gen^l Synod is appointed to meet at Dungannon on the 3^d Tuesday of June 1728, Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Time and place of next Meeting.

The preby of Ardmagh report that they received M^r Arch^d M^rClain Jun^r as a member of their preby.

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

Adjourned to 4 a merid. Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii Juns 21, hora 4^{ta} a merid. post preces, Sed^t &c. Sessio 3^{ta}.

These who were to collect from the sev^l presb^{rs} for M^r William Murdock are ordered to receive from the members that are here present, and the Presb^{rs} 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^r James White. Mr. Murdock,

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

The publick fast was observed last year according to appointm^t. Fast.

- Comm. Ordered that the sev^l Presby^s doe return their members for the Gen^l Synods fixt Com^m for the ensueing year to next Sed^t and the Presby of Ardmagh and Tyrown are to send 3 members each of them to the Comm, & other Presb^{ys} only two.
- Fund. Ordered that the sev^l Presby^s doe make a return to-morrow morning of their contributions towards the fund for last year.
- Dublin Presby. Some members of the Presby of Dubline report that they mett at Dubline according to last Synods order, the second Wednesday of August 1726 and that they have mett sev^l times since.
- Mr Wirling's
sentence
approven. The Com^m appointed to issue M^r 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 offered approve 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 gratify 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.
- Clerk of that
Comm^{ts}. The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and soe doth this Synod.
- Synod Books
approven. 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.
- Sessio 4^{ta}. *Die Jovis June 22 Hora 9^a mane post preces Sed^t &c.*
- The several Presby^s returned the names of their members for the General Synods fixt Com^m as followes :—
- The
General Synods
fixt Committee. Ardmagh M^r Hutcheson, M^r Gilbert Kennedy, M^r Mackay and M^r James Johnston, Elder. Tyrown M^r Crooks, M^r Thomas Kennedy, M^r Neth. Cochran, & M^r Agnew, Elder. Letterkenny; M^r Fairley, M^r John Holmes, & Will Moor, Elder. Derry, M^r Will Boid, M^r Murry, and M^r Jam. Anderson, Elder. Bangor, M^r Macalpin, M^r Mastertown, and M^r Hugh Wallace, Elder. Killeleagh; M^r Shannon, M^r Reid, and Andrew Laurie, Elder. Templepatrick; M^r Livingston, M^r Fraser, and M^r Charles Johnston, Elder. Strabane: M^r Maxwel, M^r Ball, and Will Crafford, Elder. Root; M^r Samuel Dunlop, M^r Tho. Cobham, and M^r Gawin Steele, Elder. Monaghan; M^r Hum. Thomson, M^r Alex Fleming, M^r Dean, and M^r Fran. Scott, Elder;—Dublin: M^r Hemphill, M^r Patton, and Robert Callen, Elder, fifteen to be a quorum 10 whereof to be ministers; They are to be called by our Mod^r to meet at Dungannon upon emergents.
- Mr Allen. It was recommended to those congregacons who have not collected for M^r Allen's Meeting house, that they make sd collections, according to order of last Gen^l Synod and pay them before All St^s next.

From the new erected congraon in Colerain appeared Messrs. ^{Coleraine.} David Lindsay, Robert Dunlop Com^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may allow them such supplies as their Presb^{ry} shall think fitt to apply for from any Presb^{ry} within this Synod, & particularly that M^r Char^s Lind shall supply them the month of August, their petition is granted.

From Ushers key appeared M^r George Aikman Com^r supplicating ^{Ushers key} for supplies from this Synod till such time as they shall be planted : their supplicacon was granted, their supplies to be considered afterward.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis. Hora, 4^{ta} A Meridie Post preces, Sedt &c.

Sessio 5^{ta}.

From Dandevadog appeared Anth. Lawson Com^r setting forth the ^{Dandevadog.} sinking state of that congregacon and earnestly desireing that this Synod may take care of them, their supplicacon was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

From Dunfanachy appeared Will Dunsmore Com^r setting forth ^{Dunfanachy.} 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 ^{Ushers key.} to that M^r Hemphill supply Ushers key the 3 first Sabbaths of July and M^r Iredell, and M^r 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 supplyes as Ushers key shall from time to time desire, and such Presbys as shall be applyed to by them are ordered to send such supplies as they desire if possible, and M^r Will Wilson is to supply Castle Blany the first Sabbath of July and M^r Patton the 2d.

From the newly erected congregacon in Antrim appeared M^r ^{Antrim.} Rainey Com^r supplicating that this Synod may allow them some assistance to build their meeting house. The Synod considering the case of this new congregacon, 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 congregacons as they shall apply to, to doe all that lies in their power to encourage and assist them.

From Bellyalbert appeared John Park Com^r supplicating that their ^{Bellyalbert.} min^{rs} and congraon may be disannexed from the Presby of Killileagh & annexed to that of Bangor.

From Drumbo appeared James Clerk Com^r setting forth that it will ^{Drumbo.} not be for the peace of that congregacon to (be) continued annexed to the Presby of Killeleagh and earnestly desireing that this Synod may take such measures as may promote the peace and comfort of their congregacon. 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 M^r Adam Henry Com^r set- ^{Turbit.} ting forth their inability to support the Gospell. Their supplicacon

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.

Sligo.

M^r Samuel Henry having given in his dimission of his charge of the congregation of Sligo to the Presb^y 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^r Henry was heard & the Synod finding that the people of Sligo gave no opposition the question was put accept M^r 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.

Abby-Boil.

From Abbyboyl appeared M^r Moor Comm^r supplicating for a recommendation to such as they shall apply to for charitable contributions to build their meeting house. The Synod does recomēd it to such as they shall apply to for their charitable assistance.

Old Castle.

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^{rs} 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 injoyn the Prsby of Monaghan to see that money paid before next General Synod.

Adjourned to 9 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6^{ta}

Die Ven. June 23 Hora 9^a mane—post preces, Sedt., &c.

Taughboin.

From some people on the North side of Taughboin called Letrim appeared Sam^l Alexander, Com^r 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.

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 carryed not *nemine contradicente*.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon: Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven June 23 Hora 5^{ta} Merid. post preces, Sed^t &c

Sessio 7^{ma}

The Comm. of Overtures report that they considered the case of Drumbo and Bellyalbert committed to them, & that such Breth^{rn} of Killileagh preby as were present satisfied the Comm. by Declarations made before them that they resolved to guard against every thing that might marr the peace and edificacon of their own congregacons 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 congregacons desireing them to continue under the care of Killileagh preby M^r Boid offered a draught of sd Letters to this Synod which were read and approven. M^r Macalpin is appointed to go to Drumbo, and read Letters to that congracon on the Lord's day, & M^r Dickson is to go to Bellyalbert and read sd Letter to them on the Lord's day also.

Drumbo and
Bellyalbert.

A petition of M^{rs} Sarah Moor, *alias* Halliday was read, com-
plaining of non-payment of her father's arrears viz^t. £40 due by
Ardstraw congracon, 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 committ the same to the Rev. Ma^{rs} Fran.
Laird and Will Boid with Captⁿ Henderson and M^r Wilson of Strabane;
and the preby of Strabane are to meet at Strabane 3^d Wednesday of
September, and these Gen^t to meet with them that day, and the preby
of Strabane is to advertise the congracon of Ardstraw to attend the
Comm. that day.

Ardstraw

It was moved that inasmuch as the congracon of Stranorlan are
not able to support the Gospell themselves and are pritty contiguous to
neighbouring congracons, that s^d congracon be dissolved and the
members joynd to other congracons; this affair was referred to the
preby of Letterkenny to doe therein as they see fitt.

Stranorlan.

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 congracon which will make their proportion £10, & it was
recomended to M^r Masterton to use his interest to procure payment
of £3 due by Lisburn Congraon to Dunfanachy; and it is agreed that
the preby of Letterkenny pay their fund to Dunfanachy this year.

Dunfanachy.

M^r 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^t after this Synod.
The Synod considered this affair and reasoned upon it, and then the
question was put, Grant M^r Boid's request or not, and it carryed grant
& then it was moved & agreed to that a Letter be writ from this Synod
to the congracon of Taughboin, exhorting them to adhere to M^r Boid's
ministry; the sd Letter was read and approven and subscribed by our
Mod^r and Clerk.

M^r Boid.

Adjourned to 6 *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Die Saturni June 24 Hora 6^{ta} ante merid. post preces Sed^a &c.

Sessio Sva.

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 gett up the arrears of the fund due to that congrn.

Ballinderry

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^r Bapt. 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.

Fund

M^r Teat

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^l 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.

M^r Hugh Henry

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.

M^{rs} Wallace.

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.

Stage plays.

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.

Abs^{ts}

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^s, ordered that this offensive practice be taken notice of in the beginning of next Synod.

Dubline.

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.

Derry
Preby.

Ordered that the Preshy 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 Donaghadee, Bellywalter or any other congregation in Bangor Presby be not under a locality to some weak congregacon ^{Fund.} that they pay their fund to Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Patton is allowed to pay him.

Minntes 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^r be revived and accordingly the minutes of the General Synods Comm. w^c mett in Monaghan in October last were read.

It was referred 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^r 2. The Comm of Overtures proposed to the Interloq^r that a select Comm be appointed to repara a Draught of an address to his present Majesty this was agreed to.

Interloq^r 3. Whereas Mr. Wirling had written to this Synod for a Copy of the minutes of his tryal, this Interloq^r 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. M^cBride, 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^l Presbys.

Interloq^r 4. The address to the King was read and approven.

A letter from Mr. Iredell to this Synod was read, he therein settis 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^r 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. Rainey, 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^cBride, Mr. Reid, Mr. Irdell and Mr. Hemphill meet at Newry upon advertisement from Irdell and Mr. Craighead to concert the applicacons for R.D. in conjunction with the Presby of Dublin, Munster and Antrim.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

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

Sed^t. 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^t 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. Higginbotham, and Mr. Will Cornwall, Ministers and these Elders; Cap^t Henderson, Samuel Smith, Jam. Porter, Nath. Wiely, Mr. Tho. Meek, Walter Marshall, Adam Alexander, Robert Hamilton, Jam. Gilmer, Jos. Ladly, Nath. M^cClave, Mr. Agnew, Jam. Stirling, Mr. Dunbar, Jam. Alexander, John Wier, and Mr. Tho. Romage.

A List
of
Min^{rs}
&
Elders

Moderator's
Conduct
approven.

The Mod^r opened this meeting by prayer, and the Roll was called, & the Mod^r 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^r Lang, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r Laird, M^r Will. Boid, & Capt. Henderson together with our Mod^r & Clerk meet as a Comm. to prepare a draught of an address to the Lord Lieuten^t.

Letrim.

This Synod having heard Sev^l brethⁿ discourse in gen^l 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 & edificacon of this church to hear all persons & parties that have any interests in these Debates, & the Mod^r 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^t M^r Brown M^r Teat, Bapt. Boyd, M^r Johnston, M^r Mulligan, M^r John Kennedy and their Elders; this Comm. is to meet at 8 of the clock this night.

Committee.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*; Concluded with prayer.

*Die Jovis horá 9^a mane—post preces sed^t &c.*Sessio 2^{da}.

A supplicacon from Sligo was read; that people earnestly desire ^{Sligo.} 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 Com^{rs} ^{Letrim.} they sett forth in their supplicacon that they labour under sev^l grivances, particularly that tho' they had been erected into a congraon 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 supplicat that they may be allowed Gospell ordinances among themselves; and that M^r Gray may be their pastor.

And whereas there was a Co^mission and supplicacon laid before ^{Applications.} the Comm. of Bills from a good number of persons belonging to M^r 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 Toughboin appeared Walter Marshall, and Robert Wilson Comm^{rs} setting forth in their supplicacon that it is their earnest desire that this Synod may preserve M^r Boid's usefulness, & comfort and endeavour to make him easy among them.

From both South and North Side of Taughboin appeared Walter Marshall & Rob^t Wilson Comr^s setting forth in their supplicacon that it is their earnest desire that this Synod may preserve M^r Boid's usefulness & comfort & endeavour to make him easy among them.

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 M^r 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 ^{Session of Taughboin} M^r John M^rClintoc and M^r Tasker Keys, Walter Marshall, & Robert Wilson, Comm^{rs} wherein they sett forth that they labour under many grivances and that by indirect and irregular methods great disturbances have been raised among them.

They earnestly pray that their present pastor's settle^{mt}. and usefulness may be preservod 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.

Sessior 3^{da}.*Die Jovis. Decem^r 28 Hora 4 A Merid. post preces Sed^t &c.*Mr Thos. Harvey
and
Mr Cochran

The Rev^d M^r Tho. Harvey, and M^r Ninian Cochran presented a supplicacon complaining that a censure had been inflicted on them by the late Synod of Derry *pro renata* 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 sd Synod, & earnestly praying for redress of this grivance and reparacon of their injured carecters: the complainents 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^t M^r Lang, M^r Thomas Kennedy, M^r Teat, M^r Brown, M^r Johnston, M^r Hemphill, & the Mod^r & Clerk; they are to bring in their overtures to next Sed^t.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*. Concluded wh prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta}*Die Ven. December 29 Hora, 9 mane post preces, Sed^t &c.*Mr Higgin-
bothom.

From the old congracon of Colerain appeared M^r Higginbotham, M^r Jam. Cunningham and several other gent^l Com^{rs} and from the new Congraon in Colerain appeared M^r Hugh Bankhead, M^r Robt. Dunlop and M^r Isaac Tod Com^{rs}. M^r Higginbotham moved that in regard he is not at present a member of any of our prebya 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 occasiona subscribed the Westminster Confession as a test of Orthodoxy, 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^r Boid, M^r Laird and Capt. Henderson to bring in an Overture upon this affair who being returned brought in the following overture:—Whereas the Rev^d M^r Higginbotham has to the satisfacon of this Synod not only expressed his belief of the Artickles contained in our Westminster Confession of Faith, but also his approbation of the constitution of this Church, & his & his congracon's sincere resolutions to live peaceably with the new erection in Colerain, and further desired that inasmuch as he belonga 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 Gen^l Synod upon his produceing Credentiaals 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^{rs} declared their resolutions to live peaceably w^t M^r Higginbothom and his congracon that it be recomended to both

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M^r Higgin-
bothom
annexed to
Derry Preby.

congraons 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 & approvén unanimously.

Before the Comm. to wh the affair of Taughboin was committed Mr Will. Gray had come to any resolution or made any report upon that affair, M^r Will. Gray came into the Synod & read a paper wherein he sett forth that he labours under sev^l grivances, & having no prospect of relief from this Synod, had resolvéd on this account to separat himself from this Synod, & declared that he doth hereby actually separat himself from it and all the Judicatories belonging to it, & protested against our intermeddling 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 M^r Gray to desire that paper or a copy of 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, resolvéd to leave the consideracon of this affair to next Gen^l Synod; and in the meantime were much surprized and offended at M^r Gray's conduct in withdrawing his subjection from this Synod, and they think themselves oblidged in case he follow any decisive course pursuant to the above sd Declaration to warn all both Min^{rs} 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 exhort them to continue under M^r Boid's ministry, and M^r Homes of Unrnie 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.

Dis Ven. Decembr 29, Hora 4 a merid. post preces Sedⁱ &c.

Sessio 5^{ta}.

The consideracon of the complaint tabled by M^r Tho^s Harvy and M^r 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 contradiction to the resolution of the Synod of Derry, dissolving that erection, yet in regard it appears to us that these Breth^a 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 edificacon & the peace of that preby to continue these Breth^a 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 & approvén unanimously.

M^r Tho^s Harvey
and
M^r Ninian
Cochran.

A Letter from the Rev^d Ma^{rs} Sam^l 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 resolvéd to lay that Letter before the Gen^l Synod to meet in June next, to wh it properly belongs to consider of this affair. M^r Mackay is ordered to give an answer to sd letter according to the purport of this minute.

Preby.
of
Antrim.

Two Letters from M^r Henry of Drogheda were communicated to

M^r Henry
of
Drogheda,

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^r Henry. M^r 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^l Synods, and send them to M^r Henry; M^r Mackay is ordered to write sd Letters.

Comm. 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^r Iredell.

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

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

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

Sedt:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Derry Preby.		Armagh Preby.	
Jo ⁿ Harvey, Sen ^r	Jo ⁿ Wilson	Jon. Hutcheson	David Johnston
Jo ⁿ Stirling	Will. Buchanan	Geo. Lang.	Jam. Tod
Hance Stewart	M ^r Stephenson	Gilb. Kennedy	Will. Mulligan
Tho. Harvey	Tho. Cochran	Jam. Fleming	Jon. Anderson
Robt. Higginbothom	David Henry	Jam. Johnston	Dav. Taylor
Sam ^l Ross		Jon. Menagh	Will. Andrews
Bangor Preby.		Geo. Cherry	M ^r Baxter
Jam. M ^c Calpin	Robt. Robison	Jon. King	Will. M ^c Kie
Jam. Stewart		Will. Dick	Jam. M ^c Mechan
		Robt. Thomson	Jam. Hills
Killyleagh Preby.		Strabane Preby.	
Patrick Bruce	Will. Davison	Jo ⁿ Ball	M ^r Kiukead
Hugh Williamson	Will. Byars	Victor Ferguson	M ^r Love
Templepatrick Preby.		Isaac Taylor	Will. Stinson
		Jos. Hemphill	
		Colerain Preby.	
Jam. Cobham	Jam. Fairris	Cha ^s Lind	Matt. Longwill
Alex. Brown	M ^r Adair	Will. Boyd	David M ^c Lelan
Will. Livingston	Jam. Gibson	Robt. M ^c Bride	Jam. Brown
Jam. Fraser	Will. M ^c Gown	Jon Cochran	Robt. Stewart
Robt. M ^c Master	Jam. M ^c Ilvain	Sam ^l Dunlop	Math Tafts
Tim. White	David Tagart	Fran. Ross	Jon. Gray
Tho. Craford	Arch ^d Hunter	Jo ⁿ Or	Jo ⁿ Mulligan
Jo ⁿ Hasty	Will. Brown	Jo ⁿ Hill	Jon. Hart
		Jo ⁿ Thomson	M ^r Ramage

Monaghan Preby.

Bapt. Boid M^r Wilson
 Hum. Thomson M^r Maxwell
 Jos. Cornwall M^r Strea
 Alex. Fleming M^r M^cCullogh
 Pat. Plunket Jam. Boid
 Sam. Irwin Jam. Knox
 Jon. Carlisle
 And. Dean M^r Barclay
 Will. Sloan Will. Wigtown
 Math. Chalmers
 Neth. Glasgow

Tyrowen Preby.

Hen. Crooks Alex. Knox
 Tho. Kennedy Capt. Stinson
 Jon. M^cClave Jon. Anderson
 Tho. Mulligan Robt. M^cClean
 Hugh Wallace Will. Car
 Robt. Thomson Jon. Barclay
 Jon. Kennedy M^r Agnew
 Nath. Cochran Sam. Campbell
 Jam. Dykes Jon. Jordan
 Robt. Stewart Jam. English
 Jam. Orr Jam. Murray

Dublin Preby.

Jam. Teat Jon. M^cKie
 Hugh Henry
 Tho. Macquay M^r Beaty
 Sam. Hemphill
 Will. Patton
 Jam. Bond Jon. M^cKinlor
 Will. Wilson

Letterkenny Preby

Fran. Laird
 David Fairley Capt. Henderson
 Jam. Cochran
 John Homes Will Moor

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Will. Cornwall.
 Jon. Riddel.
 Will. Mackay, Clerk.

The former Mod^r desiring that a new Mod^r might be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethⁿ was proposed, one of whom may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, viz M^r James Cobham, M^r Fairly, M^r Sam^l Ross, M^r James Stewart, M^r Pat. Bruce, M^r Fleming, M^r Isaac Taylor, M^r M^cBride, M^r Jas. Cornwall, M^r Maquay, M^r Crooks, M^r Brown, M^r M^cCalpin; and these Brethⁿ being heard and removed, and the vote put, M^r M^cBride was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices, and M^r Mackay was continued clerk. Moderator Chosen.
Clerk.

Ordered that the sev^l Prebys return their members for the sev^l Comm. viz. of Overtures Bills for reviseing the Synod Books, and for the fund to next Sed^t.

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 ten. Appointment.

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

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

Rout Presby report that Mr. Robert Haltridge, died December 22, 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. Dead.

Ordained. Monaghan Presby report that they ordained Mr. Will Sloan at Glentubritt 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.

Licensed. Tyrown Presby report that they licensed M^r Alexander Saunderson and that he subscribed according to order.

Bangor Presby report that they have entered on 2^d tryals M^r Samuel Fergie, and M^r Robert Cuningham.

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

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

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

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

Sessio 2^{da}. *Die Mer. June 19 Hora 10^{ma} mane post preces Sed^t &c.*

Then time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The Sev^l Presbys returned the names of their members for the sev^l Comm. according to appointment; these Comm. are to meet in the usual places in the intervalls of the Synod. These following brethern were absent from last Gen^l Synod and are not excused viz M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r Strawbridge, M^r Will Holmes, M^r Nehem. Donaldson, and M^r Robert Craighead.

Excused. These following breth^a being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered viz. M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r Will. Cunningham, M^r Andrew Ferguson, M^r Henry Hamilton, M^r John Malcom, M^r Char. Mastertown, M^r Seaton, M^r Montgomery, M^r James Bruce, M^r James Reid, M^r Leech, M^r Creighton, M^r Tho^s Cobham, M^r Cathcart, M^r Will Thompson, M^r Arch^d M^cClain, Senior, M^r Char. Wallace, M^r Robert Rainey, M^r Gordon, M^r Allen, M^r Will Holmes, M^r Alexander M^cRackan, M^r Clerk, M^r Neil, M^r Porter, M^r Ja^s Thomson, M^r Irdell, M^r Samuel Henry, M^r Seth Drumond, and M^r Samuel Dunlop.

Absents not excused. These Breth^a being absent are not excused viz. M^r Winsley, M^r Thomas Harvey, Junior, M^r Strawbridge, M^r Gaudie, M^r Biggart, M^r James Moor, M^r Alex^t Hamilton, M^r Smith, M^r Ja^s White, M^r Robert Sinclair, M^r Archibald M^cClain, Junior, M^r Donaldson, M^r Hair, M^r Thomas M^cClain, M^r John Algio, M^r Robert Craighead, M^r Pat. Vannce, M^r John Riddell.

M^r Murdoch. The sev^l Presbys are ordered to take particular care that such Ministers as have not contributed to M^r Willm Murdochs support may transmitt sd contributions to him with all possible speed and that the Presbys report their diligence to next general Synod.

M^r Fraser and M^r Crafford are to meet at M^{rs} Craffords on the last Monday of July and to search M^r Craffords papers and what records belonging to this Synod they shall find among them they are to transmitt to M^r Lang who is to transmitt them to our Clerk. Records.

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^r, they be sent to the Clerk of this Synod and that every Presby take care of this affair.

The sev^l Presbys are to return the names of their members for the Gen^l Synods fixt Comm. to next Sed^t.

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 M^r Cornwall and that that people offered to state accounts with M^r Cornwall at any time, this matter was referred to a Comm. who are to converae with M^{rs} Cornwall, the Presby of Monaghan aud the people of Augher who are here, and make report. Mrs Cornwall.

M^{rs} Moor's affair was issued by the Comm. to which it was referred last year. Mrs Moor.

M^r Will. Boid reports that he joined himself to the Presby of Rout, at their first Sed^t after last Gen^l Synod.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded wh Prayer.

Die Mer. Hora 5 post merid. post proces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 3^{ta}

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

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

From Ushers key appeared M^r Hugh Wallace Com^r supplicating that they be be allowed to call up such supplies from the Presbys belonging to this Synod as they may think expedient from time to time untill next Gen^l Synod & that the Gen^l Synods Comm. may be impowered finally to determine in any call they shall give to any gent to be their Pastor; the supplicaon 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 sd congregaon 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 min^r of this Church and an appeal sho'd be lodged from the senteuce of the Presby to wh he belongs, the Gen^l Synod shall be called to meet *pro re nata* to Judge and finally to determine sd affair, the Synod is to be called by our Mod^r uppon applicaon from the Presby of Dublin or the party aggrieved. Ushers key.

Plunkett Street.

The Rev^d M^r Macquay desired of the Synod that the congru 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^l Synod the Synod granted this request.

The Several Presbys returned their members for the Gen^l Synods Comm. as follows.

General Synod's
fixt Comm.

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

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

Mr Teat.

Complaint was made, that many Min^{rs} have not paid one shill allowed M^r Teat for service done to this Church; it is agreed that M^r 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 M^r Teat's order & M^r Teat is ordered to pay M^r Robert Thomson £5 of the fund in his hand. M^r 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.

Mr Samuel
Henry.

A letter to the Synod from M^r Samuel Henry of Abbyboil representing his discouraging 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.

Synod of Derry
Book.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised sd records and remarked that the late Mod^r of the Synod of Derry had called that Synod to meet *pro re nata* when the present Mod^r 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 M^r Gray and the Congregacon of Taughboin having been referred by the Gen^l Synod which mett here in Decem^r 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 *mane*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Jun. 20 Hora 10^{ma} Ante Merid. post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 4^{ta}.

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 approven. Synod Books approven.

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 M^r Will Holmes.

From the newly erected congregacon at Antrim appeared Mr. Robert Rainey and David White Com^{rs} setting forth in their supplicacon their gratefull sence of the Synods kindness in recommending their case to the several congregacons & that sev^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 it with all possible expedition. Antrim.

From Clandevadog appeared Anth. Lawson Com^r 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. Clandevadog.

The supplicacon of Thomas Paxton was read he therein settts forth his afflicting circumstances by reason of his great poverty old age and many infirmities of body wh he labours 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 dureing his natural life. Thomas Paxton.

From Sligo appeared Robert Cunningham &c. Com^{rs} 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. Sligo.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Jun. 20 Hora 5^{ta} A merid post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 5^{ta}.

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 caulesly and unjustly seperate 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 brethern as well as the happy constitution of this Church to the dishonour of our holy profession the scandall of the godly the great obstruction of the peace and edificacon of that congregacon the alienacon of affection even among nearest relations in the same and the weakening of Mr. Boids hands in his ministerial work who was regularly settled there by this Church.

Mr Gray
suspended.

It is therefore humbly overtured 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 M^r Gilbert Kennedy, M^r Thomas Kennedy, M^r Humphrey Thomson, M^r Laird, M^r Brown, and Captain Henderson, shall prepare instructions for any Comm. who shall be appointed to try M^r Grays affair.

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6^{ta}.

Die Ven. Jun: 21 Hord 9 Ante Merid post preces Sed^t &c.

The Synod resumed the consideracon of M^r Grays affair and read the instructions prepared by the Comm. and after reasoning they were read again and are in these words

Instructions
to
the
Committee
upon
M^r Gray's
affair.

1st That in case M^r Gray shall surcease 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 M^r Boid and his session or in any other congregacon within the bounds of this Gene^l 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 M^r Gray shall not receive the Synoda 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 M^r Will Boid's Pulpitt by such Minister as this Synod shall nominate shall be esteemed by the Comm. a sufficient regular information—

3rd In case M^r 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 M^r Gray they shall at the same time declare that such people as shall after sd deposition adhere to M^r Gray shall be looked upon as highly scandalous and disorderly & none of our community, & that sd declaracon be published from M^r Boid's Pulpitt on a Sabbath day soon after.

5 That in case the Comm. find cause to depose M^r 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. M^r Seth Drumond, M^r Laird, M^r Fairly, M^r Ball M^r William Homes, M^r Isaac Taylor, M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Stirling, M^r Samuel Ross, M^r Andrew Ferguson, M^r Winsley, M^r M^cBride, M^r John Cochran, M^r John Thomson, M^r Robert Thomson, M^r Nath. Cochran, M^r James Dykes, M^r Timothy White, M^r Brown, M^r Robert M^cMaster, M^r Baptist Byid, M^r Samuel Irwin, and M^r Carlisle, & each Min^r to endeavour to bring an Elder, Eleven Mini^{rs} & 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.

Comm
to meet
at
Strabane.

M^r Hutchison & M^r Lang are to write the letter to M^r Gray which was brought in read and approven and M^r Samuel Ross is hereby appointed to read the minutes of this Synod relateing to the affair of M^r Gray & Toughboin and to intimate M^r Gray's suspension in M^r Boids Pulpitt.

Letter
to
M^r Gray.

A reference from the Synod of Derry of an affair depending before that Synod concerning M^r Robert Wilson (the minute of that Synod being read) came orderly before this Synod. M^r 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. M^r Wilson was heard as also the Preby of Letterkenny, and after long reasoning a question was offered, whether M^r Wilson's affair shall be tryed and issued by the preby of Letterkenny with correspondents from the sev^l prebys of the Synod of Derry or by the select Comm. wh is appointed to meet at Strabane upon Toughboin affair? and the vote being put it carried refer^d 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 M^r Wilson was cited by our Mod^r from the pulpitt to attend sd Comm. upon the last Wednesday of July next.

M^r Robert
Wilson's
case
referred
to the
Comm.
at
Strabane.

Our Clerk reports that he lately received a Letter from M^r John Elder desireing 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.

M^r John Elder.

The Synod agreed that a letter be written to M^r Elder's people which was drawn, read & appoven; also a Letter was appointed to be written to the people of Killead, wh was done accordingly.

M^{rs} Cornwall.

The Comm. who were appointed to converse with M^r Cornwall, the preby of Monaghan and people of Augher report that it is their opinion that sd congracon owe £10 by a stated account to M^r 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^{rs} 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^l Synod *pro re nata* wh mett in December last referred to Interloq^t.

Mr. Higginbothom.

Complaint was made by some members of the Presby of Rout that M^r Higginbothom since the Gen^l 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^r Higginbothom and make report this Synod wh Com^m. being returned report that M^r 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 dropt 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^r Higginbothom agreed to this representacon and promised to be more cautious in time coming. M^r Brown and M^r Livingston are to draw letters to the several sessions of Colerain which were drawn read and appoven.

Bellykelly and Bovevy.

A supplicaon from the session of Ballykelly a supplicaon from the session of Bovevy were read these sessions sett forth that they are uneasy on account of M^r Higginbothoms being a member of the Presby of Derry to wh they belong & earnestly desire that he may be disjoined from sd Presby M^r Gilbert Kennedy and Captain Henderson are appointed to converse with the Com^{rs} from Bellykelly and Bovevy sessions and report to this Synod.

Adam Henry Com^r from Turbitt appeared and sett forth in a supplicaon the weakness of that congregacon & 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.

Overture transmitted.

A overture from the Com^m. 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 who-soever shall be absent from this Gen^l 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 2^d 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^l Presbys to be under their consideration till next Gene^l 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^r Gilbert Kennedy is to write to M^r M^cRackan to desire him to pay £3 of the Fund to M^r James Cochran of Dunfanachy.

M^r Hutcheson & M^r 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.

Die Ven. Jun. 21: hora 3 A Merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 7^{ma}

The Com^m. 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^r Higginbothom continues a member of Derry Presby. It was then moved that M^r Higginbothom be annexed to Templepatrick Presby for this ensuing year and after some conference between that Presby and M^r 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^r Higginbothom shall be a member of Templepatrick Presby for the ensuing year.

Bellykelly
and
Bovevy.

From Clananees Edward Moor & Com^{rs} supplicating for supplies to that people also the supplicacon of M^r Bapt. Boid setting forth the sinking state of his congregacon (of which Clananees is a part) was read.

Clananees.

It was overtured & agreed to that neither the Presby of Monaghan nor that of Tyrown shall erect Clananees into a congregacon without consent of this Gen^l 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 min^{rs} under whose care they are at present, and if any of the min^{rs} of the Presby of Tyrown 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 surcease to supply them.

The Rev M^r Samuel Hemphill presented a supplicacon wh was read, he therein sett forth the sinking state of that congrⁿ 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 & Com^{rs} from Castleblany was read they 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^r 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^r Hemphill submitted to this advice.

M^r Hemphill.

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^l Synod, agreed that this overture be transmitted to the sev^l Presbys to be under their consideracon till next Gen^l Synod.

Overtures
concerning
the fund.

Sev^l 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^l Presby^a and the notes so perfected shall be sent to M^r 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 M^r 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 M^r Ja^s Cochran £5, and the congraon of Derry is to pay him £3, Clendermont £1 Ten Shill. Faun 10 Sbill this was agreed to and the Presby of Ardmagh is to take care of M^r Dicks fund, Loughbrickland is to pay M^r Henry this year's fund and afterwards he has no claim to it.

3 Overt. that the Clerk of every Presby shall bring to next Gen^l Synod either a discharge from the persons who have a Locality on them or the money promised annually by the sev^l Congraons agreed to.

The Comm. of Funds returned the following applotments on the Presbys.

The Congraons settled upon the fund—

Presby of	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	5	7	0	Drogheda	35	0	0
Letterkenny	7	5	0	Castleblany	14	0	0
Derry	16	7	0	Vinecash	9	0	0
Rout	13	6	0	Sligo	20	0	0
Strabane	10	1	0	Lurgan	15	0	0
Monaghan	10	12	0	Badony	7	10	0
Ardmagh	22	17	0	Loughgall	12	0	0
Tyrown	13	3	0	Dunfanachy	10	0	0
Killileagh	9	1	0	Kirkdonald	4	0	0
Bangor	22	5	0				
Templepatrick	19	9	0				153:10:0
Lisburn	4	0	0				

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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.

W^M MACKAY, C.S.G.

Interloquitur.

1st Complaint is made that notwithstanding the recommendations renewed from time to time in favour of M^r James Henderson of Ardmagh very little is done for his relief this Interloq^r recommends it most earnestly to every Session within our bounds to give him one day's collection at least for his relief and M^r Hutcheson is ordered to write a state of his case to the several Presbyteries.

James
Henderson.

2nd M^r James Cobham reports that he wrote to M^r Wirling that M^r Mastertown & he wo'd meet said M^r Wirling at M^r Livingstone's to converse wt him according to appointment of this Synod and that he had received an answer from M^r Wirling wh discouraged them from attempting to converse wt him.

M^r Wirling

A Supplicacon from some people in Killead was read wherein they desire that M^r Wirling may be reponed the Interloq^r considered this case and agreed to refer 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 M^r Colvill desiring his share of the additionall R.D. due to him as he alledges for the time he was min^r at Drumore before he was received into the southren assosiaon was read, M^r Thos. Kennedy Kennedy is to draw an answer to sd letter.

M^r Colvill

4. The Interloq^r took into consideraon the letter from Messrs Hallyday and Bruce desiring in name of the Presby of Antrim coppys of all records in our Clerk's hands before the year 1726 M^r Hutcheson is appointed to draw an answer to sd letter.

Presby of
Antrim.LETTER TO THE SEVERAL PRESBYS TO EXCITE THEM TO
DILIGENCE IN PAYING THE FUND.REV^D AND D^R BRETHN.

The lamentable account the Synod has now received of the sinking state of divers-frontier and other weak congracons 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 congracons 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 applyed than that wh is beneficial to the souls of men & that the deficiency of some congracons 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,

Letter to
the presbys
Concerning
the Fund.

and wh is of greater weight the guilt of neglecting so very necessary & truly 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 congraons and use your earnest endeavours to prevail wt them to lend their helping 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 and their weak flocks may bless God for the continuance of a preached Gospell through your Christian liberality.

This in name of the Synod is signed by
your very affect. B^r & serv^t

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 17th, 1729.

Sermon.

M^r Robt. M'Bride, Mod^r 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.

Sed^t :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Bangor Presby.		Strabane Presby.	
Ja ^s Moore Robt. Cunningham	John Maculloch	Ja: Maxwell Alex. Macrackan Joseph Hemphill	David Dennie Tho ^s Burns
Killyleagh Presby		Colerain Presby.	
Sam. Shannon John M ^c Murray	Tho. M ^c Kibbin	Charles Linn W ^m Boyd Rob ^t M ^c Bride Ja. Thomson Rob ^t Knox Francis Ross John Or John Hill John Thomson	Tho. Wallace Mr Ball Matt ^b Jaque Mr Peebles John Mulligan John Cochran
Templepatrick Presby.		Monaghan Presby	
W ^m Leech Alex ^r Brown Rob ^t Higginbothom Ja. Creighton W ^m Livingstone Jam. Frazer Ja. White Rob ^t M ^c Master Tim. White Tho. Crawford John Hastie	Mr Creighton Paul Brown John Houston Sam. Blakely John Blakely Tho. Ramage	Baptist Boyd Humph. Thomson Alex ^r Fleming W ^m Hare Pat. Plunket Thos Maclain Sam. Irwin John Carlyle And. Dean Matth. Chalmers W ^m Sloan Neth. Glasgow	Alex ^r Wilson Mich. Clark Mr Mercer Homer Morro Rob ^t Bar Mr Scot Capt. Wilson W ^m Hutchison Tho. Armstrong Joseph Knox Rob ^t Shannon
Armagh Presby.			
Geo. Lang Gilb. Kennedy Rob ^t Rainey Ja. Johnston W ^m Mackay Rob ^t Gordon Arch ^d Maclain John Menoch	John Makibbin Tho. Purdie John Alison Hugh Makibbin John M ^c Bride Rob ^t Moodie And ^r Thomson And ^r Walker		

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.		Dublin Presby.	
Geo. Cherry	Hugh Hamilton	Hugh Henry	Jam. Sharp
Ja. Allan	Rob ^t McMurray	Sam. Hemphill	Rob ^t Callin
John King		William Paton	
W ^m Dick		Jam. Bond	
Rob ^t Thomson		Wm. Wilson	
Tyreowen Presby.		Letterkenny Presby.	
Henry Crooks	Rob ^t Adams	Sam. Henry	Cap ^t Henderson
Tho. Kennedy	Jos. Ladley	Sam. Dunlop	
John McCleave	David Chalmers	Fran. Laird	
Tho. Mulligan	Benj. Elder	Derry Presby.	
Hugh Wallace	John Govin	John Harvey Sen ^r	W ^m Smith
Rob ^t Thomson	Ja. Culton	Tho. Winsley	Sam. Davies
John Kennedy	John Reid	John Stirling	Mr Henry
Neth. Cochran	Edward Adams	Hans Stewart	Ja. Logan
Ja. Dykes	John Robison	Tho. Harvey	W ^m Thomson
Rob ^t Stewart	Robert Ross	Sam. Ross	W ^m Rule
Jam. Or	John Anderson	John Harvey Jun ^r	
		Major Murray	
		Ninian Cochran	
		W ^m Cunningham	
		And. Ferguson	57
		W ^m Cornwall	

Then a leet of the following brethren was proposed yt one of Mod^r. them may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, viz.: M^r Ja. Moore, M^r Charles Lind, M^r Alex^r Fleming, M^r Hemphill, M^r Crooks, M^r Sam. Dunlop, M^r Sam. Ross, M^r John Harvey, M^r Alexander Brown, M^r Ja. Johnston. And these brethren being heard and removed M^r Sam. Ross was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices, and M^r Mackay was continued Clk.

Clerk.

Ordered yt the several Presbys return their members for the several Comm. viz. for Overtures, for Bills, for reviseing the Synod's books and for the fund to next Sed^t.

Ordered yt all the members of the Synod meet here for 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 M^r Rob^t Cuninghame at Cumber October 22nd 1728 & M^r Sam. Fergie at Kilmore the day following and yt they both subscribed the confession according to order, as did also M^r Rob^t Gaudie whom they licensed to preach, and that M^r John Malcom dyed the 17th of May last. And yt M^r Biggar had his relacon to this Church loosed May 6th.

Killeleagh report that M^r Pat Bruce had his relacon to this Church loosed the 8th of November last, & yt they design to enter M^r Alex M^cComb on first tryals.

Licensed
and dead.

Templepatrick Presby report yt they have licens'd M^r John Thomson and M^r W^m Henderson & yt they subscribed according to order, and that they have M^r Tho. Brown on first tryals.

Armagh report yt M^r John Hutchison died the 10th Febry last & yt they have licens'd M^r Gilbert Kennedy Jun^r who subscribed according to order & yt M^r John Wilson has left their bounds & gone to America.

Dubliu Presby report that M^r Tho. Macquay died April 21st.

Colerain report that M^r Matth. Clark had his relacon to this Church loosed April 29th 1729 he is gone to America.

deposed.

Monaghan report yt M^r Ja. Teat dyed the 17th May last, and yt they had deposed M^r Jos. Cornwall December 26th for adultery confessed by himself and yt they have entered M^r Hugh Carlyle on first tryals. Some objected against this & it was agreed to refer it to the Comm. of Overtures.

Strabane report yt M^r Isaac Taylor had conform'd in May last, & yt they have M^r Sam. Hemphill and M^r Inch on first tryals

Letterkenny report that M^r Ro^t Wilson's suspension had been taken off by the Comm. wh met in Strabane in July last.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2.

Quo tempore Sed^t qui supra. Die Mer. hora 10^{ma} 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 reviseing the Synod's books and for the fund according to appointment.

Absents last
year.

These following brethren having been absent from the Synod last year are excused for reasons now offerred, viz., M^r Strawbridge, M^r Craghead, M^r Winsley, M^r John Harvey Junior, M^r Ja. Moore, M^r Ja. White, M^r Arch. Maclain Junior, M^r Tho. Maclain, M^r Sinclair.

Absents
excused.

These following brethren being absent this year are excused for reasons now offerred, viz., M^r Gaudie, M^r Henry Hamilton, M^r Alex^r Macrackan, M^r Mastertown, M^r Seaton, M^r Ja. Bruce, M^r Leech, M^r Sinclair, and M^r Wm. Thomson and M^r Iredell, M^r John Thomson, M^r Strawbridge M^r Henry Niel, M^r Sam. Dunlop, M^r John Porter, M^r Tho. Cobham, M^r Arch. Maclain Sen^r, M^r Char. Wallace, M^r Fleming, M^r Ja. Cochran, M^r Drumond.

not excused.

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are not excused, viz., M^r Alex^r Hamilton, M^r John Algeo, M^r Pat. Vance, M^r M^cCalpine, M^r Dickson, M^r David Fairly, M^r John Holmes, M^r William Smith, M^r Williamson.

Charity.

Ordered yt all the min^{rs} of this Synod who have not contributed to M^r Wm. Murdoch's support do it with all convenient speed.

Records.

Ordered yt M^r Tho. Kennedy deliver the records of the old Presby of Tyreown to our Clk and that M^r 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 M^r Brown or any other ancient Records that may be or are in the hands of any Min^r of this Church be brought to next Gen^l 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^a return the names of their members for the Gen^l Synod's fixt 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. Time and place of Meeting.

Then it was agreed we shou'd resolve into Interloq^r immediately.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon, Comm. to meet at 3. Concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. Horâ 4^{ta} A Merid. post preces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 3^{ta}.

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 M^r Gray had not submitted to the sentence of last Gen^l 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 M^r 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 agreeably to their instructions in the affair of M^r Gray or not? And it carryed yt they had acted agreeably to their instructions. Mr. Gray.

The affair of M^r Wilson of Stranorlan having been Committed to the abovesd 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 M^r Wilson. And after reasoning the question was put whether we approve the conduct of that Comm. in M^r Wilson's affair or not? And it carryed not *nemine contradicente*. Mr. Wilson

Adjourned to 8 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis horâ, 8^a mane, post preces, Sed^t &c.

Sessio 4^{ta}.

A reference from the Presby of Templepatrick of an affair depending before yt Presby concerning the transportation of M^r M^cMaster from Connor to Ushers key, Dublin, the minutes of that Presby being read came orderly before this Synod. M^r M^cMaster.

From Ushers key appeared Messrs. John Lord, Hugh Wallace, Geo. Risk and David Reid Comm^{rs}, to prosecute their call to M^r M^cMaster.

Transported
from Connor to
Usher's Key.

From Connor appeared Jam. Dickie, W^m Harper and Sam. Blakely Com^{rs}, to oppose the desired transportation. Then the call from Ushers key to M^r M^cMaster was read also the reasons offered by the Com^{rs} of Usher's key for the transportaon of M^r M^cMaster to their congregaon were read as were also the answers offered by the Com^{rs} of Connor to these reasons and another paper from the Com^{rs} of Connor for supporting their answers to the reasons of Ushers key.

Then a letter from the Rev. M^r Iredell to this Synod was read wherein he pleads several reasons for M^r M^cMaster's transportation to Ushers key. As was also a letter from the Rev. M^r Mastertown to the Rev. M^r M^cBride wherein he pleads several reasons against the desired transportaon of M^r M^cMaster to Ushers key. Then the Com^{rs} from Ushers key as also the Commissioners from Connor were 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 yt 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 transportaon, and called M^r M^cMaster, 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 M^r M^cMaster from Connor to Usher's key or not? And M^r 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 carryed transport, by a great majority, & the parties were called and the sentence intimated to them, & the people of Connor were exhorted to acquiese in it, & to submit to it.

M^r 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.

Sessio 5^{ta}

Die Jovis June 19th hora 4^{ta} A Merid. post preces Sed' &c.

Usher's key.

The affair of Usher's key was resumed & it was moved and agreed to yt M^r M^cMaster 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.

Armagh.

From Armagh appeared M^{rs} William M^cMechan, Geo. Bannerman, and Ro^t Scot Com^{rs} supplicating for supplies from this Synod, the Synod considered their supplicaon and agreed that the Congregaon 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 Gen^l Synod.

From Bangor appeared M^r Teat Com^r supplicating for supplies ^{Bangor.} from this Synod for 4 months from the first of July next. This Synod considered their supplicaon and agreed that M^r Tim. White shall supply Bangor the moneth of July, M^r Lang the moneth of August, M^r John Cochran of Killraghts the moneth of 7ber, M^r Gilb. Kennedy, junior, the moneth of October, and the several Presby^a to which these min^{rs} belong shall supply their Congregaons and if M^r 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 Matth. Russell Com^r supplicating y^t ^{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^a of Bangor, Templepatrick, Tyreowen & Armagh to endeavour to raise a fund by private subscriptions among themselves for the support of Holywood and these Presby^a are to return an account of their subscriptions to the Presby of Bangor from their first Sed^t.

A supplicaon from Coagh was read wherein they desire y^t some ^{Coagh.} Probationers viz. : M^r Gibson from Monaghan Presby, M^r W^m Homes from Strabane presby, M^r John Cochran from Derry presby may supply them the moneths of July, Aug^t, & October next. Agreed to.

A reference from the presby of Monaghan relateing to the trans- ^{Plunket Street.} portation of M^r Chalmers from Drum congregaon to the congregaon of Plunket street, Dublin, the minutes of y^t preby being read came orderly before this Synod.

From the congregaon of Plunket street appeared Messrs. Cuthbert, Sinclair, &c., Com^{rs} to prosecute their call to M^r Chalmers. Their call to M^r Chalmers was read & then the reasons offered by Plunket street Com^{rs} for the desired transportation were read.

From Drum appeared M^{rs} Johnston & Woods Com^{rs}; they earnestly supplicate y^t the desired transportation may not be granted. <sup>Transport
Mr Chalmers
from Drum to
Plunket Street.</sup> As also their answers to the reasons offered by Plunket street for the desired transportation were read. Then a letter from the Rev^d M^r Iredell shewing the concurrence of the presby of Dublin with and the unanimity of the Congregaon of Plunket street in the call to M^r Chalmers was read; also a letter from some members of the congregaon of Plunket street declaring their dissent from the call of major part of y^t congregaon to M^r Chalmers alleging their being not sufficiently acquainted with him, was read.

The Com^{rs} from Plunket street were fully heard, they were inquired at what maintenance they propose to give to M^r Chalmers; they answered they wou'd give seventy pounds P annum & a dwelling-house. The Com^{rs} from Drum were also fully heard, and the members of Monaghan and Dublin presby^a 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 M^r Chalmers from Drum to Plunket street or not? And M^r 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 M^r 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 M^r Chalmers.

Supplies.

And then the Com^{rs} from Plunket street moved y^t they might be allowed to call such supplies from the presby^s 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 8 mane : Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. June 20 ; Hora 8^a Mane, post preces Sed^e &c.

A supplicaon from Drumbo was read, they therein earnestly desire that they may be disjoyned from Killeleagh presby & put under the care of Bangor presby. The Synod agrees y^t 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 M^r Hemphill's transportaon from Castleblaney to the new congregaon of Antrim were read, that cause comes orderly before this Synod.

Mr. Hemphill
continued at
Castleblaney

From the new Congregaon of Antrim appeared Mess^{rs} Thom. Jackson, Robt. Rainey & John Finlay, Com^{rs} to prosecute their call to M^r Hemphill. Then their call to M^r Hemphill was read, as was also a paper containing several reasons for M^r Hemphill's transportaon from Castleblaney to Antrim.

From Castleblaney appeared Robt. Collins & W^m Dunlop Com^{rs} 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^{rs} from Antrim were fully heard, as were also the Com^{rs} from Castleblaney ; as also a letter from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Blaney to this Synod was read, wherein his Lordship sets forth his earnest desire that M^r Hemphill may be continued in Castleblaney. Then the presby of Templepatrick was heard as also the presby of Dublin, being parties in this cause. M^r Hemphill was called upon & heard ; and it was then

moved & agreed to that it would be more proper y^t a min^r 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^t in case M^r 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^r Hemphill from Castleblaney to Antrim or not? And the question being put, it carryed unanimously, not; and the parties were called and this sentence intimated to them and M^r Jam. Johnston and M^r 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^t M^r 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 ^{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^r Thom. Crighton shall supply them the 2nd and 4th Sabbaths hence.

M^r Sam. Henry sets forth yt he has supplied Moywater very ^{Moywater.} frequently these two years past & earnestly prays y^t 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 suppliers of Moywater is due to take care to get sd money and to give it to M^r Henry.

Ordered also y^t the Congregaon of Moywater shall have ten pounds ℥ annum out of the fund when they shall be planted.

The Com^{rs} from Antrim earnestly supplicat yt M^r Gilb. Kennedy, ^{Antrim.} junior, may be appointed to supply them the moneth of 7ber, M^r Jam. Macurdy from Colerain the moneth of October, M^r Hugh Thomson from Derry the moneth of August, and M^r William Homes, junior, from Strabane the moneth of November. Their supplicaon is granted. These Comm^{rs} undertake to give One pound ten shill. ℥ moneth besides entertainm^t for man and horse to their suppliers.

Ordered y^t M^r Tho. Kennedy write to M^r Iredell to desire him to use his best endeavours to influence the Congregaons of Caple Street, Plunket Street and Ushers key to contribute an annual collection to the fund.

The Revisers of the Synod books having returned no regular report that matter is referred till next year.

The several Presbys returned their members for the Gen^l Synod's fixt Committee as follows.

Fixt Comm.

From Bangor M^r Ja. Stewart, M^r Ro^t Cuninghame & M^r Craford of Crawfordsburn Elder. Killeleagh, M^r Ja. Reid, M^r M^cMurray and Tho. M^cKibbin, Elder. Templepatrick, M^r Ja. White, M^r Tho. Craford and Char. Johnston, Elder. Armagh, M^r Lang, M^r Mackay, and M^r Cherry, & M^r Quintin Scot, Elder. Strabane, M^r Ball, M^r Joseph Hemphill, and M^r Hugh Moor, Elder. Colerain, M^r M^cBride, M^r John Thomson, and M^r Gawin Steel, Elder. Monaghan, M^r Hum. Thomson, M^r And. Dean, & M^r Jos Streaun, Elder. Dublin, M^r Hemphill and M^r M^cMaster and M^r Crook, Elder. Tyreowen, M^r Tho. Kennedy, M^r Mulligan and M^r Nathan Cochran and M^r Somerill, Elder. Letterkenny, M^r Laird, M^r Fairly and Captain Henderson, Elder. Derry, M^r Major Murray, M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r Sam. Ross, and M^r Tho. Cochran, Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^r upon emergents to meet at Dunganon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be min^{rs}.

M^r Robt. Wilson's case was considered, & after reasoning it was moved and agreed to y^t he be continued under the suspension y^t 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^r Laird for the use of M^r 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.

Fast.

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^r Cornwall.

An Overture from Comm. of Overtures :	}	It is recommended to the presby of Monaghan to act cautiously in licensing of Candidats : Agreed to.
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Fund.

Overtures from the Comm. of funds to be transmitted to the several presbys to be considered by them till next Gen^l Synod.

Overtures
from
Comm.
of
funds
transmitted

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 intervalls 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^t 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^{rs} 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^l 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. *Interloqr, Sed^t. pastores.*

A letter from M^r Craghead to this Synod as also a letter from Mess^{rs} Iredell and Choppin were read; they give an account of M^r Craghead's negotiaon and also some copies of letters to persons of Hon^r upon that subject. Resolved y^t a letter be written from this Synod to M^r Craghead and another to M^r Iredell in answer to theirs.

2. Interloq^r. This Interloq^r considering the trouble M^r 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 £ annum for receiving and distributing the additional R.D.

3. A short supplicaon from M^r Wirling was read; he sets forth his submission to the censure inflicted on him by our Judicatories and prays for direction; and after long reasoning it was moved and agreed to that M^r 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^r Wirling upon a second letter was allowed to come in, and was heard. He made professions of his repentance and sorrow for what offence he had given to God and this Church, and desired we might be reconcilled to him: after long reasoning this affair was left as above.

The case of M^{rs} Taylor was taken into consideraon & this Interloq^r resolves that the Rule as to Min^{rs} widows shall stand, & that the presby of Templepatrick shall do what the can for supporting M^{rs} Clark this year.

WILL. MACKAY. C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 16, 1730.

M^r Sam^l Ross, Mod^r to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching from Ephes, 4 : 3 : & constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Roll being called, Sederunt.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Killyleagh Preby.		Monaghan Preby.	
Jam. Reid	Robt. Stephenson	Bapt. Boyd	Robt. Neely
Templepatrick Preby.		Hum. Thomson	M ^r Evit
		Alex. Fleming	
		Will. Hair	Jon. Fee
Jam. Cobham	Jon. Hasty	Pat. Plunket	
Alex ^f Brown	M ^r Adair	Tho ^s M ^c Clain	Alex. Wilson
Robt. Higginbotham	Jon. Cumin	Jon. Carlisle	
Jam. Creighton	Jon. Blakely	Jon. Algeo	
Will. Livingston	Jam. White	Will. Sloan	
Jam. White	Hen. Montgomery	Neth. Glasgow	
Tim. White			
Tho ^s Craford	Will. Leaths	Tyrowen Preby.	
Will. Thomson	Jam. Dalriuple		
Jon. Hasty		Hen. Crooks	M ^r Rae
Armagh Preby.		Tho. Kennedy	Jon. Laird
		Will. Cornwall	Will. Fleming
		Jon. M ^c Clave	Jam. M ^c Call
Geo. Lang	Jam. Tod	Tho ^s Mulligan	
Gil. Kennedy	Will. Achison	Hugh Wallace	M ^r Agnew
Jam. Fleming		Robt. Thomson	Jam. Wilson
Robt. Rainey	George Shaw	Jon. Kennedy	Will. Smith
Jam. Johnson	Nath. Henry	Nath. Cochran	Jon. Hanna
Will. Mackay	Jam. Heart	Jam. Dykes	Jam. Murray
Rob. Gordon		Robt. Stewart	Jam. Henry
Arch ^d M ^c Clain	Jam. Maffet	Jam. Or	
John Menogh	M ^r Pollock		
Jon. King		Letterkenny Preby.	
Robt. Thomson			
Strabane Preby		Fran. Laird	Capt ⁿ Henderson
		Jam. Cochran	
John Ball		Jon. Homes	
Neh. Donaldson	Jam. Smith		
Jos. Hemphill	Jon. Russel	Derry Preby.	
Colerain Preby.			
		Sam. Ross	
Will. Boyd	Jon. Rogers	Tho ^s Strawbridge	M ^r Harvey
Sam ^l Dunlop	Jos. Hill		
Robt. M ^c Bride	Jam. Ball	Bangor Preby.	
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Reignolds	Jo ⁿ Gaudie	
Tho ^s Cobham	M ^r Steel	Jam. Stewart	Hugh Cairns
Rob. Knox	Ben. Boid	Chas. Seaton	Alex ^s M ^c Tier
Jon. Hill	Jon. Duglass	Fran. Montgomery	
Dublin Preby.		Rob. Cunningham	Jam. Neil
		Sam Fergie	
Rob. Craighead	Jon. M ^c Kie	Will. Smith	
Hugh Henry	Pat. Adams		
Sam ^l Hemphill	M ^r Risk		
Jam. Bond	Alex. Davison		
Robt. M ^c Master			
Will. Wilson			

The Moderator moved that a new Mod^r may be chosen and a leet of the following brethren was proposed, viz: M^r Jam. Cobham, M^r Brown, M^r James Fleming, M^r Johnston, M^r W^m Holmes, M^r W^m Boyd, M^r Alex. Fleming, M^r Sam^l Hemphill, M^r Crooks, M^r Jam. Cochran, M^r M^cMaster, M^r Strawbridge, and M^r Gaudie, that one of them may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, and these Brethren being severally heard and removed, the vote put and M^r W^m Boyd was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices, and M^r Mackay was continued Clerk.

Moderator
Chosen.

Clerk.

For the more orderly managem^t of the business to come before this Synod the several Presbys are appointed to return their members for the several Comm. viz; of Overtures, Bills for revising the Synod books & for the Fund to next Sed^t

Comm.

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

Prayer.

Bangor Presby report that they ordained M^r Wm. Smith at Holywood the 4th of November last, he subscribed according to order.

Ordained.

Killeleagh Presby report that M^r John M^cMurry died in January last, he was minister at Ballehalbert. And that M^r Jam. Bruce Min^r of Killeleagh dyed February 17th and that they have licensed M^r Tho. Reid and M^r Alex^r M^cComb, they subscribed according to order.

Dead.

Templepatrick Presby report that they have licensed M^r Tho. Brown, he subscribed according to order. And have M^r Wm. Holmes on 2nd tryals. And M^r Hugh Scot on first tryals.

Licensed.

Ardmagh Presby report that they have M^r Robert Frazer on first tryals & have thoughts of entering M^r John Brown on first tryals.

Dublin Presby report that M^r Matth. Chalmers Min^r of Plunket Street Dublin dyed December 5th

Dead.

Colerain Presby report that they have entered M^r Tho. Fowler on first tryals and M^r Jam. M^cCreighton on 2nd and that they design to enter M^r David Alexander on first tryals.

Tryals.

Monaghan Presby report that M^r Robert Coltheart Min^r at Golan dyed the 26th of January last, and M^r Sam. Irwin Minister at Kinnard dyed the 6th of October last.

Dead.

Strabane Presby report that they have licensed M^r Sam. Hemphill, & M^r Jam. Inch and that they both subscribed according to order.

Licensed.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have ordained M^r John M^cGachin April 1st. And that he subscribed according to order.

Ordained.

Adjourned to 10 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2^{da}. Die Mercur. June 17 hora 10^{ma} mane. Roll called. Sess 2^{da}. Post Preces Sed^t &c.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The several Presbys returned their members for the several Comm. according to order.

Absents
excused.

These following brethren having been absent from last Synod are excused for reasons now offered, viz., M^r James M^cCalpin, M^r Alexander Hamilton and M^r Wm. Holmes.

Absents
not excused.

These following brethren were absent from last Synod being now absent are not excused viz; M^{rs} John Algio, Pat. Vance, David Fairly, W^m Smith and Hugh Williamson.

Absents
excused.

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered, viz; M^{rs} M^r Alex^r M^cCrackan, Hen. Hamilton, Charles Masterton, Nath. Orr, Wm. Leech, James Frazer, Arch. Maclain, Sen^r, Char. Wallace, Geo. Cherry, W^m Dick, Jam. Allen, Alex^r Macrackan, jun^r, Victor Ferguson, Ja. Thomson, And. Ferguson, Fran. Iredell, John Harvey Sen^r, John Harvey Jun^r and Alex^r Hamilton.

Absents
not excused

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are not excused, viz; M^{rs} Sam. Henry, Seth Drumond, W^m Smith, Hugh Williamson, David Fairly, Sam. Dunlop, John M^cGachin, John Sterling, Hans Stewart, Tho. Harvey, Ninian Cochran, W^m 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^{rs} absent from this Synod, and make an overture to the Synod upon it: this was recommended to that Committee.

Appointment

The appointment is renewed on M^r Tho. Kennedy to transmit some ancient records of this Church to our Clerk.

M^r 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^r Brown to transcribe sd Minutes of the Gen^r Synod; and further appoint the Synod of Belfast at their next meeting in Janry to revise the transcript and compare it with the original.

Old Records
to be engrossed

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 y^t this affair be resumed at the next meeting of this Synod.

Ordered that the several Presby^s return their members for the General Synod's fixt Comm. to next Sed^t.

M^r Cornwall.

M^r William Cornwall is annexed to Tyrowen Presbytery.

M^r M^cMaster.

M^r M^cMaster was installed in Usher's Key according to appointment of last Synod.

Bangor.

Bangor was supplied according to order of last Synod.

Holywood.

M^r Mackay is to collect the subscriptions of Armagh Presby. for support of Holywood, M^r Brown to collect sd subscriptions from Templepatrick Presby; M^r Tho^s Kennedy from Tyrowen Presby M^r Fran. Montgomery from Bangor.

M^r Ross of Derry is to transmit some old records in his hands to our Clerk.

Dunmurry congregaon made applicaon to Templepatrick Presby ^{Dunmurry.} and were received by them.

The new erection of Antrim supplied according to appointment.

Report is made that M^r Robt. Wilson's Testimonials were returned.

Report is made y^t 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.

Fast.

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 Presbys.

M^r Cornwall complains that the expences he was at in the law suit ^{M^r Cornwall.} is not reimbursed according to appointm^t of this Synod. It was moved y^t the Presby of Derry shall pay £1 7s to M^r Cornwall before Alsts next, which if they do not, it shall be taken out of their proportion of R.D. This certificaon was referred.

It is recommended to all Presbys to be cautious in licensing of candidates.

It was moved and agreed to y^t 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 presbys 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. ^{Rules about Candidates.} †

An overture from the Synod of Derry for making the fund more effectual was read, viz; that each congregaon shall deduct one penny halfpenny 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 amendm^t 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 carryed approve without the last clause—Interloq^r halfe an hour after 4. Open Synod at 5. Concluded with prayer. ^{Overtures about the Fund.}

Sessio 3^{ta} Die Mercur. Juno 17, hora 5^{ta} a merid. post preces, Sed^t &c. ^{Sessio. 3^{ta}}

The several Presbys. returned their members for the Gen^l Synod's fixt Comm. as follows.

General Synods
fixt Comm.

From Templepatrick M^r Ja. White, M^r Tho. Craford, & M^r Char. Johnston Elder.

From Armagh M^r Geo. Lang, M^r Mackay, M^r Cherry, & John Campbell of Ballerony Elder

Strabane; M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Jos. Hemphill & M^r John Wilson Elder.

Colerain; M^r M^cBride, M^r Jon Cochran, and M^r Gawin Steel Elder.

Dublin; M^r Hemphill, M^r M^cMaster, and Rob^t Callen Elder.

Tyrowen; M^r Thos Kennedy, M^r Cochran, M^r Mulligan, and Doct^r Summervil Elder.

Letterkenny; M^r Sam. Dunlop, M^r Fairly, and M^r W^m Moor Elder.

Monaghan; M^r Hair, M^r Plunket, and Robert Neely Elder.

Derry; M^r Major Murray, M^r Sam. Ross, and M^r Thos Cochran Elder.

Bangor; M^r Seaton, M^r Rob^t Cuningham, and M^r Craford Elder.

Killeleagh; M^r Ja. Reid, M^r W^m Smith and Thos M^cKibbin Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^r to meet at Dungannon upon ergents 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be min^{rs}.

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 carryed; yt Dungannon shall not be put on the Leet.

time and place
of next Synod

Then the question being put whether next meeting of this Synod shall be at Derry, Antrim or Strabane. And it carryed that next meeting of this Synod shall be at Antrim the 3rd Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Armagh.

From Armagh appeared Dr. Gabriel King, M^r Brown, David Johnston, &c., Com^{rs} supplicateing that this Synod wou^d allow them monethly supplies and yt in case in prosecution of their call to any Min^r either party happen to appeal that the General Synods Comm. may be impowered 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^r yt Presby to which sd Min^r 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.

Bangor.

From Bangor appeared Rob^t Blackwood, Esq., Com^r 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^r Gaudie a Candidate in Bangor to supply them the moneth of July, M^r Gilbert Kennedy jun^r, the month of August, M^r David Harvey the month of September, M^r Tho. Brown the month of October, and such Min^{rs} as they shall invite for the ensuing moneths, and if any Min^r whom they shall invite cannot come his Presby shall appoint another in his stead.

Adjourned to 8 *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta} Die Jov. Jun. 18. 8^{va} mane post preces Sed^t &c.

Sessio 4^{ta}.

From Ardstraw appeared Jos. Kinkead, &c., Com^{rs} supplicating for monethly supplies. This Synod grants their supplicaon and appoints M^r John Hoimes to supply them next Sabbath and the three last Sabbaths of July, M^r Menogh the month of August, M^r M^cCurdy the month of September, Strabane Presby the month of October, M^r Robert Cuningham November, M^r Tho. Brown December, M^r Gil. Kennedy January. They engage to pay 15 Shill. *ꝑ 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 *ꝑ diem* at least to each supplier besides entertainment for man and horse.

15 shill per diem to suppliers.

The above-named Com^{rs} 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^r Morris Meach Com^r supplicating that this Synod may reponne M^r Jos. Cornwall to the exercise of his ministry among them; this was referred to Interloq^t.

Adjourned to 5 *a merid*. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq^t to meet halfe an hour after three.

Sessio 5^{ta} Die Jov. Jun. 18 hora 5^{ta} A Merid. post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 5^{ta}

From Grayabby appeared M^r John Roan and Ferdinand Bailie Com^{rs} to proseute 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^{rs} of Grayabby and the reasons of their appeal were read paragraph by paragraph. And the Presby of Banger were heard upon every paragraph.

Grayabby appeal.

And from Ballewalter appeared William M^rKie Com^r. 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^r Livingston, M^r Frazer, M^r Ja. Reid, M^r Shannon, M^r Tim. White, M^r Lang, M^r Johnston & M^r 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.

Seavio 5^{ta}.

Sessio 6^{ta} Die Ven. Jun. 19 hora 8^{va} Mane post preces Sed^t &c.

Mr Jos.
Cornwall.

M^r Jos. Cornwall came voluntarily before us and made confession of his sin of adultery & such professions of his repentance as were very graftifying to this Synod.

Plunket Street.

M^r Sinclar from Plunket Street Dublin represented to this Synod that the Congregaon of Plunket Street have given a call to M^r 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.

Faughrinveil.

From Faughrinveil appeared M^r M^cCullogh, &c., Comr^s they set forth their earnest desires yt they may be speedily settled with a Gospel Min^r, the Synod recommends it to the Presby of Derry to issue this affair with all convenient speed.

Drumbo.

From Drumbo appeared Capt. Hamilton Maxwell Comr. supplicating for monthly supplies from this Synod, the Synod grants their supplicaon and appoints M^r Moorehead a Candidate in Templepatrick Presby to supply them the month of July, M^r Tho. Reid in the Presby of Killeleagh the month of August, M^r Gil. Kennedy jun^r, the month of September, M^r Rob^t Gaudie in Bangor Presby the month of October, M^r Tho. Brown in Templepatrick Presby the month of November.

Turbit.

From Turbit appeared M^r Adam Henry, Comr. setting forth the deplorable state of that Congregaon, that they have had no supplies except three since last Gen^l Synod, and they pray for paym^t 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^r Ball.

M^r John Ball supplicated that he may be dissnexed from Strabane presby; after some reasoning M^r Livingston, M^r Ja. White and M^r Hugh Wallace were appointed to bring in an overture upon this affair.

Castleblaney.

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:—Tyllicorbit £1 5s, Castleblaney

£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 ^{Widow Fee.} of her loss of her husband's proportion of the expences of the law suit commenced by M^r 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 M^r Hemphill, M^r Bond, & M^r Wilson yt they ^{M^r Hemphill, Bond and Wilson.} 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^r, Novemb^r; the presby of Derry, December, January and February; the Presby of Bangor, March, April, May, and June.

The Synod agrees that M^r Ball be disannexed from Strabane presby and annexed to the presby of Letterkenny.

Adjourned to halfe an hour after 3—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{ma} Die Ven. Jun. 19, horâ 3^{tia} a merid. post preces—Sed^t &c. ^{Sessio 7^{ma}.}

The presby of Monaghan report that they resolve to enter on first tryals M^r Alex. Maclain & M^r W^m Ambrose.

A motion was made that the Rule formerly made by this Synod ^{Rule about Infrants revived.} be now revived, yt before any Candidate be entered upon tryals by any presby, it shall appear to that preby yt after he has commenced M^r 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 Gen^l Synod ^{Absentees.} yt in regard so many members are frequently absent y^t 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, *nemine contradicente*.

Killeleagh
Presby.

The Comm. of overtures brought in an overture y^t 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 overtured 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 approved by the Synod and the Synod earnestly recommends to these Congregaons to submit to this determination.

Mr Wirling.

M^r 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 M^r Wirling's case and have received considerable satisfaction from his confession and declarations & reasoned a long time upon this affair and finding that M^r 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 y^t we take off the deposition from M^r 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 y^t 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.

Drogheda.

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.

M^r Lang & M^r Mackay are to write to Templepatrick Presby to acquaint them y^t the Synod has taken off M^r Wirling's deposition.

M^r Jos. Cornwall's case referred to the Synod of Armagh.

Our Mod^r is to write to the Congregaon of Fawn to excite them to pay their Fund.

Concluded with prayer.

Interloq^r Sed^t Pastores.

M^r Craighead gave a very particular account of his negotiation in London.

This Interloq^r is fully convinced of M^r Craighead's great care,

fideliſy, & diligence in managing the affairs committed to him & ordered our Mod^r to give him thanks in name of this Interloq^r.

M^r Craighead brought in an Overture to this Interloq^r, *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 applyed, things will in all probability grow worse and worse. It is humbly overted

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 sd interest.

2^y That the City of Dublin as being the most central, and where intelligence may be best had shall be the place of meeting.

3^y That this meeting shall be composed of one or two Min^{rs}, & as many Gent. from each Presby chosen for that purpose either by the Gen^l. Synod for the Presbys belonging to them or by the respective Presbys throughout the whole Kingdom.

4^y That in the choice of such Min^{rs} & Gent. special regard shall be had to these who are judged to be most capable & fit for managing business of yt nature.

5^y That the charges of such Min^{rs} as come from the north shall be defrayed out of the common stock of R. D. at — *per 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^{rs} shall be allowed also.

6^y In this meeting nothing yt has been matter of contention among Min^{rs} 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 strenghtening our common interest without the least regard to parties or any unhappy debates yt have been among us.

7^y The chief subject for consultaon 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^{rs} and sufficient time shall be allow'd the meeting to consider things yt come before them wh calmness and deliberaon, 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 Interloq^r after some reasoning do approve the above overture in gen^l, & it was further proposed that there shou'd be a meeting of Min^r and Gent. in order to concert methods for raising a fund for public services, and yt a Comm. of Capt. Maxwell, Capt. Henderson, M^r Craighead, M^r Gilbert Kennedy and M^r 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^l, 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 2^d 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 maters 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^r of each presby shall from time to time communicate to some friend in Dublin what progress they make in yt affair. M^r Craighead is desired to acquaint the presby^s 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 approved.

WILL^M MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 15, 1731.

M^r Will^m Boid, the former Mod^r opened this Synod by preaching from Hebrew 13 : 18 : & constituted the Synod by prayer, & the Roll was called; Sederunt:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Preb.		Strabane Presby.	
Will. Leech	Jam. Watson	Will. Homes	Will. Nelson
Jam. Cobham	Jon Steel	Alex ^r M-Crackau	Arch ^d Anderson
Alex ^r Brown	Arch ^d Brown	Victor Ferguson	Tho. Smyly
Will. Livingston	Jam. Gibson	Jos. Hemphill	
Jam. Creighton	Mr Creighton		

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Preb.— <i>Continued.</i>			
Jam. Fraser	Jam. Finley	Colrain Presby.	
Jam. White	Jon Davison	Char. Lind	Math. Longwill
Tim. White	Tho. Eglison	Hen. Neil	Peter Reid
Will. Thomson	Jam. White	Will. Boid	Jon Moor
Jon Hasty	Mr M ^c Cullogh	Sam. Dunlop	Mr Ball
Tho. Craford	Jam. Atkin	Rob ^t M ^c Bride	Jon Cuming
Will. Homes	Mr M ^c Conchy	Jon Cochran	Mr Steel
Jon Moorhead	Jon Eggar	Tho. Cobham	Will Morison
Jon Montgomery		Jam. Thomson	Mr M ^c Curdy
		Rob. Knox	Will. Wiely
		Fran. Ross	Jon Mulligan
		Jon Or	Jam. Herbutton
		Jon Hill	
		Jon Thomson	
		Jam. M ^c Creight	
		Rob. Wirling	
		Bangor Presby.	
Armagh.		Jon Gaudie	Will. Chirmside
Geo. Lang	Mr Reid	Jam. Stewart	Jam. M ^c Nab
Gilb. Kennedy	Sam. Ker	Char. Mastetron	
Rob. Rainey	Mr Pollock	Char. Seaton	Jon Magill
Arch ^d M ^c Clain	Jon White	Jam. Moor	Jam. Or
Jon Menogh	Mr Moor	Alex ^r Hamilton	Jon Malecom
Geo. Cherry	Jon Moody	Rob ^t Cunningham	Rob. Smith
Jam. Allen	Rob. Templeton	Will. Smith	Jon Gordon
Will. Dick	Rob ^t Ballintin	Nath ^l Or	
Rob. Thomson	Jon Campbell		
		Killyleagh Presby	
Dublin Presby.		Jam. M ^c Alpin	Alex ^r Homes
Hugh Henry	Mr Sinclar	Jam. Reid	And. M ^c Knight
Jon Alexander	Mr Cook	Arch ^d Dickson	Mr Baxter
Will. Patton		Hugh Williamson	Hugh Cleland
Rob. M ^c Master		Jon King	Jon Mains
		Sam. Fergie	
		Letterkenny.	
Monaghan.		Jon. Ball	Capt. Henderson
Bap ^t Boid		Sam. Dunlop	
Sam. Hemphill		Fran. Laird	Will. Keys
Jam. Bond	Cornelius Campbell	David Fairley	
Jon Carlisle	Cap ^t Wilson	Jon. Homes	M ^r Henderson
And. Dean		Jam. Cochran	M ^r Stewart
Jon Algio	Jon Wilson	Jon. M ^c Gachin	
Will. Sloan		Jon. Harvey Sen ^r	Jon. Walker
Nath. Glasgow			
		Derry.	
Tyrowen.		Tho ^t Winsley	M ^r Thomson
Will. Cornwall	Ad. Wilson	Jon. Stirling	
Hen. Crooks	M ^r M ^c Mullen	Jon. Harvey Jun ^r	Jon. Fulton
Tho ^s Kennedy	Fran. Lesly	Tho ^s Havrey	M ^r Welsh
Jon. M ^c Cleave	Will. Dickson	Major Murray	Will. Rule
Tho. Mulligan	Jam. Gillespy	Will. Cunningham	M ^r Bond
Hugh Wallace	Jam. Cuddy	And. Ferguson	
Jon Kennedy	Hugh M ^c Whirter	David Harvey	
Rob. Thomson			
Nath. Cochran	Jon. Wilson		
Jam. Dykes	Jon. Anderson		
Rob. Stewart			
Jam. Or			

Moderator
Chosen.

The Mod^r desiring that a new Mod^r may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed, viz^t:—M^r Ball, M^r M^cAlpin, M^r Lind, M^r Alexander, M^r M^cMaster, M^r Jam. Cobham, M^r Brown, M^r Holmes, Sen^r, M^r Hemphill, M^r Crooks, M^r Tho^s Harvey, that one of them might be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, and these Brethren being heard and removed, M^r Ja^s Cobham was chosen Moderator, & M^r Mackay was continued Clerk.

Clerk.

Ordered that the sev^l Presby^a return the names of their members for the sev^l Committees, viz^t: 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 at 7 of the clock to-morrow morning, and continue in prayer till 10.

Adjourned to 10 tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2^{da}.

*Sessio 2^{da} Die Mer. Jun. 16 Hora, 10^{ma} Mane, post preces
Sederunt qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Died.

Bangor Presby report that M^r Henry Hamilton, minister of Donaghadee died August, 1730, & M^r Alex^r M^cCracken Nov. 14, 1730; they have entered M^r Tho^s M^cCracken on first tryals.

Ordained.

Rout have ordained M^r Jas M^cCreight at Cullybackey, December 13, and licensed M^r Fowler; they both subscribed according to order.

Templepatrick report that M^r Rob^t Sinclare of Isle Magee died Jan. 5, 1730/1, and that they have ordained M^r Will. Holmes at Antrim Sept 7th, 1730, and M^r John Moorhead at Dunmurry, Feb. 17, 1730/1 & they have licensed M^r Hugh Scott: they all subscribed according to order, and they have entered M^r John Thomson and M^r And. Malcom on 2^d tryals.

Licensed.

Armagh report that M^r Jas. Fleming of Lurgan died Augt. 16, 1730; they have licensed M^r Robt. Fraser; he subscribed according to order; and they have on first tryals M^r Jas. Stewart, M^r Sam. Black, M^r Hen. Reid, M^r John Baxter, and M^r Jam. Mackay.

Strabane report that they have on first tryals M^r Hugh M^cCracken, M^r Char. Caldwell, and M^r David Smiley.

Dublin Presby have installed M^r Jo^s Alexander in Plunket Street Nov. 15th: he subscribed according to order.

On Tryals

Monaghan report that they have licensed M^r Alexander M^cClain, M^r Will. Ambrose, & M^r Hugh Carlisle: they subscribed according to order, and they have M^r Jo^s Gibson on 2^d tryals, and M^r Jam. Clerk on first tryals.

Derry have ordained M^r David Harvey at Glendermont, Mar 23, 1730/1 and have licensed M^r Tho^s Bond; they both subscribed according to order.

Killileagh have installed M^r Pat. Bruce at Killileagh.

In regard that much of our time has been spent in receiving the returns from the sev^l presbys, 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 Sed^t the names of their members for the sev^l Comm. and for the Gen^l 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, ^{Absent's} are excused for reasons now offered, viz^t, M^r M^cCalpin, M^r Alex. Hamilton, M^r Fairley, M^r Williamson, M^r Joⁿ Sterling, M^r Tho^s Harvey: they were reprimanded for not writing their excuses to the Synod.

These following Brethren being absent from this Synod are excused ^{Excused.} for reasons now offered, M^r M^cClain Sen^t, M^r Wallace, M^r Gordon, M^r M^cClain Jun^t, M^r Johnston, M^r Donaldson, M^r Iredell, M^r Craighhead, M^r Wilson, M^r Hare, M^r Drummond, M^r Hance Stuart, M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r David Harvey, M^r Shannon, M^r Smith of Ballee, M^r Pat. Bruce.

These following Brethren being absent are not excused, viz^t: M^r ^{Not excus.d.} Higginbothom, M^r Porter, M^r Plunket, M^r Sam^l Ross.

The Sub Synod Books were delivered to the Revisers, & they are to make report.

The appointment is renewed on M^r Tho^s Kennedy to transmit some old Records in his hands to our Clerk.

Ordered that the sev^l Presbys return their members for the Gen^l Synod's fixt comm. to next Sed^t

M^r Alex. Brown has engrossed the Records of fifteen Gen^l Synods ^{Records.} in a Book which he produced to the Synod. M^r 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^r 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 sev^l presbys to appoint a fast in their ^{Fast.} 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. ^{Appointments.} *diem* 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

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^l Presbys shall call to an account such of their members as are absent from the gen^l Synod & report their Diligence to us.

Comm. to meet at 3; Interluq^r at 4—Synod at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3^{ta}

Die. Mer. hord 5^{ta}, Jun. 16 a Meridie, post preces Sed^t &c.

General Synod's
fixt Comm.

The Gen^l Synods fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members
viz^t—

Templepatrick; M^r Jam: Cobham M^r Jam. White, M^r Tho^s Crawford & Char. Johnston Elder.

Armagh; M^r Lang, M^r Mackay, M^r Cherry, and Joⁿ Campbell of Ballyrony Elder.

Strabane; M^r Victor Ferguson, M^r Jos. Hemphill, & M^r John Wilson Elder.

Colerain; M^r M^cBride, M^r John Cochran and M^r Gawin Steel Elder.

Dublin; M^r Paton, and M^r M^cMaster.

Tyrone; M^r Thos. Kennedy, M^r Cochran, M^r Mulligan, & Dr. Sommervill Elder.

Letterkenny; M^r Sam. Dunlop, M^r Fairly, and Will. Moor, Elder.

Monaghan; M^r Hare, M^r Plunket and Robert Neily, Elder.

Derry; M^r Major Murray, M^r Sam. Ross, & M^r Thos Cochran, Elder.

Bangor; M^r Seaton, M^r Cunningham, and M^r Crawford Elder.

Killlileagh; M^r Ja^s Reid, M^r Smith, and Thos M^cKibbin Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^r 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^r Bond from Longford to Armagh the minutes of that Presby being read, came orderly before this Synod.

Mr Bond not
transported.

From Armagh appeared Messrs Scot, Brown & Commr^s suppling that M^r Bond may be transported from Longford to Armagh.

From Longford appeared Fran. Wilson Esq & Commr^s 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^r 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^r 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 M^r Bond also was heard and M^r 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^l parties & then the question was put transport M^r 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 mane; Comm. to meet at 7; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta} Die Jovis Jun. 17 Hora, 8^{va} Mane, post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 4

The Com^{rs} from Armagh moved that they may be allowed Synodical supplies & particularly that M^r Joⁿ 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 M^r M^cBride from Ballymony to Donaghadee came orderly before the Synod.

From Donaghadee appeared Joⁿ Madowell Esq &c. Com^{rs} prosecuting sd appeal.

From Ballymony appeared Messrs John Henry, David Small, &c Commr^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 & M^r M^cBride also was heard. Then M^r 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^l parties, the question was put transport M^r M^cBride from Ballymony to Donaghadee or not, and it carried not, *nemine contradicente*.

Parties were called, and this sentence intimated to them and they were desired to acquiesce. M^r Alexander and M^r M^cBride to answer Ld. Mount Alexander's Letter.

The appointment about the annual Subscriptions for support of Holywood continued, that is, that M^r Lang shall collect sd subscriptions from Armagh Presby, M^r Brown for Templepatrick, M^r Tho^s Kennedy for Tyrone and M^r Frau. Montgomery from Bangor Presby.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Jun. 17 hora 4^{ta} a merid post preces, Sed^t &c. Sessio 5^{ta}

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 M^r Boid's declinature from the preby of Derry's intermeddling in these affairs, and the reasons of it were read & the preby 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 appellatum*, & to consider & hear all papers relating to the cause complexly.

St. Johnston.

From St. Johnston appeared M^r M'Clinto, M^r Lindsay & Com^{rs} 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 and inspection of this Synod and to be supplied.

Then M^r 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; sd Comm. to consist of the following members, viz: M^r Masterton, M^r Livingston, M^r Alexander, M^r Lang, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r Gil. Kennedy, M^r Sterling, M^r Laird, M^r Alex. Brown, Capt. Wilson & Capt. Henderson.

The Sev^l Sub-Synod Books were revised & approved.

Adjourned to 8 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6^{ta}

Die Ven. Jun. 18, hora 8^{va} mane: post preces, Sed^s &c.

Lurgan

From Lurgan appeared Jam. Minary & Com^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may continue the proportion of the fund formerly allowed them, viz: £15, P 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 M^{rs} Tomb.

Mr Cochran of
Kilraghts not
transported

An Appeal of the Com^{rs} of Bangor from a Sentence of the Preby of Rout refusing the Transportation of M^r Cochran from Kilraghts to Bangor, the minutes of the Presby of Rout being read, came orderly before this Synod.

From the major part of Bangor appeared Messrs John Blackwood, Jam. Blackwood & Com^{rs} supplicating for the Transportation of M^r Cochran from Kilraghts to Bangor, & from Kilraghts appeared M^r Sam^l M'Culloch & Com^{rs} to oppose the desired Transportation.

Then the Minutes of the Presby of Rout upon that affair, and the appeal of the Com^{rs} 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 M^r Cochran to them & the answer of Kilraghts to these reasons were read.

Then a supplication was presented by Robt. Blackwood Esq & sev^l

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^r Cochran also was heard, and M^r M^cMaster 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^l parties, the question was put transport M^r Cochran from Kilraghts to Bangor or not, and it carried unanimously not. Parties were called & this sentence intimated to them.

From Ardstraw appeared M^r Clerk, M^r Leech &c Comm^rs supplicating that M^r Joⁿ Holmes may be transported from Donneggall to Ardstraw, & from Donneggall appeared M^r Stewart Comm^r 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 Donneggall to these reasons were read and all parties were fully heard M^r Holmes also was heard.

M^r Joⁿ Holmes
not transported.

Then M^r 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^l parties and particularly the great necessity of continuing M^r Holmes in Donneggall 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^r Holmes shall be determined to continue in Donneggall he shall be allowed a double proportion of our ordinary R.D. then the question was put transport M^r Holmes from Donneggall 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 horá 5^{ta} A Mer. post preces Sed^t &c.

Session 7^{ma}

From Grayabby appeared M^r Roan and Ferdinando Baillie Com^{rs} Grayabby 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^r Hugh Craig and Will. M^cKie Com^rs. The Synod having heard the parties at great length agreed to refer this cause to a select Committee of the following Ministers, viz^t: M^r Tho. Kennedy, M^r Hugh Henry, M^r Gil. Kennedy, M^r Rainey, M^r Lind, M^r John Kennedy, M^r Ja. Orr, M^r M^cBride, M^r Tim. White to prepare overtures upon it.

Ordered that each Congregation pay M^{rs} Sterling 1^r 6^d p^{er} ann. Charity.

The Select Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Taughboin Taughboin brought 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. Overt.

1. That the Synod express their Dissatisfaction with many offensive expressions in the papers of both sides reflecting on sev^l Judicatories, this Synod and particular persons.

2.

2. That the people of St. Johnston do openly before this Synod profess their irregular & disorderly conduct & profess their concern for it.

3.

3. That M^r Boid's arrears shall be fully paid him according to the articles of his settlement till November after M^r 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.

4. That the Synod do in the most earnest manner recommend it to such as have deserted M^r Boid's ministry to return to their subjection to him and that such of the people of St. Johnston as shall not return to M^r Boid's shall be allowed supplies to next Gen^l Synod and sealing ordinances from M^r 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.

5. That the people of St. Johnston shall not receive any of M^r Boid's people, tho' he is allowed to receive such of theirs as shall return to him, & that such of M^r Boid's people as may occasionally hear at St. Johnston shall be obliged to pay their full Stipend to M^r Boid.

6.

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 M^r Boid's usefulness.

7.

7. That if they do not pay all arrears due to M^r Boid or give securities for them ag^t the first of September then their supplies shall be stopt & it is the opinion of this Synod that M^r 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.

St. Johnston.

Then the Com^{rs} 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.

Sessio S^{va}.

Die Sat. Jun. 19 Hora 7^{ma} Mane, post preces Sea^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.

Greyabby.

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. Overtures upon case.

2. That M^r 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 10^s with meal and turf as usual. M^r 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^{rs} 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 preby of Bangor with Correspondents did agree that the preby of Bangor should send supplies to Greyabby with their conveniency, 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. Greyabby.

It it also agreed that a Letter be written to M^r Montgomery of Greyabby thanking him for his regard to his Dissenting tenants. M^r Livingston to write sd Letter.

A supplication from Moywater was presented by M^r Homes their Com^r 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. Moywater.

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. Sligo.

From the Presbyterian congregation of Moyra appeared M^r Moor Com^r 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 preby of Armagh. Moyra.

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. Vinicash.

Lurgan.

A Memorial was presented by the Com^{rs} of Lurgan setting forth that there is above £130 due to the Executors of M^r 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^r 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^l Presbys who may be in arrear to Lurgan to exhort them to do justice to M^{rs} 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^r Maleom & 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 Duufanaehy.

This Synod allows £7 out of the fund to Cladevadog. Rout allowed to pay their fund to those in their own bounds.

Concluded with prayer.

Interloquitur Sed^t pastores.

The Interloq^r took into consideration the scheme proposed at last Gen^l 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 sollicit our affairs & after reasoning it was moved that if the means already used to procure a friend in London to sollicit our affairs prove unsuccessful that we send over M^r 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^r Craighead a letter of Credit for £50, and a Commission to be drawn for M^r 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^r Alexander, & M^r Kirkpatrick to draw the Letter & Commission to M^r Craighead.

M^r 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.

W^{ILLI}. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Bellymenagh, June 20th, 1732.

M^r James Cobham Mod^r 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^{rt}.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.		Bangor Preby.	
Geo. Lang	Jas Tod	Jas. Stewart	Jas. Riehey
Gilb. Kennedy	Dav. Chambers	Cha ^s Masterton	M ^r Chalmers
Will ^m Maekay	M ^r Fraser		
Robt. Gordon	Chris. Helm	Cha ^s Seaton	Sam. Halliday
Geo. Cherry	Arch ^d Porter	Arch. Dixon	Will. Purr
Ja ^s Allen	Jas Kells	Jas. Moor	Alex. Kennedy
John King	And. Stewart	Fran. Montgomery	Jon. Kinkead
Will. Dick		Alex. Hamilton	Will Davison
Robt. Thompson		Robt Cunningham	Ja ^s Fulton
Alex. Reed		Will. Smith	M ^r Barnet
Jon. Maxwell		And. Maleom	
		Gilb. Kennedy	
Strabane Preby.		Monaghan Presb.	
Will. Holmes	Sam ^l Cowan	Bap. Boid	M ^r McKey
Ja ^s Smith		Pat. Plunket	Jon. McKinley
Colerain Presby		Tho ^s M ^c Clain	M ^r Knox
Charles Lind	Jas Patterson	Will. Wilson	Rob. Thomson
Hen. Neil	Tho ^s Sterling	Nath ^l Glasgow	
Will. Boid	Dav. M ^c Clellan	Jas. Gibson	
Jon. Porter	John Hamal	Jas. Hamilton	
Robt. McBride		Letterkenny Preb.	
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Wilson	Jon. Ball	Sam ^l Patterson
Jas. Thomson	Ad. Jaminson	Sam. Dunlop	M ^r Blair
Robt. Knox	M ^r Boid	Fran. Laird	Wal. Davy
Fran. Ross	Ja ^s Paton	John Homes	M ^r Hutchinson
Jon. Orr	David Greg	Jas. Cochran	Ja ^s M ^c Creach
Jon. Hill	Jon. Moor	Jon. Magachin	
Ja ^s M ^c Creight	Robt. Cochran	Killyleagh Preb.	
Robt. Wirling		Jas. Reed	Jon. Brown
Tyrown Preb.		Sam ^l Fergie	Geo. Smith
Hen. Crooks	John M ^c Geach	Tho ^s Scott	
Tho. Kennedy	Robt. M ^c Cleave		
Tho. Mulligan	Nin. Jinkin		

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Tyrown Preb.			
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Weily	Templepatrick	
Jon. Kennedy	Alex. Tomson	Preb.	
Jas. Dykes	Tho ^s Kennedy		
Robt. Stewart	Jas. Magee	Will. Leech	Will. Baxter
Hu. Sharp	W ^m Mackduff	Ja ^s Cobham	Jon. Hasty
Derry Presby.			
Jon. Sterling	Robt. Morrison	Alex. Brown	Aut. Duncau
Han. Stewart	M ^r Welsh	Will. Liviston	Ja ^s Gibson
Sam ^l Ross	Rich ^d Cochran	Robt Higginbotham	David M ^c Colough
Tho ^s Strawbridge		Jas. Fraser	Robt. Smith
Nin. Cochran		Jas. White	John Hilton
Will. Cunningham		Tim. White	Robt Allen
Dav. Harvey		Will. Thomson	Hen. Montgomery
Dublin Presby.			
Hu. Henry	Mat. Kinkead	Jon. Hasty	Wal. Oakman
Will. Patton		Tho ^s Crawford	Will. M ^c Onehey
		Will. Holmes	Will. M ^c Klinchey
		Jon. Moorhead	Ja ^s Martin
		Jon. Thomson	Jas. M ^c Killup
		Robt. Brown	65
		Jon. Montgomery	
		87	

Moderator.

The former Mod^r desiring that a new Mod^r may be chosen a Leet of the following Brethⁿ was proposed, viz : M^r Lind, M^r Alex. Brown, M^r Will Homes, Sen^r, M^r Crooks, M^r Bapt. Boid, M^r Ball, M^r Hance Stewart, that one of them may be chosen Mod^r to this Synod, and these Brethⁿ being heard and removed M^r Brown was chosen Mod^r by plurality of voices, and M^r Mackay was continued clerk.

Clerk.

Comm.

Ordered that the sev^l Presby return the names of their members for the sev^l Comm : viz : of Overtures, Bills, Books and the fund, and for the Gen^l Synod's fixt 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.

Sessio 2^{da}.

Die Mer June 21st, Hora 10^{ma}, mane, post preces, Sed^t qui supra.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Ordained.

The Presby of Armagh report that they have ordained M^r Alex^r Reed at Narrowwater, Nov. 16, 1731, and M^r John Maxwell at Ardmagh March 15, 1731/2, and that they have licensed M^r Ja^s Stewart, M^r Ja^s Mackay, M^r Henry Reid, M^r Sam^l Black, and M^r Jon. Baxter, and that they all subscribed according to order.

Licensed.

Dead.

The Presby of Rout report that M^r Tho^s Cobham died Feb. 3, 1731/2 and they have licensed M^r David Alexander and M^r John Paul, and that they subscribed according to order, and that they have entered on first tryals M^r John Simple.

The Presby of Bangor report that they have ordained M^r And. Malcom at Drumbo, Nov. 27, 1731, and M^r Bertram April 24, 1732, and M^r Kennedy, June 7, 1732, at Lisburn and that they all subscribed according to order. Ordained.

The Presby of Tyrown have licensed M^r Hugh Sharp and M^r Luke Ash, and have ordained M^r Hugh Sharp at Coagh, June 6, 1732, and they both subscribed according to order. Licensed.

Templepatrick Presby report that M^r Jas. Creighton died July 20, 1731, and that they have ordained M^r John Thomson, July 14, 1731, at Carnmoney, and M^r Tho^s Brown, June 19, 1732. at Glenarm, and that they have licensed M^r Robert Leaths, and that they all subscribed according to order, and that they have entered on Tryals M^r John Mowate, M^r John Brown, and M^r Rob. Jameson. Ordained.

Killileagh Presby report that M^r Pat. Bruce died April 9, 1732, and that they have ordained M^r Tho^s Scott at Bellyhalbert June 14; he subscribed according to order.

Monaghan Presby report that they have installed M^r Glasgow at Golen, April 5, 1732, and that they have ordained M^r John Gibson, Feb. 23^d, 1731/2, and M^r Jas. Hamilton the same day : and they have licensed M^r Jas. Clark, and that they all subscribed according to order, and that they have M^r Will. Ambrose on 2^d tryals, and M^r M^oKie on 1st tryals and that M^r Will. Sloan died June 12, 1732. Installed.

Letterkenny have licensed M^r Walter Stewart and M^r Will. Wilson, and that they both subscribed according to order and that they have M^r Luke Ash on 2nd tryals.

These following Brethⁿ being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered to this Synod, viz : Me^{rs} Ja^s Orr, John Carlisle, John M^cCleave, Robt. Thomson, Nath. Cochran, Robt. Rainey, Jas. Maxwell, Vict. Ferguson, Fran. Iredell, Rob. Craighead, And. Ferguson, John Alexander, Sam. Shannon, Will. Smith, Hum. Thomson, Alex. Fleming, Sam^l Hemphill, And. Dean, John Algeo. Absents

These following Brethⁿ being absent are not excused, viz :—Messrs Jas. Johnston, Alex. M^cCrackan, John Hill, Sam^l Dunlop of Rout; Will. Hair, Major Murray, John Gaudie, Alex. Hamilton.

The appointm^t on M^r Tho^s Kennedy to send some ancient Records of ours in his hands to our Clerk was not obeyed and is now renewed. Records.

M^r Alex. Brown returned to our clerk an Extract of some Rules he 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^r Sam. Ross.

Ordered that each Min^r pay now 18^d to M^{rs} Tomb, and 18^d to M^{rs} Charity Sterling, according to the order of last Gen^l Synod; and each Presby to collect at nome from those who are absent and transmit M^{rs} Tomb's money to M^r Hugh Wallace and M^{rs} Sterling's money to M^r Jon. Orr.

From St. Johnston appeared M^r John M^cClinto, &c., Com^{rs} they St. Johnston.

M^r Boid.

sett forth that there is a debate between M^r Boid and them about the sum of arrears due to him, and that they alledge there is £22 due to him, whereas he alledges there is above £90, 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^s Kennedy, M^r Hugh Wallace, M^r Jas. Moor, M^r Jas. White, M^r Sam^l 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 sev^l resolutions.

Comm. to meet at 3; Adjourned to 5 *a merid* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3^{ia}

Die Mer. Hora 5^{ta} a merid. post preces, Sed^t qui supra.

M^{rs} Fleming.

A Letter from M^{rs} 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 congraon within our Bounds shall pay 5 shill. to M^{rs} 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 Ardmagh Presby, M^r Jas. White for Templepatrick, M^r Cunningham for Bangor, M^r Reid for Killileagh, M^r Tho^s M^cClain for Monaghan, M^r Tho^s Kennedy for Tyrown, 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 M^cBride for Rout Presby, and they to be accountable to next General Synod.

The appointm^t in favour of Dunfanachy is renewed.

Lisburn.

From Lisburn appeared Messrs Will. Fairly, Alex. Taylor, &c., Com^{rs}: they presented a supplicaon 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 Jun^r to be their Min^r, yet sev^{ls} of their congregaon have seperated from them, and now seek an erection, wh erection if granted, they alledge would be ruinous to the whole congraon; and from the sd dissenting party appeared John Clerk, Tho^s Gurnal, &c., Com^{rs} 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 supplicaon from the appellants in Lisburn was read, praying that they may be erected into a distinct congraon; they sett forth that they will give £60 p ann. to a Min^r, 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^s 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^s 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 Jov. June 22, Hora 9^{ua}, Ante Merid. post preces, Sedt 5^c. Sessio 4^{ta}.

The Gen^l Synod's fixt Comm. is to consist of the following mem- General Synod's
fixt Comm.
bers, viz :

From Ardmagh, M^r Lang, M^r Mackay, M^r Geo. Cherry, and
Jon. Campbell Elder.

Templepatrick, M^r Jas White, M^r Crawford and Elder.

Derry, M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r Strawbridge and Elder.

Tyrown, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r Jon. Kennedy, M^r Na. Cochran
and M^r Wilson, Elder.

Strabane, M^r Donaldson, M^r Jos. Hemphill and Elder.

Letterkenny, M^r Fairly, M^r M^cGachin & Capt. Henderson, Elder.

Rout, M^r M^cBride, M^r John Cochran, and M^r Gaw. Steel Elder.

Bangor, M^r Stewart, M^r Cunningham, M^r Malcom and Alex.
Chalmers, Elder.

Killileagh, M^r Fergie, M^r Scott and Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^r upon Emergents to meet at
Dungannon, 15 to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be Min^{rs}.

Appeared as Com^r from Sligo the Rev. M^r John Holmes ; he pre- Sligo.
sented a Supplicaon from sd Congⁿ earnestly desireing 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^r Ash whom 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 Dunfanaghy upon which the said
presby made a demand of £5 per ann. from the Presb. of Tyrown, £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 Loughgall.

Appeared from Moyrea M^r Moor Com^r supplicating for assis. to Moyrea.
build their Meeting-house : the Synod doe earnestly recommend it to
all the congraons within their bounds to give them a Sabbath day's
collection wt previous intimation with all possible expedition, and that
each min^r shall read the representation of the case of Moyrea to their
respective congraons when they intimate sd collection, and M^r Living-
ston is to take care of sd collection for Templepatrick, M^r Allen for
Ardmagh, M^r Cochran for Tyrown, M^r Hemphill for Monaghan, M^r
Moor for Bangor, M^r Fergie for Killileagh, M^r M^cBride for Rout, M^r
Ross for Derry, M^r Laird for Letterkenny, M^r Hemphill for Strabane,
M^r M^cMaster for Dublin.

A petition from M^{rs} Buntin in Sligo, was read setting forth her M^{rs} 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 congracon within our bounds, the collectors for Moyrea in the sev^l presbys are to take care of this collection.

Balyborough.

A Supplicacon from Balyborough was read wherein they sett forth that they are able to pay but £12 Ψ ann. to their min^r and they earnestly plead that this Synod may fall upon some expedient to support them, otherwise their min^r who has given in his dimission will be obliged to leave them; after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that each cangracon within our bounds shall pay 13^d to Baliborough at next Gen^l Synod.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of St. Johnston report that there is £50 due to M^r 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 congracon within our bounds shall contribute to assist Monreagh congⁿ in building their meeting-house.

St Johnston.

M^r M^cClinto Com^r from St. Johnston supplicated that that people may be erected into a congracon, and put under the care of the Presby of Derry; he sets forth that they are about 160 families, and and that they will give £40 Ψ ann. to a min^r. M^r M^cClinto was heard, and also M^r Boid; he settts forth that he has not rec^d above £28 10^s Ψ ann. these last three years & a half, and that altho' Taughboin promised him £50 per ann. wt Oats, at his installm^t, yet he is willing to accept of £40 Ψ ann. without Oats, provided sd sum be secured to him. It was moved and agreed to that a Comm. of the following Brethⁿ viz^t M^r Lind, M^r Cochran, M^r Sterling, M^r Samuel Ross, M^r Homes Sen^r and M^r Donaldson, M^r Laird, M^r Ball, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r Dykes, M^r Carlile, M^r Gibson, M^r Dick, M^r Maxwell, M^r Williamson, M^r Fergie, M^r Cunningham, M^r Malcom, M^r Higgingbotham, M^r Jaⁿ 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^r, Reed & M^cBride are to draw instructions for sd Comm. to be laid before next Session.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio. 54a

Quo tempore, post preces, Sed^t 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:—

M^r Boid,
Monreagh.

1st That altho' M^r Boid had £50 besides Oats promised him at his transportion 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

cong^a till they have sufficient evidence of said £40 being secured to M^r Boid or at least that it appear to the Comm. that the people of Monreagh are sufficiently able to pay £40 p ann. and that the Comm. cannot prevail with them to secure sd money then and in that case, we leave it to the Comm. to act as they see cause.

2^d That if any person or persons now joining with St. Johnston shall incline to return to M^r 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^r Boid's Congraon shall have liberty to join with St. Johnston, which shall not be allowed to receive any of them on any pretence whatsoever. Instructions.

3. That as M^r John M^cClinto of Drumon has distinguished himself by his dutiful regard and steady adherence to M^r Boid, that the Comm. do in name of this Synod earnestly desire him to use his good offices to prevail with the Congregaon of Monrea to secure sd £40 to M^r Boid, and we do overture that a letter be written from this Synod to sd M^r M^cClinto 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 gett M^r Boid's maintenance secured to him.

4. If that Comm. shall find cause to erect St. Johnston then they shall put that congraon and also M^r Boid's uuder the care of the presby 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^r Boid before St. Johnston gett any supplies, after said Committee's meeting.

5. That if any of M^r 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^r Boid's congraon.

Adjourned to 9 mane—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. Jun. 23, hora 9^{ma} ante merid. post preces, Sed^t &c. Sessio 6^{ta}.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Lisburn brought in their overture wh was read, 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, sd Comm. to consist of the following members, viz: M^r Lang, M^r Mackay and John Campbell, Elder, M^r Donaldson, M^r Ja^s Smith, M^r M^cBride, M^r John Hill, and M^r Gawin Steel, Elder, M^r Bapt. Boid, M^r Tho^s M^cClain, and M^r Fairns, Elder, M^r Hugh Wallace, M^r John Kennedy, and Mat. Wilson, Elder, M^r Ball, M^r Fairly and M^r Will. Moor Elder, M^r Will. Cunningham, M^r Dav. Harvey, M^r Seaton, M^r Dixon and Alex. Chalmers, Elder, M^r Reed, M^r Fergie, M^r Craford, M^r Hasty, and M^r Oakman, 12 min^{ts} 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 M^r Ja^s Cobham, the third Sabbath hence, M^r Mackay the 5th, M^r King the 7th, M^r Ja^s White the 9th, M^r Livingston the 11th, M^r Alex. Brown the 13th, M^r Tho^s Craford the 15th, M^r Hasty the 17th Sabb. hence; and whereas in the course of ye debate upon this affair it appeared some reflections were cast upon M^r Gilbert Kennedy Sen^r & Jun^r by M^r Beaty, one of the Com^{rs} of the dissenting party, this matter is to be tried by the above sd Comm; and whereas M^r Taylor and M^r White said that they could prove that one Geo. Clerk Com^r of the dissenting side, said that they had entered into Bonds and Covenants with M^r Dykes to give him £60 p^{er} ann. and that he wou^{ld} come to them, this cause is also to be tried by the above said Comm.

Moywater.

The Senate [Synod] considering the case of Moywater agreed to allow them £10 out of the publick fund per ann. said £10 p^{er} 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.

Aghoghle.

From Aghoghle appeared M^r Clerk, Com^r, supplicating 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 Rount, and may be supplied, M^r Boid is to suply Aghoghle tomorrow, M^r Dykes 2^d Sabb., M^r Will Homes jun. the third Sabbath of July, M^r Jas White the 4th Sabbath of August, M^r Tim. White the 1st Sabb. of August, M^r Hugh Wallace the 2^d Sabb. of August, and the Presby. of Rount to supply them for ordinary, and take all due care of them.

Adjourned to 4 a merid. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{ma}.

Die Ven. Jun. 23, Hora 4^{ta} a merid. Sed^t qui supra.

Drumaul.

From a part of Drumaul congregaon appeared Hugh Hill, &c., Com^{rs} supplicating 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 congraon 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.

Appeal discussed

In the name of the major part of Drumaul Congraon appeared Col. O'Hara, Clotworthey O'Neil, Esq., M^r Hen. M^cCulough, Lieut. Dohbin, &c., Com^{rs}: 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.

Greabby.

From Greabby appeared M^r Magill, M^r Roan, &c., Com^{rs} supplicating for an erection at Greaby, but in regard all parties concerned in that cause are not present, the Synod cannot come to any

Determination of that affair; it was therefore agreed to refer this cause to the Comm. which is to meet at Lisburn on the third Wednesday of Octb^r 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 Gen^l Synod, and M^r Gandie 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 M^r M^cCurdie's party appeared ^{Ardstraw.} Ja^s Kinkead &c. Com^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may doe them justice in getting M^r M^cCurdy to be their Min^r, and from that part of Ardstraw which is for M^r Bond appeared Nath. Hood &c. Com^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may concur with them in their attempts to get M^r 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 supplicaon from Connor was read wherein they sett forth that ^{Connor.} tho' they supplicated the Preby of Templepatrick sev^l times for a hearing of M^r Tho^s Thomson a Probationer under the care of the preby of Tyrown yet they had not obtained this request, and therefore had appealed from sd Presbytrety.

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 M^r Thomson's having been guilty of intemperance, yet it does not appear to this Synod that there is any foundation for sd surmises, and his character stands unexceptional in that respect.

2^d That notwithstanding hereof it does not appear advisable in the present circumstances that M^r Thomson shou'd supply Connor.

3^d That we will appoint them supplies from the several Presbys till next Gen^l Synod.

This Synod agreed that our next Meeting shall be at Ballymenagh, ^{Next Meeting.} on the 3^d Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Adjourned to 8 *mane* : Concluded with prayer.

Die Sat. Jun. 24, hora, 8^{va}, Ante Merid. Sed^t qui supra. ^{Seasio 8^{va}.}

A Supplicaon from Narrowwater was read, that people earnestly ^{Narrowwater.} 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 Ardmagh to gett some assistance to sd place from the congregaons within their own bounds, and to take all possible care of them.

A supplicaon from Hollywood was read, they earnestly plead that ^{Holly wood.}

in regard of their inability to support the Gosple 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 injoin the Preby of Bangor to pay £6 or £7 P ann. of their publick fund to Hollywood.

Bovidy. The Synod took the case of Bovidy under consideraon, and all parties agreed to referr themselves to the report of that affair contained in the Records of the Presby of Rout, sd Records were read and all parties were fully heard and removed, and the Synod after reasoning resolved to confirm the sentence of the Preby of Rout upon this affair, and ordered sd Preby to secure £10 of the fund formerly allowed to M^r Fran. Ross to Bovidy.

Connor Supplied Rout to supply Connor the month of July by M^r Fowler, Templepatrick the month of August by M^r Leaths, Tyrown for September, Ard-magh for Octob^r, Bangor for Nov^r, Killileagh for December, Letterkenny for January, Monaghan for February, Derry for March, Strabane for Aprile, and they are to pay 10 shillings P diem to the suppliers, and maintain man and horse, and they may stop these supplies from the Synod when they think fitt.

Port Glenone. It is agreed that Port Glenone be exempted from paying any publick fund on account of their peculiar circumstances.

Ordered that the Preby of Derry shall pay £1 7^s of old debt due by them to John Fee, and that each min^r in this Synod shall bring 6^d from his Session to the widow of sd John Fee, to next Gen^l Synod.

The revisers of the Sub-Synod Books, viz^t of Ardmagh, Derry and Belfast report that they revised said Books, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

Agreed that each congraon within the Bounds of the Synods of Ardmagh and Derry shall pay 2^s 6^d, and each congraon within the bounds of the Synod of Belfast 5^s 5^d towards defraying some old debts due by M^r Will. Murdock, a Probationer, now deceased; M^r David Harvey to collect for Derry, M^r John Cochran for Rout, M^r Hemphill for Strabane, M^r Laird for Letterkenny, M^r M^cClain for Monaghan, M^r Allen for Ardmagh, M^r M^cMaster for Dublin, M^r John Kennedy for Tyrown.

Minutes being read : Concluded with prayer.

1st Interloq^r Sedt Pastores.

The following overture was brought in by the Comm. of Overtures viz: Whereas the Gen^l 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^{rs} who drew up said Address in such manner shall be reproved by the Gen^l Synod.

2^d. 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^l Synod : this overture was read and unanimously approved.

2^d Interloqr

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 Killileagh ; M^r Masterton to draw up sd Letter and to second it wt his good offices.

3^d. It was moved in order to make the fund effectual that each Min^r whose congraon is deficient in paying the fund, shall be oblidged to appoint a publick collection yearly, and give previous intimaon 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^r of those deficient congraons to exhort sd people of their duty ; this was unanimously agreed to.

It was moved and agreed to that M^r Wirling shall have a share of R.D. to commence from this Midsummer.

A General Synod at Ballimenagh, June 19, 1733.

M^r Alex^r Brown the former Mod^r 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^l Synod's Book (as follows) :—

MINISTERS.

Strabane Preby.	Dublin Preby.	Letterkenny.	Bangor.
Messrs.—			
Will. Homes	Robt. Craighead	Seth Drumond	Robt Cunningham
Neh. Donaldson	Hu. Henry	Jon. Ball	And. Malcom
Alex. M ^r Cracken	Jon. Alexander	Sam. Dunlop	Jam. Stewart
Victor Ferguson		Fran. Laird	Robt. Gaudy
Jos. Hemphill	Monaghan Preb.	David Fairley	
Jam. Smith		James Cochran	Killyleagh.
Aud. Welsh	Bapt. Boid	Pat. Vannce	* * *
	Alex. Fleming	Jon. Holmes	Templepatrick.
	Will. Hair		
	Sam. Hemphill		Alex. Brown

Adjourned to 10 *mane*. Concluded wh prayer.

Sessio 2^{da}. Die Mer. Jun. 20, hora 10 mane, post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio. 2^{da}

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

These following Brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered, viz: M^r Iredell, M^r Craighead, M^r Alexander, M^r Ja^s Maxwell, M^r Dean, M^r Plunket, M^r Carlile, M^r Wilson, M^r Glasgow, M^r Gibson, M^r Cornwall, M^r M^rClave, M^r Hugh Wallace, M^r Drummond, M^r Robt. Thompson, M^r Sam^l Ross, M^r Murray, M^r Ninian Cochran, M^r James Stuart, M^r Masterton, M^r Dixon, M^r Hamilton, M^r Shannon, M^r James Reid, M^r Smith, M^r Rainey, M^r Gordon, M^r John Maxwell. Absent^s
excused

These following Brethren being absent are not excused viz: M^r Humphry Thomson, M^r Sam^l Hemphill, M^r Stirling, M^r Hance Stewart, M^r Strawbridge, M^r Seaton, M^r Higginbothom, M^r Alex. Ried. Not excused.

The presby. of Bangor report that they have ordained M^r Mackay at Bangor, Nov. 15, 1732 & M^r James Stewart at Donaghadee, March 7, 1732/3, they both subscribed according to order, & that M^r Macalpin died Oct. 27, 1732, & M^r Gaudy, March 20, 1732/3. Ordained.
Dead.

The Presby. of Ardmagh report that they have licensed M^r Moody, he subscribed according to order and that they designe to enter on Tryals M^r James Lang. Licensed

The Presby. of Rout report that M^r Sam^l Dunlop gave in his dismission which was excepted off and that he left their bounds about January last, and that they have licensed M^r John Sample, and that they design to enter upon Tryals M^r Sam^l Boys, M^r Brown, Mr. Cochran, M^r Elder, Mr. Knox, M^r Mitchell & M^r Duffin.

Templepatrick Presby. report that they have ordained M^r Henderson at Drumaul, October 12, 1732, & M^r Leas at Islemagee, Feby. 12, 1732, & M^r Hu. Scott at Killead, Ap^l. 9, 1733, & that they have licensed M^r John Moat & M^r Rob^t Jaminson. Ordained.

Derry Presby report that M^r John Harvey Jun^d died Feby. 7, 1732/3, and that they have licensed M^r Will. Armstrong.

Killileagh Presby. report that they have ordained M^r Alex. M^rComb at Craigin, Ap. 18, 1733.

Monaghan presby report that they have installed M^r James Hamilton at Oldeastle May ye 15, 1733, & that they ordained M^r Alex. M^rKie at Drumdartry May 16, 1733, and M^r W^m Ambrose at Kiuneard Augst. 2, 1732, and that they entered on 2^d Tryals M^r Tho^s Bond. Installed.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have ordained M^r Luke Ash at Sligo, Augt. 9, 1733, and yt they have M^r W^m Wilson on 2^d tryals.

The Gen^l Synod's fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members, viz :

General
Synod's fixt
Committee.

Ardmagh, M^r Lang, M^r Johnston, M^r Cherry, & John Campbell, Elder.

Rout, M^r Wirling, Mr. Jon. Cochran, and M^r Gaw. Steel, Elder.

Killileagh, M^r Fergie, M^r Kennedy, and Elder.

Tyrone, M^r John Kennedy, M^r Cochran, and M^r Agnew, Elder.

Letterkenny, M^r Fairly, M^r Magachin and M^r John Laird, Elder.

Templepatrick, M^r James White, M^r Frazer, and M^r Hen. Magill, Elder.

Monaghan, M^r Hemphill, M^r Plunket, and Robt. Neily, Elder.

Bangor, M^r Seaton, M^r Mackay, and Alex. Chambers, Elder,

Strabane, M^r Donaldson, M^r Jo^s Hemphill and M^r John Wilson Elder.

Derry, M^r Andrew Ferguson, M^r David Harvey and M^r Robt. Harvey, Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^r to meet at Dongannon upon emergents, 15 to be a Quorum, 12 whereof to be min^{rs}.

Ordered that the money due to M^{rs} Tomb & M^{rs} Stirling be now paid by the several members.

Charity.

The Synod finding that several presbys. have not paid the 5 shill. each Minister promised at last Synod to M^{rs} Fleming of Lurgan, ordered that said money be paid before 29th Sept^r next

The applotment in favour of Dunfanachy is continu'd, M^{rs} Bunting's collection is to be paid by such as have it here to M^r Ash and those who have it not here, are ordered to transmitt it to M^r Samuel Dunlop of Letterkenny.

Ordered that our Treasurer pay to M^{rs} Wilson of Bayly Borrough one shill. for each min^r of the General Synod.

Adjourned to 5, *a merid*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3.

Sessio 3^{tia} Die Mer. horâ 5^{ta} a merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Ardstraw.

From a part of Ardstraw appeared Sam^l Boid & Com^{rs} they presented a supplication complaining of sevl greivances they alledge they are laid under by the presby. of Strabane, and from the major part of Ardstraw appeared Jos. Dean & Com^{rs} supplicating yt this Synod may concur with them in their attempt to get M^r Andrew Welshe to be their min^r and that the presby of Strabane may be ordered to proceed to settle said M^r Welshe 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 M^r Welshe in Ardstraw, or not, & it carried allow by a great majority; and M^r Winsley is to supply Ardstraw Sabbath come eight days

and to do all the good offices he can to persuade the dissenting partie of Ardstraw to except M^r Welshe to be their min^r and so endeavour to prevent any breach among them. Parties were called and this sentence intimated to them.

A Supplication from Moywater was read, wherein they earnestly Moywater. pray that ye £18 of the fund formerly promised them may be made effectual; that M^r Wilson whom they have now called may be encouraged to settle among them, & that the £10 of the fund allowed them last year from the Presby of Derry may be now paid to M^r Wilson in regard yt he has often supplied them since last Synod; the Presby of Derry is ordered to pay s^d £10 to M^r Wilson.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta}—Die Jovis hora decima mane, post preces, Sed^t &c. Sessio 4.

From Grange appeared James Weir, &c., Com^{rs} they set forth in Grange their supplication that M^r John Henderson had dimitted 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 Aghochill and Grange shall be put under the care of the presby of Rout till next Gen^l 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^{rs} earnestly St Johnston supplicating that the people of St. Johnston may be erected into a distinct congregation, and may be continued under the care of y^e presby of Derry. The minutes of ye Comm. which met at Monreah last year by appointment of the Gen^l Synod were read, and M^r Boid and the Com^{rs} from St. Johnston were fully heard & removed, and after long reasoning, it was moved and agreed to that a comm. of M^r Laird, M^r Gilbert Kennedy, M^r Livingston, M^r Holmes Sen^r, M^r Tho^s Kennedy, M^r M^oBride, M^r Brown, M^r Bapt. Boid, shall go out and consider this affair, & bring in an overture to next Sed^t.

Adjourned to 5 *a merid*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5^{ta}—Die Jovis, hora 5^{ta} A Merid. post preces, Sed^t &c. Sessio 5^{ta}

From a part of Drumaul Cong^r appeared John Hunter, Robt. Drumaul. Mulligan &c. Com^{rs} supplicating that they may be disannexed from the congregaon of Drumaul, and from y^e major part of sd congregation appeared Clotworthy O'Neil, Esq., M^r Hen. M^cCulough, and sev^l other Gent^s Com^{rs}; and then the reasons of said discontented parties for desiring such Dismisses were read, and the answers of Drumaul Com^{rs} 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 oppinion that these complainants have not offered any reason why they should not submit to M^r Henderson's

ministry, they not having offered any exception ag^t 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 6.

Sessio 6^a—Die Ven horá 9^{na}, mane, post preces, Sed^t &c.

Taughboin.

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 congregaon of Taughboin adhering to M^r Boid'a ministry in June, 1732, shall be rec^d as members of y^e congregaon of St. Johnston.

2^{dly} That if any belonging at fores^d time to St. Johnston shall incline or desire to return hereafter to M^r Boid'a ministry, they shall be received as members at Monreath, which liberty is to continue no longer than St. Johnston shall be settled with a Min^r but that none shall be allowed to withdraw from the old congregation who were members in 1732 aforesaid.

3^{dly} In case any belonging to ye old congregaon 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 congregaon without such regular Dismisses as in such cases are usually required.

5th That in case the people of St. Johnston be erected into a congregaon, then sd congregaon shall be under the care of the Presby 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. M^r 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 Limitaons or not, and it carried Erect by a great majority.

This Synod enjoins all the congregations who have not collected for Moyra to assist them in building their Meeting house, according to the app^{mt} of former Synods to make sd collections with previous Intimations and transmitt them to Moyra as soon as possible.

Greabby.

From Greabby appeared Messrs. Hu. Catherwood, Will. Magill, Com^{rs} supplicating that Greabbey may be erected into a distinct congregaon ; 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 Bellywalter appeared Will. M^r Kie, &c., Com^{rs} supplicating that Greabbey may [not] be erected into a congregation, otherways their congregaon will be destroyed : All parties were heard and re-

moved, and in the course of the reasoning it was moved and agreed to yt no cong^a 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 necessarie to be laid downe in case we erect Grayabby : 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 rec^d as members by Grayabby, upon any pretence whatsoever, and the said Denominations now belonging to Newton shall still continue so.

2^{dy} That Donaghadee shall not be affec^d by said erection or by Bellwalter in consequence of it.

The Comm^{rs} of Grayabby insisted on it that M^r Gaudie's promise that they should have their seats when regularly erected be recorded in our minutes; and then the question was put Erect Grayabby or not, and it carried erect by a great majority.

Adjourned to 5 a meridie. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{ma} Die Ven. Hora 5^{ta} A Merid. post preces Sedt &c.

Sessio 7

From a part of Lisburn congregation appeared Will. Beaty, Thomas Gurnall &c. Com^{rs} 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 Tho^s Small and James Fulton Com^{rs} supplicating that this Synod may use their endeavours to reunite the two contending parties. Lisburn.

After reasoning it was agreed to that M^r Livingston, M^r Brown, M^r M^cMaster, M^r Vict. Ferguson, & M^r Allen shall goe out & converse with y^e Comm^{rs} of the major partie and make report, and whereas an aspersion had been cast upon M^r Dykes at last Gen^l Synod that the major party had entered into bonds & covenants with him and that he was to come to them & one Tho^s Graham was mentioned as evidence to prove said allegaon, a paper was now produced, attested by 4 evidences, solemnly declaring that Tho^s Graham says he never said any such thing.

From Bellinahinch appeared M^r David White Comm^r supplicating that whereas they had a majority of votes for M^r Alex. M^cClain that this Synod may concur with them in their attempts to gett M^r M^cClain settled among them and offered several reasons to enforce their petition : and from another part of said congregaon appeared Comm^{rs} supplicating that both M^r Gaudie whom they voted for, and M^r M^cClain 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 enquire that two thirds of said congregation are for M^r M^cClain then they are to concur with said two-thirds if able to support a min^r in settling M^r M^cClain in Bellnahinch, and to endeavour to bring the minority to a compliance. Bellnahinch.

An appeal from the Rev. Presby of Killileagh by the Rev. M^r Mich. Bruce, the Minutes of that Presby being read, came orderly before this Synod. The appeal was read, and after reasoning, it was Mr Bruce

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^t M^r Brown, M^r Craford, M^r Frazer, M^r Dixon, M^r Cuningham, M^r Malcom, M^r Mountgomery, M^r King, M^r Allen, M^r M^cClain, and M^r 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^r Bruce's demands appear just to said comm^o they are to recomend the payment of the money, and the presby of Killileagh are to attend said comm^e.

Fund.

It is agreed that a select comm. for regulating the fund shall meet at Ardmagh on the first Wednesday of Oct^r 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^t M^r David Hearvy, M^r Sam^l Dunlop, M^r Jo^o Hemphill, M^r Alex. Brown, M^r Andrew Malcom, M^r Sam^l Fergie, M^r Robt. M^cBride, M^r John Kennedy, Bap^t Boid, and M^r Geo. Cherry; they are to take care in the first place, of the Frontier congregaons and to place their Localities upon the surest foot, and if any congregaons 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 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 congregaon ought to be dissolved, and annexed to the sev^l 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 8.

Sessio 8^{va}—Die Saturn, hora 7^{ma} mane post preces, Sed^t &c

Lisburn.

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 marrs their own comfort and edification.

2^{ly} 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^l 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^o 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

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 Gen' 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^r Sederunt Pastores.

It was moved that M^r Wirling should gett his share of R.D. from the time he was reponed. This was agreed to.

The proceedings of a Comm. of Min^{rs} and gentmen mett lately at Antrim were laid before us, also a letter from friends in Dublin was communicated to this Interloq^r, acquainting us that it is their oppinion that it will not be expedient to send over any Comm^{rs} to facilitate our affairs, but they judge it convenient to comitt the management of the same to M^r Hamilton now in London. The Interloq^r agreed to this proposal

Agreed that each presby shall pay 13d to M^r Alex. Brown for transcribing papers on that occasion.

This Interloq^r agrees that M^r Taylor, M^r Drumond and M^r Wilson shall each of them have one shill. and sixpence from each Min^r of this Synod, the first paymt to commence at June 1734.

This Interloq^r agrees that each vacant congregation before they propose to any min^r or probationer shall supplicate their presby for advice.

2^{dy}. 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 min^r. 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^r Mackay's Papers by

GEO. LANG, Clk.

But there not being a correct list of ye members wh constituted y^e Gen' 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. Gen^l.

A Genl Synod at Londonderry, June 18th, 1734

M^r Charles Lynd the former Mod^r opned 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.

Moderater.

The former Mod^r desiring that a new Mod. may be chosed, a Leet of the following Min^{rs} was proposed, viz: Messrs. Sam^l Dunlop, Sam^l Hemphill, Alex. Fleming, Robt. Higginbothom, Ja^s Alexander, W^m Holmes Sen^r, Seth Drummond, Jas. White, Bap. Boid, Tho^s Wensley, John Ball, that one of them may be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Brethⁿ being heard and removed, the Question was put, and M^r Alexander was chosen by plurality of voices.

Clerk chosen.

Then a Leet of Brethren, viz: Messrs Geo. Lang, Alex. Brown, Jos. Hemphill, W^m Boyd, Ja^s Cochran, & Sam^l Ross was proposed that one of them might be chosen Clerk to this Synod, and the Roll being called, M^r 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 Comittees 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.

Sessio 24.

Sessio 2^{da}. June 19, hora decima ante merid. Synod constituted.

The time appointed for prayer was spent in it accordingly.

Absents excused.

Excuses were now offered and excepted from Absents from last Synod, absents from this Synod; and excused are Messrs. Maclaine Sen^r, Wallace, Rainey, Johnston, Gordon, Maclaine Jun^r, Alex^r Reid, Wirling, Iredell, Humph. Thomson, W^m Wilson, Tho^s Maclain, Plunket, Cornwall, Crooks, Tho^s Kennedy, Macleave, Hu. Wallace, Robt Thomson, Nath. Cochran, Ja^s Orr, Sharp, Jo. Cochran, Knox, Ja^s Thomson, Ja^s Stuart, Masterton, W^m Smith, Jun, Nath^l Orre, Jam. Reid, Shannon, W^m Smith, Sen^r, M^r Colm, Leech, Cobham, Livingston, Henderson.

Not excused.

Not excused are Messrs Robt. Thomson of Ardmagh Presby, M^cMaster, Patten, Dean, Ja^s Hamilton, Robt. Stewart, Seaton, Dixson, Moor, Fran. Montgomery, Alex. Hamilton, Ja^s Mackay, Williamson, Fergey, Tho^s Scott, Frazer, Craford, Moorhead, Leathes.

Ordained.

Presby. of Ardmagh Report that they have ordained since last Synod M^r Tho^s Creghton at Moyra, May the 27th, 1734, and the day following M^r James Moody at Magherally, who both subscribed the Synod's formula; and M^r Mackay [Clerk] died Nov^r 14th.

Strabane presby report that they have ordained since last Synod ^{Ordained} M^r Andrew Welshe, at Ardstraw, August the 22, & licensed M^r Ja^s Menagh, and M^r Geo. Carson, who all subscribed the Synod's Formula : they also report they have in tryals for ordination M^r Sam^l Hemphill, who designs to pass into the Plantations in America.

Colerain Presby. report that they have licensed Messrs. Robt. ^{Licensed.} Brown, Sam^l Boyce, John Elder, and Ja^s Cochran, who all subscribed the Synod's formula, and have entered on Tryals Mess^r Robt. Knox, Adam Duffy, Dan Mitchell, in order to being Licensed, and on second tryals M^r David Smyth.

Tyrone Presby report that they have entered on first tryals M^r Sam^l Cowan, and that M^r Mulligan died January last.

Derry Presby report yt they design to enter on first Tryals, Messrs. W^m Callender, David Walker, Jon. Betty, W^m 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, Aprile the 9th, who subscribed the Synod's Formula and have entred on second tryals M^r Alex^r M^rClain.

M^r Gilbert Kennedy of Killileagh presby. reports that they design to enter on first tryals Messrs. Alexander Clements and M^r 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. Maconell, 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 sev^l presbys to pay 18^d each to the Min^{rs} Widows mentioned in our last year's minutes.

Also recommends it to Com^{it}tee of Overtures to bring in an overture to make the payment to the Min^{rs} widows more effectual especially from Members abst from meetings of this Synod.

Ordered that M^{rs} Teath be added to the number of Ministers' Widows, the Com^{it}tee of Overtures is desired to bring in an overture to the Interloq^r, 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 5^s each Min^r, to M^{rs} Fleming according to orders of last Synod—the Synod now recommends to the sev^l presbys and members to pay said money to M^r John Menagh.

It is also recommended to such Min^{rs} as have not pay'd the collection for M^{rs} Bunting of Sligo, that they now pay it to M^r Ashe.

A supplication from some members of Ardstraw Congⁿ 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 Com^{it}tee of Bills.

Ordered that all the Committees do meet at 3 afternoon, and the Interloq^r at 4—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3. *Sessio 3^{ta} hora 5^{ta}, a meridie.* Synod being constituted,

Returns of
subscriptions.

1st. An overture from the Comm. of Overtures was now presented, viz: 1st 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 overtured that for the future all returns to the Synod shall be thus, "They subscribed the Synod's Formula."

Questions at
Ordination.

2^d. That some brethren be appointed to draw up a form of Questions to be used by all Ordainers of Intrants into the min^r, which Formula when drawn up shall be transmitted to the sev^l presbys in order to its being considered by them before the use of said Questions be enjoined by the Gen^l Synod.

These Overtures were read and unanimously agreed to.

And M^r Gilbert Kennedy Sen^r and M^r Alex. Brown, M^r Robt. M^cBride and M^r Livingston do meet at Templepatrick to draw up said form.

Moywater.

The Minutes of last Synod in relation to Moywater were now read, and the presby of Derry are ordered imediately to pay the £10 due to that congⁿ as appears by last Synod's Minutes to M^r Wilson now Pastor of that congregation and settled in it upon the credit of the Fund.

Moyra.

The Synod finding sev^l Ministers have not contributed towards the erecting 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 brethⁿ who are to meet upon notice from M^r Bruce or the presby of Killileagh that said meeting is desired by either of the parties whom M^r Gilbert Kennedy Jun^r is to acquaint with this appointment.

And whereas M^r Frazer did attend at the appointed time for said Committee's meeting, M^r Livingston is now appointed to goe in his place, if a meeting be desired as above mentioned.

Members of
Gen. Synod's
Committee.

The General Synod's Committee is to consist of the following members, viz:—

Presby of Armagh, Messrs. Johnston, Cherry, Lang, clk.S.G ; Jon. Campbell, Elder.

„ Strabane, Messrs. Donaldson, Jos. Hemphill, M^r John Wilson, Elder.

„ Colerain, Messrs. Wirling, Jon. Cochran, M^r Gawen Steel, Elder.

- Presby of Tyrone, M^{rs} Jon. Kennedy, Cochran, M^r Agnew, Elder.
 „ Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Fairley, Magachin, M^r John Laird,
 Elder.
 „ Derry, Mess^{rs} And^w. Ferguson, David Harvey, M^r Robt.
 Harvey, Eld^r.
 „ Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Sam^l Hemphill, Plunket, Robt.
 Neely, Elder.
 „ Bangor, Messrs. Seaton, Mackay, Alexander Chambers,
 Elder.
 „ Killileagh, Messrs. Fergy, Kennedy, ——— Elder.
 „ Templepatrick, Messrs. Ja^s Whyte, Frazer, M^r Hen.
 Magill, Elder.

To meet at Dunganon when called upon emergents, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 to be min^{rs}.

Interloq^r tomorrow morning at 8 and ye Synod at 9—Concluded Quorum with prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta} 20 of June hora nona ante merid. post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio. 4.

From Lisburn, viz those of the new Meeting-house appeared Lisburn.
 Com^{rs} M^r W^m Betty, & W^m Story who presented a supplication earnestly desiring they may be erected into a distinct congregation, alledging sev^l 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.

M^r W^m Wilson and Jas. Fulton Com^{rs} 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. Sev^l Members spoke on this affair, and after reasoning both M^r Brown and M^r Dykes the Min^{rs} 3^e contending parties seemed inclined to choose, spoke on this occasion. M^r Alex. Brown desired they might be advised to entertain no further thought about him, expressing his utmost aversion to such a proposal.

M^r 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 accomodating this troublesome affair, being generally approved, a Comittee of the following brethren was appointed for this end: viz:—Messrs. Stirling, Craghead, M^cBride, Higginbothom, Sam^l Ross, Holmes, Sen^r, and Laird, who in the fifth session delivered their opinion in writing in the following Resolutions.

Resolutions

1st. That after discouraging the Com^{rs} from both parties and pressing them earnestly to reunion, Resolved that M^r Brown and M^r Dykes, the min^{rs} 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.

2^d. 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.

3^d. That the Synod do indulge the parties in naming such ministers and probationers as shall supply them till next Synod, and they preach *p vices*, and bear without distinction in their several Meeting-houses, 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 M^r Brown & M^r Dykes excepted from being suppliers.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio. 5.

Sessio 5^{ta}. June 21—the Synod being constituted,

Ardstraw.

The affair of Ardstraw came now before us : appeared from that part that dissent from M^r Welshe, Jas Johnston, Gab. Sproull and Sam^l Boyd &c Com^{rs} they presented a supplication complaining of the conduct of their presby, viz: Strabane, in Polling the congregation and settling M^r 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^r. They were ask'd whether they had anything to object against the Doctrine or conversation of M^r Walshe; they answered they had nothing to object against either.

From M^r Welshe's congregation appeared M^r John M^cClelland com^r, who denied sev^l things alledged in the above supplication; sev^l Members of Strabane spoke on this occasion and M^r 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 comitted either to the presby with correspondents, or to a select committee of the Synod, others moved that the Synod should now judge it.

Correspdts.
with Strabane
Presby.

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 joyne the presby of Strabane in Issuing this affair, are Messrs Porter, M^cBride, Menagh, John Maxwell, Carlisle, Gibson, Wensley, David Harvey, W^m Coningham, Higginbothom, Hu. Scott, Sam^l Dunlop, Ball, six of them at least to be present with the presby which is appointed to meet at Strabane the 2^d Tuesday of July next at 4 o'clock afternoon.

Sev^l brethren pressed yt ye place of meeting of next Gen^l Synod ^{Place of next 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^l Synod is to meet at Dungaunon the third Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Adjoined to half an hour past 4. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6^a—post hora Quarta a merid. Ye Synod being constituted, ^{Sessio 6.}

The affair of Aghochill came now before the Synod by a refference ^{Aghochill} from the presby of Colerain.

John Spark and Hugh M^cCrory Com^{rs} from Aghochill presented a supplication earnestly desiring that people might be erected into a distinct congregation, proposiug to give £36 ster. P ann. to a min^r, 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 Congⁿ of Drumaul, appeared W^m ^{Drumaul.} Winning &c. Comm^{rs} supplicating this Synod that they may have leave to joyne 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^r 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 case 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 Gen^l Synod when the appellants do not personally appear to prosecute ^{Rule of Appeals} it. And that the appointing any of our members as Com^{rs} 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 Refference from the presby of Templepatrick in relation to M^r ^{Mr. Fowler of Connor Cause.} Tho^s Fowler, min^r of Conoor, was now laid before this Synod. A minute of the presby was read shewing the first rise of a foul slander upon M^r Fowler about his courting M^r 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 sev^l Articles, which were now read with M^r Fowler's answer: also the Depositions of the witnesses for proof, the Articles of said Libel, viz: of M^r Rowan himselfe, his son William, and his servant John Patten.

M^r Fowler alledges that one of the witnesses whispered to the other, at the beginning of the Tyrall, which he thinks should not have been allowed.

He absolutely denies his having entered into any vow or having induced M^r 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 owns to have been wrong and professeth his repentance for the same.

Sev^a letters and other papers which had been before the presby of Templepatrick were read, then the presby and M^r Fowler were heard and removed; and the Synod proceeded very seriously to consider this affair and many members spoke on it.

M^r Fowler's character before his entering into the min^{try} 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 M^r 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*.

2^d. Question whether it doth appear from the evidences produced before us in the course of this tryall that M^r 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 Mod^r 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 Mod^r from the pulpit rebuked and exhorted our B^r 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 congregaon of Connor be drawn up by M^r W^m Boyde, and brought in tomorrow morning.

The Committee ordered to meet tomorrow at 8 *mans*. Synod at 9—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{ma} 22 of June, 1734, 9 *mans*. Synod constituted.

M^r Boyd brought a draught of a letter which with a few amendments was approved, and signed by the Mod^r in name of the Synod.

Bellinahinch

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 Ballinahinch.

2^d. Resolved to advise the Presby of Bangor to proceed in the settlement of M^r 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 M^r Macclain's comfortable settl^{mt}, and

of their owne peace, that then they delay his ordination till next General Synod.

3^d. That it is our opinion that there be sev^l 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 Governm^t, 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.

2^d. That in order to uniting the minor to the major, the presby desire M^r Maclain to exchange some days with neighbouring min^{rs} all which Resolutions the Synod approved and agreed to.

An Appeal from a sentence of the presby of Ardmagh Lodged by M^r 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*.

Mr. Magee's
Appeal.

Also a supplication from part of Mourne congregation presented by M^r Tho^s M^cClement in which they complain yt tho' an assistant in the work of the ministry to the aged pastor M^r Wallace was necessarie yet they could not get M^r 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:—

A Supplication
from part of
Mourne
Congregation

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 asmuch as M^r Magee pleads it would be a detriment to his case y^t a final judgment sho'd be given before his answer to the other articles be heard, & for a reason above given.

2^d Resolved that the Synod will not come to a final determination at this time, but committ it to a select Committee.

3^d Resolved that the sentence of the presby of Ardmagh suspending M^r Magee from the exercise of his min^{ry} for lying and intrusion into Mourne congregation both proved against him shall remain in force till the meeting of s^d Committee.

The presby of Ardmagh and M^r Magee were called and the above resolutions read to them, but M^r Magee utterly refused to submit alledging conscience for refusal; the Synod reasoned with him for ome time, but without success.

The Mod^r, M^r Kennedy sen^r M^r Craighead and M^r Ross were desired to converse and reason with him and make report in the afternoon.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 8

Sessio 8^{va}—hora Quarta post merid. June 22—Synod constituted.

M^r Magee

The Brethren appointed to converse with M^r 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 comittee, 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.

Order about
M^r Fleming's
children

The order of the Synod at Belyimenagh, 1733, about M^r Fleming's children was now renewd, and the Synod doth in the most hearty manner recommend to the min^{rs} and sessions that have not paid y^e 5^s each ordered by the Synod as above, that they pay said 5^s with all speed, the condition of said orphans requiring it.

Mrs. Jane
Hamilton.

The case of M^{rs} Jane Hamilton, widow being laid before us by a Letter from the Rev^d M^r Iredell, and a large account of her deplorable circumstances under the hands of all the min^{rs} 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^l 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 advertism^t 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^l congregations within their bounds, and transmit the money to M^r Iredell in Dublin.

Sligo and Moy-
water

The Synod considering the particular circumstances of the congregations Sligo and Moywater, thought fit now to fix localities for the sum payable to M^r Ashe and M^r Wilson, and to order that the congregations on which they have their respective Localities do punctually pay their respective sums.

The petitions of M^r 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.

Interloq^r

June the 19th, *post merid. Sed^t. Pastores, &c.*

Account of the
Committee in
Dub.

M^r Creaghead produced a paper containing a narrative of the sev^l steps taken and endeavours used by the Comittee of Gentlemen with some Min^{rs} 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^{rs}, viz: M^r W^m Boyd, Sterling, Laird, Fleming, John Kennedy, Gilb. Kennedy Sen^r and Jun^r, 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^t.

2nd Interloq^r . June the 21st, 8 mane.

An affair wherein our brethren M^r Porter and M^r Orr & M^r Moore and family formerly of M^r Orr's congregatioo, but now joyning with M^r Porter are concerned, was now laid before us. After some discourse about it. It was proposed and agreed to that the right of M^r Orr to the ground on which M^r Moore now dewells be preserved intire in all time coming.

But that M^r Moore and family be indulged in joyning with M^r Porter & further that M^r Porter shall pay annly out of M^r Moore's payments to him to the poore of M^r Orr's congregation the sum of 4^s/9^d ster and we earnestly exhort our Brethren Porter & Orr to cultivate a good understanding and brotherly love toward one another.

It being alledged by some that M^r 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^t of the expences 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 expences, £230 : 4 : 7, out of which deduct the third part for Dublin & the South, remaining to be paid, by the North, £158 · 9 · 9³/₄, out of which deduct to be paid by Antrim Presby £12 15 0³/₄, remains to be paid by the Synod £140 14 9.

Resolved that the expences of Com^{rs} sent from the North be added to said sum, and be applotted upon and payed by the sev^l presbys.

The Interloq^t agreed that the sum of £140 14 9 expended by the Committee at Dublin be applotted and payed by the sev^l 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 y^e same Committee do again meet and consider the expences of the Com^{rs} 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.

3^d Interloq^r —June 22^d, post meridiem.

The Committee did not meet as appointed, ordered that since it was agreed in full Interloq^r yt £140 14 9 be deducted out of R.D. that our Mod^r 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^l presbys—as also to adjust the expenses of the Comm^{ns} sent from the North. This was agreed to, and our Clerk appointed to write to the sev^l presbys to give them notice of this meeting, and that they may come prepared to give account of y^e expenses of their respective Com^{ns} and settle & adjust a method for paymt of the same.

The Clerk gave notice to sev^l of the Presbys upon ye spot & will write ye rest.

The Committee of Overtures agreed to propose to the Interloq^r that M^{rs} Teath on account of her distressed condition in her own person and family be allowed 2^s from each min^r of the Gen^l Synod, to be deducted out of R.D. the Min^{rs} to be re-imbursed by their sessions.

The Interloq^r not sitting after the overture was agreed to in the Committee before Saturday in the evening, it was throu heast forgotten to be brought in to the Interloq^r, so that the presbys themselves will take care to order a supply for her.

List of members of ye Gen^l Synod 1734.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Preb ^y		Colerain.	
Geo. Lang	Jno. Mills	Cha ^r Lynd	Alex ^r Longwell
Gilbt. Kennedy	M ^r Jon. Stephens	Hen. Neil	M ^r Jno. Elder
Jno Menagh	M ^r Jos Hill	Robt Wirling	Ju ^o Hughey
Geo Cherry		Will. Boyd	Walter Marshall
Ja ^s Allen	M ^r Sam. Black	Jon. Porter	M ^r Sam ^l Hays
Jno. King		Robt. M ^c Bride	Benjamin Bole
Will ^m Dick		Ja ^s Cochran	Jno. Gray
Jon. Maxwell	Jas. Alexander	Ja ^s Thomson	W ^m Sturgeon
Ja ^s Moody		Robt. Knox	M ^r Sam ^l Boys
		Fran. Ross	Matt. Harper
		Jno Orre	
		Jno. Hill	
		Jno. Thomson	W ^m M ^c Fee
		Ja ^s M ^c Creight	
		Dublin.	
Jas. Maxwell	Jon. Moor		
Will ^m Holmes	W ^m Giffin		
Nehem Donaldson	Jon M ^c Farlin		
Alex. M ^c Cracken	M ^r Hu. Brown		
Vietor Ferguson	W ^m Cowan		
Jo ^s Hemphill	Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Craighead	
Jas Smith		Jno Alexander	M ^r Will Sinclar
And Welsh			

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Monaghan.		Letterkenny.	
Bapt. Boyd		Seth. Drummond	And. Campbell.
Alex. Fleming	Sam ^l Smyth	Jon. Ball	Geo. Keys
Will. Hair	Tho ^s Smyth	Sam ^l Dunlop	Alex. Poriense
Sam ^l Hemphill	Cha ^s Harper	Fran. Laird	M ^r Morson
W ^m ^r tten		Day ^d Fairly	Dan. Henderson
J ^r Carlisle		Ja ^s Cochran	Gas. Patterson
Algeo		Pat. Vance	Mat. M ^r Keny
Glasgow		Jno. Holmes	Day ^d Vannce
Hibson		Jno. M ^r Gachin	Antony Lawson
ambrose	Jno ^o Cullen	Luke Ashe	
		Will. Wilson	
yrone.			
		Bangor.	
ennedy	M ^r Sam ^l Cavan	Robt. Cuningham	Jas. Kniblo
akes	Robt. Buchanan	Ja ^s Max ^l Stuart	Arch. M ^r Kee
lilleagh.		Templepatrick	
o Kennedy		Alex. Brown	Jno. Jameson
		Robt. Higinbotham	M ^r Alex. Patrick
Derry.		Ja ^s Whyte	M ^r Cha ^s Johnston
		Tim. Whyte	M ^r W ^m M ^r Conchy
farvey		Will. Thomson	
Winsley		Jno. Hastings	M ^r W ^m M ^r Cullogh
Stirling	Geo. Brown	W ^m Holmes	
Stuart	M ^r Robt. Andrews	John Thomson	Jon. Hughes
Ross	Jos. Morrison	Tho ^s Brown	Alex. Luske
Strawbridge	Robt. Duncan	Hugh Scott	Jon. Lockart
Murray	And. Scot	Tho ^s Fowler	Jon. Kinkead
n Cochran	Geo. Murray	82	59
onningham	Mr. Tho ^s Boyd		
Ferguson	Ja ^s Glen		
David Harvey	Jno. Whyte		
Jno. Montgomery (who hath no cong ⁿ)			

This list being omitted by ye transcriber in its proper place is here subjoined by

GEO. LANG, Clk. of the Gen^l Synod.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 17th, 1785.

Mr John Alexander, Mod^r 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 :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Préb.		Strabaue.	
James Cobham		Ja ^s Maxwell	Jno. Roger
Alex. Brown	Jas Ferrier	Neh. Donaldson	
Will. Livingston		Victor Ferguson	
Robt Higinbothom		Ja ^s Hemphill	
Jas Fraser		And. Welsh	Wm Cregand
Ja ^s Whyte	Robt. Thomson	Colerane.	
Tim. Whyte			
Will ^m . Thomson	Ja ^s M'Cullagh	Charl. Lynd	Jno. Fulton
Jno. Hasty		Robt. M ^c Bride	Hu. Hamilton
Jno Moorhead	Tho ^s Steel	Jno. Orre	Jno. Simson
Jno. Thomson		Jon. Hill	Mr Gaw. Steel
Jno Henderson	Jno. Willison	Jon. Thompson	W ^m Montgomery
Robt. Leathes	Ja ^s Moor	Ja ^s M ^c Creight	
Hugh Scott		Tho ^s Fowler	Ja ^s Dickey
Dublin Preby.		David Smyly	
		Will. Boyd	
Hugh Henry			
Jno. Alexander	Mr Wm Sinclar		
Robt. M ^c Master	Mr Th. Wallace		
Monaghan.		Tyrone.	
Bapt. Boyd		Tho ^s Kennedy	Sam. M ^c Millan
Pat. Plunket	W ^m Haines	Jno. Macleve	Robt. Edmund
W ^m Hair		Hu. Wallace	W ^m Kerr
Tho ^s Maclaine	Jno. Sims	Jno. Kennedy	Robt. Gilpin
Sam. Hemphill		Robt. Thompson	David Blakely
W ^m Patten		Robt. Stuart	Mr Agnew
Jno. Carlile		Jas. Orre	
And ^r Dean		Hu. Sharpe	Ja ^s Campbell
Jno. Algeo			
Will Wilson	Rich ^d Sharpe	Letterkenny.	
Nath ^l Glasgow			
Jno. Gibson		Seth. Drummond	
Ja ^s Hamilton		Jno. Ball	W ^m Keys
W ^m Ambrose	Jno. Ker	Sam. Dunlop	Jno. Smith
Alex M ^c Kee		Fran. Laird	Ja ^s Forster
George Carson		Luke Ashe	
Bangor.		W Wilson	Mr Baird
		Derry.	
W ^m Smith	Jno. Orre		
And. Malcom		Tho ^s Bond	
Ja ^s Mackay			
Ja ^s M. Stuart	Robt. Barre		

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Killileagh.		Armagh.	
Thos Scott		Geo. Lang	Jno. Wallace
Gilbt. Kennedy		Gilbt. Kennedy	Mr Stevens
Alex. M'Colm		Jas ^s Johnston	Joseph Ferguson
		Archd Maclain	Robt. Cuning
		Jno. Menagh	And. Malcomson
		Geo. Cherry	Jno. Sleith
		Jas ^s Allen	Archd Boyle
		Jno. King	Thos Bingham
		Rob. Thompson	
		Wm Diek	Fran. Fairley
		Alex. Reid	Jno. Kean
		Armagh.	
		John Maxwell	Mr Johnston
		Thos Creighton	
		Jas Moody	
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The former Mod^r desir'd that a new Mod^r 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, M^cMaster, Hu. Wallace, Cha^s. Hair; they were heard and remov'd, ye Roll was called, and M^r Johnston was chosen. Moderator Chosen.

Report being made that M^r Lang, who is continued clerk, being indisposed is yet on ye road, & yt he will probably be here to-morrow morning, M^r Cherry is allowed to officiate for him. C^lk continued

Ordered yt ye several presby^s do make returns to morrow in writing of their members for ye several Committees, viz: for Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & ye Gen^l 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^{try}. Order for returns of mbrs. for Comities.

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^{ta} ante merid^m.

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^t & excused are Messrs. Charl. Wallace, Rainey, Neil, Stirling, Jno. Thomson, Knox, Iredell, Craghead, Humphr. Thomson, Fleming, Crooks, Fairley, Dav^d Harvey, Sam^r Ross, And. Ferguson, Jno. Harvey, Masterton, Seaton, Dickson, Alex^r Hamilton, Shannon, Smith Sen^r, Jas. Reid, Nat^l Orr and Leech Absents excused.

Absents not excused are, Messrs. Gordon, Porter, Fran. Ross, M^cGachin, Ja^s Smyth, Wensley, Hanse Stuart, Tho^s Harvey, Murray, Ninian Cochran, W^m Cnyngnam, Ja^s Moor, Fran. Montgomery, Robt. Not Excused.

Gowdy, Fergy, Holmes, Tho^s Brown, Hugh Scott, Jno. Thomson, and Ja^s Stuart Sen^r.

General Synod's
Committee.

Members returned for Gen^l Synod's fix'd Comi^ttee are as follow :—
For Templepatrick presby, Messrs. Jas. Fraser, Ja^s White, M^r Hen. Magill, Elder.

Armagh, Messrs. Maclaine and Maxwell, M^r Ja^s Johnston, Elder.

Colerane, Messrs. W^m Boyd, Dav^d Smyley, M^r Gawin Steel, Elder.

Strabane, Messrs. Ja^s Smyth, And. Welsh.

Killileagh, Messrs. Ja^s Reid, Gilbert Kennedy.

Monaghan, Messrs. Jno. Gibson, W^m Ambrose.

Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairley & Dykes.

Tyrone, Messrs. Jno. Kennedy, Robt. Thomson, W^m Agnew, Elder.

Bangor, Messrs. Robt. Conyngham, and Gaudie.

Derry, Messrs. And. Ferguson & David Harvey, M^r Robt. Harvey, Elder.

These are ordered to meet with our Mod^r and Clerk, at Dungannon when call'd on any Emergent by our Mod^r whereof 15 to be a Quorum & of these 12 to be min^{rs}.

Note for Derry are members Messrs. Ross & Bond, & Sam^l Alexander, Elder.

Overture about
the Fund.

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 consideraon of this Synod; this was for weighty reasons unanimously agreed to & Resolv'd yt ye affair, as also ye case of min^{rs} widows be first conside'd in an Interloq^r 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^{rs} Bunting of Sligo, that they do it with all speed.

Synod's
Formula.

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 M^r Mackay's hand writing, wh is as follows: "I do believe ye Westminster Confession of Faith to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, & therefore as such by this my subscription I do own y^e said as Confession of my faith."

The former Synod's appointment on Messrs. Kennedy, Sen^r Alex. Brown, Livingston & M^cBride to draw up a form of Questions to be proposed at ye ordinaon of candidates for ye min^{ry} was now read, & ye Breth^{rn} 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 us 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^r 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 M^r Wilson of Moywater, had been payed; this was referred to be considered in ye Interloq^r about ye Fund.

Last Synod's recommendaon in relaon to Moyra was now read, and whereas M^r Moor of Moyra represented that the presby^s of Derry Letterkenny, Strabane and Monaghan, except 3 congrega^s 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 congrega^s of a Debt contracted on ye credit of this Synod Lower Moyra.

Recomēded to ye comittee of Overtures to bring in an overture to oblige members to attend ye meetings of ye Gen^l 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^r half an hour past 4, and ye Synod at 6; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3^{tia} Horá 4 post merd. die. Mercur June 18th

The returns of ye Presbys. of ye ordained, licensed &c is here inserted, being forgot in its dne place. They are as follows:—

Monaghan presby. report that they have since last Synod, ordained M^r Geo. Carson at Killishandra May 21, but no return of his subscrip^sion; and that M^r Hu. Carlile is gone to America; have entered on Tryals Messrs. George Henry and Sam^l Simms. Ordained. +

Letterkenny report that they have entered on Tryals Messrs. James Kinkead, Jno. Marshall, & Francis M^cBeath, and have licensed M^r Francis Allison, but no account of his Subscription. Enter'd on tryalls. +

Tyrone report that they have licensed M^r Sam^l Caven and Messrs. Tho^s Kennedy, Jun^r and Robt. Peebles, no account of subscrip^sion; report also that M^r Ja^s Dykes died xber 19th, 1734 and M^r Will^m Cornwall, March 13, 1734/5, and M^r Nath^l Cochran died March 27, 1735, and that M^r Crooks demitted his charge in 7ber 1734. Licensed Dead. +

Londonderry report that they have licensed Messrs. W^m Callender and David Walker; have entered on Tryals, Messrs. Will^m Hair, Robt. Henry, John Betty, aud Hen. Askin, and ordained M^r Tho^s Bond, nt St. Johnston, Augt. 20th and installed M^r Jno Montgomery at Malin the 8th of October last; all these are said to have snbscribed the Confession of Faith, but no aceount of having done it according to ye Synod's Formula. Licensed. Ordained. +

Templepatrick report yt they have licensed since last Synod, Messrs. Robt. Gilliland, Ja^s M^cCullough, Jno. Thomson, Jas. Crawford, Clothworthy Gaudy, and Ja^s Macconnell. Licensed.

Colerain preby report yt they have since last Synod, licensed Messrs. Adam Duffie, & Robt. Knox, & ordained M^r David Smyly, but Ordained.

+ no account of his subscription or where he is settled; & have entered on Second tryals M^r Ja^s M^cCurdy.

Died

Strabane report that M^r William Holmes died in October last, and that they have entered on tryals M^r Jno. Thornton.

Killileagh report that they have on tryals Messrs. M^cKibbin & M^cDowell.

Licensed.

Armagh report that M^r Arch^d Maelaine Sen^r died ye 20th July last that they have licensed M^r Ja^s Lang & M^r Rich^d Aprichard who both subscribed the Synod's Formula; & have entered on tryals M^r Aughbry Hart and design to enter M^r Robert Herron.

Order about
ye form of
Ordination
Questions.

The Brethren came to consider the affair referred to the Interloq^t, viz.: the scheme or form of Ordination Questions. After some reasoning it was moved that the appointment on ye comittee 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 aggreed 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 comittee promised to finish their work, before they leave this place, & to transmitt copies to ye presbys before ye first of Aug^t next.

Lisburn.

From those belonging to ye old meeting-house of Lisburn Messrs. Martin & Fulton, Comm^{rs} did now present a paper containing a long detail of the melancholy circumstances of their congregaon, & 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 comittee of ye following min^{rs} viz:— Messrs. Gilbt. Kennedy Sen^r M^r Bride, Malcom, Brown, and Livingston to hear ye above comm. & bring in their opinion by way of overture to this Synod. Mr. Seth Drummond was added to s^d Comittee.

A petion of 3 orphan childⁿ of our deceased Brother Teath was read and the further consideration of it was referred to ye Interloquitur of the whole house. The Elders were called in.

Mr. Teath's
children.

And for the relief of M^r 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 min^{rs} 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, M^r Cherry, Strabane, M^r Ferguson; Colerane, M^r Lynd; Dublin, M^r Alexander; Monaghan, M^r Gibson; Tyrone, M^r Jno. Kennedy; Let-terkenny, M^r Laird; Derry, M^r Ross; Bangor, M^r Smyth, Temple-patrick, M^r Alex. Brown.

Mr. Taylor's
children.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to tnat M^r 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 5^s each min^r granted at the last General

Synod held in Ballymena to M^r Ja^s Fleming's children be also deducted out of R.D. M^r 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^{rs} from ye major part of Lisburn are come. Com^{tee} order'd to meet at 8 *mans*, Synod at 10, Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta} June 19, Hora X^{ma}, Ante Merid^m, post precos.

The affair of Lisburn came now before ye Synod & ye papers read in ye interloq^r were again read; also a supplicaon from ye major part of sd congⁿ presented by Dav^d Cummingham & Dav^d M^rNeight, Com^{rs} was read with some instructions, from their constituents, & a letter to M^r Alex^r Brown; both parties were heard, & ye Com^{rs} 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 Com^{tee} above named was ordered to converse with them, & bring in their overture in ye afternoon.

The presbys are ordered to meet immediately after this sederunt, & consider & prepare ye affair of ye fund. The Com^{tees} are orderd to meet at 3 o'Clock & ye Synod at 4: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5^{ta} June 19th, hora 4^{ta} post Merid^m—Synod constituted.

The committee for Lisburn affair report yt they had conversed with both parties & find yt ye com^{rs} of ye majority be ty'd down to one M^r Jno. Lowry, a probaoner from Scotland who came over & preached in a very irregular manner, at ye meeting-house of ye major part upon the bare invitaon of the people, contrary to ye rules of ye Church of Scotland and of this church; in relation to whom they in-ist (1) yt ye Presby. of Templepatrick do draw up a call to him, and (2) yt he be appointed their constant supplyer, (3) yt sd presby do supply them as a distinct congregaon until M^r 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.

Lisburn
affairs.

They were asked if ye General Synod should not comply with their desire as to M^r 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 supplys on such conditions. Upon which ye com^{tee} 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 Iedburgh be allowed by this Synod as a fair account of yestate 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 associaon with all prudence.

Resolutions.
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Messrs. Alex. Brown, Livingston & Hasty are appointed to write sd Letter, & therein to exhort 'em to reunion wih their Brethren.

A full account of ye conduct of ye Presby of Templepatrick in relation to M^r Lowry was now laid before & approved by the Synod.

The minor part of Lisburn congⁿ desired they might be supply'd for three weeks each by the following Brethren, viz: Messrs. Patten, Carlile, Will^m Boyd and Laird. This was granted & M^r 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 Templepatrick. It is further resolv'd that if sd people shall give a call to any of the suppliers or any other Miu^r of this church that the Synod doth hereby appoint their fixed Committee to be called by our Mod^r to meet at Dungannon & judge & determine in case of an appeal from ye presby to which ye Miu^r called shall belong.

An appeal of ye major part of ye ancient congregation of Ballinahinch from a sentence of ye presby of Bangor delaying ye ordinaon of M^r Alex. Maclaine, came now before the Synod.

M^r David Whyte, & severl other com^{rs} 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 representaon of the presby of Bangor with a state of the affair & a paper containing answers to Ballynahinch reasons.

Then ye appellants were heard, as also the presby of Bangor. Some members proposed as an expedient for peace, that M^r Maclaine's ordination 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 com^{rs}. They presented some papers wherein they express their aversion to have M^r Maclaine for their pastor, alledging they can't be edified by his sermons. They presented a paper containiug 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 M^r 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 M^r Maclaine's ordinaon or not? and it carried proceed by a very great majority. Next it was proposed that M^r Maclaine and the majority should be disannexed from the presby of Bangor & annexed to the presby. of Killileagh: this was agreed to, *nemine 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^{ta}; June ye 20th, hora 7^{ma}, mans.

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^r who presented a supplicaon, setting forth ye distressed state of yt congregaon by the deficiency of the publick fund & praying for relief by granting all payment for ye future, that their min^r be not discouraged in his Labours among them: this was very seriously considered as of great importance.

Also a supplicaon from Moywater was read. The Brethren resolved to have a particular regard to these two congregaons & all other specially frontiers, in application of ye publick fund—M^r Boyd of Taughboyne was desir'd to pay what he can collect from his congregaon to Moywater, wh he promised to do:

M^r Wilson of Moywater, offered on condition of punctual payment for ye future, to accept of £10 instead of £15 promised him per annum; M^r Hasty offered to accept £7 : 10 instead of £10, M^r Dick of £8 instead of £9, M^r Reid of £5 : 10 for £6, & M^r Menagh of £7 instead of £10 promised him, M^r Henry of £30 instead of £35; all on the above condition. Baylyboroughs Quota is £4 ꝑ an Oldecastle £6.

The following Brethren, Messrs. Brown, Bapt. Boyd, Jno. Kennedy, Dunlop, Cherry, & Laird, were appointed a Com^{tee} 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 mov'd 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^{rs} 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^s & 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^{rs} were called in, & this intimated to them, and they were exhorted as above mentioned.

The Com^{tee} 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^r and clerk.

From Ardstraw appeared Gabriel Sproul, &c., Com^{rs} prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye preby of Strabane with correspondents

of July 9th, 1734. The appeal was read, & also a supplicaon 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^r appeared Tho^s Mathison, &c., Com^{rs}: they presented a supplicaon 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 congregaon and that since his settlement, his labours and conversation had been unexceptionable. This affair is reffer'd to afternoon Session. The Committees are order'd to meet at 3 o'clock, Interloquitor at 4, and the Synod at 5 p.m.: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{tima}. Hora 4, post merid^{no} Die Veneris Interloq^r.

Appeal of
Strabane Presby.

An appeal of ye presby of Strabane from a sentence of the Synod of Derry relating to a letter writ to M^r Pat^r Vauance to America against M^r Sam^l Hemphill, alledged to be false and injurious to sd M^r Hemphill, was by consent of ye parties now laid before the Interloq^r. The appeal & reasons supporting it & ye minutes of ye Rev^d Sub-Synod of Derry relating this affair were read, also M^r Hemphill's letter from America to M^r Neh. Donaldson, complaining of M^r Vance's conduct towards him, & a letter from M^r And^r Archibald, a min^r of that country to M^r Geo. Carson, bearing what M^r Vance had written to the preiudice of M^r Hemphill's character were read.

Mr Vance

Then M^r Vance was heard in his own defence: he owned his having written such a letter at ye desire of an inhabitant of America then with him, and with a view to prevent the mischief wh might accrue to that Infant Church by M^r Hemphill's preaching such Doctrines there as M^r Vance says he had been informed sd Hemphill had preached in Ireland, and yt in sd Letter he had called M^r Hemphill an eminent instrument of ye Devil, for which in return, M^r Hemphill in his letters, mentioned, charged him ye sd Vance as acted with an antichristian and diabolical spirit. M^r Vance gave a long account of what he said he could prove by witnesses against sd M^r Hemphill & a detail of the circumstances of yt affair, & of ye steps he ye sd Vance had taken in it here in Ireland.

Then several Brethren of Strabane Presby, spoke on the subject & alledged yt M^r Vance had not written or spoken to any of them nor given them any account of what he had to say against said Hemphill, tho' he knew he was to be ordained by them for the ministry in ye Plantations. The presby were willing to drop ye appeal & consented we should enter on the merits of the cause.

Parties heard.

The parties were heard at great length, and then removed. The members came to consider what they had heard: many spoke and reasoned on this affair at considerable length. Two several states of ye Question were offer'd, and both back'd yt (1) whether M^r Vance's conduct in writing such letter in such a manner and circumstances appears justifiable or not? 2^d state is this assembly ripe to judge this whole complex affair ar not? Then the previous Question was put

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 accomodate 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^r Vance belongs, & yt ye presby of Strabane do there prosecute him, since they alledge that M^r Vance's aspersing M^r Hemphill doth affect their character, & yt M^r Vance adduce his proofs in support of his letter against sd Hemphill. Decision.

Now Open Synod—*hora 6^{ta}*

M^r Ja^s Lang, a probaoner in Armagh presby, is allowed to supply Urny for one month comencing ye second Sabb. of July next without being obliged to preach before the presby of Strabane.

Moved yt ye place of next Gen^l 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^l Synod is ordered to meet ye third Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'Clock afternoon.

The Com^{rs} from Ardstraw press'd hard for discussing their appeal, but it being now late, and some of their papers in ye custody of a miu^r 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 7^{tima} Mane, die Saturni Sessio 8^{va}

Sessio 8.

The Synod being constituted a paper was presented from ye Towns 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 edificaon. Tullyrisk.

M^r 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. Mr Wilson's case.

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 Com^{rs} 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 Ardstraw or elsewhere, they paying up all stipend and arrears of stipend due by them. And whereas it is alledged yt for want of due regulation of their seats in ye meeting-house of Ardstraw affan

Ardstraw, ye min^r suffers considerably, and his cong^r 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 inconveniency.

lyborough.

From Baylybrough appear'd M^r Jno. Boyd com^r 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.

Order about
he Fund.

The Synod considering ye sinking state of the Fund resolv'd to take all proper measures to have arrears due upon it payed up, & for that end doth in the most hearty manner recommend to ye min^{rs} and congregaons who ought to pay towards the relief of the cong^a 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^{rs} and cong^a who ought to pay to Moywater, that they speedily pay up what is due by them; the min^r of yt cong^r having received only £3 since his settlement.

Comittee
approved.

The Synod hereby allows ye Comittee at Dungannon Oct. 15, 1734, to be deemed and sustained as a regular comittee of ye Gen^l 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 Gen^l Syond's book.

M^r 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.

Overtures

The following overtures, agreed on in ye comittee of overtures, were now read, viz:—The Gen^l Synod having referred to the comittee to propose some fit expedient to oblige ministers to attend meetings of the Gen^l 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. (1) Yt ye expences of min^{rs} be punctually paid at their return from such meetings, & yt 2 shill: ꝑ diem be allowed each from their going abroad to their return home.
2. (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. (3) In order to oblige ministers to attend meetings of ye Gen^l 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 applyed 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 Gen^l Synod.

(4) Overtured yt a Gen^l Fast be observed ye second Wednesday of Fast. August next within ye bounds of this Gen^l Synod.

The Synod approved sd Overtures (except ye 3^d which is to be transmitted *ut supra*) & orders their mod^r and clerk to draw up the causes of the Fast and also to amend the paper relating to ye prophanon 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 publickly on ye Lord's day preceding in each congregaon.

Concluded with prayer.

From ye Comittee of Funds the following returns were made :—

Drogheda's Quota £30, to be paid by the fol- lowing cong ^{rs}	Sligo's Quota £15 to paid by	Dunfanaghy's Quota £8 to be paid by
Portaferry £1 10	Londonderry £5 0	Newtonlinavady £1 10
Killileagh 1 10	Glendermen 1 10	Ballykelly 1 0
Ballee 1 10	Burt 1 10	Donaghmore 1 0
Killinchy 1 5	St. Johnston 1 0	Convoy 1 0
Drumca 1 0	Letterkenny 1 0	Rathmelton 1 10
Ballyhalbert 1 0	Sligo 1 0	Ballindred 1 0
Kilmore 0 10	Belfast 1 10	Donegal 0 10
Ballynahinch 1 3	Ballyeaston 1 5	Dunfanaghy 0 10
Templepatrick 1 10	Dawson'sbridge 1 5	
Brade 1 10	Total £15 0	Total £8 0
Dunagor 1 10		Oldcastle £8 to be paid by
Broadisland 1 10	Moywater's Quota £10 by	Coothill £0 15
Crunlin 1 3	Ray £1 10	Monaghan 1 15
Islemagee 1 0	Monreagh 1 0	Glenone 0 15
Carmeny 1 3	Donagbedy 1 0	Oldcastle 0 5
Dunmurry 0 15	Clandevaddock 0 10	Killishandra 1 0
Kilade 1 10	Muffe 0 10	Clounis 0 18
Newry 2 10	Longford 1 15	Mountcampble 0 10
L. brickland 1 10	Moywater 0 10	Aghaluskar 0 12
Ballyrouy 1 0	Aghalow 1 3	Tullycorbet 1 10
Drumbo 1 0	Clogher 1 7	
Bangor 1 10	Faghanveal 0 15	Total £8 0
Donaghadee 1 11		Narrowwater £5 by
Drogheda 0 10		Rathfriland £1 3
Total £30 10	Total £10 0	Donaghmore 1 3
		Markethill 1 10
		Narrowwater 0 11
		Carrickfergus 1 3
		Total £5 10

I find no more returns in ye papers returned by ye clerk of ye Fund to

GEO. LANG, C.S. G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 15, 1736.

M^r Johnston, Mod^r of the former Synod open'd this Synod by preaching from Jer. 3 : 15, and constituted it by prayer :
Sederunt :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers	Elders.
Strabane Preby.		Bangor ^r Preb.	
Neh. Donaldson		Jas Cobham	Wm. Lynn
Ja ^s Hemphill		And. Malcom	Jno. Malcom
And. Welsh	Will. Craford	Robt Conningham	Robt. Gaudy
Colerane Preb.		Killileagh Preb.	
Cha ^s Lynd		Hugh Williamson	
Jno. Oochran		Alex M ^c Colm	
Robt. Knox		Alex MacLaine	Hugh Whyte
Jno. Orre	Sam. Dunlop	Armagh Preb.	
Jno. Hill		Geo. Lang	Jno. M ^c Gilmeen
Jno. Thomson	Jas. Houston	Gilbt. Kennedy	
Ja ^s M ^c Curdy		Jas Johnston	
Jno. Semple		Robt. Gordon	
Dublin Preb.		Arch ^d MacLaine	Gilbt. Seawright
Hugh Henry		Jo ⁿ Menagh	David M ^c Camon
Monaghan Preb.		Geo. Cherry	Jno Mauffet
Bapt. Boyd		Jno. King	
Alex. Fleming		Wm. Dick	
Sam ^l Dnnlop		Robt. Thomson	Wm. M ^c Gilree
Pat. Plunket		Jno Maxwell	Jos. Johnston
Sam. Hemphill	John Dunlop	Ja ^s Moody	
Will. Patten	Henry Cook	Templepatrick.	
And. Dean		Ja ^s Cobham	
Jno. Algeo		Alex. Brown	
Nath ^l Glasgow	Sam. Smyth	Jas Fraser	Wm. Picking
Jno. Gilson		Tim. Whyte	Jo ⁿ M ^c Kinstry
Ja ^s Hamilton		Wm. Thomson	Robt. Hall
W ^m Ambrose	Tho ^s Foreman	Jno. Hastings	Ja ^s M ^c Cullough
Alex. M ^c Kee	Jno. Rogers	Wm. Holmes	Robt. Maxwell
Geo. Carson		Jno. Moorhead	Tho ^s Steele
Ja ^s . Clark		Tho ^s Brown	
Letterkenny Preb.		Tyrone Preb.	
Sam. Dunlop		Tho ^s Kennedy	Ja ^s M ^c Millan
Jno. Holmes		Hugh Wallace	
Luke Ashe		Jno. Kennedy	Jno. Reid
Nat ^l Wilson		Robt. Thomson	Wm. Agnew
Derry Preb.		Robt. Stuart	Robt. Ross
Jno. Stirling		Ja ^s Orre	Jno. Cherry
David Harvey	W ^m Cuthbert	Hugh Sharpe	Wm. Duffe

A Leet was proposed of the following Brethren, viz: Messrs. Sam^l Dunlop (of Letterkenny) Sam. Hemphill, Ja^s Fraser, Bapt. Boyd, Robt. Gordon, Hugh Henry, Jno. Kennedy, Nehem. Donaldson, and Jno. Cochran, that one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod, & M^r Sam^l Dunlop was chosen, & Geo. Lang continued Clk.

Ordered yt the several prebys. do make returns tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, of their members for ye several Committees, of overtures, Bills, Books & Funds, and ye Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee: 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'clock *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio. 2^{da} Hora Decima ante merid^m. post preces, Sed^t &c.

The several presbys. now made returns of their members for ye several committees according to the order of last night; also of licensed, ordained, &c.

The preby of Monaghan report that M^r Will^m Wilson died the 11th of November 1735; that they ordained at Glentubritt M^r Ja^s Clark, May 26, 1736; and have since last Synod licensed to preach Messrs. Sam. Lynn, George Henry and Francis M^r Henry, but give no account of their subscription of their Confession of Faith. Died,
Ordained.

Presby of Armagh report that they have licensed since Last Synod Messrs. Aughtry Hart and Robt. Herron, and that they both subscribed our Confession of Faith according to the Synod's formula Licensed.

Presby of Killileagh report yt they have since Last Synod licensed Messrs. Jno. M^cKibbin, and Jno. M^cDowal and ordained M^r Alex. Maclaine at Ballynahinch the 18th of Aug^t last.

Presby of Derry report that they have entered on Tryals Messrs. Joseph Osburn, John Lyle & Ja^s Lyon.

Presby of Colerain report that M^r Tho^s Fowler died June 7th 1736; that they have ordained at Clough, Aug^t 12, 1735, M^r Ja^s M^cCurdy, & ordained at Aghoghle M^r Joⁿ Semple, June 1, 1736; and have licensed Messrs. Alex. Cuming, Sam^l Dunlop and Sam^l 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^s Armstrong & Ja^s Smyth, & installed M^r Ja^s Cochran at Grayabbey, ye 9th of June instant.

Absents from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Victor Ferguson, Ja^s Reid Dickson, Morr, Seaton, Ja^s Stuart, Ja^s Whyte Henderson, Ja^s Thomson, Masterton, Francis Montgomery, Alex. Reid, Ja^s Maxwell, Neile, Wirling, M^cBride, Porter, M^cCreight, Smyly, Iredell, Craghead, Alexander, M^cMaster, Hump. Thomson, Tho^s Maclaine, Carlisle, M^cCleve, Drummond, Vauance, Jno. Harvey, Wensley, Hanse Stuart, Sam^l Ross, Alex^r Hamilton, Nath^l Orre, Shannon, Smyth of Ballee, Ja^s Allen, Tho^s Creighton, Rainey, Livingston, Higinbothom, & Smyth of Holywood. Absents
excused

Not excused

Not excused are Messrs. Ja^s Smyth, Francis Ross, Hair, Ja^s Bond, Ball Fairly, M^cGachin, W^m Boyd, Laird, Tho^s Harvey, Strawbridge, Nin. Cochrane, W^m Cunningham, And. Ferguson, Joⁿ Montgomery, Tho^s Bond, Mackay, Ja^s Max^l Stuart, Fergy, Tho^s Scott, Gilbert Kennedy Jun^r.

Synod's fixed Committee.

Members returned for ye Gen^l Synod's fixed Co^mittee are ye same as last year :—

For Strabane presby. Messrs. Ja^s Smyth and And^r Welsh.

„ Colerane presby. Messrs. Jno. Cochran and David Smyly.

„ Letterkenny presby. Messrs. David Fairly and Luke Ashe.

„ Killileagh presby. Messrs. Ja^s Reid, and Gilbt. Kennedy.

„ Monaghan presby. Messrs. Jno. Gibson, and W^m Ambrose.

„ Armagh presby. Messrs. Arch^d Maclaîne, and Jno. Maxwell, & Jos. Johnston, Elder.

Templepatrick presby. Messrs. Ja^s Fraser, & Ja^s Whyte, M^r Heny Magill.

Tyrone presby. Messrs. Jno. Kennedy and Robt. Thomson, M^r W^m Agnew Elder.

Bangor presby. Messrs. Robt. Cunningham and Robt. Gaudie.

Derry presby. Messrs. And^r Ferguson, and David Harvey.

These with our Mod^r and Clk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^r on any emergent 15 whereof to be a Quorum, and of them 12 to be min^{rs}.

Form of Questions.

Upon reading last Synod's minutes in relaon to a form of Questions to be used at ordinaons, it was now proposed by some Brethren yt a form should be drawn up to be authorized by ye Gen^l 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 ordinaons. 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.

Mr Teath's children.

It was new recommended to the sev^l Presbys to inquire which of their members have not contributed towards the relief of M^r Teath's children, and to take care that they do contribute for ye relief of those orphans. M^r Masterton sent for their relief, 10^s : 10^d, M^r Tho^s Brown gave 5^s : 5^d, and Messrs. Clarke, Gaudy and M^r Jno. Orre gave each 2^s : 8^½^d, which sums were sent to them by M^r Algeo.

Fund for Holywood.

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^r Vaunce before ye presby. of M^r 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. Ordred yt ye following Brethren, Messrs. Cobham, Gilb^t Kennedy, Tho^s Keunedy, Jno. Stirling, Alex. Brown, Arch^d Maclaianeand 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.

Letter from Philadelphia.

The presby of Templepatrick met wth some correspondents & issued ye affair of Tullyrisk, according to ye order of last Synod and there is not now any complaint from sd people.

Tullyrisk.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon, ye Comittees to meet at 3; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio III^{ta}. Hora V^{ta}. post merid^m die mercurii: post proces, Sed^t &c

The Synod now taking into consideraon the non-attendance of many min^{rs} 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^r who shall not be able to give a relevant excuse for his absence, shall receive from ye Mod^r in name of ye Synod a publick solemn rebuke, an account of which shall be entered in our records; if sd min^r 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 W^m Coningham and Sam^l Boyd &c. Com^{rs}. they presented a supplicaon setting forth their grievances by reason of their not submitting to M^r Welsh's ministry, & requesting to be erected into a congregaon; to be disannexed from the presby of Strabane & annexed to some other presby; they alledge they are able to pay ye Synod's Quota towards maintaining a min^r. From M^r Welsh's congregaon appeared William Craford & Tho^s Mathewson Com^{rs}. They alledged yt almost all their once discontented neighbours had submitted to M^r Welsh's ministry, & yt the number remaining was so small that it was not expected untill 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.

Ardstraw affair.

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 2^d Question was offered whether we should leave those who have not at all submitted to M^r Welsh's ministry to their liberty to joyn any congregation they think fit or not?

Decision.

& it was unanimously agreed to leave them to their liberty; & M^r 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 M^r Welsh's settlement.

It was also proposed and agreed to that they shall take out their dismisses 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 dismisses; but if any desire them sooner, M^r Welsh shall be obliged to give them, giving notice in their dismisses of such scandals as any shall be under.

Ballynahinch
affair.

From ye minor part of Ballynahinch congregaon appeared Mess^{rs} Holmes, Sam. Berkeley &c. Com^{rs} they presented a supplication wherein they declare 'emselves unwilling to submit to M^r Maclaine's ministry; also earnestly desiring to be erected into a distinct congregation. They offer £30 P annum toward support of a min^r & desire to be annexed to ye presby of Bangor & to be supplied by it.

Appeared from M^r Maclaine's congregaon M^r Dav^d Whyte Com^r 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 comittees 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 4^{ta}, hora Decima Mane, die Jovis, post preces, Sed^t &c.

Ballynahinch
affair decided.

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 M^r Whyte, Comm^r. 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^r. 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 congregaon they think fit; also yt they shall have certificates from M^r Maclaine & take out dismisses the last Wednesday of October or sooner. M^r Williamson & M^r 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 dismisses.

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 M^r 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. Reference of
ye presby of
Monaghan.

From Lisburn appeared Ja^s Fulton, Robt. Bell &c. Com^{rs} and from Branbrechy M^r Henry Cook Com^r. 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 gentl^{ns} 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 & M^r M^c Neight, against ye transportaon: Likewise a letter from that people to M^r Patton warmly remonstrating against his being thrust in upon them without their having the benefit of a poll and another candidate sett up. The Com^{rs} from Lisburn of both sides were heard, also the Com^r from Branbrechy and lastly M^r 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 Via hora Via post meridi^m post preces Sed^t &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 intimated to them, & ye parties aggrieved by it were exhorted by the Mod^r to a submission to Divine Providence & dependence on God for making up their loss. M^r Patton was ordered to act in concert wh ye Presby of Templepatrick for fixing ye time of his Installment at Lisburn. M^r Patton's
Transportation.

The place of next Gen^l 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 3^d Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Agreed to recomēd it to ye several cong^s within ye bounds of this Synod to allow a Sabbath Collection from each towards erecting a meeting-house for M^r Semple's congregaon at Aghoghle. Also M^{rs} 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 M^r Dalrymple's distressed condition is recommended to the charitable consideraon of the Rev^d Sub-Synod of Belfast. Charities

A Supplication from Dunfanaghy now vacant by ye transportation of M^r 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 Monimore congregaon 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 Com^{rs} from part of the oongregation which is for M^r Caldwell, Will^m Ramsey, Zachary McSparrin, Jno. Kid, &c., Com^{rs}. They presented a supplication & state of their case, alledging M^r Caldwell's being elected by ye majority of their people. From another part of ye congregaon appeared Jas^s McConhy, Jno. Stitt, &c., Com^{rs}. They also presented a supplicaon wherein they alledge irregular practices in ye election of M^r Caldwell. The parties being ask'd what they had further to say in support of what they had advanced in their papers; those for M^r Caldwell utterly denied the majority to be on the side of the opposers as is alledged in their papers & did also alledge undue practices in opposing M^r Caldwell, & referred to several letters for clearing M^r Caldwell's character wh had suffer'd by some aspersions of some of his opposers. Some sd letters were read. The Com^{rs} of ye opposite party denied several facts alledged by their neighbours who are for M^r 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 VI^a die veneris—at 8 mane, post proces, Sedⁱ &c.

The affair of Monimore was resumed, and the presby of Tyrone was heard. They vindicated 'emselves from being any way accessory to the Divisions of Monimore; not having given any sentence nor had any connexon in ye election they desired yt ye rights of ye congregaon & every member thereof in choosing M^r 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 congregaon of Monimore to ye Disadvantage of M^r 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 committee consisting of Messrs. Gilbert Kennedy Sen^t, Cherry, W^m Henderson, W^m Holmes, Bapt Boyd, Plunket, Ambrose, Tho^s Bond, Dav^d Harvey, & Will^m 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 M^r 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 com̄ittee & give what light they can in that affair; and any person who can make any thing appear to the prejudice of M^r Caldwell's character is hereby desired to appear before said com̄ittee.

(2) Yt if no person appear to prove anything against M^r Caldwell, ye Committee shall declare him clear of all ye aspersions cast on his character.

(3) Yt. in case M^r Caldwell's character appear fair, & unblemished, then the Presby of Tyrone shall order one of their number to preside in a call to M^r Caldwell, and if it appears yt 2 thirds of the congregaon (regard being had to their numbers & payments according to ye Gen^l Synod's rule of 1733) are for M^r 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 M^r Caldwell to supply Moneymore some Sabbaths before ye meeting of ye Com̄ittee.

(5) Yt ye supplier ordered by sd presby shall read these resolutions next Lord's day in Monimore meeting-house after both sermons.

(6) Yt as M^r Caldwell might be present at sd Committee, he do open ye Committee 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^{rs} from Maughera, M^r Jackson Clark, Jno. Houston &c: they offered ye reasons of their appeal which were read. Also from Tubbermore appaared Ja^s Alexander Robt. Ferguson &c. Com^{rs}. they produced answers to said Reasons which were also read; and the Com^{rs} of both sides heard at great length and removed. The Synod after reasoning proceeded to a determination of the merits of the cause, 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 min^r fixed among them the people of Tubbermore shall have such part of his labours as the preby. the min^r and people of Maughera shall agree upon. Adjourned to 6 afternoon, the interloquitur to meet at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{ma}: Hora Sexta post merid^{na} post preces Sed^t

Proposed and agreed 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 mearings. 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.

Interloquitur 1. June 17. 9 o'clock *mans*.

A letter from Jno Brown Esq. of Ralbin in Connaught directed to this Synod was now read. M^r Sam^l 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. M^r Brown in's letter speaks very well of M^r Dunlop's behaviour and diligence and desires we may allow him the R.D. detain'd from him.

The Brethren, in consideraon of M^r Brown's character of M^r 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. M^r 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 2^d & 3^d. June 18 & 19th.

The Clk produced a Letter from the Rev^d M^r Iredell in Dublin in favour of M^{rs} M^cCrackan 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 M^r M^cCrackan 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 p annum settled on her which was equal if not above ye maintenance of some min^{rs}.

Ordered yt M^r Bapt, Boyd and ye Clk, when they meet in Sub-Synod of Armagh, at Dungannon do take care of ye fund due to M^r 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.

A Gen^l Synod at Antrim. June 21, 1737.

M^r Sam^l Dunlop, Mod^r of last Synod, opend this by preaching from Romans 14. 1: and Titus 3. 10: & constituted it by prayer. Sederunt:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presby.		Strabaue Presby.	
Ja ^s Cobham.	Jno. Steele.	Nehem Donaldson	
Alex. Brown.	W ^m M'Creight.	Victor Ferguson.	
W ^m Livingston.	Cha ^s Frew.	And ^r Welsh.	
Ja ^s Whyte.	Jas Fulton.		Coleraine Presby.
Will. Patton.	Jno. Brown.		
Ja ^s Fraser.	Jno. Beggs.	Robt. Wirling.	Ja ^s Kerr.
Tim. White.	Jno. Jackson.	Robt. M'Bride.	Arch ^d Duglass.
W ^m Thomson.	W ^m Brown.	Jno. Cochran.	Ja ^s Bicket.
Jno. Hastings.		Jno. Orre.	Ja ^s Smith.
Thos Craford.	W ^m Macconchy.	Jno. Hill.	Jos. Wyly.
Will. Holmes.	Tho ^s Steele.	Jno. Thomson.	Robt. Montgomery
Ja ^s Moorhead.	Jno. Russell.	Wm. M'Creight.	Ja ^s Kilpatrick.
Jno. Thomson.		Dav ^d Smyly.	Jno. Edmonston.
Tho ^s Brown.	Arch ^d Hunter.	Ja ^s M'Curdy.	Wm. Sheerer.
W ^m Henderson.	Alex ^r Adair	Jno. Sempie.	Robt. Clarke.
Jno. Brown.	Tho ^s Hunter		
Ja ^s Macconnel.			Monaghan.
			Bapt. Boyd.
Dublin Presby.			Geo. Carson.
Hugh Henry.			Ja ^s Clarke.
			Letterkenny.
Tyrone Presby.			
Thos Kennedy.	Ja ^s M'Millan.		
Hugh Wallace.	Ja ^s Henry.	Jno. Ball.	
Jno. Kennedy.	W ^m Woods.	Sam. Dunlop.	
Robt. Stuart.	Robt. M'Creight.	Fran. Laird.	
Hugh Sharpe.		Jno. Holmes.	
		Luke Ashe.	
Derry Presby.		Wm. Wilson.	
Jno. Stirling.			Killileagh.
Tho ^s Harvey.			
W ^m Coningham.		Ja ^s Reid.	
Dav ^d Harvey.		Alex. M'Colm.	
Jno. Montgomery.		Alex. M'Claine.	
Tho ^s Bond.			Armagh.
Bangor Presby.		Geo. Lang.	
Ja ^s Stuart.	Ja ^s Maxwell.	Gilbt. Kennedy.	Hugh Campbell.
Chas Masterton.	Jno. Brown.	Robt. Gordon.	
Arch ^d Dickson.		Arch ^d M'Claine.	Jno. Steele.
Fran. Montgomery		Jno. Menagh.	
Jas Cochran.	Ja ^s Martin.	Geo. Cherry.	
Robt. Coningham		Ja ^s Allen.	
W ^m Smith.	Ja ^s Macconnel.	Jno. King.	Alex. Holms.
And. Malcom.	Robt. Smith.	Wm. Dick.	Hugh Hamilton.
Ja ^s Mackay.		Robt. Thomson.	Wm. Trewsdale.
Ja ^s Max ^l Stuart.	Wm Findlay.	Jno. Maxwell.	Nath. Dobbin.
Robt. Gaudy.	Sam ^l M'Alex ^r	Tho ^s Creighton.	M ^r Breckenrigg.
Ja ^s M'Cullough	Jno. Calderwood.	Ja ^s Moody.	
Total 79 min ^{rs}			43 Elders.

The Mod^r desired a new Mod^r might be chosen, and a leet of Ministers was proposed, viz :—Messrs. Ja^s White, James Fraser, Bapt. Boyd, Robt. Gordon, Jno. Kennedy, Nehem. Donaldson, Jno. Cochran, Robt. Wirling, Hugh Wallace, Fran. Montgomery, & Hugh Henry, yt one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Roll was called & M^r Ja^s 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 Gen^l Synod's fixed Comitte; also of such ministers as have died, been ordained or installed, & of such as have been licensed to preach, 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^{ma} mane. post preces Sedt. §c.

The Presbys made returns according to ye order of last night.

Ordained.
Licensed.

The Presby of Templepatrick report that they installed M^r Patton at Lisburn the 7th of July last; ordained M^r Jno. Brown at Ballymena Sept. 21, & M^r Jno. Macconnel at Kilade, May 3, 1737, & Licensed Messrs. Rob^t Davidson & Jno. Lawson, & yt they all subscribed according to order.

Bangor Presby report that they ordain'd M^r Jas Maccullough at Monyrea, November 3, & Licensed since Last Synod Messrs. Sam^l M^aAlexander, Andrew Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, Henry Jackson, Geo. Ferguson & Sam^l Kennedy, & have entered on Tryals M^r Tho^s M^aCrackan; no account of subscribing ye confession of Faith, tho its believed they did.

Dead.

Derry Presb. report yt M^r Sam^l Ross died Oct. 26, and M^r Tho^s Wensly ye 28 Sber. and M^r Hanse Stuart May 6, 1737; & yt they have licensed since last Synod Messrs. Ja^s Osburn, Jno. Lyle, & Ja^s Lyon, who all subscribed according to order.

Armagh Presby. report that M^r Cha^s Wallace died the 12th of July and M^r Rainey the 10th of Sept. 1736.

Hollywood.

The Comitte of Funds is hereby ordered to take into consideraon ye congregation of Hollywood & find out Localities for their Quota of the Fund.

Absents
Excused.

Absents from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Ja^s Johnston, Alex. Reid, Fran. Ross, Sam^l Dunlop of Connaught, Leathes, Gilbt. Kennedy Jun^r, Shannon, Smith of Ballee, Leech, Iredell, Jno. Harvey, Ja^s Maxwell, M^aCleve, Moore, Seaton, Lynd.

Not excused are :—Messrs. Craghead, Alexander, M'Master, Williamson, Fergy, Scott, Ja^s Orr, Murray, Strawbridge, Ninian Cochran, Fairley, Jo^s Hemphill, Ja^s Smith, Porter, Knox, Humph. Thomson, Fleming, Hair, Plunket, Tho^s Maclaine, Sam^l Hemphill, Carlile, Ja^s Bond, Dean, Glasgow, Gibson, Mackee, Ja^s Hamilton, Ambrose, Vauance, Magachin, Hen. Neil.

Members for ye Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee are ye same as last year :

From T.patrick Presby. are Messrs. Ja^s Fraser & Tim White, & Hen. Magill, Elder

From Strabane presby. Messrs. Ja^s Smith & Welsh.

Coleraine, Messrs. Jno. Cochran & Smyly.

Letterkenny presby. Messrs. Dav^d Fairley & Luke Ashe.

Killileagh Presby. Messrs. Ja^s Reid & Kennedy.

Monaghan Presby. Messrs. Gibson & Ambrose.

Armagh Presby. Messrs. Arch^d Maclaine & Jno. Maxwell & Jo^s Johnston, Elder.

Tyrone Presby. Messrs. Jno. Kennedy, & Robt. Thomson, W^m Agnew, Elder.

Bangor Presby. Messrs. Robt. Coningham & Robt. Gaudie.

Derry Presby. Messrs. And. Ferguson & Dav^d Harvey.

These with our Mod^r and Clk. are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^r on any emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 to be ministers.

Letterkenny Presby. report that M^r Vauance's Tryal is issued.

Reported by Strabane Presby yt ye malecontents of Ardstraw submitted to M^r Welsh's ministry, instead of taking out dismisses.

The case of M^r Dalrymple is hereby recommended to ye whole Gen^l Synod & ye Mod^r & clerk of each presby are to be active in procuring such contributions as may serve to relieve his distressed state.

The Co^mittee of Overtures are hereby ordered to bring in an overture for better regulating ye publick Fund.

The Co^mittee appointed by last Synod to meet at Monimore, report yt nothing of weight was objected to M^r Caldwell's character, & yt they advis'd 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 committees ordered to meet immediately to prepare Business for ye Synod. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio III^{ta} Die Mercurii, hora 3^{ta} post merid^m, post preces, Sed^t &c.

Dunfanaghy.

From Dunfanaghy appeared Henry Dunsmore, Com^r. he presented a supplicaon setting forth ye singular and very distressed state of that congregaon & their readiness to exert 'emselves 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.

Papers from
N. England.

Some papers from New England were put into the Clerk's hands by the comittee 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 aggreed to that a comittee be appointed to peruse all the papers & Report their opinion on the subject of them to the Synod. The Members of the committee are Meesrs. Tho^s Kennedy, Gilbt. Kennedy, M^r Stirling, Cha^s Masterton, Jno. Cochran, Robt. M^cBride, & 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 comitted to M^r M^cBride's care.

Urnny appeal
from Synod
of Derry.

An appeal of part of ye congregaon of Urnny from a sentence of the Rev^d Synod of Derry came now before ye Synod; appeared Com^r^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^r Macbeth.

M^r Galbreath Hamilton & Jn^o Moore produced a comission 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^r 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 procedent 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^{rs} & 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 :— Resolutions
about the Fund.

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 Gen^l 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 Sam^l Dunlop ; for Derry, M^r David Harvey ; for Armagh, M^r Cherry ; for Bangor, M^r Malcom ; for Killileagh, 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 Interloquitur 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^{ta} hora octava. Mane, die Jovis, June 23; post preces Sed^t :—

A reference from the presby of Tyrone in relation to Castledawson, was now laid before the Synod.

Affair of Castle-
dawson and
Maughryfelt.

From Maughryfelt, part of sd congregaon appeared Messrs. Robt. Rainey, & Will^m Johnston Com^{rs}; they offer'd a supplicaon 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 Will^m Kennedy, Will^m Dickson, & several other Com^{rs}; they presented a supplicaon 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 Com^{rs} on both sides heard at great length. M^r 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 supplicaons 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 comittee be ordered to bring in an overture upon it, consisting of Messrs. Masterton, Laird, Gilb^t Kennedy, Livingston, and Ashe. They may call for any members of the presby of Tyrone to give them informaon. The Comittee reported their opinion as follows:—

Castledawson
and
Maughryfelt

1st That Castledawson and Maughryfelt should still continue one congregaon under M^r 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 M^r 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 overture or not? and it carried approve, only one vote in the negative. The parties were called and our minute read to them.

Select Comitee
for
Carncastle.

M^r Alex. Brown moved that whereas the congregaon of Carncastle had given a call to M^r M'Cullough of Monyrea in Bangor presby; that to prevent delay in case of an appeal, a comittee of the Gen^l Synod be appointed to judge the affair; this was granted; and the Synod's Clerk is hereby ordered to call said comittee 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 Will^m Ambrose; from Rout, Messrs. M^oBride and M^oCurdy; from Letterkenny, Messrs. Ball and Boyd; from Tyrone,

Messrs. Tho^s Kennedy and Wallace; from Killileagh, Messrs. Reid and Kennedy with an Elder from each presby; nine to be a Quorum, whereof six to be ministers. Sd Committee is to meet at Antrim.

An appeal of part of Derry congregaon from the presby of Derry Derry Appeal. came now before us: the appeal was read. Appeared prosecuting it, Messrs. Moore, Ewing and Marshall, Com^{rs}; they alledged that the presby's too hastily proceeding in countenancing a call of the other part of the congregaon to M^r David Harvey and M^r Hair, a probaoner, while the appellants were overlooked & neglected. From the Session and other part of the congregaon appeared Com^{rs} Messrs. Davis and Cross; they plead that the party wh opposeth their design to have M^r Harvey and M^r 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 Committees to meet at three. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio V^{ta} hora 4^{ta} post meridiem, Die Jovis, post preces, Sed^t &c.

The affair of Derry was resumed, and M^r Moore, one of the Derry affairs. appellants was again heard: he alledged they were put under great hardships by a Poll's being refused. The Presby of Derry observed that his reasoning had no relaon 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 accomodating the affair. This was agreed to and Messrs. Cobham, Masterton, Dunlop, Livingston, and Menagh, were named for a Committee 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 clk) 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 M^r 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^{rs} from Londonderry desired a Select Committee
for Derry. Committee of the Gen^l Synod might be appointed, finally to determine in case of an appeal on the transportation of M^r Harvey to Derry. The Synod agreed to this, and a Committee was nominated, viz: From Strabane presby, Messrs. Victor Ferguson, Ja^s Smith and M^r Hugh Brown, Elder; From Letterkenney, Messrs. Ball & Boyd, M^r W^m Keys, Elder; From Colerane, Messrs. Lynd and Jno. Thomson, & William Maccafee, Elder; From Tyrone, Messrs. Stuart & Sharpe, M^r Rae, Elder; From Colerane, Messrs. Higinbothom and Will^m Henderson, M^r Tho^s Rummage, Elder; to meet at Newtownmavaddy and to be called by the Mod^r of Derry Presby, six Ministers & three Elders to be Quorum.

Money more
Appeal.

An appeal of the congregation of Money more from ye presby of Tyrone, also a Reference of sd presby previous to the appeal were now laid before the Synod: Com^{rs} from Money more appeared, Messrs. Zachary M^cSparrin, W^m Ramsay, W^m Kidd, &c., Com^{rs}: 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^{rs} from Money more 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^r Caldwell in Money more 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^r 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 intimaon to be made in Money more the first Sabb. of July next, that the Sabb. following a minister from them will attend at Money more & enquire whether such as had subscribed to M^r Caldwell's call privately or any other did withdraw their subscriptions.

Money more.

It being now late, the Synod adjourned to 9 mane. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI^{ta} Die Veneris hora nona, mane, post preces Sedt &c.

Lisburn
malcontent's

From ye malcontents in Lisburn appeared Jno. & Geo. Clarkes &c., Com^{rs}, they presented a supplicaon desiring they may be erected into a congregaon. The Com^{rs} were heard, as also Ja^s Fulton elder, from Lisburn, who complained that M^r Patten's congregaon was not apprised of any such applicaon and not prepared to answer. The following comittee, viz: Messrs. M^cBride, 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 Gen^l Synod 1734, viz^t: Yt to allow an erection in Lisburn would be of ye worst consequence. 2. Yt whereas the gentlemen desiring an erection have employed M^r 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^r 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 3^d resolution was added by the Synod, & the two former agreed to & intimated to the parties.

The petition of Banbrahy & ye Polls is referred to the Interloquitur.

The affairs of Maghera & Tubbermore were now laid before the Synod. From Maughera appeared M^r Jackson Clark & Alex. Thomson, &c., Com^{rs} presenting a supplicaon wherein they complain of the preby of Tyrone's having counteracted ye decision of ye Synod 1736, & were for keepig up their erection of Tubbermore. From Tubbermore appeared Sam^l Fulton, Alex. Black, and several other Com^{rs}. They also presented a supplication pleading their great distance from Maughera meeting-house, several of them being at least eight miles from it, desiring their erection might be continued. After reading said supplicaon the affair was comitted to the following Committee, viz: Messrs. Ja^s & Jno. Cochran's, Robt. Wirling & Tho^s 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 mearing between Maughera and Tubbermore. The question was put, approve this overture or not, and it carried approve. The parties acquiesced in our sentence and the congregaon of Maughera pursuant to their own desire was annexed to the presby of Colerane.

Maughera and
Tubbermore.

From ye Malecontents of Drumaul appeared M^r Jno. Nisbet and Ja^s Sparke, Com^{rs} they presented a supplicaon desiring to be annexed to M^r Semple's congregation. From ye Session and congregaon of Drumaul appeared M^r Henry M'Cullough, Hen. Clarke, &c., Com^{rs} they presented a supplicaon wherein they set forth that many of the malecontents have submitted to M^r Henderson's ministry, & yt ye 27 families now supplicating ought not to be allowed to join to Aghoghle, 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 comittee to confer with Drumaul Com^{rs} and those of the malcontents report their opinion on ye affair. The members of ye Committee are Messrs. Livingston, Fraser, M^cBride, and M^cCurdy. They withdrew and conversed with the parties and gave their agreement in writing. 1. Yt such members of Drumaul as attend publick worship at Aghoghle do pay their acknowledgment to Drumaul according to ye covenant made, when they were allowed certificates to hear at Aghoghle. 2. Yt M^r Semple do allow priviledges to such of 'em as do justice to M^r Henderson according to the above recited covenant, but not to others who fail to do him justice when certificates are given 'em. 3. Yt M^r Henderson do visit & catechize 'em—to all which ye Synod agreed.

Malecontents of
Drumaul.

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^l 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'clock afternoon. Adjourned to 3 hours post meridiem.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7^{tim}, hora tertia, post merid^m June 24; post preces Sed^t

Mrs. Lyton.

The Synod allows Mr^s 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.

Address.

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 IN JUDICATORIES.]

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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^r.

II.—No member to move any new buisienes 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 spake 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^{rs} be debated by members till the Com^{rs} 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^r to take care that these Rules be duely 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 accustomary 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 awfull presence in the midst of them, on purpose to aw 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.

A General Synod at Antrim, 20th June, 1738.

M^r Ja^s White, Mod^r of ye preceding Synod, opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. ii. 16, & constituted it by prayer.

post preces scd^t.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Strabane Presby.		Tyrone Presby.	
Victor Ferguson And ^r Welsh	Ja ^s Knox	Thos. Kennedy Hugh Wallace Jno. Kennedy Robt. Stuart Jno. Gibson Charl. Caldwell Willm Rae	Thos. Greer M ^r Jno. Gevan Willm Woods Saml. Martin Jas. Robinson Jas. Alexander
Colerane Presby.		Letterkenny Preby	
Charl. Lynd Robt. Wirling Robt. M ^r Bride Jno. Cochran. Fran. Ross Jno. Hill Jas. M ^r Creight Dav ^d Smyly Jas. M ^r Curdy Jno. Semple Jas. Cochran Robt. Brown	Mr Isaac Todd M ^r Saml. Hogg M ^r Jno. Henry Jas. White Mr Saml. Buys Robt. Gilchrist M ^r Gawin Steele Wm Montgomery M ^r Jas. Craford Wm Greer Robt. Brown Jno. Stirling	Saml. Dunlop Jno. Holmes Luke Ashe Wm Wilson	Geo. Dunlop
Dublin Presby.		Derry Presby.	
Hugh Henry		And ^r Ferguson David Harvey Jno. Montgomery	
Monaghan Presby.			
Bapt. Boyd Saml. Hemphill Jno. Carlile Jas. Hamilton	Peter Millar	Templpatrick Presby.	
Bangor Presby.		Jas. Cobham Alexr. Brown Wm. Livingston Wm. Patten Jas. Whyte Jas. Fraser Tim. White Wm. Thomson Jno. Hastings Thos. Craford Willm Holmes Jno. Moorhead Jno. Thomson Thos. Brown Robt. Leathes Jno. Brown Jno. M ^r Connell	Jno. Steele Jno. Montgomery Paul Brown Wm Mitchell Jas. Kinnin Robt. Lockhart Robt. Blakely M ^r Jno. M ^r Cullough Wm. Maxwell Danl. McLewer Wm. M ^r Conchy Jas. Hughes Jno. Reiley Charles Pollock Hugh Watson Thos. Hunter
Jas. Stuart Charl. Masterton Fran. Montgomery Jas. Cochran Robt. Coningham Willm Smith. And ^r Malcom Jas. Mackay Jas. Maxl. Stuart Robt. Gaudy Jas. M ^r Cnllough.	Mr Jno. Brown Jas. Gordon Wm Warnock Mr Matth. Russel Robt. M ^r Conchy Jno. Taggart Wm Irwin M ^r Jno. Orre		
Killileagh Presby.			
Hugh Williamson Thos. Scott			

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.			
Geo. Lang	Robt. M'Camon		
Gilbt. Kennedy	W ^m M'Kee		
Archd. Maclaine			
Jno. Menagh	Josias Geddis		
Geo. Cherry	Christ. Hellem		
Jas. Allen	Jas. Finny		
Will ^m Dick	Hugh Hamilton		
Robt. Thomson	Alex ^r Porter		
Jno. Maxwell	Robt. Ball		
Thos. Crighton	Mr W ^m Moore.		
Jas. Moody	Hugh Magill		

Synod Moderator and Clerk. The Mod^r desiring a New Mod^r might be chosen to preside in this Synod proposed a Leet of ye following Brethren viz: Messrs. Sam^l Hemphill, Bapt. Boyd, Joⁿ Cochran, Rob^t Wirling, Vict. Ferguson, Joⁿ Kennedy Wallace, Fraser & Hennery that one of 'em might be chosen. The Roll was called and Mr. Joⁿ 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^{rs} 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 comittees and of such as have died or been 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 begining of the next sederunt.

Overture

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.

Ordnained.

The Presby of Strabane report that M^r Macbeth was ordnained 22^d December but no account of his subscription or where fixed. Colerane Presby report that M^r Ja^s Cochran was ordnained at Connor February 14th & M^r Rob^t Brown at Romoan June 6th and that they subscribed the Confession of Faith according to the Gen^l Synod's formula also that M^r Rob^t Porter died June 13th. The Presby of Monaghan report that they have Licensed M^r David Hutchison but give no account of his subscription.

Licensed since last Synod.

Presby of Tyrone report that they have Installed M^r Gibson 11th January, but give no account to what congregation, and that they ordained M^r Caldwell May 16th and M^r Rae May 17th but no account to what congrega^ons or whether they subscribed. Presby of Armagh report that M^r Alexander Reid died 19th of November and that they have M^r Haslem on first Tryalls. Bangor Presby report that M^r Seaton died August 27th and M^r Ja^s Moor March 22nd, and that they have Licensed to preach M^r Tho^s McCrackan, but give no account of his subscribing. Presby of Colerane farther report that M^r Rob^t Knox who had passed his 2^d Tryals in order to his being ordained at Maughra died May 15th, and that Mess^{rs} Samuel Thomson and Samuel Dunlop Proba^oners went to America in Summer, 1737, and that they have Licensed Mess^{rs} Ja^s White and Tho^s Boyle who both have subscribed according to order, also Mess^{rs} Ja^s Howie and Ja^s Kean are Entered on first Tryalls.

Ordnained
Installed.

The Comittie of Funds haveing neglected to order Localities for Holywood are ordered now to do it in the first place.

This Synod's fixed Comittie according to the returns of the several Presbtrys being almost the same as last year is to consist of Strabane Presby: Mess^{rs} Ja^s Smith and Walsh, Ja^s Knox, Elder; Colerane Presby, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Cochran and David Smylie, M^r John Henry, Elder; Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} David Fairly and Luke Ashe, M^r Joⁿ Laird, Elder; Killyleagh, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Reid and Gilbert Kennedy, M^r Charles Johnston, Elder; Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Carlile and M^r Ambrose, Francis Scot, Elder; Armagh Presby, Mess^{rs} Archibald Maclain and Joⁿ Maxwel, Mr. Joseph John Steen, Elder; Templepatrick, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Fraser and Ja^s White, M^r Henry Magill, Elder; Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Kennedy and Rob^t Thomson, M^r Will. Agnew, Elder; Bangor: Mess^{rs} Rob^t Coningham and Rob^t Gauden [Gaudy], M^r Nathanel Wilson, Elder. Derry Presby: Mess^{rs} Andrew Ferguson and David Harvey, M^r Nathaniel Alexander, Elder.

Synod's Fixed
Comittie.

These with our Mod^t and Clerk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^t, an any emergent, 15 of them to be a quorum whereof at least 12 to be min^{rs}.

Some min^{rs} now present gave excuses which were accepted for their absence last year. Absents from this Synod and excused are Mess^{rs} Ja^s Maxwel, McCrackan, Neil, Iredell, Craghead, Alexander M^cMaster, Humphry Thomson, Fleming, Dean, Glasgow, Maceleve, Drummond, Laird, Joⁿ Harvey, Sterling, Murray, excused.

Absents
excused.

Ninian Cochran, Nathaniel Orre, Shannon Smith of Ballee, Fergy, Johnston, Gordon, King and Letch not excused. Donaldson Hemphill Ja^s Smith, Ja^s Thomson, Rob^t Knox Joⁿ Orre Joⁿ Thomson, Will^m Hair, Plunket, Tho^s Maclain, Allgeo, Ambrose, M^cKee, Carson, Clark, Rob^t Thomson, Ja^s Orre, Sharp, Ball, Boyd, Fairly, Vance, M^cGachio, Strawbridge, Bond, Dickson, Reid, Kennedy, M^cColm.

Not excused.

The Synod finding that none of the Presbyteries except those of Bangor, Killyleagh, and Templepatrick have contributed towards the relief of M^r Dalrymple, doth now earnestly recom-

mend it to the rest of the presbyteries that at their first meeting they consider his case. Collectors now appointed are Mess^{rs} Victor Ferguson for Strabane, Smylie for Rout, M^r M^cMaster for Dublin, Bap^t Boyd for Monaghan, Rob^t Stuart for Tyrone, Samuel Dunlop for Letterkenney, David Harvey for Derry, Allen for Armagh, Joⁿ Thomson for Templepatrick, M^r Ja^s White is ordered to writte to M^r Rob^t M^cMaster about him the money to be sent to M^r Masterton before the first of 7ber next.

Dumfanaghy.

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 3^d Tuesday of June next Sermon to begin at 5, o'clock after noon. Adjourned to 5 in the evening the comittes to meet at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 3^{ia}. Die Mercurij hora 5^a Post Merid^m post preces sed^t

Synod books approved.

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 Belfast and so doth this Synod they were signed by the Mod^r and Clerk.

Castledawson.

M^r Tho^s Kennedy of Tyrone Presby reports that Castledawson had not submitted to the decision of Last Gen^l Synod in their affair and now came to complain of it. From Castledawson appeared John and Andrew Mortons, Joⁿ Dicky, &c., Comiss^{rs}. They presented a supplication wherein after a long detail of their affairs and loud complaints of the Synod and their Bretheren of Maughrefelt, desired that they may be erected into a distinct congregation, refusing to joyn with Maughrefelt.

Maughrefelt.

From Maughrefelt appeared Rob^t Rainey, Rob^t Boyd, William Johnston, &c, Comiss^{rs}, presenting a supplication wherein they sett forth that when M^r 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 pa him £37 [⁄] ann: the 50 families which formerly did belong to Menymore were allowed to join with them. Also a supplication from s^d families wherein they desire to be Joyned with Maughrefelt was read.

50 families.

Menymore Com^r

Appeared from Menymore Joⁿ Kidd, Comm^r, he presented a supplication wherein they claim a right to s^d 50 families and desire that the former bounds of their congregation be preserved intire.

Castledawson.

M^r Wallace.

The Comm^{rs} of Castledawson were heard and offering some things which seemed to bear hard on M^r Wallace, he then spoke at good length in his own defence and vindication. The Commis^{rs} complained that Maughrefelt people had enticed diverse of their people to joyn 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 Commiss^{rs} from the 50 families and Monymore were ^{Maughrefelt} heard and all parties being fully heard were removed. The Presby of ^{heard.} Tyrone were desired to wave their priviledge and remove also, which they did: Then the Synod proceeded to consider the affair very deliberately and many members reasoned upon it at great length. The Synod upon mature considerāon came to the following Resolutons:— Decision.

1.—That the 50 families of Meneymore should be annexed to ^{Resolutons.} Maughrefelt.

2.—That Maughrefelt be erected into a congregation.

3 —That M^r 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^l Synod, also that they pay all arrears to M^r Wallace and the 50 families all arrears due to Meneymore.

The Question was put approve all s^d 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 IV^{ta} 9 mane. Die Jovis. June 22^d. post preces Sed^t

The Synod renews their recommendaōn to the congregations which ^{Moyra Meeting-house.} have not yet contributed a day's collection with previous intimaōn toward building the meeting-house of Moyra, that they may make such collections with all speed that so some members of the congregaōn, 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, Castleblayney, Dumfanaghy, Oldcastle, all which are returned by the Committee. And whereas, the Localities of Dumfanaghy cann't be depended on, it was overtured ^{Dumfanaghy} 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 R^t Honble. ^{Castleblayny.} L^d Blayney was now delivered to the Synod, desireing the Synod's

effectually supporting M^r 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 Oldecastle; also for Castleblayney 40 shills. from Donaghadee; from Keddy, £1 : 4 : 0; which with £1 from L^d Castleblayney, makes the sum of £6, which M^r Hemphill will be satisfied with. Mess^{rs} Harvy, Patten, and Maxwel are ordered to bring in a draught of a letter to his Lordship. This was done, and the letter signed by ye Mod^r.

23 Families.

23 Twenty-three families of Monymore Congregation now supplicated ye Synod that they may be allowed to joyn themselves to other congregations, they scrupling to submit to M^r Caldwell's ministry, they haveing not joyned in calling him, and ill-used by their neighbours, who called him. They were heard, as also the Commiss^r from Monymore. The Synod, after consideraōn & reasoning, resolved that M^r Caldwell visit and converse with s^d people, and endeavour to remove their scruples before Next Gen^l Synod; and yet, in the meantime, they may have ordinances from other mini^{rs}, upon certificats from M^r Caldwell when at home, and in his absence from an elder. This was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

Resoluōn.

Castledawson, now requesting to have constant supplies, their desire was granted, It was recommended to the Presby for that end, to invite suppliers from Colerane Presby when there is occasion, and also to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, if desired by s^d people.

Castledawson.

Donaghedy.

A paper from Donagedy congregaon ordered to be inserted in our minutes now delivered to the Clerk and is as follows: Whereaa 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 congregaon there being a party for each of them which was likely to make great divisions in that place and the Commiss^{rs} from parties here at this Synod desiring peace and mutual agreement among themselves proposed to the Synod that with the assistance of the Rev^d M^r McBride and M^r Tho^s 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 Rev^d Synod of Derry in laying aside these two Gentlemen, viz: M^r Hair and M^r Walker.

Art. 2nd

2^{dly} As we very much bewail the differences that have been formerly amonge us, so we the Commiss^{rs} of both parties resolve for the future to guard against propossing 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 Rev^d Presby of Derry.

Art 3rd

3^{dly} Tho we agree to lay aside ye aforesd Gent^m we do not mean to refuse them to supplie us occasionally as the prudence of the Presby

shall direct, hoping they'l take care not to appoint either of them if there appear any ill consequence thereof and that no probationer particularly be desired to supplie ye congregaon of Donaghedy 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 agreed to Antrim, June 21 : 1738, by us Commiss^{rs} Will^m Hamilton, Jno. Walker, Jno. Nesbet, Jno. Leslie, Jno. Orre, Will^m Deniston, Charles Pollock, in presence of Tho^s Kennedy and Rob^t M^cBride.

The congregation of Londonderry by their Commiss^r M^r Moor ^{Londonderry} desired they might be allowed some probationers to assist their pastor ^{affair.} such as they shall desire from time to time. This was granted and at the desire of the Commiss^r, M^r Ferguson, of Bangor Presby, is ordered for the month of July. Adjourned to 4 *post merid^m*. Ye comites to meet at 3.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio V^{ta} hora 4^{ta}, post meridiem Die Jovis post preces Sed^t &c.

At the desire of Monymore Commiss^r 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^r Caldwell and who were excepted from the poll last year.

The Synod farther allowed to L'Derry that in case of any extraordinary difficultie in getting a Colleague in that congregaon that the Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee be called by our Mod^r, to determine the affair and to meet at Dungannon.

But withall ye Synod expects that the congregaon will proceed in this affair according to Rules usuall in such cases that is that two thirds for such Colleague recording to ye Gen^l Synod's Rule in electing of min^{rs}.

The Presby of Armagh moved that a Probaoner of theirs, viz : M^r Richard Aprichard had excepted against subscribing some Propoōns of our Confession of Faith and that the Presby had in pursuant to an Act of the Gen^l Synod of 1725 referred the affair to be judged by this Synod. The Presby minute of reference was read, M^r 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 Qustⁿ 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. M^r 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*. Comittes to meet at 7. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI^{ta} 8^a mane. Die Veneris. June 23 : post preces sed^t &c.

From part of Drumaul Congregāon appeared Comm^{rs} Joⁿ Nisbet Will^m Wining, &c., they presented a supplicāon desiring to be disanexed from Drumaul and annexed to Aghogle Congregāon. They aledge several Reasons contained in their supplicāon. The Commisrs were heard as also M^r Henderson who said that had his Congregāon been aprized that they might have sent Commiss^{rs} 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 s^d people are as follows, viz.:—Ja^s Walker, Ja^s Ker, Ja^s Bankhead, Tho^s Doel, Joⁿ Wallace, Mor^t Gallaway, Hugh Reny, Will^m Gallaway, Christy Nelson, Sam^l Thomson, Rob^t Adair, Jos. Thomson, Rob^t Lyamon, Ja^s Henderson, Sam^l Agnue, Jno. Hillis, Jno. Forbes, Jas. Winning, Stephⁿ Harper, Alexr. Muron, Jno. Marshall, Jno. Thomson, Will^m Carson, Jas. Craig, Jas. Gillespie, And^r Clerk, Jas. Montgomery, Jas. Willson, heads of families: and young people Adam Glass, Jno. Ker, Jno. Nisbet, Samuel Stuart, Jno. Stuart, Sam^l Wilson, Jno. Wilson, Jas. Lemon, Will^m Craig, William Anderwood, Alex. Dumbar, William Graham.

M^r Wirling.

Our Bro^r M^r Wirling presented a supplicaon in which he represents that he is injured by the congregaon of Kileade in detaining part of arrears of stipend due to him by bonds, lodged in the hands of M^r Brown as clerk of T.patrick presby before the ordination of M^r Scot and M^r M^rConnel which bonds were to be returned if the debt was not payed. M^r Wirling and ye Presby were heard at some length. He also pleaded that he had delivered to M^r Brown the Lease of the farm with this express condition not to deliver it up to any person without his (M^r Wirling's) consent. The Synod considered the affair and was of opinion that M^r Wirling is much injured. It was proposed and agreed to that the Presby of T.patrick do call before them ye parties, viz: M^r Wirling and the people of Kilade and oblige 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 M^r Henery and acquaint him that he has not been well informed as to wastes sd to be made by M^r Wirling.

Arthur
Alexander's
Appeal.

Here appeared Arthur Alexander of T.patrick prosecuting an appeal from the Presby of T.Patrick. His supplicaon to the Presby was read wherein he compleans of M^r 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, nomine contradicente*.

Then the Synod proceeded to the merits of the cause to consider the particulars of a Libell offered by Arthur Alexander against M^r Livingston and resolved that it doth not appear that M^r 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^r 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^r.

Interloquitur 1st June 22^d.

Moved that M^r Jos. C——l having showed sincere repentance 1st. for his adultery & lived a holy life ever since his fall, ought to be restored to the exercise of his ministry, 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 Interloquitur sent two Min^{rs} to intimate our Resolution to him, and he humbly acquiesced. 2^d Interloq^r
June 23.

The Clerk proposed the case of M^r 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^l Synod but not for ye year past.

The Clerk of the Synod moved also in favour of M^{rs} Rainey of Newery that she should be allowed R : D : her son being now abroad and liveing at a great charge. The Interloquitur was of oppinion that she ought not to have it more than M^{rs} Ross of Derry and other widows in good circumstances.

GEO. LANG, C. S. G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, 19th June, 1739.

M^r Jn^o Cochran Mod^t of ye preceding Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Rom. 2 : 21, and constituted it by prayer.

Post preces Sed^t :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Colerane Presby.		Dublin Presby.	
Charl. Lynd	Matth Longwill	Hugh Henry	
Rob ^t M ^c Bride	Hu. Hamilton	Rob ^t M ^c Master	M ^r Hu. Wallace
Jno Cochran	M ^r Alex Cuming	Monaghan Presby	
Rob ^t Knox	Matth. Jack	Bap ^t Boyd	Jno. Warnock
Jno. Orre	M ^r Tho ^s Boyle	Alex ^r Fleming	And ^r Todd
Jno. Hill	Tho ^s Simson	Will ^m Hair	Jno. Gray
Jno. Thomson	Jas. Watt	Pat ^r Plunket	Jno. Murdagh
Jas. M ^c Creight	Jas. Cochran	Tho ^s Maclaine	Tho ^s Nisbet
Jas. Cochran	Jas. M ^c Gilwane	And ^r Dean	
Rob ^t Brown		Jno. Carlile	
Tyrone Presby.		Jas. Bond	
Tho ^s Kennedy	M ^r Jas. M ^c Mullan	Nath ^l Glasgow	Hugh Young ^l
Jno. M ^c Cleve	Rob ^t Edmund	Jas. Hamilton	Jno. Knox
Hugh Wallace	Adam Wilson	Will ^m Ambrose	
Jno. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling	Geo. Carson	
Rob ^t Stuart	James Anderson	Derry Presby.	
Jas. Orre	Tho ^s Gilpin	Jno. Sterling	M ^r W ^m Callendar
Jno. Gibson	Nath ^l Maccleve	Dav ^d Harvey	
Hugh Sharpe	Jas. Dick	Tho ^s Bond	
Charl. Caldwell	M ^r Jno. Brown	Jno. Montgomery	
Will ^m Rae	Rob ^t Sinclar	Killyleagh Presby	
Bangor Presby.		Tho ^s Scott	
Charl. Masterton		Alex ^r M ^c Colm	
Rob ^t Coningham	Jas. Wilson	Templepatrick Presby.	
And Malcom	Jas. M ^c Ferrin	Jas. Cobham	Jno. Moore
W ^m Smith	Geo. Knox	Alex ^r Brown	Rob ^t Gamble
Jas. M ^c Cullough		Rob ^t Hignibthom	
Sam ^l Sims		Will ^m Patten	W ^m Carlile
Armagh Presby.		Tim White	Geo. Taggart
Geo. Lang	Jno. M ^c Kibbin	W ^m Thomson	Jno. Smyly
Gilbt. Kennedy	Sam ^l Kerr	Jno. Hastings	
Arch. Maclaine		Jno. Moorhead	Tho ^s Steele
Jno. Menagh	Rob ^t Clark	Jas. Brown	Jno. Gaston
Geo. Cherry	Jno Moody	Jno. M ^c Connel	
Jas. Allen	Jno. Finny	Letterkeny Preb.	
Jno. King	Tho ^s Dingan	Sam. Dunlop	Dav ^d Edmonston
W ^m Dick	Nath ^l Greer		
Rob ^t Thomson	Jas. Barber		
Jno. Maxwell	M ^r Jo ^s Johnston		
Jas. Moody			

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Straban Presby.		W ^m Boyd	Matth. Scott
Nehem. Donaldson		David Fairly	
Victor Ferguson		Jno. Holmes	
Jas. Hemphill		Luke Ashie	
And ^r Welsh	W ^m Craford		
Will ^m Macbeth			

The Mod^r Desiring a New Mod^r might be chosen proposed a Leet of ye following Min^{rs}, viz., Mess^{rs} Bap^t Boyd, Vict^r Ferguson, Jno Kennedy, David Fairly, Rob^t M^cMaster & Tho^s Maclaine. Mod^r & Clerk Chosen.

The Roll was called & M^r M^cMaster was chosen by a Great Majority, & Geo Lang continued Clk *nemine contradicente*.

Ordered that ye several Presbys do this night or ye morrow morning make returns of their members for the several Comittees of Overtures, Bills, Sub-Synod Books, Funds, and ye Gen^l Synod's Fixed Committee with the names of such Min^{rs} 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 Tryals. Comittees ordered.

Ordered that all ye Min^{rs} of this Synod do meet for prayer at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning and continue in it to 9: when the Interloquit^r is to meet and the Synod at 10. Prayer ordered

Sessio 2^{da}. hora x^{ma} June 20th post preces Sed^t

The Minutes of the Interloq^r relating to R.D. inserted afterwards.

A Committee to prepare M^r Moody's affair refer^d to this Synod by Armagh Presby was appointed in ye Interloq^r consisting of Messrs. Masterton, Cobham, Brown, Tho^s Kennedy, Tho^s Maclain, George Lang, David Harvey, Lynd, Dunlop, Vict^r Ferguson and Wallace, which with ye Mod^r 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 Comittees for Overtures, Bills, Books and Funds are to meet at their respective places at 3 o'clock *post merid^m* and the Synod at 5.

The Presby of Rout report that since last Synod that they have Licensed Mess^{rs} Ja^s Huey and Ja^s M^cKean and have entered on Tryals Mess^{rs} Adam Blair and Ja^s Rainey.

Presby of T.patrick report that M^r Will^m Leech died ye 10 of Sept^r last and that they have ordained M^r Jno Leason ye 20th of December but give no acc^{tt} to what congregaon nor whither he subscribed the Confession of Faith and that they have entered on First Tryals M^r Will^m Thomson. M^r Leech Dead.
M^r Leason ordd.
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Tryals. Londonderry Presby report that they have entered on second Tryals M^r David Walker and on first Tryals Mess^{rs} Jno. Loage and Jno. Steele.

Dead. The Presby of Tyrone report that M^r Rob^t Thomson died ye 5th of June Ins^t.

Tryals. Bangor Presby report that M^r Alexander Hamilton died the 11th Ordained. of Febry last and M^r Arch^d Dickson about ye beginning of March and M^r Ja^s Cochran died about ye end of sd month, that they have entered M^r Crooks on first Tryals also that they ordained M^r Ja^s Smith at Newtown ye 10th of April and M^r Sam^l Sims at Annahilt ye 18th of June Ins^t but gave no account of their subscriptions.

Killileagh Presby report that they have entered on Tryals M^r Will^m Rowan.

The Presby of Armagh report that they have Licensed to preach M^r Charles Haslem and that he subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

Members for Gen^l Synod's fixed Committees.

The Members returned for ye Gen^l Synod's Fixed Comittee are for Tyrone Presby Mess^{rs} Thos. and Jno. Kennedy and M^r Jas. McMullan, Elder; for Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Fairly and Ashe, M^r Jno. Laird, Elder; for Armagh Mess^{rs} Maclain and Maxwell, M^r Jos. Johnston, Elder; for Colerane, Mess^{rs} Jno. Cochran and Rob^t Brown, M^r Jno. Henery, Elder; for T. Patrick Presby Mess^{rs} Fraser and Jas. White, M^r Henry Magill, Elder; for Bangor, Mess^{rs} Cunningham and Will^m Smith, M^r Nath^l Wilson, Elder; for Derry Presby Mess^{rs} And^w Ferguson, and David Harvey, M^r Nath^l Alexander, Elder; for Strabane, Mess^{rs} Jos. Hemphill and Macbeth, Jas. Knox, Elder.

These with our Mod^r and Clerk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^r on any emergent 15 of whom to be a Quorum of which at least 12 to be Min^{rs}.

Absents excused.

Absent from this Synod and excused are Mess^{rs} Neil, Jas. Thomson, Ross, Alexander, M^cKee, Clarke, Drumond Ball, Laird, Wilson, Jno. Harvey, Tho^s Harvey, Strawbridge, Murray, Ninan Cochran, Will^m Cuninghame, And^w Ferguson, Jas. Stuart, Francis Montgomery, Jas. Maxwell Stuart, Jas. Smith, Shannon, Reid, Will^m Smith, Alexand^r Maclaine, Johnston, Craighton, Fraser, Jno. Thomson, Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, M^cCrackan

Not excused.

Not excused are Mess^{rs} Wirling, M^cKurdy, Semple, Sa^{ll} Hemphill, Algoe, Vance, Lyel, Nathan^l Orre, Mackay, Williamson, Fergy, Gilbert Kennedy Jun^r, Gordon, Jas. White, Jas. Smith of Strabane Presby.

Mr Dalrimple.

Reported that nothing hath been done in the Sub-Synods of Armagh and Derry for the relief of M^r Dalrimple ye order of last Synod in relation to him is now renewed and it is recommended to ye Min^{rs} present to give what they can others promised to pay at next Synod which is now agreed *nemine contradicente*.

Shall meet here at Dungannon ye 3^d Tuesday of June next. Next Meeting of Synod.
 Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Presby of Tyrone report that they have erected Castledawson Castledawson Erected.
 into a congregaon 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^r & those of the 50 families before they be allowed priviledges.

The appoinment of last Synod in relation to Drumfanaghy is now Drumfanaghy.
 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.

Sessio 3^{tia} hora 5^{ta} post merid^m.

From the Congregaon of Caple Street in Dublin appeared Com- Caple Street desires Supplies.
 miss^{rs} Mess^{rs} Fran^s Cunningham and Will^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.
 for them that M^r Craghead died July 31, 1738 and M^r Iredell the 31 of Jan^{ry} following.

From that part of Mourne that meets at ye New meeting-house Mourne.
 appeared Commiss^{rs} Jas. Atchison and Sam^l M^cMaghon. 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^m Lang and Jno. Steele Monymore.
 Commiss^{rs}. They plead that they can't in conscience submitt to M^r Caldwell's ministry and pray that they may be allowed to joyn to other congregaons 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 appeared Will^m 10 towns of Grayabby.
 Warnock and Jas. Ganan, Commiss^{rs}, prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye Rev^d Presby of Bangor refusing to allow them to leave

Newtown and joyn Grayabby congregaon. It was mov'd and agreed to that in consideration M^r Smith of Newton is now absent and no Comm^{rs} 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^{rs} of T.Patrick Presby, 4 from Killileagh 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^{rs} had ye names of the Min^{rs} from the Clerk [of the] 3 Presbys now named but the Clerk has them not.

Iniskillen.

From Iniskillen appeared Jno. Gray, &c., Commiss^{rs}. They presented a paper shewing the necessity of haveing 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 4^{ta} 9 mane die June 21st post preces Sed, &c.

Interloq^r 2^d was held before ye Synod's meeting.

The Committee ordered for M^r Moody's affair report that they had discoursed wth 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 explic^on formed by s^d 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 M^r Moody from Magharally to Newry ye Synod did on ye whole resolve that they see no cause to disprove s^d Presbys transporting him to Newry and do allow s^d Presby to install him in Newry when they see fitt 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 dismissal from the Congregaon of T.Patrick and be allowed to joyn to Ballyeaston which was granted and that Congregaon desired to receive him.

The Committee ordered to converse with M^r 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.

Committee for
M^r Moody
Report.

Arthur
Alexander.

Committee for
Aprichard's
affair their
report.

CONCERNING THE HEATHEN WORLD.

Christians are only to hope for Eternal Happiness upon Gospel ^{M^r Aprichard.} 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 ordinance of Christ. +

R^d Aprichard.

The Committee appointed for Revising ye Books of ye Subsynods of Belfast, Derry and Armagh report that they approve s^d Books and they were signed by ye Mod^r and Clerk.

Several Brethⁿ moved that a fast should be appointed by this Synod to be observed by all congrega^ons under our care the last Wednesday of July or some day that week. This was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

Messrs. Tho^s Kennedy, Lynd, &c., were appointed to draw up ye causes of ye fast. ^{Causes of fast.} M^r 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 had 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^r in M^r Moody's affair was read in ye publick Synod and approved by a great majority. —

The supplica^on of ye few 14 families of Monymore was again read as also a supplica^on of Moneymore congrega^on presented by Will^m Mc Kee &c. desiring that the Synod may advise s^d families being orderly people to continue members of their congregation. The Commiss^{rs} on both sides were heard as also M^r Caldwell then the parties removed and the affair was considered and after some reasoning Resolved that s^d few families upon paying arrears due by them to Monymore be allowed their liberty and receive dismisses to joyn themselves to any other congrega^ons, that is to be understood only of such as has not submitted to M^r Caldwell's ministry none of the 14 families to be allowed priviledges untill they take out dismisses, all which was agreed to *nemine contradicente*. ^{14 families of Monymore.}

Tubbermors.

From Tubbermore were Commiss^{rs} Alex^r Black Sam^{el} 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^d families was read. They desire that whereas they lay on the west side of y^e river Moyalo and as for other reasons so particularly on account of their vicinity to joyn to Tubbermore.

The Committee ordered to meet half an hour past 3; and y^e Synod at 4 *post merid^m*.

Sessio 5^{ta}. hora 4^{ta} post merid^m. die Jovis. post preces Sed^t &c.

Min^{rs} Widows.

Whereas it appears that y^e small annual pension allowed to some widows was not duely pay'd by many min^{rs} the Synod now recommends it to ye several Presbrys to take more care for y^e future to pay what is due to M^{rs} Tomb, M^{rs} Sterling, M^{rs} Drummond and M^{rs} Thomson children who are now orphans and in low circumstances that no cause of complaint may be for ye future.

Minola in
Conaght.

The Inhabitants of Minola and Branagh of our Communion do supplicate this Synod to be erected into a congregāon and put under y^e care of some Presby to which they may apply for supplies.

This Synod agrees 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.

Conference with
M^r Aprichard.

M^r Aprichards affair came now before y^e Synod M^r Aprichard did distinctly read his scruples with the reasons of them. Then the Mod^r at ye desire of some members asked if any Presby or Broth^r had committed to writting his thought on the subject of these scruples and ye grounds of them that ye same might now be read. M^r Tho^s Kennedy owned that he had a paper on the subject which at ye Synods desire he read. M^r Aprichard alledged he was injured by s^d paper it fastening some consequents on his Reasons which he did not own and it would not bear.

It was proposed that some Brethⁿ have a Conference with M^r Aprichard this night and to-morrow morning viz: Mess^{rs} Cobham, Masterton, Gilbert Kennedy, Sam^{el} Dunlop, Sterling, Lynd, David Harvey to make report to-morrow. Mr. Aprichard desired that Mess^{rs} Tho^s Maclaune and Menagh might be present as witnesses only which was granted him.

Markethill
affair.

A reference from ye Presby of Armagh to this Synod relating Markethill congregāon was laid before us and all papers relating thereunto. These who adhere to ye old meeting house desired to be erected into a distinct congregāon and put into a capacity to call a min^r to themselves.

They propose 20 men security for £40 and 20 : bols of oats per an. to a min^r. These who adhere to ye new meeting house also desire to

be erected into a congregaōn and propose to give security for £30 : ʒ 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 congregaōn ; 2^{dly} 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 congregaōns of Drumbanahar and Clare be not hurt. These Resolutions were unanimously approved. Decision.

Concluded with prayer.

The Synod is appointed to meet at 8 : *mane*.

Sessio 6^{ta} Hora 8^{va} mane, June 22^d Post preces sed^t &c.

Commiss^{rs} from threeseveral parties in the Congregaōn of Donaghedy Donaghedy now appeared before ye Synod. 1st from a party for calling M^r Armstrong to be their Pastor. Mess^{rs} Hugh Hamilton and Jno. Walker Commiss^{rs} who alledged the majority to be on their side. They produced a letter from Will^m Hamilton Esq in their favour ; 2^{ly} from a party for calling *M..... Mess^{rs} Jon. Hall and Will^m Cook were Com^{rs}. They pretended yt they had a majoritie on their side ; 3^{dly} from a third party appeared M^r Ja^s Hamilton Com^r praying that for peaces sake both the candidates may be laid aside. The Com^{rs} 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 congregaōn 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 congregaōn. 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 s^d Presby promised to do.

Some members of ye comittee ordered to have a Conference with M^r Aprichard now report that he had declared himself willing to subscribe or assent to all the Articlea 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 articlea which was read. Report of
Mr Aprichard's
comittee.

Moved y^t ye Qesti : be put whether we approve s^d declarōn 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 M^r Aprichard be now called and asked if he was willing to give his assent to ye remaining articlea of ye Confesson not scrupled, a 3^d motion was made that it be recorded in our Minutes as a matter of fact that three several members of the Comittee positively affirmed that he declared to s^d Comittee his willingness to subscribe or assent to ye remaining Articlea

* Name omitted.

† See pp. 246-247.

Mr. Aprichard.

Mr Apchard's
affair.

not scrupled by him. M^r Maxwell declared in the name of himself and some other Brethⁿ that if M^r Aprichard had any other scruples than those given in to ye Presby of Armagh he knew nothing of them. M^r Aprichard was called and the Mod^r told him tho we did not question ye report given by some members of ye Co^mittee yet in order to give us clearness in voting our approb^on of his declar^on 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 Co^mittee 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 M^r Aprichards declar^on 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.

2^dly another state was offered viz : whether we will insist that M^r Aprichard shall declare his satisfctioⁿ 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 2^d state.

M^r Cherry protested against this vote alledging the first state was carried by a majority of the min^{rs}. Messrs. Menagh, Archb^d and Tho^s Maclaine, and Macconel, did also protest and proposed to give their reasons in due time. M^r 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. M^r Moody adhered to M^r Maxwell's protest as also Messrs. Welsh, M^r Combe, Ambrose, Donaldson, and David Harvey alledging 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^s and Arch^d Maclaine protested against this vote.

Then M^r Aprichard after offering several defences against some things he alledged 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 Brethⁿ testified that M^r Welsh desired his protest might be entered ags^t the 2^d 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 satisfaction.

Comittees ordered to meet at half-an-hour after 4; and ye Synod at 5 afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

Protestions in
M^r Aprichard

Reasons of ye protest^ons as delivered to the Clerk by M^r Arch^d Maclaine against ye first Resolu^on.

1st. Because M^r Will^m 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. +

2^{dly}. Because the first state of ye vote was carried by a considerable majority of ye min^{rs} who must be supposed to be better Judges of such matters than the other members, Reasons for protests

3^{dly}. Because M^r Aprichard haveing in compliance with the appointment of the Gen^l 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 cou'd of right be made.

4^{thly}. That great numbers both of Min^{rs} and others waited to know whether the Synod would accept of M^r Aprichard's declarāon as satisfactory or if they would pin him down to ye letter of the confession. +

5^{thly}. 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.

6^{ly}. 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. +

7^{ly}. Because the Synod has gon beyond ye rigor of the Act in 1725; which enjoyns nothing more than that the scruples proposed be laid before them in order to be considered by them. +

8^{ly}. Because a tedious and laboured answer to M^r 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 Protestaons against ye 2^d Resoluōn.

1st. Because from the temper of ye Synod and the treatment given by her to M^r 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. 2^d Protest.

2^d. Because M^r William Boyd who was supported by a strong & a numerous partie in the Synod alledged y^t the Reasons offered by M^r Aprichard in support of his scruples contained more corrupt doctrines than the scruples themselves and when he was called upon by M^r 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. +

Sessio 7^{ma} June 22^d. hora 5^{ta}. post merid^m. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Some members of the Presby of Armagh desired to know how they should conduct themselves towards M^r Aprichard seeing he had not satisfied the Synod and whether he might not continue a Probaoner of ours in s^d Presby untill he should satisfie the Synod, others alledged 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 M^r Aprichard spoke and said he thought fit to withdraw his subjection to this Judicature which put an end to the Debate.

Loughgall.

The supplication of Loughgall presented by their Com^{rs} Gabriel Maclaine, Jno. Anderson, &c. was now again read, it sets forth the sinking state of their congregation. That £4 ⁷/₈ an. of their fund was detained from them part of which is due by Maughera congregaon according to a settlement made many years agoe.

The Synod enjoyns sd congrgaon to pay their proportion of the Fund due to Loughgall and desire the R^d Presby Rout or Colerane to interpose their authority to oblidge s^d congregaon to do this piece of Justice to Loughgall.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora nona, die Mercurii June 20. Ante merid^m

Interloq^r of Min^{rs} 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 R^d Father Iredell deceased.

Agent &
treasurer for
R.D.

It was proposed that we consider whether our agent and Treasurer be the same person. Moved that since M^r 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 allowd M^r 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 2^d Quest. was put shall that person reside in Dublin or in the North. It carried for Dublin by a great majority.

The 3^d Quest. was put, who shall be the person, whether M^r McMaster or M^r Jas. Lang, and it carried for M^r Lang by a great majority. Messrs. Gilbert Kennedy, Will^m Boyd, and Jno. Sterling are appointed to draw up instructions for our agent and Treasurer in Dublin now chosen.

Our Mod^r and Clerk are in our name to sign the Letter of Attorney to M^r Jas. Lang.

Ordered that Thos. Kennedy do write to Hugh Henery, Esq^r. 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.

The General Synod met at Dungannon 17th June, 1740.

M^r Rob^t M^cMaster Mod^r of ye proceeding Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Gal. 5: 13, & constituted it by prayer. Sederunt ye Min^{rs} & Elders of ye several Presbyteries as follows:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Dublin Presby.		Killyleagh Preby.	
Hugh Henry		M ^r Alex ^r M ^c Combe	
Jno. Alexander	M ^r Wm. Sinclar	Letterkenny Presby.	
Rob ^t M ^c Master			
James Smith	M ^r Geo. Ewings	Wm. Boyd	
Monaghan Presby		David Fairly	
Bap ^t Boyd	Wm. Watson	Jno. Holmes	
W ^m Hair		Luke Ashe	
Jas. Bond		Derry Presby.	
And ^r Dean			
Nath ^l Glasgow	Wm. Booth	Jno. Sterling	Sam. Macclelland
Jas. Hamilton		Tho ^s Harvey	Rob ^t Smith
Wm. Ambrose	M ^r Francis Scott	Tho ^s Strawbridge	Wm. M ^c Lewer
Alex ^r M ^c Kee		Major Murray	
Jas. Clarke		David Harvey	
David Hutcheson		Tho ^s Bond	Rob ^t Glendining
Tyrone Presby.		Bangor Presby.	
Tho ^s Kennedy	Sam ^l Sloan	Wm. Smith	Jno. Mackee
Hugh Wallace		Jas. M ^c Cullough	
Jno. Kennedy		Sam ^l Sius	
Rob ^t Stuart	Jno. Sinclar	Strabane Presby.	
Jas. Orre	Tho ^s Gilpin		
Jno. Gibson	Jno. Gordon	Nehem. Donaldson	Wm. M ^c Dowal
Charl. Caldwell	M ^r Jno Brown	Jos. Hemphill	Wm. Craford
Wm. Rae	Alex ^r Black	And ^r Welsh	
Armagh Presby.		Templepatrick Presby.	
Geo. Lang	And ^r Harshaw	Jas. White	M ^r English
Gilb ^t Kennedy	Wm. Atcheson	Jas. Fraser	
Jno. Menagh		Wm. Holmes	
Jas. Allen			
Jno. King			
Wm. Dick	Rob ^t Ballentyne		
Rob ^t Thomson	Rob ^t Barber		

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Jno. Maxwell			
Tho Crighton	M ^r Wm. Moor		
		Colerane Presby.	
		Charl. Lynd	Jno. Chesnut
		Rob ^t Wirling	Alex ^r Borland
		Jno. Cochran	Mr Gawen Steele
		Jno. Hill	Rob ^t Eliot
		Jas. M ^c Creight	Jas. M ^c Gilvane
		Day ^d Smyly	Jas. Blair
		Jas. M ^c Curdy	Alex ^r Wright
		Jno. Semple	Hector Boyd
		Jas. Cochran	
		Rob ^t Brown	
		61 Min ^{rs}	

Mod^r & Clerk
chosen

The Mod^r desired a New Mod^r might be chosen, he proposed a Leet of Mess^{rs} Bap^t Boyd, Wirling, Ja^s Bond, Jno. Kennedy, & Fraser. That one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Roll was called & M^r Wirling was chosen by a great majority & Geo. Lang continued Clerk *nemine contradicente*.

Returns for
Committee &c.

Ordered y^t the several presbys do make returns this night or to-morrow before ye Synod meets, to ye Clerk of their members, for the several Committees of Overtures Bills, Sub Synod's books & Funds & also for Ye Gen^l Synod's Fixed Committee wth an account of such min^{rs} as have died, been ordained, Installed or Licensd to preach or on Tryals or designed to be enter'd on Tryals.

Prayer.

All y^e 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^e Synod at 10.

Concluded wth prayer.

Sess. II^{da} hora decima mane. post preces Sed^t

Accounts of
Dead.

The Time appointed for prayer was spent therein & ye interloquit^r held at 9. y^e minutes of w^{ch} are in y^e Last Session.

The returns order'd last night were made by ye presbys.

Licensed.

The presby of Armagh reports y^t M^r Archibald Maclaine died y^e 23 of Febry last 1739/40, & y^t M^r Haslem has passed 2^d tryals for Ordination.

Ordained.

Licensed

Bangor Presby Reports y^t they have Licensed M^r Hugh Crooks & y^t he subscribed ye Gen^l Synods Formula & y^t they have enter'd on first Tryals M^r Hugh Ferguson.

On Tryale.

The Presby of Monaghan reports y^t in Novb^r Last 1739 they ordained at Brechy M^r David Hutcheson & have Licensed M^r Hugh Mulligan wh both subscribed according to order.

Strabane Presby reports y^t they have entered on First Tryals M^r Ja^s Kerr & design to enter M^r Benjamin Holmes.

Templepatrick presby reports y^t on ye 5th of Febr'y last the depos'd ^{Deposed.} for fornicāon M^r Rob^t Leathes and have Licensed M^r W^m Thomson who ^{Licensed.} subscrib'd according to order & have enter'd on first Tryals M^r Jno. Hood.

The Presby of Derry reports y^t M^r Jno. Harvey died August 20th ^{Dead.} 1739 & y^t M^r Willm Coningham died 20th May 1740.

Letterkenny Presby reports y^t M^r Jno. Ball died August 22^d 1739 ^{Dead.} & have Licensed M^r And^r Hamilton but no account of his subscription.

Colerane Presby reports yt they have Licensed M^r 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, & W^m Rogers.

Tyrone Presby report yt they have entered M^r Harvy on 2^d Tryals.

Presby of Dublin report yt they installed M^r Jas. Smith at Capel Street 15th of Febr'y 1739 & yt he subscribed our Confession of Faith.

The several Comittees at 3 afternoon to meet in their usual places.

The members of Synod's comittee are :

For Armagh Presby Messrs. Thomson & Maxwell, M^r Jos. Johnston, Elder; for Tyrone, Messrs. Thos. & Jno. Kennedy's, M^r Jas. M^cMullan, Elder; for Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairly & Ashe, M^r Jno. Laird, Elder; for Colerane, Messrs. Jno. Cochran & Robt. Brown, M^r Jno. Henry, Elder; for T. Patrick, Messrs. Jas. White & Fraser, M^r Hen. Magill, Elder; for Bangor, Messrs. Coningham & Smith, M^r Nath^l Wilson, Elder; for Derry, M^r And^r Ferguson & David Harvey M^r Nath^l Alexander, Elder; for Strabane, Messrs. Jos. Hemphill & Macbeth, Jas. Knox, Elder; for Killileagh, Messrs. Kennedy, & M^cCombe; for Monaghan, Messrs. Carlile & Ambrose, Francis Scott, Elder.

These wth our Mod^r & Clerk are order'd to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^r on any Emergent 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least to be Min^{rs}.

Abst^s from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Humph. Thomson, Carlile, Maccleve, Sharpe. Drummond, Dunlop, Laird, Vannce, Wilson, And^r Ferguson, Jas. Stuart, Masterton, Fran. Montgomery, Malcolm, Nat^l Orr, Shannon, Smith of Ballee, Johnston, Gordon, Cherry, Moody, Cobham, Alex. Brown, Levingston, Patten, Tim. White, W^m Thomson, Jno. Thomson, Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, Macrackan, Vict^r Ferguson, Neil, M^cBride, Jas. Thomson & Knox. ^{Absents Excused.}

Abst^s & not excused are Messrs. Plunket, Maclsine, Sam^l Hemphill, Carson, Algeo, M^cGachin, Jno. Montgomery, Lyle, Coningham, Mackay, Jas. Max^l Stewart, Reid, Fergy, Kennedy Jun^r, Scott, Alex^r Maclaine, Hastings, Craford, Morthead, Tho^s Brown, Maxwell, Lewson. Jas. Smith, Macheth, Ross, Jno. Orre, & Jno. Thomson of Rout. ^{Not excused.}

M^r Dalrymple

By last Synod's minutes we find yt little or nothing has been done for ye relief of M^r 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 M^r Wallace. But ye 50 families have not p^d theirs to Monimore. Of this again.

Dunfanaghy.

The case of Dunfanaghy to be considered by an Interloquit^t.

Capel Street
supplies

The Congreg^on of Capel Street by M^r Smith and M^r Smith and M^r Tho^s Kennedy, Renewed their desire of such supplies from ye North as they shall apply for, their desire was granted, and M^r Ja^s 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^{rs} of ye Synod do not attend ye meetings thereof. This referred to ye Committee of Overtures.

Committees ordered to meet at 3 & ye Synod at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3^{tia} hora 4^{ta} post meridiem. post preces, Sed^t &c.

M^r Kennedy's
Credentials.

Certificates from ye Rev^d Presbys of Biggar & Edinburgh in favour of M^r Jno. Kennedy, prob^oner 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 & Employ him as a prob^oner for ye holy minry.

The time and place of Next Gen^l Synod was now to be considered & it was agreed without any vote yt Dungannon being most central should be ye place ye 3^d Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 in ye evening.

Donaghedy
affairs.

The reading our Minutes brought ye affairs of Donaghedy again before this Synod. Com^{rs} appeared from 3 several parties. From ye 1st partie which is for Mr. Areskin, were Coiⁿ^{rs} Jno. Orre & W^m Cook, they presented a supplic^on containing a long detail of their affair & making Loud Complaints of ye Presby of Derry alledging their Partiality in favour of M^r Armstrong. From ye 2nd partie M^r Hugh Hamilton & And^r Picking were Com^{rs}. They alledged ye subscribers to them were 249. They supplicate yt M^r Armstrong may be their pastor. From a 3rd partie were Com^{rs} M^r Jas. Hamilton, &c., they desire that either both candidates may be laid aside or yt M^r 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 Gen^l Synod : also a protest of some Members of ye presby of Derry against a Sentence of said Presby in favour of y^t party of the congregaion w^{ch} is for M^r 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 Com^{rs} 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 y^t sd presbytery had for some time acted pursuant to ye Resolution of the last Gen^l Synod : But afterwards Pursued the people of Donaghedy as two Distinct congregations & Instead of laying aside both ye candidates as ye Synod had Directed, they retained both & Brought a third upon ye stage by w^{ch} ye affair is Become more perplexed; a third party Being inclined to have him (M^r Hair) for their Pastor : The presby having also taken some steps towards a settlm^t of two of sd candidates in Donaghedy w^{ch} this Synod doth not approve. Presby of Derry's conduct.
Not approved.

The Synod being at a Loss to know how to act in these Circumstances & finding it not in their Power to Issue the affair this Night thought fit after Long Reasoning, to appoint a Com^{tee} Consisting of Mess^{rs} Thos. Gilb^t Kennedy, Jno. Alexander, Jas. Frazer, & Hugh Wallace, to converse wth the Com^{rs} of the several parties in y^t 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. Com^{tee} appointed.

Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio 4^{ta} hora nona Die Jovis. post preces Sed^t &c.

The Com^{tee} appointed by ye Synod to converse wth the Gentlemen Com^{rs} from ye Congregation of Donaghedy after Conversaion wth them & serious consideration of y^t affair do overture, as follows :— 1 y^t Seeing there have been animosities & heats among y^e Members of y^t Congregation about these prob^oners wch have been appointed to supply 'em y^t these prob^oners, Messrs Armstrong, Areskin, & Hair, be Laid aside from supplying ye Congregation & y^t suppliers be now appointed by ye Synod for 6 months as follows :—1st, Mr Lynd for the Last Sab. of June & 1st of July. 2, Mr Weirling for two Sabs. 3, Mr Jno. Kennedy for 2 Sabs. 4, Mr Sam^l Dunlop for 2 Sabs. 5, Mr James MacCurdy for 2 Sabs. 6, Mr Lyle for 2 Sabs., & in case any of these Suppliers be incapable to supply as afores^d y^t ye presby appoint another in his place, & as for ye Remaining 3 Months ye Synod appoints y^t Congregation to be supplied by ye Presbys of Tyrone Colerane & T.patrick wth prob^oners, & If y^t Congregaion shall call any of s^d Suppliers the call shall be prosecuted before ye presby to wch ye Minr or prob^oner called shall belong, but wth ye Concurrence of ye presby of Derry & in case of an appeal a Com^{tee} be appointed consisting of Messrs Tho^s Kennedy, Wallace, M^r Bride, Jno. Cochrane, Overtures.
1st Overture.

- Hill, Donaldson, Viet^r Ferguson, Jos Hemphill, Dunlop, Fairly Jno. Holmes, wth an Eld^r from each presby to be called by our Mod^r on application to him by the Congreg^aion 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 y^t congregaion on ye Lords Day & Examinions have been lodged & returned to ye Clerk of the Crown, y^t a Letter be written to W^m Hamilton Esq^r to use his Interest to stop ye prosecution to all wch ye parties agreed.
- 2nd Overture. 3, It was overtur'd yt in case ye settlm^t of ye congr^aion be not accomplished in ye 6 months afores'd yt ye above Comittee be called to give farther Directions for their future conduct to next Gen^l Synod & that ye pr^sby of Derry do attend to give Light to the Comittee 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 Settlm^t in any part of yt congreg^aion, untill next Gen^l 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^r Alexander & —————* were appointed to write ye Letter above mentioned, but no return was made to the Clerk whether sd appointment was observ'd.
- 3rd Overture.
- 4th Overture.
- Approved.

Revisers of
Synod Books
report

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 engrosed & 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 & resolv'd yt if any presby shall in time coming be guilty of such Neglect, yt ye Mod^r & Clerk shall be censur'd by ye Sub-Synods respectively, & if they neglect by the Gen^l Synod.

Reasons of
protests not to
be inserted.

Upon reading ye protests against ye proceedings of last Gen^l Synod in M^r 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.

Ardstraw affair.

An affair of Ardstraw congregaion came now before ye Synod appear'd Com^{rs} from Ardstraw Sam^l M^cClelland & 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 Sessⁿ.

Comittees ordered to meet at 3 & Synod at 4 *post meridiem*.

Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio V^{ta} 4 post merid^m Die Jovis post preces Sed^t &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^r Welsh's congregaion 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^r Welsh's ministry was read. The Presbys of Strabane & Letterkenny, M^r Welsh & several other Members of ye Synod of Derry & all parties who had Interest in this affair were fully heard and particularly, M^r Jas. Kinkead; it was agreed yt his evidenees be heard as soon as they appear; appeared M^r Sam^l Johnston who solemnly deelar'd yt to the best of his memory he heard M^r Jas. Kinkead's father that He had no more to say to him now or at that time. Jno. Kinkead solemnly Deelar'd to the same purpose yt His father sd to M^r Welsh yt he had no more to say to him now or at that time. These were advanced to prove yt there was no ground for M^r Welsh's allegaion, 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 Resoluon} 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 judgm^t in this affair.

2 That the new Erection in Ardstraw may be supplied as formerly ^{2nd.} until the meeting of the Comittee, but that no steps be taken towards a settlm^t either by proceeding in a call or otherwise.

3^d That the presby of Letterkenny give notice to ye people of said ^{3rd.} Erection of the time of the Co^mittees meeting at Ardstraw that if any of them have anything to advance against M^r Welsh's character, they appear before sd Comittee, and that the names of the witnesses be return'd to M^r Welsh, wth a copy of the Libel (if M^r 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 Co^mittees meeting.

4 In case M^r Welsh's character appears fair that the new Erection ^{4th.} of Ardstraw be Dissolved and the people Left at Liberty to Joyn to adjaecant congregations, they paying all arrears due by them personally to M^r Welsh & take Dismissis or Discharges for the payment made.

5 That ye number of the Co^mittee be twenty-two, 12 of 'em to be ^{5th.} a Quorum. Out of Tyrone Presby, Messrs. Tho^s and Jno. Kennedys, Wallace, & Gibson; of Armagh, Messrs. Kennedy, Johnston, Gordon, & King; of Monaghan, Messrs. Fleming, Plunket, Hair, & Ambrose; of Killileagh, Messrs. Kennedy & M^cCombe; of T.Patriek, Messrs. Hignibothom, Jas. White, Jno. Brown, & Moorhead; of Bangor, M^r Sims, Elders, M^r Charles Johnston, Sam^l Kerr, John Harris, & Fran^{ca} Scott.

Resolv'd that M^r 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^r of the Synod.

Synod to meet at 9 mane. Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio VI^{ta} hora nona mane die veneris post preces Sed^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 wth a copy of the Libell if there be any to M^r Welsh this was forgot last night thro Hast.

Monimore
50 families.

From Moneymore appeared Co^m^{rs} 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 wch means they were unable to pay some congregational Debts. From sd 50 families appeared Adam Wilson Com^r, he on ye contrary alledged yt no arrears were due by any of them except a few poor people not able to pay; he adduced proof yt M^r Crooks had often said that the best pay he had in the congregaion was from said 50 families. The Com^{rs} 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 Monimore and said 50 families & also the 23 families & accomodate all Differences betwixt that congregaion and said people.

Decision.

This Synod earnestly Desired our Bro^t Strawbridge to acquaint M^r Vict^r Ferguson that the Gen^l Synod expects yt the presby of Strabane should stop in taking any farther Tryals of M^r Jas. Kerr untill ye Committee meet at Ardstraw and this because of some Indecent Behaviour being witnessed against him at this Synod.

Castledawson
annexed to
Rout Presby.

Appeared from Castle Dawson M^r Tho^s Mann, &c., Com^{rs} they presented a supplion to be disannex'd from the Rev^d presby of Tyrone and to be annex'd to ye Rev^d presby of Colerane, this wth 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 y^t M^r Harvy be constant supplier at Castle Dawson.

Interloquitur

Interloquitur of Min^{rs} only June 20th 1740.

Ordered that M^{rs} 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

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used all possible diligence. yet there was no possibility of getting our R.D. payed more punctually thro want of money in the Treasury, by reason of severity of ye weather, embargoes, &c.

That he had wth him a Dividend for June q^r 1739. Messrs. ^{Remonstrance} Donaldson, Jo^s 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 M^r John Holmes who is allowed a double portion, but this wth respect to Time coming only without Retrospect. Banbreachy Min^r who has a Double portion was excepted. By M^r Gibson, he declared he was for allowing him (viz M^r Hutcheson) a Double portion but not to any other.

Some Brethren reported that the presby of Monaghan have reponed ^{M^r C——1} M^r Josiah Cornwall contrary to the resolution of the Interloquitur of ye Gen^l Synod particularly the last at Antrim in June 1738. The Brethren were much Displeas'd wth this account and that he should Desire to be Restored to the exercise of his Ministry. +

GEO. LANG C.S.G.

6th Aug^t 1740

The General Synod mett 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:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Monaghan Presby.		Letterkenny Presby.	
Bapt. Boyd		Saml. Dunlop	Dav. M'Clelland
Alexr. Flemming		Will ^m Boyd	Wm. Moor
Will ^m Hair.		Dav. Fairly	
Jon ⁿ Carlisle		Jon ⁿ Holmes	
Nath. Glasgow		Luke Ash	
Jas. Hamilton		Will ^m Wilson	
Will ^m Ambrose	Dav. Morton	Derry Presby.	
Alexr. M'Kie			
Geo. Carson		Jon Stirling	Thos. Tylour
Jas. Clark	Jos. Knox.	Bangor Presby.	
Dav. Hutchison			
Tyrone Presby.		Robt. Cuninghame	Dav. Kennedy
Thos. Kennedy	Jon ⁿ Laird	Andr. Malcolm	
Hugh Wallace		Jas. Max. Stewart	
Jon ⁿ Kennedy	Jon ⁿ Robinson	Jas. M'Culloch	Gavin Hamilton
Robt. Stewart		Saml. Sims	
Jas. Orr	Thos. Gilpin	Killileagh Presby.	
Jon ⁿ Gibson			
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Smith	Thos. Scott	
Dublin Presby.		Alexr. M'Combe	
		Alexr. M'Lane	
Hugh Henry		Jas. Armstrong	
Jas. Smith		Strabane Presby.	
Armagh Presby.		Victor Ferguson	
Gilb. Kennedy	Jas. Ker	Neh. Donaldson	
Robt. Gordon	Thos. Mophet	Jos. Hemphill	
Jon ⁿ Menagh	Josias Gaddis	Andr. Welsh	Will ^m Crawford
Geo. Cherry	Hugh Andrew	Will ^m M'Beath	M ^r Jas. Smith
Jon ⁿ King		Colrairie Presby.	
Robt. Thomson	Jas. Barber		
Jon ⁿ Maxwell	M ^r Jos. Johnston	Ch. Lynd	Math. Langwill
Andr. Kennedy		Robt. Wirling	Jas. Ker
Geo. Ferguson		Robt. M'Bride	Jon ⁿ Ramsay
T.Patk. Presby.		Jon ⁿ Cochran	M ^r Jas. White
Jas. Cobham		Jon ⁿ Orr	Saml. Moor
Alexr. Brown	Jon ⁿ Mulligan	Jas. M'Creight	Jas. Gibson
Will ^m Patton		Jon ⁿ Semple	M ^r Jas. Howie
Tim. White		Jas. Cochran	M ^r Jas. Reiny
Jon ⁿ Hastie	Andr. Wilson		
Jon ⁿ Moorhead			
Jon ⁿ Lewson			

The Mod^r moved that another be chosen to succeed him. The following Leet was proposed, viz: Bap^t Boyd, Joⁿ Kennedy, Hugh Wallace, Rob^t Gordon, Will^m Patton, Joⁿ Orr, and Joⁿ Carlisle. The Roll was called, and M^r Wallace was chosen. Mod^r & Clk
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 Clk 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. Returns for
Committees, &c.

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 Synod shall begin. Prayer.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2^{da} Die Mercurij. Hora Decima Mane. post preces Sed^t Sc.

The time appointed for Prayer, was observed.

The Returns of Committee, &c., appointed last night were made by the Presbyteries, and given to the Clk. Accounts of

The Presby of Letterkenny report that M^r Seth Dummond dyed Sept^r ye 4th 1740, and M^r Pat^k Vance Jan^r ye 2^d 1740/1. and that they are about to enter M^r Will^m Laird on first Tryals. Dead.

The Presby of Colraine report that they have licensed Messrs Joⁿ Tate, Gideon Neilson, & Will^m Rodgers, who all subscribed. And are about to enter on first Tryals Messrs. Jaⁿ Tod, and Ch. M^rCollum. Licensed.
Entered on
Tryals.

Derry Presby report that they have licensed M^r Joⁿ Loge who subscribed, and have entered on first Tryals Messr^s Jn^o Ker, Sen^r & Jn^o Ker, Jun^r

The Presby of Monaghan report that M^r Thos M^cLane dyed Nov^r ye 11th 1740, and M^r Sam^l Hemphill, March ye 28th 1741; and that they have entered M^r W^m Spratt on first Tryals. Dead.

The Presby of T. Patrick report that they have licensed Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Mulligan, Clothworthy Brown, & Joⁿ Hood, who all subscribed. Licensed.

The Presby of Armagh report that they Ordained M^r Ch. Heslem at Drumbannagar, July ye 22^d 1740; M^r And^r Kennedy at Mourne, Feb^r ye 24th 1740/1; and M^r Geo. Ferguson at Market Hill, March ye 10th, 1740/1. That M^r Ch. Heslem dyed March ye 27th 1741, and M^r Geo. Lang [Clerk], May ye 29th 1741. Ordained.

Dead. Tyrone Presby report that M^r Will^m Dick dyed Dec^r ye 23rd 1740, and M^r Will^m Rae Feb^r ye 20th 1740/1.

Killileagh Presby report that they licensed M^r Michael Henry, who subscribed.

Synod's Fixed Committee

The Members of the General Synod's Fixed Committee are:—For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Luke Ash, Joⁿ M^cGaughie, M^r Joⁿ Laird, Eld^r; For Colrairie, Mess^{rs} Dav. Smylie, Rob^t Brown, M^r Joⁿ Henry, Eld^r; For Derry, Mess^{rs} And^r Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, M^r Neth Alex^r Eld^r; For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Carlisle, W^m Ambrose, M^r Sam^l Smith, Eld^r; For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Hemphill, W^m M^cBeath, M^r Ja^s Knox, Eld^r; For T.Patrick, Mess^{rs} Ja^s White, Ja^s Fraser, M^r Ch. Johnston, Eld^r; For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Gilb. Kennedy, Joⁿ King, M^r Joⁿ Cample, Eld^r; For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Kennedy, Joⁿ Kennedy, M^r Ja^s M^cMullan, Eld^r; For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Rob^t Cunningham, W^m Smyth, M^r Neth. Wilson, Eld^r; For Killileagh, Mess^{rs} Gilb. Kennedy, Jun^r, Alex^r M^cCombe.

These with our Mod^r & Clk. are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^r on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12, at least to be Ministers.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod, and excused are:—Mess^{rs} Humph Thomson; And^r Dean, Joⁿ Macleve, Hugh Sharp, Fran. Laird, Tho^s Harvey, And^r Ferguson, Ja^s Stewart, Ch. Masterton, Fran. Montgomrie, W^m Smith, Neth. Orr, Sam^l Shannon, W^m Smith, Ja^s Allen, Tho^s Crighton, W^m Livingstown, Rob^t Higginbothom, Ja^s White, Ja^s Fraser, W^m Thomson, W^m Holmes, Joⁿ Thompson, W^m Henderson, Ja^s Maxwell, Alex M^cCrackan, Hen. Neil, Ja^s Thomson, Rob^t Knox, Francis Ross, Joⁿ Hill, Joⁿ Thomson, Joⁿ Alex^r & Rob^t M^cMaster.

Not excused.

Absent and not excused—Mess^{rs} Pat^k Plunket, Ja^s Bond, Joⁿ Algeo, Joⁿ M^cGaughie, Tho^s Strawbridge, Maj^r Murray, Nin. Cochran, Da. Harvey, Tho^s Bond, Joⁿ Montgomrie, Joⁿ Lisle, Dav. Walker, Ja^s Reid, Hugh Williamson, Sam^l Forgie, Gilb. Kennedy, Jun^r Ja^s Johnston, Ja^s Moodie, Tho^s Crawford, Tho^s Brown, Joⁿ Brown, Joⁿ M^cConnel, Ja^s Smith, Dav. Smylie, Ja^s M^cCurdie, & Rob^t Brown.

Mr. Jas. Ker

M^r Ja^s Ker, a candidate in the Presby of Strabane, having been stop'd in his Tryals by order of an Interloq^r of the Synod, last year; that Preby now ask advice how they shall behave towards him. This refer'd to the Interloq^r.

M^r And^r 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 M^r Dalrymple, raised & transmitted to him.

M^r Joⁿ. 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 3^d Tuesday of June, 1742. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon. Next Synod.

Upon reading the Minute of last year with reference to Donoghedie affairs, M^r Wirling our former Mod^r 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. Mr. Wirling.

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 ingross their Minutes in their respective books.

The Committee appointed to meet at Ardstra, 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 3^{ta} Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem. Post preces, Sed^t &c.

The Presby of Killileagh report that M^r Jas. Armstrong was ordained by them at Portaferry Oct^r ye 31, 1739, and that they had neglected to make this return last year. Mr Jas. Armstrong ordained.

Messrs. Tho^s Nisbit, & Joⁿ Sims from Monaghan produced a commissⁿ, and presented a supplication to this Synod, for four months supplies by Messrs. Jas. Howie in the Presby of Colrairie, 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 Suppliers, they may have power to countermand such other of them, as have not yet supplied. The Synod granted the Supplication, & appolnted M^r Howie for the month of July, M^r Hood for Aug^t, M^r Areskine for Sept^r & M^r Marshal for Oct^r. Monaghan ask four months supplies.

M^r Joⁿ Stirling desired this Synod to send Supplies 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 M^r Howie to supply there next Sab. M^r Arskine Sab. come Sennight, M^r Gid. Neilson ye first Sab. of July, & M^r Arskine ye 2^d. Drumacose.

M^r Wirling
approved.

M^r Wirling's complaint was now considered, and tho some reflexions have been bandyed 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.

Ardstra
Committee.

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 seming inconsistencies in writing, as they had given them *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 M^r 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^t to meet at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 4^{ta} Die Jovis. Hora nona Mane. Post preces sed^t &c.

Newton
Clanebuys
supplied.

A Supplication from Newtown Clanebuys was presented to this Synod by M^r Joⁿ Tate their Commiss^r Desiring Synodical Supplyes, particularly that Messrs. Jas. Reiny & Jas. Howie, Prob^{ts} in the Presby of Colraine, & M^r Hen. Areskine in the Presby of Derry, supply there, three Sabaths each, as the Synod shall think fit. The supplication was granted: and M^r Reiny is appointed for the last Sab. of June, & two first Sabaths of July; M^r Areskine for the next three; and M^r Howie for the next three following.

Ardstra
Committee
approved.

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 *in retentis*, 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 carryed in the affirmative.

Erection in
Ardstra.

A Comissⁿ to Joⁿ Neilson & Jas. Ker from a considerable number in Ardstra, 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 Supplies, and if they see cause, proceed to their settlement with a fixed Pastor.

A Commiss^{rs} to Messrs. W^m Crawford, W^m Leech, &c., by that part of the Congregation which adheres to M^r Welsh, empowering them to act & doe in their name, provided the affairs of that Congregation should come before the Synod, was also read. The Commiss^{rs} on both sides were heard, they against the Erection alledged, that a great part of the Subscribers to the Commiss^{rs} for the Erection were poor, & not able to support it, and that some of them did not live in the bounds of Ardstra Congregation. On the other part, these who supplicated for the Erection, proposed to give sufficient Security for the maintenance of a Minister, and paying the Synod's Quota, & that the other part of the Congregation can easily support M^r Welsh without them. M^r Welsh was also heard.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Committees to meet at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 5^{ta} Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem, Post preces, Sed' &c.

The affair of Ardstra was resumed, and it was moved, that as the Presby of Letterkenny had erected that People into a Congregation, 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 carryed 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 Congregation in Ardstra 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 :—

With Limitations

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. 1.

Limit : 2^d That none but the 110, whose names are contained in, 2. and subscribed to the Commiss^{rs} 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 M^r Welshes ministry in the ordinary course of our discipline.

Limit : 3^d That if any of the Persons whose names are at the 3. Commiss^{rs} or supplication shall rather choose to continue members of the Old Congregation, they shall be at libertie so to do.

- 4 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 carried 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^o 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 Commiss^{rs} for the Erection chose to be under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny.

It was farther moved, and agreed to, that M^r Victor Ferguson preach at Ardstra, some Lord's Day within a month hence, and read these minutes to the Old Congregation. M^r Welsh to preach at Strabane s^d day.

Revisers of books
make report.

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^r and Clk.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq^t at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess : 6^{ta} Die Veneris. Hora 9^{na} Mane. Post preces.

Part of Donagh-
edy subjected to
ye Pby of Letter
kenny.

Appeared from that part of Donoghedy which adheres to this Synod, Mess^{rs} Thos. Wensly and Joⁿ Orr, and produced a Commiss^{rs} subscribed by a great many hands, representing that they intend to give a call to M^r Rob^t 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 Colrairie. The Commiss^{rs} 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 M^r Will^m Armstrong, had complained to them, that upon account of hard usage which they the above Partie apprehend, they had received from this Church, had applyed to s^d Presby that they might proceed to ordain M^r Armstrong among that People. That they are unwilling to intermedle 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 wonted subjection to the Synod, and our proceeding to his settlement among that People in our ordinary way.

Part of Donaghedie erected and put under the care of ye Pby of Strabane.

A Letter from Will^m Hamilton of Donnemanagh, Esq^r, was also read, wherein he gives his opinion, & submits 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.

Mess^{rs} Hugh Hamilton & Joⁿ Denniston produced a Commissⁿ 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 M^r 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^{rs} 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, w^h was accordingly done, and subscribed by our Mod^r & Clk. Ordered that M^r Viet^r Ferguson write in the name of the Synod to M^r Hamilton.

Appeared from Glen-Dermot Mess^{rs} Will^m Bond & Joⁿ Thomson, Glen Dermot. who produced a Commissⁿ 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^{rs}, with the concurrence of the Presby of Derry, shall think proper.

Mess^{rs} Rob^t Hall, Geo. Brown, &c., produced a Commissⁿ 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 Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Cochran & Will^m 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 Colrairie, Letterkenny & Strabane; the correspondents to be Mess^r Sam^l Dunlop, W^m Boyd, Victor Ferguson, Will^m M^cBeath, Ch. Lynd & Ja^s Cochran. S^d Presby to meet at Derry, the 2^d Tuesday of July.

Castle-Dawson. A Commissⁿ and Supplication from Castle-Dawson was presented to this Synod by Joⁿ Johnston, desiring that the bounds of that congregation on the side towards Maghrefelt may be adjusted, and ascertained.

It was agreed that a Joint Committee from the Presbyteries of Tyrone and Colrairie meet at Castle-Dawson the first Tuesday of August next, in order to the settling of that affair. The members to be from Colrairie: Mess^{rs} Rob^t Wirling, Ja^s M^cCreight & Dav. Smylie; from Tyrone: Mess^{rs} Ja^s Orr, Rob^t Stewart & Ch. Caldwell.

Bangor Presby. It was moved, and supplicated by the Presby of Bangor that, as they are few in number, and several of their members valetudinary, Mess^{rs} 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.

Bovidy A Supplication from Bovidy was presented to this Synod by Ja^s Ker, complaining that their congregation had been greatly weakened by defalcations made on both ends of it; and altho 10 lib p annum of the fund had been allowed them, yet so ill have the payments been, that no less than 55 lib of arrear is due to them in a very short time, so that they are reduced to very deplorable 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 Colrairie, agreed that a letter from this Synod be wrote to those congregations, pressing them to do justice to Bovidy and M^r Wirling, which was done accordingly.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 7^{ma} Hora 4^{ta} post meridiem. Post preces &c.

M^r Welsh moved—That whereas it is said in the Minute of last year that there was no ground for M^r 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 undenyable evidence what he then asserted.

M^r Alex^t M^cCombe represented to this Synod that as he had taken the late M^r Sam^l Hemphill out of the Sheriff's hands, and having become bound for the summe of 50 lib, had no way now left to recover the same. This Synod orders that what fund money may be due to sd M^r 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^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

*Interloq^r 1. of Min^{rs} only.**Die Jovis. June ye 18th 1741. Hora 8^{va} 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 Bⁿ spoke on this subject; and it was agreed to delay the farther consideration of this affair till another Interloq^r when it's hop'd, M^r Lang our Treasurer will be present.

Ordered that M^{rs} Wilson of Stranolar shall have a portion of the ord^y 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 Joⁿ Holmes generously gives up his claim and title to the double portion, from and after Mid-Summer next.

This Interloq^r appoints the following Bⁿ namely Mess^{rs} Sam^l Dunlop, Vict^r Ferguson, Joⁿ Stirling, Ch. Lynd, Joⁿ Carlisle, Joⁿ Gibson, Joⁿ Maxwell, Alex^r Brown, Ja^s M^cCullogh, Alex^r M^cLane, & Hugh Henry, to draw a list of the Persons entitled to the Ord^y R.D. that it may be given as a direction to our Treasurer: and that they bring in this list to next Interloq^r.

A Letter from the Presby of Dublin was read, wherein they propose a gratuity of Irish table linnen, 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^l R.D. these several years past: of which the above Presby are willing to contribute 10 lib: This Interloq^r readily agrees to contribute the other 10 lib, and will give order to our Mreasureer to pay it, when demanded by s^d Presby.

M^r Joⁿ 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^d Fund: and that the Pby of Strabane may be appointed to pay whatever proportion this Interloq^r shall think fit to allow him. The Interloq^r adviseth that he attend the Committee of Funds, and orders s^d Committee to take this affair under their consideration, and try what relief can be made for M^r Hemphill.

*Interloq^r 2. of Minrs only.**Die Veneris. June ye 19th 1741. Hora Septima Mane.*

The Committee appointed by the former Interloq^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 ord^y 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.

A General Synod at Dungannon June ye 15th 1742.

Mr Hugh Wallace, Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Gal. 1. 23-24 and then constituted it by prayer. After which Sed^t Ministers and ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries as follows, viz :

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Tyrone Presby.		T. Patk Presby.	
Thos. Kennedy	Thos. Haliday	Jas. Cobham	
Jo ⁿ M'Leve	Ralph Bety	Allexr. Brown	Mr Clot. Brown
Hugh Wallace	M ^r Jo ⁿ Givean	Rob ^t Higinbothom	
Jo ⁿ Kennedy	Jo ⁿ Reid	Jas. White	Thos. M'Ilwain
Robt. Stewart	Jo ^a Robison	Jas. Fraser	Jo ⁿ Brown
Jas. Orr	Dav. Young	Tim. White	Wm. Whiteford
Jo ⁿ Gibson	Andr. Wilson	Wm. Thomson	Jas. White
		Jo ⁿ Hastie	
Letterkenny		Jo ⁿ Thomson	Wm. Martin
Presby		Jo ⁿ Brown	
Jo ⁿ Holmes		Strabane Presby.	
Jo ^a M'Gaughie		Andr. Welsh	
Wm. Wilson		Wm. Armstrong	Andr. Picken
Derry Presby.		Coleraine Presby.	
Jo ⁿ Stirling	Jo ^s Davie	Ch. Lynd	Jo ⁿ Chesnut
Jo ⁿ Montgomerie		Jo ⁿ Cochran	
Thos. Bond	Morris M'Connel	Robt. Knox	
Hen. Areskine	Thos. Duglass	Jo ⁿ Orr	Mr Jas. Todd
Jo ⁿ Hood		Jo ⁿ Hill	Jas. Patton
Bangor Presby.		Jo ⁿ Thomson	M ^r Allexr. Millar
		Jas. M'Creight	Jos. Wylie
Saml. Sims	Jo ⁿ Mathews	Dav. Smylie	Robt. Elliot
Saml. Allex ^r	Allexr. Anderson	Jas. Cochran	
		Robt. Brown	Wm. Creath
Killileagh Presby.		Armagh Presby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy		Gilbt. Kennedy	Jas. Henry
Allexr. M'Combe	Jo ⁿ Stitt	Robt. Gordon	Jos. Nisbit
Dublin Presby.		Jo ⁿ Menagh	
Inn. Henry		Geo. Cherrie	Thos. Roundtree
Jas. Smith	M ^r Wm. Simson	Jas. Allen	Robt. Dickson
		Jo ⁿ King	Jo ⁿ Mophet
Monaghan Presby.		Robt. Thomson	Wm. Weare
		Jo ⁿ Maxwell	M ^r Wm. Couser
		Jas. Moodie	
Bapt. Boyd			
Allexr. Fleming			
Wm. Hare			
Patk. Plunket			
Jo ⁿ Carlisle			
Neth. Glasgow			
Jas. Hamilton			
Wm. Ambrose			

It was moved by the Mod^r that another be chosen to succeed him, the following Bretheren were proposed as a leet—namely, Messrs. Jas. Fraser, Joⁿ Kennedy, Joⁿ. M'Gaughie, Robt. Gordon, Joⁿ Orr, Jas. Smith, W^m Hare, & Joⁿ Carlisle. The Roll was called, & M^r Fraser was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clerk. Modr. chosen &
Clk. continued.

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^l 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. Order for prayer

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora 9^{na} Mane, after prayer, Sed^t qui supra.

Sess. 2^{da}

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. Will^m Laird, who subscribed according to order, that they have Installed M^r Robt. Wirling in Donoghedie Aug^t ye 13th 1741, & that M^r Francis Laird dyed June ye 7th 1742. Ordained,
Dead,
Licensed, &c.

Derry Presby report that they licensed M^r Joⁿ Ker, who subscribed, that they ordained Hen. Areskine at Drumacose May ye 4th 1742, and M^r Jno. Hood at L. Derry June ye 10th 1742. They both subscribed.

Bangor Presby report that they have licensed M^r. Wm. Dunn, who subscribed; that they have ordained M^r. Hugh Dickson at Grey-abbey, Jan^r ye 13th 1741/2, and M^r Sam^l Allexander at Castle-reagh, Jan^r ye 26th 1741-2. They both subscribed, and that Mr. W^m Smith Dyed Oct^r ye 1st 1741.

Armagh Presby report that they have entered Mess^{rs} Michael Henry & W^m Thomson on 2^d tryals; that they have ordained M^r Joⁿ Mulligan at Port-norris, May ye 5th 1742, who subscribed, and that Tho^s Creighton dyed Dec^r 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 Mess^{rs} Jas. Ker & Benj. Holmes, who both subscribed, and have ordained M^r Wm. Armstrong at Donoghedie July ye 21st 1741, who also subscribed.

Coleraine Presby report that they have entered Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Strong & Joⁿ Love on first Tryals, and have licensed Mess^{rs} Jas. Todd and Ch. M'Collum, who both subscribed.

Monaghan Presby report that they have entered Mess^{rs} Jas. Gordon & Alex^r Wadsworth on first Tryals, and M^r Hugh Mulligan on 2d Tryals, and have licensed M^r Wm. Spratt, who subscribed.

Synod's
fixed Commit.

The Members of the Gen^l Synod's Fixed Committee are:—For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Tho^s & Joⁿ. Kennedy, M^r Jas. M^r Mullan, Eld^r; For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Luke Ashe & Joⁿ M^r Gaughie, M^r Joⁿ Laird, Eld^r; For Derry, Mess^{rs} And^r Ferguson & Dav. Harvey, M^r Neth. Alex^r Eld^r; For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Rob^t Cuninghame, Sam^l Alex^r, M^r Neth. Wilson, Eld^r; For Killileagh, Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Kennedy & Alex^r M^r Combe; For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Cennedy Sen^r & Joⁿ King, M^r Joⁿ Campble, Eld^r; For T. Patk, M^r Jas. White. M^r Rob^t Wilson, Eld^r; For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Hemphill & Will^m M^r Beath, M^r Jas. Knox, Eld^r; For Coleraine, Mess^{rs} Dav. Smylie & Jas. Cochran, & M^r Jackson Clark, Eld^r; For Dublin, no return; For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Patk. Plunket & Wm. Ambrose, M^r Sam^l Smith Eld^r? These with our Mod^r & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by ye Mod^r on any emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Messrs. Hugh Sharp, Saml. Dunlop, Luke Ashe, Thos. Harvey, Jas. Stewart, Ch: Masterton, Fran. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Saml. Shannon, Jas. Reid, Wm. Smith, James Johnstown, Wm. Livingstown, Wm. Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, Alex^r M^r Crackan, Hen: Neill, Robt. M^r Bride, James Thomson, Fran: Ross, Joⁿ Alex^r, Humph: Thomson and Geo. Carson.

Not excused

Absent and no excuse from them, are Mess^{rs} Ch: Caldwell, Wm. Boyd, Dav: Fairly, Rob^t Wirling, Maj^r Murray, Nin: Cochran, Thos. Strawbridge, And^r Ferguson, Dav: Harvey, Joⁿ. Lisle, Dav: Walker, Robt. Cuninghame, And^r Malcolm, Ja^s Maxwell Stewart, Ja^s M^r Collogh, Hugh Dickson, Hugh Williamson, Sam^l Forgie, Thos. Scott, Jas. Armstrong, And^r Kennedy, Geo. Ferguson, Joⁿ Mulligan, Will^m Patton, Thos Crawford, Wm. Holmes, Joⁿ. Moorhead, Thos. Brown, Joⁿ M^r Connell, Joⁿ Lewson, Vict^r Ferguson, Neh. Donaldson, Jos. Hemphill, Jas. Smith, Wm. M^r Beath, Jas. M^r Curdie, Joⁿ Semple, Robt. M^r Master, Jas. Bond, And^r Dean, Joⁿ Algeo, Alex^r M^r Kye, Jas. Clark, and Dav. Hutchison.

This Synod resolves to make a voluntary contribution for the relief of M^r Dalrymple, at some proper time, before the conclusion of it.

Next Synod.

Next Gen^l Synod to meet at Antrim the 3^d Tuesday of June 1743, Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The People of Donoghedie who adhere to M^r 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.

C. Dawson

The Committee appointed last year, did not meet at Castle-Dawson for adjusting the limits between that Congregation and Maghrefelt. It

appears now to this Synod that the people have divided themselves, and thereby fixed the mearings 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^r of the whole House, at its first Sederunt.

Ordered that the several Committees meet immediately at their usual places.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon, & concluded with prayer.

Hora 3^{ta} post meridiem. After prayer. *Sed^t qui Supra.* Sess. 3^{ta}

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^r & Clk. Sub Synod books approved.

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. Omagh.

M^r 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. Ardstra.

A Supplication from Loughbrickland was presented to this Synod by Jas. Murray, And^r Todd, &c., desiring that Messrs. Jas. Armstrong & Jo^a Cochran may be appointed to supply there for some time. M^r 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^r Langs Exec^{rs} 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. Loughbrickland.

From Glen-Dermont appeared M^r Will^m Bond, &c., Commiss^{rs} Glen-Dermont. prosecuting an appeal from the Presby of Derry, w^o met with correspondents, at the appointment of last Gen^l Synod; which Presby, they alledge, had set up Jo^a. Cochran and Will^m Hare, tho it appeared the two thirds of the Congregation were not for them whereas they,

the appellants, had supplicated sd Presby, before taking any Poll, to allow them some foreign supplies. The Minute of ye Presby from which sd appeal was made, was read; and likewise ye reasons of appeal, and the Presby was heard in answer to sd reasons. Messrs. Robt. Hall, &c., Commrs. presented a supplication, representing that M^r 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 M^r 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 M^r Hare's settlement among them to be forwarded in a regular way, and that he be appointed their constant supplier in the meantime.

M^r Bond and his Partie Supplicate that some members of the Synod be appointed to converse with these Comm^{rs} in private; the Synod agrees, and appoints Messrs. Gilb^t Kennedy, Sen^r, Allex^r Brown, Jas. Cobham, Jas. White, Tho^s Kennedy, & Joⁿ 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 M^r 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.

Monaghan.

From Monaghan appeared Messrs. Dacre Hamilton, & Joⁿ Porter, Commrs., supplicating that M^r Joⁿ Marshal, may be appointed by this Synod as their constant supplier till next Gen^l Synod, if that Presby does not before yt time, see cause to have him fixed among them as their Pastor; the granting of w^c request they hope will be an happy expedient for healing their divisions.

Messrs. Tho^s Nisbit, Joⁿ Sims, &c., Commrs from part of that Congregation supplicate that M^r Joⁿ Hood, or such other suppliers 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 wh it was agreed that M^r 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.

Glen-Dermont.

The Committee who went out on the affair of Glendermont now make report, that they conversed with both Parties, & also with M^r Hare, after which, they overture. 1st That the major part who adhere to M^r 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 2^d 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^r advised the major part to drop M^r Hare.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning; the Interloq^r of ye whole house at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis hora 9^{na} mane. After prayer, &c.

The affair of Glendermont was now resumed, and M^r Bond with his fellow Commiss^{rs} 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 Partie 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 2^d Overture of last night shall take place. That Presby is to meet at Glendermont the first Tuesday of Aug^t next, the Correspondents to be, from Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Dunlop & Boyd, from Strabane, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Smith, from Coleraine, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Thomson & Smylie. The Presby of Derry to allow the minor Partie 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 Drumbanaghar to M^r Mich. Henry, which call was subscribed by only 73 persons, & 80 were against it, was given in to the Synod by Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Kennedy and Joⁿ King, members of s^d 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 Drumbanaghar to Joⁿ Irwine, &c., empowering them to prosecute their call to M^r 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 alledged, in their reasons, some scruples they had with respect to ye Candidate's soundness, & steadiness, as also some things in the circumstances of Drumbanaghar. The Presby alledged 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^c they also offered several reasons. Parties were removed, and the Synod reasoned on the affair, and then appointed Messrs. Cobham, Alex^r Brown, Thos. Kennedy, and Joⁿ 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^t pray^r

*Hora 4^{ta} post meridiem, &c.*Sess. 5th

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 M^r 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.

Pby. of Armagh.

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^r Brown, Hu: Henry, Thos. Kennedy, Joⁿ Stirling, and Jas. White to go out and form some Overture upon it.

Dunluce. ✓

From Dunluce appeared Adam Aul, Comm^r, 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 applyed to sd Presby, since the Synod, but were not regarded; and therefore pray for relief from this Synod. The Comm^r 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.

Vinicash.

A spplication 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*.

Baillieborough.

A spplication from Baillieborough 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^t they may be relieved from paying any of the Fund for the future unless sd Towns be oblidged to return to Baillieborough,

and that the arrear due by one of these Towns—viz., Aghnacloghfin, before they parted from them, may be paid. The Synod orders sd 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.

Will^m Maxwell, a member of the congregation of Lisluny, supplicates 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. Wm. Maxwell

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^c 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 M^r Mich. Henry, his settlement in Drumbanaghar, which debate occasioned an appeal of some Bretheren 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 lyes the peace of sd. Presby, doe overture that this Synod would disannex the congregation of Drumbanaghar, 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 allegedd 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^r exhorted them to peace and love. Armagh Pby.

The Synod at this Sed^t made a charitable contribution for Mr. M^r Dalrymple. M^r Dalrymple.

Adjourned to 7 to-morrow morning. Concluded w^t prayer.

Dio Veneris, Hora 7^{ma} mane, after prayer, &c.

The Committee of Overtures brought in the following ones to this Sed^t w^c were read, and are as follows, namely:— Commit. of Overtures.

Overt: 1

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.

24.

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^d request, he 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.

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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.

4.

Overt: 4th. That whereas there has been a complaint, and many ministers are at a loss to 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.

5.

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 orderlie 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^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloqr 1.

June y^e 17th, *Interloqr* of the whole house.

Sligo.

A Letter from Mr. Luke Ashe complaining that several congregations are in arrear of the Fund to Sligo, was read. The Interloqr enquired into this, and find that Newtown Lemmavadie owes for 6 years, £9 0s 0d; St. Johnstown for 4 years, £4 0s 0d; Donoghedie 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, M^r Victor Ferguson write to them, and M^r Lynd write to the other part there; M^r Stirling write to St. Johnstown; M^r Jno Holmes to M^r Wirlings, and M^r Welsh to M^r Armstrong's congregation in Donoghedie; M^r Tho^s Bond to Burt; and M^r Willm. Wilson to Letterkenny.

A Letter from Ld Blaynie to this Synod was read; wherein he ^{Ld Blaynie.} presseth that justice may be done to M^{rs} 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 M^r McCombe 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 a draught of a civil Letter to Ld Blaynie, which was done accordingly, and subscribed by the Mod^s.

M^r Willm. Wilson complains that there is near £40 0s 0d of the ^{Moy-water.} Fund due to Moy-water; and that he has not above £10 0s 0d of stipend f 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 ^{Old-Castle.} enquire into the arrear of the Fund that may be due to Old-Castle.

June ye 18th. *Hora 9^{na} Ante Meridiem.*

Interloq^r of Ministers only.

Settled some accounts with Mr. Lang, our Treasurer, concerning ord^r R.D.

It is observed by this Interloq^r that the add^d R.D., tho paid in London, is, when come to Ireland, less than the original grant. Ordered that M^r Jas. Smith, with M^r Lang, go to M^r Choppic, and enquire what light he can give in this matter.

It was moved, and agreed to, that the names of Ministers' ^{Min^{rs} Widows.} 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 M^{rs} Dykes and M^{rs} Tombs; in Letterkenny, M^{rs} Drummond; in Bangor, M^{rs} Cochran; in

Armagh, Mrs. M^cLane 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^t Minrs and Ruling Elders from the respective Presbyteries as follow, namely—

Letterkenny Presby.		Killeleagh Presby.	
Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Saml. Dunlop		Hu: Williamson	
Will ^m . Boyd		Thos. Scott	
Jo ⁿ Holmes		Alex ^r M ^c Combe	Alex ^r Donaldson
Will ^m Wilson		Jas. Armstrong	
		Michael Henry	
		Armagh Pby.	
Derry Pby.			
Jo ⁿ Stirling	Rob ^t Martin	Gilbt. Kennedy	Ja ^s Henry
Andr. Ferguson		Jo ⁿ Menogh	
Dav. Harvey	Mr Jo ⁿ Lewis	Geo. Cherry	
Jon Lisle	Willm. Miller	Ja ^s Allen	Robt. Dickson
Dav. Walker		Jo ⁿ King	Fr. Bety
Hen. Areskine	Thos. Duglass	Robt. Thomson	Jas. Barber
Willm. Hare	Thos. Bety	Jo ⁿ Maxwell	M ^r Jas. Chalmers
		Jas. Moodie	
Bangor Pby.		Geo. Ferguson	
Ch. Masterton	Mr Jas. Archibald	Jo ⁿ Mulligan	Thos. Gilliland
Robt. Cunningham	Jo ⁿ Bradley	Willm. Thomson	Jo ⁿ Raphfield
Andr. Malcolm	M ^r Wm. Davison		
Jas. M ^c Cullogh	Jas Orr	Strabane Pby.	
Saml. Sims	Saml Holiday	Vict ^r Ferguson	
Hugh Dickson	Willm. Warnock	Jas. Smith	Jo ⁿ Anderson
Saml. Alex ^r	Hugh Spratt	Willm. M ^c Beath	
Jas. Huey		Willm. Armstrong	Ch. Pike
Jas. Rainy			

T. Patk. Preby.

Dublin Pby.

Jas. Cobham	Jo ⁿ Moor	Robt. M'Master	
Alexr Brown	Ja ^s Johnston		
Wm. Livingstone	Mr Paul Brown		Monaghan Pby.
Jas. White	Jo ⁿ Davison		
Jas. Fraser	Thos. Blair	Bapt. Boyd	
Willm Patton		Willm. Hare	
Tim. White	Robt. Blackely	Jas. Hamilton	
Wm. Thomson	Robt. Allen	Geo. Carson	
Thos. Crawford	Arch ^d Hunter	Hugh Mulligan	
Wm. Holmes	M ^r W ^m . M'Conchy		
Jon Moorhead	Thos. Steele		Tyrone Pby.
Jon Thomson	Jo ⁿ Robinson		
Thos. Brown	Jo ⁿ M'Killop	Thos Kennedy	Saml. Sloan
Willm. Henderson		Hu: Wallace	
Jou. M'Connel	Geo. Grier	Jo ⁿ Kennedy	
Jon. Lewson	Robt. Steele	Jo ⁿ Gibson	Jon Wilson
		Ch. Caldwell	Andr Glendinning

Colerain or Rout
Pby.

Robt. M'Bride	Jas. Ranald
Jo ⁿ Cochran	Mr Jo ⁿ Strong
Jo ⁿ Orr	Robt. Hamill
Jo ⁿ Hill	Rodger O'Hara
Ja ^s M'Creight	Jas. M'Allan
Dav. Smylie	M ^r Jackson Clark
Ja ^s M'Curdie	Robt. Edmiston
Jo ⁿ Semple	Allexr. Wright
Jas Cochran	Willm. Parker
Gid ⁿ Neilson	Jas. Kilpatrick
Robt Henry	Bolton Boyle

M^r Fraser moved that another be chosen to succeed him as Mod^r Modr. & Clk. to this Synod. The following Bretheren were named as a leet, viz : Messrs. Tim. White, Joⁿ Moorhead, Joⁿ Gibson, Joⁿ Kennedy, John Menogh, Jas. Alen, Joⁿ Orr, Joⁿ Hill, Vict^r Ferguson, Jas. Smith, Joⁿ Lisle, Bap^t Boyd, Geo. Carson, And^r Malcolm, Rob^t Cuningham, Hu. Williamson, & Alex^r M^cCombe. The Roll was called and M^r Tim. White was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk *nomine contradicente*.

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.

Sess. 24^a.*Die Mercurij Hora Nona Mane*, after prayer *Sedt. qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The several Presbyteries made Returns to the Clk as appointed last night.

Ortained.

The Presby of Letterkenny have licensed M^r Hu. M^cCrackan, who subscribed, and have entered Mr. Joⁿ Kinkead on first tryals. They report that M^r Luke Ashe dyed in Aug^t 1742.

Licensed

Derry Presby have ordained M^r Willm. Hare at Glendermott, March ye first, 1742/3, who subscribed, and have entered M^r Joⁿ White on first tryals.

Entered on Tryals.

Bangor Presby have ordained M^r Jas. Huey at Newtown Clanebuys July ye 6th, 1742; and M^r Jas. Rainy at S^t. 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 2nd 1743.

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Killeleagh Presby. have ordained M^r Michl. Henry at Drum-bannaghar, Oct^r ye 20th, 1742, who subscribed, and have entered M^r Warnock on first Tryals.

Armagh Presby have ordained M^r Willm. Thomson at Magheraly, Oct^r ye 20th 1742, who subscribed, and have entered M^r Jas. M^cMinn on first, and M^r Geo: Henry on 2^d Tryals.

T. Patk. Presby report that they have licensed M^r Jon. Martin, who subscribed, and that M^r Joⁿ Hastings dyed Apr ye 6th, 1743.

Strabane Presby have entered M^r Ch. Gay on first tryals.

Rout Presby have ordained M^r Gidⁿ Neilson at Finvoy Nov. the 9th 1742; and M^r Rob^t Henry at Castle-Dawson June ye 7th, 1743, have licensed Messrs. Joⁿ Love and Jon. Strong, they all subscribed, and have entered Messrs. Fr. O'Bryan and Alexr. Miller on first Tryals.

Monaghan Presby have ordained Mr Hu. Mulligan at Bailieborough July the 27th, 1742; have licensed Messrs. Alexr. Wadsworth and Jas. Gordon, who all subscribed; they also report that M^r Neth^l Glasgow dyed in Ap^r 1743.

Mr. Jon. King.

M^r Jon King produced credentials of his being licensed 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^l Synod's fixed Committee are for Letterkenny—Messrs. Fairlie and M^cGaughie. For Derry—Messrs. And^r Ferguson and Dav. Harvey. For Bangor—Messrs. Cuningham and Sam^l Alex^r For Killeleagh—Mess^{rs} Kennedy and M^cCombe. For Armagh—Mess^{rs} Kennedy and King. For T. Patk., Messrs. Jas. and Tim. White. For Strabane, Messrs. Hemphill and M^cBeath. For

Rout, Messrs. Joⁿ Cochran and Smylie. Kor Dublin—No return. For Monaghan—Messrs. Plunket and Ambrose. For Tyrone, Messrs. Wallace and Joⁿ Kennedy. These w^t our Mod^r and Clk to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^r 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 s^d Committee some convenient time before it meet. Elders

There has been nothing done with respect to the arrear due by the new Erection in Ardstra, to M^r 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 w^t Mess^{rs} Ferguson and M^r Beath from Strabane Presby. at the town of Ards^{ra} 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 timely notice to the new Erection there of the meeting of this Committee, and the Presby of Strabane is to apprise Mr. Welsh. Ardstra.

Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Messrs. Dav. Fairlie, Robert Wirling, Thos. Harvey, Majr Murray, Ninⁿ Cochran, Thos. Strawbridge, Joⁿ Hood, Jas. Stewart, Fr. Montgomerie, Neth. Orr, Sam^l Shannon, Ja^s Reid, Wm. Smith, Gilb^t Kennedy, jun., Jas. Johnson, Rob^t Gordon, Joⁿ Brown, Ja^s Maxwell, Alex^r M^r Cracken, Neh. Donaldson, Ch. Lynd, Hen: Neill, Jas. Thomson, Robt. Knox, Fr. Ross, Rob^t Brown, Hu: Henry, Joⁿ Alexr, Jas. Smith, Humph. Thomson, Alex^r Fleming, Patk. Plunkett, Joⁿ Carlisle, And^r Dean, Joⁿ Macleve, Jas. Orr, Rob^t Stewart and Hu: Sharp. Absts. excused.

Absent, and no excuse from them, are Messrs. Joⁿ M^r Gaughie, Thos. Bond, Sam^l Forgie, And^r Kennedy, Rob^t Higginbotham, Jo^s Hemphill, And^r Welsh, Joⁿ Thomson, Ja^s Bond, Jon Algeo, Wm. Ambrose, Alex^r M^r Kye, Jas. Clark and Dav. Hutchison. Not excused.

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 s^d 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 countrey, to the prejudice of their characters and usefulness, 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. Division of Armagh Pby.

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:—Mess^{rs} Ja^s Cobham, Ch. Masterton, Sam^l Dunlop, Jon Stirling, Wm. Hare, sen^r., Vict^r Ferguson, Tho^s Kennedy, Wm. Boyd, and

Robt. M^cBride, who are to meet at 3 of the clock afternoon in the Session house. The Presby of Armagh to attend s^d Committee. Adjourned to 5. Committees to meet at 3. Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 3th

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem. After prayer *Sedt qui supra.*

Maghera and
Tobermore.

A supplication from Maghera was presented to this Synod by Messrs. Jackson, Clark, &c., complaining that notwithstanding the mearings of that congregation had been ascertained by the Synod in 1737, yet several of their People have been entertained and allowed Priviledges at Tobermore.

Some of the People who attend at Tobermore alledge that they allways 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 putt—namely, Shall this Synod indulge 19 families in Bellynohone to join Tobermore, or not? which is to be thus understood, that if it be carryed in the affirmative, yet this Synod judges that the mearings 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 carryed in the affirmative *nem: contrad.* Ordered that the Commiss^{rs} give a list of these 19 families, that they may be entered in the Synod's record, w^c was done, and they are as follow—namely, Jon Bell, Thos. Jamison, Will^m. M^cMaster, Jon. Levertie, Rodger Levertie, Willm. Henderson, Jon. M^cAllen, Jon Fulton, Jon Paul, jun., Widw Hunter, Jas. Paul, Rob^t Paul, Samuel Young, Jas Young, Jon Ewings, Rob^t Ewings, And^r Ewings, Ja^s Phillips, and Sam^l Neillie.

Mr. Dalrymple.

The Synod now made a charitable contribution for M^r Dalrymple.

Holywood.

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.

Munterbirn.

A supplication from Munterbirn was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} Ja^s Hamilton. &c., representing that a very great majority of that Session and congregation had agreed to invite and call Mr. Allex^r Cumine to be their minister, that they had applyed 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 maintainance 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^cKinzie 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 carried to lay both aside, by a great majority.

From Monaghan appeared Mess^{rs} Thomas Nisbit, &c., and presented a Commissn and supplication desiring that Mr Ch. M^cCollum, a candidate in the Presby of Rout, a M^r 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^r M^cCollum to supply there the months of July and Aug^t, and Mr Rodgers the months of Sep^t and October. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning.

Committees to meet at 8. Concluded w^t prayer.

Die Jovis Hora decima, Mane, &c.

Sess 4^{ta}

Next Synod to be at Antrim the 3^d Tuesday of June, 1744, sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

Next Synod.

A supplication from Loughbrickland was presented to this Synod by Dr Allan Nisbit, wherein they desire that this Synod would allow them an hearing of M^r Ch. M^cCollum for some time. The Synod grants the supplication, and appoint him to supply that congregation for the month of October next.

Loughbrickland

M^r David M^cCleland 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 incapable 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^r 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.

Dundalk.

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^r. The members of the Presby of Armagh were heard severally on the above advice, and being removed, the Synod considered the affair, and afterwards proposed the following question—namely, Shall this affair be tryed in open Synod, or before the Interloq^r? Before calling the Roll, a motion was made and agreed to, viz., that some members shall converse with the Bretheren who insist ou 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 Sedt. The members to be Messrs. Alex^r Brown, Jas. Cobham, Saml. Dunlop, Dav. Harvey, Ch. Masterton and Robt. M^rMaster.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committee at 3. Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 5^{ta}

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem, &c.

Ahoghill &
Drumaul.

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 alledged in favour of Drumaul that the above supplicants 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.

Armagh Pby.

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 s^d 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 tho difference of sentiment was alledged, 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."

Upon which the Synod agree'd that s^d Presby shall be divided so as to be two. The one whereof to consist of the following members, namely—Messrs. Gilb^t Kennedy, Ja^s 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. Menogh, 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^r Kennedy are left at libertie to join either of the above Presbyteries, as they shall think fitt. And the same libertic is granted to the vacant congregations in their bounds. Divided.

Jas. Barber, Robert Cumine, Jon Seewright, and John Law, Commiss^{rs} 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^{rs} 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. Glendermott.

On the other hand Messrs. Rob^t Hall and Will^m Cochran of M^r 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 Bⁿ converse with M^r Bond and his fellow Commiss^{rs}, and endeavour to perswade them to join with neighbouring congregations. The Bretheren are Messrs. Cobham, Dunlop, M^rMaster, Jas. White, and M^rBride, and make report to-morrow morning. Adjourned to 10 in the morning.

Interloqr at 8. Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris Hora decima mane &c.

Scas. 6th

Upon a complaint of some members of the Presby of Monaghan with reference to that Presbyteries licensing a gentleman, who, as the complainants alledge, is of a suspected character. Ordered that a Committee consisting of the following Brethern—viz., Messrs. Jon Maxwell, Alexr. M^rCombe, 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. Monaghan Phy.

Upon a complaint that several of the gentlemen who supplied Donoghedic, 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. Donoghedic.

Glendermott.

The Committee appointed last night to converse with Glendermott Commiss^{rs} now make report that they obeyed the appointment of the Synod, but with no success. The Commiss^{rs} 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'Bride, 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 priviledges in neighbouring congregations, shall be admitted upon producing Certificates from the Elders that are among them; and farther, that Mess^{rs} Maj^r Murray and Dav. Harvey attend s^d Committee to give what light they can.

Mr Osborn & his
People read
by the Synod.

From Newtown Lemmavaddie appeared Messrs. Gavin Moor, Jon Boyle, &c., Commiss^{rs} from the People there who are under the ministry of M^r Jos. Osborn, who some time agoe 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 Judicatories of this Church. Mr. Osborn being present, declares his approbation of the above supplication.

A supplication was also presented by Will^m Patton, Jos. Houston &c Commiss^{rs} from those who in that place, are under the ministry of M^r 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. Mess^{rs} Boyle &c., were asked whither they would give reasonable satisfaction to the other Partie, for everything wherein it shall appear to Referees 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 Referees to determine in any particular wherein M^r Osborns People may alledge, that they have been wronged by that Partie.

M^r 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 M^r 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 M^r Osborn? The Roll was called, and it was carried for the 2^d question. Against which resolution the following members entered their Protest, viz., Mess^{rs} Jon. Stirling, W^m Boyd, Jon. Holmes, Jon. Orr, Rob^t & Jon. Thomsons, Rob^t M^r Master, and these Elders: Rob^t Hamil, Rob^t Dickson, & Rob^t Martin. M^r 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 M^r 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 Mess^{rs} Stirling, W^m Boyd, Orr, Rob^t & Jon. Thomsons, King, M^r Master, Jon. Holmes, & M^r Creight, & Rob^t Martin Elder entered their protests. M^r Osborn being called, was asked whither he was willing to subscribe the West: Conf: of faith, and subject himself to the Judicatories 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^{ma} post Meridiem &c.,

Sess. 7^{ma}

A supplication from M^{rs} 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 familie. 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 Collectors in each Presby are as follow. For Armagh, M^r Cherry. For Drummore, M^r Allen. For Bangor, M^r Masterton. For Killeagh, M^r M^cCombe. For T. Patrick, M^r Tim White. For Rout, M^r M^cBride. For Derry, M^r Dav. Harvey. For Strabane, M^r Ferguson. For Letterkenny, M^r Dnulop. For Tyrone, M^r Gibson. For Monaghan, M^r Ambrose. And for Dublin M^r M^cMaster.

M^r Joⁿ King, a member of the newly erected Presby of Drummore, supplicated that M^r Sims may be joined to that Presby. M^r Sims not

being present, and the members of the Synod being mostly gone off, this was referd till next Synod.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Die Veneris Hora 8va mane.

Interloq^r

Interloq^r of Ministers only.

Letter to the
Treasurer.

This Interloq^r expected that M^r Lang would have attended us. M^r Moodie informs us that M^r 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^r, and that M^r Will^m Boyd make a draught of it, which was accordingly done, and subscribed by the Mod^r and Clk.

Mrs M^cLane.

Ordered that one year of the ord^r R.D. due to M^{rs} M^cLane of Market hill be paid her.

Mrs Hastings.

Ordered that a proportion of the ord^r R.D. be continued to Mrs. Hastings in T. Patk Presby.

Sligo.

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 money be paid to M^r Dav: Harvey.

Lurgan

Ordered that a letter be wrote by the Clk to Strabane to pay their Fund to Lurgan.

Mrs Dick

Ordered that the Presbyteries of Armagh and Drummore pay the arrear of the Fund due by them, to Mrs. Dick.

Holywood.

Ordered that the Fund be continued to Holywood as formerlie.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July the 5th, 1743.

A Genl Synod at Antrim, June ye 19th 1744.

M^r Tim. White Mod^r of the former Synod, preached from Math. 28. 20, and then constituted this by prayer. After w^c Sed^r Minrs. & Ruling Elders from the respective Presbyteries as follow, namely.—

Derry Presby.		Drummore Presby.	
Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Jon. Stirling	Tho ^s Taylour	Gilb ^t Kennedy	Jon. M ^c Kye
Jon. Lisle		Jas. Allen	Robt Dickson
Hen. Ereskine	Sam ^l Stewart	Jon. King	Jon. Potts
W ^m Hare	M ^r Geo. Brown	W ^m Thomson	Jon. Mills
		Ch. M ^c Collum	And ^r Harshaw
Bangor Presby.		T. Patk. Presby.	
Ch. Mastertoun	M ^r Jon. Potts	Jas. Cobham	Dav. M ^c Alpine
Rob ^t Cuninghame	M ^r Jon. M ^c Kibbin	Alex ^r Brown	Jas. Marshal
And ^r Malcolm	Jon. Claghertie	W ^m Livingstoun	Arch ^d Kell
Jas. M ^c Culloch		Jas. White	And ^r Miller
Hu. Dickson	W ^m Busbie	Will ^m Patton	M ^r Rich ^d Coldstone
Sam ^l Alex ^r		Tim. White	Jon. Blakely
And ^r Kennedy		W ^m Thomson	Jas. White
Jas. Huey		Tho ^s Crawford	M ^r Walter Oakman
W ^m Rodgers		W ^m Holmes	M ^r W ^m M ^c Conchy
Killeleagh Presby.		Jon. Moorhead	Tho ^s Steele
Tho ^s Scott		Jon. Thomson	Tho ^s Hughes
Alex ^r M ^c Combe		Tho ^s Brown	W ^m Richman
Jas. Armstrong	Allex ^r M ^c Donald	Will ^m Henderson	
Mich ^l Henry	Neth. Henry	Jon. Brown	Hu. Wason
		Jon. M Connel	Benj Johnstoun
		Jon. Lewson	And ^r Miller
Annagh Presby.		Monaghan Presby	
Jon. Menogh	Josias Gaddis	W ^m Hare	
Geo. Cherry	M ^r Jon. Moodie	Pat ^k Plunket	
Jon. Maxwell	M ^r M ^c Cammon	Jon. Carlile	
Geo. Ferguson	Fr. Sloan	Jas. Hamilton	
Geo. Henry		Jas. Clark	Jon. Potts
Hen. Jackson		Dav. Hutchison	
		Jas. Gordon	Robt M ^c Allen
Strabane Presby.		Allex ^r Wadsworth	
W ^m M ^c Beath			
Jos. Osborne	M ^r Gavin Moor	Tyrone Presby.	
		Tho Kennedy	Jo. Sloan
Rout Presby.		Hu. Wallace	Benj. Barefoot
Ch. Lynd	Math. Langwill	Jon. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling
Jon. Holmes	Math. Caldwell	Jas. Turretine	Robt ^t Lawrence
Rob ^t M ^c Bride	Jon. Innis		
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Borland	Letterkenny Presby.	
Fr. Ross	Rob ^t Sloan		
Jon. Orr	M ^r Jas. Todd	Sam ^l Dunlop	
Jon Hill	Jas. Patton	Will ^m Wilson	
Jon. Thomson	Rob ^t Arch ^d	Jon. Marshal	Moses Baird
Jas. M ^c Creight	M ^r Gavin Steele	W ^m Laird	Jon. Brown
Dav. Smylie	W ^m Haslet		
Jas. M ^c Curdie	W ^m Edmistoun		
Jon. Semple ;	Jon. Grier		
Jas. Cochran	Jas. Johnstoun		
Allex ^r Cumine	Jas. Ker		
Dublin Presby.			
Jas. Smith	M ^r Allex ^r Richie		

Mod^r M^r 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, Menogh, Allen, Jon. Holmes, Jon. Orr, M^r Curdie, M^r Beath, Carlile, Hare, Malcolm, Cuninghame, Scott, and Smith. The Roll was called, and Mr. Jon Carlile was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk.

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^{rs} 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^t prayer.

Sess. 2^{da} *Die Mercurij Hora nona mane.* After prayer *sed^t qui supra.*

Prayer. The time appointed for prayer was observed

The several Pbyes now made Returns for the several Committees, and also those that follow, viz:—

Licensed. The Pby of Derry report that they have licensed M^r Jon White, and have entered Messrs. Jon Smyth and Jon Adams on first tryals.

Ordained. 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.

Dead, &c Killeleagh Pby have licensed M^r Warnock, and have entered M^r Jon Strong on 2d Tryals. They report that Mr. Sam^l Shannon dyed June ye 26, 1743.

Armagh Pby have ordained Mr Geo. Henry at Narrowwater Oct. ye 4th, 1743, and Mr. Hen. Jackson at Banbridge Nov. ye 8, 1743.

Drummore Pby have ordained Mr. Ch M^r Collum at Loughbrickland March ye 6th, 1743/4. And have licensed M^r Jon M^r Mian They report that M^r Rob^t Thomson dyed Sept^r 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 Buchanan on first Tryals. They report that M^r Alex^r M^r Crackan dyed in Sept. 1743.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Alex^r Cumine at Bovidy May the 22d, 1744. Have licensed M^r Fr. O'Bryan. They both subscribed, and have entered M^r Robt. Huey on first tryals.

Dublin Pby report that M^r Jon Alex^r dyed Nov. ye 1, 1743.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r Jas. Gordon at Castle-Blaynie January 18, 1743/4, and Mr. Alexr. Wadsworth at Bellybay Jan^r 19, 1743/4, and have entered Mess^{rs} Thos. Plunkett, Wm. Fleming, and Robt. Smith on first Tryals. They report that M^r Humph. Thomson dyed Ap^r ye 7, 1744.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Jas. Turretine at Tobermore June ye 5th, 1744, and have entered M^r Adam Duffine 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^l Synods fixed Committee are as follow : Synod's Fixed Com.
viz. :—

For Derry Pby, Messrs. And^r Ferguson and David Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Cuningham and M^cCullough; M^r John Brown, elder.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} Williamson and M^cCombe.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs}. Menogh and Moodie. M^r Jon Moodie, elder.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} Kennedy and Allen. M^r Jas. Ker, elder.

For T. Patk, Mess^{rs} Jas. White and Fraser. M^r Ch. Johnston, elder.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Hemphill and Armstrong.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} M^cBride and Smylie. M^r Jackson Clark, elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Messrs. M^cKye and Carson.

For Tyrone, Messrs. Thos. Kennedy and Gibson.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Boyd and Fairlie.

These, with our Mod^r and Clk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^r 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 acquitt the Gentleman.

Absent from this Synod and excused are—Messrs. Thomas Harvey, Nin. Cochran, Thos. Bond, Jas. Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Sam^l Simms, Jas. Rainy, Jas. Reid, Wm. Smith, Sam^l Absents excused

Forgie, Robt. Gordon, Jas. Maxwell, Vict' Ferguson, Neh. Donaldson, Jas. Smith, Hen. Neill, Jas. Thomson, Rob' Knox, Robt. Brown, Gidn. Neilson, Hu. Henry, Rob' M^cMaster, Bap' Boyd, Allex^r Fleming, Hu. Mulligan, John Macleve, Hu. Sharp, Wm. Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, and Rob' Wirling.

Not excused.

Absent, and no excuse from them, are Mess^{rs} Majr Murray, Thos. Strawbridge, And^r Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Jon M^cgomrie, Dav. Walker, Hu. Williamson, Jas. Moodie, Jas. Fraser, Jos. Hemphill, And^r Welsh, Wm. Armstrong, Rob' Henry, James Bond, And^r Dean, Jon Algeo, Wm. Ambrose, Allex^r M^cKye, Geo. Carson, Rob^t Stewart, Jas. Orr, Jon. Gibson, Ch. Caldwell, and Jon. M^cGaughie.

Donoghedie.

It does not appear that anything has been done by Donoghedie, to the Suppliers, 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. Vict' Ferguson, Wm. M^cBeath, 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 suppliers and also with respect to the Fund due by them to Moywater. Three of the above min^{rs} and one elder to be a Quorum, Mess^{rs} Jas. White & Allen to write to these congregations, that they may be apprised of this appointment.

Glendermott.

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 Rout who Installed M^r Jon Holmes, there Ap^r ye 19, 1744. They now request the Synod, that they may be joined to the Pby of Letterkenny, w^c was granted.

Reasons for protest.

The Bn who protested, last year, in the affair of M^r Osborne, now gave reasons of their protest, w^c 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 M^r Stirling, &c., contains in substance, what is in all the rest, s^d paper, only, shall be entered, and it is as follows:—

R 1.

Reas. 1. Because they have been guiltie, M^r 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, w^c 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, w^t 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^d Because they were guiltie of the grossest impietie in R. 2. profaning the L^d 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^t darkness, &c.

Reas: 3^d Because both M^r Osborne & that People have been guiltie R. 3. of the grossest rebellion against our discipline, when they applyed to the Pby of Derry to be erected into a congregation, the body of the Congregation having given a call to M^r 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^r, 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 M^r 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 M^r Osborne, was if he was concerned for applying to that Pby, without appealing first to the Synod. M^r 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 hād 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'd without a censure? The time has been when the Synod would have suspended a Probationer 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, M^r Osborne & these that join him have walked disorderlie, we are commanded in the name of our L^d 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^a Jesus Christ, but their own belly, & by good words, & fair speeches, decieve the hearts of the simple.

R. 4. Rea: 4. Because we are of opinion that it was not from any real conviction, that M^r 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 quitt ym 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^r Osborne might leave them. A member publicly declared that it was not convenient or fair that M^r 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.

R 5. Rea: 5. Because M^r Orsborne was received by ye Synod without a certificate from that Body of w^c 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 justifiable 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 miⁿrs. of this Synod, as it is reported, w^c 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 had 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, w^c 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 denyed 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 referr'd the difference to two indifferent persons, these are to be named by the Synod, & yet the Synod names none. Had the Synod referd 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^h 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 ^{R. 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 L^ds Day, & the breach of solemn promises, by this management of the Synod : the profane are hardened in their sinfull courses, and will make but litle of acts of Injustice in closing the doors of Meeting houses upon congregations, and turning them to the fields, when they will not submit 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 encouragement 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 disorderlie 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^a now desire to have their names recorded, as joining in that Protest, viz : Messrs. Tho^s Kennedy, Hu. Wallace, Ch. Lynd, Fr. Ross, Joⁿ Thomson, Joⁿ Semple, Hen. Ereskiaie, and these Elders, Rob^t Sloan, Tho^s Taylour, & Nath. Langwill.

Lemnavaddie

Commiss^{rs} from both Congregations in N.town Lemnavaddie, 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^m White and Joⁿ Ross, who are to choose an umpire, if they shall see cause. With which the Synod is satisfied.

M^r M^cBeath

M^r W^m M^cBeath 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 M^r 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.

M^{rs} Hemphill

The Synods recommendation, last year, with respect to a Charitable contribution, for the relief of M^{rs} Hemphill, was observed but by very few of the Pbyes. A Letter from L^d 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 doe it as soon as possible : And that all the contributions, whither now in hand, or to be made, shall be given, or transmitted to M^r M^cCombe. The same Collectors in the several Pbyes, as last year, to be continued. M^r M^cBride is appointed to draw up an answer to L^d Blaynie's letter w^c was done.

The Request of last year with respect to M^r 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 Sed^t.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees to meet at 3.

Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 3^{ta}

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem &c.

Next Synod

Next Synod to be at Antrim, the 3^d Tuesday of June, 1745. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

B.Mena &
Caple Street

A Commiss^a & Supplication from the Congregation of Caple-Street, Dublin, was presented to this Synod by Coll^l. Joⁿ Martin, Messrs. Joⁿ Ewing, &c., empowering them to prosecute an appeal from the Pby of T.Park, in reference to the Transportation of M^r Joⁿ Brown, from B.Mena to Caple Street, & to enforce the Reasons for s^d desired transportation.

Appeared from B.Mena. Messrs Joⁿ M^cDowel, & Joⁿ Campble, &c.; they presented a Commiss^a & supplication, desiring and entreating this Synod, to continue M^r Brown with them, & not grant the desired Transportation.

The Minute & Sentence of the Pby of T.Patk from w^o the Commiss^{rs} of Caple-Street appealed, was read. Then the Reasons for the Transportation, & B.Mena's answers to s^d Reasons were also read: the Commiss^{rs} on both sides, & the Pby of T.Patk were all fully heard. The Commiss^{rs} from Dublin promise, in case the Transportation takes place, to give M^r Brown £80 P an: and a free house. Then M^r 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 usefull as there: that it is his hearty desire that his relation to B.Mena may be continued and tho he would not withdraw his subjection to this Synod, yet he was satisfied to undergoe 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^r 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 Resoluitioun was intimated to them.

The affair of M^r Sims being joined to the Pby of Drummore was ^{M^r Sims} now resumed, and the Synod, after some reasoning, judged that it was not yet ripe for their issuing it.

From Monaghan appeared Messrs. Tho^s Nisbit, &c., Comm^{rs} ^{Monaghan} supplicating that as they have called M^r Dav. Hutchison from Ban-breaky, 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^o is to meet at Caledon the first Tuesday of Aug^t next, with the following correspondents, shall finally issue that affair. These Correspondents to be, from Tyrone Pby, Messrs. Tho^s and Joⁿ Kennedy, Orr, & Gibson. From Armagh, Messrs. Menagh, Cherry, Maxwell, Ferguson & Henry. From Drummore, Messrs. Allen, King, & Mulligan. From Killeleagh, Messrs. M^cCombe & Henry. And from Bangor, M^r Sims and an Elder w^t each. They are to be called by the Pby of Monaghan. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning Interloq^t at 8. Concluded w^t prayer.

Dis Jovis Hora 9^{na} Mane, &c.

Sess. 4^a

This Synod considering the present circumstances of Caple Street ^{Caple Street} Congregation agreed, that if the People shall call for Supplyes 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^r Ja^s 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, ^{Maghera} was presented to this Synod, by Joⁿ Wilson, Tho^s 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 Miñry. The Reasons of Appeal were heard one, by one, and Parties heard upon them; after w^c, the Pby & Comm^{rs} from Maghera, were removed: & the Synod came to consider what they had heard, & after long reasoning, it was agreed to remitt 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.

Wm. Clark

Whereas Will^m 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 mett; this Synod appoints one, consisting of the following B^s viz: Messrs. Boyd, Fairlie, Dav. Harvey, Marshal, Hare, & an Elder with each, to meet at Balindred Meeting house, the first Thursday of Aug^t next: of w^c 3 Miñrs. & 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.

Castle-Blaynie

A Supplication was presented from Castle-Blaynie, desiring that the proportion of the Fund, formerlie allowed to their late Pastor, may be allowed, & continued 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.

Plunket Street

A supplication from the Congregation of Plunket-Street, Dublin, was laid before this Synod, desiring that the several Pbyës may be ordered to send them such suppliers, as they, from time to time, shall write for; and that upon their choosing one, or more, for their Miñ^r, 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.

Usher's Quay

A Letter from M^r M^cMaster 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 Miñ^r 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.

Sess. 5th

Hora 5th post meridiem, &c.

Mess^{rs} Kennedy & White now brought in the Letters to Caple Street & Plunket Street w^c were read, and the Mod^r appointed to subscribe them in name of ye Synod.

M^r Ja^s Smith in the name of Caple Street, supplicated, that M^r Ch. M^cCollum may supply there, the 2 last Sabs. of July, & three first Sabaths of Aug^t next. Which was granted. He also supplicated that M^r 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^r Wirling and the People of Bovidy, was laid before this Synod; by which sentence, that Congregation was ordered to pay to M^r 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 Bⁿ, viz: Mess^{rs} Plunket, King, and Hutchison, goe out, & try to issue it. And that M^r M^cCurdie wait on s^d Committee.

An Overture was laid before this Synod, by the Committee of Overtures, & is as follows, viz: Whereas in vacant Congregations, divided by the choice of different Miñrs, 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 dectare it to be scandalous, unjust, & a reproach to our Profession. We therefore Overture that every Miñr, 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 Min^r 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^o they complain that several families, in the bounds of Aghadowie, are entertained by Macasque: 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^o the Synod agreed, to refer it to the Pby of Rout, which is to meet at Bellymony, the 2^d Tuesday of July next, with these Correspondents, namely, Mess^{rs} Higginbothom, Ja^s White, Joⁿ and Tho^s Brown, Hu. Wallace, & Ja^s Turretine, & an Elder w^t each; who are finally to determine s^d affair.

The Committee on the affair of Bovidy being now returned, give it as their judgement, that s^d People shall pay to M^r Wirling £15, and he give them a clear & full discharge. W^o the Synod approves.

A Supplication from Drumbannaghar was presented to this Synod by Neth. Henry, in w^o they complain that M^r King, a member of

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 M^r Mulligan. M^r 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 Drumbannagar to M^{rs} Heslem. That he M^r 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.

Drumbannagar, by their Comm^r, complain in particular that one Ja^s Reid, in their bounds, has been received & encouraged by ye Pby of Drummore, contrary to the order of this Church. That Pby alledge, & 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.

Munterbirn

A Supplication from Munterbirn was presented to this Synod, by Ja^s Durham, &c., desiring to be supplied by M^r Joⁿ Ker from Derry Pby, & Mess^{rs} Tate & Todd, from Rout Pby, for the space of one month each. The Synod grants the supplication, & appoints M^r Ker for the month of Aug^t. M^r Tate for Sept^r, & M^r Todd for Oct^r.

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. Interloqr at 8. Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 6th

Die Veneris Hora 9^{na} Mane &c.

The Pby of Drummore, now, gave in a Paper remonstrating against what was done, last night, in relation to ye affair of Drumbannagar w^c was read, & returned again to s^d Pby.

Scruplers in
Maghera

The Pby of Rout now brought in some Resolutions in the affair of the scruplers who desired dismisses from Maghera Congregation, w^c were read, & are as follows, viz.

R. 1

Res. 1. That tho some unguarded expressions might have drop'd from M^r Smylie, which might have given some umbrage of offence to these scrupling Bⁿ, yet the Pby are, in the general, satisfyed of his soundness, by his explication of himself to them, upon these subjects, which were alledged as grounds of their scruples.

R. 2

Res. 2^d In regard these Bⁿ seem to be under insuperable Prejudices, to continue them under M^r 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 M^r Smylie's conversing with them, which we earnestly recommend to both. This

libertie extends only to these Commiss^{rs} & 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^c an amendment was added by several B^{rs} in these words, namely, that these Scruplers shall continue to pay their stipend to Maghera, as formerlie. After w^c 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 Bovidy of the Fund, continued to them, as formerlie, is refered by this Synod by the Pby of Rout w^c meets in July next, with Correspondents.

Armagh Pby now again insist on what they moved for last Sederunt.

A supplication from some People in Market-hill, was presented to this Synod by Mich^l. Ochletree, Hu. White, &c., desiring that they, & their Constituents may be put under the care of Drummore Pby, and that they may be supplied by s^d Pby. It was alledged on the other side, that these supposed constituents have not given sufficient evidence of any such power to send these Commrs: but that if it really appeared, to the Pby 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 Pby of Armagh, & they say that they are ready to prove it; that the Pby of Drummore had sent suppliers to Market-hill, tho that Congregation be under the care of the Pby 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^{ta} post meridiem &c.

Sess. 7ma

The affair of Armagh and Drummore Pbyes, with reference to Market-hill, was now resumed: and the Pby of Drummore offered several things to exculpate their sending suppliers 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 Pby of Drummore have acted an irregular and Res. 1
offensive part in supplying the Malecontents of Market-hill, and that s^d Pby shall send no more supplies to that People, till next Synod.

Res. 2. That these discontented People may be allowed to hear, Res. 2
and receive sealing ordinances in Neighbouring Congregations, till ye meeting of the Pby of Armagh, upon Certificatees from M^r Ferguson, or his Elders; and that at s^d Pby, such as shall ask dismisses, shall have them, provided they be free of scandal.

Res. 3. Whereas the Pby 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 Pby of Armagh, with Correspondents, at Market-hill the 11th of July next, shall enquire into the *fama clamosa*, in reference to M^r Ferguson, and that the people who scruple being under his miñry, attend s^d Pby, to give all the light they can. These Correspondents to be as follow, viz. From Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Kennedy & Gibson. From Bangor, Mess^{rs} M^cCullogh & Huey. From T.Patk, Mess^{rs} Patton & Moorhead. From Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Henry and an Elder with each. Who are to meet with & assist the Pby of Armagh, in issuing that affair; and this is done for the ease & 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.

And^r. Kennedy M^r And^r. Kennedy of Morn, supplicated this Synod, that he, & his Congregation, may be joined to the Pby of Bangor. The Synod considering the reasonableness of s^d Request, agreed to it.

The Committee of Overtures laid the two following before the Synod. Which were agreed to, *nem: contra*, viz.

Overt 1. Overt. 1. That the several Sub-Synods, at their stated Meetings, doe yearly enquire into the conduct of their respective Pbyes, with reference to their observing private, or fraternal Censures; and that s^d Synods shall censure such Pbyes, as shall neglect them.

Overt. 2. Overt. 2^d That the several Pbyes diligently enquire into, and animadvert upon such marriages, in their respective bounds. as are irregular, especially those of Miñrs & Probationers.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r 1. Die Jovis June 21, Hora 8^{ua} Mane.

Sligo This Interloq^r 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 Miñr 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 Miñrs, as are really poor, but none was fixed on. The farther consideration of this, refer'd to next Interloq^r.

Interloq^r 2. June ye 22^d of Miñrs only.

Min^{rs} Widows This Interloq^r considered the case of widows, & after some reasoning agreed that each Pby 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.

It is farther ordered that the several Pbyes send an account to the Clk of the Synod, of such widows as are entitled to R.D. and have been dropt by the Treasurer, or otherwise, sooner than they ought to have been, that the Clk may send an order to the Treasurer to transmitt such deficiencys to ye widows.

M^r Lang our Treasurer now being present, this Interloq^r appointed the following Bⁿ to examine, & settle accounts with him, viz: Mess^{rs} Lynd, Allex^r Brown, Malcolm & Maxwell who after some time, returned, & made report, that upon examination, they found his accounts accurate & fair. Treasurer's
Accts.

This Interloq^r 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 Mess^{rs} Ja^s White & Menogh prepare a draught of a Letter to this purpose, to be transmitted to M^r Stewart of Bellylane, now in L——n, & another to M^r Gibson there, that they may be considered in next Interloq^r.

This Interloq^r considering the noise that has been made in some parts of the Country, concerning M^r W^m Armstrong in the Pby of Strabane, his having challenged, or accepted a challenge to a duell & going to the place of combat, armed with sword and pistol, w^o this Interloq^r looks upon as scandalous in a Miⁿr of the Gospel. Ordered that the Pby of Strabane enquire into this affair, & make report of their diligence at next Synod. M^r W^m Arm-
strong

Interloqr 3^d. of Minrs only. June 23^d Hora 8 Mane.

Mess^{rs} White & Menogh did not write the letters, as appointed in the former Interloqr. It is now agreed that M^r Ja^s White, in conjunction wth M^r Drennan in Belfast, write to the above named Gentlemen, that they use their interest at C——t for us, and if these Bⁿ receive a favourable answer, then the Synod's fixed Committee is to be called by ye Mod^r.

JON^N COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 26th 1744.

A Synod at Antrim June 18, 1745.

M^r Joⁿ Carlile Mod^r of the proceeding Synod, opened this by preaching from Phill. 3.6, and then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sed^t* of

called, & M^r Moorhead was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk. Clk, *nem. contra*.

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 Gen^l 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.* Sess. 2^{da}

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 M^r Ja^s McCullogh dimitted his Ordained. charge at Monyrea Nov^r 5, 1744, and is gone to N. Brittain. And that M^r Ja^s Rainie dyed Jan^r 20, 1744/5.

Killeleagh Pby have ordained M^r Joⁿ Strong at Ballynahinch, Oct^r 10, 1744. And M^r W^m Dun at Killeleagh, May 29, 1745.

Rout Pby have ordained M^r Francis O'Bryan at Grainge, June 4, Licensed. 1745. Have Licensed Mess^{rs} Rob^t Huey, Jo^s Mitchel & Alex^r Miller, who all subscribed. They have entered M^r Hu Gaston on first, & M^r Sam^l Bays on 2^d tryals. They report that M^r Hen. Neil dyed Dead &c. March 10, 1744/5.

Dublin Pby report that M^r Hu. Henry dyed Aug^t 1, 1744, and M^r Ja^s Smith Feb^r 23, 1744/5.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r Tho^s Boyle at Five-mile-town, May 21, 1745. And have Licensed Mess^{rs} W^m Flemming, Tho^s Plunket, & Rob^t Smyth. They all subscribed.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Adam Duffine at Dungannon, Oct^r 10, 1744, who subscribed. And have entered M^r Joⁿ Ker on 2^d tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained M^r Benj. Holmes at Donoghmore Oct^r 25, 1744. And M^r And^r Hamilton at Donegall, Dec^r 26, 1744. And have licensed M^r Tho^s Vance. They all subscribed.

The Members of the Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee are the same as last year only M^r McCullogh, in whose place, the Pby of Bangor are to appoint another. And these with our Mod^r & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^r, on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least to be Mi^urs. Synod's fixed Com.

Donoghedie.

The Committee mett 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 Pbyes. M^r McBride to write to Letterkenny, & M^r Joⁿ 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.

M^{rs} Hemphill.

Several Miⁿrs have contributed to the relief of M^{rs} 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.

Next Synod to be at Dungannon, the 3^d Tuesday of June, 1746. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The Pby of Monaghan, with Correspondents, transported M^r David Hutchison from Breaky, to Monaghan.

M^r Ferguson.

The Pby of Armagh, with Correspondents mett on the affair of M^r Ferguson, & the Malecontents in Markst-hill. The Minutes of that Pby in reference to it were read in the Synod; by w^o it appears that ye Libel brought against M^r 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^t prayer.

Sess. 3th

Hora 5^{ta} post Meridiam &c.

Drogheda.

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.

Absts. excused.

Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Mess^{rs} Ja^s Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja^s Reid, W^m Smith, Sam^l Forgie, Ja^s Johnston, Rob^t Gordon, Ch. Lynd, Ja^s Thomson, Rob^t Knox, Fr. Ross, Joⁿ Orr, Joⁿ Thomson, Rob^t Brown, Alex^r Cummine, Bap^t Boyd, Alex^r Flemming, W^m Hare, Patk. Plunket, And^r Dean, Joⁿ Macleve, Hu. Sharp, Sam^l Dunlop, W^m Boyd, David Fairlie, Rob^t Wirling, Joⁿ Holmes, Joⁿ McGaughie, Joⁿ Stirling, Tho^s Harvey, Maj^r. Murray, Nin. Cochran, & Tho^s Strawbridge.

Absent & no excuse from them are Mess^r Hu. Dickson, Sam^l Not excused. Alex^r, And^r Kennedy, Hu. Will^mson, Gilb^t Kennedy jun., Mich^l Henry, Geo. Cherry, Ja^s Moody, Geo. Henry, Rob^t Higginbotham, Joⁿ Lewson, the whole Pby of Strabane, Gid^s Neilson, Joⁿ Algeo, W^m Ambrose, Alex^r M^cKye, Geo. Carson, Ja^s Clark, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Alex^r Wadsworth, Rob^t Stewart, Ja^s Orr, Ch. Caldwell, Adam Duffine, And^r Hamilton, And^r Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Tho^s Bond, Joⁿ Montgomrie, Joⁿ Liale, Dav. Walker, Joⁿ Hood, & W^m Hare.

From Lisburn appeared M^r W^m Nichol, & presented a Commissⁿ 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^t.

Tho^s 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^o he the Complainant, looks upon to be equal to a censure, namely, that s^d 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 s^d 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^t 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^t.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq^r at 8. Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora nona. Mane, &c.

Sess 4^{ta}.

The Supplication of Drummore Pby, in reference to Anahilt, was now resumed; Joⁿ Mathews, &c., presented a supplication from that Session and Congregation, signifying their desire to be under the care of s^d Pby. The Pby of Baugor being called, said they had nothing to observe, provided Drummore Pby would withdraw their supplication of last night; w^o that Pby did. Several Papers were read, from some People in Anahilt, remonstrating against this Request, M^r Sims objected against these Papers, as not regularly brought in to ye Synod and that no Co^mm^r appeared to support them. The Synod after some reasoning, leaves it to M^r Sims, & his Session, to do in this affair, as they shall see most expedient.

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^t. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 5^{ta}

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem &c.

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 Bⁿ who are for this new Pby, that it is not from any dissatisfaction with their Bⁿ who continue in the old Pbyes, 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, Aboghill, Grainge, Drumaul, Antrim, Connor, Glenarm, & Coleraine. And if any other Congregation lying convenient to join s^d Pby, think proper so to do, they have libertie to join it. It is also provided that none of the above Congregations shall be oblidged to join s^d Pby, unless their Miñ^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.

M^r Moorhead.

M^r Moorhead desired leave to join himself, & his Congregation to the Pby of Bangor, provided it be agreeable to his Session and Congregation, when consulted upon it. The Synod granted ye Request.

Fast.

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^d day be inexpedient for any Congregation to observe; the Miñ^r & 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^{rs} Stirling.

Markethill.

A Commissⁿ & 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 B^a of Armagh Pby, that if these People shall be erected, it will be prejudicial to some of the neighbouring Congregations. The Pby of Drummore promise, in case s^d People be put under their care, they will not erect them, w^out the leave and direction of the Synod. The Comm^r was fully heard, and being removed, the Synod considered & reasoned on ye affair, and the Pbyes 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 carryed for the first branch of the question, by a great majority.

A Supplication from Caple-Street was presented to this Synod by Caple-Street M^r McCollum, desiring that the several Presbyteries may be ordered to send such Suppliers to that Congregation, as they, from time to time, shall write for; particularly that M^r Tim. White may supply them for six weeks, beginning the 3^d Sab. of July next. The Synod granted the Supplication.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by M^r Ja^s Foster, Mr Ja^s 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 Armagh Synod. fixed their next Meeting to the 2^d Tuesday of Oct^r next. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. Interloq^r at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris, Hora decima mane &c.

Sess. 6^{ta}.

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 Formulas 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^l Synod. †

There being many heavy complaints from the Miⁿrs settled on the Synodical Fund, w^t 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 each Congregation under their care; and bring s^d subscriptions to next Overture for the Fund.

Gen^l 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^l Synod, at their next meeting; that a proportional summe may be paid to every Miñr on the Fund.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r 1. June 20.

M^{rs} Cochran. Ordered that M^{rs} Cochran be paid the arrear of R.D. due to her, down to midsummer 1744 Inclusive.

M^{rs} Holmes, Ordered that the arrear due to M^{rs} Holmes of Urnie, before it became due to M^r McBeath, be transmitted to her, and that as Urnie is now vacant by the transportation of M^r McBeath to Ushers Quay, Dublin. the Ord^r R D. be continued to her, during the vacancy of that Congregation.

Minrs Widows. The Miñrs now present made a Return of widows, judged to be really poor; & they are as follow, namely, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Lane of Banbridge, Sinclare, Crawford, Hastings, Stirling, Dykes, Hemphill, Glasgow, Tomb, Vance, & Drummond. The following Bⁿ, viz: Mess^{rs} Masterton, Livingstone, Gilb^t & Tho^s Kennedy, M^cMaster, & Ja^s White are appointed to bring in an Overture for the relief and support of these widows, to next Interloq^r.

Sermon. Some few Bⁿ. who had taken exceptions at some expression in M^r Carlile's sermons, now desired that he would satisfy them: they specified the passages, w^{ch} they looked upon as offensive; and M^r Carlile condescended to read them, and gave such explanations of them, as were satisfying to these Bⁿ. & to ye Interloq^r.

Interloq^r 2. June 21.

Magheraly. A case was laid before this Interloq^r concerning some debates between Magheraly, and M^r And^r 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^r 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^r that the Congregations, in arrear of the Fund to M^r 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^r 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^d arrear paid.

Case of
Blasphemy.

The Pby of T. Patk proposed a case to this Interloq^r, viz., what censure shall be inflicted on a Person convicted of Blasphemy? The

Interloq^r 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 Rebukers be published to the Congregation, to w^c 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 Bⁿ. appointed to form an Overture for the relief of poor widows, now brought in one, w^c was read, & is as follows, viz. That each Miñr of this Synod subscribe what they will voluntarily devote for the support of Miñrs widows, who are very poor; and proper objects of charity; & that one in each Pby be appointed to receive the mouny so subscribed, & bring, or transmitt it to next Gen^l Synod, to be disposed of, as that Judicature shall think fitt. And inasmuch ss this cannot be of any present use for these necessitous Widows, it is farther Overtur'd, that till the above Overture can be reduced to practice, the Pbyes or particular Synods, in whose bounds, s^d Widows live, shall take the best care of them, they can. Which Overture was unanimously agreed to by the Interloq^r.

Overture for
Minrs. Widows.

M^r McMaster has generously proposed to give 20 shill. p^r an. to each of the following widows, out of his own pocket, namely, to M^{rs} Sinclare, 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^c generous charity he had the thanks of ye Interloq^r.

M^r McMaster's
bounty.

A Melancholy representation was laid before this Interloq^r by the Exec^{rs} of M^r 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 M^r Henry. The Interloq^r considering that these Congregations are all subject to the Synod of Belfast (excepting Loughbrickland) 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 wth Loughbrickland 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 M^r Henry for this current year,

M^{rs} Henry of
Drogheda.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 13, 1745.

A Synod at Dnngannon, June ye 17th 1746.

M^r Jo^a Moorhead Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Ephes: 5. 8, and then constituted it by prayer. After which *sederunt* Ministers and Elders from the respecive Pbyes as follow. Namely, from

Killeleagh Pby.		Strabane Pby.	
Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Alex ^r M ^c Combe Jon. Strong Wm. Dunn		Vict ^r Ferguson Rout Pby.	
Armagh Pby.		Ch. Lynd Robt. M ^c Bride Jo ^a Cochran Dav. Smylie Alex ^r Cumine	Mat. Langwill Jo ^a King Jas. Todd
Jo ^a Menogh Geo. Cherry Hen. Jackson	Thos. Gilpin Robt. Hutchison		
Drummore Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Jas ^a Allen Jo ^a King Saml. Sims Wm. Thomson Jo ^a Mulligan	Saml. Thomson Jas. Potts Robt. Allen Saml. Reid	Willm. M ^c Beath Monaghan Pby. Bapt. Boyd Path. Plunket Jon. Carlile Jas. Hamilton Wm. Ambrose Alex ^r M ^c Kye Geo. Carson Jas. Clark Dav. Hutchison Jas. Gordon Alex ^r Wadsworth Thos. Boyle	M ^r Baxter Sam. Smith Jon. Boyd
T. Patk Preby.			
Tim. White Willm. Henderson			
B.mena Pby			
Rob ^t Higinbothom Jas. White Jon. Hill Jas. M ^c Creight Jas. Cochran Fr. O'Bryan	Mat. Harper Wm. Green Adam Dickie	Letterkenny Pby. Saml. Dunlop Wm. Wilson Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Hamilton Alex ^r Wilson Jon. Dunlop
Tyrone Pby.			
Hu: Wallace Jo ^a Kennedy Jas. Orr Jo ^a Gibson Ch. Caldwell Jas. Turretine Adam Duffine Jon. Ker	Jer. Wilson Gab ^r M ^c Lane Jas. Smith Rob ^t Graham Jo ^a Anderson Jas. Durham	Derry Pby. Hen. Erskine Bangor Pby. Jon. Moorhead	Wm. Torbit Thos. Steele

Modr.

M^r Moorhead proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bretheren were named as a Leet, viz. Mess^{rs} Menogh, King, Henderson, Higinbothom, Vict^r Ferguson, Smylie,

Hamilton, Joⁿ Kennedy, & Wilson. The Roll was called, and M^r Higinbothom was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk, *nem. con.*

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Clk. 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^l Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such Miⁿrs, 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.

Die Mercurij Hora nona Mane. Post preces Sed^t qui Supra.

Sess. 2^{da}

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

Prayer.

The Pbyes now made Returns of their Members for the respective Committees. As also the following Reports, namely:—

The Pby of Drummore have entered Mess^{rs} Sam^l Thomson & Ja^s Baxter on first tryals. The report that M^r Gilb^t Kennedy dyed July 8, 1745.

T.Pby have Ordained M^r Clotworthy Brown, Feby^r 5, 1745/6. Strabane Pby have entered M^r Tho^s Thomson on first tryals.

Ordained.
Licensed.
Dead, &c.

Rout Pby have Licensed M^r Hu. Gaston, who subscribed; and have entered M^r Joⁿ Logue on 2^d tryals. They report that M^r Joⁿ Orr dyed Dec. 5, 1745, and M^r Knox Ap^r 1, 1746.

Monaghan Pby report that M^r W^m Hare dyed Nov^r 29, 1746.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Joⁿ Ker at Munterbirn, Oct^r 9, 1745, who subscribed. They report that M^r Rob^t Stewart dyed Ap^r 11, 1746.

Letterkenny Pby have Ordained M^r Jos. Kinhead at Stranorlar, Sept^r 4, 1745, who subscribed; and have entered M^r Rob^t Law on first Tryals.

Bangor Pby have Ordained M^r Ja^s M^cKean at Monyrea, June, 1746.

The Members of the Gen^l Synod's Fixed Committee are:—

Synod's fixed
Com.

For Killeleagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Williamson & M^cCombe.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Menogh & Moodie, M^r Joⁿ Moodie, Elder.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} Allen & King, M^r Ja^s Ker, Elder.

For T.Patk, Mess^{rs} Fraser & White.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} White & Hill, M^r Ch. Johnstoun, Elder.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Hemphill & Armstrong.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} Cochran & Smylie, M^r Jackson Clark, Elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} McKye & Carson.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Kennedy & Duffine.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Boyd and Fairlie.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Dav. Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Cuningham & Malcolm, M^r Joⁿ Brown, Elder.

These with our Mod^r and Clk are to meet at Maghrafelt, when called by the Mod^r on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least, to be Ministers.

Donoghedie.

Nothing has been done by the Pbyes of Letterkenny and Strabane, with reference to the Arrear, due by Donoghedie to the Fund, & to the Suppliers, which these Pbyes say, is owing to their not receiving Letters, as appointed last Synod. This Synod appoints M^r Menogh to write to Strabane, & M^r Lynd to Letterkenny Pbyes; and that a joint Committee of the two Pbyes meet at Donoghedie, the 2^d Wednesday of Aug^t next, to adjust that affair.

M^{rs} Hemphill

The Appointment with reference to M^{rs} 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, formerly appointed, before the first of Nov^r next.

Reading Synod's Minutes.

It being alledged 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.

Next Synod to be at Maghrafelt the 3^d Tuesday of June, 1747. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The Synod of Armagh took the Complaint of Tho^s Gilliland, under their consideration, & issued it.

M^r Sims and his Congregation have joined themselves to the Pby of Drummore, since last Synod.

M^r 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.

Dissent.

Upon reading the minute of last Synod, with reference to the explication, in the affair of the Malecontents in Markethill, M^r 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 S^r Arthur Gore, in favour of M^r Wilson of S^r Arthr Gore Moywater, was read in the Synod, representing the melancholy situation he is in ; and that this Synod would do something for his Relief. The Mod^r is appointed to write an answer to it, in name of the Synod.

M^r Ja^s Archibald Commiss^r from the third Cngregation in Belfast presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring that M^r W^m Laird from the Pby of Letterkenny, may be appointed to supply that Congregation for the month of July next, M^r Buchannan from Strabane, for Aug^t, M^r Young from Strabane, for Sept^t, and M^r Vance from Letterkenny for Oct^r. And farther that this Synod would enjoin the several Pbyes to send such other Suppliers as they shall, from time to time write for, till next Synod. The Synod graoted ye Supplication. Adjourned to 5 Afternoon. The Committees to meet at 3. And the Synod to resolve it self into an Interloq^r immediately after this Sed^t. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem &c.

Sess. 3^{ta}.

A Letter from M^r Welsh was read in the Synod, wherein he Ardstra. complains that £40 : 0 : 0 was still due to him from the new Erection in Ardstra, and that the Pby of Letterkenny was about to settle a Minister there notwithstanding that arrear. The Synod appoints the following Bⁿ. namely, Mess^{rs} Boyd, Marshal, Benj. Holmes, & Kinkead from the Pby of Letterkenny, and from Strabane, Mess^{rs} Ferguson, Donaldson, Smith & Armstrong, to meet as a Committee at the town of Ardstra, the 3^d Thursday of July next, to adjust this affair. And that the Committee use their best endeavours to have the arrear, justly due, to M^r Welsh, either paid, or secured, before that Erection be planted. And in case s^d Committee cannot issue that affair, then the Settlement of the Erection shall sist till the meeting of the Sub-Synod of Derry, or the Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee, that shall first come.

Upon application of several Bⁿ. this Synod agrees to erect a new New Sub-Synod. Sub-Synod at B.mena, to consist of the following Presbyteries, namely, Rout, B.mena, & 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. Issaac 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 & Ja^s Wilson in Maghera was Ninian Barkley, &c. 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 perswasion, in the bounds of the Synod.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Committees at 7. An Interloq^t immediately after this Sed^t. Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 4th.

Die Jovis. Hora nona Mans, &c.

Enniskillen.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod, from Enniskillen by Arch^d M^oDonald, 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 s^d arrear, unless this Synod give them some advice & assistance. The Synod refers them to be directed by the Pby of Monaghan.

Arrear of the Fund.

This Synod considering the great Arrear of the Fund still due to the heirs of the late Mess^{rs} Henry, Hemphill, & Dick, are of opinion that the Congregations that owe s^d arrear shall be reckoned infamous for their injustice, in case they shall not pay it before next Gen^l Synod.

Overture

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 Gen^l 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 Gen^l Synod, at their next meeting, that a proportional summe may be paid to every Miⁿr on the Fund. This Synod farther appoints the following Bⁿ. to be Collectors, namely. For Killeleagh Pby, M^r Strong. For Armagh, M^r Cherry. For Drummore, M^r Allen. For T.Patk., M^r Tim. White. For B.mena, M^r Brown. For Strabane, M^r Ferguson. For Rout, M^r Cochran. For Dublin, M^r M^oBeath. For Monaghan, M^r Ambrose. For Tyrone, M^r Duffine. For Letterkenny, M^r Dunlop. For Derry, M^r Hood. And for Bangor, M^r Moorhead.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod & excused are, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Reid, W^m Smith, Ja^s Johnstown, Rob^t Gordon, Ja^s Cobham, Alex^r Brown, W^m Livingstone, Ja^s Fraser, Joⁿ Thomson, Tho^s Brown, Ja^s Maxwell, Neh. Donaldson, And^r Welsh, Ja^s Thomson, Fr. Ross, Joⁿ Thomson, Rob^t Brown, Rob^t Henry, Rob^t M^oMaster, Ch. M^oCollum, Alex^r Flemming, Ja^s Bond, And^r. Dean, Tho^s Kennedy, Joⁿ Macleive, Hu. Sharp, Rob^t Wirling, Joⁿ M^oGaughy, Joⁿ Marshal, Will^m Laird, Benj. Holmes, And^r. Hamilton, Joⁿ Stirling, Tho^s Harvey, Maj^r. Murray, Nin. Cochran, Tho^s Strawbridge, And^r. Ferguson, Ja^s Stewart, Ch. Masterton. Fr. Montgomery, & Neth. Orr.

Not excused

Absent and no excuse from them are, Mess^{rs} Hu. W^mson, Sam^l Forgie, Tho^s Scott, Gilb^t Kennedy, Ja^s Armstrong, Michael Henry, Joⁿ Maxwell, Ja^s Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, W^m Thomson, Tho^s Crawford, Joⁿ M^oConnell, Joⁿ Lewson, Clot. Brown, W^m Holmes,

Joⁿ Brown, Ja^s M^cCurdie, Joⁿ Semple, Joⁿ Hemphill, Ja^s Smith, W^m Armstrong, Joⁿ Osborne, Gidⁿ Neilson, W^m Patton, Joⁿ Algeo, Hu. Mulligan, W^m Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, John Holmes, Dav. Harvey, Thoⁿ Bond, Joⁿ Montgomerie, Joⁿ Lile, Dav. Walker, Joⁿ Hood, W^m Hare, Rob^t Cunningham, And^r Malcolm, Hu Dickson, Sam^l Allex^r, And^r Kennedy, Ja^s Huey, W^m Rodgers, & Ja^s M^cKean.

A Letter from Mr. Ch. M^cCollum 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 M^r Higinbothom be joined to the Pby of Rout; provided that Pby, M^r Higinbothom, and his Session be all satisfied.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

This Interloq^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. Brittain, agreed that a congratulatory address be drawn up, & sent by this Synod, to him: and that a draught of s^d address be formed & brought in to next Interloq^r by the following Bⁿ. namely, Mess^{rs} Higinbothom, Dunlop, Vict^r Ferguson, Ambrose, & M^r 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^{rs} Jaⁿ White, Menogh, Lynd, Wallace, Carlile, & Joⁿ Cochran, & be also laid before next Interloq^r.

Interloq^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 Miⁿrs 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.

Address

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINERS. & ELDERS ASSEMBLED IN A GEN^l SYNOD AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 17, 1746, IN THEIR OWN NAME & IN THE NAME OF ALL THEIR PERSWASION IN THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND.

May it please your Majestie,

We, your Maj^{ties} most dutifull and loyal subjects, the Miⁿrs & Elders, &c., beg leave, on this first occasion of our Meeting,

to express the utmost destation of that horrid & unnatural Rebellion, raised in Great Brittain, by perfidious men, enemies to their King, their Country, & their own happyness.

It is therefore with the greatest unanimity & warmth, that we congratulate your Maj^{ty}, on the glorious victory, with which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless your Maj^{ty's} 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 Maj^{ty's} 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 Maj^{ty} that it is our firm resolution to persevere in our duty & Loyalty to your Maj^{ty}, 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 & viligant administration of your Maj^{ty's} Deputy ye E. of Chesterfield.

That Almighty God would unite the hearts of all your subjects in principles of loyalty to your Maj^{ty} 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 Interloqr then considered who would be the proper persons to transact, at C——t, the affair of the memorial: the following B^s were named, viz., Mess^{rs} Higinbothom, Carlile, Dunlop, Ja^s White, M^cBride, Joⁿ Maxwell, & M^cMaster, out of whom, two are to be chosen, to morrow morning by ballotting.

Interloqr. 3.

Mrs. Stewart Ordered that M^{rs} Stewart of Donoghadee be paid the arrear of Ord^{ry} R.D. & that she continue to have a share af it, till the Congregation be planted.

Mrs. Hastings Ordered that M^{rs} Hastings have a share of the Ord^{ry} R.D. till the Congregation of Balinderry be planted.

Mr. Wilson It was moved that M^r Wilson of Moywater shall have a double portion of ye Ord^{ry} 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; ^{Sligo} and that a portion of the Ord^r R.D. be allowed towards payment of the Suppliers. It was further ordered that the Pby of Letterkenny shall supply them as they can; & that s^d Pby may write for such suppliers, as they shall think proper: and that the Pbyes to whom they write, shall send the supplies if they can.

M^r M^cMaster sent the Charity to the widows, as promised last year, & it was transmitted to them.

It was moved that the Commiss^{rs} 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 Commiss^{rs}. 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 Interloq^t proceeded to choose the Commiss^{rs}, & the plurality of the suffrages were for Mess^{rs} White & Maxwell, & in case any of them fail, M^r M^cMaster is to go in his place, or failing him M^r Higinbothom. It was farther agreed that the Synods fixed Committee meet the first Wednesday of Aug^t, to consider the time of our Commiss^{rs} 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^r Rob^t Higinbothom Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim. 4. 16. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sed^t* of

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		Rout Pby.	
Jon. Maxwell,	Capt. Bell.	Ch. Lynd	Saml. Woodburn
Drummore Pby.		Robt. M'Bride	Hu. Hamilton
Jas. Allen,	Jas. M'Adam	Jon. Cochran	Jon. Bichet
Jon. King	Jon. Lawrie	Fr. Ross	Archd. Fisher
Saml. Sims	Jas. Henry	Jon. Thomson	Robt. Henry
Wm. Thomson	Jon. Smith	Dav. Smylie	Jackson Clark
T. Patk Pby.		Robt. Brown	Benj. Brown
Jas. Cobham		Gidn. Neilson	Andr. Pattison
Alexr. Brown	Jon. Sutlington	Robt. Henry	Thos. Maghland
Tim. White	Robt. Blackley	Allexr. Cumine	Robt. Huey
Wm. Thomson		Jon. Logue	Jon. Huey
Jon. Thomson	Jas. Lindsay	Saml. Buys	Robt. Reid
Wm. Henderson			
Thos. Brown	Thos. M'Cutcheon	Strabane Pby.	
B. mena Pby.		None.	
Robt. Higinbothom	Allexr. Patk.]	Dublin Pby.	
Jas. White, [Sen.]	Jon. Hood	Robt. M'Master.	
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton	Ch. M'Collum	
Wm. Holmes	Mr. M'Couchy	Monaghan Pby.	
Jas. M'Creight	Archd. Brown	Jon. Carlile	
Jas. M'Curdie	Jon. Young	Jas. Bond	
Jon. Semple	Jas. Blackley	Jas. Gordon	Robt. M'Allen
Jas. Cochran	Jas. Dickie	Thos. Boyle	
Fr. O'Bryan			
Jas. White, Jun.	Jon. Bryson	Derry Pby.	
Tyrone Pby.		Thos. Bond	Thos. Crockitt
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Givean	Jon. Lisle	Jas. Horner
Jon. Kennedy	Wm. Man	Hen. Ereskine	
Jon. Gibson		Bangor Pby.	
Ch. Caldwell.	Dav. Sloan	Ch. Masterton	Jon. Brown
Jas. Turretine	Jon. Anderson]	Andr. Malcolm	
Adam Duffine	Robt. Sparks	Saml. Allexr.	Hu. Sprunt
Jon. Ker		Jas. Huey	Jon. Stitt
Letterkenny Pby.		Wm. Rodgers	
Saml. Dunlop		Wm. Warnock	
Wm. Boyd	Jon. Hindman	Killeleagh Pby.	
Dav. Farlie	Saml. Smith	Allexr. M'Combe	
Jon. Holmes		Jas. Armstrong	Thos. Maxwell
Wm. Wilson		Jon. Strong	
Jon. Marshal	Jon. Brown		
Wm. Laird	Jon. Kinkead		
Allexr. Miller.			

Modr.

M^r Higinbothom proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bⁿ were named as a leet, viz., Mess^{rs} Jo^a

Maxwell, Ja^s Allen, W^m Thomson, Ja^s M^cCurdie, Fr. Ross, Ch : M^cCollum, Jo^a Kennedy, Dav. Fairlie, Jo^a Lisle, & Sam^l Alex^r. The Roll was called & M^r M^cCurdie was chosen. And Jo^a Cochran was CLK. continued Clk *nom : contradicente.*

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 minrs 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 tha 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^t qui supra. Sess. 2^a

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^r Sam^l Licensed Thomson, who subscribed : & Installed M^r Sam^l Sims at Tillilish Nov^r 4. 1746.

B.mena Pby have Ordained M^r Ja^s White at Ranaldstown Ap^r 28, Ordained 1747, who subscribed.

M^r Jos: Hemphill in the Pby of Strabane dyed June 1747. Dead, &c.

Rout Pby have ordained M^r Jo^a Logue at Dunluce, July 1. 1746, and M^r Sam^l Buys at Bellyrashean, Oct. 28. 1746. They both subscribed. They report that M^r Ja^s Thomson dyed Jan^r 25. 1746/7.

Monaghan Pby report that M^r Alex^r Wadsworth dyed March 31. 1747.

Tyrone Pby have entered Mess^{rs} Ja^s Todd & Ja^s White on 2^d tryals. They report that M^r Tho^s Kennedy dyed July 3. 1746.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained M^r Alex^r Miller at the new Erection in Ardstra Nov^r 4. 1746. have Licensed M^r Rob^t Law. They both subscribed, They also have entered M^r Tho^s Vance on 2^d tryals.

Derry Pby have entered M^r W^m Cochran on first tryals. They report that M^r Tho^s Harvey dyed March 13th 1746/7.

Bangor Pby have entered Mess^{rs} Patk Buchanan & Rich^d Walker on 2^a Tryals. And have Ordained M^r Will^m Warnock at Donaghadee, May 20. 1747. He Subscribed.

The Members of the Synod's fixed Committee are :

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Menogh & Moodie, M^r Jo^a Moodie, Elder.

Synod's Fixed
Committee

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} Allen & King.

For T.Patk, Fraser & White.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & Brown, M^r Ch: Johnston, Elder

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Armstrong.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} Cochran & Smylie, M^r Jackson Clark, Elder.

For Dublin, No Return.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Carlile & M^cKye.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Duffine.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Benj: Holmes & Kinkead:

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Cuningham & Malcolm, M^r Jo^s Brown, Elder.

For Killileagh, Mess^{rs} Will^mson & M^cCombe.

These with our Mod^r & Clk, are to meet at Maghrefelt, when called by the Mod^r on any Emergent. 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Minrs.

Mrs. Hemphill

The charitable contribution for M^rs 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^t next.

Mr. Heron

M^r 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.

Mrs. Henry

A melancholy complaint, contained in a letter from M^r Hu : Henry was read in the Synod. setting forth that tho' it had been promised to continue the Fund to M^rs 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 Pbyes 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 s^d money. And that this may be the more effectually done, the Synod appoints that the Pbyes hold visitations in the deficient congregations : and make report of their diligence, to their respective Sub-Synods.

Fund

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 Mess^{rs} Ja^s White, Allen, Allex^r Brown, Lynd, M^cMaster, Ja^s & Tho^s Bond, Wallace, Dunlop, Malcolm, & Ja^s Armstrong ; who are to meet in the

Intervals of the Synod. Adjourned to 3 afternoon. Concluded w^t prayer.

Hora 3^{ta} post Meridiem &c.

Sess. 3^{ta}

Appeared from the 3^d Congregation in Belfast, Mess^{rs} Alex^r Belfast Young, Jo^a Brown, &c., Commrs prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Sub-Synod of Derry, in reference to the Transportation of M^r W^m 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 Commrs from Belfast were heard, who promise to give M^r Laird £70 ꝓ an. during M^r Mastertons life, if the desired transportation take place; and in case he shall survive M^r Masterton; they will give him either £80 ꝓ 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 ꝓ annum.

M^r Jo^a Brown from Rye was heard, who earnestly desired that M^r Laird may be continued with them. M^r 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, M^r Alex^r 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 3^d Tuesday of June, 1748. Next Synod Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Absent from this Synod, & excused, are Mess^{rs} Ja^s Johnston, Jo^a Absents excused Menogh, Rob^t Gordon, W^m Livingstone, Ja^s Fraser, Tho^s Crawford, Jo^a McConnel, Ja^s Maxwell, Neh. Donaldson, Jo^s Osborne, W^m McBeath, Bap^t Boyd, Alex^r Fleming, Jo^a MacIeve, Ja^s Orr, Hu. Sharp, Rob^t Wirling, Jo^a McGaughie, And^r Hamilton, Jo^a Stirling, Maj^r Murray, Nin. Cochran, Ja^s Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja^s Reid, & W^m Smith.

Absent & no excuse from them, are Mess^{rs} Geo. Cherrie, Ja^s Not excused Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, Henry Jackson, Jo^a Mulligan, Jo^a Lewson, Clot. Brown, Vict^r. Ferguson, Ja^s Smith, And^r Welsb, W^m Armstrong, W^m Patton, Patk. Plunket, And^r Dean, Jo^a Algeo, Ja^s Hamilton, W^m Ambrose, Alex^r McKye, Geo. Carson, Jas. Clark, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Benj. Holmes, Jo^a Kinkead, Tho^s Strawbridge, And^r Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Jo^a Montgomrie, Dav. Walker, Jo^a Hood, W^m Hare, Rob^t Cuninghame, Jo^a Moorhead, Hu. Dickson, And^r Kennedy, Ja^s McKean, Hu. Will^mson, Saml. Forgie, Tho^s Scott, Gilb^t Kennedy, Mich^l Henry, & W^m Dunu.

Dunluce

From Dunluce appear Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Huey & Ed. Kelly prosecuting an Appeal from a sentence of the Pby of Rout; and complaining that s^d 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 Bⁿ, namely, Mess^{rs} W^m Boyd, Ja^s White, And^r Malcolm, Ja^s Cochran, & Joⁿ Strong shall meet immediately after this Sed^t & issue that affair.

Bangor

A Supplication from Bangor was presented to this Synod by M^r Joⁿ Taggart, desiring to be supplied for the months of July, Aug^t & Sept^r by Mess^{rs} Tho^s Plunket, Tho^s Brown, & Ja^s Cochran, and that such other Suppliers as they shall afterwards call for, may be sent them, upon their writing to the respective Pbyes. The Supplication was granted.

Vinicash

From Vinicash appear Mess^{rs} Tho^s 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^c paid Vinicash in their late minrs time, be allowed to continue their payments as formerlie, namely, Drumara, Rathfryland, Donoghlonie, Tonoghmore, Clare, Loughbrickland, Markethill, & Port-norris. Which was granted.

Ballinderry

A Supplication from Balinderry was presented to this Synod by M^r 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^r at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess 4th

Die Veneris Hora nona Mane, &c.

Bellyneure

A Supplication was presented to this Synod, from part of the Congregation of Bellyneure, by Dav. Arch^d, &c., representing that as M^r 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^s Scott, &c., representing it as the desire of a great number there, that M^r Brown be Installed, and his relation to them as their Miñ^r, 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^r Brown at Bellyneure, 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^r at 4.

Concluded w^t prayer.

Hora 5^a post meridiem &c.

Sess. 5

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^{rs} And^r Hairshaw & Joⁿ Potts from Loghbrickland, supplicate Loghbrickland that M^r 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 supplies, ye severall Pbyes 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^r Masterton, that s^d M^r Young supply the 3^d Congregation in Belfast, the last Sab. of June, & the two first Sab's of July next.

Supplications from the several Sessions & Congregations of Complaint of errors, &c. Magheraly, Drummore, Drumara, & Bollyronie were read in the Synod, complaining of sundrie Errors & Corruptions creeping in upon this Church, & praying that they may be redressed, & for the future prevented. The Comm^{rs} from these Sessions &c specifyed & laid before the Synod, several of these errors & Corruptions which they looked upon to be greivous & troublesome to them and their Constituents, They being removed, the Synod considered the affair & after reasoning it was agreed that the following Bⁿ. namely, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Cobham, Sam^l Dunlop, Rob^t Higinbothom, W^m Boyd, Ja^s White, Joⁿ Carlile, Rob^t M^cBride, Rob^t M^cMaster, & Joⁿ 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^r Belfast. Mastertons infirmities, & for the greater encouragement to M^r Lairds subjecting himself to this Synod, in their Resolution of Yesterday, w^t w^c they expect his compliance; that this Synod may renew their former order, namely, that the several Pbyes may be enjoined to send them such Suppliers, as they shall from time to time, write for, till next Synod. Which was granted. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning. Concluded w^t prayer.

*Die Veneris. Hora 8^{va} Mano &c.*Sess. 6^a.

The Bⁿ appointed last night, now brought in a Paper, called a Serious Warning, &c., w^c was read. After reasoning upon it, & some amendments, the Question was put, viz., approve s^d Paper, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed in the affirmative by the whole Synod, excepting one voice. It was also agreed that a fair Copy of s^d

Paper be sent to Belfast, 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.

Serious Warning
&c.

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 mens 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 erroneous 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 erroneous 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 duely 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 & Profanness & Fast. the confusions thereby occasioned in this Church, agree that a Fast be observed by our several Congregations, the 3^d Wednesday of July next.

A letter from the Session & Congregation of Caple Street, was Caple-Street. read wherein they desire that the several Pbyes may be ordered to send them such suppliers, as they shall, from time to time, write for till next Synod. Particularly that M^r W^m Warnock may supply them for six weeks, beginning the 2^d Sab: of July next. Which was granted.

It was moved that this Synod would consider how far Communion Com wt the Non-Subscribers shall be allowed by us. After reasoning, it Non-Subs. 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 Pbyes 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 Commrs from Belfast desire that Synod would advise Belfast. M^r 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^r Laird accordingly. It was farther agreed that M^r Laird give his finall answer, in this affair, to the Pby 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^r Ja^s Gordon, as they expected &c as represented in their Supplication: as also desiring supplies. The Synod refers the issuing of this affair to the Pby of Drummore, w^t Correspondents, to meet at Drummore the 2^d Tuesday of July next. The Correspondents to be, from Bangor Pby, Mess^{rs} Cuninghame, Malcolm, & M^r Kean. From Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} Will^mson, Forgie & Strong. From Armagh, Mess^{rs} Johnston, Cherrie & Moodie with their Elders.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloqr. 1.

M^{rs} Sinclair & M^{rs} Crawford, two of the widows that were on M^r M^cMasters Charity, being now dead; he has thought proper to place M^{rs} Neil & M^{rs} Dykes in their room.

M^r Lang our Treasurer being now with us, the Interloqr^t appointed the following B^s. namely, Mess^{rs} Sam^l Dunlop, W^m Boyd & Ja^s White to examine his accounts, & make report to next Interloqr^t.

Interloqr. 2.

The B^s appointed to examine M^r Lang's accounts, now make report, that they have done so and observe that they are clear and satisfying: with which the Interloqr^t is well pleased.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 11.
1747.

A Synod at Maghresfelt June ye 21, 1748.

M^r Ja^s M^cCurdie Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Tit. 2. 15. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sed^t* of

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Drummore Pby.		Strabane Pby.	
Jon. King	Jas. Potts	Victr. Ferguson	Jon. Anderson
T. Patk Pby.		Jas. Smith	Jas. Lindsay
Jas. Cobham	Mr. Shaw	Wm. Armstrong	
Alexr. Brown		Jos. Osborne	
Tim. White	Robt. Allen		
Wm. Thomson		Rout Pby.	
Thos. Crawford		Ch. Lynd	Jon. Barr
Jon. Thomson	Jas. Lindsay	Robt. M'Bride	Hu. Henry
Thos. Brown	Wm. Clark	Jon. Cochran	Robt. Stewart
Wm. Henderson		Jon. Thomson	Wm. Cathcart
Jon. M'Connell	Saml. Robison	Dav. Smylie	Jackson Clark
Jon. Lewson	Robt. Steele	Robt. Brown	Jon. Robison
Geo. Heron	Jas. Hill	Gidu. Neilson	Jon. Pattison
		Robt. Henry	Robt. Bailie
B.mena Pby.		Allexr. Cumine	Jas. Henry
Robt Higinbothom		Jon. Logue	Jon. Allexr.
Jas. White, Senr.		Wm. Cochran	
Jon. Hill	Thos. Simson		
Wm. Holmes	Jas. Gleghorn	Dublin Pby.	
Jas. M'Creight	Patk. Diekie	Wm. M'Beath	
Jas. M'Curdie	Robt. Edmestone		
Jon. Brown	Allexr. Young	Monaghan Pby.	
Jon. Semple	Jas. Kempton	Patk. Plunket	Thos. Plunkett
Jas. Cochran	Ch. Thomson	Wm. Ambrose	Jon. Moreland
Fr. O'Bryan	Jas. Aja	Dav. Hutchison	Jon. Porter
Jas. White, jun ^r	Jas. Moor	Jas. Gordon	Jon. Skinnier
		Thos. Boyle	
Tyrone Pby.			
Hu. Wallace	Wm. Johnston	Baogor Pby.	
Jon. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling	Robt. Cuningham	
Jon. Gibson	Hu. M'William	Andr. Malcolm	Jon. Claghertie
Ch. Caldwell	Wm. Ramsay	Jon. Moorhead	
Jas. Turretine		Hu. Dickson	
Adam Duffine	Robt. Wilson	Saml. Allexr.	Hu. Sprout
Jon. Ker	Jon. Davison	Andr. Kennedy	Dav. Paterson
Jas. Todd	Wm. M'Cullogh	Jas. Huey	
Jon. White, jun ^r	Thos. Holiday	Wm. Rodgers	
		Wm. Laird	Jon. Brown
Letterkenny Pby.		Wm. Warnock	Archd M'Kye
Saml. Dunlop	Jas. Smith		
Jon. Holmes		Killeleagh Pby	
Thos. Vance	Andr. Cample	Allexr. M'Combe	Wm. Shaw
		Wm. Dunn	
Derry Pby.			
Andr. Ferguson	Jas. M'Adoo	Armagh Pby.	
Hen. Ereskine	Jas. Hemphill	Geo. Cherrie	Wm. Hutchison
Jon. Hood		Jon. Maxwell	Jos. Boyd
Wm. Hare	Robt. Cochran	Geo. Ferguson	Jas. M'Cleure
		Henry Jackson	

Modr. M^r M^cCurdie proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bⁿ. were named as a leet, viz., Mess^{rs} W^m Thomson, Joⁿ Brown, Vict^r Ferguson, Joⁿ Thomson, W^m M^cBeath, Patk Plunkett, Joⁿ Kennedy, And^r Ferguson, Sam^l Allex^r, W^m Dunn, & Joⁿ Maxwell. The Roll was called & M^r Joⁿ Brown was chosen.

Clk. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk.

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, Books, Bills, Fund, & the Synods fixed Committee: 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.

Prayer. 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.

Sess. 24^a.

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:

Ordained,
Licensed,
Dead, &c.

T. Patk Pby report that they have ordained M^r Geo. Heron at Island Magee Aug^t 18, 1747.

Strabane Pby have ordained M^r Hu. Young at Derg, June ye 8, 1748, and Licensed M^r Ja^s Scott. They report that M^r Neh. Donaldson dyed July ye 7, 1747.

Rout Pby have ordained M^r Hu. Gaston at Bellywolin, Feb^r ye 23, 1747/8. And M^r Will^m Cochran at Dunbo, May ye 10, 1748. And are about to enter Mess^{rs} Rob^t Ewing & Tho^s Reid on first tryals.

Dublin Pby have entered M^r Eben^r Killburn on 2^d tryals.

Monaghan Pby have entered M^r W^m Flemming on 2^d tryals. They report that M^r Joⁿ Carlile dyed May ye 22, 1748.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Ja^s Todd at Vinicash July ye 22^d, 1747. And M^r Joⁿ White at Bellyclog, July ye 23, 1747.

Letterkenny Pby have Ordained M^r Tho^s Vance at Ramelton, Aug^t the 18, 1747.

Derry Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} W^m Cochran & And^r. Allex^r, have entered Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Hall, Jos. Duglass, & W^m M^cNeilie on first tryals: and M^r Jos. Reagh on 2^d tryals. They report that M^r Nin. Cochran has dimitted his charge at Fane.

Bangor Pby have ordained M^r Richard Walker at Saintfield, July ye 28, 1747. M^r Patk. Buhannan at Lisburn, July ye 29, 1747. And have Installed M^r W^m Laird at Belfast Sept^r ye 16, 1747. They report that M^r Ja^s Stewart dyed March ye 3^d, 1747/8.

Killeleagh Pby report that M^r W^m Smith dyed July 1747. And M^r Hu. Wiil^mson dyed March ye 3^d 1747/8.

Armagh Pby have Licensed M^r W^m Sloan.

The Members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are :

Synod's
Commit.

For Drummore Pby, Mess^{rs} King & Sims, M^r Joⁿ Lowry, Eld^r.

For T.Patk, Mess^{rs} White & W^m Thomson, M^r M^cConchy, Eld^r.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & Brown, M^r Ch. Johnstoun,
Eld^r.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Smith & Armstrong.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry, M^r Jackson Clark, Eld^r.

For Dublin, Mess^{rs} M^cBeath & M^cCollum.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Wallace & Caldwell, M^r Tho^s Holiday, Eld^r.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Cuningham & Malcolm, M^r Joⁿ Brown, Eld^r.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Dunn, M^r W^m Taylour, Eld^r.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Menogh & Moodie, M^r Joⁿ Moodie, Eld^r.

These with our Mod^r & Clerk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^r on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12, at least, to be Ministers.

M^r M^cCombe is appointed to write to the Collectors in the several Pbyes who have been deficient in raising the charitable Contribution for the relief of M^{rs} Hemphill that they use diligence in that affair; & transmitt the money so raised, to him. M^{rs} Hemphill

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. Drogheda

Next Synod to be at Maghrefelt, the 3^d Tuesday of June, 1749. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon. Next Synod.

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^r Clot. Brown at Bellyneure 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^{ta} post Meridiem &c.

Sess. 3^{ta}.

From the Congregation of Bangor, appeared Joⁿ Blackwood, Esq^r Mess^{rs} Ja^s Crawford, &c., Commiss^{rs} prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Pby of Rout, with reference to the Removal of M^r Joⁿ Cochran from the Congregation of Killraghtes, to that of Bangor; they presented a Supplication, earnestly requesting that the desired Transportation may take place. Bangor &
Killraghtes.

Appeared also from Killraghtes Mess^{rs} Ja^s Clark, Rob^t Stewart, &c., Commiss^{rs} 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 Commiss^{rs} from Bangor propose to give Security for the payment of 60 lib. & 20 boles of oats yearly for M^r Cochran's maintainance. M^r 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 carryed 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. Interloq^t at 9. Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 4th.*Die Jovis. Hora decima, ante Meridiem &c.*

Absta. excused.

Absent from this Synod & excused are Mess^{rs} Rob^t Gordon, Ja^s Allen, W^m Livingstone, Ja^s Fraser, Ja^s Maxwell, Rob^t M^cMaster, Ch. M^cCollum, Bap^t Boyd, Alex^r Flemming, Geo. Carson, Joⁿ Macleve, Ja^s Orr, Hu. Sharp, W^m Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, Rob^t Wirling, Joⁿ Stirling, Maj^r Murray, Nin. Cochran, Tho^s Strawbridge, Dav. Harvey, Ch. Masterton, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja^s Reid, Sam^l Forgie, Tho^s Scott, Ja^s Johnstoun, Joⁿ Menogh, & Ja^s Moodie.

Not excused.

Absent & no excuse from them are Mess^{rs} Sam^l Sims, W^m Thomson, Joⁿ Mulligan, And^r. Welsh, Hu. Young, Fr. Ross, Sam^l Buys, Hu. Gaston, W^m Patton, Ja^s Bond, And^r Dean, Joⁿ Algeo, Ja^s Hamilton, Alex^r M^cKye, Ja^s Clark, Hu. Mulligan, Joⁿ M^cGaughy, W^m Wilson, Joⁿ Marshal, Benj. Holmes, And^r. Hamilton, Jo^s Kinkead, Alex^r Miller, Tho^s Bond, Joⁿ Montgomrie, Joⁿ Lisle, Dav. Walker, Ja^s M^cKean, Rich^d Walker, Patk. Buhannan, Gilb^t Kennedy, Ja^s Armstrong, Mich^l Henry, Joⁿ Strong, & Geo. Henry.

Killraghtes

This Synod, at the desire of the Com^mrs 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 Pbyes wrote to, that they send these Suppliers, if possible.

Clonanise.

From Clonanise, a part of the Congregation of Aghalaw, appear Ja^s M^cFarland, &c., complaining that s^d Congregation has not been supplied as usual, by the Pby of Monaghan, since the 14th of Feb^r last. The Synod refers the decision of that affair to a Committee to consist of the following Bⁿ. namely, from Armagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Cherrie, Maxwell, & Ferguson. From Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Kennedy, Gibson, & Ker. From Strabane, Mess^{rs} Welsh & Young. And that the Pby of Monaghan appoint some of their number to give light in that affair. They are to meet at Caledon the last Tuesday of July next.

Dunluce.

Upon a Complaint made by the Congregation of Dunluce in reference to an Arrear alledged to be due by the five towns disannexed from them last Synod. This Synod appoints Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & M^cCurdie, to meet with the Parties at Bellymony, the 3^d 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^s 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. ^{Drumaul & Grainge.}

From Drumaul appear Capt^s. Dobbin, Jo^s 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, after reasoning, 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 M^r ^{Mr Ashe} 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., Londonderry, which yet owes £3 10 0. Glendermott, £4 10 0. Newtownlemmavaddie, £9 0 0. Saint Johnstoun, £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^r at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Hora Sexta post meridiem &c.

Sess. 5^{ta}

An Appeal from a Resolution of the Pby of T.Patk was presented ^{Mr M^cDowal} to this Synod by M^r Joⁿ M^cDowal, with reference to the admitting some members to the Congregation of Carrickfergus, without Certificates. The Synod appointed Mess^{rs} Ja^s White, Sen^r, Rob^t M^cBride, & Ja^s M^cCurdie, to go out, & confer with M^r M^cDowal. Which Bⁿ 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 M^r 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 Mi^{ns}; and the same to be communicated to the Several Sessions in our bounds. By w^o we hope, that Gentlemans greivances 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^r Ch. M^cCullom was read in the Synod, desiring ^{Caple-Street} that Suppliers may be ordered for the Congregation of Caple-Street as formerlie. And particularly that M^r Joⁿ White be appointed to supply there, for six Sabbaths, beginning the 4th Sab: of July next, which was granted.

Castleblaynie

From Castleblaynie appeared Joⁿ Skinner, &c., prosecuting an Appeal from a Sentence of the Pby of Monaghan transporting M^r Ja^s 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 peserving M^r Gordon's usefulness at Castleblaynie, especially since that people continue their regard to him.

Loghbrickland

M^r W^m Henry Comm^r from Loghbrickland, presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring that the several Pbyes may be ordered to send them, from time to time, till next Gen^l Synod, such Supplies, as the Pby of Drummore shall write for. And particularly that M^r M^cCordie be appointed to supply them for the month of Aug^t next. The Supplication was granted.

Mrs Dick

A Complaint was laid before this Synod, by M^{rs} Dick, wherein she observes that a considerable Arrear of the Fund is still due to her, by the Congregations of Drumbannagar, Tonoghmore, Moyra, Rathfryland, Markethill, Port-norris, & Magheraly. The Synod recommends the payment of s^d 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^{ts}, 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^c 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 carryed for the first. Then the question was put, namely, Consider or not? The Roll being called it was carryed in the negative by a great majority.

The Mod^r. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

This Interloq^r agrees to allow a double portion of the Ord^{ry} R.D, to Banbreaky, upon their being planted.

Mr Montgomrie

Complaint being made to this Interloq^r that M^r Joⁿ Montgomrie 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^r Weld was read in this Interloq^r giving an account of his transactions for us in England. Mess^{rs} Higinbothom, & Ja^s White, Sen^r are ordered to write an answer to it.

Interloq^r. 2.

This Interloq^r agrees that the children of M^r 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 respective Pbyes, shall be returned to our Treasurer for a portion of the Ord^{ry} R.D. and that after the settlement of the Congregations, where their Husbands laboured, they shall be entitled to £4 0 0 P annum, during their Widowhood, provided the Pby where they reside, recommend them. And that the Widow of the late M^r Rob^t Drummond in the Pby of Letterkenny, M^{rs} Hemphill in the Pby of Monaghan, M^{rs} Stirling, M^{rs} Neil, & M^{rs} Dykes in the Pby of Rout, and M^{rs} Dick in the Pby of Tyrone be returned by the Synod's Clk. for one pound P Q^r each.

Interloq^r. 3.

The advice of this Interloq^r was asked by the Pby of T.Patk in reference to the reponing of M^r Lees to the exercise of the Miñry, as they apprehend he may be usefull, having given good evidence of his repentance. The Interloq^r refers it to that Pby, to doe in that affair, as they shall see fitt.

This Interloq^r considered the melancholy circumstances of the Congregation of Rye, and agrees that some supplyes be sent them by us. And that each suppliyer shall have half a guinea P day, at next Gen^l Synod, over and above what the People shall give. And we now appoiut M^r Ja^s Cochran, for Sab. come sennight. M^r And^r. Hamilton, the Sab. following. M^r Tim. White, the 3^d & 4^d Sabs. of July. M^r W^m Thomson, the last of July & first of Aug^t. M^r Hill the 2^d & 3^d of Aug^t. M^r Ja^s Gordon, the last of Aug^t & first of Sept^r. M^r Ja^s Jackson, the 2^d & 3^d of Sept^r. M^r Rob^t Huey the last Sab. of Sept^r & first of Oct^r. The Pby of Letterkenny if they see cause, may invite others to supply there.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk., S.G.

Aug^t ye 16,
1748.

A Synod at Maghrefelt, June ye 20, 1749.

M^r Joⁿ Brown Mod^r. of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Jon. 2, 6. And then constituted it by prayer. After prayer Sed^t of

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patk Pby.		Rout Pby.	
Jas. Cobham		Robt. M ^r Bride	Jon. Hopkin
Allexr. Brown	Jas. M ^r Clung	Fr. Ross	Archd. Fisher
Wm. Thomson		Jon. Thomson	Robt. Weir
Thos. Crawford		Dav. Smylie	Jackson Clark
Jon. Thomson	Jon. Robison	Robt. Brown	Allexr. Murphy
Thos. Brown		Robt. Henry	Thos. Maghland
Wm. Henderson		Jon. Logue	
		Saml. Buys	
B. mena Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Robt. Higinbothom		Robt. M ^r Master	
Jas. White, Senr.	Jon. Mater	Ebenezer Killburn	
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton		
Wm. Holmes			
Jas. M ^r Creight	Matt. Harper.		
Jas. M ^r Curdie	Dav. Love		
Jon. Brown	Wm. Adams		
Jas. Cochran	Jon. Kennedy		
Fr. O'Bryan	Hu. M ^r Master		
Jas. White, Junr.	Jon. Kinkead		
Strabane Pby.		Monaghan Pby.	
Vict. Ferguson	Jas. Porter	Patk. Plunkett	Jas. Baxter
Andr. Welsh		Wm. Ambrose	Jon. Caldwell
Jos. Osborne		Allexr. M ^r Kye	Aron Rutherford
Hu. Young		Jas. Clark	Jon. Fee
		Dav. Hntchison	Jon. Porter
		Jas. Gordon	Jon. Kinniere
		Thos. Boyle	Ch. Harper
		Wm. Flemming	Thos. M ^r Dowal
		Thos. Plunkett	
Tyrone Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Givean	Allexr. M ^r Combe	
Jon. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling	Jas. Armstrong	
Jon. Gibson	Hu. M ^r Willm.	Jon. Strong	
Ch. Caldwell	Robt. Reid	Wm. Dunn	Jos. Mitchel
Jas. Turretine			
Adam Duffine	Jon. Ramsay		
Jon. Ker	Jon. Wilson		
Jas. Todd	Wm. M ^r Cullogh		
Jon. White	Robt. Wylie		
Letterkenny Pby.		Aragh Pby.	
Saml. Delap		Jon. Menogh	Jon. Elliot
Dav. Fairlie	Robt. Gray	Geo. Cherie	
Jon. Holmes	Wm. Smith	Jas. Moodie	Mr. Sloan
Wm. Wilson		Geo. Ferguson	
Jos. Kinkead		Geo. Henry	
Allexr. Miller		Hen. Jackson	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.		Drummore Pby.	
Dav. Walker	Jon. Fulton	Robt. Gordon	Caleb Nisbit
Hen. Ereskine	Thos. Dnglass	Tim. White	
Wm. Hare		Jas. Allen	Robt. Allen
Jos. Reagh	Jon. Reid	Jon. King	Jon. Lawry
Robt. Huey		Jon. Semple	Hu. Cairnes
		Saml. Sims	Ch. Orr
		Saml. Thomson	Wm. Dods
Bangor Pby.			
Jon. Cochran	Jas. Porter		
Jon. Moorhead			
Saml. Alexr.	Jas. Ferguson		
Wm. Rodgers			
Wm. Laird.	Jon. Brown		
Jas. M'Kean			

M^r Joⁿ Brown moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Mod^r. Synod. The following Bⁿ. were named for a Leet, viz., Mess^{rs} Will^m. Thomson, Joⁿ Hill, Vict^r Ferguson, Joⁿ Thomson, Eben^r Killburn, Patk. Plunkett, Joⁿ Kennedy, Dav. Fairlie, Dav. Walker, Sam^l Alex^r, Alex^r M^cCombe, Joⁿ Menogh, & Rob^t Gordon. The Roll was called, & M^r Joⁿ Kennedy was chosen.

And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk.

Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod next Sed^t, 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^{rs} 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^t qui supra.

Sess. 2^{da}

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 Ja^s Fraser dyed in Aug^t 1748. And that M^r Tim. White was transported from Bellyeaston to Loghbrickland. Dead

B. mena Pby report that M^r Joⁿ Semple was transported from Ahoghill to Anahilt.

Rout Pby have entered Mess^{rs} Rob^t Ewing & Tho^s Reid on first tryals. And Mess^{rs} W^m Calender & Joⁿ Smith on 2^d tryals. They report that M^r Alex^r Cumine dyed Nov^r 9, 1748.

Ordained &c.

Dublin Pby have Ordained M^r Ebenezer Killburn. But when not said.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r W^m Flemming at Banbreaky Aug^t 3, 1748. And M^r Tho^s Plunkett at Inniskilling Dec^r 14, 1748. And have entered M^r W^m Moorhead on first tryals.

Tyrone Pby report that M^r Joⁿ Macleve dyed June 17, 1749.

Letterkenny Pby have Licensed M^r Hu. Delap. And have entered M^r And^r Alex^r on 2^d tryals.

Derry Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} Ja^s M^cNeilly & Joⁿ Hill. Have Ordained M^r Tho^s Reagh at Fane in Aug^t 1748. And M^r Rob^t Huey at Muff, Feb^r 10, 1748/9. The report that M^r Joⁿ Montgomrie dyed March 14, 1748/9.

Bangor Pby have Installed M^r Joⁿ Cochran at Bangor, Dec^r 6, 1748.

Drummore Pby have Ordained M^r Sam^l Thomson at Bellyronie, March 14, 1748/9. And have Installed M^r Joⁿ Semple at Anahilt, June 7, 1749.

Synod's fixed Com.

The Members for the Gen^l Synods fixed Committee are as follows :—

For T.Patk Pby, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & M^cConnel, M^r Joⁿ M^cNeilly, Eld^r.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & Brown, M^r Ch. Johnston, Eld^r.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Armstrong & Young. M^r Ja^s Porter, Eld^r.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} M^cBride & Smylie, M^r Jackson Clark, Eld^r.

For Dublin, Mess^{rs} M^cBeath & M^cCollum.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Wallace & Caldwell.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Cuningham & Malcolm, M^r Joⁿ Brown, Eld^r.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Strong, M^r W^m Taylour, Eld^r.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Menogh & Cherrie.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} King & Sims, M^r Joⁿ Laurie, Eld^r.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^r on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum. Whereof 12 at least to be Miⁿrs.

M^{rs} Hemphill

The affair of the Charity to M^{rs} Hemphill was considered, & the appointment of last Synod renewed : & the following Bⁿ appointed to be Collectors for their respective Pbyes, namely, M^r Joⁿ Thomson for T.Patk, M^r Brown for B.mena, M^r Ferguson, for Strabane, M^r Buys for Rout, M^r M^cMaster for Dublin, M^r Ambrose for Monaghan, M^r

Gibson for Tyrone, M^r Fairlie for Letterkenny, M^r Hare for Derry, M^r Laird for Bangor, M^r Cherrie for Armagh, M^r Strong for Killeleagh, and M^r 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 3^d Tuesday of June, 1750. Next Synod Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

Ja^s Patterson from Killraghtes, supplicated this Synod to renew Killraghtes the appointment of last year, in favour of that Congregation. W^c was granted.

M^r Ch. M^cCollum, by letter. supplicated this Synod to renew their Caple-Street former Order, with respect to the supplying of Caple-Street. And M^r M^cMaster desires that M^r Hu. Young in particular, may be appointed to supply that Congregation for six Sab's, at his convenience. Both which were granted.

Absent from this Synod and excused are, Mess^{rs} W^m Livingstone, Abste excused
Joⁿ M^cConnel, Rob^t Lees, Ja^s Maxwell, Ch. Lynd, Hu. Gaston, W^m Patton, W^m M^cBeath, Ch. M^cCollum, Bap^t Boyd, Alex^r Flemming, And^r Dean, Joⁿ Algeo, Ja^s Hamilton, Geo. Carson, Ja^s Orr, Hu. Sharp, W^m Boyd, Rob^t Wirling, Joⁿ Stirling, Maj^r Murray, Nin. Cochran, Tho^s Strawbridge, Ch. Masterton, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja^s Reid, Sam^l Forgie, Tho^s Scott, & Ja^s Johnston.

Absent & no excuse from them, are Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Lewson, Geo. Not excused
Heron, W^m Armstrong, Gidⁿ Neilson, W^m Cochran. Ja^s Bond, Hu. Mulligan, Joⁿ M^cGaughie, Joⁿ Marshal, Benj. Holmes, And^r Hamilton, Tho^s Vance, And^r Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Tho^s Bond, Joⁿ Hood, Rob^t Cunningham, And^r Malcolm, Hu. Dickson, And^r Kennedy, Ja^s Huey, W^m Warnock, Rich^d Walker, Patk. Buchannan, Gilb^t Kennedy, Joⁿ Maxwell, W^m Thomson, & Joⁿ Mulligan. Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded w^t prayer.

Hora 4^{ta} post meridiem, &c.

Sess. 3th

A supplication from Narrow-water was presented to this Synod, by M^r Cherrie, desiring that they may have a proportion of the Fund. The supplication was granted: and refered to the Committee of the Fund for Localities for £6 0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ annum.

A Supplication from some People in the new Erection in Ardstra, Mr Miller
was presented to this Synod by M^r Ja^s M^cEwing, desiring that the Suspension under which M^r Alex^r. 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 w^c 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 sett forth in s^d minutes. M^r Miller was heard,

at a considerable length, in making Remarks on s^d minutes. The minute of the Sub-Synod of Derry, approving the Conduct, & confirming the sentence of s^d Pby, was also read. All Parties were heard, & being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, & observed that M^r Miller has been guilty of complicated & aggravated prevarication, 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^r Miller, from the Ministry, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed unanimously in the affirmative. Parties were called in, the Minute read, and the Mod^r in the name of the Synod, pronounced the Sentence of Deposition.

Deposed

Ballee

From Ballee appeared Sam^l Heron &c supplicating that this Synod would appoint them the following Supplyes, namely, M^r Joⁿ Smith a Candidate in the Pby of Rout, for the month of July next, M^r Rob^t Smith in the Pby of Monaghan for Aug^t., M^r Tho^s Brown for Sept^r., and M^r Geo. Henry for Oct^r. The Supplication was granted.

Adjourned to 9. to morrow morning. Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 4th

Die Jovis. Hora nona. Mane &c.

A Supplication from Movill was presented to this Synod, setting forth the melancholly circumstances of that People, & praying for a share of the Fund. They are recommended to the Committee of the Fund.

Tobermore

A Supplication from Tobermore was laid before this Synod, by Ja^s Alex^r &c : representing the difficulties they have laboured under since M^r 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^{rs} & the Pby; and after reasoning agreed, that the affair be refer'd to the Pby of Tyrone, with the following Correspondents, namely, Mess^{rs} Hill & M^cCreight from B.mena Pby. Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry from Rout. And Mess^{rs} Lile and Ereskine from Derry. Who are to meet at Tobermore the 3^d Tuesday of Aug^t next, & issue that affair.

M^r Ja^s Hull

M^r Ja^s 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^c were 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.

Cookstown

A Supplication from Cookstown was presented to this Synod by M^r Ja^s Brisbane &c desiring that M^r Jos : Kinkead may be appointed to supply them for one month, commencing the 2^d Sab: of July next. and M^r James Jackson for the month of Aug^t. Which was granted.

This Synod appoints M^r Calender to supply the new Erection in Ardstra next Sab: & M^r Wilson the Sab: following : as also that Mess^{rs} 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 ^{M^r Hen. Ereskine} Synod concerning the disannexing M^r 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 Miñr, 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^l. Galey presented to this Synod, an appeal from a sentence of ^{Dan^l Galey} the Pby of Strabaue: of whom he complains, that they had inflicted a censure on him, which he, the Appell^t, could not comply with. The Pby & he were heard: & the minute of that Pby, with reference to that affair, was read. And whereas that w^c 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^c he the Candidate denied; and Galey did not prove. The Candidate confesseth, that in an inference of a sermon he had asserted, that if we could imitate God only in His moral perfections, His Holiness, Goodness, Justice & truth, & that by imitating him in these things, we obtained a 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^c he answered, that he did not exclude, but took the mediation of Christ in to the account. M^r Tho^s Thomson the above Candidate gave, in writing, an explanation of the expressions w^c 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^r at 6. Concluded with prayer.

Hora Septima post Meridiem, &c.

Sess. 5^{ta}

It was now moved by the Pby of Strabane, that the Synod would consider their conduct in the affair of Dan^l. Galey'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^l Galey shall be admonished for his rashness in reproaching M^r Thomson, & cautioned against the like conduct, for the future; w^o was accordingly done by the Mod^r.

Pby of Monaghan

The Synod at the desire of some members of the Pby of Monaghan, allows that they divide themselves into two Pbyes, as they shall agree, with the assistance of Correspondents, to meet with that Pby, at Castleblaynie the 2^d Tuesday of Aug^t next, namely from Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Gibson and Ker. From Killelagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Henry. From Drummore, Mess^{rs} Allen & Sims. And from Armagh, Mess^{rs} Cherrie & Maxwell, and if at that time, s^d Pby shall think fit to continue together, then M^r Gordon, with the concurrence of his Congregation shall have libertie 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^r at 6. Concluded w^t prayer.

Die Veneris. Hora Octava. Mane &c.

Sess. 6^a

Overt.

The Committee of Overtures, now, laid before the Synod, w^o 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 Pbyes: & 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^l Synod, shall be used in all the Pbyes belonging to this Synod, to be subscribed by all Intrants to Miñry, 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 Pbyes give, yearly, an account of their care & diligence, in this matter, to the Synod.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

Report being made to this Interloq^r of divisions & confusions creeping into the Congregation of Convoy, Mess^{rs} Delap & Higinbotham are ordered to draw up a Letter to be sent to that People, which was done.

M^r M^cMaster now paid the Widows, and has ordered that M^{rs} Hemphill & the widow of M^r Rob^t Drummond, be put into the List in the place of M^{rs} Tombs & M^{rs} Cochran deceased.

Interloq^r. 2.

M^r Viet^r Ferguson complains that he is misrepresented by M^r W^m M^cCrackan, as detaining some part of the R.D. due to his Mother's

familie. The Interloq^r appoints Mess^{rs} Benj: Holmes & W^m Hare, w^t the assistance of W^m Hamilton Esq^{re} & M^r Joⁿ. Porter to inspect & adjust accounts between them.

The Interloq^r 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^r of R.D. and that the Clk shall write to the Treasurer that he transmitt s^d money to the persons who supplied there, according to half a guinea p day.

The Pby of Drummore promise to give, at next gen^l Synod, nine Crowns for the support of Rye. The Pby of Strabane promise one Crown for each Congregation subject to them. Mess^{rs} Menogh, M^cBride, Alex^r, M^cKean, Cherrie, Wallace, Joⁿ Kennedy, W^m Wilson, Ja^s White sen^r & Patk. Plunket promise one Crown each. M^r Joⁿ Brown of Belfast four. And M^r Laird two.

The following Bⁿ. have now paid one crown each to Rye, namely, Mess^{rs} Hutchison, Ambrose, M^cMaster, Moodie, Tho^s Brown & Joⁿ Thomson.

This Interloq^r appoints Brughshane to pay their Fund to Castleblaynie.

Ordered that M^{rs} Cochrans children, and M^{rs} Rainy be allowed one pound p Q^r for one year.

This Interloq^r appoints M^r M^cMaster 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, 1750.

M^r Joⁿ Kennedy Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts 28. 31. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post proces sed^t* of

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
B.mena Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Robt. Higinbothom		Saml. Delap	
Jas. White, senr.	Jon. Armstrong	Jon. Holmes	Mr. Smith
Jon. Hill	Jon. Galloway	Wm. Wilson	
Jas. M ^c Curdie	Jas. Blair	Wm. Callender	
Jas. White, junr.			
Strabane Pby.		Derry Pby.	
Jas. Smith		Dav. Walker	
Hu. Young			
Rout Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Robt. M ^c Bride	Mr. Dav. Snell	Jon. Cochran	Mr. Alexr White
Dav. Smylie	Mr. Wm. Smith	Robt. Cunningham	
Robt. Brown	Jon. Anderson	Andr. Malcolm	Jon. Wells
Gidn. Neilson	Jon. Patteson	Saml. Alexr.	
Saml. Buys	Adam Aul	Jas. Huey	
Wm. Cochran		Wm. Rogers	
Jon. Smith	Mr. Robt. Ewing	Wm. Warnick	
		Patk. Buchannan	Mat. M ^c Creery
		Richd. Walker	
Dublin Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Ch. M ^c Collum	Mr. Wm. Simson	Alexr. M ^c Combe	Mr. Wm. Donaldson
Monaghan Pby.		Jas. Armstrong	
Patk. Plunkett	Mr. Jas. Baxter	Michl. Henry	
Jas. Hamilton		Jon. Strong	
Wm. Ambrose	Jon. Moorhead	Wm. Dunn	Jon. Lindsay
Alexr. M ^c Kye			
Geo. Carson	Mr. Archd. Bell	Armagh Pby.	
Jas. Clark	Saml. Reid	John Menogh	Mr. Thos. Rogers
Dav. Hutchison	Saml. Dale	Jon. Maxwell	Mr. Jos. Johnston
Hu. Mulligan		Geo. Ferguson	Andr. Dickson
Robt. Gordon	Robt. Hamilton	Hen. Jackson	Mr. Robt. Cumine
Thos. Boyle			
Wm. Flemming		Drummore Pby.	
Thos. Plunkett		Tim. White	Jon. M ^c Kibbon
Jas. Jackson	Mr. Alexr. Wilson	Jon. King	Jon. Moffet
Tyrone Pby.		Jon. Semple	Hu. Dobbin
Hu. Wallace		Saml. Sims	Jon. Carlile
Jon. Kennedy	Jon. Reid	Wm. Thomson	Jon. Arnold
Jas. Orr	Jon. Blaynie	Jon. Mulligan	Jon. Neal
Jon. Gibson	Jon. Wilson		
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Smith	T. Patk Pby.	
Jas. Turretine	Jas. Alexr.	None.	
Adam Duffine	Mr. Wm. Brisbane		
Jon. Ker	Jas. Durham		
Jas. Todd	Geo. Innis		
Jon. White	Andr. Young		

M^r Kennedy moved that another be chosen to moderate in this ^{Mod^r} Synod. The following B^{rs}. were named for a Leet, viz., Mess^{rs} Ja^s White Jun^r, Ja^s Smith, Dav: Smylie, Ch: M^cCollum, Patk. Plunkett, Joⁿ Gibson, Sam^l Alex^r, Alex^r M^cCombe, Joⁿ Menogh, Sam^l Sims. The Roll was called, & M^r Gibson was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was ^{Clk.} continued Clk.

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 mi^{ns} 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 Sedⁱ qui supra. Sess. 2^{da}

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^r W^m Holmes, dyed May 1, 1750. ^{Dead}

Strabane Pby report that M^r Ja^s Maxwell dyed Feb^r. 1, 1749/50.

Rout Pby have Licensed M^r Rob^t Ewing, Tho^s Reid & Joⁿ Smith; ^{Ordained &c} have entered Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Rainkin & Joⁿ Wight on first Tryals. And have Ordained M^r Joⁿ Smith at Bovidy Oct^r 31, 1749.

Monaghan Pby have entered M^r Hu: Nesbit on first Tryals, and have Ordained M^r Ja^s Jackson at Bellybay, Feb^r. 21, 1749/50. They report that M^r Bapt. Boyd dyed Nov^r 25, 1749.

Tyrone Pby have entered M^r Alex^r Johnston on first Tryals, and M^r Rob^t Peebles on 2^d tryals. And have Installed M^r Ja^s Turretine at Tebermore.

Letterkenny Pby have entered M^r Hu: Delap on first Tryals: have Ordained M^r And^r Alex^r at Urnie Aug^t 31, 1749. And M^r Callender at the new Erection in Ardstra Oct^r 11, 1749.

Armagh Pby have Licensed M^r W^m Campble.

Drummore Pby have Installed M^r Tim: White at Loughbrickland Sept^r 12, 1749.

Coothill Pby have Licensed M^r W^m Moorhead.

The Members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely, ^{Synod's fixed Com.}

From B.mena Pby, Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & Hill. M^r Ch: Johnston Eld^r.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Armstrong & Young.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} M^oBride & Smylie. M^r Jackson Clark, Eld^r.

For Dublin, Mess^{rs} M^oBeath & M^oCollum.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Duffine.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ & Benj: Holmes.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Malcolm and Huey. M^r Joⁿ Brown Eld^r.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^oCombe & Strong. M^r W^m Taylour Eld^r.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Menogh & Maxwell.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} King & Sims. M^r Joⁿ Lawry Eld^r.

For T. Patk, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & M^oConnel. M^r Joⁿ M^oNeilly Eld^r.

These with our Mod^r. & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^r. on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least to be Ministers.

M^{rs} Hemphill

B. mena Pby have contributed to M^{rs} 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 M^r M^oCollum is to collect for Dublin.

The Pby of Tyrone, with Correspondents, did meet at Tobermore, and ordered the resettlement of M^r Turretine in that Congregation.

M^r Ereskine

The minute of last Synod relating to the Pby of Derry & M^r Ereskine, being read some Bⁿ. 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, M^r Ereskine, was joined to any other Pby, by that Synod. M^r Menogh is appointed to write to him, & his Congregation, that they put themselves under the care of some Pby before next Synod.

Monaghan Pby
divided

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 Pbyes. The one consisting of the following Bⁿ. namely, Mess^{rs} Patk. Plunkett, W^m Ambrose, Geo. Carson, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Tho^s Boyle, W^m Flemming, Tho^s Plunkett & Ja^s Jackson & to be still called the Pby of Monaghan. The other to consist of Mess^{rs} Alex^r Flemming, And^r Dean, Ja^s Bond, Ja^s Hamilton, Joⁿ Algeo, Alex^r M^oKye, Ja^s Clark, & Rob^t Gordon, & to be called the Pby of Coot-hill. Upon the whole, the question was put, namely, Whither the division of the Pby of

Coot-hill

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 Bⁿ. who corresponded with that Pby in their endeavours to promote peace.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq^t at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem &c.

Sess. 3^{ta}

A Supplication from Scotstown was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} Ja^s Brisbane &c: desiring that M^r Rob^t 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.

Scotstown

Application was made to this Synod, by M^r Tim. White, who produced a Commission from the Pby of T.Patk so to doe, desiring that M^r W^m Rogers may be allowed by the Pby of Bangor to supply the Congregation of Belleeaston 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.

Belleeaston

Absent from this Synod, & excused are, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Cochran, Vict^r Ferguson, Ch: Lynd, Joⁿ Thomson, Rob^t Henry, W^m Patton, Rob^t M^cMaster, Will^m M^cBeath, Alex^r Flemming, And^r Dean, Hu: Sharp, W^m Boyd, Dav: Fairly, Rob^t Wirling, Joⁿ Marshal, And^r Alex^r, Joⁿ Stirling, Maj^r Murray, Nin: Cachran, Tho^s Strawbridge, Ch: Masterton, Fr: Montgomerie, Neth: Orr, W^m Laird, Ja^s Reid, Ja^s Johnston, Geo. Cherry, Ja^s Allen, Ja^s Cobham, Alex^r Brown & W^m. Livingstone.

Absts. excused.

Absent & no excuse from them are, Mess^{rs} Ja^s M^cGreight, Joⁿ Brown, Fr: O'Bryan, And^r. Welsh, W^m. Armstrong, Jo^s: Osborne, Fr: Ross, Joⁿ Logue, Hu: Gaston, Eben^r. Killburn, Ja^s Bond, Joⁿ Algeo, Joⁿ M^cGaughy, Benjⁿ. Holmes, And^r. Hamilion, Jo^s: Kinkead, And^r. Ferguson, Dav: Harvey, Tho^s Bond, Joⁿ. Lile, Hen: Ereskine, Joⁿ. Hood, W^m. Hare, Jos: Reagh, Rob^t Huey, Joⁿ Moorhead, Hu: Dickson, And^r. Kennedy, Ja^s M^cKean, Sam^l Forgie, Tho^s Scott, Gib^t Kennedy, Ja^s Moody, Geo: Henry, W^m. Thomson, Tho^s Crawford, Joⁿ Thomson, Tho^s Brown, W^m. Henderson, Jon M^cConnel, Geo: Heron, & Rob^t Leathes, Adjourned to 7 to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Not excused.

Die Jovis. Hora 7^{ma} mane &c.

Sess. 4^{ta}

A Supplication from some persons, formerlie members of the Congregation of Castle Blaynie (but as they set forth, dismissed from that Congregation by the Sub Synod of Armagh) was presented to this Synod by Will^m. Bailie, desiring Snpplyes. The Minute of that Sub Synod with reference to this affair, was read: by w^o it appears that s^d Sub Synod ordered them to pay what arrear they owed to M^r Gordon,

Castle-Blaynie.

and upon their so doing, to get dismissed, & be under the care of the Pby of Monaghan, till the gen^l Synod. M^r Gordon now alledgeth that the above Commiss^r is indebted to C. Blaynie, not only in Stipend due by himself, but also as one of the Bondsmen of the whole Stipend. The Commiss^r alledgeth money to be due to him by s^d Congregation. A Letter from L^d Blaynie, directed to this Synod, was read, wherein his Lordship asserts that M^r Gordon had not made that submission to him, w^o the Pby of Monaghan had enjoined. The Synod ordered M^r Gordon to write a letter of submission to his Lordship, & bring it in to next sed^t: & ordered that a letter, in the name of the Synod to L^d Blaynie, be wrote by M^r Maxwell. The Synod farther enjoins M^r Gordon & the Supplicants, to leave the adjustment of their accounts to the arbitration of Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Kennedy, Joⁿ Gibson, Joⁿ King, Joⁿ Mulligan, & Joⁿ Ker; who are to meet for that purpose, at Kedy, the 4th Wednesday of July next. The Synod farther recommends it to M^r 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 s^d Session shall give Certificates to those who are free of publick scandal: and this to continue till next gen^l Synod, if their differences be not compromised before that time. The Committee afores^d are not only to adjust their Accounts, but also to fix the persons who shall have Certificates.

Next Synod. The next Synod is to be at Antrim the 3^d Tuesday of June 1751. Sermon to begin at 5 o' the clock afternoon.

Caple Street & Derg. From Caple Street appeared Mess^{rs} Ch: M^cCollum, W^m. Simson, &c. prosecuting an Appeal from a Resolution of a Committee of the Pby of Strabane, refusing the Translation of M^r Hu: Young from Derg, to Caple Street. A supplication from Derg was presented to this Synod by W^m. 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 Commiss^{rs} from Caple Street & Derg were all heard, as was also the Pby of Strabane. M^r Young was also heard, who expressed his sincere attachment to Derg. Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, & M^r Delap was desired to pray for light and direction in the issuing of it. Then the Question was putt namely, Remove M^r Young from Derg, to Caple Street, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the negative by a great majority. Parties were called in, and the Minute read to them.

Moyra. From Moyra appeared Alex^r Robison &c supplicating that this Synod would put that, now united, Congregation under the care of the Pby of Bangor, which was granted.

Clogher. Mess^{rs} Tho^s 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^r M^cNeilly for July. M^r Hull for

August. M^r Ewing for Sept^r. M^r Martin for Oct^r. M^r Adams for Nov^r. M^r Sloan for Dec^r. M^r Duglass for Jan^r. M^r Campble for Feb^r. M^r Tho^s Reid from Rout, for March. M^r Sam^l Kennedy for Ap^r. M^r Rowan for May. And M^r Tho^s Reid from Killeleagh Pby for June. They also supplicate that some ordained Miⁿrs be appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Supper to them. The Synod granted the Supplication, & appointed Mess^{rs} Gibson, Cardwell & Ker to administer the Sacrament as desired.

M^r Delap, in the name of the Pby of Letterkenny, applyed to this ^{Raphoe} 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^l Synod, which was granted.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. And immediately resolve this Synod into an Interloq^t. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5^a post Meridiem, &c.

Sess. 5^{ta}

A Supplication from part of the Session & Congregation of Ballee ^{Ballee} was presented to this Synod, by Mess^{rs} 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 s^d Call be tendered to M^r Rob^t Smith) may be considered by this Synod: And farther supplicating that he, M^r 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 Mess^{rs} Ja^s Clark, &c., who gave in a Paper containing a long detaile of the proceedings of that Congregation: & supplicating that M^r 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^r from Rye, appoints Mess^{rs} ^{Rye} M^cCurdie & Lile to administer the Sacrament of the Supper there the second Sabath of Aug^t next

M^r M^cCollum moved that this Synod would grant the same libertie ^{Caple Street} to Caple Street, with respect to their being supplied by the Pbyes, 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 Mess^{rs} Maxwell & M^cCombe to write s^d Letter. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning. Concluded w^t prayer.

Die Veneris. Hora 8^{va} Mane, &c.

Sess. 6^{ta}

This Synod now considered what advice shall be given to ye Pby ^{Ballee} of Killeleagh, with reference to their conduct, for the future, in the affair of Ballee: and in reasoning on this subject, the Synod observed some things advanced last night, & now insisted on, affecting the

Character of M^r Smith, namely, that he from the Pulpit of Clonish, 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 tho' a Committee of the Pby of Monaghan had enquired into that affair, & acquitted him, yet it has not putt 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^r. namely, from Tyrone Pby, Mess^{rs} Kennedy, Gibson, Duffine, & Ker. From Rout, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry. From Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} McCombe & Henry. From B.mena, Mess^{rs} Higinbothom, & Hill. From Strabane, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Young. From Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Marshal & Callender. From Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Hood. From Bangor, Mess^{rs} Allexander & Huey. From Armagh, Mess^{rs} Menogh & Maxwell. From Drummore, Mess^{rs} White & Sims. And from T.Patk, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & McConnel: & with each, an Elder, of which Eight to be a Quorum. They are to meet at Aghnacloy the 3^d Wednesday of July next; and are to give advice to ye Pby of Killeleagh according as M^r Smith's Character shall be cleared, or otherwise.

Scheme for
Minrs Widows,
&c.

A Scheme for creating a Fund for the support of Ministers Widows & Children, being approved by the Interloq^r. And the Interloq^r having appointed Mess^{rs} Delap, Ja^s White Sen^r, King, Menogh, & Maxwell, together with M^r W^m 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 s^d Fund. A Draught of s^d Resolution was now read, and is as follows, namely:— Whereas a Scheme has been formed for enabling such Mi^{ns} 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 shills. a year, out of their proportion of the King's bounty. Now we the Gen^l Synod of Ulster having seriously considered s^d 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 s^d Fund, shall pay yearly, during his being Mi^{ns} of s^d Congregation, the like summe, of forty shills. out of his proportion of the King's bounty, to the continuance of s^d 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.

Fund.

The Committee of the Fund, laid the following Overture before the Synod, w^o 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^l Fund.

The Mod^r. concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

A Scheme for creating a Fund for the support of Miⁿrs Widows & Children, was read in this Interloq^r. & was generally approved, & agreed to; & a subscription of forty shills per Annum was proposed for the raising such Fund. Accordingly several of the Bⁿ. new subscribed.

By Certificates from the Gentlemen who had the inspection of Mr Ferguson Accounts between M^r Victor Ferguson & M^r W^m. M^cCrackan, concerning the R.D. it appears that M^r Ferguson has acted a fair and candid part in that matter.

Interloq^r. 2a.

Several more Bⁿ now subscribed to the Fund for the support of Miⁿrs Widows &c. This Interloq^r agrees, that the following Bⁿ, namely, Mess^{rs} Delap, Ja^s White Sen^r, King, Menogh, & Maxwell, together wth M^r W^m 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^d Fund.

Interloq^r. 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 Pbyes; in order to their taking farther subscriptions.

This Interloq^r also considered, & chose Trustees for the Management of this Fund, & these are Allex^r. Stewart Esq^{ro}, Will^m. Lennox Esq^{ro}, Alderman Ja^s Dun, Doctor Geo: Martin, Doctor Geo: Maconchy, and the Rev^d M^r Rob^t M^cMaster, all of the City of Dublin: and farther agreed that M^r W^m Bruce be requested to write to the above Gentlemen, beseeching them to accept of that Trust.

It w^{as} also agreed to invite the Pby of Antrim to join in this Scheme. M^r Maxwell is appointed to write to s^d Pby for that purpose.

Inserted ¶

July 23.
1750.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

A Genl. Synod at Antrim, June ye 18, 1751.

M^r Joⁿ Gibson Mod^r. of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. 4.5, and then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sed^t* of

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. M'Cracken		Hu. Wallace	
Hu. Delap	Wm. Scott	Jon. Kennedy	Ch. Nimmo
		Jon. Gibson	Wm. Atkin
	Rout Pby.	Ch. Caldwell	Jon. Drenan
		Jas. Turretine	Saml. Hindman
Robt. M'Bride	Adam Caldwell	Adam Duffine	Robt. Wilson
Robt. Brown	Allexr. M'gomrie	Jas. Todd	Moses Paul
Gidn. Neilson	Hectr. Boyd	Jon. White	Thos. Haliday
Robt. Henry			Letterkenny Pby.
Saml. Buys	Robt. Reid		
Wm. Cochran	Isaac Taylour	Wm. Boyd	Wm. Rodgers
Jon. Smith		Jon. Holmes	
Jos. Duglass		Wm. Wilson	Wm. Poke
Robt. Ewing	Allexr. Borland	Jon. Marshal	Wm. Stewart
		Benj. Holmes	Jon. Elliot
	Dublin Pby.	Andr. Hamilton	Jon. Moor
Wm. Patton			Derry Pby.
Robt. M'Master			
Wm. M'Beath			
	Monaghan Pby.	Thos. Bond	Robt. Glendining
		Hen. Ereskine	Jon. Allexr.
		Jon. Hood	
		Robt. Huey	Wm. Gelkie
Wm. Ambrose			Bangor Pby.
Geo. Carson			
Jas. Jackson	Hen. Wilson	Jon. Cochran	Hu. Jackson
		Andr. Malcolm	Wm. Davison
	Coothill Pby.	Jon. Moorhead	
Allexr. M'Kye	Jas. Hamil	Wm. Rogers	
Jas. Clark		Wm. Laird	Jon. Brown
Jas. Gordon	Hen. Hamilton	Jas. M'Kean	
		Wm. Warnick	Archd. M'Kye
	Killeleagh Pby.		
Thos. Scott			T.Patk Pby.
Gilbt. Kennedy			
Allexr. M'Combe		Jas. Cobham	Robt. Symington
Jas. Armstrong	Wm. Shaw	Allexr. Brown	Jon. Jamison
Jon. Strong		Wm. Livingstone	Fr. Scott
Wm. Dunn	Saml. Davison	Wm. Thomson	Robt. Allen
Robt. Smith		Thos. Crawford	Archd. Hunter
	Armagh Pby.	Jon. Thomson	Jonathan Fulton
		Thos. Brown	
		Wm. Henderson	
Jon. Menogh		Jon. M'Connel	Jas. Cuningham
Jon. Maxwell		Jon. Lewson	Jon. Brown
Jas. Moodie		Geo. Heron	
Hen. Jackson	Hans M'Murdie	Robt. Leathes	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Drummore Pby.		B. mena Pby.	
Tim. White	Jon. M'Cammon	Robt Higinbothom	
Jon. King	Jon. Scott	Jas. White, Senr.	Jon. Logan
Jon. Semple	Saml. Patterson	Jon. Hill	Jas. Gibson
Saml. Sims		Jas. M'Creight	Jon. Gibson
Saml. Thomson		Jas. M'Curdie	Allexr. Gaston
		Jon. Brown	
		Jas. Cochran	Robt. Saunderson
		Fr. O'Bryan	Adam Dickie
		Jas. White, Junr.	Jon Thomson

M^r Gibson moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Modr.
 Synod. The following Bⁿ were named for a leet, viz. Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Hill,
 Rob^t Brown, W^m Patton, W^m Ambrose. Cha: Caldwell, W^m Rogers,
 Allex^r M^cCombe, Joⁿ Menogh, Sam^l Sims, Joⁿ Thomson, Tho^s Bond,
 & W^m Wilson. The Roll was called, & M^r Patton was chosen. And Clk.
 Joⁿ 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.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona mans. Post preces sed^t qui supra. Sess. 2^{da}.

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 M^r Hu: M^cCrackan was Ordained Ordained
 at Badoney June y^o 4th 1751, and M^r Hu: Delap at Omagh June 5,
 1751. They both subscribed.

The Pby of Rout have Ordained M^r Joseph Duglass at Derrikighan
 Ap^r 9, 1751. And M^r Rob^t Ewing at Killraghtes June 12, 1751.
 They both subscribed. They report that M^r Fr: Ross dyed March y^o Dead, &c.
 4, 1750/1.

Monaghan Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} Hu. Nisbit & W^m M^cKye,
 who both subscribed.

Coothill Pby report that M^r Allex^r Flemming dyed Oct^r 13, 1750,
 and that they have translated M^r Gordon from C. Blaynie to Raphoe.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed M^r Allex^r Johnston : who subscribed.

Derry Pby have Licensed M^r Joⁿ. Haslet : and Ordained M^r Joⁿ
 Cochran at Movill, July ye 3^d, 1750. They both subscribed. M^r
 Maj^r Murray died in Feb^r 1750/1.

Bangor Pby report that M^r Ch. Masterton dyed July ye 15, 1750, that they have deposed M^r Neth. Orr. And that Mess^{rs} Jos. Mitchell & Wm. Rowan are entered on 2^d tryals.

Killeleagh Pby have Licensed M^r Joⁿ Williamson, & Ordained M^r Rob^t Smith at Ballee Oct^r 3^d 1750. Who both subscribed. And have entered M^r W^m Donaldson on first tryals.

Drummore Pby have entered M^r W^m Henry on first Tryals.

T.Patk Pby have Licensed M^r Alex^r Neilson, who subscribed & have entered M^r Ja^s Dick on first, & M^r Alex^r Neilson on 2^d tryals,

B.mena Pby have entered M^r Joⁿ Rainkin on 2^d tryals.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely,

For Strabane Pby, Mess^{rs} Armstrong & Young.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} M^cBride & Buys.

For Dublin, M^r M^cCollum.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.

Eor Coothill, No Return.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Duffine.

Nor Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Marshal & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Malcolm & Huey.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Henry.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Henry.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} White & Sims.

For T.Patk, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & M^cConnel.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} M^cCurdie & Brown.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dungannon, when called by our Mod^r on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Miⁿrs.

Mr^s Hemphill It is recommended to those who have not paid their charitable contribution to M^{rs} Hemphill, that they do it as soon as possible. It was agreed that the several Pbyes call their respective absentees from this Synod, to account, at their next, meeting after their receiving a copy of the Synod's Minutes.

Absts. excused Absent from this Synod, & excused are, Mess^{rs} Vict^r. Ferguson, Ch. Lynd, Ch. M^cCollum, Eben^r Killburn, Patk. Plunkett, Dav. Hutchison, And^r Dean, Ja^s Bond, Joⁿ Algeo, Ja^s Orr, Hu. Sharp, Joⁿ Ker, Saml. Delap, Dav. Fairlie, Rob^t Wirling, Tho^s Vance, Joⁿ Stirling, Nin. Cochran, Dav. Harvey, W^m Hare, Joⁿ Cochran, Fr. M^tgomrie, And^r Kennedy, Patk. Buchanan, Ja^s Reid, Saml. Forgie, Ja^s Johnston, Geo. Cherrie, Geo. Ferguson, Rob^t Gordon, & Ja^s Allen.

Not excused Absent & no excuse from them are Mess^{rs} Ja^s Smith, And^r Welsh, W^m Armstrong, Jo^s Osborne, Joⁿ Thomson, Dav. Smylie, Jo^s Logue,

Hu. Gaston, Geo. Carson, Hu. Mulligan, Tho^s Boyle, W^m Fleming, Tho^s Plunket, Ja^s Hamilton, Joⁿ M^cGaughie, And^r Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, W^m Callender, And^r Ferguson, Joⁿ Lile, Dav. Walker, Jos. Reagh, Rob^t Cuningham, Hu. Dickson, Sam^l Alex^r, Ja^s Huey, Rich^d Walker, Mich^l Henry, Geo. Henry, & W^m Thomson.

None of the Committee appointed in the affair of C. Blaynie, C. Blaynie attended, but M^r Gibson. This Synod appoints a new one to consist of the following Bⁿ, namely, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Kennedy, Maxwell, King, Ker, Gibson, & Geo. Ferguson, to meet at Kedy, the first Wednesday of Aug^t next, and finally issue that affair. M^r Gordon & others concerned, to attend, s^d Committee.

M^r Ju^s Gordon having cast harsh & severe reflections on Gentlemen, M^r Gordon rebuked not now present, he was rebuked, in the name of the Synod, by the Mod^r. Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Interloq^r at 4 this afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora 10^{ma} mane &c.

Sess. 3th

The following Overture was brought in, & agreed to by y^e Synod, Mess^{rs} Neth. Orr & Miller viz., That whereas Mess^{rs} Neth. Orr of Bangor, & Alex^r 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 Miⁿir, 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 3^d 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 M^r Rob^t Smith at Ballee, w^{ch} has been accordingly done. The Minutes of s^d 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. M^r Turretine entered his protest against s^d Resolution.

Clogher

A Supplication from Clogher was presented to this Synod, desiring to be put under the care of the Pby of Tyrone. Which was granted.

Belfast.

A Supplication from the third Congregation in Belfast, was presented to this Synod, by M^r Joⁿ Brown : desiring that they may be supplied for the month of July, by M^r Joⁿ Rainkin, for Aug^t by M^r Marshall, for Sept^r by M^r Hull, & for the rest till next Synod, that the respective Pbyes be ordered to send such monthly suppliers, 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 s^d appeal. The Supplication was granted.

Omagh

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 Comm^{rs} complain that the Pby of Strabane send Supplies to a few persons who had opposed their settlement, & w^c 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 Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & M^cMaster to write to the Pby of Strabane that they desist from sending supplies to these malecontents. W^c was accordingly done.

Stone-bridge

A Supplication from Stone-bridge was presented to this Synod by W^m Harrison, &c., complaining that the Pby of Monaghan had made an Erection at Newbless, in the bounds of the Pby of Coot-hill, w^c they apprehend, may be hurtfull 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 s^d Erection would, in like manner be detrimental to & subversive of Drum. The Comm^{rs} from Stone-bridge and Drum were heard, & also what the Pby of Monaghan had to say with respect to their conduct in erecting s^d 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 doe not so in time to come. And it is also the judgment of this Synod that s^d Erection be dissolved. The Pby of Monaghan was admonished accordingly.

A Supplication from Cookstown was presented to this Synod by M^r Ja^s Brisbane, desiring that M^r W^m Wilson be appointed to supply them for the month of July next. The Synod appoints him to preach there two Sabaths of s^d month.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq^t. at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

*Hora sexta, post meridiem, &c.*Sess. 4^{ta}

A Supplication from Coagh was presented to this Synod by Joⁿ Coagh M^cCreight, desiring that M^r Hull be appointed to supply them for the month of July next, and M^r Maslet for Aug^t, which was granted.

From Moyra appeared Joⁿ Robison, &c., setting forth the weak-^{Moyra}ness 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 P^{bs} attend s^d Committe, at their meeting, to answer the end of last year's Overture.

The P^{by} of T. Patk desire that this Synod would advise the P^{by} Ballyneure of Bangor to allow M^r Rogers to supply Ballineure for either the month of July or Aug^t, as shall be most convenient for him, which was agreed to.

W^m Harrison Com^mr from Stone-bridge supplicated this Synod for the following Supplies, namely, M^r M^cMin, for the month of July next, M^r Love for Aug^t. 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^c was granted.

From Rye appeared M^r Dav: Vance representing the shattered^{Rye} state of that Congregation, and supplicating that this Synod would supply them for some time: & that this Synod, or the P^{by} of Letterkenny, would write to some P^{by} in N. Brittain, that they send over some agreeable Candidate to supply them for some time. The Synod refers this to the P^{by} of Letterkenny, to do in it as they shall see expedient.

M^r Ch: M^cCollum, by a letter supplicates, in the name of the Ses-^{Caple Street.}sion and Congregation of Caple Street, that this Synod would renew their former Order with reference to their being supplied, viz, That the several P^{byes} be directed to send such supplies 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^s Gordon, that they take care to have it speedily paid. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning.

Interloq^r at 7. Concluded w^t prayer.

*Die Veneris Hora octava Mane &c.*Sess. 5^{ta}.

The consideration of M^r Ereskine's joining some P^{by} is put off till next Synod, when if he shall find a competent number of Miⁿrs willing to join him, without hurting other P^{byes}, a new one may be erected.

A Memorial from some Members of the Congregation of Plunket^{Plunkett Street} 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 sett forth, that it was agreeable to the majority of s^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^{rs} Boyd, Higinbothom, & Hood, are ordered to draw up s^d letter, w^c being done, the Letter was read, & the question put, viz, Approve s^d Letter, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carried in the affirmative. Mess^{rs} King, Joⁿ Thomson, Semple & Turretine desired that their Dissent from s^d Resolution might be entered in the Minute.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1

Pby of Antrim

A Commissⁿ from the Pby of Antrim, to Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Henderson, Alex^r Colvill, Joⁿ Elder, Alex^r Maclain, Clot. Brown, Joⁿ Beaty, Joⁿ Marshal, & W^m Nivin, to attend this Synod, and confer w^t them about matters of publick concern to them & us, was read in the Interloq^r & sustained. Upon which the Gentlemen Commiss^{rs} were heard, who represented that of late years, they had observed a very considerable diminution of the Ord^r R.D. and desired that this Interloq^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.

Mr Weld's
Letter

A Letter from M^r 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^l. R.D. We agree that such linnen be purchased; & committ the Management of it to Mess^{rs} M^cMaster and Weld, & the Miⁿrs in the north will pay the one half of ye Charge.

Trustees' Letter

A Letter from the Trustees for the Widow's Fund, in w^c they signify their acceptance of s^d Trust, & also an enclosed Abstract of their proceedings, in the execution of it, in time past, was read in the Interloq^r. Mess^{rs} Boyd & Menogh are appointed to answer s^d Letter. Which was accordingly done.

Scheme
approved

This Interloq^r now read the proceedings of last Synod w^t reference to the scheme for the Widow's Fund: and with some few amendments, s^d scheme was unanimously approved. This Interloq^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.

This Interloq^r agree that M^{rs} Lang shall have a portion of the M^{rs} Lang Ord^{ry} R.D. during her natural life: with w^c the Pby of Antrim concurs.

It is farther agreed that the thanks of the house be given to M^r W^m Bruce for his care and zeal in projecting and carrying on ye scheme for the Widow's Fund. Which was done by ye Mod^r.

Interloqr. 2^d.

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 Min^{rs}, as actually have Congregations: and that shall be a Key for the Management of the Fund, between them & us.

M^r Boyd is appointed to write to M^r 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^{ry} R.D. be continued Double portion to Moy-water & Banbreaky, & that the portion be taken from Sligoe, till they shall be planted.

Interloqr. 3^d.

Agreed that the R.D. be continued & distributed to Min^{rs} till next Synod, as formerlie.

M^r W^m 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^r. considering the trouble and fatigue the Clk. has Clk's fees 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^c he shall send to the Treasurer, to each Pby, along with y^e Minutes of the Synod.

Agreed that M^{rs} Holmes of Urney shall receive one pound p Q^r M^{rs} Holmes of the Ord^{ry} R.D.

M^r M^cMaster 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.

Widows' Scheme

The Scheme for creating a Fund towards the support of the Widows and Orphan children of such Ministers of the gen^l 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^l Synod at Antrim, June 18, 1751, and as now put under the following regulations, namely:

1. 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 s^d summe out of his respective proportion of the Kings bounty.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Reg. 6. That the first payment shall be made by him the 25 or 26, of Sept^r 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^r 1751. And till after the second years contribution has been paid by the Treasurer, to the Trustees.
7. Reg. 7. That the Trustees after giving back to the Treasurer, the summe that shall be from year to year, requisite for discharging the annuties; 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.
8. Reg. 8. That the number of Trustees shall be six, & the following Gentlemen shall be the original Trustees, namely, Alex^r Stewart, Esq^{re}, W^m Lennox, Esq^{re}, Alderman Ja^s Dunn, Doctor Geo. Martin, the Rev^d Rob^t M^oMaster, & Doctor Geo. Maconchy, all of the City of Dublin.

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 timely 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 principall, 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 s^d 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 Gen^l Synod at Dungannon June 16, 1752.

Mr W^m Patten Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Rev. 3, 2. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sedt* from

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Dav. Smylie	Robt. Brysson	Jon. Cochran	Robt. Hamilton
Robt. Henry		Wm. Laird	
Jon. Logue		Jos. Mitchel	
		Wm. Rowan	
Dublin Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Wm. Patten		Allexr. M'Combe	Jas. M'Canlis
Robt. M'Master		Robt. Smith	
		Jon. Wm.son	
Monaghan Pby.		Armagh Pby.	
Patk. Plunkett	Jas. Cochran		
Wm. Ambrose	Wm. Henderson		
Dav. Hutchison	Patk. Murphy	Jon. Menogh	Thos. Gilpin
Thos. Boyle	Saml. Sommeril	Jon. Maxwell	
Jas. Jackson	Tim. Sloan	Hen. Jackson	
Coothill Pby.		Drummore Pby.	
Andr. Dean		Tim. White	Robt. M'Clelland
Jas. Hamilton		Jon. King	Jon. Lowry
Allexr. M'Kye	Jon. Rodgers	Jon. Semple	Wm. M'Cormick
Jas. Clark	Thos. Nibloe	Saml. Sims	Jas. Henry
		Wm. Thomson	Jon. Thomson
		Jon. Mulligan	Wm. Wilson
		Allexr. Neilson	Jas. Fairies
Tyrone Pby.		T.Patk Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Stitt		
Jon. Kennedy	Jon. Reid		
Jon. Gibson			
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Laird	Thos. Brown	
Jas Turretine			
Adam Duffine	Jas. Wilson		
Jon. Ker	Arthur Dugan		
Jas. Todd	Mungo Gray	Jas. White, Senr.	
Jon. White	Jas. Sloan	Jon. Hill	Robt. Simson
		Jas. White, Junr.	Jas. Walker
Letterkenny Pby.		Strabane Pby.	
Wm. Boyd	Thos. Smith	Victr. Ferguson	Jos. Knox
Wm. Wilson		Jas. Smith	
Jas. Gordon		Andr. Welsh	Wm. Roger
Andr. Hamilton		Wm. Armstrong	
Thos. Vance	Danl. Gamble	Jos. Osborne	Jas. Lindsay
Hu. Delap	Jon. Buchannan	Hu. Young	
		Jas. Ker	
		Jos. Scott	
Derry Pby.			
Hen. Ereskine	Jas. Barber		
Jon. Haslet	Jon. Clark		

M^r Patten moved that another be chosen to moderate in this ^{Modr.} Synod. The following Bⁿ. were named for a leet, viz., Mess^{rs} Dav. Smylie, Patk. Plunkett, Ja^s Clark, Adam Duffine, Ja^s Gordon, Joⁿ Haslet, Jos. Mitchel, Alex^r M^cCombe, Joⁿ Semple, Ja^s White sen^r & Viet^r Ferguson. The Roll was called, & M^r Ferguson was chosen.

And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk: *nem : contradicente.*

CLK.

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 Minrs 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.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona mane. Post preces sed, qui supra.

Sess. 2^{da}

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^r Ch. Lynd dyed Dec^r 21, 1751. ^{Deard}

The Pby of Monaghan have entered M^r Moorhead on 2^d tryals.

The Pby of Tyrone have entered Mess^{rs} W^m Kennedy, & Joⁿ Simson on first and M^r Ja^s Hull on 2^d tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have Installed M^r Ja^s Gordon at Raphoe in Aug^t last: and have rescinded M^r Rob^t Laws License.

Derry Pby have Licensed M^r Ja^s Patten, & Ordained M^r Joⁿ ^{Ordained &c.} Haslet at Ballykelly Ap^r 21, 1752. They both subscribed. They report that M^r Nin. Cochran dyed Sept^r 21, 1751. And M^r Joⁿ Stirling Jan^r 21, 1752.

Bangor Pby have Ordained M^r Jo^s: Mitchel at Moyra Oct^r 29, 1751. And M^r W^m Rowan at Balinderry Oct^r 30, 1751. They both subscribed.

Killelagh Pby have entered M^r Ja^s Hamilton on first tryals: and Ordained M^r Joⁿ W^mson at Drumca Feb^r 4, 1752, who subscribed.

Drummore Pby have Licensed M^r W^m Henry: and Ordained M^r Alex^r Neilson at Bellyronie Aug^t ye 20, 1751. They both subscribed.

T. Patk Pby have entered M^r Ja^s Dickson on 2^d tryals: & have Installed M^r W^m Rogers at Bellyneure Dec^r 10, 1751. They report that M^r Geo. Heron was translated from Island Magee to N. Brittain.

B.mena Pby have entered M^r W^m Smith on 2^d tryals: & Ordained M^r Joⁿ Rainkin at Antrim Oct^r 16, 1751, who subscribed. They report that M^r Fr. O'Bryan has dimitted his charge at Grainge.

Strabane Pby have Ordained M^r Ja^s Ker at Pettigoe Ap^r 14, 1752. and M^r Jos. Scott at Termonst Ap^r 16, 1752. They both subscribed.

The Members of the Gen^l Synods Fixed Committee are.

For Rout Pby, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Buys.

For Dublin, M^r M^cCollum.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Coothill. No Return.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Kennedy, Duffine & White.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Gordon & Kinkead.

For Derry Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Malcolm & Huey.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Henry.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Henry.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} White & Sims.

For T. Patk, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & M^cConnel.

For B. mena, Mess^{rs} M^cCurdie & Brown.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Ker & Scott.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^r. on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

M^r M^cCombe is ordered to bring a List to next Synod of these Congregations who have not contributed to the support of M^r Hemphill, it is recommended to those who are deficient, that they contribute to her as soon as possible.

Absents excused
Absent from this Synod, & excused are, Mess^{rs} M^cBride, Rob^t Brown, MacBeath, M^cCollum, Killburn, Hu. Mulligan, Ja^s Orr, Sharp, Sam^l Delap, Fairlie, Wirling, Joⁿ Holmes, Marshal, Benj. Holmes, Kiokead, Strawbridge, And^r Ferguson, Tho^s Bond, Dav. Walker, Hare, Montgomerie, Malcolm, Buchannan, Ja^s Reid, Forgie, Scott, Johnston, Rob^t Gordon, Allen, Cobham, Alex^r Brown, Livingstone, Henderson, Higinbothom, Ja^s Cochran, & M^cCrackan.

Not excused
Absent and no excuse from them are, Mess^{rs} Jo^s Thomson, Gidⁿ. Neilson, Buys, Gaston, W^m Cochran, Joⁿ Smith, Duglass, Ewing, Flemming, Tho^s Plunkett, Ja^s Bond, Algeo, M^cGaughie, Callender, And^r Alex^r, Harvey Lile, Hood, Reagh, Rob^t Huey, Joⁿ Cochran, Cuninghame, Moorhead. Dickson, Sam^l Alex^r, And^r Kennedy, Ja^s Huey. M^cKean, Warnick, Rich^d Walker, Gilb^t Kennedy, Ja^s Armstrong, Michael Henry, Strong, Dunn, Cherrie, Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, Sam^l Thomson, W^m Thomson, Crawford, M^cConnel, Lewson, Rogers, Lees, M^cCreight, M^cCurdie, Joⁿ Brown, Fr. O'Bryan, & Rankin.

None of the Committee in the affair of C. Blaynie, attended except C. Blaynie Mess^{rs} Gibson & Ker with one Elder. The Synod now appoints the following B^{ys}, namely, Mess^{rs} M^cMaster, Smylie, Ambrose, Clark, Gibson, Boyd, Ja^s White sen^r, Laird, Tim. White, M^cCombe, Maxwel and Ja^s 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 Drumacose, by Drumacose Tho^s Duglass, desiring that M^r 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 Pbyes shall that Congregation be put under the care of? The Roll was called, & it was carryed for their being subject to the Pby of Rout, by a great majority. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^t immediately. Committees at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5^{ta} post meridiem, &c.

Sess. 2^{da}.

The Committe of Overtures now brought in one, viz. That in Overture regard, Minrs are so careless in attending the Gen^l Synod, it shall be for the future be composed of Delegates of the respective Pbyes in proportion to the number of their Members: & their charges in attending shall be defrayed by their respective Pbyes. And this Overture shall be under the consideration of the several Pbyes till next Synod.

Rob^t Ker, Esq^{re}, Mess^{rs} Rob^t Graham, &c., from Newbless, Newbless presented a Supplication, desiring that the Protestant Dissenters about that place, may be erected into a distinct Congregation, & propose to give undenyable security for the payment of 30 pounds p^n : towards the support of a Minister there. From Stone-bridge appeared Mess^{rs} 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 Drumdartery appeared Jon. Rogers, Comm^r. opposing s^d 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 carryed for the Second. Then the Question was put, namely, Erection them into a distinct Congregation or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed 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 carryad to supply them, but with the following Limitations namely, that they pay up their arrear, & continue their former Subscriptions to the Congregations, to w^{ch} they formerlie belonged, & that they be supplied by the Pby of Coothill, or by such suppliers 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.

Sess. 4th.

M^r Ja^s McMillan M^r Ja^s McMillan a Candidate from N. Brittain produced Credentials from the Pby of Wigtoun, which were sustained by the Synod, unto w^h he promised subjection.

Pbyes of
Monaghan
& Coothill
united

Upon reading the Minute of last night concerning Newbless, it was moved by M^r 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 Pbyes of Monaghan & Coothill, in order to which, these two Pbyes were to go out & confer together; M^r Ja^s White, Sen^r & M^r 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.

Omagh

Mess^{rs} W^m Scott, Ja^s Nixon, &c., Comms 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 M^r Delap's ministry, nor would they do it, & desire that they may be erected into a separate Worshipping Congregation, proposing to give undeniable security for the comfortable support of a Minr.

Erection there

From the other part of that Congregation, now under the care of M^r Delap, appeared Mess^{rs} Jon. Buchannan, &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 Comms 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^d Erection be under the care of the Pby of Strabane.

T. Patk &
Carrick:

M^r 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 Pbyes, as they shall call, till next Synod. Which was granted.

C. Blayne
W^m Bailie &
M^r Ja^s. Gordon

The Committee appointed in the affair of C. Blaney, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Gordon & W^m 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 W^m Bailie, the summe of £9 13 9.

Res. 2. That it farther appears to s^d Committee, that some time agoe, there was a Collection in the Congregation of C. Blaynie to reimburse s^d W^m Bailie what was due to him, and of s^d Collection, there was lodged with M^r Gordon, for that use, the summe of £6 11 6.

Res. 3. That the s^d M^r Gordon immediately pay to s^d W^m Bailie, the s^d summe of £6 11 6.

Res. 4. That the remainder of s^d £9 13 9 be paid to W^m Bailie, by the Congregation of C. Blaney.

Mess^{rs} Ja^s Dodd & Hu: Lile from the New Erection in Coleraine, Coleraine gave in a Supplication, desiring that M^r Sam^l Patten from the Pby of Derry may be appointed to that Congregation from this time, till the first of Aug^t next; and M^r W^m Henry from the Pby of Drummore, for the month of Aug^t, which was granted.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq^r at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora Sexta post Meridiem, &c.

Sess. 5^{ta}

A Supplication from M^{rs} Hemphill was read in the Synod, M^r Ja^s Gordon wherein she complains that M^r Ja^s 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 L^d 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 L^d Blayney's letter, by M^r Maxwell.

A Complaint was laid before this Synod from Vinicash, wherein Vinicash 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 Pbyes to which these deficient congregations belong take care in this affair.

A Letter from M^r Ch: M^cCollum was read, wherein he desires Caple-street 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 Pbyes 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^r. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

Dr. Avary.

M^r M^cMaster reports that he, in conjunction with M^r Weld, have bespoken the Table linnen 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 s^d linnen.

Amendment to
Widows Fund

This Interloq^r now makes the following amendment to the scheme for the Widows Fund, namely, That when any of the Congregations whose Miñ^r is a subscriber to s^d Fund, shall become vacant, on that event, forty shill. P an. shall be paid in to the Fund out of the common R.D. during s^d vacancy, and that no widow shall be entitled to any portion of the Ord^{ry} R.D. any longer, or farther than what shall be due to her husband, at the time of his death.

Mess^{rs} Boyd, Menogh, & Maxwell are appointed to draw up an Overture with reference to the making Collections for the Widows Fund.

Interloq^r. 2.

Trustees Letter

A Letter from the Trustees for the Widows Fund was read in this Interloq^r, wherein they give an account of the state of the Fund, w^c was very satisfying to us. M^r Menogh is appointed to write to the Trustees, & give the thanks of this Interloq^r to them for their generous care and concern in this matter.

Moyra & Rye

A Representation from Moyra & Rye was read in this Interloq^r, 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 agoe, had been violently seized, & detained from them, by the Seceders. The Interloq^r recommends it to the Pbyēs belonging to the Sub-Synods of Derry & B.mena, to contribute to the assistance of Rye; and to the Pbyēs belonging to the Sub-Synods of Belfast & Armagh to assist Moyra.

M^r M^cMaster's
charity

M^r M^cMaster now paid 20 Shill of charity to each of the following Widows, namely, M^{rs} Drummond, M^{rs} Stirling, M^{rs} Hemphill, M^{rs} Neil, M^{rs} Dykes, M^{rs} Hasting, & M^{rs} Vance.

Mess^{rs} 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 w^c is to be taken by each Miñ^r & he to read s^d 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 mony 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 P JOHⁿ. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.July 12,
1752.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 26, 1753.

M^r Viet^r Ferguson Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 3, 15. And then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from,

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Ch. M'Collum		Allexr. M'Combe	
		Michl. Henry	Jon. Clark
Monaghan Pby.		Jon. Strong	
		Robt Smith	
Wm. Ambrose	Ch. Norris	Armagh Pby.	
Geo. Carson		Jon. Maxwell	Capt ⁿ Jos. Johnston
Dav. Hutchison	Jon. Black	Jas. Moodie	
Thos. Boyle		Geo. Henry	
Wm. Fleming	Dav. Bell	Hen. Jackson	
Thos. Plunkett	Tim. Sloan	Drummore Pby.	
Jas. Jackson		Tim. White	Jon. Todd
Wm. Moorhead		Jon. King	Jas. Potts
Coothill Pby.		Jon. Semple	Patk. Flemming
Jas. Bond	Robt. Greg	Saml. Sims	Jon. M'Kye
Allexr. M'Kye		Jon. Mulligan	Wm. Dugan
Jas. Clark	Jos. Smith	Allexr. Neilson	Wm. Paxton
Wm. Smith	Allexr. Bell	Wm. Henry	Jas. M'Adam
Tyrone Pby.		T. Patk Pby. none	
Hu. Wallace	Wm. Wilson	B. mena Pby.	
Jon. Kennedy	Wm. Herdman	Jas. White, Senr.	Jas. Brown
Jon. Gibson	Allexr. Campbell	Jon. Hill	Robt. Shields
Ch. Caldwell		Jas. M'Curdie	Jon. Shaw
Jas. Turretine	Jas. M'Clurg	Jon. Brown	Jas. Wason
Adam Duffine	Wm. M ^o Roy	Jas. White, Junr.	
Jon. Ker	Jon. Haddon	Jon. Rainkin	Jas. Gleghorn
Jas. Todd	Geo. Innis	Jas. Ker	
Jon. White	Jon. Whiteside		
Jas. Hull	Adam Lynd		
Letterkenny Pby.		Strabane Pby.	
Jon. Holmes	Wm. Cochran	Vietr. Ferguson	
Wm. Wilson		Jos. Scott	
Jon. Marshall	Jon. M'Cre		
Jas. Gordon			
Jos. Kinhead			
Wm. Callender			

Derry Pby. none.		Rout Pby.	
Bangor Pby.		Dav. Smylie	Robt. Brysson
Jon. Cochran		Robt. Brown	Thos. Mechlin
Saml. Alexr.	Jon. Ferguson	Robt. Henry	Wm. Martin
Wm. Laird	Jas. Sims	Jon. Logue	
Wm. Warnick	Jos. Cowper	Hen. Ereskine	
Patk. Buchanan	Jon. Carlile	Hu. Gaston	Saml. Patterson
Richd. Walker		Jon. Smith	
Jos. Mitchel		Robt. Ewing	
		Hu. Crooks	from the South

Modr. M^r Ferguson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this. The following Bⁿ were named for a Leet, viz., Mess^{rs} M^cCollum, Ambrose, M^cKye, Caldwell, Joⁿ Holmes, Warnick, M^cCombe, Maxwell, Semple, Scott, Rankin, & Smylie. The Roll being called, M^r Maxwell was chosen. And

Clk. Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk. *nem. contra.*

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, & Gen^l 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.

Sess. 2. *Wednesday. Nine in the Morning.* After prayer, present as in the Roll.

The time appointed for prayer was observed,

The Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees: as also the following Reports, namely,

Dublin Pby have entered M^r W^m Wright on 2^d tryals.

Ordained &c. The Pby of Monaghan have ordained M^r W^m Moorhead at Fin-tanagh Sept^r 26, 1752.

The Pby of Coothill have Ordained M^r W^m Smith at Stonebridge Aug^t 26, 1752.

Tyrone Pby have entered Mess^{rs} Jon Simson & W^m Kennedy on 2^d Tryals, & have Ordained M^r Ja^s Hull at Cookstown Aug^t y^e 5, 1752. They report that M^r Hu: Sharp dyed Feb^r y^e 7, 1753.

Drummore Pby have Ordained M^r W^m Henry at Drummore, May the first, 1753.

Killeleagh Pby report that M^r Ja^s Reid dyed the beginning of June, 1753.

Ballymena Pby have Installed M^r Ja^s Ker at Ahoghill. He had dimitted his Charge at Pettigoe.

The Members of the gen^l Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely from

Dublin Pby, no return.
 Monaghan Pby, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.
 Coothill Pby, no return.
 Tyrone Pby, Mess^{rs} Wallace, Kennedy & Duffine.
 Letterkenny Pby, Mess^{rs} Benj: Holmes & Allex^r.
 Derry Pby, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.
 Bangor Pby, Mess^{rs} Malcolm & Huey.
 Killeleagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Henry.
 Armagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Henry.
 Drummore Pby, Mess^{rs} White & Sims.
 T.Patk Pby, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & M^cConnel.
 B.mena Pby, Mess^{rs} M^cCurdie & Brown.
 Strabane Pby, Mess^{rs} Young & Scott.
 Rout Pby, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Logue.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^r 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^r Ja^s Gordon has payd M^rs Hemphill, as he waa enjoined last Synod.

Port-norris & the other Congregations in Arrear of the Fund to Vinicash, are ordered to use diligence in raising & paying s^d 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 rectifyed, & make report to the Synod. The Synod resolv'd itself into an Interloq^r & adjourn'd to 5 afternoon. The Committees to meet at 4.

Concluded w^t prayer.

5 of the clock afternoon &c.

Sess. 3.

It was unanimously agreed that next Synod shall be at Antrim Next Synod the last Tuesday of June 1754. Sermon to begin 5 afternoon.

M^r Ereskine was now enquired whither he, & hia Congregation at Mr Ereskine 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^r 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.

Overture

A Proposal from the Committee of Overtures, was laid before this Synod, w^c 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 Gen^l 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 leest £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.

B mony

A Supplication from B.mony was presented to this Synod, by Mess^{rs} Jo^a Thomson & Gabriel Todd desiring, that in regard their Miñr, M^r M^cBride, is become infirm, & they are inclineable to provide him in a Colleague, they be allowed a hearing of some Candidates; particularly that M^r Jo^a Simson from the Pby of Tyrone, may be appointed to supply them for the month of July, & M^r W^m Kennedy from the same Pby, for Aug^t, as also that they have libertie to call other monthly Suppliers, from other Pbyes, w^t the concurrence of the Pby of Rout, if need be, till next Synod. The Supplication is so far granted, that M^r Hu. Nisbit is appointed to supply them for the month of July, M^r Kennedy for Aug^t. And the rest with reference to their calling other Snpplyers, is also granted.

Bellfast

M^r Laird supplicates that M^r Simson be appointed to supply the 3^d Congregation in Belfast, for the month of July, M^r Hamilton from the Pby of Killeleagh, for Aug^t, and M^r Wight from Rout Pby for Sept^r. And that the Pbyes be ordered to send them such other monthly Suppliers, as they shall invite, till next Synod. M^r Hamilton is appointed to supply there, the month of July: & M^r Wight for Sept^r. The rest of the supplication with reference to their calling others, is granted.

Sligoe

The Synod appoints the following supplies for Sligo, namely, M^r Alex^r Johnston for six weeks in July and Aug^t. M^r Hu. Nisbit for Oct^r, M^r Saml. Kennedy for Dec^r. Letterkenny Pby for Feb^r. M^r Mathewson for Ap^r & M^r Mean for June.

Newbless

Rob^t Ker Esq^{re} & others Comm^{rs} 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 concur in this desire. Mess^{rs} Jos: Ringland, &c., from Stone-bridge appeared opposing s^d Erection as also Jos. Smith from Drumdarty, for the same purpose. The Synod, after hearing the several Comm^{rs}. and M^r 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, &

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 satisfied with this desire; and it was granted by ye Synod.

Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning. Interloq^r at 7. Concluded w^t prayer.

Thursday 8, in the Morning, &c.

Sess. 4

The Comm^{rs} from Newbless now supplicate that the Synod would grant them Supplies till next Synod. After reasoning it was moved, & agreed to that M^r Smith, Miñr, at Stone-bridge be advised to preach to that People, as often as conveniently he can.

From Dunluce appeared Mess^{rs} 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^r Logue alledgeth that 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^{rs}, & 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^r Logue is reflected on in this affair, the Synod cannot but approve his conduct. It is farther agree'd that M^r Gaston exchange pulpits with M^r Logue, & that he, M^r Gaston, represent the mind of this Synod, and recommend peace & union among them; and that this exchange shall be Sab: come Sennight: & that M^r Gaston shall preach the forenoon in Dunluce side, & the afternoon in Billy.

Absent from this Synod & excused are Mess^{rs} W^m Patton, Rob^t Abs^{ts} excused
M^cMaster, W^m M^cBeath, Eben^r Killburn, Pat^k Plunkett, And^r Dean, Ja^s Hamilton, Joⁿ Algeo, Ja^s Orr, Sam^l Delap, W^m Boyd, Dav: Fairlie, Rob^t Wirling, Tho^s Strawbridge, And^r Ferguson, W^m Hare, Joⁿ Cochran, Fr: Montgomrie, And^r. Malcolm, And^r. Kennedy, W^m Rowan, Sam^l Forgie, Tho^s Scott, Ja^s Armstrong, Ja^s Johnston, Joⁿ Menogh, Rob^t Gordon, Ja^s Allen, W^m Thomson, Ja^s Cobham, Alex^r Brown, W^m Livingstone, Joⁿ Thomson, W^m Henderson, Rob^t Higinbothom, Ja^s M^cCreight, Ja^s Cochran, Fr: O'Bryan, Rob^t M^cBride, Joⁿ Thomson, & Sam^l Buys.

Not excused

Absent & no excuse from them are Mess^{rs} Joⁿ M^cGaughie, Benj: Holmes, And^r Hamilton, Tho^s Vance, And^r Alex^r, Hu: Delap, Dav: Harvey, Tho^s Bond, Joⁿ Lile, Dav: Walker, Joⁿ Hood, Jos: Reagh, Rob^t Huey, Joⁿ Haslet, Rob^t Cuninghame, Joⁿ Moorhead, Hu: Dickson, Ja^s Huey, Ja^s M^cKean, Gilb^t Kennedy, W^m Dunn, Joⁿ Williamson, Geo: Cherrie, W^m Thomson, Tho^s Crawford, Tho^s Brown, Joⁿ M^cConnel, Joⁿ Lewson, W^m Rogers, Ja^s Smith, And^r. Welsh. W^m Armstrong, Jos: Osborne, Hu: Young, Hu: M^cCrackan, Gidⁿ Neilson, W^m Cochran, & Jos: Duglass.

Fund

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. Blaynie £34 6 0. To Cregane £34 9 3. To Loughgall £15 12 5, besides a great Arrear to Tobermore, w^c M^r 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^r Wilson, that his Localities might be sufficient for the future. The Synod enjoins the several Pbyes, 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 Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

Widows Fund

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, together with the present state of that Fund, was read in the Interloq^r. whereby it appears that several Miⁿrs 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. Mess^{rs} Moodie & Joⁿ Brown are appointed to prepare a draught of a letter to them.

Pby of Antrim

A Letter from M^r Colvill, in behalf of the Rev^d Pby of Antrim, was read in the Interloq^r, wherein he complains that some Miⁿrs belonging to the gen^l Synod, continue sharers in the R.D. who are not stately officiating Miⁿrs: and desiring that a List of such be allowed to that Pby. Upon which an enquiry was made into this affair, and it appears that Mess^{rs} Ja^s Allen & Sam^l Thomson in the Pby of Drummore, M^r Montgomrie in Bangor Pby, M^r Joⁿ Cochran in Derry Pby, & M^r W^m Henderson in the Pby of T. Patk are not stately officiating Ministers. They all are allowed Portions of the R.D. till next Synod, except M^r 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^r Colvill, and send s^d List; & desire the Pby of Antrim to meet w^t the Interloq^r of the Synod, next year.

Interloq^r. 2.

The recommendation with reference to Moyra, is renewed.

M^r Ja^s Smith in the Phy of Strabane now desires to be admitted a ^{M^r Ja^s Smith} Subscriber to the Widows Fund. The Interloq^r observes that 3 years Contributions are due by him to that Fund, w^t Interest, amounting to £6 14 6 w^c must be paid before his subscription be admitted. It is farther agreed, that hereafter no Minister shall be admitted a Subscriber to s^d Fund, who was in the Miⁿry at the time this Scheme was agreed to by the Synod, & has hitherto neglected to subscribe.

M^r Turretine is appointed to supply Rye, for the month of July, and the Pby of Tyrone to supply Tobermore two Sabs of that time.

Interloq^r. 3.

Mess^{rs} Moodie & Brown now brought in the Draught of a Letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, w^o was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Mod^r.

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

M ^r Buchannan ..	..	£2 10 3
M ^r Algeo ..	..	0 5 2
M ^r Dean ..	..	4 18 7

Ordered that Mess^{rs} 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 s^d letter printed.

Inserted by

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 26. 1753.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 25, 1754.

M^r Jo^a Maxwell Mod^r. of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 3, 14-15. And then constituted it by prayer : after w^c were present from the

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	Mr. Nisbit	Thos. Scott	
Jas. Jackson		Gilbt. Kennedy	
Wm. Moorhead		Allexr. M'Combe	
		Jas. Armstrong	
	Coothill Pby.	Jon. Strong	Dav. Macanse
		Wm. Dunn	Matt. Wylie
Wm. Smith		Robt. Smith	Hu. Nivin
	Tyrone Pby.	Jon. Will ^m son	
		Thos. Reid	
Jon. Kennedy	Wm. Herdman		Armagh Pby.
Jon. Gibson		Jon. Menogh	Robt. Stewart
Jas. Todd		Jon. Maxwel	
Jon. White	Robt. Wylie	Hen. Jackson	
Jas. Hull	Jas. Thomson		
Wm. Kennedy	Fergus Neale		
Wm. M'Neilly			Drummore Pby.
	Letterkenny Pby.	Tim. White	Andr. Hairshaw
		Jon. King	Jas. Potts
Jon. Holmes	Jon. Caldwell	Jon. Semple	Dav. Irwine
Jon. Marshall		Saml. Sims	
Benjn. Holmes		Wm. Thomson	Jon. Carlile
Thos. Vance	Allexr. Nisbitt	Allexr. Neilson	Jon. M'Crackan
Jas. Turretine	Jos. Brown	Wm. Henry	
	Derry Pby.		T.Patk Pby.
Thos. Bond		Jas. Cobham	Jas. Fairies
Robt. Huey	Jon. Brown	Wm. Thomson	Robt. Allen
Jon. Haslet	Jonathan Martin	Thos. Crawford	Robt. Potts
Saml. Patton		Jon. Thomson	Alan M'Crea
		Thos. Brown	
	Bangor Pby.	Wm. Henderson	
		Jon. M'Connel	Jas. Cuningham
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Gibson	Jon. Lewson	
Robt. Cuningham		Wm. Rogers	Clot. Gaudie
Andr. Malcolm	Wm. Davison		
Jon. Moorhead			B.mena Pby.
Saml. Allexr.		Robt. Higinbothom	Andr. Crowk
Andr. Kennedy		Jas. White, sen.	Ceo. Reid
Jas. Huey		Jon. Hill	Hu. M'Rory
Wm. Laird	Gilbt. Orr	Jas. M'Creight	Jon. Wylie
Jas. M'Kean		Jas. M'Curdie	Andr. M'Haize
Wm. Warnick		Jon. Brown	Wm. Major
Patk. Buchanan	Allexr. Cunthbert	Jas. Cochran	Matt. M'Dowal
Richd. Walker	Allexr. Sinclair	Jas. White, Junr.	Jas. Moor
Jos. Mitchel	Gain Robinson	Jon. Rankin	Jon. Bruce
Wm. Rowan	Willm. Brown	Jas. Ker	Robt. Clark

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Victr. Ferguson		Ch. M ^c Collum &	
Hu. M ^c Crackan		Mr. Gibt. Tennaut from America.	✓
Rout Pby.			
Jon. Thomson	Jon. Irwine		
Robt. Henry	Andr. Brady		
Gidn. Neilson			
Jon. Logne	Wm. Martin		
Hen. Ereskine	Jon. Evans		
Hu. Gastou	Wm. Todd		
Wm. Cochran	Jon. Boyd		
Jos. Dnglass			
Robt. Ewing			

M^r Maxwell moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Mod^r. Synod. The following Bⁿ. were named for a leet, viz., Mess^{rs} M^cCollum, Ambrose, Joⁿ Holmes, Menogh, Marshal, Malcolm, Allex^r, Semple, Scott, Rankin, Smylie, Gibl^t Kennedy, Tho^s Brown, & Tho^s Bond. The Roll was called, and M^r Menogh was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pby^{es} 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 Gen^l 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.

Sess. 24.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pby^{es} now gave in Lists for the Committees, and made the following reports, namely :

The Pby of Tyrone report that they have Ordained M^r W^m Ordained Kennedy at Carland, Ap^r 2, 1754, and M^r W^m M^cNeilly at Clogher, May the 22^d, 1754, who both subscribed; and that M^r Ja^s Turretine was removed from Tobermore to Rye.

Letterkenny Pby have Installed M^r Turretine at Rye, June 13, 1754, & entered Mess^{rs} Ja^s Calderwood & Isaac Patk on first tryals.

Derry Pby have Ordained M^r Sam^l Patten at Comber, July 3, 1753. Have Licensed M^r Joⁿ M^cCleland. They report that M^r Joⁿ Licensed, &c Cochran Dimitted Ap^r 20, 1754.

Bangor Pby have entered M^r Ja^s Hamilton on 2^d tryals.

T.Patk Pby have Licensed M^r Ja^s Dick, & have entered M^r Rob^t White on first Tryals, who subscribed.

B.mena Pby have entered M^r Alex^r M^cMullan on first Tryals. The report that M^r Francis O'Bryan dyed June 30, 1753.

Rout Pby have Ordained M^r Joⁿ Simson at Coleraine, Oct^r 17, 1753, who subscribed.

Dublin Pby have Ordained M^r W^m Wight at Caple Street, Aug^t 9, 1753. They report that M^r M^cMaster dyed Feb^r 27, 1754. *He subscribed.

The Members of the Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, viz :

For Monaghan Pby, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Coothill. No return.

For Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Kennedy & Gibson.

For Letteikenny, Mess^{rs} Alex^r & Callender.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Huey & Laird.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Mich^l Henry.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Geo. Henry.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} White & Sims.

For T.Patk, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Brown & M^cConnel.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} M^cCurdie & Brown.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Young & Scott.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Logue.

For Dublin. No return.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Maghrefelt when called by the Mod^r on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whercof 12, at least, to be Ministers.

Delegation The Pbyes 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.

Fund Ordered that the Committee of the Fund, meet immediately, & make enquiry into the state of it : & that the several ministers on it, attend s^d Committee, that this affair may be set on a proper foot.

Next Synod Next Synod to be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1755. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

M^r Ereskine M^r Ereskine being enquired whither he had attended the Pby 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.

for the future. The Synod appoints a Pby to receive him as a member : & that s^d Pby with Mess^{rs} Higinbothom & M^cCurdie as Correspondents hold a visitation at Drumacose, as soon as may be convenient.

Mess^{rs} M^cKye & Smith are ordered to preach at Newbless as often as conveniently they can, especially in the dead of Winter.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^t at 4. Committees immediately. Concluded with prayer.

5 Afternoon &c.

A Petition was presented to the Synod by W^m Rogers a member of Carnmony Congregation wherein he complains that M^r Thomson refused to baptise a child to him because he had been marryed by a Clergyman of the established Church. The Synod appointed the following Bⁿ. & 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 Bⁿ. are Mess^{rs} Ja^s Huey, Gilb^t Kennedy, Malcolm, Moorhead, Cuningham, Ja^s Cochran, Laird, & Joⁿ Brown. M^r Huey to preach. Which affair occasioned the Interloq^t to draw up the following Minute, w^c 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 marryed by the Form prescribed by Law; & this complaint coming in so irregularly, that the matter could not be issued at present, the Interloq^t 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 marryed according to Law, unless there was something in their conduct besides, which in their opinion was justly censurable. The Interloq^t appeared unanimsly satisfied with this declaration: & as on the one hand, they are truly thankful for that legal Indulgence given to such Dissenters as scruple being marryed 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 particulars 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 Joⁿ Galstone & Hu: M^cKye 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.

Rye

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^e Pbyes 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^r at 9.

Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 4

Thursday 11, forenoon &c.

Ushers Quay

A Letter from M^r M^cBeath was read in the Synod, representing it at the Request of the Consistory & Congregation of Ushers Quay, that this Synod would order the Pbyes to send them such supplies as they shall from time to time, write for till next Synod, w^c was granted.

Bellfast

A Supplication to the same purpose from the 3^d Congregation in Bellfast, was likewise granted.

Killinshy

From Killinshy appeared Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Stewart &c., supplicating that the following Gentlemen may be appointed to supply them in the following order, viz., M^r Campble for the month of July next; M^r Tho^s Brown for Sept^r: M^r Wright for Oct^r; M^r Joⁿ Smith for Nov^r; M^r Rob^t White for Dec^r; M^r Ja^s Hamilton for Jan^r, M^r Tho^s Reid for Feb^{ry}; M^r Mulligan for March; M^r Marshal for Ap^r. and M^r Kinhead for May, w^c was granted.

Dunnegore

M^r Tho^s Brown supplicates in behalf of Dunnegore, that M^r Brown of B.mena be appointed to supply that Congregation for the month of July next, and M^r Brown of Romoan for Aug^t. Which was granted.

Coagh

From Coagh appeared Joⁿ M^cCreight &c., supplicating that M^r Joⁿ Cameron may be appointed to supply them for the month of July next, and M^r Joⁿ M^cCleland for Aug^t. W^c was granted. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^t at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 5

5 Afternoon &c.

Dunluce

From Dunluce appeared Mess^{rs} Hu. Boyland &c., supplicating that they of that part of the ancient Congregation of Billy and Dunluce may be allowed supplies. M^r Logue was heard, as were also the Commiss^{rs}. And being removed, the Synod after some reasoning, came to this Resolution, namely, that the Pby of Rout with the following Correspondents, viz: Mess^{rs} Higinbothom, Ja^s White sen^r, M^cCurdie, & Joⁿ Brown, meet at Bushmills the 15 of Aug^t next & issue that affair.

N. York &
N. Jersey

A Petition was presented to this Synod by the Rev^d. M^r Gibb^t 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^c 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 Synrd 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^r next, in y^e mean time recommending it to all the Ministers of this Synod, ta 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^a Kennedy; Letterkenny w^t M^r Marshal; Derry with M^r Harvey; Bangor w^t M^r Laird; Killeleagh with M^r Dunn; Armagh with M^r Moodie: Drummore w^t M^r King; T. Patk with 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^cCollum. And that the Collections in the Sub Synod of Derry be remitted to M^r Harvey. Those in the Sub Synod of Belfast & 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 mornig.

Concluded with prayer.

Fryday 7 in the morning &c.

Sess. 6

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 Pbyes, 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 Pby 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 Pbyes of Letterkenny & 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.

Drummore &
Drumaragh

An Appeal from Drummore Pby relating to the boundaries between Drummore & Drumaragh Congregations is refered to the following Bⁿ, viz, Mess^{rs} Strong, W^mson, Malcolm, Buchanan, 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.

Mr Law

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by M^r Rob^t Law wherein he complains that he had been laid under some difficulties by the Pby of Letterkenny, & prays that this Synod would relieve him. A Committee of the following Bⁿ with an Elder with each, namely, Mess^{rs} Harvey, Hood, Vict^r Ferguson, Tho^s Bond, W^m Armstrong, Hare, Ja^s Smith, Young, Rob^t Huey, & Haslet, are appointed to meet at Raphoe on Wednesday 7th of Aug^t next, & issue that affair. The Pby of Letterkenny is appointed to attend s^d Committee, & give what light they can in the affair. Mess^{rs} Vict^r Ferguson & Tho^s Bond are appointed to signify this to s^d Committee.

W^m Calderwood a reduced Gentleman is recommended to the several sessions subject to the Sub Synod of Belfast.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r 1. The Pby of Antrim present.

Minsr Widows

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund was read in the Interloq^r whereby it appears that they have now in hand £2121 8 0¹/₂ besides sent to them from this Synod by M^r M^cCollum the following Collections.

From M ^r Crawford, Crumlin	£1 14 1 ¹ / ₂
From M ^r Douglass, Derrikeghan	3 8 3
From M ^r Cochran, Dunbo	1 0 0
From M ^r Cochran, Bangor	3 0 0

M^r Cuningham of Cumber not having collected any thing for this Fund the Interloq^r appoints that such Collection be made there, & that the Pby of Bangor take care that this be done: particularly it is ordered that M^r Malcolm preach at Comber the Sab. before s^d Collection, & advertise it and M^r Laird the day of the Collection. M^r Cuningham to preach for these Bⁿ.

Circular Letter

Mess^{rs} Moodie & Maxwell not having wrote the circular letter to be read in the Congregations, recommending liberal Contributions to this Fund, the Interloq^r appoints the following Bⁿ, viz., Mess^{rs} Colvill, Nivin, Maclaine, Gilb^t Kennedy, Higinbothom & Maxwell 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 M^r M^cMaster, the Trustees propose & recommend Rich^d Barry of Ushers Quay, Esq^r to fill up that vacancy: & it was unanimously agreed to by the Interloq^r.

Mess^{rs} Tho^s. & Clot. Brown are appointed to draw up a letter to the Trustees.

Interloqr. 2^d.

The two Mess^{rs} Brown now brought in the draught of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Mod^r.

The Trustees represent that a Bequest by M^r M^cKedy, late of B.mena has not come to their hand. The Interloqr^r appoints Mess^{rs} Ja^s White sen^r, Joⁿ Brown & Gilb^t Kennedy to use their influence in order to the obtaining s^d 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^l Synod & Pby of Antrim, & of the expences attending it.

M^r M^cCollum is appointed to search, or enquire among M^r M^cMasters 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 M^r M^cMasters Donation of £7 0 0 ꝯ an: to 7 widows, of w^c there has been no account either last Synod or this.

Interloqr. 3^d.

Some Bⁿ. having found fault with the Sermon preached by the late Mod^r. at the opening of this Synod: M^r Maxwell alledged 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^c were read and are as follow, namely:

The Committee having heard the conference w^c M^r Maxwell had w^t the members of the Synod who had taken offence at some expressions of the aboves^d Sermon, came to the following resolutions.

Res. 1. That M^r Maxwell has discovered a truly christian temper in the pains he took to remove the offence taken, by reading y^e parte of the Discourse which occasioned it, & also conversing very freely w^t the Bⁿ. offended, who also shewed 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 M^r 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 s^d offence, or offences so taken. These Resolutions were unanimously approved by the Committee : & the diligence of the Committee was approved by the Interloq^r : 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 Bⁿ, viz., Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Holmes, King & Semple said they were not fully satisfied.

Inserted by

JON. COCHRAN, Clk, S.G.

July 25.

1754.

T. Patk Pby.

Dublin Pby.

Jas. Cobham	Jas. Fairies	Wm. Wight
Wm. Livingstone		
Wm. Thomson	Mr. Jas. Egleson	Monaghan Pby.
Thos. Crawford	Patk. Hanna	
Jon. Thomson	Mr. Andr. Smith	Wm. Ambrose
Wm. Henderson		
Jon. M'Connel	Mr. Jas. Cuninghame	
Wm. Rogers	Saml. M'Michael	
Jon. Wight	Mr. Geo. Shaw	

Modr. M^r Menogh proposed that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following Bⁿ. were named as a leet, viz., Mess^{rs} Ambrose, Joⁿ Holmes, Marshal, Dickson, Alex^r. Semple, Ja^s Cochran, Rainkin, Gidⁿ Neilson, And^r Ferguson, M^cCombe, Dunn, Wight, Joⁿ White & Hood. The Roll was called, & M^r Joⁿ Marshal was chosen. And Joⁿ Cochran was continued Clk.

Clk. Ordered that the several Pbyes 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.

Sess. 24. *Wednesday. Nine in the morning. Post preces Sed^t qui supra.*

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 Coothill have Licensed M^r Rob^t Edgar, who subscribed. And have entered M^r W^m Warnick on first tryals.

Dead Tyrone Pby report that M^r Ja^s Orr dyed Ap^r. 10, 1755.

Letterkenny Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} Ja^s Calderwood & Isaac Patrick. Who both subscribed.

Derry Pby have Licensed M^r Joⁿ Law, who subscribed : & have entered M^r W^m Burk on first tryals.

Ordained &c. Bangor Pby have Ordained M^r Ja^s Hamilton at Dundonald Oct^r. 15, 1754. And M^r Joⁿ King at Hollywood Dec^r 3, 1754. They both subscribed.

Killeleagh Pby have entered M^r Ja^s Dunbar on first tryals.

Drummore Pby have Licensed M^r Sam^l Feguson, who subscribed.

T. Patk Pby have Ordained M^r Joⁿ Wight at Dunnegore in Ap^r 1755. And Licensed M^r Rob^t White. They both subscribed. They report that M^r Tho^s Brown dyed Nov^r 17, 1754.

B. mena Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} Alex^r. M^cMullan & David Fullerton : who both subscribed.

Strabane Pby have Ordained M^r Rob^t Neilson at Omagh in July 1754. Who subscribed.

Rout Pby have Ordained M^r Joⁿ Cameron at Dunluce June y^e 3^d, 1755. And have Licensed Mess^{rs} Rob^t Scott & Ja^s Whiteside who both subscribed. And have entered Mess^{rs} Tho^s Lusk & Jos. Litle on first tryals.

Dubliu Pby report that M^r W^m M^cBeath dyed but the time not mentioned.

Monaghan Pby have entered M^r Harper on first tryals.

The Members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are as follow, ^{Synod's} ^{Comm.} namely:

For Tyrone Pby. Mess^{rs} Wallace & Caldwell, w^t an Elder.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Gordon & Benjⁿ. Holmes, with an Elder.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey, w^t an Elder.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Huey & Laird, w^t an Elder.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Mich^l Henry, w^t an Elder.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Geo. Henry, w^t an Elder.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} Semple & Sims, with an Elder.

For T. Patk, Mess^{rs} Rogers & Wight, with an Elder.

For B. mena, Mess^{rs} Brown & Rainkin, with an Elder.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Young & Scott, with an Elder.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Logue, with an Elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison, and an Elder.

For Coothill. No return.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet a Maghrefelt, when called by the Mod^r on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, where of 12 at least to be Miⁿrs.

The holding a Synod by delegation, is refer'd to be considered by the Pbyes, 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.

W^m Rogers

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 W^m. Rogers did not prove the charge he had exhibited against M^r Thomson, the Synod looks on s^t Rogers to be censurable, & accordingly he was admonished by the Mod^r.

Rye

It does not appear that any thing has been done for Rye by the Synod of B.mena, or the Pbyes of Derry or Strabane. The appointm^t is renewed, that at their next meeting they make some assistance to that Congregation, & remitt it to the Pby of Letterkenny.

N. Jersey

There has been very little done by the Pbyes 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 Miⁿrs to represent it in the warmest manner to their Congregations: & to pay their Collections to the Gentlemen formerlie appointed, before the first of Nov^r next.

Absts. excused.

Absent from this Synod and excused are, Mess^{rs} And^r Dean, Ja^s Hamilton, Joⁿ Algeo, Ja^s Clark, Hu. Wallace, Sam^l Delap, Dav. Fairlie, Rob^t Wirling, And^r Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, Tho^s Strawbgidge, Tho^s Bond, W^m Hare, Joⁿ Cochran, Fr. Montgomry, And^r Kennedy, W^m Warnick, And^r Kennedy, Sam^l Forgie, Ja^s Johnston, Geo. Cherrie, Joⁿ Maxwel, Ja^s Moodie, Rob^t Gordon, Ja^s Allen, W^m Thomson, Sam^l Thomson, Alex^r Brown, Rob^t Higinbothom, Rob^t M^cBride, Joⁿ Thomson, Sam^l Buys, W^m Patten, Ch. M^cCollum, Patk. Plunkett, Dav. Hutchison, & Tho^s Boyle.

Not excused

Absent from this Synod, & no excuse from are, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Bond, Alex^r M^cKye, Ch. Caldwell, Joⁿ M^cGaughie, Ja^s Gordon, Benj. Holmes, Dav. Harvey, Joⁿ Lile, Dav. Walker, Jo^s Reagh, Rob^t Huey, Rob^t Cuninghame, Ja^s M^cKean, Michael Henry, Henry Jackson, Joⁿ Lewson, Rob^t Lees, Vict^r Ferguson, Ja^s Smith, And^r Welsh, W^m Armstrong, Jo^s Osborne, Hu. M^cCrackan, Jo^s Scott, Rob^t Neilson, Dav. Smylie, Rob^t Brown, Joⁿ Logue, Hu. Gaston, Joⁿ Smith, Jos. Duglass, Eben^r Killburn, Geo. Carson, Hu. Mulligan, W^m Fleming, Tho^s Plunket, Ja^s Jackson, & W^m Moorhead.

Sligoe

The recommendation in favour of Sligoe, is renewed to the Pbyes of Letterkenny & Monaghan.

M^r 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 Lohgall as formerlie.

M^r Rob^t Law

The Committee in the affair of M^r Rob^t 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 carryed in the affirmative by a great majority. Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Thomson, King, & Alex^r Neilson, dissented. Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Committees at 4. Interloq^t at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

*Hora 6^{ta} post meridiem &c.*Sess. 3^d

Mess^{rs} Boyd & Ambrose are appointed to write to the Trustees of M^r Maxwel's Fund, in favour of Sligoe. Which was done.

Mess^{rs} Adam M^cCutcheon & Sam^l Railstone Commiss^{rs} from B.mony, presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring the following supplies, namely, M^r M^cCleland from the Pby of Tyrone, for the month of July; M^r Joⁿ Smith from Letterkenny, for Aug^t; M^r Dav. Fullerton from B.mena, for Sept^r & M^r Hu. Nisbit for Oct^r. And farther that this Synod would appoint them such other Supplies, as they shall think fit, till next Synod. The Synod grants the above mentioned Suppliers, and appoints the Pbyes to send them such other monthly Suppliers, 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 Joⁿ Stewart a member of the Session of the 3^d 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 Pbyes answers to s^d Reasons were read. A dispute arising between the Pby & M^r Stewart concerning a Promise alledged to have been made by M^r Stewart to resign his office after some short time: the Pby affirming & he denying it. The Pbyes 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, Mess^{rs} Sam^l Kennedy & Joⁿ 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^t. 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 Priviledge, for the future of sitting in the Session of the 3^d Congregation in Belfast.

Res. 3. In case M^r Stewart does desire to be disannexed from s^d Congregation, we allow the Min^r & 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.

Marriage An Overture from the Committee of Overtures, was laid before this Synod, namely, that if any of the Miñrs belonging to this Synod, shall marry any persons, without previously publishing the Banns, such offender shall be suspended by his Pby, for one Sabath, and that the Pby shall send one of their number to supply his Congregation, & signify the reasons of it. Which was unanimously approved by ye Synod.

M^r Law M^r Rob^t 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 Pby. The Synod orders him to be subject to the Pby of Strabane.

The Mod^r. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloqr. 1.

Cumber Mess^{rs} 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 2½ which was remitted to the Trustees of that Fund.

M^r Cuningham M^r Rob^t Cuningham became a subscriber to s^d Fund, before his Pby in Oct^r last, & that Pby refer'd it to this Synod whither he shall be returned as such, to the Trustees. The Interloqr^r considering this as a peculiar case, agreed to admit s^d subscription: but in case he shall afterwards have a wife, he shall then pay up what may be due from the commencement of s^d Fund, w^t the Interest that shall be due upon it.

M^r Ereskine M^r 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 Interloqr^r, to recommend the affair of collecting for s^d Fund, to his Congregation.

Letter from the Trustees A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, giving an account of the state of it, was read in the Interloqr^r: whereby it appears that the have now in hand £2425 2 6½. They also observe that by the death of D^r Martin there is a vacancy in the Trust: to fill up w^c the[y] recommend Coll: Joⁿ Martin of Dublin. The Interloqr^r unanimously agrees that s^d Gentleman shall be Trustee in the place of D^r Martin deceased.

Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Kennedy & Maclane are appointed to bring in the draught of a letter, from this Interloqr^r, to the Trustees of that Fund, at next Sed^t.

Interloqr. 2^d.

M^r Lang sent to this Synod a stated account of the ord^{ry} & add^l R.D. with which the Interloqr^r is satisfied.

Patent for R.D. M^r M^cCollum has been at due pains to procure the Original Patent, granted by the late Queen Anne for the R.D. of w^c he has sent a Copy to this Synod: and it is the unanimous opinion of this

Interloq^r that the Patent be lodged with M^r M^cCollum, and that the Copy, which was now read be lodged with the Clk of the Synod.

M^r M^cMasters 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^r Laird by our Treasurer.

Upon reading the minute of last year's Interloq^r w^t reference to the offence taken at M^r Maxwels Sermon: whereas it is said in that minute, that Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Holmes, King, & Semple were not fully satisfied with the explanations then given by M^r Maxwel, they now declare that they were not at all satisfied.

The Bⁿ. now brought in the draught of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Mod^r.

Inserted by

July 24.
1755.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

A Gen^l. Synod at Antrim, June 29, 1756.

M^r Joⁿ Marshal Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Cor: 2. 2. And then constituted it by prayer. After which Sed^s from the

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Jon. Gibson		Alexr. M ^c Combe	
Jas. Todd		Jon. Strong	
Jas. Hull		Wm. Dunn	
Wm. M ^c Neilly		Robt. Smith	Mr. Jon. M ^c Mican
Wm. Kennedy	Fergus Neill		
Jon. M ^c Cleland	Jos. Brown	Armagh Pby.	
Letterkenny Pby.		Jon. Menogh	Mr. Jas. Menogh
Wm. Wilson		Jon. Maxwel	Mr. Wm. M ^c Kye
Jon. Marshal		Hen. Jackson	
Jas. Gordon			
Jas. Turretine			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.		Drummore Pby.	
Saml. Patton		Jon. King	Jon. M'Cay
		Jon. Semple	W. M'Cormick
Bangor Pby.		Saml. Sims	Mr. Ch. Orr
Jon. Cochran	Jas. Wightman	Allexr. Neilson	Jou. Bigham
Andr. Malcolm	Hu. Smith	Wm. Henry	Jon. M'Nae
Saml. Allexr.		T.Patk Pby.	
Jas. Huey		Wm. Thomson	Wm. Houston
Wm. Laird	Jon. Kinkead	Thos. Crawford	Archd. Hunter
Jas. M'Kean	Mr. Dav. M'Kye	Wm. Henderson	
Patk. Buchannan	Jas. M'Kye	Wm. Rogers	Andr. Loramore
Richd Walker		Jon. Wight	Mr. Robt. Gamble
Jos. Mitchel		Robt. White	Mr. Saml. Birnie
Wm. Rowan	Mr. Hen. Bety	Dav. Fullerton	Jas. Boyle
Jas. Hamilton		Dublin Pby.	
Jon. King		Ch. M'Collum	
B.mena Pby.		Monaghan Pby.	
Jas. White, Senr.	Jon. Hood	Wm. Ambrose	
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton	Dav. Hutchison	
Jas. M'Creight	Dav. M'Creight	Coothill Pby.	
Jon. Brown	Jon. Mann	None present	
Jas. Cochran	Saml. Lynd		
Jas. White, Junr.	Jon Thomson		
Jon. Rankin	Mr. Jon. Bruce		
Jas. Ker	Jon. Rogers		
Allexr. M'Mullan	Mr. Ch. Johnston		
Strabane Pby.		Mr. Jon. Thomson	Jon. M'Mahon
None present			
Rout Pby.			
Robt. Brown			
Robt. Henry	Neil Campble		
Wm. Cochran			
Jon. Smith			
Jon. Simson			

Modr.

M^r Marshal Mod^r of the former Synod moved that another be chosen to moderate in this. The following B^r. were named for a leet, viz, Mess^{rs} Ambrose, Hutchison, Turretine, Todd, Walker, M^cCombe, Dunn, Hen: Jackson, Crawford, M^cCreight, Rankin, Rob^t Henry, & M^cCollum. The Roll was called & M^r Ambrose was chosen. And

Clk.

Jo^s 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 & 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.

Seas. 2^{do}

The time appointed for prayer was observed. And the Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees, as also the following Accounts namely:

The Pby of Tyrone have ordained M^r Joⁿ M^cCleland at Coagh Ordained Sept^r y^e 9th 1755. Who subscribed.

The Pby of Letterkenny have ordained M^r Hu: Nisbit at Sligoe May y^e 5, 1756, who subscribed. They report that M^r Vance was removed from Rathmelton to Ushers Quay, & M^r Kinkead from Stranorlar to Killinshy since last Synod.

The Pby of Bangor have entered M^r Dav: M^cKye on first tryals.

The Pby of Killeleagh have licensed M^r Ja^s Dunbar who subscribed.

Drummore Pby report that M^r Tim: White dyed June y^e 5, 1756, Dead & that they have entered M^r Ja^s Kinnier on first tryals.

The Pby of T.Patk have ordained M^r Rob^t White at T.Patk Aug^t 24, 1755. M^r Tho^s Reid at Glenarm in March 1756, & M^r Dav: Fullerton at Carrickfergus, March y^e 11, 1756. Who all subscribed.

B.mena Pby have Ordained M^r Alex^r M^cMullan at Braid Jan^y 13, 1756: & licensed M^r Rob^t Killpatrick. They both subscribed. Licensed,

Rout Pby have licensed M^r Joseph Litle, who subscribed.

Coothill Pby report that M^r Ja^s Clark dyed in Nov^r 1756.

The Members of the gen^l Synods fixed Com: are as follow viz.

For Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Caldwell & Duffine w^t an Elder.

For Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Holms & Alex^r with an Elder.

For Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvey w^t an Elder.

For Bangor, Mess^{rs} Huey & Laird with an Elder.

For Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} M^cCombe & Dunn w^t an Elder.

For Armagh, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Geo: Henry w^t an Elder.

For Drummore, Mess^{rs} Sims & Semple w^t an Elder.

For T.Patk, Mess^{rs} Rogers & Wight with an Elder.

For B.mena, Mess^{rs} Brown & Rankin with an Elder.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Armstrong & Scott with an Elder.

For Rout, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Logue with an Elde .

For Dublin, no return.

For Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hutchison w^t an Elder.

For Coothill, no return.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^r 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.

Rye Very little appears to have been done for Rye : the former appointment on the Synod of B.mena, & the Pbyes of Derry & Strabane is renewed, the Synod is displeas'd with their negligence & enjoins them to use diligence, & that the several contributions be paid or remitted to M^r Marshal.

N.Jersey 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 Bⁿ. have made contributions for that purpose the Synod is well pleas'd with them.

Absents excused Absent from this Synod, & excused are Mess^{rs} Hu: Wallace, Joⁿ Kennedy, Adam Duffine, Joⁿ Ker, Sam^l Delap, Will^m Boyd, Dav: Fairlie, Rob^t Wirling, Joⁿ Holmes, Fr: Montgomrie, Sam^l Forgie, Tho^s Scott, Ja^s Jackson, Ja^s Moodie, Rob^t Gordon, Ja^s Allen, W^m Thomson, Joⁿ Mulligan, Ja^s Cobham, Alex^r Brown, W^m Livingstone, Rob^t Higginbotham, Ja^s M^cCurdie, Rob^t M^cBride, Joⁿ Thomson, Gidⁿ Neilson, Sam^l Buys, Will^m Patton, Eben^r Killburn, W^m Wight, Patk Plunkett, Ja^s Jackson, & And^r. Dean.

Not excused. Absent & no excuse from them are, Mess^{rs} Ch. Caldwell, Joⁿ M^cGauchie, Benjⁿ Holms, Tho^s Vance, And^r Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, W^m Callender, And^r Alex^r, Hu. Delap, Hu. Nisbit, all the Pby of Derry except M^r Patton, Rob^t Cuningham, Joⁿ Moorhead, Hu. Dickson, Will^m Warnick, Ja^s Armstrong, Mich^l Henry, Joⁿ Will^mson, Geo. Cherrie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, Sam^l Thomson, Joⁿ M^cConnel, Joⁿ Lewson, Rob^t Lees, Tho^s Reid, all Strabane Pby, Dav. Smylie, Joⁿ Logue, Hen. Ereskine, Jo^s Duglass, Rob^t Ewing, Joⁿ Cameron, Geo. Carson, Hu. Mulligan, Tho^s Boyle, W^m Fleming, Tho^s Plunket, Wil^m Moorhead, & all Coothill Pby.

Overt. Whereas a complaint has been made to this Synod that some Miⁿrs attend none of the Judicatories of this Church, & that tho' some of them have been wrote to, several times by their Pbyes 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 Miⁿrs to attend the next meeting of the Synod, to give an account of this their Conduct: of w^e 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^e they are judged to belong.

Mr Kinkead Upon enquiring for returns of such Miⁿrs as have been Ordained, Installed &c., it was found that M^r 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 Killinshy 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^r Huey was ordered to write to the Session & Congregation of Killinshy informing them that they are enjoined by this Synod to apply the first opportunity, to the Pby of Killeleagh in order to have M^r Kinkead Installed in that Congregation, with all convenient expedition.

A Supplication from Garvagh was presented to this Synod by Hu. M^r Callender Young containing a complaint against M^r W^m. 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^d M^r 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^r 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^r Callender into their number, & allowed him to preach at Ardstra without Credentials from the Pby of Rout, this Synod is displeas'd with their Conduct, & do hereby enjoin them, & give notice to other Pbyes to beware of such behaviour in time to come.

Adjourn'd to 5 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5^{ta} post Meridiem, &c.

Sees 3^{ta}

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 Loughgall is ordered by this Synod to be paid to M^{rs} Orr, and that the Fund formerly granted to Loughgall, be given to her, for at least one year more, unless that Congregation be planted before that time. Loughgall

A Supplication from Loughbrickland was presented to this Synod by Ja^s 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. Loughbrickland

A Commission and Supplication from Scarva was presented to this Synod by W^m M^cGill &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 Loughbrickland appeared opposing that request. The Commiss^{rs} from both sides were heard, & the Synod Scarva

reasoned on it. After w^o it was moved and agreed to, that the Pyles of Drummore Armagh & Killeleagh meet at Loughbrickland the 28th of July next, & finally determine that affair.

C. Blainy A Supplication from C. Blainy was presented to this Synod by W^m Baillie representing the low circumstances of that Congregation, & desiring that this Synod would grant them such assistance as they shall think fit. The right Hon^{ble} 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. Blainie at next gen^l Synod, provided that Congregation be planted before that time.

B. mony A Supplication from B. mony was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Haltridge & Joⁿ Thomson desiring to be supplied in the following manner, viz. by M^r Ja^s Dunbar for the three last Sab's of July and first of Aug^t. By M^r Joⁿ Smith for the four remaining Sab's of Aug^t M^r Rob^t Scott for Sept^r. M^r Jo^s Little for Oct^r. By M^r Joⁿ Brown of B. mena for Nov^r. M^r Rankin for Dec^r and that leave may be given to call such other Suppliers subject to this Synod as they shall want, from time to time, till next Synod : w^o was granted. Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 4

Die Jovis Hora decima &c.

Bucknae

A Supplication subscribed by a great many hands was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} 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^o were read.

From Braid appeared Captⁿ. Joⁿ White, Mess^{rs} Ch: Johnston &c. remonstrating against s^d Erection, & produced answers to the above s^d reasons, w^o were also read. Then the reasons for the Erection, and the answers were read alternately, & the Commiss^{rs} 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. Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Thomson, And^r. Malcolm, Dav: Hutchison, Ja^s Huey & Joⁿ Semple to go out & converse with the Parties and try if in an amicable manner they can fix the bounds.

W^o Com: 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 Rocavan, 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, Killicarn half a town, Claggan half a town, Aghnawhilke half a town, Aghafaltan or flaxtoun a quarter, Langmore a quarter, Breakogh half a town, & Loghcounolly a town, & no more.

Res: 2^d. That if any of the Inhabitants of Loghcounolly, on being acquainted with this Resolution, shall choose to continue Members of the Congregation of Brughshane, they are not hereby prevented, only s^d towns or denominations are still to be considered as within the bounds of the Congregation of Buckna.

Res: 3^d. That if any persons, at present, inhabiting or dwelling within the bounds of the Congregation of Brughshane & not within s^d 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. Buckna erected

Adjourned to 5 in the Afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5 post Meridiem &c.

Sess. 5th.

Ushers Quay to be supplied as formerlie.

Ushers Quay

A Supplication from part of the Congregation of Bellyeaston was read in this Synod, from w^{ch} it appears that there are some Divisions & Misunderstandings among that People. This Synod appoints the following Bⁿ. namely, the Members of the Pby of T: Patk. & from Bangor Pby, Mess^{rs} Malcolm, Huey, Laird, Walker & Rowan. From Killeleagh, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Strong. From Drummore, Mess^{rs} Semple & Neilson. And from B.mena, Mess^{rs} Hill, Brown, Cochran, Rainkin & M^cMullan, 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 apprised of this our appointment by the Supplier who is to be there next Lords Day. B.easton

Whereas it appears to this Synod, that the state of the gen^l 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^d Fund, & that the summ^a allowed for the support of weak Congregations shall be paid by the Clk of s^d Fund. Fund

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1

It was moved & agreed to by this Interloq^r that an Address be sent to the King from this Synod, & that Mess^{rs} Menogh, Maxwell, Dunn, and Nivin bring in a Draught of it to next Interloq^r.

The Treasurer is appointed to pay M^r W^m Henderson in the Pby of T.Patk the arrear of Ord^{ry} R.D. due to him.

Interloq^r. 2^d.

The Bⁿ. appointed to bring in a Draught of an Address to the King, now laid one before the Interloq^r, w^c 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 L^d Levtenant, to be by him presented to his Majestie. The Address is as followeth.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE :

Address to the
King

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PROTESTANT DISSIDENTING 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 Dissidenting 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 enemys foreign and domestick, & this we hath been our indisputable character, we hope ever to maintain.

It is our unfeigned & dayly prayer that Almighty 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 ambitious & 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^r.

Interloq^r. 3^d.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, was now read in the Interloq^r by which it appears that they have in hand £3377 0 2. Trustees of
Widows Fund

It hath been observed in this Interloq^r. that the Remittances made by some Bⁿ. are not specifyed in the Returns made by our Treasurer. Upon which it was agreed, that each Phy give an exact account at our next gen^l Synod, of the particular Collections received from their Congregations. & paid into the Treasurers hand, that a Committee of the Synod may compare s^d Remittances with the Returns made by our Treasurer.

Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Gilb^t Kennedy think that something may be done by M^r Maxwels Fund, for the assistance of Sligoe, now that it is planted. Sligoe

Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Kennedy & Niven are appointed to write to the Trustees of the Widows Fund. Which was done.

Inserted by

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

Sept^r. 1.
1756.

A General Synod at Lurgan, June ye 28th, 1757.

M^r William Ambrose Mod^r 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 Pbyes as follow, viz., from the,

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Pby.		T.Patk Pby.	
Jas. Turretine		Wm. Rogers	
		John Wright	
	Derry Pby. none	Robt. White	Saml. Birnie
		David Fullerton	Mr. Dav. Lynd
Bangor Pby.		B.mena Pby.	
John Cochran	Mr. Jas. Cochran	Jas. Cochran	Mr. Robt. Kirkpatk
Robt. Cuningham		Jas. White	
Andr. Malcolm		John Rainkin	Mr. Wm. Curry
John Moorhead		Alexr. M'Mullen	John Hood
Hugh Dickson			
Saml. Allexander			
Wm. Laird	Mr. Jas. Simon	Strabane Pby. none	
Patk. Buchannon	Mr. Robt. Nicol	Rout Pby. none	
Richd. Walker		Dublin Pby.	
Joseph Mitchel	Ant: M'Caa		
Wm. Rowan	Mr. Hen. Beaty		
Jas. Hamilton		Wm. Wight	
Killyleagh Pby.		Monaghan Pby.	
Alexr. M'Combe		Wm. Ambrose	John Caldwell
Jas. Armstrong		Geo. Carson	Mr. Thos. Fairies
John Strong		David Hutchison	Mr. Eph. Harper
Wm. Dunu		Hu. Mulligan	
Jos. Kinkead	Mr. Robt. Logan	Thos. Plunkett	
Robt. Smith		Jas. Jackson	Arch. Brown
John Wm. son	John Conn	Wm. Moorhead	Mr. Jos. Coulter
Armagh Pby.		Coothill Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	Mr. Jas. Menogh	Wm. Smith	
Geo. Cherrie		John Warnick	Mr. Wm. Baillie
Jon. Maxwell	Robt. M'Neilly		
Henry Jackson	Mr. Robt. Cummine		
Dromore Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
Jas. Allen		John Kennedy	Wm. Herdman
John King	Andr. Burgess	John Gibson	
John Thomson	Mr. Thos. Hughes	Adam Duffine	Jas. Killworth
John Semple	Mr. John Carson	Jas. Todd	Mr. Dav. Tomb
Saml. Sims	John Bradford	John White	
Alexr. Neilson	Mr. — Kelso	Jas. Hull	Mr. Jas. Henry
Wm. Henry	Archd. Pettigrew	Wm. Kennedy	Danl. M'Keivor
		John M'Cleland	

It was moved by M^r Ambrose that another be chosen to moderate Mod^r. in this Synod. The following Brethren were named for a leet viz : Mess^{rs} Cherrie, Todd, Turretine, Walker, M^cCombe, Dunn, King, Semple, Rainkin, W^m Wight, Carson. Hutchison, & W^m Smith, the Roll was called and M^r Cherrie was chosen. And John Cochran Clk. continued Clk.

Ordered that the sev^l Pbyes 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^l 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,

Sess. 3^{da}.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in lists for the Committees, and made the following reports, namely :

Bangor Pby have Licensed M^r David M^cKee, who subscribed Reports of the sev^l Pbyes according to order.

Killyleagh Pby have Licensed M^r David Brown, who subscribed according to order.

Dromore Pby report that M^r Will^m. Thomson dyed No^v. y^o 8, 1756.

B.mena Pby report that M^r Ja^s. M^cCreight dyed March y^e 12th, 1757; that M^r John Logue was Installed at Buckna, No^v. the 5th, 1756; and y^t they have entred M^r Ja^s. Cochran on first tryals.

Monaghan Pby have entred M^r Rob^t. Edgar on 2^d tryals.

Coothill Pby report that M^r Ja^s. Hamilton dyed in Aug^t., 1756; and that they have ordained M^r John Warnock at C.Blayne in Oct^r, 1756, who subscribed according to order.

Tyrone Pby report that they have entred M^r Ja^s. Whiteside on 2^d tryals.

The Members of the Gen^l. Synod's Fixed Committee the same as Fixed Com: last year, who are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^r. on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Min^{rs}.

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 Mess^{rs}. King, Semple, Rainkin, & M^cMullan to attend the next Synod of Ballymena and sollicite that affair, & press

it on these Pbyes that they with all convenient expedition do justice to that congregation.

As the Pby of Dromore have raised some contributions for N. Jersey and s^d money not remitted, this Synod orders that it be applied to other Charitable purposes, till the Synod know farther.

Killinshy M^r. Huey wrote to the Session & Congregation of Killinshy, but it appears that M^r Kinkead is not yet Installed there.

A Supplication from the greater part of that congregation was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} 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 Mess^{rs} John Stewart, David Brown, &c., Commissioners, wherein they desire that the former appointment w^t reference to the Installment of M^r Kinkead may be renewed.

Reasons were produced by the Commiss^{rs} 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 Commiss^{rs} 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^e Pby of Killyleagh, or not? and it was carried in the negative without a Dissenting Voice, one only excepted.

M^r 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^t to explain himself.

Killinker A letter from the R^t. Honb^{le} the Lord Farnham representing the Low Circumstances of Killinker, & desiring that this Synod would give them some assistance, [was read]. M^r Dickie heir at Law to M^r Hamilton the late Min^r 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 M^r Hamilton's Heirs. This is reoommended to the care of the Pby of Coothill.

Glennan M^r Plunkett Comm^r from Glennan represents the weak condition of that Congregation & that they are not able to pay the 40 £ p^a annum as the Synod has ordered, & prays that this Synod wou^d 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. Interloq^t at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora 10^{ma} mane.

Sess. 3^{ta}

M^{rs} M^cCreight is represented as an object of Charity to this Synod, M^{rs} M^cCreight & it is agreed that each Minister bring some contribution to her at next Synod.

M^r Kinkead now explained what he said Last night, in these M^r Kinkead 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 Mess^{rs} Malcolm, Moorhead, Sims, & Hutchison are appointed to converse with the Commissioners of Killylinshy, & 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 C: Blaynie. W^m 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^r M^cCombe 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 Fund 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 Congregatians 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 12^d p £ for the first year out of the produce of said fund.

Res: 2^d. 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: 3^d. That every Pby give notice to those Min^{rs} 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^{rs} neglect to make a return, then the Pbyes under whose care said Min^{rs} 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. Tho' by a Resolution of Last Synod, every Min^r 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.

Loughgall

A Supplication from Loughgall was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} 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 Loughgall be kept in hand, untill next General Synod, & then disposed of, as they shall think fit.

M^r Hutchison is appointed to write to Lord Farnham.

The B^p. that were sent out to converse with Killinshy Commiss^{rs}. report that the Commiss^{rs}. from that Place tell them that the Members of that Congregation continue very warm in their dispute.

Broughshane

From Broughshane appeared Commiss^{rs}. 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, Mess^{rs} Rogers, Wright, Lewson, & Reid, from Rout Pby, Mess^{rs} Smylie, Henry, Neilson, & Ewing & an Eld^r. with each, to meet at B.mena the 2^d Tuesday of August next. M^r Rainkin to write to the Correspondents.

Mr David Brown

A Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Mess^{rs} Allen, King, Semple, Sims, Neilson, Henry, Cuningham, Malcolm, Dickson, Alex^r, Huey, M^r Kean, and Hamilton and an Elder with each, of whom five Miⁿrs & 3 Eld^{rs} to be a Quorum, to meet at Killinshy the 3^d Tuesday of August next, to hear & determine in the Matter of a Petition exhibited to this Synod by M^r David Brown a member of the Session of Killinshy, with regard to his suspension. M^r Semple to preach, & the Pby of Killyleagh to attend & give what Light they can to said Committee.

Killinshy

This Synod farther appoints that M^r Malcolm & M^r Kinhead change pulpits at their convenience that he, M^r 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 untill next General Synod, in the hopes of a more Amicable accommodation.

Mr Thomson

M^r 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., Mess^{rs} Cherrie, Menogh, 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.

This Synod appoints that a Fast be observed in the several Congregations subject to it, the second Thursday of November next.

The Mod^r. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r 1st.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widdows Fund was read in the Interloq^r, by which it appears that there is now in their Hands £3808 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Colvill are appointed to write to the Trustees in the name of this Interloq^r.

Interloq^r 2^d.

Mess^{rs}. Colvill, &c., now brought the Letter to the Trustees of the Widdows Fund, which was read and approved.

Inserted ¶

JON. COCHRAN, Clk S.G.

A Genl. Synod at Lurgan, June, 27, 1758.

Mr Geo. Cherrie Mod^r of the former Synod. opened this, by preaching from Isa : 50 : 4 : & then constituted it by prayer, after which, were present from the several Pbyes, as follow, viz :

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.	
Andr. Ferguson		Thos. Crawford	Pat. Slone
David Harvy		Will. Thompson	Robt. Allen
Jas. Law		Wm. Henderson	
Bangor Pby.		Jno. Lewson	
John Moorhead		Wm. Rodgers	
Andr. Malcom	Wm. Swane	Jno. Wright	
Hugh Dickson	Robt. M'Kee	Robt. White	Mr. John Martin
Saml. Alexander	Hu. Sprout	Thos. Read	
Andr. Kennedy		David Fullerton	
Jas. Huey		Jas. Dumbar	
Wm. Laird	Jas. Archibald	Ballymena Pby.	
Wm. Warnick		Robt. Higginbotham	
Pat. Buchannan		Jas. White, senr.	Mr. Cummin
Richd. Walker		John Hill	Mr. Wm. Simson
Jos. Mitchel	Robt. Anderson	John Brown	
Wm. Rowan	Robt. Thomson	Jas. Cochran	Mr. Jas. Cochran
John King		Jas. White, junr.	
Killyleagh Pby.		John Logue	
Thos. Scott		John Rankin	Mr. Wm. Thompson
Gilbt. Kennedy		Strabane Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb		Hen. Murray	
Jas. Armstrong		Rout Pby.	
Michl. Henry	John Clark	David Smylie	Hen. Petterson
John Strong		Hn. Gaston	Robt. Elder
Wm. Dunn	Jas. Guffy	John Smith	
Jos. Kinkead	Michl. Stevenson	Roht. Ewing	Jas. Bicket
Robt. Smith	Wm. Park	Jno. Simson	
John Williamson		Dublin Pby.	
Armagh Pby.		Thos. Vance	
John Menogh	Thos. Rodgers	Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Cherrie	Wm. Richardson	Wm. Ambrose	Mr. Wm. Kee
John Maxwell	Mr. Kean	Geo. Carson	
Jas. Moodie		Hugh Mulligan	
Geor. Henry		Thos. Boyl	
Hen. Jackson	Mr. Robt. Cummin	Thos. Plunket	
Drummore Pby.		Wm. Moorhead	
John King	Jos. Kelly	Jas. Hamilton	
John Thompson	Jas. White	Saml. Kennedy	
Saml. Sims		Wm. Sproot	
John Mulligan	Mr. Jas. Kinneer		
Alexr. Neilson	Wm. Haxton		
Wm. Henry	Thos. Johnston		
John Smith	John M'Cormick		
Isaao Patrick	John Smith		

Tyrone Pby.

Coothill Pby.

John Kennedy	Mr. Wm. Herdman	Alexr. M'Keo	
John Gibson		Wm. Smith	
Adam Duffin	Hen. King	John Warnick	
John Kerr			
Jas. Todd	Wm. M'Culloch		Letterkenny Pby.
Jas. Hall	Thos. Patton		
Wm. M'Neilly		William Willson	
Wm. Kennedy	Danl. M'Kever	Jas. Turretine	
John M'Clelland	Jas. Willson	Wm. Callender	
Jas. Whiteside	Robt. Paul	Hu. Delap	Wm. Baxter
		Hu. Nisbet	

M^r Cherrie moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Mod^r. Synod.

The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz. Mess^{rs} Aud^w Ferguson, Gilb^t Kennedy, John King, Alex^r Macomb, W^m Thompson, Jno. Hill, David Smylie, Tho^s Vance, Geo: Carson, Adam Duffin, & W^m Willson. The Roll was called, & M^r Aud^w Ferguson chosen.

It was moved that Inasmuch as M^r Cochran had served the Gen^l Clk. 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 M^r Cochran that he may send copies thereof to the several Pphys of the Gen^l Synod. This was unanimously agreed to, & the chusing of a Clerk put off until To morrow morning.

Ordered that the several Pphys 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 & Gen^l 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 Sessⁿ concluded with prayer.

2^d Session Wednesday at ten in y^e forenoon, after prayer.

24 Sessⁿ.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, & the Following Clk chosen Brethren being proposed as a Leet, viz. Mess^{rs} John Gibson, George Henry, David Smylie, W^m Dunn, John Hill, Ja^s Huey, W^m Willson, Jno. Warwick, & W^m Rodgers & The Roll being Called Will: Rodgers was chosen.

The Pphys gave in Lists of their members for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely:

Ordained

The Pby of Dromore have Licensed Mess^{rs} James Kinneer & Rob^t Semple they Both subscribed according to order & they ordained M^r Jno. Smith at Loghbrickland 8ber 31st 1757 & Isaac Patriek at Magharrally June 22^d 1758, they both subscribed; they report that M^r Semple Dyed March 24th 1758.

Dead, &c.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained M^r Ja^s Dumbar at Islandmagee March 14th 1758 he subscribed: & have entered M^r W^m Montgomery on second Trials, they Report that M^r Alex^r Brown dyed Janry 2^d 1758.

Dead

Ballymena Pby have Licensed M^r Ja^s Cochran, who subscribed, & Entered Mess^{rs} Ja^s Cumin & Cha^s Brown on first Trials. They Report that M^r Ja^s Kerr dyed Sep^r 18th 1757 & M^r M^cCurdy dyed Janry 8th 1758.

Monaghan Pby ordained Mess^{rs} Sam^l Kennedy & W^m Sproot 8ber 12th 1757 they both subscribed, they Installed M^r Hugh Mulligan at Aghnacloy 8ber 13th 1757 who subscribed & they have Entered M^r Ja^s Coulter on first Trials. They Report that M^r Hutcheson was Removed from y^e Congⁿ of Monaghan to Cork, in Sep^r, 1757.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Ja^s Whiteside at Tobermore Agt. 1st 1757, & M^r Peebles at Loghgall June 26th 1758. They both subscribed; & they have entered on first trials Mess^{rs} Ja^s Hogg, Geo. Harris, Rob^t Campbell & W^m Ray.

Derry Pby ordained M^r Ja^s Law July 5th 1756: & have Licensed M^r M^cClure they Both subscribed according to order.

Synod's Fixed
Com.^{tee}

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

For Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Duffin & White w^t an Elder.

For Killyleagh Mess^{rs} Macomb & Henry w^t an Elder.

For Baugor Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Buchanan w^t an Elder.

For Dromore Mess^{rs} King & Sims with an Elder.

For Templepatrick Mess^{rs} Lewson & Fullerton w^t an Elder.

For Armagh Mess^{rs} Jackson & Ferguson w^t an Elder.

For Ballymena Mess^{rs} Brown & Rankin w^t an Elder.

For Strabane, Mess^{rs} Young & Scott w^t an Elder.

For Root Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry w^t an Elder.

For Derry Mess^{rs} Harvy & Lile w^t an Elder.

For Letterkenny Mess^{rs} Delap & Callender with an Elder.

For Coothill Mess^{rs} Makee & Smith with an Elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hamilton & an Elder.

These with our Mod^r. & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^r. on any Emergent, fifteen to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least to be Min^r.

Enquiry was made, if the Appointment of Last Synod Referring to 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 Brethⁿ. viz. Mess^{rs} Higginbothom, Harvy, 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^r 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 formerly allowed to the Congⁿ of Lohgall be paid (untill this day) to M^r 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.

Mess^{rs} Malcom & Kinkead changed Pulpits, one Lord's Day, as the Synod had ordered, & M^r Maleom says he used arguments with the people of Killenchy 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^r Jackson a member of that Committee, produced A Letter to this Synod, containing an Overture to that purpose. This Letter was refered 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^r half an hour after four. Open Synod at six.

Concluded with prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer.

3^d Session

The appointment in favour of M^{rs} McCreight was again enquired into, and it appeared that some Ministers were prepared to give money for her use, M^r Brown of Ballymena, is to attend upon the several Pbyes this evening, to Receive from them what money they have for her. And this Synod recommend it to the Pbyes to urge the absent

members, to use diligence in this affair, & send what they can get for M^{rs} M^cCreight, to M^r 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.

Usher's Quay

M^r 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.

Ballymony

A Supplication from Ballymony, was presented to this Synod, by Mess^{rs} And^w Catherwood, Sam^l Ralstone & others, intreating that this Synod, in pursuance of a Reference from the Pby of Ballymena, in April 1757, to the Gen^l Synod last past, wou^d be pleased to remove M^r Jno. Rankin from Antrim to Ballymony.

Antrim

Some Gentlemen from the Congregation of Antrim appeared, who complained that they had not been timely 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.

Ballyborough

From Ballyborough appeared Jno. Gibson & Rob^t Anderson Comm^s, 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 Pbys of Monaghan & Coothill discovered an Inclination that the people of Ballyborough shou^d be gratified in their request, & the Synod granted their Supplication.

Killinker

From the Congⁿ of Killinker a Supplication was presented to this Synod by Ja^s 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.

Killenchy

From a part of the Congⁿ of Killenchy, a Supplication signed by their Session Clerk, was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} John Moor, Mich^l Stevenson and Rob^t Logan, requesting that their Congⁿ 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 Mess^{rs} John Stewart & John Brown Intreating that this Synod wou^d be pleased to continue their Relation to the Rev^d 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 Comm^{rs} of both parties were heard at large, M^r Kinkead & the Pby of Killyleagh were also heard. The Synod agreed to defer the

consideration of this affair, untill next Sed^r. Adjourned untill to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

This Sessⁿ Concluded w^t prayer.

4th Sessⁿ. Thursday at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer.

4th Sessⁿ.

The matter of the Supplication from Killenchy was again entered upon, according to the Resolutions of last night, & the parties from that Congⁿ heard for a considerable time, The Pby of Killyleagh & M^r Kinkead were also heard at large. The parties, the Pby of Killyleagh, and M^r 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 M^r Kinkead & the Congⁿ of Killenchy, from their Presbytery, as they shall see cause, & the Synod earnestly recommend it to said Pby, to treat M^r Kinkead & that Congregation, with all possible tenderness & do all they can to gratifie them. The parties being called in, this Resolution was Read to them, & they submitted to it.

The Comm^{rs} from Ballymony (with y^e 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, untill next Synod. This granted.

The several Comm^{rs} are ordered to meet immediately. Interloq^r at 4 o'clock afternoon. Open Synod at six.

Concluded with prayer.

5th Sessⁿ. Thursday, at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

5th Session

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Thos: Gordon & Francis Moor, Comm^{rs}, from Buckna, in w^{ch} they complain of the Resolution of the Pby of Ballymena with Correspondents, as Laying a foundation for breaking through the Bounds fixed by the Gen^l. Synod in June, 1756, when they were Erected into a Congⁿ., and intreat that this Synod wou'd Allow the Bounds of their Congⁿ. 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 acc^t. of the Erection at Buckna, were also Read. The Comm^{rs} 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 untill ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

This Session concluded with prayer.

6th Session. Friday, Ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The Clk to the Committee of the Synod's Fund, informed this Synod that Returns have not been made by y^e several Phys (as formerly appointed) of the state of the fund in their Bounds. The Synod

ordered that the Pphys be punctual in making Returns of the Localities wⁱⁿ their Bounds, to M^r Macomb as soon as possible.

Annahilt

Some Members of the Pby of Dromore, applied in the name of Annahilt Congregation, for Liberty to Write to the several Pphys within the Bounds of this Synod, for Suppliers, & particularly for M^r Kinnear of Coothill, & M^r Montgomery of Templepatrick Pby. This was granted.

Stated acct.

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^s between every Min^r & his Congⁿ & this be transmitted by them to the Committee of Books, & Entered into their Records, & this Minute is ordered to be Read in each Congregation.

Overture for Probationers

The Committee of Overtures proposed that every vacant Congregation in the Bounds of the Gen^l. Synod whose yearly Stipend was forty pounds, or did not exceed fifty, should pay to each probationer, for preaching on the Lord's Day, Eight Shill^s & three half pence, and in case the vacant Congⁿ was on the fund & whose yearly stipend did not exceed thirty pounds perhaps not Twenty, that in such cases, what should be paid to the Suppliers, be left to the prudence and discretion of the Pphys to whom such vacant Congⁿ 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 Pphys at least half a Guinea a day, but if such vacant Congⁿ should apply to the Gen^l Synod or other Pphys, for suppliers, that then they pay to such Probationer or Probationers three crowns for every days preaching on the Sabbth Day.

As for those Congⁿ that usually paid sixty pounds a year they ought to pay their Suppliers a pistol p 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 Pphys 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^r. concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

Interloq^r. 1st.

Widows Fund

A Letter from the trustees for the Widows fund was Read in this Interloq^r wherein they gave an acct that, that fund amounts to the sum of £3840 19 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ which with the present year's Subscriptions will make up £4170. This Interloq^r agreed to refer y^e affairs relating to that fund to a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Mess^{rs} Colvil, Niven, Higginbothom, Maxwell, Menogh, Moodie, Kennedy, Harvy, & Makay, who are to bring in their Overtures to morrow morning.

*Interloq^r. 2^d.*2^d Interloq^r.

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^{ns} belonging to the Gen^l Synod & Pby of Antrim for strengthening y^e fund, that the money so collected be put into the hands of some one Min^r in every Pby, & by him brought to this Synod at it's next meeting, with an acct of the particular Collections made, & a return of y^e names of such Min^{rs}, 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.

2^d. 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^l Synod, subscribed by the Mod^r. & Clerk, & returned to the Treasurer for this fund, to whom only annuities shall be paid, untill the next meeting. To enable them to do which, the Pbys in the Returns they make of Min^{rs} Dead, shall particularly mention, leaving Widows or Orphan children or not.

3^d. 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^{rs} M^cKay & Kennedy write to the Trustees, & Mess^{rs} Colvil, Dunn, & Nivin to the Treasurer. These Overtures were considered & approved.

A Supplication from M^{rs} Cornwell was read in this Interloq^r M^{rs} Cornwell intreating that she may be allowed four pounds yearly of the Gen^l Synods Bounty, as formerly granted her, and w^o for some time past she has not Rec^d. This Supplication was granted & the Clerk of y^e Synod ordered to write M^r Lang to that purpose & desire him to pay M^{rs} Cornwell the arrear due her.

A member of this Interloq^r complained that M^r Turretine had Rec^d money from the Congⁿ of Tobermore to Buy Cups & Flagons for Sacramental occasions which he Bought but now Detains & will not give up to that Congregation. M^r Turretine

In order y^t the Interloq^r might receive farther Light in this matter, they called upon M^r Paul an Elder from Tobermore, who declared that the above Complaint was Just, and added, that M^r Turretine had Rec^d 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^s of fund money, which several sums he never laid out as directed by the people, nor accounted for. These Complaints M^r Paul undertook to prove by many Witnesses.

This Interloq^r Resolved that the matter of the above complaints shall be Inquired into and judged by a Committee of the following Brethren, viz. Mess^{rs} 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 suspension untill next meeting of the Gen^l Synod, in case M^r Turretine be found Guilty: five Min^{rs} with two Elders to be a Quorum, M^r Turretine to be Informed of this process, with the names of the Wittnesses who are to support the above Charges, ten free Days before the meeting of the Committee; M^r Smylie to procure a List of the names of the Wittnesses & send it to M^r Turretine, by a person who shall appear at the meeting of s^d Committee, & give evidence of having duely served M^r Turretine with this Resolution, & names of the Wittnesses. And M^r 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^r Turretine to be signed by the Mod^r & Clk of this Synod.

3^d Interloq^r.*Interloqr. 3^d.*

Mess^{rs} Colvil & Niven brought in a Letter to the treasurer for the Widows fund, which was Read and approved by this Interloq^r & signed by the Mod^r. & Clk.

Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Makay brought in a Letter to the Trustees for said fund, w^o was also read & Approved.

This Interloq^r appointed M^r Jno. Maxwell, to write to M^r Maconchy concerning the Expediency of applying for a Charter for the Security of the Widows fund.

Correspondents
wt ye Pby of
Antrim, &c.

A motion was made in this Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod & a Deputation from the Pby of Antrim, That as it wou^d tend much to the credit & advantage of Dissenters in Gen^l. that their different associations shou^d correspond w^t & be mutually assisting to each other, in their consultations for supporting their Gen^l. 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^r Duchal, desiring that Correspondents from them, & from our Brethren in the South, may be appointed to meet w^t us, at our next Gen^l Synod, at Lurgan the Last tuesday in June 1759. And likewise proposing that Correspondents be appointed from this Synod to attend on any of their meetings, when the Brethⁿ there shall think it necessary & desire it.

The above motion was unanimously agreed to. And Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Makay were appointed to write to Doc^r Duchal, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Laird to the Pby of Antrim. Mess^{rs} King & Kennedy to correspond w^t the Pby of Antrim, Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Wight w^t the Southren Association, when Desired.

Ballykelly

The Pby of Derry having Represented that the Congⁿ. of Ballykelly scrupled to pay the arrears due to their late Min^r M^r Jn^o. Haslet,

desired the Advise of this Synod, how they shou'd proceed, in case that Congⁿ. wou'd persist in their Refusal.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Interloq^r. 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 Congⁿ. to Discharge s^d arrear.

A Complaint was made to this Interloq^r that M^r. White of ^{Mr White} Broghshane had collected annually money for the Synod's Fund & had applyed it to other purposes.

This Interloq^r ordered that M^r Macomb, Clerk for said Fund, shall write to M^r White to do justice in this matter, & particularly that he pay the arrear of the fund money, Due by his Congⁿ. to Ballenderry. And in case that be not done, in four weeks after he has been wrote to, M^r Macomb is to write to the Pby of Ballymena, to inquire impartially into, & see justice done in this matter.

This Interloq^r ordered that the acc^t. of the state of the R:D: sent by M^r Lang, be given to M^r Macomb w^o 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.

A Gen^l Synod at Lurgan, June 26th, 1759.

Mr Andrew Ferguson Mod^r 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 Phys as follow, viz., from

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
Robt. Cuninghame	Michl. Moorhead	Jno. King	Mr. Sprout
Andw. Malcom	Wm. Swane	Jno. Thompson	Andw. Smith
Hu. Dickson	Wm. Warnick	Saml. Sims	Jon. Makee
Saml. Alexander		Alexr. Neilson	Jno. M ^c Minn
Andw. Kennedy	Jno. Shannon	Wm. Henry	Mr. Petticrew
Wm. Laird	Mr. Jno. Brown	Jno. Smith	Robt M ^c Cleland
Jas. M ^c Kean		Isaac Patrick	Jno. Smith
Pat. Buchanan			
Jos. Mitchell	Mr. Robinson	Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rowan	Jas. Neilson	Thos. Craford	Mr. Jas. Cuninghame
Killyleagh Pby.		Wm. Rodgers	Robt. Willson
Gilbt. Kennedy		Jno. Wright	Mr. Dick
Alexr. M ^c Combe		David Fullerton	Mr. Cumine
Jas. Armstrong		Jas. Dumbar	Mr. M ^c Clure
Michl. Henry	Edwd. Best	Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Boyd
Jon. Strong	Wm. Read	Ballymena Pby.	
Wm. Dunn	Jno. Lindsay	Jas. White, Senr.	Geo. Read
Jos. Kinhead	Michl. Stevenson	Jas. Cochran	Hen. Richman
Robt Smith	Mr. Chambers	Jas. White, Junr.	Mr. Little
Jno. Williamson		Jno. Logne	
Armagh Pby.		Jno. Rankin	Mr. Martin
Jno. Menogh	Mr. Thos. Gilpin	Alexr. M ^c Mullan	Jas. Harbison
Geo. Cherie	Mr. Jas. Macanless	Rout Pby.	
Jno. Maxwell		David Smylie	Wm. Haslet
Jas. Moodie		Robt. Brown	Jno. Caldwell
Geo. Ferguson		Robt. Henry	
Geo. Henry	Mr. Cumine	Hu. Gaston	
Hen. Jackson		Jno. Simson	Mr. Jas. Steel
Wm. Campbell		Jno. Camron	Jno. Petterson
Dublin Pby.		Tyrone Pby.	
Mr. Wm. Wight		Jno. Kennedy	
Monaghan Pby.		Jno. Gibson	
Wm. Ambrose	Mr. Coulter	Jas. Todd	
Geo. Carson		Jno. White	Mr. Beally
Thos. Boyl		Wm. M ^c Neilly	
Wm. Fleming		Wm. Kennedy	
Thos. Plunket		Jon. M ^c Cleland	
Jas. Jackson	Hu. Willson	Robt. Peebles	
Wm. Moorhead		Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Hamilton		Jas. Turretine	
Saml. Kennedy		Andw. Alexander	

Coothill Pby.

Derry Pby.

Jas. Bond		Andw. Ferguson
Wm. Smith	Wm. Harrison	Jno. Hood
Wm. Spratt	Jno. Brann	Jno. Law
Jno. Warnick	Jas. Kinneer	

Mess^{rs} Alex^r. Colvil, Ja^s Makay & William Niven appeared Correspondents
 Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim, & produced a Commission signed by their Mod^r. and Clk appointing them to join in consultation with this Synod, in such matters as are of Gen^l. Concern, to the protestant Dissenting Interest. Their Commission was sustained.

A Letter from D^r. Duchal & one from M^r Hutcheson, Members of A Letter from
y^e South, &c.
 the Southern Pby, were Read, signifying the Hearty Inclination & Readiness of these Pby, 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.

M^r Maxwell appointed to Answer Doc^r. Duchal, M^r Gilb^t. Kennedy, M^r Hutcheson.

M^r Ferguson moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Mod^r.
 Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz., Mess^{rs} John Hood, Alex^r. Macomb, Hu: Dickson, Ja^s. Bond, James Armstrong, Alex^r. Neilson, Tho^s. Craford, David Smylie, W^m. Wight, Geo: Carson, Jno. White & Jno. Rankin. The Roll was called & M^r Jno. Hood chosen.

M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Clk

Ordered that the several Pby meet this evening & prepare Lists Pby to meet
 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^l Synods fixed Committee, as also an Account of such Minist 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 begiu: This Sessⁿ concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

2^d Sessⁿ

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

Some members of this Synod, upon Reading the Minutes of last Session, Referring to the Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim & the South, desired and alledged that the words Gen^l Interests of Dissenters, in w^h they were to join in consultation with this Synod to promote, shou^d be explained to signify Gen^l Secular concerns only. This was agreed to. M^r Cherrie & others Dissented from the Explication of the Minute of last night; alledging 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 y^e several Committees, as also the following acct^s namely :

Licensed The Pby of Bangor have Licensed M^r Rob^t Nickel who subscribed according to order.

On trials Dromore Pby have Entered M^r Rob^t Dickson on first Trials.

Ordained Templepatrick Pby have ordained M^r W^m Montgomery at Ballyeaston July 27: 1758, who subscribed the Widows fund, &c. They Report that M^r Livingston Died the first day of Sep^r 1758 & M^r Ja^s Cobham Died Feb^ry 23rd 1759.

Licensed On 2^d trials The Pby of Ballymena have Licensed M^r Cha^s Brown who subscribed, and have Entered him on 2^d trials.

Rout Pby have Licensed M^r Rob^t Elder, who subscribed, & have Entered M^r Hu: Smith on 1st trials.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed M^r Geo: Harris & Moses Hogg, they both subscribed, & they have Entered Mess^{rs} W^m Ray & Rob^t Campbel on 1st Trials.

Dead Dublin Pby report that M^r Patton Died April 22^d 1759.

Ordained Installed Coothill Pby have ordained M^r Kinneer 25th of June 1759, & they Installed M^r W^m Sprott at Ballyjamesduff 16th of May 1759. They both subscribed the Widows fund, &c.

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

For Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} And^w Kennedy & Buchanan w^t an Elder.

For Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Macomb & Kennedy w^t an Elder.

For Dromore Mess^{rs} King & Sims w^t an Elder.

For Templepatrick Mess^{rs} Lewson & Fullerton w^t an Elder.

For Ballymena Mess^{rs} Cochran & Rankin w^t an Elder.

For Letterkenny Mess^{rs} Delap & Callender w^t an Elder.

For Monaghan Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hamilton w^t an Elder.

For Armagh Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Ferguson w^t an Elder.

For Rout Mess^{rs} Smylie & Gaston w^t an Elder.

For Tyrone Messrs Jno. Kennedy & White w^t an Elder.

For Dublin Pby. No return.

For Coothill Mess^{rs} M^cKee & Smith w^t an Elder.

For Derry Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvy w^t an Elder.

For Strabane Mess^{rs} Young & Scott & an Elder.

Dunganon These with our Mod^r. & Clk are to meet at Dunganon, when called by the Mod^r. on any Emergency, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Miⁿrs.

This Synod finding that some arrear of the fund money, is yet due ^{M^r Orr} to M^r Orr, recommended it to the Pby of Tyrone, to take care that s^d arrear be paid her. The Pby of Tyrone report that part of the arrears has been p^d M^{rs} Orr & that they will use diligence in collecting the Remainder & as soon as may be.

A Letter from M^r Vance in the name of the Congregation of Usher's ^{Usher's Quay} Quay, was Read, desiring that the appointment of last Synod, w^t regard to the supplying that Congⁿ may be Renewed, & particularly that M^r 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. Y^c Sessⁿ concluded with prayer.

3d Session. Wednesday, at Four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. ^{3d Sessⁿ.}

From a part of the Congⁿ. of Annahilt appeared Mess^{rs} Jas. ^{Annahilt} Henderson, Will^m. Caruthers & others, Commissioners, who produced an Appeal from a Determination of the Pby of Dromore, to Recommend a Call from a part of their Congⁿ. to M^r Rob^t M^cClure. 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 Congⁿ. to Mess^{rs} Dan^l Mussenden, Jn^o Cowan, & Carson, to attend this Synod, & answer to the Opposition and Reasons of it, w^c might be made to M^r Maclure's settlement in Annahilt, were also read.

The Appellants were heard at large: the Pby of Dromore were also heard, & the Comm^{rs} appointed to prosecute y^e Call to M^r 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., Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Kennedy, Williamson, Henry & Strong from the Pby of Killyleagh; Mess^{rs} Moorhead, Alexander, Huey, Laird, Walker, & M^cKean from the Pby of Bangor; Mess^{rs} Cherrie, Menogh, 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. M^r M^cKean 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 ^{Next Synod at} 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 M^r Sam^l. Thompson's ^{M^r Sam^l. Thompson} name shou^d 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 ^{Killenchy} enquire at the Pby of Killyleagh what they had done with regard to the Congⁿ. of Killenchy & M^r. Kinkead. That Pby answered that tho'

M^r Kinkead & many of that Congⁿ. applyed 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 Congⁿ of Killenchy appeared Mess^{rs} Jno. Moor, Ja^s Huet &c., Comm^{rs}, who produced an appeal from the resolution of the Pby of Killyleagh, w^c they think was not agreeable to the determination of last Synod, referring to that affair.

From another party in said Congⁿ appeared Mess^{rs} Jno. Stewart, David Brown & Jno. Brown Comm^{rs}, remonstrating against the disannexation desired by the majority of their Congregation, & praying that the Congⁿ of Killenchy may be continued under the care of the Rev^d 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 Congⁿ 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 Congⁿ otherwise:—The Pby of Killyleagh gave the Synod a large account (from their minutes) of the reasons w^c determined them to deny the request of the majority of Killenchy 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^r King dissented.

Interloq^r 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.

4th Sessⁿ.

Killenchy

Upon reading the minutes of last Session, the appellants from Killenchy, 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 Killenchy shall desire. This the Pby of Killyleagh engaged to do.

Killenker

From the Congⁿ of Killenker appeared M^r Jno Brann Comm^r, who presented a Supplication from that Congⁿ, 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 P year, be paid to Killenker, & by the following Cong^{ns} the sums annexed to them viz.

By Longford	..	..	£1	15	0
By Caledon	..	..	0	16	3
By Coothill	..	..	1	2	9
By Stonebridge	..	..	0	15	0
By Fivemiletown	..	..	0	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Ballybay	..	..	1	1	0
By Fintenagh	..	..	0	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Killyshandra	..	..	0	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Deficiency to be made up by the Committee of funds.

A Report came to this Synod that M^r Erskine of Newtonlamavaddy ^{M^r Erskine} 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 scandleous Behaviour, Agreed, that a Committee of the following members, viz. Mess^{rs} Geo: Cherrie, Jno. Maxwell, W^m Ambrose, Jno. Gibson, Jno. King, Tho^s Plunket, Cha^s Caldwell, Gilb^t Kennedy, Jno. Wright, W^m Kennedy, W^m Dunn, W^m Mackneilly, M^r Murray, W^m Montgomery, Jno. White, Rob^t White, Jno. Lewson, Tho^s Read, W^m Laird, & W^m Rodgers with their Elders, shall meet at Cole-rain, 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^r Erskine. And if they shall have Evidence to Determine them to Believe that he is Immoral & scandleous, as fame 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^r Erskine's Character to the Committee: And to send him a Copy of the Charges alledged 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^r & Clk, to be sent, by the Pby of Rout, to M^r 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^r 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 Pbys were ordered to make Returns to y^e Clk of the ^{Funds} Committee of funds, of the Localities in their Bounds and the Sums p^d by Each, before next Session.

Adjourned untill six o'clock afternoon. This Session concluded with prayer.

5th Sessⁿ.

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.

Widows fund

A motion was made and unanimously agreed to, y^t 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.

Stonebridge & Drum

A minute from the Pby of Coothill was Read in y^o Synod, Desiring assistance in fixing the Bounds of Stonebridge & Drum Congregations.

The Synod agreed to appoint Mess^{rs} Ambrose, Jackson, Rob^t Smith, Kerr, Gibson, Fleming, Hamilton, Maxwell & Macomb, with their Elders to meet as Correspondents with the Pby of Coothill, The 2^d tuesday in Aug^t next at Coothill & Judge that and all other affairs Laid before Them from these places, & by that Pby.

Buckna

A Supplication from Buckna was presented to y^e Synod by M^r 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^{ns} within the Bounds of this Synod, & that this Recommendation may have its due Effect, the Synod ordered their Mod^r & Clk to sign it.

M^r Henry

A Supplication from M^r 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 Sessⁿ.

Ballymote

From the new Erected Congⁿ of Ballymote appeared Tho^s Edmonstone Comm^r 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 M^r 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^r at Nine. This Session concluded w^t prayer.

6th Session Friday Eleven o'clock after prayer, &c.

Pursuant to a Resolution of the former Session, the Synod con- ^{Ballymote}
sidered the affair of Ballymote, And, after Inquiry made, find that some
of the trustees of M^r 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 ^{Probationers}
Renewed by this Synod.

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to, that a Committee of ^{A Com: at}
the following Brethren, viz. Mess^{rs} Macomb, Cherrie, Modie, Maxwell, ^{Markethill}
Gibson, Ambrose and Fergusou shall meet at Markethill the first tues-
day 8ber next, to prepare the affair of the fund for next Gen^l Synod.

The Synod appointed all the P^{ys} in their Bounds to observe ^{Stated a^{ct}}
carefully the minute of last year Relative to the Min^{rs} stating acc^{ts} w^t
their Congⁿ.

The matter of M^r Henry's Supplication was Considered, according ^{Mr Henry of}
to the Resolution of last Session; And the payment of the Arrear of ^{Drogheda}
the fund which he says is Due him, by this Synod, was objected to, by
one of y^e members, who alledged, that he M^r 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^r
Henry Answered, that he was in possession of these Houses And that
his father had purchased the Dwelling house, And he himself had pur-
chased the meeting house, after a Bill in Chan^{ry} had been fyiled against
him by M^r Fulton. M^r Fulton was called upon, who Declared that
M^r Henry threatned to turn the Protestant Dissenters out of the meet-
ing house of Droghada, 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^r Fulton said further that he & that Congⁿ
were under the Disagreeable necessity of making out a Bill in Chan^{ry}
against M^r 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 s^d house far Exceeded that sum. The Synod after hearing
M^r Henry & M^r Fulton, were of opinion, that Sufficient Evidence can-
not be had at this time, for them, to give Judgment in the matter, And
therefore Defered Judging untill next Gen^l Synod; And in the mean
time M^r Fulton is requested to use Diligence in finding out the Con-
tributions made by Dissenters for Building those houses, & to attend
w^t or send these acc^{ts} to next Gen^l Synod, M^r 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^l Synod, Mess^{rs}
Cherrie & Modie to search the old Records of the Synod.

As the Synods appointment for the Ministers attendauce for the hours ^{Prayer}
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 Pby shou'd appoint one or more of their number, and make a return of the persons named for that purpose, to y^c Mod^s timously the evening or morning, before the hour of prayer.

This Synod Concluded w^t prayer,

Interloq^r. 1

Interloq^r. 1st.

Widows fund

A Letter from the trustees of the Widow's fund, was read in this Interloq^r. Wherein they gave an acc^t that the present amount of that fund, is £430⁹ 17 9. This Interloq^r agreed to refer the affairs relating to that fund to a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Mess^{rs} Colvil, Niven, Makay, Wight, Maxwell, Ambrose & Ferguson, who are to receive the Collections made since last Gen^l Synod, bring in Overtures relating to it, & the Draught of a Letter to the trustees for that fund, at next Interloq^r.

2^d

Interloq^r. 2 .

Widows fund

The members appointed to inspect into, to receive y^e Collections for, & bring in Overtures relating to the Widows fund, produced this Interloq^r a list of y^e Annuitants, they also gave an acc^t of the Collections made by the members of this Synod & Pby of Antrim, & w^c have not been remitted to M^r Lang to the amount of £127 18 0¹/₂, which sum was given to M^r Wight of Dublin, & his Rec^t taken for it, by him to be delivered to the Trustees Treasurer, this list was signed by the Mod^s & Clk.

Overtures

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to by this Interloq^r, that M^r Lang shall be directed in a letter, w^c is to be wrote to him by M^r 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^{rs} having Cong^{ns}, who have omitted to make Collections for strengthening the Widows fund, provided they do not raise & remit him, their Collections, before the 26th day of Sep^r. next. A list of these Min^{rs} to be sent in M^r 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^r. 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 y^t each Pby shall give an Acc^t of the Women Living that have been Wives to Dissenting Min^{rs} in the Gen^l Synod and Pby of Antrim, at next Interloq^r, 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^s and Clk.

Interloq^r. 3^d.

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The several Phys gave in Lists of the Women Living that were Wives to Dissenting Min^rs in the Gen^l Synod and Pby of Antrim, w^c 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.

Widows yt have
been Min^rs
Wives

It was proposed to the Interloq^r. & 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^l 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.

A Book for
Widows fund

Application was made, in Behalf of the Congⁿ of Inniskilling, to this Interloq^r that they would be pleased to assist them, in maintaining 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.

Inniskilling

The Interloq^r unanimously agreed that every Min^r in the Synod & Pby of Antrim shou^d procure, if possible, at least five shill^s & five pence, from his Congⁿ for the above purpose. M^r Colvil engaged to use his endeavours to procure the above sum at least from each member of the Pby of Antrim; Mess^{rs} Craford & Fullerton from the Pby of Templepatrick; Mess^{rs} King & Sims from y^e Pby of Dromore; Mess^{rs} Hamilton & Ambrose from the Pby of Monaghan; Mess^{rs} Cherrie & Menagh from the Pby of Armagh; Mess^{rs} Armstrong & Smith from the Pby of Killyleagh; Mess^{rs} Smith & Warnock from the Pby of Coothill; Mess^{rs} Malcom & Laird from the Pby of Bangor; Mess^{rs} Alexander & Delap from the Pby of Letterkenny; Mess^{rs} Jn^o Kennedy & Gibson from the Pby of Tyrone; Mess^{rs} Jas. White & Rankin from the Pby of Ballymena; M^r Wight from Dublin; Mess^{rs} Simson & Neilson from Rout; and Mess^{rs} Harvy & Ferguson from Derry Pby., & these Collections shall be Remitted to M^r Plunkett at Inniskilling before 9ber next, if possible.

This Interloq^r inquired if the Committee met at Tobermore as appointed at last Synod. A member of that Committee produced a paper signed by M^r Turretine & some of the members of that Congⁿ whereby it appeared that M^r 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^r agreed that he shou^d be admonished by the Mod^r never to behave in such manner for time to come, w^c was accordingly done, & M^r Turretine promised to be more cautious in all future times.

Turretine

M^r Simson charged M^r Turretine with assisting M^r Erskine when under suspension, in administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Interloq^r resolved that as this affair did not come regularly before them, they would not give judgment in it.

Ballykelly

A Supplication was presented by Joseph Haslet to y^e Interloq^r, intreating that the Congⁿ of Ballykelly may be enjoined to do justice to his son their late Min^r. The Interloq^r enjoined the Pby of Derry to see justice done, before they proceed to the settlement of that Congregation.

Broughshane

Inquiry was made if M^r Macomb wrote to M^r White of Broughshane, concerning the fund money due by his Congⁿ to Ballenderry; it appeared he did write, but nothing has yet been done in that matter. M^r White & his Elder alledged that the Congⁿ of Broughshane was not willing to pay fund money to any Congⁿ, but to such as they thought proper :

The Interloq^r resolved that M^r White's Congregation shall annually collect their portion of the fund money, w^{ch} is £1 10. And bring it to the meetings of the Gen^l Synod, and in mean time they are enjoined to use diligence, in raising the arrear of the fund money, & to bring it to the Gen^l Synod with the Annual fund.

A motion was made that none of the Widows that have £4 a year from the Gen^l Synod shall (in time to come), be admitted to that charity, unless they be yearly returned by the several Pbya in whose bounds they reside, to the Synod's Clk y^e lists of their names may be returned by him to the Treasurer: y^e agreed to & y^e Clk ordered to write the Treasurer to y^e purpose.

Inserted by

WILL RODGERS, G.S.C.

Jan^y. 22^d, 1760.

A Gen^l Synod at Lurgan, June 24th, 1760.

M^r Hood the Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Heb. 6. 1. And then Constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pbys as follows, viz :

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.		Derry Pby.	
Thos. Scott		Mr. Jno. Hood	
Gilbt. Kennedy			
Alexr. Macomb			Rout Pby.
Michl. Henry			
Jno. Strong	Arthur Martin	Gideon Neilson	Jas. Moor
Wm. Dunn		Robt. Ewings	Mr. Little
Robt. Smith	Robt. Robinson	Hen. Erskine	Jas. Movill
Armagh Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Geo. Menagh	Thos. Rodgers	Mr. Chas. M'Collum	
Geo. Cherrie			
Jno. Maxwell	Jos. Boyd		Monaghan Pby.
Jas. Moodie			
Geo. Ferguson		Wm. Fleming	
Geo. Henry		Thos. Plunket	
Hen. Jackson	Mr. Cumin	Jas. Jackson	Jno. Clendinen
Wm. Campbell		Jas. Hamilton	
		Saml. Kennedy	
Dromore Pby.		Coothill Pby.	
Jno. King			
Saml. Sims		Wm. Smith	Robt. M'Mullan
Jno. Mulligan	Wm. Willson	Jno. Warnick	
Alexr. Neilson	Thos. Kennedy	Jas. Kinneer	
Wm. Henry	Mr. Petticrew		
Isaac Patrick	Jno. Smyth		Tyrone Pby.
Robt. M'Clure			
T.Patk Pby.		Jno. Kennedy	Jas. Hanna
		Jno. Gibson	
		Adam Duffin	Jas. Anderson
Thos. Craford	Jno. Lockart	Jas. Todd	
Wm. Thomson		Jno. White	
Wm. Rodgers		Jas. Hull	Moses Paul
Jno. Wright	Mr. Elder	Wm. Kennedy	Jas. M'Neish
Robt. White	Mr. Barbar	Jno. M'Cleland	
Thos. Read	Saml. Moor	Robt. Peebles	Wm. Lawson
Wm. Montgomery			

The Pby of Ballymena have ordained M^r Char^s Brown 8ber 6th 1759 & M^r Douglass June 3^d 1760 they Both subscribed y^e Synods formula & Widows fund. They have entered M^r Cuming on 2^d trials. They Report that M^r Jno. Hill died July 29th 1759. Ordained
Dead

The Pby of Rout have Licensed M^r Hugh Smith he subscribed. They Report that M^r Rob^t M^cBride died Sep^r 2^d 1759, he was a subscriber to the Widows fund. Licensed
Dead

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} W^m Ray & Rob^t Campbell. They both subscribed. Licensed

Derry Pby have Licensed Mess^{rs} Arthur Kyle Solomon Moor & W^m Craig. They all subscribed according to order. Licensed

Coothill Pby Report that M^r And^y Dean Died April 1760. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. They have entered M^r Nickel on 2^d trials. Dead
2^d trials

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

Synod's fixed
Committee

For Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} King & Sims with an Elder.

For Templepatrick Pby Mess^{rs} Lewson & Fullerton w^t an Elder.

For Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Jackson & Hamilton with an Elder.

For Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Todd & White with an Elder.

For Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Macomb & Kennedy w^t an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Cochran & Rankin with an Elder.

For Rout Pby Mess^{rs} Smylie & Gaston with an Elder.

For Letterkenny Pby Mess^{rs} Delap & Callender with an Elder.

For Derry Pby Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvy w^t an Elder.

For Strabane Pby Mess^{rs} Young & Scott with an Elder.

For Armagh Pby Mess^{rs} Menagh & Maxwell w^t an Elder.

For Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Buchannan w^t an Elder.

For Dublin no return.

For Coothill Pby Mess^{rs} M^cKee & Smith & an Elder.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any Emergency 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least are to be Min^{rs}.

Upon Reading the minutes of Last Synod relative to an arrear of fund money Due M^r 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. M^{rs} Orr

The Committee mett at Annahilt as appointed & issued the debates Relating to M^r M^cClure's Settlement in that Congregation. Annahilt

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 Next Synod at
Derry

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.

M^r Erskine

The Committee met at Colerain as appointed, the minutes whereof were read, by which it appeared that M^r Erskine was suspended from the execution of any part of the ministeral 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 M^r Erskine under suspension thirty one weeks, then rebuked him as directed by the Committee & took off the suspension.

Buckna

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, Mess^{rs} Dunn & Strong; in Armagh Pby, M^r Hen. Jackson: in Dromore Pby, Mess^{rs} King & Sims; in Templepatrick, M^r W^m Thompson; in Ballymena, M^r Jno. Brown; in Strabane, Mess^{rs} Osborn & Young; in Rout, Mess^{rs} Neilson & Ewings; in Dublin, M^r M^cCollum; in Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Armbrose & Hamilton; in Coothill, M^r Smith; in Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Duffin & White; in Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Boyd & Ben. Holms; in Derry, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvy; in Bangor, Mess^{rs} Huey & Laird. These members are to transmit the Collections w^o are to be made for Buckna as soon as possible to M^r Jno. Brown of Ballymena, & M^r Logue is ordered to write them immediately a Representation of the state of Buckna.

Markethill

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^t to next Gen^l Synod of the Localities in their bounds, how much each pays, & to whom, & the several Pbys are ordered to give what acc^t they can of that matter to M^r Macomb Clk of the fund to morrow morning.

Stated acc^{ts}

The several Pbys belonging to the Gen^l Synod are ordered to see acc^{ts} annually stated between each Min^r & Cong^a in their bounds.

Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

3^d Session

3^d Session Wednesday at 4 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Bangor

From Bangor appeared M^r Hu: Jackson Comm^r Supplicating that M^r John Wright from the Pby of Templepatrick, may be appointed to supply that Cong^a the month of Aug^t next, M^r W^m Ray from the Pby of Tyrone the month of Sep^r & M^r Jno. Rankin from Ballymena Pby

the month of Sber, & that the several Pby's belonging to this Synod, be ordered to send that Congregation such supplies as they write for untill next Gen^l Synod. This was granted.

A Supplication from Newtownlamavaddy was presented to this ^{Newtown} Synod by Andw. Oliver & James Shannon Comm^{rs}, subscribed by a considerable number of that Congⁿ intreating that M^r 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.

M^r Erskine appeared & denyed he ever made a promise of demiting ^{Mr Erskine} upon receiving eighty pounds, but acknowledges, he said he would demit if the Congⁿ desired him, & paid the two thirds of the arrear Stipend due him. The Comm^{rs} were asked if the eighty pounds had been p^d Mr Erskine, they produced two rec^{ts} for forty eight pounds, & M^r Erskine said he rec^d in all about sixty six pounds of that sum.

The Synod considered the above Supplication, heard M^r Erskine & the Comm^{rs} from his Congⁿ at large, & Resolved that if the majority of M^r Erskine's Congⁿ desire him to demit, they shou'd apply to the Pby to w^c he belongs, who shall have it in their power to accept his demission.

From the major part of Killenshy Congⁿ appeared James Huet ^{Killenshy} Ja^s McKean & other Comm^{rs}, who presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein they intreat 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 intituled to as Protestant dissenters, & which all their Congⁿ (six or seven only excepted) earnestly desire,

A Letter from M^r Kinkead to this Synod was also read, wherein he earnestly intreats that the above desired disannexation be granted, ^{Mr Kinkead's Letter} 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 Congⁿ subscribed by twenty six, was also presented to this Synod, by M^r Jno. Brown Comm^r. In which they earnestly intreated that the relation of their Congⁿ to the Rev^d Pby of Killyleagh, (to which they acknowledge many & great obligations), may be continued.

The Pby of Killyleagh Desired that the Comm^{rs} from the majority ^{Pby of Killyleagh} of Killenshy Congⁿ 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 propos'd, they answered that they Did not Chuse to say any thing, but Wou'd give their Reasons in Writing : These Reasons were Rec^d Read & are *in Relentis*.

The Pby of Killyleagh fully answered these Reasons & urged again & again, that the Comm^{rs} wou'd tell if they had any exception to the Religious principles or morals of any of their members, to This they

would give no answer, But referred to their Written reasons. The parties being heard for a Considerable time were removed & After some Reasoning the Synod Resolved :

Resol. 1st.

1st. That nothing Contained in the Reasons offered by the majority of Killenshy Congⁿ 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.

Resol. 2nd.

2^d. That seeing the majority of Killenshy Congⁿ 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 & M^r 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; M^r Kinkead & his Congregation were allowed to join any Pby that wou'd receive them.

Adjourned untill eleven o'clock to morrow morning. Interloq^t at eight, this Session concluded with prayer.

4th Session

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

Loughgall

A Supplication from Loughgall was presented to this Synod, by Will^m Lawson, Wherein they Complain that the fund money formerly granted them, & without which, they say, they Cannot possibly Support a Min^r, 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^c was twelve pounds a year.

Venecash

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^{t^{ees}} of the fund make up the sums formerly granted to these Congregations, by giving them other Localities.

Armagh Pby

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.

Mr Beatty

The Rev^d Char^s Beatty from the Pby of Philadelphia produced Ample Credentials from his Pby and was Rec^d a member of this Synod. He also produced a very Large Recommendation from the honourable Ja^s Hamilton, Governor & Commander in Chief of Pennsylvania; he Likewise exhibited Letters recommending him to this Synod, signed by several ministers of the Church of Scotland, & Doc^{ts} of Divinity in the Universities of Edinburgh & Glasgow.

An Address of the Corporation of Philadelphia & New York was presented to this Synod by the Rev^d Char^s 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 Cong^s within the Bounds of the Gen^l 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 M^r Dunn; in Armagh M^r Moodie; in Dromore M^r Sims; in Templepatrick M^r White; in Ballymena M^r Brown; in Strabane M^r Ferguson; in Rout M^r Simson; in Dublin M^r M^cCollum; in Monaghan M^r Hamilton; in Coothill M^r Smyth; in Tyrone M^r Duffin; in Letterkenny M^r Boyd; in Derry M^r Hood; in Bangor M^r Laird.

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1st.

1st Interloq^r.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read in this Interloq^r., Wherein they gave an acc^t that the present amount of that fund is £4807 : 0 : 1 : & propose that Mess^{rs} W^m Dunlap & Thos. Read, Merch^{ts} 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^r agreed to appoint a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Mess^{rs} Boyd, Maxwell, Moodie, Colvil, Niven, Gibson, Cherrie, Menagh, Buchannan, Campbell, Jackson & Rankin, to bring in overtures Relating to that fund, at Next Interloq^r., & Doc^t Colvil is appointed to ans^r the Trustees Letter.

Interloq^r. 2^d.

2nd Interloq^r.

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.

2^{dy}. That a Letter shall be Wrote to M^r 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 Clk 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, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Macomb; from Armagh, Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Jackson;

from Dromore, Mess^{rs} 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 & Buchannan; 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.

3^dly. When the Committee appointed to meet at Dunganon in Aug^t next, Receive a Letter from M^r 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.

4thly. That Mess^{rs} Moodie, Vance, Killburn, M^cCollum & Wight do attend the Trustees of the Widows fund at some one of their meetings, to settle the affairs thereof of which meeting M^r M^cCollum is to give M^r Moodie Timely Notice.

5thly. That the ministers who have not Collected in 1759 & 1760 for the Widows fund, be appointed to Collect before next Gen^l Synod.

These overtures were considered & approved by the Interloq^t.

Letter to y^e Trustees Doc^r Collvil as appointed brought in a Letter for the Trustees of the Widows fund, which was read & approved & signed by the Mod^r & Clk.

The Clk of the Synod was ordered to write M^r Lang a Copy of the Interloq^t's minutes (before he leaves this Town) relative to the Widows fund.

Collection for the Widows fund

A List of Collections was given to this Interloq^t, w^c have been made since last Gen^l Synod for strengthening the Widows fund; & have not been sent to M^r Lang, but are now in the hands of M^r M^cCollum by him to be Carried to M^r Lang and are as follow:

By M ^r Wallace of Tyrone Pby ..	£1 2 9	By Mess ^{rs} Cherie & Maxwell one	} £2 5 6
By M ^r Todd of Do ..	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Guinea each in	
By M ^r Peebles of Do	0 6 0	obedience to the	
By M ^r Hamilton of Monaghan Pby ..	0 11 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Synod for not Col-	
By M ^r Fleming of Do	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	lecting this year	
By M ^r Kennedy of Do	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	for y ^e Widows fund	
By M ^r Jackson of Do	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	By M ^r Patrick of	
By M ^r Fergie of Killyleagh Pby ..	0 11 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Dromore Pby ..	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
By M ^r Scott of Do ..	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	By M ^r Neilson of Do	0 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
By M ^r Macomb of Do	0 12 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	By M ^r King of Do ..	0 17 9
By M ^r Dunn of Do ..	2 0 0	By M ^r M ^c Clure of Do	1 2 9
By M ^r Smyth of Coot-hill Pby ..	0 3 6	By M ^r Campbell of	
By M ^r Kinneer of Do	0 14 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Antrim ...	11 7 6
		By M ^r Brown of Bally-	
		mena for two years	1 2 9

By M ^r Warnick of Do	0	4	0	By M ^r White sen ^r of			
By M ^r Young of Stra-				Do for two years, .	0	16	3
bane Pby ..	0	6	6	By M ^r Rankin of Do			
By M ^r Neilson of Do	0	6	6	2 years ..	2	0	0
By M ^r Ferguson of				By M ^r Rowan of Ban-			
Armagh Pby ..	0	12	10	gor Pby ..	0	11	4½
				By Buchanan of Do	1	14	1½

In all £33 8 10.

The Interloq^r Inquired if the appointment in favour of Inniskilling had been observed, M^r Plunket informed them that Little had been done in that matter; The Interloq^r warmly recommended to the several P^{ys} 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^e first Tuesday in Aug^t.

A Supplication from Moyra was presented to this Synod by M^r Mitchell, wherein they give an acc^t of the unhappy situation of their Congregation occasioned by an Expensive Lawsuit they are engaged in with the Seceders, who have taken forceable possession of & Detain their meeting, which was Built by Donations from the Gen^l Synod & pray for some assistance from this Interloq^r.

The Interloq^r unanimously agreed to Recommend Moyra to the Several Sessions & Cong^{ns} in the Bounds of the Gen^l Synod y^t have not already contributed to y^e Releif of Moyra, & Beseech them to do it as soon as possible.

Interloq^r. 3^d.

3^d Interloq^r

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 M^r White of Broughshane had Collected one pound ten shill^s for the Synod's fund, together w^t the arrears due by his Congⁿ to said fund, as appointed at last Synod, it appeared that nothing had been done in the matter. M^r Sims is appointed to Write M^r White on the subject, & M^r Ben: Holmes is to Write M^r Brown of Ballymena to urge M^r White & his session to fullfill the above appointment.

This Interloq^r agreed that y^e Clerk of the Synod shall have the addition of half fees for this year on acc^t 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 Interloq^r to inform M^r Lang that the Constituents of the Widows fund have no power to prevent M^r Cobham's Children, or the Children of any Deceased Min^r that was a subscriber to the fund, receiving the annuity of the fund for eight years from the feather's death; but M^r Lang is to observe that where there are more Claimants than one (of which the P^{by} to whom

the Deceased did belong are to Inform him), he should send the Annuity to the Pby who are to make y^e Dividend.

Clerk

It was proposed & agreed to y^t the Clk of the Synod send to M^r Cochran for all Letters sent to the Gen^l Synod by the trustees of y^e Widows fund, relative to it, & Insert them together w^t the Letters sent by them to the Synod, since he becam Clerk, into a Book now in his hands which contains an acc^t of y^e formation & progress of that fund, & the Interloq^r proposed that the Clk shall receive some Gratuity at next Gen^l Synod for that Labour.

Apologies

Apologies were offered by some members of this Interloq^r in y^e name of the Brethren in Dublin and the South, that were appointed to attend as Correspondents at y^e Synod, for not attending. These apologies were sustained, & M^r Maxwell appointed to write to M^r Hutcheson, & M^r M^cCollum to M^r Mears, that Correspondents may be sent from Dublin & the South to our next Gen^l Synod at Derry, if they shall see that Convenient.

Inserted y^e 23^d of July, 1760, by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S.C.

A Gen^l Synod at Londonderry, June 30th, 1761.

M^r M^cCollum the moderator of the preceeding Synod being M^r Hood indisposed, M^r Hood opened this by preaching from Rom. 9. 20. And then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from several Pbys as follows, to wit from

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		Rout Pby.	
Jno. Menogh Geo. Cherry Jno. Maxwell Jas. Moody		David Smylie Robt. Brown Robt. Henry Hu. Gaston Wm. Cochran Jos. Douglass Robt. Ewing Jno. Simson Jno. Camron Robt. Smylie Saml. Moor Robt. Elder	Jno. Neilson Wm. White Mr. Wm. Watson Jas. Moor Mr. Hu. Smith
Dromore Pby.		Monaghan Pby.	
Alexr. Neilson Jno. Smith Isaac Patrick Robt. M ^c Clure		Geo. Carson Thos. Plunket Wm. Moorhead	Jas. M ^c Clung
Templepatrick Pby.		Dublin Pby. none	
Jno. Lewson Wm. Rodgers Jno. Wright Thos. Read David Fullerton Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Alexander	Coothill Pby.	
Ballymena Pby.		Jas. Bond Wm. Sproot Jno. Warnick	Saml. Watson
Jas. Cochran Jas. White Jno. Logue Jno. Rankin Alexr. M ^c Mullan Chars. Brown Jas. Douglas Jas. Cuming	Mr. Rt. Kirkpatrick Mr. Jno. Murray Saml. Easton Mr. Bankhead Mr. Jno. White Mr. Rt. Caldwell Mr. Little	Tyrone Pby.	
		Jno. Gibson Jas. Hull Wm. M ^c Neilly Jno. M ^c Clelland Jas. Whiteside	
Strabane Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Vic. Ferguson Jas. Smith Andw. Welsh Jos. Orsborn Hu. Young Robt. Neilson Hen. Murray	Mr. Jno. Orr David Stevenson Thos. Matheson Mr. Jno. Miller	Wm. Boyd David Ferly Jno. Holmes Jno. Magaghy Wm. Willson Jno. Marshall Jas. Gordon Jas. Turretine Hen. Holms Wm. Kallander Andw. Alexander Hu. Delap Wm. Burk	Mr. Jno. Marshall Mr. Robt. Gray Wm. Henderson Jas. Jack Thos. Killbreath Jas. Willson Wm. Elliot Mr. Saml. Patrick Thos. Inch Mr. Jas. Buchanan Mr. Wm. Harris

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
	Derry Pby.		Bangor Pby.
Andw. Ferguson	Jas. Alexander	Jos. Kinkead	
David Harvey	Jas. Moor	Jon. King	
Thos. Bond	Mr. Jas. Curry	Wm. Ray	
Jno. Lyle	Mr. Thos. Pollock		
Jno. Hood			Killyleagh Pby.
Wm. Hare			
Jos. Reagh	Mr. Robt. Moor	Alexr. MacComb	
Robt. Huey	Jno. Maglaghan	Michl. Henry	
Saml. Patten	Wm. Dunn		
Jno. Law			

Mod^r M^r Hood moved that one shou'd be chosen to moderate in y^a Synod, The following brethren were named as a leet to wit Mess^{rs} Macomb, Patriek, Lewson, Rankin, Smith, Carson, Ja^s Bond, Hull, Gordon, Tho^s Bond, Smylie, King, & Mich^l Henry. The Roll was called & M^r Macomb chosen, M^r Rodgers continued Clk.

Clk
Pbys to meet 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 & 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 General Synod.

Prayer 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^r of the persons appointed for that purpose this Evening or early to morrow morning, prayers to continue from eight o'clock untill ten, when open Synod shall begin; y^a Session concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Session *2^d 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 y^o several Committees, as also the following accounts namely:

Ordained The Pby of Ballymena have ordained M^r James Cuming at Ahoghill y^o 14th of October 1760, he subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They have entered M^r Jno. Bankhead & Ja^s Read on first & M^r James Cochran on second trials. They report that M^r Ja^s White died the 24th of April 1761; he was a subscriber to the widows fund.

Trials Strabane Pby have entered M^r Rodgers on first trials. They report that M^r Armstrong died y^o 17th of May 1761; he was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

Trials Lettkerkenny Pby have entered M^r James Knox on first trials & are about to enter M^r Jn^o Rodgers & W^m Cochran.

Templepatrick Pby have entered M^r Sam^l Barbar on first trials. Trials

Tyrone Pby report that M^r Hu: Wallace died the 16th of March, ^{2 dead} 1761, and M^r John Kennedy died the 25th of June, 1761. They were subscribers to the Widows fund.

Bangor Pby have ordained M^r W^m Ray at Kirkdonald, June 16th, ^{Ordained} 1761. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They report that M^r Francis Montgomery died the 30th* 1761. He was not ^{Dead} a subscriber to the Widows fund.

The Pby of Coothill report that M^r M^cKee was removed from ^{Dead} Drum to Baillyborough the 4th of May, 1761, & died the 13th of ^{s^d} month. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

The Pby of Dublin have ordained M^r Nickel at Ushers Quay ^{y^c Ordained} 11th of Sep^r, 1760 aixty. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.

The Pby of Antrim report that M^r Gawdy died ^{y^c} 13th of March ^{Dead} 1761, he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children.

Rout Pby report ^{y^a} M^r Boya died in Sep^r 1760, he left children & was subscriber to ^{y^a} fund.

The members of the Synods Fixed Committee are as follow :

Synods
Committee

For Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} King & Sims w^t an Elder.

For Templepatrick Pby Mess^{rs} Lewson & Fullerton w^t an Elder.

For Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Plunket & Warnick w^t an Elder.

For Tyrone Pby Meas^{rs} Todd & White with an Elder.

For Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Dunn with an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Brown & Rankin w^t an Elder.

For Rout Pby Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry with an Elder.

For Letterkenny Pby Mess^{rs} Ben: Holms & Delap w^t an Elder.

For Derry Pby Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Harvy w^t an Elder.

For Strabane Pby Mess^{rs} Scott & Neilson with an Elder.

For Armagh Pby Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Jackson w^t an Elder.

For Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Buchanan w^t an Elder.

No return from Dublin & Coothill Pbys.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at ^{Dunganon} Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any Emergency, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

The Synod inquired if the fund money due M^{rs} Orr had been paid ^{M^{rs} 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 as soon as in their power.

* Month omitted.

- Next Synod 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.
- Buckna 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 Pbyg & transmit them to M^r Brown at Ballymena, to be forwarded to Buckna, had observed that appointment, & it appeared that very little had been done in that matter.
- Synods fund 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 Pbyg of Ballymena are appointed to urge Congⁿ 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:
- Mr Erskine The Pbyg of Rout reported that in obedience to last Gen^l Synod they met at Newtonlamavady, polled that Congregation, & found one hundred & fifty seven of its members unwilling that M^r Erskine shou'd continue any longer their Minister, & sixty two for his continuing; that Pbyg also informed this Synod that M^r 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 Interloq^r.
- Mr Kinkead M^r Kinkead informed this Synod that he & his Congⁿ were subjected to y^e care of the Pbyg of Bangor.
- Venecash & Loughgall The affair of Venecash & Loughgall refered to the Committee of funds.
- American Min^{rs} 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 shill^l & eight pence halpenny had been collected for the above purpose; In Dromore Pbyg, about thirty pounds; In the Pbyg of Derry, fourty seven pounds, the rec^t of w^c sum Col: Dunn acknowledged in a letter to M^r Hood; In Letterkenny Pbyg, fifty seven pounds 3s 4½d. Some members of the Pbyg of Templepatrick said they had collections with them. The Clerk of the —* was ordered to receive these & give them to M^r White who was appointed to transmit the Collections of that Pbyg to Col. Dunn:—No particular acc^t from the rest of the Pbyg.
- The Synod enjoined the Min^{rs} that have not collected for the American Min^{rs} to do it soon & send their collections to Col. Dunn.
- M^r Murray M^r 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 Pbyg of Edenbrough, appear to have been sustained by them, these

* Word omitted.

credentials were also sustained by this Synod, & M^r Murray allowed to subject himself to any Pby in the bounds of the Gen^l 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.

3^d Session

A Supplication from the Congregation of Glennoan was presented Glennoan to this Synod by Rob^t Simson & other Commissioners, in which they complain that the settlement of M^r 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^m Simson, & other Comm^{rs}, in w^o they complain that the call to M^r 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 Congⁿ, 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^o it appeared that when the Congⁿ of Glennoan were polled, one hundred & twenty three were for M^r 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^l Synod.

The Comm^{rs} from both parties being heard at large, the Synod resolved that the following brethren to wit, Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry from the Pby of Rout, M^r Caldwell from Tyrone, & Mess^{rs} Wright, White, & Read from the Pby of Templepatrick, shall meet as correspondents 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^r Cochran's settlement in said [Congregation] the Correspondents & Pby of Ballymena shall determine whether M^r Cochran may be advised to accept said call or not ; M^r 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 acquiesced.

A Supplication from the congregation of Bangor was presented to Bangor this Synod by M^r Jno. King, in which they request that M^r Kyle from the Pby of Derry, M^r Hull from Tyrone, & M^r Plunket from the Pby of Monaghan, be appointed to supply that Congⁿ the months of Aug^t, Sept^r, & 8ber next, & liberty granted them to apply for other Suppliers (if they see cause) untill next meeting of y^e Gen^l Synod.

The Pby of Derry at the instance of some Gentlemen from Colerain made their request, that M^r Kyle shou'd not be appointed to Bangor

at this time. This request was granted, & M^r Hull appointed to supply Bangor the month of Sep^r & M^r Plunket the month of 8ber next, & liberty given that Congregⁿ to apply for any other Suppliers they may desire untill next Gen^l Synod.

M^r Mackay Some members of the Synod observed that a considerable arrear Stipend was due to the Rev^d M^r 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^r in Bangor, until M^r Mackay be paid.

M^r Alexander The Comm^r from Bangor, after M^r Kyle was set aside, requested that M^r Alexander from Letterkenny Pby be appointed to supply that Congⁿ the month of Aug^t next. This was granted.

M^r Gordon M^r Gordon complained to this Synod that the Pby of Coothill had ordained a Min^r at Castleblainny, tho' a considerable arrear of stipend was due him by that Congⁿ. The Synod enjoined the Pby of Coothill to do all in their power to see justice done M^r Gordon by that people.

Adjourned untill eleven o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloq^r at nine. This Session ooncluded with prayer.

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

Marriage A Letter from the Rev^d M^r Thompson of Makasky was read in in this Synod, wherein he complained that some Min^{rs} 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 Pbys 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^e G. Synod, 1755, & also that they rebuke publickly before their congregation, such as are married, especially without the consent of their parents or guardians, by persons that marry in an irregular manner.

Dromore Pby 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 defered untill next Gen^l Synod.

Adjourned untill four o'clock afternoon. Interloq^r at six.

This Session concluded w^t prayer.

5th Session *5th Session Thursday, at four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

Synod's Fund Resolved, that the committee to whom the affairs of the Synod's fund were committed, shou'd be called upon to give an acc^t 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, Mess^{rs} Macomb, Cherry, Gibson, Ferguson, Neilson, & Mulligan, shou'd 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 M^r And^w Ferguson in the name of the Rev^d M^r Higginbothom & his congregation, requesting that he & they may be put under the care of the Rev^d Pby of Derry. Inquiry was made if the Pby of Ballymena of w^c M^r Higginbothom is a member, were satisfied that he & his congⁿ shou'd be disannexed from them & annexed to the Pby of Derry, & it appeared they were satisfied. The request granted.

The Mod^r. concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

1st Interloq^r

Resolved, that the affair of M^r Erskine's demission be considered now. Several members of the Interloq^r 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^r agreed to refer this affair to the Pby of Rout, & gave it as their opinion that it is M^r 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^r, & 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 M^r Plunket.

2^d Interloq^r.

2^d Interloq^r

Mess^{rs} Elder Colvill & Mackay attended as Correspondents from the Rev^d Pby of Antrim.

The Committee met at Dunganon in Aug^t last as appointed, the minutes thereof were read approved & are as follow :

A Committee at Dunganon Aug^t 5th 1760, the members of which were as follow, to wit Mess^{rs} William Boyd, Ben: Holms, Jno. King, Sam^l Sims, Jno: Maxwell, Alex^r Macomb, Jno. Wright, Pat Buchanan, Jno. Rankin, W^m Smyth, Jno. Warwick, Jno. Gibson, Adam Duffin and Alex^r Colvill; besides these the following Min^{rs} attended, to wit Mess^{rs} Jno. Kennedy, Geo. Cherry, Ja^s Moody, Geo: Ferguson & Ja^s Hull.

M^r Boyd chosen Chairman, M^r Gibson Clerk.

The minute of the Synod with respect to the widows fund was read, M^r 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 Resolution

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 M^r Jno. Maxwell.

2^d

2^d. That all the money lent out & not in the hands of the Government, be called in as soon as is convenient & lent to the Government.

3^d

3^d. That application be made for obtaining a Charter, & that Alex^r Stewart, Ja^s Dunn, Jno. Blackwood, Arthur Upton, Esq^{rs}, Doc^r Geo: Maconchy, M^r Ja^s Adair, M^r Rich^d Bamber, M^r Tho^s Read, & the following Min^{rs} Mess^{rs} W^m Boyd, Jno. Maxwell, Gilb^t Kennedy, Ja^s Moody, Dav: Harvy, Pat: Buchannan, John Wight, & William Niven be Trustees in case a charter be obtained, Mess^{rs} 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^e 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

4th. That M^r Lang our Treasurer give security to M^r Maxwell or M^r Harvy for the Kings bounty.

Mr Bruce

The Interloq^r resolved that M^r Mackay write to the Rev^d M^r 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 Aug^t last, Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Harvy went to Dublin in Novem^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^r unanimously agreed thanks ought to be returned them in our names. & accordingly the Mod^r thanked them in the name of the Interloq^r.

Primate

Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Harvy were appointed to write a letter to the Primate intreating him to accept the thanks of the protestant dissenting 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 protestant dissenters in Ireland.

M^r Wight

M^r Maxwell is to write M^r Wight of Dublin to use his best endeavours to bring forward the affair of the Charter with the Primate as speedily as may be & if it shall appear to M^r Wight that quickening fees to the Att^{vy} Gen^l & Solicitor Gen^l be necessary, he is to apply to M^r Lang for ten guineas & give five to each of them.

The Interloq^r resolved that Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Harvy 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.

Mess^{rs} Maxwell & Harvy

3^d Interloq^r.

3d Interloq^r

A letter from the trustees of the Widows fund was read in this Interloq^r by which it appeared that the amount of that fund is £5,271 5 1½; this Letter & abstract of the state of the fund sent by the trustees to be inserted in the Widows fund book. M^r Mackay appointed to ans^r the trustees letter.

Fund

£5271. 5. 1½.

The great increase of annuitants upon the fund this year inclined the Interloq^r to recommend it warmly to y^e constituents to make collections in their several congregations, after giving previous notice before next Gen^l Synod.

Collections

And as it was observed that the Pby of Bangor have generally omitted making collections for a considerable time, Mess^{rs} 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, & M^r Boyd is to write M^r Laird to that purpose.

It was proposed and agreed 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, & Mess^{rs} W^m Boyd, Alex^r Colvill, Ja^s Mackay, Andw. Ferguson, David Harvy, Jno. Maxwell & Jno. Hood were appointed to draw up an address against next Interloq^r.

4th Interloq^r.

4th Interloq^r

The following collections for strengthening the Widows fund were brought to this Interloq^r & deposited in the hands of M^r Boyd by him to be transmitted to M^r Lang, the trustees secretary.

Letterkenny Pby.				In Monaghan Pby.				Collections
M ^r Jno. Magaghy	..	£0	4 10½	M ^r Moorhead	..	£2	5 5	
M ^r Hu. Delap 2 y ^{rs}	..	2	0 7½	M ^r Tho ^s Plunket	..	1	0 0	
M ^r Ferly	..	0	13 1	M ^r Warwick, Coothill				
M ^r Ben: Holms 2 y ^{rs}		1	10 0	Pby	..	0	8 10	
M ^r Jno. Marshall 2 y ^{rs}		1	10 4	M ^r Douglass, B.mena				
M ^r Callender	..	0	5 5	Pby	..	0	11 4½	
M ^r Ja ^s Turretine	..	0	8 3	M ^r Reagh, Derry Pby		1	17 0	
M ^r Andw. Alexander		0	15 3	M ^r Gibson, Tyrone				
M ^r W ^m Boyd	..	0	11 4½	Pby	..	0	14 9	
M ^r W ^m Burk	..	1	10 0					

In all £15 18 8.

Letter to
Trustees

M^r 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.

Address

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^r.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PBY^N 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 invaluable 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 ancestors, and to express our unfeigned 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 government, & a paternal care of his people, the highest sentiments of reverence & esteem possess 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 peculiar obligations.

For these & other testimonies 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 & Government, 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 y^r Late important conquest of Belleisle, w^o 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,

Y^r Majesty's

Most dutiful, most faithful,
& loyal Subjects,

The Ministers of the Pby^a
Denomination in the
north of Ireland,

Subscribed at Londonderry, July 3^d, 1761, by

ALEX^R. MACOMB, Mod^r.

The Interloq^r 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^l Synod at their anual meeting shall appoint a special committee to inspect into the papers and acc^{ts} sent by the trustees of the Widows fund & M^r 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. ^{Special Committee}

The precedent of a Memorial to their Excellencies the Lord^s ^{Memorial} Justices Gen^l & Gen^l Governors of Ireland, & letter of att^{ty} 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 Commencement the Clerk of the Synod is to receive the addition of half fees. ^{Addition of fees}

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

8ber 22^d, 1761.

A Genl. Synod at Antrim, June 29th, 1762.

M^r Macomb the Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim: 1. 5. & then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries as follows, to wit from

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Pby.		Killyleagh Pby.	
Jno. King	Jno. Sproot	Thos. Scott	
John Thomson	Allen M ^c Cree	Gil. Kennedy	
Alexr. Neilson	Hn: Kelso	Alexr. Macomb	Jas. M ^c Kanless
Wm. Henry	Robt. M ^c Murday	Jas. Armstrong	
Jno. Smith	Jno. Harshy	Michl. Henry	
Isaac Patrick	Hu. Gill	Jno. Strong	Alexr. Kinly
Robt. M ^c Clure	Saml. Petterson	Wm. Dunn	
		Jno. Williamson	
Templepatrick Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Wm. Thompson	Hn. Finly		
Wm. Henderson		Robt. Nickel	
Jno. Lewson			
Wm. Rodgers	Hen. Willson		
Jno. Wright	Jas. Gray	Monaghan Pby.	
Robt. White	Saml. Birnie		
Thos. Read		Wm. Ambrose	
David Fullerton		Thos. Boyl	
Jos. Dumbar	David Willson	Jas. Hamilton	
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Boyd	Saml. Kennedy	
Ballymena Pby.		Coothill Pby.	
Jno. Brown	Jno. M ^c Creight	Wm. Smith	
Jas. Cochran	Jno. Armstrong	Jas. Kinneer	
Jas. White	Wm. Henderson		
Jno. Rankin	Wm. Holms	Tyrone Pby.	
Alexr. M ^c Mullan	Walt. Wright		
Chas. Brown	Alexr. Brown	Jno. Gibson	
Jos. Douglas	Robt. Stewart	Chas. Caldwell	
Jas. Cuning	Jno. Ker	Jas. Todd	Petter May
Strabane Pby.		Jno. White	Robt. Speer
		Jas. Hull	Edwd. Patteson
Jos. Osborn		Wm. Kennedy	
Robt. Neilson		Jno. M ^c Clelland	
		Jas. Whiteside	
Rout Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
David Smylie	Jno. Neilson		
Robt. Brown	Ben. Brown	Wm. Boyd	
Gidn. Neilson		Wm. Willson	
Robt. Henry		Jas. Thretine	
Hu. Gaston		Ben. Holms	Jno. Eliot
Jno. Smith			
Jos. Douglass	Wm. Lynd		
Robt. Ewing		Derry Pby.	
Robt. Elder	Wm. Orr		
Jas. Camron		Jno. Hood	
Robt. Smylie	Thos. Boyd	Saml. Patten	
Robt. Scott		Arthur Kyle	Jas. Haslet

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Jno. Menagh		Andw. Malcolm	Robt. Tanahill
Geo. Cherrie		Jno. Moorhead	
Jno. Maxwell		Hu. Dickson	
Jas. Moodie		Saml. Allexander	Wm. Busby
Geo. Ferguson	Mathew Bell	Jas. Huey	Jno. Boyd
Hen. Jackson		Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Brynan
		Wm. Laird	Jno. Brown
		Wm. Warnick	
		Richd. Walker	
		Wm. Rowan	Jas. Neilson
		Jno. King	Jas. M'Ferran
		Wm. Ray	

M^r Macomb moved that another be chosen to moderate in this ^{Modr.} Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet to wit: Mess^{rs} Neilson, Henry, W^m Thompson, Lewson, Rankin, Osborn, Smylie, Camron, Hamilton, Smyth, Turetine, Patton, Dickson, Armstrong, Dunn, Jackson & Caldwell. The Roll was Called & M^r Caldwell chosen.

M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Clk.

Ordered that the several Pby's meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members, for the Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee, as also an account of such Min^{rs} as have died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials, since last Gen^l Synod. ^{Pbys to meet}

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^r 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. ^{Prayer}

This Sessⁿ concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

2^d Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pby's gave in lists of their members for the several committees as also the following acct^s nameiy:

The Pby of Dromore report that M^r Rob^t Gordon died the 10th of Dea^l April 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

The Pby of Ballymena have licensed Mess^{rs} Jno. Bankhead & Ja^s ^{Licensed} Read. They both subscribed according to order, & they have entered Mess^{rs} George Richey & Jno. Egleson on 1st trials.

The Pby of Templepatrick have licensed M^r Sam^l Barbar. He ^{On trials} subscribed according to order & have entered M^r Ja^s Beggs on 1st trials.

- Licensed
On trials Strabane Pby have Licensed M^r Rodgers; he subscribed according to order. They have entered M^r Ja^s Torbet on first trials.
- Ordained Rout Pby have ordained M^r Rob^t Scott in the united Cong^{ns} of Dunnean & Graings, the 28th of this Ins^t. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They report that M^r W^m Cochran of Dunbo gave up his Congⁿ in April last, & conformed to the established Church & y^t M^r Erskine demitted his charge of Newtonlemavady in 8ber, 1761.
- Ordained Coothill Pby have ordained M^r Jn^o Mathewson at Baillyborough the 10th of Feb^r, 1762. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.
- Dead
2^d trials Tyrone Pby Report that M^r Peebles died the 31st of July, 1761. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. They have entered M^r Hogg on 2nd trials.
- Licensed Letterkenny Pby have licensed M^r Ja^s Knox & entered M^r Jn^o Rodgers on 1st trials.
- Dead
Ordained Derry Pby Report that M^r Tho^s Strabridge died the 2^d of April, 1762 & M^r Jn^o Cochran the 21st of June, 1762. They ordained M^r Kyle at Colerain ye 23^d of Sep^r, 1761. He subscribed according to order; and they have licensed M^r Jacob Davis & entered him on 2^d trials.
- Licensed
On 2^d trials
- Licensed Bangor Pby have licensed M^r Tho^s Stewart. He subscribed the Synod's formula.
- Armagh Pby have licensed M^r Ja^s Bryson. He subscribed according to order.
- Synod's
Committee The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows :
- For Dromore Pby, Mess^{rs} King & Sims w^t an Elder.
- For Templepatrick Pby, Mess^{rs} Lewson & Fullerton with an Elder.
- For Ballymena Pby, Mess^{rs} Jn^o Brown & Rankin with an Elder.
- For Strabane Pby, Mess^{rs} Scott & Neilson w^t an Elder.
- For Rout Pby, Mess^{rs} Scott & Elder with an Elder.
- For Monaghan Pby, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hamilton w^t an Elder.
- For Tyrone Pby, Mess^{rs} Gibson & White with an Elder.
- For Coothill Pby, Mess^{rs} Smith & Kinneer with an Elder.
- For Letterkenny Pby, Mess^{rs} Ben: Holmes & Alexander w^t an Elder.
- For Derry Pby, Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Hood w^t an Elder.
- For Bangor Pby, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Buhanan w^t an Elder.
- For Armagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Jackson & Campbell w^t an Elder.
- For Dublin no return.

For Killyleagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Dunn & an Elder.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when ^{Dunganon} 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 M^r Orr be paid, ^{M^{rs} Orr} Mess^{rs} Menagh, Huey & Walker are to attend the Pby of Tyrone & see what has been done in that matter since last Gen^l Synod, & make report to morrow morning.

A letter from M^r Erskine was read wherein he signifies his ^{M^r Erskine} 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 Pby of Rout not to fix a Min^r in Newtonlamavaddy until s^d arrear be discharged.

The Synod recommended to the Pby of Rout to inquire into & see Justice done in that matter.

The several Pbys were ordered to give an acc^t, if the appointments ^{American Min^{rs}} of the proceeding Synods with reference to the American Ministers have been observed, & it appears that besides the acct^s returned to last Gen^l Synod, some of the Pby of Templepatrick have sent their Collections by M^r White to Col: Dunn. M^r White being now absent is to give an acc^t of these Collections afterwards, & the members in that Pby that have not Collected are enjoined to do it soon & give the money to M^r White to be transmitted to Col: Dunn.

M^r Brown is to receive the Collections in Ballymena Pby aud send them to Col: Duon.

No acc^t from Strabane Pby.

M^r Rob^t Smylie produced a letter from Col. Dunn wherein he acknowledges the rec^t of £28 5 11 from the Pby of Rout.

M^r Nickell informed the Synod that M^r Beatty from America by personal application to the people in Dublin, & a Collection of 18^l some shill^s from Ushers Quay had rec^d (according to the best information) the sum of £120 st^l.

M^r HAMILTON informed the Synod that he raised a Collection & sent it to Col: Dunn, & some others in Monaghan Pby collected he cou^d not say how much; he is ordered to remind the members in that Pby who have not collected to raise Collections soon, & send them to him to be transmitted to Col: Dunn.

The Pby of Tyrone report that all their members Collected, & the money was remitted to Col. Dunn, the sum they cou^d not ascertain:— M^r Laird informed the Synod that about Seventy Seven £ st^l had been rec^d in the Pby of Bangor & sent to Col. Dunn, he is ordered to remind those in that Pby that have not collected to do it as soon as possible.

M^r Dunn reports that he remitted about Seventeen p^{ds} to Col. Dunn, from Killyleagh Pby for w^c he has his rec^t, 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.

M^r Murray

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen^l Synod with reference to M^r Murray's Credentials, it appeared by several members of this Synod, that the certificate w^o 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^e Pby of Ballymena report y^t they did not employ him to preach w^t them for some time past.

Glennoan

The Pby of Ballymena w^t Correspondents met at Glennoan as appointed, M^r Cochran gave up the call he had from that Congⁿ, w^o issued the debates about his settlement there.

Bangor

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen^l Synod with reference to the instructions given the Pby of Bangor concerning an arrear of Stipend charged the Congregation of Bangor by M^r Mackay, & having heard the Pby & some Gentlemen from that place, this Synod resolved, that the congregation of Bangor shall chuse one Gentleman and M^r Mackay another, who are to meet at Bangor on Monday 26th July next, & settle the accomp^{ts} 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^r Laird, & as it has been alledged that some of the arrear (if any there be) has become insolvent by M^r Mackay's negligence, the arbitrators are to Determine that also.

It was proposed & agreed to by the Gentlemen from Bangor & M^r Maxwell in the name of M^r Mackay, that Hen: Warren Esq^r of Bangor & Dav. Fran^s Hamilton of Craigavad shall be the arbitrators; & it was farther agreed that in case M^r 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^r Gordon

M^r Macomb reports that he is credibly informed, that M^r Gordon & the congregation of Castleblainey settled the affair of the arrear charged by him at last Gen^l Synod.

Com^{tee} at
Mountnorris

M^r 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^{rs} Cherrie, Gibson, Macomb, King, Ferguson, Neilson, & Mulligan are enjoined to meet 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^r at three, this Session concluded w^t prayer.

3d Session

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

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^o Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan y^o 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^r his son. M^r Haslet

A Supplication from Ballykelly also presented by Mess^{rs} Sam McClelland & Jno. Giffin Comm^{rs}, wherein they offer several exceptions against the arrear charged on them by M^r Jos: Haslet, & pray that this Synod wou'd not insist upon the payment of s^d arrear, M^r Haslet & the Comm^{rs} being heard at large, the Synod resolved with the consent of the Comm^{rs} that nine months Stipend shall be deducted out of the arrear, & the Congⁿ are to pay the remainder to M^r Joseph Haslet, & in case s^d arrear be not paid or secured, the Pby of Derry are not to fix a Min^r in that Congⁿ. Ballykelly

From Loughgall a Supplication was presented to this Synod by Tobias Gillespy, intreating that the fund money formerly granted them by the Gen^l Synod may be continued. Loughgall

From Venecash a Supplication was also presented by Peter May, intreating that the Localities appointed by the Gen^l Synod to pay fund money to that Congn, & who have been negligent in doing it may be enjoined to fullfil that appointment. Venecash

The Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorris are enjoined to take the case of these two Cong^{ns} under consideration, & make an equal division of the Localities appointed to pay them fund money.

A Supplication from M^{rs} Peebles (in w^c 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. M^{rs} Peebles

Adjourned until 12 o'clock to morrow, y^s Session concluded w^t prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

4th Seesⁿ.

M^r White now informs the Synod that he rec^d & transmitted to Dublin £16: 19: 5½ from the Pby of Templepatrick for y^o American Min^{rs}.

A Supplication from Mess^{rs} Jno. White & Alex^r Brown of Broughshane was read in this Synod, wherein they complain that they & others in that Congⁿ are in danger of being agrieved by persons w^t them able to pay Stipend & neglect to do it, & request that this Synod wou'd be pleased to order the Pby of Ballymena to visit that Congⁿ & see justice done their Min^r, & also to give such other directions to them as may appear needful. Broughshane

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^r Ewing from Rout Pby, & M^r 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^r Cochran change pulpits w^t M^r Brown next Lords Day, & inform that Congⁿ of this Resolution, and the Pby with correspondents are particularly to instruct the Managers & Session of Broughshane Congⁿ, that with respect to persons in considerable arrear Stipend & able to pay it, they ought to proceed w^t such as justice & the rules of our discipline direct.

Cadle Street

M^r Nickel in the name of M^r M^cCollum & the Congⁿ of Cadle 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^{rs} Gordon

M^{rs} 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 Congⁿ. The Pby of Ballymena are ordered to use their influence with such persons to bring to do Justice.

M^r M^cCulloch

The Rev^d M^r M^cCulloch from Scotland was requested to sit & vote as a member with us & he consented to do it.

Adjourned until 6 o'clock afternoon. Interloq^r at 4. Concluded w^t prayer:

5th Session

[5th Session.]

Review

On review of the minute of a former Session with reference to Ballykelly, it was agreed that the Pby of Derry (after deducting nine months Stipend out of the arrear charged upon that Congⁿ) shou^d settle the acct^s between them & Jos: Haslet.

M^r Murray

M^r 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 Pby of Ballymena appeared now, & by a long representation, complained of being injured by s^d Pby. The Synod heard him and that Pby, & 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^r Murray's certificate to the Rev^d M^r Jno. Brown, & by another from the Rev^d M^r Jno. Gawdy Min^{tr} of Pennecuick in North Britain, as also one testified to have been rec^d by the Rev^d M^r Mackay from Doc^r Lickman principal of the University of Glasgow, that the certificate on w^c the s^d M^r Murray had been admitted by s^d Synod was forged. This Synod in consideration of the premises approve the conduct of the Pby of Ballymena, and declare the s^d M^r Murray to be no preacher belonging to this body, & in tender compassion to him considering his youth & inexperience in the world, earnestly obtest & besech him the s^d M^r 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^r at 7.
This Session concluded with prayer.

6th Session. Friday, at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 6th Seasⁿ.

M^r Jno. King complained that no part of the fund money allowed M^r King at his settlement in Hollywood had been p^d. The Synod recommended it to the Pby of Bangor, to do what they can to see justice done M^r King.

A Supplication from Abram M^cClelland 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 w^e he exhibited against M^r Smith, one of their members, but proceeded to give judgment before all y^e witnesses were examined. M^r M^cClelland and the Pby of Dromore being heard were removed; some brethren who had been present at s^d trial were also heard. This Synod resolved *nem: con:* that M^r M^cClelland's complaint shou^d be dismissed as entirely groundless & accordingly dismissed it. Abram
McClelland

A petition was presented to this Synod by W^m Rodgers of Carn- W^m Rodgers
mony in which he complains that the Rev^d M^r Jno. Thompson will M^r Thomson
not admit him to Church privileges because he was married by a clergy-
man of the Established Church & prays for redress. M^r Thomson was
heard and acknowledged he thought it his duty to censure people for
being married by the Established form. He & s^d Rodgers being re-
moved, the Synod resolved that M^r Thompson shou^d be enjoined to
allow the s^d W^m Rodgers privileges & not to refuse them to any of his
congregation for being married by the Established Church, & in case
M^r Thompson do not submit to this order of the Synod, s^d Rodgers is
to be allowed privileges in any neighbouring Congⁿ. In the meantime
M^r Thompson is to be admonished for his contempt of the Gen^l Synod's
positive instructions given in the year 1754 in the like case. This
order is to extend to all the members of the Gen^l Synod.

M^r Thomson was called, this resolution read to him, he submitted
& was admonished by the Mod^r.

The Moderator concluded this Synod w^t prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

1st Interloq^r

Mess^{rs} Colvill, Marshall, Niven & Sinklar from the Pby of Antrim Correspondents
attended as Correspondents.

Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Laird are appointed to wait on M^{rs} 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 M^r William Cochran of Dunbo was read in y^a M^r Cochran
Interloq^r, 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^r agreed to this, & have appointed M^r

Ambrose to write M^r Lang to return M^r Cochran the subscription money he paid into that fund whatever it be.

M^r Martin

It was proposed & agreed to, that M^r Jno. Martin of Antrim be put on the £4 list, & that the Clk of y^e Synod inform M^r Lang of this appointment.

Com. of over-
tures.

The Committee of Overtures & Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim, were ordered to take the scheme & circumstances of the widows fund into consideration & make their report at next Interloq^r.

by of Dromore

The Pby of Dromore beg the advice of this Interloq^r how they shall censure Abram M^cClelland, who failed in proving the charge of adultery exhibited by him in a libel against M^r Smith one of their members. The Interloq^r having seriously considered this affair, resolved that Abram M^cClelland who charged M^r Smith with so heinous a crime & failed in proving it, oug^t to be suspended from all church privileges until he make a publick profession of his repentance by acknowledging his crime before the Pby of Dromore, be rebuked by them, & appear one Lords day before the Session & congregⁿ where he is a member, & be publickly rebuked there : and in case the Libeller does not submit to this censure, a minute is to be formed by the Pby of Dromore containing the sense of this advice, & made as publick as they shall think proper.

M^r Smith

M^r Smith complained of bad treatment from M^r King, after he had been acquitted by his Pby of the charge alleged against him by Abram M^cClelland. As this complaint did not come by a reference or appeal from the Pby of Dromore, of w^c M^r King is a member, the Interloq^r agreed to refer it to that Pby, & enjoined them to take it under their special consideration, & have appointed the following Brethren, viz. :—Mess^{rs} Cherrie & Moodie, from the Pby of Armagh ; Mess^{rs} Dunn & Williamson, from Killyleagh ; Mess^{rs} Malcom, Kinkead, & Rowan, from Bangor ; & Mess^{rs} Gibson & Todd, from Tyrone, to meet with the Pby of Dromore at Dromore y^e 3^d Tuesday in Aug^t next to assist them in judging & lssuing that affair, & Mr. Smith is to reduce his complaint to writing, & send a copy of it to M^r King, w^t the names of the witnesses to support it ten free days before the meeting of the Pby of Dromore, with the Correspondents. M^r Patrick is to change pulpits w^t M^r Smith next Lords day, & read a copy of this minute : & y^e Pby of Dromore are to conduct the whole affair with all convenient speed.

2^d Interloq^r

2^d Interloq^r.

Inniskilling

They who have not paid their contributions to Inniskilling are enjoined to send them to M^r Plunket as soon as possible.

M^r Lang

The Interloq^r being informed that M^r 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 M^r Lang to that purpose, & that Mess^{rs} M^cCollum & Vance, of Dublin, are appointed to take the security. M^r Dunn is to write these Gentlemen that they are to take s^d security before the 1st Tuesday in 8ber next.

A Letter from the trustees of the Widows Fund was read in this Interloq^r, & also an abstract of the state of that fund, by w^o it appears that the present amount of it is £5,387 0s 8½d. M^r Colvill appointed to answer this letter. Widows' fund
£5387 0 8½

The Committee of Overtures and Correspondents deferred making their reports until next Interloq^r.

Inquiry was made if the several Phys had collected for y^e Widows Fund since Gen^l Synod, & it appeared the following collections had been made:— Collections

By Mess ^{rs} Harvy & Hood, Derry Pby	..	..	£20	4	7
M ^r Ferguson in Do	..	..	1	2	9
M ^r Todd in Tyrone	..	..	0	10	10
M ^r Kinkead in Bangor	..	..	2	5	6
M ^r Maicom in Do.	..	..	1	7	1
M ^r Huey in Do.	..	..	1	5	5½
M ^r Cuningham in Do	..	..	1	2	4
M ^r Dickson in Do	..	..	0	16	4
M ^r Ross in Do	..	..	0	12	3
M ^r Dunn in Killyleagh Pby	..	..	2	13	10
In all			£31	16	5

These collections were sent by M^r Nickell to M^r Lang in Dublin.

It was proposed and agreed to y^e a collection be made for strengthening y^e Widows' Fund by every member of the Gen^l Synod & Pby of Antrim that has not collected since last Syuod before y^e 29th of Sepr next, & sent to M^r Lang of Dublin. Collections to
be made

3^d Interloq^r.

3^d Interloq^r

M^r Colvill, as appointed, brought in the Draught of a letter to the trustees of the Widows Fund, w^o was read & approved and signed by the Modr. & Clerk. Ans^r

The Committee of Overtures and Correspondents made their reports concerning the Widows Fund, which were considered and approved, & are as follow, to wit: reports

That M^r 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 Gen^l 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:

A Gen^l Synod at Lurgan, June 28th, 1763.

M^r 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

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Pat. Hanna	Thos. Vance	
Wm. Henderson			Monaghan Pby.
Wm. Rodgers	Jas. Beggs		
Thos. Read		Wm. Ambrose	
David Fullerton		Hu. Mulligan	
	Ballymena Pby.	Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Cochran	Hu. Bryson	Jas. Jackson	Robt. Nisbet
Jas. Rankin		Jas. Hamilton	
Alexr. M'Mullan	Jon. Cochran		Coothill Pby.
Robt. Kirpatrick			
	Rout Pby.	Wm. Sproot	
		Jno. Warnick	
		Jas. Kinneer	
Jno. Smith			
Hu. Gaston			
Jacob Davis			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.		Killyleagh Pby.	
Jno. Gibson		Thos. Scott	
Chars. Caldwell	Jas. Smith	Gilbt. Kennedy	
Adam Duffin	Jas. Dillward	Alexr. Macomb	Wm. Donaldson
Jno. Ker		Michl. Henry	
Jas. Todd	Geo. Russall	Jno. Strong	
Jno. White	Jno. Leadly	Wm. Quinn	
Wm. M'Nally			
Wm. Kennedy	Andr. Willson		Armagh Pby.
Jno. M'Cleland			
Jas. Whiteside		Jno. Menagh	James Menagh
Moses Hogg	Geo. White	Geo. Cherrie	
Alexr. Johnston		Jas. Moodie	
		Geo. Ferguson	Mat. Bell
		Hen. Jackson	Ch. Geo. Mulhollan
Letterkenny Pby.			
Wm. Willson			Dromore Pby.
Jas. Gordon			
Jas. Turetine		Saml Simms	Chas. Orr
Wm. Callender		Jno. Mulligan	Jas. Lytle
Jos. Lytle		Alexr. Neilson	Mr. Macracken
	Derry Pby.	Wm. Henry	Archd. Petticrew
		Jno. Smith	Robt M'Clelland
		Isaac Patrick	
Andw. Ferguson		Robt. M'Chure	Jno. Scott
Jno. Nealsen		Saml. Barbar	Thos. Mophet
	Bangor Pby.	Jas. Richey	
Saml. Alexander	Robt. Anderson		
Richd. Walker	Dav. Shaa		
Jos. Mitchell	Jos. Williamson		
Jas. Hull			
John King			
Jas. Cochran	Wm. M'Cormick		

M^r Caldwell moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Mod^r chosen Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet, to wit:— Mess^{rs} Fullerton, Rankin, Smith, Vance, Milligan, Warnock, White, Willson, Simms, & Gilb^t Kennedy. The Roll was called, & M^r Kennedy chosen. M^r Rodgers continued clerk. Clk continued

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 & Gel.^l Synods 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 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^r 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.

2^d Session*2^d 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

Licensed

The Pby of Templepatrick have licensed M^r James Beggs. He subscribed according to order. They have entered M^r John Bankhead on second trials, & report that M^r W^m Thompson died the 13th May last past. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Trials
Dead

Ordained

Ballymena Pby have ordained M^r Rob^t Kirkpatrick, of Glennoan, y^e 19th of Aug^t, 1762, & M^r Richey, at Donaghmore, the 27th of June Inst. They subscribed according to order, & also the Widows Fund.

Dead

Strabane Pby report that M^r Vic^r Ferguson died the 15th of May last past. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Ordained

Rout Pby have ordained M^r Jacob Davis at Newtownlamavaddy, April 26th, 1763. He subscribed according to order, and they have entered on first trials Mess^{rs} Gordon, Park, Loggan, Willson, Knox, & Murray.

Trials

Ordained

Dublin Pby have ordained M^r Callwell at Ushers Quay y^e 11th of June Inst. They report that M^r Nickell died in 8ber, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, but left no widow nor family.

Dead

Dead

Monaghan Pby report that M^r Algeo died y^e 20th of July, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

Coothill Pby report that M^r Bond died the 11th Sepr., 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Ordained

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Moses Hogg, at Loughgall, Aug^t 25th, 1762, & Alexr. Johnston, at Benburb, 23 of May, 1763. They subscribed according to order.

Ordained

Letterkenny Pby have ordained M^r Lytle at Letterkenny the 20th April, 1763, & M^r Means July 16th, 1762. They subscribed according to order. They have entered M^r Love on first trials, & report that M^r Delap died Aug^t 30th, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

Derry Pby have ordained M^r Neilson 8ber 5th, 1762. He subscribed according to order.

Ordained

Bangor Pby have ordained M^r Jas. Cochran at Ballywalter the 27th of July, 1762, & Installed M^r Hull, at Bangor, Jan^{ry} 4th, 1763; & M^r Kinkead, at Killenshy, 28th April, 1763. They all subscribed according to order. They report that M^r Malcom died March 2nd, 1763. He was a subscriber to the Widows' Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

Ordained

Dromore Pby have ordained M^r Sam^l Barbar at Ralphisland y^e 3^d of May, 1763. He subscribed according to order, & they have entered M^r Jas. Burch on 1st Trials. They report that M^r Jno. King died the 9th 9ber, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows' Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows:— Synod's Fixed
Committee
 For Templepatrick Pby, Mess^{rs} Lewson & Fullerton, w^t an Elder.
 Ballymena Pby, Mess^{rs} Jno. Brown & Rankin, w^t an Elder.
 Strabane Pby, no return.
 Rout Pby, Mess^{rs} Scott & Elder, w^t an Elder.
 Monaghan Pby, Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hamilton, w^t an Elder.
 Tyrone Pby, Mess^{rs} Gibson & White, w^t an Elder.
 Coothill Pby, Mess^{rs} Smith & Kinneer, with an Elder.
 Letterkenny Pby, Mess^{rs} Ben. Holms & Alexander, w^t an Elder.
 Derry Pby, Mess^{rs} Andw. Ferguson & Hood, w^t on Elder.
 Bangor Pby, Mess^{rs} Buchanan & Kennedy, w^t an Elder.
 Armagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Jackson & Campbell, w^t an Elder.
 Dublin no return.

Killyleagh Pby, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Dunn, w^t an Elder.

Dromore Pby, Mess^{rs} Simms & Smith, and an Elder.

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^r 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 ^{Mr^s Orr} money due M^r Orr, have appointed M^r Menagh to inspect into that matter, and make report to the Synod afterwards.

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen^l Synod inquiry was made if ^{Mr^r Erskine} y^e 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 M^r Erskine by that congregation.

It was proposed and agreed to that the Committee of Overtures form an overture how M^r Erskine shall be treated by this Synod. Mess^{rs} Wilson & White to attend that Committee.

Bangor Pby informed this Synod that M^r Mackay had rec^d satisfⁿ ^{Bangor} from the Congⁿ of Bangor for the arrear stipend they owed him.

M^r Gordon observed, upon reading the Minutes of last Gen^l Synod, ^{Mr^r Gordon} that the accompts 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 y^t affair & inform M^r Gordon of ye time when they will take it under consideration.

The Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorris to inspect into <sup>Committee at
Mountnorris</sup> & 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.

Ballykelly

Upon reading the minutes of last G : Synod, referring to the arrear Stipend due by the Congregation of Ballykelly, it was observed that the Pby of Derry have ordained a Min^r to that Cong^a. contrary to the Express Instructions given by last Gen^l Synod. Resolved that that Pby be appointed to attend at next Gen^l Synod and shew cause for their proceeding in that manner.

Caple Street

M^r Macollum in a letter to our Clk requests that liberty be granted the Cong^a of Caple Street to apply for such supplies in the bounds of the Gen^l Synod as they shall think proper until next Synod. This granted.

Widow Gordon

The Pby of Ballymena were ordered to give an acc^t what they had done w^t 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.

M^r King

Inquiry was made if the Pby of Bangor had used any endeavours to see justice done M^r King w^t respect to the fund money allowed him at his settlement in Hollywood. It appeared that nothing has been done in that matter. That Pby were enjoined to consider this affair in the Intervall, & make report at next session.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon, this Session concluded w^t prayer.

3^d. Session

3^d Session at five o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Synods Fund

The Synod (according to a former resolution) proceeded to consider the state & circumstances of the fund for assisting weak Congregations to support their min^{rs}.

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 Gen^l Synod printed and a Copy of it sent to every Congregation in the Bounds of this Synod.

2^d. That every min^r in the Gen^l Synod use diligence in raising said fund, in his Congregation, every year, according to the abilities of his people.

3^d. That the fund collected in the bounds of each Pby be deposited into ye hands of some one member of that Pby by him to be carried annually to the Gen^l Synod, & by them to be disposed off, as they, with the concurrence of s^d Pby shall judge proper.

Lastly, that the Gen^l 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 Mess^{rs} Cherrie, Gibson, Macomb & Simms are appointed to meet at Mountnorris the second Tuesday in Aug^t 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 congreg^{ns} 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 ^{Address} poor and distressed Presbyterian Min^{rs} & 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 MINRS & OF
THEIR WIDOWS & CHILDREN.

Very Rev^d & honoured Gentlemen,

We the Corporation for the relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Min^{rs} and 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 M^r Cha^s 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 Gen^l 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^t we might execute every trust according to the directions & designs of the Charitable Donors. But since M^r 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 Xⁿ 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^t 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^r Assemblies, & distinguish you w^t peculiar honour amidst all His Churches. We are

Sealed with Our Seal &
Signed in our names &
by our appointment at
Philadelphia y^e 12th day
of Feb^r, 1763.

Very Rev^d & honoured Gentlemen,
w^t the most sincere Esteem & respect,
your most obliged &
most ob^t humble servants, by
ROB^t CROSS, Presd^t & V. D. M.

Ballymena Pby

The Pby of Ballymena request that this Synod wou'd be pleased to disannex them from the Subsynod of Ballymena & annex them to the Subsynod of Belfast. This granted.

Donaghmore

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from the Congregation of Donaghmore by John Martin & Tho^s Caddell Comm^{rs} wherein they Intreat (with the concurrence of The Rev^d Pby of Armagh) that they be joined to The Rev^d Pby of Dromore; This granted. And the Synod enjoined the Pby of Dromore to take care that the Congⁿ of Donaghmore pay the fees due the Pby of Armagh's Clk & the fund due Venecash & Narrowater.

Killienkear

From Killienkear 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 Loughgall by Loughgall Geo. White Comm^r Intreating that the localities formerly allowed to pay fund money to that Congⁿ be continued.

A Supplication was also presented from Venecash by Geo. Russell Venecash In w^c they complain that the distribution of the fund money between them & Loughgall made by the Gen^l Synod in 1760 has not been observed & pray that the Synod 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 & Loughgall 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 W^m Rodgers from W^m Rodgers Carnmony wherein he complains that the Rev^d M^r Thompson refuses to admit him to privileges according to the order of last Gen^l Synod, And prays for relief—Resolved that the Pby of Dromore with the following Correspondents to wit, Mess^{rs} Gilb^t Kennedy, W^m Laird, Ja^s Cochran, Rob^t White, & David Fullerton, shall visit the Congregation of Carnmony The 3^d tuesday in October next, *Inquiry into the grounds of W^m Rodgers his Complaint, issue the affair & make report to next Gen^l Synod. The Pby of Dromore to inform M^r Thompson of this resolution.

Addourned untill 12 o'clock to-morrow interloq^r at ten. This Session Concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer &c.

4th Session

M^r Todd as appointed gave in a list of the Localities which have Venecash been appointed to pay fund money to Venecash & are deficient. The Pby of Tyrone are ordered to make an Equal Distribution of the fund raised in their Bounds between Venecash & Loughgall. The Synod recommend it to the Committee of funds to appoint localities for twelve pounds a year to Loughgall & ten pounds a year to Venecash. Loughgall

Adjourned untill Six o'clock afternoon. Concluded w^t prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Six o'clock afternoon after prayer, &c.

5th Session

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.

Monaghan &
Coothill Pbyg

An overture was also made that the Pbyg of Monaghan & Coothill be united & go by the name of Monaghan Pbyg 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 Pbyg to unite.

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r

Interloq^r. 1st

Tim. Sloan

A Supplication from Timothy Sloan was read in this Interloq^r wherein he complains that he is in danger of loosing a considerable sume of money, by being security for the Rev^d M^r Nisbet of Sligoe, and prays that the Gen^l Synod wou^d use their influence to engage M^r Nisbet to do him justice:—Resolved that a letter be wrote by M^r Gibson to the Pbyg of Letterkenny, enjoing them to take cognizance of that matter immediately, see justice done the petitioner, & make full report to next Gen^l Synod, & in case the Pbyg of Letterkenny do not issue the affair, they are to Cite M^r Nisbet to attend next Gen^l Synod when the affair will be reconsidered.

2^d Interloq^r

Interloq^r. 2^d.

Mess^{rs} Colvill, Mackay & Nevin attended as Correspondents from the Pbyg of Antrim.

Those that have not contributed to Inniskilling are enjoined to do it speedily.

M^r Lang

A Letter from M^r Lang was read in this Interloq^r wherein he gives an acc^t of ye Div^d of the R.D. and also that M^r Hamilton of Knock & old M^r Ross of Rosstrever, stand security for his trust;—Resolved that Mess^{rs} M^cCollum & Vance be employed to enquire for Mess^{rs} Ross and Hamilton's bond, if found, to deliver it to Mess^{rs} James & Hu. Lang & take their own security; their security to be taken, whether the above bond be found or not, Doc^t Covill to ans^r M^r Lang's letter, & let him know this resolution.

Widows Fund
is £5662 11 8

A letter from M^r Maconchy a trustee of the Widows Fund, was read in this Interloq^r & 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 Interloq^r; Mess^{rs} Ambrose, Sims & Dunn to answer the trustees letter.

3^d Interloq^r

Interloq^r. 3^d.

M^r Colvil as appointed answered M^r Langs letter.

Mess^{rs} Ambrose, Sims & Dunn brought in the Draught of a letter to M^r Maconchy which was read and approved & signed by the Mod^r.

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.

2^d. That the Distribution of annuities shall for the year ensuing continue in the same manner as in the year past.

3^d. 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 Min^{rs} be named trustees, to request their opinion & advice relative thereto.

4th. That min^{rs} 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^r 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 Congⁿ during the vacancy so M^r Lang to be reminded to observe this direction, which he has in some y^{rs} neglected.

The following Collections for Stregthening the Widows fund were brought to this Interloq^t & transmitted by M^r Vance to M^r Lang:—

From M ^r Carson of Monaghan Pby	£3 18 3½
From M ^r Hamilton of Monaghan Pby	1 2 9
From M ^r 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^t by M^r Mackay.

Address to y^e King

Mr Mackay as appointed brought in the Draught of an address to his Majesty King George, w^c was read considered & after some reasoning approved, and is as followeth:—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRYN. MINRS. 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^c 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^c we enjoy, will be perpetuated to latest 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^{rs} 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^c 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^t 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^r Majesty's

Most dutiful & faithful Subjects,

The Pbyn Min^{rs} 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:

A Gen^l Synod at Lurgan, June 26th 1764.

M^r Keñedy 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^l Presbyteries as follows :—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.		Derry Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Hu. Bryson	Andr. Ferguson	
John Rankin		Jno. Neilson	Wm. Patten
Jas. Cuming	Jno. M ^c Cashland	Bangor Pby.	
Strabane Pby.		Andw. Kennedy	
Robt. Neilson		Wm. Laird	
	Rout Pby.	Jos. Mitchell	
		Jas. Hull	
Hu. Gaston		Jas. Cochran	Wm. Wallace
	Dublin Pby.	Jas. Bryson	Jas. Fulton
Chas. M ^c Collum		Killyleagh Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell		Gilbt. Kennedy	
	Monaghan Pby.	Alexr. M ^c Comb	Wm. Donaldson
		Jas. Armstrong	
Wm. Ambrose		Jno. Strong	
Geo. Carson		Wm. Dunn	
Hu. Mulligan	Wm. Hopper	Armagh Pby.	
Wm. Fleming		Jno. Menagh	Jas. Menagh
Jas. Jackson		Geo. Cherrie	
Jas. Hamilton		Jas. Moodie	
Saml. Kennedy		Henry Jackson	Geo. Mulhollan
Wm. Sproot		Wm. Campbel	
Jno. Warnock		Drummore Pby.	
Jas. Kinneer		Ssm. Simms	Jno. M ^c Kee
Tyrone Pby.		Alexr. Neilson	Jno. M ^c Minn
John Gibson		Wm. Henry	Saml. Livingston
Chas. Caldwell		Jno. Smith	Jas. Anderson
Adam Duffin		Isaac Patrick	
Jno. Ker		Robt. M ^c Clure	Saml. M ^c Gowan
Jas. Todd		Saml. Barbar	
Jno. White	Jno. Laird	Geo. Richey	David Weir
Wm. M ^c Neally		Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Kennedy	Josias Johnston	Thos. Craford	Jas. Cuningham
John M ^c Clelland	Robt. Robinson	Wm. Henderson	
Moses Hogg		Wm. Rodgers	Jas. Beggs
Letterkenny Pby.		Jno. Wright	Jno. Abernethy
Wm. Wilson		David Fullerton	
Jas. Turetine		Jas. Dunbar	Jno. Dunbar
Ben. Holmes		Wm. Montgomery	Hu. Smith
Jno. M ^c Means		Jno. Bankhead	

M^r Kennedy moved that another be chosen to moderate in this ^{Mod^r chosen} Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet:—Mess^{rs} Carson, Dunn, Hen: Jackson, Simms, Craford, Ben: Holms, Caldwell, Ker, Rankin, Mulligan, & Jn^o White. Y^e Roll was called & M^r White ^{Clk.} chosen. M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the several Pbyg meet this evening & prepare lists to ^{Pbyg to meet} be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members, for the several committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee, as as also an acc^t of such Min^{rs} as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed or entered on trials since last Synod.

Ordered that each Pbyg appoint oue or more of their members to ^{Prayer} attend at eight o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made to the Mod^r 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,

2^d Session Wednesday at Ten O'Clock forenoon after prayer &c. ^{2^d Sessⁿ.}

The appointment for prayer was observed

The Presbyteries gave in lists of their members for the several com^{it}tees, as also the following acc^t, namely:—

The Pbyg of Ballymena have entered Mess^{rs} M^r Cashland & Mackaa, ^{1st trials} on first trials.

The Pbyg of Letterkenny report that M^r Hamilton died, the 27th ^{Dead} of Decem^r 1763. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow.

Bangor Pbyg have ordained M^r Ja^s Bryson at Lisburn, June 7th 1764 ^{Ordained} he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have licensed M^r Ja^s ^{Licensed} Malcom, he subscribed according to order & he is entered on 2^d trials, they report that M^r 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^r Jn^o Maxwell died the 13th of ^{Dead} Decem^r 1763, he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow. And M^r Geo: Henry removed from Narrow-water & went for America ^{Removed} in May last past.

Dromore Pbyg have licensed M^r Ja^s Jackson Burch, & have entered ^{Licensed} him on 2^d trials, he Subscribed according to order, they report y^t M^r ^{Trials} Allen died the 14th Jan^r 1764, he was a subscriber to y^e fund & left a ^{Dead} Daughter. They have entered M^r Sam^l Livingston on 1st trials. ^{1st trial}

Templepatrick Pbyg have ordained M^r Jn^o Bankhead Aug^t 16th ^{Ordained} 1764. He subscribed the Widows fund. They have licensed M^r ^{Licensed} Cowan.

Strabane Pbyg have licensed Mess^{rs} Neilson & Torbit, & ordained ^{Licensed} M^r.Torbit the 19th inst. June. He subscribed the Widows fund. ^{Ordained}

Licensed Rout Pby have licensed Mess^{rs} David Park, Jn^o Loggan, Robert Gordon, W^m Knox, Geo: Murray, & W^m Willson. They all subscribed according to order; they have entered M^r Ja^s Caldwell on 1st trials.

Fixed Comttee The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows.—

For Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Rankin & Cuming w^t an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hamilton w^t an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Caldwell & White w^t an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby Mess^{rs} Ben: Holms & Lytle w^t an Elder.

Derry Pby Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Hood w^t an Elder.

Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Walker & M^cKean w^t an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Macomb w^t an Elder.

Armagh Pby Mess^{rs} Jackson & Campbell w^t an Elder.

Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} Simms & Barbar w^t an Elder.

Rout Pby Mess^{rs} Neilson & Scott w^t an Elder.

Dublin no return.

Strabane Pby Mess^{rs} Osborn & Neilson w^t an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Mess^{rs} Wright & Montgomery & an Elder.

Dunganon These with our Mod^r & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Min^{rs}.

Mr Kennedy A motion was made & unanimously agreed to that M^r Kennedy, our late Mod^r, 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^r thanked M^r Kennedy & made y^e above request.

Next Synod 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^r Laird's meeting house the last Tuesday in June 1765, sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Caple Street M^r M^cCollum requested that the order of last Gen^l Synod with reference to liberty granted Caple Street to apply for such supplies in the Bounds of the Gen^l Synod as that congregⁿ shall think proper, be renewed. This granted.

Mr King Upon reading the minutes of last Gen^l Synod wherein M^r King complained that justice had not been done him in paying the fund money allowed him at his settlement in Hollywood, a letter from M^r 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^r King as shall be agreed to by that Pby & him.

It was proposed & agreed to that Inquiry be made how the fund Fund money money allowed M^r 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 M^r Menagh, besides a considerable arrear due by Armagh & Lurgan. Resolved, that all possible care be taken to have justice done M^r 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 M^r 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. Mess^{rs} Menagh & Dunn to draw up y^e 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 acc^t 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 Pby of W^m Rodgers Dromore with correspondents visited the congregation of Carnmoney; the minutes of that Pby were read, by which it appeared that the complaint made against M^r Thompson by W^m Rodgers was issued, & peace restored between M^r Thompson & him. The Pby's conduct approved.

The Phys of Coothill & Monaghan have united as ordered by last Phys united Gen^l Synod, one Congⁿ only excepted, who requested that they will be allowed to consider the matter until next Gen^l Synod.

3^d Session Wednesday at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3^d Sessⁿ

M^r Ferguson, in the name of the congregation of Strabane, applyed 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 Pby of Tyrone & Coimmittee of M^{rs} Orr the fund to take care that justice be done M^{rs} Orr with respect to the arrear of the fund money due her.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Y^e Session concluded wth 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 Reference from Derry Pby congregation of Ballykelly to the Rev^d Pby of Derry was referred by y^e Pby to y^e Synod seting forth their suspicions of M^r 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 M^r Neilson their minister, spreading disgust at him and endeavouring to divide y^e congregation, And mention in several particulars their behaviour as tending to this disorder and confusion, particularly that they formed a Libel against M^r 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 M^r Neilson & the complainants y^t the good & edification of the Congregation may be secured & promoted.

M^r Neilson

The Minutes of the Pby of Derry were likewise read, by which it appeared that M^r 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 M^r Neilson (in obedience to the Pby of Derry), gave to his Congregation of the sev^l 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. M^r Neilson's explanations of what they excepted against him were also read. M^r M^cClelland representative of the complainants was allowed to make his remarks, on the explanations which M^r Neilson gave for the satisfaction of his people. M^r Patten another member of that congregation being present was also allowed to give his opinion.

1st Article

1st Article was a charge of hypocrisy 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^hX^t, but since he was ordained, had dropped these subjects.

Ans^r

In M^r Neilson's answer it is observed that the Charge of hypocrisy 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.

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2^d 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.

Answer

He denied 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.

3^d That in repeating these words which the Complainants say is in 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^r Neilson admitted that he had not, as the complainants do, Anst added these words—sin only excepted, to a portion of Scripture to which they are not added in the New Testament, and is greatly surprised 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^r Neilson, in what he offered for the satisfaction of his people, Anst 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^r M^cClelland said satisfied him.

5th That M^r 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^r 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^r Patten & others from Ballykelly 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^r 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^r Neilson admitted that he declined entertaining his people with Mr 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^r Neilson's principles, in substance of the same kind with what has been set forth—on all which M^r Neilson's remarks to his congregation were heard—and in conclusion M^r M^cClelland declared he had no manner of exception to M^r 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 congⁿ of Ballykelly was presented to this Synod by M^r Sam^l M^cClelland in which they complained of the Pby of Derry as refusing to examine their evidences against M^r Neilson, and to give them the Copy of a spurious paper given in by M^r Neilson's friends in that Congregation, and pray that this Synod wou'd be pleased to dissolve the Relation between M^r Neilson & them as the only method to preserve their congregation from Destruction. M^r Ferguson, from the Pby of Derry, proved both the charges against that Pby to be groundless, which the commissioners could not deny.

Resolution

This Synod, having fully heard & considered all the Articles in the charge against M^r Neilson, his answers to them, and the observations made on these answers by M^r M^cClelland, came to the following resolution—namely, to propose this question:—Whether the Charge of Insincerity & corrupt Doctrine exhibited against M^r Neilson, be proved or not? The Roll was called, & it unanimously carried, “Not proved.” One only excepted—to wit, M^r Turretine, who desired his dissent from this resolution to be entered in the Synod's Records.

Exhortation

This Synod exhort and beseech the complainants in the congⁿ of Ballykelly to lay aside their prejudices, & by all means in their power preserve peace & good order in their society by submitting to M^r Neilson's ministry; and it is hoped M^r Neilson's integrity & prudence, together with their good temper, will preserve the union of that ancient & valuable Congregation; but shou'd 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 Dismisses, & Discharging their obligations to M^r Neilson & the Congⁿ) to Join any neighbouring congregation belonging to the Gen^l Synod.

Adjourned untill 8 o'clock afternoon. Interloq^r at 5. Concluded with prayer.

5th Sessⁿ.

5th Session Thursday, at 8 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Fund

The Committee of the fund report that few of the Phys 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 Mess^{rs} Cherrie, Gibson & Macomb, printed at the publick expense, and sent as speedily as possible to the several Phys, 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^l Synod, together with an acc^t what each Congregation pays, and to whom the sev^l Congregations desire the fund money contributed by them shou'd be paid.

M^r Menagh

Mess^{rs} Menagh & Dunn (as appointed at a former Session) brought in a state of M^r Menagh's case with regard to the Synod fund & is as follows:—

M^r Menagh being invited by the Congⁿ 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 wou^d continue to him that portion of their fund, w^o their former min^r had all along enjoyed. Comm^{rs} were therefore sent to the Gen^l Synod that year, to whom the Synod readily engaged, that fifteen pounds yearly, shou^d 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 McCollum applied to this Synod for advice with respect to New Psalms 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 Fund money followeth :

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	Ralphisland ..	0	15	0
Portaferry ..	1	2	9	Three Cong ⁿ 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 shills. & three pence to M^r Willson, of the money brought from Belfast; two pounds ten shills. & six pence, were given to M^r Menagh, & the residue Distributed according to directions given by the several Pbys.

The Moderator Concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r

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At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod & Mess^{rs} Niven & Sinclare 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 McCollum, & 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^s Read, Esq., M^r W^m M^cMurtry, & M^r W^m Sinclare, proper persons to be added to the present trustees, & they likewise approve of the proposal that Min^{rs} be put into that trust. The Mod^r & 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. Mess^{rs}

McCullum and Caldwell, appointed to wait on these Gentlemen & in the name of the constituents of the fund, to Intreat them to accept that trust.

New resolutions

Upon reviewing the resolutions formed at last Gen^l Synod relative to the Widows fund, after some reasoning, it was proposed & unanimously agreed to y^t that every subscriber, instead of paying his entire share of the R:D: for y^e year of his ordination, & his entire share for another year on the event of his marriage (as resolved at last Gen^l 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^e Gen^l 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.

Mr Richey

M^r Richey, in the Pby of Dromore, tho' ordained before the meeting of the Gen^l Synod in June 1763, generously allowed the whole of his ord^{ry} R:D: for that year instead of forty shills.

The distribution of annuities to continue for the ensuing year in the same manner as in the year past.

The Interloq^r 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^t of Min^{rs} widows or families on the fund from the Gen^l Synod, at their annual meetings. The sev^l Pbys are ordered to be punctual in giving an acc^t yearly of the min^{rs} 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^{rs} Cherrie, Simms & Jackson engaged to be security for ten pounds, to be paid out of the fund, to M^{rs} McClelland, daughter of the late M^r Allen, & not to her husband, for the ensuing year.

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July 4th, 1764.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
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Ballymena Pby.

Jas. Cochran	Wm. Parker
James White	
John Rankin	Saml. Walker
Jos Douglass	
Jas. Cuming	
Robt. Kirkpatrick	John Cochran

Mod^r chosen M^r White moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as leet—Mess^{rs} Smylie, Vance, Hamilton, M^cNeally, Patten, Armstrong, Neilson, Craford, Lewson, Cochran, Rankin, & Huey. The Roll was called, & M^r Huey chosen. M^r Rodgers continued clerk.

Pbys to meet Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the sev^l committees of Bills, Books, fund & Gen^l Synods fixed committee, as also an acc^t of such Min^{rs} as have died, been ordained, installed, licensed, or entered on trials since last Synod.

Prayer Ordered that each l 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^r 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 Sessⁿ concluded with prayer.

2^d Sessⁿ *2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev^l committees, as also the following acc^{ts}, namely—

Licensed The Phy of Rout have licensed Mess^{rs} Murry & Caldwell, & have entered Mess^{rs} Loggan, Smith & Knox on second trials.

Demitted The Pby of Dublin report that M^r M^cCollum demitted his charge of Capel Street congregation May 5th 1765, & M^r Knox gave up his charge of said congregation 21st of May 1765.

Trials Monaghan Pby have entered M^r Martin on second trials.

The Pby of Tyrone have licensed M^r Moor. He subscribed, & have entered M^r Willson on 2^d trials.

Dead Letterkenny Pby report that M^r Turretine died the 21st of July 1764 & M^r Worling in April 1765. Both subscribers to the Widows fund: each left a widow & children.

Trials Derry Pby have entered Mess^{rs} Stewart, M^cClelland & Moor on 1st trials. They report that M^r Lylie died 20th May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow only.

Bangor Pby ordained M^r Malcom 24th Decem^r 1764. He sub- Ordained
scribed the confession of faith & Widows fund. They report that M^r
Cochran died 22^d of June 1761. He was a subscriber to the Widows Dead
fund and left a widow & children. M^r Rea Demitted his charge of
Kirkdonald in Feb^r 1765, & sailed for North America in May 1765. Demitted

Killyleagh Pby have licensed M^r Bleckly. They report that M^r Licensed
Fergy died the 3^d May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows
fund, & left a widow & children. M^r Dunn removed to Cookstreet Dead
Dublin Feb^r in 1765. Demitted

Dromore Pby have licensed M^r Sam^l Livingston & ordained M^r Licensed
Ja^s Birch the 12th Aug^t 1764. He subscribed the confession of faith &
Widows fund. They report that M^r Thompson died the 18 March Ordained
1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left children. Dead

Templepatrick Pby have licensed M^r John Dunbar, & entered M^r Trials
Cowan on 2^d trials.

Ballymena Pby have entered M^r Jn^o Thompson on 1st trials. Licensed

Armagh Pby have licensed M^r W^m Craford & entered M^r Living- Trials
stone on 2^d trials. They report that M^r Cherry died 17th May 1765. Dead
He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow & children.
They installed M^r Campbel in Armagh in 9ber 1764.

The members of the Gen^l Synod's fixed Committee are as follow— Synod's fixed
Committee

For Rout Pby Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry with an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Ambrose & Hamilton w^t an Elder.

Strabane, Dublin & Letterkenny no return.

Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Caldwell & M^cClelland with an Elder.

Derry Pby Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Hood with an Elder.

Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Warnick & Hull with an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Macomb w^t an Elder.

Armagh Pby Mess^{rs} Menagh & Jackson with an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Mess^{rs} Fullerton & Montgomery w^t an
Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Cochran & Rankin w^t an Elder.

For Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} Sims & Neilson with an Elder.

These with our Mod^r & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when Dunganon
called by the Mod^r on any emergency, fifteen to be a quorum, whereof
twelve at least are to be min^{rs}.

A letter from Capelstreet congregation was read in this Synod Caple Street
requesting that the sev^l Pby's belonging to the Gen^l Synod be ordered
to send such supplies to that Congregation as they shall apply for until
next Gen^l Synod, and particularly that M^r Plunket may be ordered to
supply them six Sabbths as soon as may be convenient. This granted,
& the Pby of Monaghan enjoined to send M^r Plunket to supply them
six Sabbaths, commencing the 3^d Sabbath in July next.

Mr Menagh

Upon Reading the minutes of last Gen^l Synod enquiry was made if the appointment had been observed by the sev^l Pbys relating to y^e arrear of the fund due M^r 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 congⁿ in the bounds of the Gen^l Synod, & brought to the Synod at next meeting, & given to M^r Menagh as a compensation for the Loss he has sustained by the nonpayment of the fund allowed him by the Gen^l 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 congⁿ in the bounds of the Gen^l Synod, that the collections may be more succesful.

Fund

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^l Pbys to collect this fund in all the congregations within their bounds, & that it be brought to the Gen^l Synod annually, according to a former resolution to this purpose.

The sev^l Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon. Interloq^r at 5. Concluded w^t prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Holly wood

A Supplication from Hollywood was presented to this Session by Mess^{rs} John Galson & John Sims wherein they complain that the congreg^{ns} of Bangor, Newtown, Donaghadee, Castlereagh, Saintfield, Moneyrea, Morn & Drumbo have not paid any part of the fund money allowed M^r King at his settlement among them, & pray this Synod to see Justice Done in the affair. M^r King, the comm^{rs} 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^l 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^r King.

Killyleagh

A Supplication from the Congregation of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod by M^r Rob^t M^cDowell & Tho^s Harron requesting that M^r Willson be appointed to supply them the months of July & Aug^t next; M^r Craford, Sep^t & 8ber; M^r Camron, Novem^r; M^r Wright, Decem^r; M^r Birch, Jan^{ry}; M^r Bleckly, Feb^{ry}; M^r Livingston, March; M^r Abernethy, April; M^r Smith, May; & M^r Dickson, June.

This Supplication was considered, & it was observed & agreed to that the appointing twelve months supplies to Killyleagh might be attended w^t disagreeable consequences, & it was judged to be particularly inconvenient to appoint M^r Willson & M^r Craford two months each. This Synod therefore order M^r Camron to supply that congⁿ the month of July, M^r Willson the month of Aug^t, & M^r Craford Sep^r

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^r, & the smallness of their numbers by Death & otherwise, & praying that, besides the fund already allowed them, this Synod wou'd be pleased to appoint the cong^{ns} 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^{ns} be brought to the Gen^l 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 congⁿ a larger share of it.

Adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow. Interloq^r at six. Concluded with Prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock, after prayer, &c.

M^r Kennedy informed this Synod that M^r Simson of Dundalk ^{Mr Simson} requests that Inquiry be made in the sev^l Pbys for a Gentleman that can preach in the Irish language to whom he believed he cou'd give very considerable encouragement. This Synod Recommended it to all the Pbys in their bounds to comply with this request, and inform M^r Kennedy at Belfast if any such person be found.

Resolved, that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed ^{Next Synod} 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.

M^r Scott, a member of the Pby of Rout, desired with the consent ^{Mr Scott} of that Pby to be disannexed from them & joined to the Pby of Ballymena. This granted.

This Synod being well informed that M^r Erskine perseveres in the practice of various highly aggravated 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, M^r Erskine, or not. The Roll called & it carried unanimously Depose. <sup>Mr Erskine
Deposed</sup> Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Laird were appointed to draw up & publish a notice of his deposition in the Belfast newspaper, & to be signed by ye Mod^r.

Adjourned till six o'clock afternoon, Interloq^r at 5. Concluded w^t prayer.

5th Sessⁿ

5th Session. Thursday, at Six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Overtures

The Committee of overtures proposed the following overtures.

That whereas so few Min^{rs} attend the Gen^l 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 refered to the consideration of the sev^l Pbyg. until next meeting, & it is warmly recommended to each Pby seriously & deliberately to consider the affair & make report at next Gen^l Synod.

Religious fast

The Committee of overtures likewise proposed that the 4th Wednesday in 8ber next, or some day in that week, be observed as a religious fast, or set apart for the purposes of private & publick worship & Devotion, throughout the bounds of the Gen^l 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^r 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.

Fund

It was proposed & agreed to that a letter be wrote to each Pby in the Bounds of the Gen^l Synod, by Mess^{rs} 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 Gen^l Synod. These brethren to meet at Mount-norris the 3rd Wednesday in Aug^t next to draw up said letter.

Ordered that the Localities appointed M^r Willson of Moywater be continued to him, & punctual payments made.

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r

Interloq^r 1st.

R. D.

At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from M^r Lang was read wherein he gives an acct. of the Div^d of the R.D. & of the vacant congregations for which ten Shills. quarterly is deducted, out of the R.D. for the widows fund.

Widows fund
£6495 : 1 : 8.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was also read wherein they give an acct. y^t y^o 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^r, Mess^{rs} Menagh, Mackay, & Niven, to answer the Trustees letter.

Interloq^r 2^d.

The Committee of Overtures & Pby of Antrim, having fixed upon no resolutions, since last Interloq^r relative to the widows fund. This Interloq^r 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 w^t what the husband or father has paid in his lifetime, amount to the value of ten years subscriptions. Regulations

That an equal distribution shall be made to all annuitants. And that the widows & children hitherto receiving six and eight p^{ds} 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^{rs} that have died since June 1750, the time of their Deaths, and for this trouble, he 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^r enjoined the sev^l Phys 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 the Sev^l Phys that before the license young men to preach, they try them whether 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. Correct speaking

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WILL: RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

August, 2^d 1765.

A Genl Synod at Belfast, June 24th, 1766.

Mr Huey Mod^r of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Dan^l 12. 3 : and then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l Pbys as follows :

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
	Rout Pby.	Richd Walker Jos. Mitchel Wm. Rowan	Wm. Dunwoody Jas. Williams
Dav. Smylie Robt. Brown Robt. Elder Wm. Knox Jacob Davis Jno. Loggan	Jno. Neilson Jno. M ^c Mullan Jacob Daviss Robt. Eeers	Jas. Hull Jno. King Jas. Cochran Jas. Bryson Hu. Smyth	Mr. Cleveland Hu. M ^c Kee Jas. M ^c Kee Mr. Frans. Patten Jno. Eagleson
	Dublin Pby.		Killyleagh Pby.
Jas. Caldwell		Thos. Scott Gilbt. Kennedy Alexr. Macomb Jas. Armstrong Michl. Henry Jno. Strong Robt. Smyth Jno. Willamson	
	Monaghan Pby.		Jno. Ferson Saml. Bleckly Mr. M ^c Mean
Jas. Jackson Saml. Kennedy Jos. Martin Thos. Stewart			
	Tyrone Pby.		Armagh Pby.
Jno. Gibson Jas. Todd Jno. White Wm. M ^c Neally Wm. Kennedy Jno. M ^c Clelland Jas. Whiteside Wm. Willson Geo. Murry	Jas. Waters Wm. Anderson Mr. Saml. Laird	Jno. Menagh Jas. Moody Henry Jackson Wm. Campbell	Mr. Jno. Moodie
			Dromore Pby.
	Letterkenny Pby.	Saml. Simms Alexr. Neilson Isaac Patrick Robt. M ^c Clure Jas. Birch	Mr. Jno. M ^c Minn Saml. Bell Jno. Lawry
Wm. Willson			
	Derry Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.
Jno. Hood Arthur Kyle		Thos. Craford Jno. Lewson Wm. Henderson Jno. M ^c Connell Wm. Rodgers Jno. Wright Robt. White Thos. Read David Fullerton Wm. Montgomery Jno. Bunkhead Isaac Cowan	Hu. Moor Mr. Beggs Mr. Read Mr. Dickson Jas. Boyd Hu. Campbell Hu. Donald
	Bangor Pby.		
Jno. Moorhead Hu. Dickson Saml. Alexander Jas. Huey Jos. Kinhead Andw. Kennedy Wm. Laird Jas. M ^c Kean Wm. Warnick	Wm. Willson Wm. Busbie Mr. Jno. Moor Jno. Cooper Gilbt. Orr Mr. Barr		

Minrs. Elders. Minrs. Elders.

Ballymena Pby.

Jno. Brown	
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Jno. Cochran
Jno. Logue	Mr. Jno. Thompson
Jno. Rankin	
Chas. Brown	Mr. Alexr. Brown
Jos. Douglas	
Robt. Kirkpatrick	

M^r Huey moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Mod^r. chosen
 The following brethren were named as a leet. Mess^{rs} Smylie, Jackson, M^oNeally, Kyle, Caldwell, Laird, Armstrong, Campbell, Patrick, Lewson, Cochran, & Warnick. The Roll was called & M^r Warnick chosen. M^r Rodgers continued Clerk. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to Pbys to meet
 be given to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sev^l committes, as also an acct. of such min^{rs} 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 Prayer
 attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made of the persons appointed to the Mod^r 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^l committees as also the following accounts, namely,

Rout Pby have licensed M^r W^m Knox, 9ber 18th 1765 & have Licensed
 ordained M^r W^m Knox, Aug^t 18th 1765 & M^r Jas Loggan, Novem^r Ordained
 24th 1765 both subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund.

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r W^m Willson, 9ber 10th 1765 and M^r Ordained
 Murray, Decem^r 10th 1765 both subscribed the confession of faith and Trials
 widows fund & they have entered M^r Greer, on 1st trials.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r Martin, 9ber 15th 1765 & M^r Ordained
 Stewart, 22^d April 1766 both subscribed the confession of faith & widows Dead
 fund. They report M^r Ambrose, died the 29th Decem^r 1765 he was a
 subscriber to the widows fund & left a family.

Derry Pby have ordained M^r Henry M^oKinly, 4th March 1766 he Ordained
 subscribed the widows fund, they have licensed Mess^{rs} W^m Stewart, and Licensed
 Hu. M^oClelland, & have entered on trials Mess^{rs} Jn^o Ervii, & Trials
 W^m Dean.

Licensed
Ordained

Bangor Pby have licensed Mess^{rs} Grahams, & Kennedy, both subscribed the confession of faith, they have ordained M^r Hu. Smyth, June, 3^d 1766 hs subscribed the confession of faith, & widows fund.

Licensed
Ordained
Dead

Armagh Pby have licensed M^r Jn^o Moodie May 27th 1766, they ordained M^r Sam^l Livingston Aug^t 20th 1765 & M^r Dickson, 24th 9ber 1765, both subscribed the widows fund. They report that M^r Johnston, died 8ber 20th 1765, he was a subscriber to the widows fund, and left a widow & children.

Ordained
Dead

Templepatrick Pby have ordained M^r Cowan Aug^t 20th 1765. He subscribed the Widows fund. They report M^r Dunbar died the 26th of April 1766. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow, &c.

Licensed

Ballymena Pby have licensed M^r Jno. Thompson. He subscribed according to order.

Synods
Committee

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

Rout Pby Mess^{rs} Smylie & Henry w^t an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Jackson & Kennedy w^t an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Gibson & White with an Elder.

From Letterkenny & Strabane no return.

Derry Pby Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Hood with an Elder.

Bingor Pby Mess^{rs} Rowan & Malcom with an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Macomb & Strong with an Elder.

Armagh Pby Mess^{rs} Jackson & Campbell w^t an Elder.

Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} Sims & Maclure with an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Mess^{rs} Fullerton & Montgomery w^t an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Rankin & Douglass and an Elder.

Dunganon

These with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be min^{rs}.

M^r King

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 defered till afterwards.

The sev^l committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until one o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

3^d 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 M^r 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 ^{Mr Menagh} recommended to each Pby to use diligence in raising some money for M^r 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 Pbys to observe the Synod's directions in this affair, to receive the money that may be raised for M^r Menagh & remit it to him—In Rout Pby, M^r W^m Knox; Dublin, M^r Vance; Monaghan, M^r Jackson; Tyrone, M^r White; Letterkenny, M^r Ben: Holms; Derry, M^r Ferguson; Bangor, M^r Huey; Killyleagh, M^r Armstrong; Armagh, M^r Jackson; Ballymena, M^r Jno. Brown; Strabane, M^r Craford; & in Templepatrick, M^r Rodgers.

This Synod inquired if the members appointed to draw up & send ^{Fund} to each congregation in the bounds of the Gen^l 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^l Pbys are ordered to give their collections to M^r 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^l committees are ordered to meet at four o'clock. Interloq^r 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 Sessⁿ

The Synod proceeded to consider the affair of the arrear of the ^{Mr King} fund due by the Pby of Bangor to the congregation of Hollywood. M^r Hull reported he had given M^r King for Bangor congregation one pound eighteen shills. & seven pence. M^r Warnick said he had some money for M^r 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 M^r King before next Synod.

The committee of the fund report that they had formed a ^{Scheme} 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.

2^d. Let him keep a regular book containing an acct. of such min^{rs} in the Gen^l Synod as have not been promised £30 annual stipend from their respective congregations. Let every Minister's collection or a rect^r from the min^r to whom he has paid it be entered yearly in this book in the presence of the Committee of the fund.

3^d. 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^l 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^r 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^rs on the list may require, no less than nine of the committee to act in the distribution of this last third.

5th. That the sev^l Distributions be recorded likewise in the committees Book, and the whole read in open Synod for the satisfaction of all concerned. They likewise report that M^r Macomb was elected their Cler^k.

Next Synod

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 begu at five o'clock afternoon.

Adjourned until seven o'clock. Interloq^r at six. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Seven oclock afternoon, after prayer &c.

The committee of the fund produced an acct. of what money they had rec^d & rec^{ts} for what money had been paid to min^{rs} 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 Pby, that they make out lists of such congregations & return them to next Gen^l Synod, and all enjoined in the warmest manner to make contributions for that fund, before the meeting of next G. Synod.

Caple Street

M^r Caldwell in the name of the congregation of Caple Street requested that each Pby in the bounds of the Gen^l Synod shou^d be enjoined to send such suppliers to that Congⁿ as they may apply for, until next meeting. This granted

The Mod^r. concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1st.

Widows Fund

At an Interloq^r consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from the trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc^t 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 sev^l calculations, & fix upon one that will be proposed to next Interloq^r.

2^d Interlog^r.

The members that made calculations respecting the Widows fund report that upon comparing their sev^l calculations they find that the fund will not allow more than an annuity of eight pounds to each widow or family of a deceased min^r. They find likewise y^t the present annuitants have rec^d each an annuity [of] more than eight pounds from their commencement, in the proportions following:—

M ^{rs} Murray Dr to y ^e fund the 1 st day of Jan ^{ry} 1766 .. £24 7 2	M ^r Boyd's family Dr to y ^e fund .. £10 10 0
M ^{rs} Lynd Do .. 41 6 8	Three pounds ten shills. 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.
M ^{rs} Stirling Do .. 22 17 2	M ^{rs} Clarke Dr to y ^e fund .. £28 6 8
M ^{rs} Read Do .. 30 0 0	M ^{rs} Semple Do .. 17 13 4
M ^{rs} O'Bryan Do .. 29 6 8	M ^{rs} McClaine Do .. 24 0 0
M ^{rs} Henderson Do .. 30 0 0	M ^{rs} Dean Do .. 10 0 0
M ^{rs} Orr Do .. 28 13 4	M ^{rs} White Do .. 10 0 0
M ^{rs} Tim White Do .. 24 0 0	M ^{rs} Armstrong Do .. 10 0 0
M ^{rs} Thompson Do .. 23 6 8	M ^{rs} McKeel Do .. 10 0 0
M ^{rs} Macurdy Do .. 15 6 8	M ^{rs} Kennedy Do .. 10 0 0
M ^{rs} Patton Do .. 8 6 8	M ^{rs} Peebles Do .. 8 10 0
M ^{rs} Hill Do .. 5 6 8	M ^{rs} Gordon Do .. 8 0 0
M ^{rs} McBride Do .. 4 16 8	M ^{rs} Malcom Do .. 8 0 0
M ^{rs} Macewin Do .. 24 0 0	M ^{rs} Strabridge Do .. 8 0 0
M ^{rs} Gawdy Do .. 10 0 0	M ^{rs} Cochran Do .. 8 0 0
M ^r Wallace's family Do .. 10 0 0	M ^{rs} Algeo Do .. 7 10 0
	M ^{rs} Delap Do .. 7 10 0
	M ^{rs} Bond Do .. 7 10 0
	M ^{rs} King Do .. 7 0 0
	M ^{rs} Thompson Do .. 6 0 0
	M ^{rs} Buchanan Do .. 4 5 0
	M ^{rs} Maxwell Do .. 4 5 0
	M ^{rs} Hamilton Do .. 4 0 0
	M ^{rs} Allen's family Do 4 0 0
	M ^{rs} Turretine Do .. 3 0 0
	M ^{rs} Thompson's family Do .. 1 11 6
	M ^{rs} Worling Do .. 1 15 6
	M ^{rs} Fergie Do .. 1 8 0
	M ^{rs} Cherrie Do .. 1 6 8
	M ^{rs} Lyle Do .. 1 6 6
	M ^{rs} Cochran Do .. 1 2 6

In all £563 ; 10 : 8

Contributions

The sev^l Pbys were desired to inform the Interloq^r if they had observed the appointment of last Synod in raising contributions for the widows fund. M^r Hood said he had twenty guineas from the City of Derry, & one from the congregation of Birt, no more appeared from that Pby. M^r Warnick, of Bangor Pby said he had five guineas from Lady Mountalexander, no other contribution from that Pby. M^r Campbel of Armagh collected six pounds, no other in that Pby collected. M^r Kinneer in Monaghan Pby, remitted eight shills. & eight pence, the other members in y^t Pby had not raised any money for the fund, since last Gen^l Synod, nor does it appear that any other of the Pbys have collected.

The Interloq^r 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 min^r 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^s Dunn, Esq^r one of the trustees for the fund. by Bill on Mess^{rs} Jas. & Hu. Lang from M^r Rodgers.

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Kennedy, Jackson, & Campbel, shall ans^r 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 sev^l constituents of that fund, are ordered to inform the trustees if any purchase of that kind occurs to them.

Letter

Mess^{rs} Drenan & Huey are appointed to write a letter of thanks to Lady Mountalexander for her kind donation to the Widows Fund.

Clks. fees

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod's Clks 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.

Widows on 41 list

A motion was made by a member of the committee of overtures that there shou'd be a new regulation, with respect to the Widows on the four pound list, as he apprehended that sev^l 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 min^r 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 M^r Lang of this resolution.

It was also overtured that no min^r who has not a congⁿ shall hereafter receive any part of the R.D.—The Interloq^r considered this overture, likewise, & finding that M^r Henderson, M^r McCollum, M^r

Knox, M^r Murray, & M^r Neilson, have not cong^{na} 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 M^r 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^t 11th 1766.

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 sev^l Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Wm. Craford		Gilbt. Kennedy	
		Jas. Armstrong	Jno. Clark
Colerain Pby.		Michl. Henry	
		Jno. Strong	
Jno. Simson		Robt. Smith	Jas. Craford
Wm. Knox		Mos. Neilson	
Monaghan Pby.		Armagh Pby.	
Geo. Carson		Jno. Menagh	Jno. Miller
Wm. Fleming	Jas. Gillespy	Jas. Moodie	
Thos. Plunket		Geo. Ferguson	
James Jackson	Hen. Willson	Hen. Jackson	
Saml. Kennedy		Wm. Campbel	Jno. Rowan
Wm. Smith		Saml. Livingston	Jno. Black.
Wm. Sproot		Robt. Dickson	
Jno. Warnick		Jno. Dunbar	
James Kinneer			
Thos. Stewart			
Tyrone Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
		Saml. Sims	Chas. Orr
Jno. Gibson		Alexr. Neilson	Wm. Faxton
Chas. Caldwell	Thos. Kennedy	Wm. Henry	Jno. Scott
Adam Duffin	Ried. Rea	Isaac Patrick	Jas. M'Cuillogh
Jas. Todd		Robt. Maclure	Jno. Scott
Jno. White	Mr. Whiteside	Saml. Barbar	Mr. Litle
Jno. M'Neally		Geo. Richey	
Jno. M'Clelland		Jas. Birch	Jas. Baxter
Willm. Willson		Jno. Thompson	Jas. Tate
Letterkenny Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.	
		Willm. Rodgers	Mr. Dickson
Wm. Willson		Jno. Wright	Mr. Stephenson
Wm. Callender		Wm. Montgomery	
Bangor Pby.		Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Huey		Jas. Cochran	Jno. Hindman
Jos. Kinkead		Jas. White	
Andw. Kennedy		Jno. Rankin	
Wm. Warnick		Jas. Cuming	
Jos. Mitchell		Robt. Kirkpatrick	
Wm. Rowan			
Jas. Cochran			
James Bryson			
Hu. Smith			

M^r Warnick Moderator of the former Synod, moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet. Mess^{rs} Craford, Todd, Carson, Willson, Bryson, Campbell, Neilson, Wright, Kirkpatrick, & Armstrong. The Roll was called & M^r Armstrong was chosen, M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Modr chosen

Clk

Ordered that the sev^l Phys 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^t of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials since last Gen^l Synod.

Phys to meet

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.

Prayer

2^d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

2a Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phys gave in Lists of their members for the several committees, as also the following accounts namely.

Strabane Pby ordained M^r W^m Craford at Strabane, 6th Feb^r, 1766, he subscribed the Widows Fund.

Ord^d

Letterkenny Pby ord^d M^r James Taylor at Convoy, the 28th Aug^t, 1766, M^r M^cDowell at Ballykelly, 2^d September, 1766, M^r Ja^s Love at Stranolar & M^r Rob^t Caldwell for Donegal, Mount Charles & Beleek y^e 16th June, 1767, all subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith & Widows Fund.—That Pby have licensed M^r Jno. Harris, & have entered Mess^{rs} Sam^l Patton, Andw. Miller, Ja^s Turretine & M^r M^cNeally on first trials, they report M^{rs} Hamilton died in March, 1767, she left children.

Ord^d

Licensed

Trials

Dead

Derry Pby report that M^r Walker died 21st July 1766, & M^r Hare died y^e *—; each left a widow & children.

Dead

Dubliu Pby Installed M^r Jn^o Beard from the Isle Man in Capel Street Jan^r 11th 1767. He subscribed the confession of faith & the Widows fund.

Installed

Coleraine Pby report that M^r Hu: Gaston died 15th 8ber 1766, & M^r Rob^t Brown the 18th May 1767. Both subscribed to the Widows fund, & each left a widow & children.

Dead

Dead

Killyleagh Pby ordained M^r Neilson in Kilmore. He subscribed the Widows fund.

Ord^d

Armagh Pby licensed M^r Jn^o Best.

Licensed

Dromore Pby licensed Mess^{rs} Jos: Litle, Sam^l Kennedy, & Ja^s M^cAulay. They ordained M^r Jno. Thompson at Carrmoney 10th March 1767. He subscribed the Widows fund.

Licensed

Ord^d

* Date omitted.

Licensed

Templepatrick Pby licensed M^r William Dickson.

Ballymena Pby have licensed Mess^{rs} Jn^o Cochran & Fran^s Gray.

Committee

The members of the Gen^l Synods fixed Committee are y^e same as last year. They with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 are to be min^{rs}.

Mr Menagh

The members appointed at last Gen^l Synod to receive from their respective Pby the Contributions ordered to M^r 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^l Synod, and the following members are enjoined to remind their respective Pby to be punctual in attending to this appointment, viz:—In Strabane Pby, M^r Craford; in Coleraine, Mess^{rs} Simson & Knox; in Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Plunket & Fleming; in Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Caldwell & White; in Letterkenny, M^r Ben; Holms; in Derry, M^r Hood; in Bangor, Mess^{rs} Huey & Laird; in Killyleagh, Mess^{rs} Armstrong & Smith; in Dromore, Mess^{rs} Birch & Patrick; in Templepatrick, Mess^{rs} White & Rodgers; & in Ballymena Pby, Mess^{rs} Cochran & Rankin.

Mr Edwards

The Rev^d M^r Morgan Edwards, from North America, being present, was invited to sit & vote as a member of this Synod, & he consented to do it.

Bangor Pby

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^l Synod, & it appeared that few had been made for that purpose. This Synod recommend it warmly to that Pby to urge their congreg^{ns}, as many of them are numerous & wealthy, to be liberal in their contributions to the fund; and it is likewise recommended to all Pby in the bounds of the Gen^l Synod to be very attentive to the Intrest 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 congreg^{ns}, as the Synod shall direct.

Fund

Upon reading the minutes of last Gen^l 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 Pby who have few members here present were ordered to make such return at next Gen^l Synod.

Pby Antrim

It was unanimously agreed that the Pby of Antrim, now present, shou^d 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^r at four. This session concluded w^t prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday, at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 3^d Sessⁿ.

The Pby^s 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 Killiniker; in Tyrone, Venecash & Loughgall; in Letterkeny, 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 Next Synod 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 Mess^{rs} Tho^s Lindsay, Killyleagh Tho^s Taylor, Nath^l Harron, &c., supplicating that this Synod wou^d be pleased to use such methods as to their wisdoms may appear most proper for effecting the speedy settlement of M^r 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 Mess^{rs} Ja^s Jardon, Jn^o Duff, Ja^s Richeson, &c., remonstrating against the settlement of M^r 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 Mr Blackwood 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 M^r Hays min^r in that place. He therefore remonstrates against his settlement, & hopes this Synod will not encourage it.

The parties for & against M^r 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 M^r Hays, & therefore they have refered the determination thereof to this Synod. M^r Blackwood's letter was also considered, & M^r Hays heard. The parties being removed, the Synod resolved that the following brethren, Mess^{rs} Moodie, Menagh, Gibson, Caldwell, Plunket, Campbell, & Huey converse with M^r 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^r 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^r Hays & the Commissioners from Killyleagh observed the appointment.

M^r 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 congⁿ, & will entertain no resentment against such as he imagines used him ill, he cannot think of becoming min^r in that place. He likewise appealed to the Pby of Killyleagh for a character, of his capacity as a preacher, and of his morals. that Pby 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^r 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^r Hay in declining to be fixed in Killyleagh, & thinks he has behaved as became a min^r 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 gard 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 Pby as soon as may be convenient. Mess^{rs} White & Campbell to answer M^r Blackwood's letter.

A Joint Supplication from the commissioners of Killyleagh wa^s presented to this Synod, wherein they request that each of the following Probationers be appointed to supply that congⁿ for four Lord's days—viz., M^r Litle to commence the 3^d Lord's day in July inst.; M^r Lynd the 3^d in Aug^t, & M^r Merceer the 2^d in Sep^r; M^r Cochran the 2^d in Sber; & M^r Rodgers the 2^d Lord's day in November. This granted.

Mr Warnick

M^r Warnick was requested to print his sermon which he preached at the opening of this Synod.

Lisluny

From Lisluny appeared commissioners Mess^{rs} Huggins & Irvine, supplicating that M^r Hays be appointed to supply that congregation the month of July Inst, & the first Lord's day in Aug^t, & liberty to apply to the several Pbys in the Gen^l Synod for other suppliers if they shall see cause. This granted.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon; Interloq^r 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 Mess^{rs} Huey, Warnick, Cochran & Smith, of the Pby of Bangor, representing that whereas that

Pby, by the accession of several congregations from other Pbys, 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^e consent & at y^e option of y^e Pby: Resolved, y^t the Subsynod of Belfast grant y^e above request, provided y^e Pby of Bangor be unanimous in it.

Y^e Mod^r conc^d y^e Synod w^t prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

At an Interloq^r, consisting of the Gen^l Synod & Pby of Antrim, ^{R.D. old Min^{rs}} upon reviewing the minutes of last years Interloq^r, 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^{rs} 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 M^r Macracken in Strabane Pby was not ^{M^r M^cCraken} 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 M^r Lang.

It was moved that no person who now is or shall be a ^{Subscribers to} subscriber to the Widows fund shall have it in his power to ^{ye Fund} 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 ^{Letter} it appears that the amount of that fund y^e 13th June 1767 was £6960 16 3^¼ they express likewise a sensible concern, at the small increase of that fund & give it as their opinion (by M^r 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} 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^{rs} Mackay & Colvil to answer the Trustees letter signifie y^e resolutions to them & Intreat their influence to revive the collections in the City of Dublin.

The Interloq^r 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 empowered to make a purchase, which Committee is to be called by the Mod^r of the Gen^l Synod, to meet at Lurgau when he sees cause. And the following are the members—from Strabane Pby, Mess^{rs} Scott & Neilson—Coleraine, Mess^{rs} David Smylie, Henry, & Robt. Smylie—from Dublin, Mess^{rs} Kilburn & Caldwell—from Monaghan, Mess^{rs} Carson, Plunket & Hamilton—from Tyrone, Mess^{rs} Gibson, Caldwell, & White—from Letterkenny, Mess^{rs} Marshel, Burk & Ben. Holms—from Derry, Mess^{rs} Hood & Kyle—from Bangor, Mess^{rs} Huey, Hull & Warnick—from Killyleagh, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Macomb—from Armagh, Mess^{rs} Jackson & Campbel—from Dromore, Mess^{rs} Simms & Maclure—from Templepatrick, Mess^{rs} Lewson & White—from Ballymena, Mess^r Cochran & Rankin, and from Antrim Pbys Mess^{rs} Colvil & Mackay, these or any others the Pbys 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, w^o [was] read & approved & signed by the Mod^r & Clk.

The following contributions for the widows fund were brought to this Interloq^t & deposited with M^r Richey by him to be transmitted to M^r Lang.

From Glenan	..	£1	2	9	Magherafelt	..	£0	12	0	
Coleraine	..	0	11	4½	M ^r Stewart in	...				
Casledawson	..	0	11	4½	Monaghan Pby	..	2	1	10½	
Garvagh	..	0	11	4½	Portaferry	..	0	11	4½	
Macasky	..	0	8	1½	Tobermore	..	0	13	9½	
Strabane	..	0	5	5	M ^r Murray in	..				
					Tyrone	..	0	15	8	
							In all	£7	15	1

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys when they report annually to the Clerk of the Gen^l Synod, the min^{rs} that have died from the time of y^e meeting of y^e 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 M^r Lang the Trustees Secretary.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S.C.

8ber 6th, 1767

Mod^r chosen M^r Armstrong moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet, Mess^{rs} Caldwell, Hamilton, M^cClelland, M^cDowell, Bryson, Strong, White, Cuming, Heury, Craford, & Camron, the Roll was called & M^r Camron chosen; M^r Rodgers continued Clk.

Clk Ordered that the sev^l P^hys meet this evening, & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morn^g, of their members for the sev^l 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.

Widows Ordered that the sev^l P^hys 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^{rs} wives, & are not upon the fund.

Prayer Ordered that each P^hy appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, & the names of persons appointed be returned to the Mod^r 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.

2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The P^hys gave in Lists of their members for the sev^l Committees as also the following accounts, namely—

Trials The P^hy of Rout have entered M^r Caldwell on 1st trials. They report there is one ministers widow in their bounds besides those on the fund.

Ordn^d Monaghan P^hy have ordained M^r Moor at Banbreky, June 22^d 1768; he subscribed the widow's fund. They have entered M^r Geo: Harrison on 2^d trials.

Trials Tyrone & Killyleagh P^hys have each one minister's widow not upon the fund.

Letterkenny P^hy have licensed Mess^{rs} Miller, Patton, Turretine & M^cNeally; all subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They report that M^{rs} Stirling, a widow upon the fund in their bounds, died the 20th 8ber, 1767.

Widow dead Bangor P^hy have ordained M^r David M^cKee for South Carolina. They have licensed Mess^{rs} Jno. Adams & Jno. Stoop & have entered Mess^{rs} William Stitt, Robt. Porter & Will^m Miller on 1st trials. They report that M^r Warnick died Jan^{ry} 19th, 1768; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children. Three ministers widows in their bounds not upon the fund.

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Antrim Pby report that M^r Henderson, a widow in their bounds, ^{A widow dead} died the 23rd Jan^{ry}, 1768, & that M^r Drenan died the 12th Feb^{ry}, 1768; ^{Dead} he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children.

Armagh Pby have three min^{rs} widows in their bounds not upon the fund.

Templepatrick Pby have licensed M^r Stephenson. There is one ^{Licensed} minister's widow in their bounds, & one in Ballymena Pby not upon y^e fund.

The members of Synod's fixed committee are as followeth : ^{Fixed Comtee}

For Rout Pby Mess^{rs} David Smylie & Henry with an Elder.
 Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Plunket & Hamilton with an Elder.
 Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} Gibson & White with an Elder.
 Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Rowan & Bryson with an Elder.
 Killyleagh Pby Mess^{rs} Macomb & Strong with an Elder.
 Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} Simms & Smyth with an Elder.
 Templepatrick Pby Mess^{rs} Lewson & White with an Elder.
 Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Cochran & Rankin with an Elder.
 Strabane, Dublin, & Derry, no return.
 Letterkenny Pby Mess^{rs} Marshall & M^cDowell & an Elder.

These with our Mod^r & Clerk are to meet in Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 are to be min^{rs}.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod write to absent Pbys for an ^{Synode fund} acc^t of the widows & families upon the fund, that he may be able to furnish M^r 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 ^{M^r Menagh} G. Synod to remind their respective Pbys of the appointment for making collections, as a compensation to M^r 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 M^r Menagh, or not, the Roll was called, & it carried continue, by a great majority. Accordingly this Synod recommead it warmly to such members as have not collected, to make compensation to M^r 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. Armagh, 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^r at five, open Synod at seven ; this Session concluded with prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday at Seven o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Carickfergus

A Supplication from Carickfergus was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} W^m Boyd & Thos. Legg, Commissioners, wherein they Intreat that M^r Litle a Probationer in the Pby of Killyleagh be appointed to supply that Congⁿ six Lords Days commencing the 1st Lords day in July next — they likewise supplicate that the sev^l Pbys in the bounds of the Gen^l Synod be enjoined to send them such suppliers as they may have occasion to apply for, until next meeting of the Gen^l Synod, the likewise Intreat that M^r Dick a probationer in the Pby of Templepatrick be appointed to supply them, after M^r Litle until the next meeting of that Pby.

Some members of Killyleagh Congregation, to which M^r Litle is now under Call appeared & objected to the Synod's appointing M^r Litle to the Congregation of Carickfergus. The Pby of Killileagh 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 M^r 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 2^d & 3^d Lords days of Aug^t only. The other parts of Carickfergus supplication granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at twelve oclock, Interloq^r at eight. Concluded w^t prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

Mr Todd

A supplication from M^r 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 Congⁿ, to enable them to have a minister fixed amongst them, for making good which fund he thinks the honour, & fidelity of the Gen^l Synod are concerned.

The Synod much concerned to find that there is such an arrear of the fund due M^r 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 M^r 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 M^r Ferguson's ministry, and pray that suppliers (not from Armagh) but some other Pby 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 Pby of Rout was read in this Synod, it appears they have erected a Congregation in their bounds by the name of Armo^y. The Synod unanimously agreed that the erection of Armo^y ought not to be looked upon as valid—and therefore think the Pby 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 Armo^y if they see cause, until next meeting of the Gen^l Synod.

The Pby of Dromore requested that they might be annexed to the Sub-Synod of Armagh. This granted.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod & Pby of Antrim a letter from the trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc^t that the present amount of that fund is £736l 18 5½, 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^l Synod, min^{rs} in that City. Resolved that Mess^{rs} Menagh & White answer the Trustees Letter, and Doc^t Colvil write to M^r 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—what 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^e like satisfaction every succeeding meeting of y^e G^o Synod.

The sev^l Phys were ordered to give an acc^t. if they had observed the appointment of last years Interloq^r 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 M^r Lang to take half a guinea & 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^l 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^r.

By Mess ^{rs}					
Robt. Henry	£0 14	4½	W ^m Campbel	£7 17	1
Geo. Carson	1 14	1½	W ^m Craford	1 13	10
W ^m Sproot	0 7	7	Tho ^s Craford	1 2	9
Jas. Jackson	0 14	4½	Jas. Armstrong	0 11	4½
Jas. Hamilton	2 1	8	Jno. Gibson	0 18	1½
Jas. Kinneer	0 3	3	W ^m Bryson	7 6	0
Saml. Kennedy	0 11	4½	W ^m M ^c Neally	4 16	5
W ^m Willson	0 12	0			
				In all	£30 18 4

These collections were deposited with M^r W^m Miller, merch^t, in Lurgan, by him to be transmitted to M^r Lang, & his rec^t was taken for them.

M^r Edmonstone

A Bill upon M^r Fran^s Laird, merch^t, in Dublin, for £100 bequathed to the widows fund by And. Edmonstone, Esq^r, late of Red hall, was produced to this Interloq^r by M^r Bankhead. Ordered that said bill be deposited also with M^r Miller by him to be forwarded to M^r Lang, the Clk of the Synod, to take his rec^t. for it, & M^r Miller to order his correspondent in Dublin to take M^r Lang's rec^t. for the same.

Ordered that Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Mackay write a letter of Thanks to M^{rs} Edmonstone for her readiness & punctuality in paying the above bequest, which is to be signed by the Moderator.

2^d Interloq^r.

M^r Knox

It was moved by some Members of this Interloq^r that M^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^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^r R.D. for the first year after ordination. After some reasoning the question was put. Consider M^r Knox a subscriber to the fund, or not. The Roll was called & it carried not. The Clerk of the Synod to inform M^r Lang, that he is to pay M^r Knox the R.D. due him before the 28th June 1766 without any deduction for the Widows fund.

Fund

Ordered that the sev^l Phys make the scheme & circumstances of the Widows fund an object of their serious attention & and if they make any improvements, Relative to it, they are to be subjected to the consideration of the constituents, at next Gen^l Synod.

It was observed to this Interloq^r that Mess^{rs} 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^r Campbel, write to these Gentlemen

that it is the earnest desire of this Interloq^r 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 M^r Lang, it is the mind of this Interloq^r that one shilling be taken from y^e R.D. of every member of the Gen^l Synod, for this year & paid to M^r Sproot of Monaghan Pby, and if any of the absents, refuse to comply with y^e resolution and write M^r Lang to that purpose, no Deduction for M^r Sproot, is to be made from their R.D.

Inserted ye 24th Aug^t 1768 by

WILL. RODGERS, G:S:C.

A Gen^l Synod at Dunganon, June 27th, 1769.

M^r Camron Mod^r of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Mat. 28. 19 then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l Pbys as followeth—

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.		Derry Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell		Andw. Ferguson	
Jno. Baird	Mr. Welsh	Jos. Reagh	
Monaghan Pby.		Robt. Huey	
Geo. Carson	Mr. Robt. Elliott	Saml. Patten	Mr. Robt. Caldwell
Hu. Mulligan		Arthur Kyle	
Thos. Boyl		Bangor Pby.	
Wm. Fleming		Jos. Mitchell	
Jas. Jackson	Mr. Fr. M ^c Celland	Jas. Hull	Mr. Macoghtry
Wm. Moorhead		Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Hamilton		Hu. Smith	
Saml. Kennedy		Killyleagh Pby.	
Wm. Smith		Alexr. Macomb	
Wm. Sproot		Michl. Henry	Jno. Farson
Jno. Warnock		Robt. Smith	
Jas. Kineer		Jos. Litle	
Thos. Stewart		Armagh Pby.	
Wm. Moor		Jno. Menagh	Mr. Jno. Shaa
Jas. Harris		Jas. Moodie	
Tyrone Pby.		Geo. Ferguson	
Jno. Gibson		Hen. Jackson	
Chas. Caldwell	Mr. Hen. George	Wm. Campbel	Robt. M ^c Neally
Adam Duffin	Wm. M ^c Ilroy	Saml. Livingston	
Jno. Ker	Jno. Davison	Robt. Dickson	
James Todd		Dromore Pby.	
Jno. White	Mr. Whiteside	Alexr. Neilson	Jno. Macrackan
Wm. M ^c Neally	Andw. Willson	Wm. Henry	Mr. Jas. Wallace
Wm. Kennedy	Mr. Campbell	Isaac Patrick	
Jno. M ^c Clelland		Geo. Richey	
Jas. Whiteside	Mr. Cleveland	Jas. Birch	Mr. Jas. King
Wm. Willson		Jno. Thompson	Allen M ^c Rea
Geo. Murray		Templepatrick Pby.	
Letterkenny Pby.		Wm. Rodgers	
Wm. Willson		Jno. Wright	
Jno. Marshall	Mr. Ball	Thos. Read	
Jas. Gordon			
Ben. Holms	Mr. Johnston		
Wm. Callender			
Andw. Alexander	Mr. Patten		
Hu. Delap	Mr. Harvy		
Wm. Burk			
Jas. Taylor			

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.		Rout Pby.	
Jno. Rankin		David Smylie	Jno. Nealsou
Chas. Brown	Mr. Alexr. Brown	Robt. Ewings	
James Cuming		Jno. Simson	
		Jno. Camron	
	Strabane Pby.	Robt. Elder	
Jos. Osborn	Mr. Hu. M'Clelland	Jacob Davis	Jno. Hull
Hu. Young	Mr. Davis	Wm. Knox	Jas. Holms
Jos. Scott			
Robt. Neilson			
Wm. Craford	Mr. Merceer		
Jos. Coulter			

M^r Camron moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Mod^r chosen Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet Mess^{rs} Carson, Ker, Gordon, Patten, Mich^l Henry, Hen. Jackson, Wm. Henry, Wright, Rankin, Smylie, Osborn, & Hull. The Roll was called & M^r Hull CLK chosen; M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be Pbys to meet given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the sev^l Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Gen^l Synods 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, as also an acc^t of the widows upon the fund, & if any have died since last Synod, an acc^t 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 Pby 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^r this evening or earlie to morrow morning, prayer to continue from uine 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 Pby gave in lists of their members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following acc^{ts} namely:—

The Pby of Rout, have licensed M^r Rob^t Caldwell & entered M^r Licensed Jno. Abernethy, on Second trials. They report that M^r Rob^t Smylie, died 31st Aug^t 1768. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left Dead a widow only.

Bangor Pby have licensed M^r Ja^s Stoup, W^m Stitt, W^m Miller & Rob^t Porter. They all subscribed the confession of faith. They report Dead M^r Moorhead died the 20th of June, Ius^t. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & family.

Trials Letterkenny Pby, have entered on trials Mess^{rs} Nath^l Patton & Samuel Hamilton, they report, there are upon the fund in their Bounds
Widows Mess^{rs} Delap & Hamilton's families, M^{rs} Worling & M^{rs} Turretine.

Derry Pby, have ordained M^r David Walker, at Malin 8ber. 10th 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund. They licensed Mess^{rs} Christy, Caldwell, Scott, & Brizell.

Ord^d Killyleagh Pby, have ordained M^r Litle at Killyleagh November 18th 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund,

Licensed Dromore Pby, have licensed Mess^{rs} W^m Martin & Jno. Lyndsay, they subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith. They have entered Mess^{rs} M^cAulay and Kennedy, on 2^d trials. The Widows upon the fund in their bounds are—M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Semple, M^{rs} Thompson, M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} King, M^{rs} Sims, M^r Allen's Daughter—M^{rs} Lang not on the fund. They report M^r Sims, died, the 14th 8ber. 1768
Widows He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow and family.
Dead

Ord^d Monaghan Pby, have ordained M^r Harris at Lisluny, 2^d Aug^t 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund. They report M^r Plunket, was removed from Inniskilling to Strand Street Dublin, In Jan^{ry} 1769. Upon the funds in their bounds are M^{rs} M^cKee & M^{rs} Clark.

Licensed Strabane Pby, have licensed M^r Jno Davis & entered on trials Mess^{rs} *Wesh & Letimor. In their bounds on the fund, M^{rs} Armstrong,
Widows —not on the fund M^{rs} Hemphill.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in ye year past.

Fund The consideration of the arrear of the fund, due M^r Menagh defered until next session.

Mr Todd The sev^l Pby's were enjoined to pay their contributions to the Committee of y^t fund, at their first meeting.

Ordered that the Pby of Tyrone give an acc^t of their success in raising the arrear of the fund due M^r 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.

The Sev^l Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Interloq^r at four, open Synod at Six, this session concluded with prayer.

3^d. Session 3^d Session Wednesday at Six o'clock afternoon after prayer, &c.

Fund Inquiry was made if the Sev^l Pby's 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 Rev^d Ja^s 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 y^e Synod, by his son, wherein he sets forth, that a Libel was exhibited against him by Ja^s Jno. Miller & others to the session of Broughshane & by that session refered to the Rev^d 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 alledged 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, Mess^{rs} Lewson, Wright, Read, Montgomery, Cowan, & Rodgers, from the Pby of Templepatrick, & Mess^{rs} Neilson, Ewings, Douglass, & Camron, from the Pby of Rout, shall meet at Broughshane the 1st Tuesday in Aug^t 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^t 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^t of the collections Fund paid to ye Clerk of that fund, by which it appeared that M^r Gordon had rec^d £1: 6: 0 of that fund from the cong^a of Ballykelly, sev^l members gave it as their opinion, that he had no title (according to the Regulations of the fund) to any share of it; M^r 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^r Mr Gordon 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.

Fund 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.

Tullylish M^r Richey in the name of the congregation of Tullylish requested that M^r Abernethy be appointed by this Synod, to supply that congation the four last Lords days in July next. This granted.

M^r Menagh M^r Menagh gave an acc^t of what money he rec^d as a compensation for upwards of £300 arrear of the fund due to him w^c is as followeth

In 1766 from		In 1767	
M ^r Macomb, Newry } Banbridge, & Clare }	£8 10 0	M ^r Birch, for Donagh- more	£0 11 4½
M ^r Hney, Newtown	1 8 2	M ^r Crawford, Strabane	1 2 9
M ^r Alexander, C-reagh	0 14 10½	Do. for Derg 5 5 & M ^r	} 0 17 4
M ^r Sims, Tullylish	0 11 4½	Tho ^s Craford for Came-	
M ^r Armstrong, Portaferry	0 11 4½	lin 11s 11d.	
M ^r Hood, Derry	3 8 3	M ^r White, Stewartstown	0 13 1½
Do. for Bert	0 15 3	M ^r Caldwell, Monymore	0 14 1½
M ^r Kinkead, Killenshy	0 5 3	M ^r Birch, Drumaragh	0 5 5
M ^r Warnick, Donaghadee	1 4 0	M ^r Knox, for Colerain	1 2 9
M ^r White for Bally- rony 6s, Cregan 5s, }	} 0 15 4	for Dumbo	0 11 4½
Glenturbret 4 4		for Makasky	0 2 8½
		M ^r Smylie, Maghera	0 15 5
		None rec ^d in 1768 or 69	
		In all	£28 9 11

M^r 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^r at 4, y^s sessⁿ concluded with prayer.

5th Sessⁿ. 5th Session Thursday at six o'clock, afternoon, after prayer &c.

M^r Baird A supplication from part of the congregation of Caplestreet was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} 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^r both before & during the time of a trial to which he subjected his character & conduct, before the Rev^d Pby of ot Dublin & pray y^t the libel w^c was sustained by that Pby & M^r Baird be considered & finally determined by this Synod, as M^r Baird has refused subjection to ye judgment & authority of the Pby of Dublin, tho' he once allowed the merits of said libel to be Judged & Determined by them

Libel The Libel was also produced which contained the following articles. That M^r Baird sat by & knowingly suffered Marg^t Christian to prevaricate widely from the truth, in order to support allegations against sev^l persons in the City of Dublin whom M^r 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^r Caldwell in the name of the Pby of Dublin produced to this ^{Pby of Dublin} Synod in writing a representation of M^r 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^r Baird.

M^r Baird appeared & was heard at a considerable length, who ^{M^r Baird} 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 Congⁿ of Caplestreet.

M^r Caldwell was also heard, who in order to vindicate the Pby of ^{M^r Caldwell} Dublin from the imputation of partiality & severity against M^r Baird, requested y^t the ministers of that Pby relating to the trial wherein M^r Baird was the complainant shou'd be read, which he imagined would sufficiently invalidate the force of these aspersions.

M^r Howison was likewise heard who said many things in ^{M^r Howison} 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^r Baird, induced him and others in Caplestreet Congregation to take such measures as they had pursued, to have M^r Baird's character represented in a proper light.

Mess^{rs} Ewings, Gilbert, & others of Caplestreet Congregation, ^{Mess^{rs} Ewings} who adhere to M^r Baird's ministry, also appeared, spoke a considerable time in favour of him, and alledged that, of the persons subscribing the Libel, several shou'd not appear against M^r Baird, as minister of Caplestreet Congⁿ as they had not been members of that Congⁿ for many years.

The Articles in support of the allegations in the Libel, were also ^{M^r Baird} read w^c represent M^r Baird as sitting by & knowingly suffering Marg^t 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^r Baird for aspersing his character.

M^r Baird was again heard, who offered many things in vindication of his own character:—and in answer to his siting by and suffering Marg^t Christian to bear false witness, before the Pby of Dublin, he asserted that he enjoined her Marg^t Christian to consider she was upon her oath, & to tell all the truth without criminating herself. This M^r 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 alledging that the Pby of Dublin either did mistake or have misrepresented the question then put. Did you see Marg^t Christian during the time we had no acc^t of her? Misapprehension in him he says it must have been for to one of y^e 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 acc^t 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 Rev^d Synod from the foregoing relation which happily he can certifie, will favourably admit, this seeming falsification, may readily stand in the minutes of the Pby of Dublin, with giving a sufficient ground for the falsification alledged against him.

The parties being fully heard were removed & the articles in support of the Libel with the answers given to them by M^r 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 M^r 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 Sessⁿ.

6th Session. Friday, forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The Synod proceeded according to a former Resolution to the 2^d 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, M^r Baird admitted in his defence—the 2^d part of this article—that he knew nothing of Marg^t Christian for the six months the Pby had no acc^t. of her—for that assertion this Synod Judges him chargeable with falsehood—the Synod proceeded to consider, whether M^r 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 2^d Lord's day in July next.

The Complaint exhibited against M^r Baird by the Pby of Dublin, of contumacy & contempt of their authority was again read. The Comm^{rs} 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 M^r Baird & the complaint of that Pby against him. And after sev^l members had spoke upon that affair, the question first put was, approve the conduct of Dublin Pby in suspending M^r Baird or not? the Roll called & it carried approve. Resolved that M^r Baird and the Gentlemen from Dublin be called, these resolutions read to them, M^r Baird admonished, & suspended from the exercise of his ministerial office by the Mod^r conformable to the resolutions of this Synod.

Pby of Dublin

M^r Baird
suspended

M^r Baird & the Gentlemen from Dublin being called in these resolutions were read to them, M^r Baird admonished and suspended for two weeks from this hour & M^r Baird submitted to the admonition & suspension.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon. This Sessⁿ concluded w^t prayer.

7th Session friday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Caple street

Upon reviewing the minutes of last Sed^t relative to Caplestreet it was proposed & agreed to, that the Pby of Dublin shall be enjoined and accordingly are hereby enjoined to take the congⁿ of Caplestreet under their care, the two succeeding Lords days & instruct the member of that Pby that preaches to them Sabbth come sennight to read this copy of the Synod's minute.

From Armoy appeared Comm^{rs} Juo. Neal, & Hu. Fulton, who prosecuted a Supplication to this Synod, seting forth that a considerable number of Protestant dissenters, formerly members of Kulkeeny congⁿ, & the comm^{rs} added that some from Killraghts & Carncullogh congreg^{ns} 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 congⁿ by ye name of Armoy, with the concurrence of the Rev^d Pby of Rout.

Armoy

M^r Ewings a member of that Pby was ordered to inform this Synod if the erection at Armoy, wou'd be hurtful to the neighbouring congregations, he declared it wou'd not affect the Intrest of any congⁿ. The Comm^{rs} 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 Pby of Rout w^t Correspondents shall take this affair under their consideration & erect, or not erect, the people of Armoy inso a congⁿ as they shall see cause. The Correspondents to meet with the Pby of Rout, are from Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} M^cMullan, Cuming, Douglass, & Cha^s Brown, from Derry Pby M^r Kyle, from Strabane, M^r Osborn, these members & the Pby of Rout are to meet at Ballywoolin, the 3^d tuesday in Aug^t next, five to be a quorum.

Gordon

A motion was made that M^r Gordon be ordered to refund £1 6, fund money he rec^d from Ballykelly congⁿ. 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^r Willson of Moywater.

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interlog^r.

Widows fund
£7869 14 0½

At an Interlog^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod & M^r Niven from the Pby of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc^t 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. Mess^{rs} Rankin & Smith appointed to answer ye Trustees letter.

M^r Lang's
letterSecurities of
y^e fund

A letter from M^r Lang in answer to M^r Colvills of ye 29th June 1768 was also read, wherein he gives an acc^t of the securities in which the widows fund is vested & are as followeth, £750 in Dunleir Turnpike Dehrs, at 5 \mathcal{P} ct, there are £1400 in Irish Government Deb^{ts} at 5 \mathcal{P} ct; and the remsinder in English and in Bank annuities, Consolidated, both w^e bear Intrest at 4 \mathcal{P} ct., no part of the Debt near £300 due by Lenox & French yet rec^d by the Trustees.

Ordered that M^r Rodgers write M^r Lang that it is expected he will inform the constituents if any alterations happen in the securities of the fund.

2^d Interlog^r.

Mess^{rs} Rankin & Smyth brought in the Draught of a letter to the Trustees of the fund w^e was read, & approved, & signed by the Mod^r.

Widows fund

A motion was made, that the consideration of the Widows fund be posponed until the next meeting of the Gen^l Synod, that the sev^l Pby's 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 Gen^l Synod. This motion was considered & approved.

A Supplication from Mess^{rs} Reagh & Huey, members of the Pby Mess^{rs} Reagh & Huey of Derry, was presented to this Interloq^t, wherein they represent their circumstances to be so necessitous, 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 acc^t whatsoever, shou^d be conformed to. Therefore, Mess^{rs} Reagh & Huey cou^d not obtain their request, but in compassion to their circumstances a collection shall be made in all Cong^{ns} belonging to the Gen^l 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 shou^d advance for their Cong^{ns} such a sum as they shall judge proper & if the collection when made by each min^r 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 Mess^{rs} Harvy & Hood of Derry or to M^r And^w Ferguson of Bert, for the use of Mess^{rs} Reagh & Huey. And the sev^l members of the Gen^l Synod are enjoined to recommend it warmly to their cong^{ns} to be liberal in their contributions, the collections to be made in the month of July, or as soon after as possible.

The members present that p^d are as followeth :

Dublin Pby.		Antrim Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell p ^d	£1 2 9	W ^m Niven p ^d	£1 2 9
Jno. Baird & M. Welsh	2 5 6	Rout Pby,	
Monaghan Pby.		Robt. Elder p ^d	0 5 5
Geo. Carson p ^d	1 2 9	Derry Pby.	
Hu. Mulligan p ^d	0 11 4½	Andw. Ferguson	1 2 9
Thos. Boyl p ^d	0 11 4½	Saml. Patten	0 11 4½
Jas. Jackson p ^d	0 11 4½	Arthur Kyle	0 11 4½
Jas. Hamilton p ^d	0 11 4½	Bangor Pby.	
W ^m Smith p ^d	0 5 5	Jas. Hull p ^d	1 2 9
Jas. Kineer p ^d	0 2 8½	Jas. Bryson p ^d	0 11 4½
W ^m Moore p ^d	0 11 4½	Killyleagh Pby.	
Tyrone Pby.		Alexr. Macomb p ^d	0 11 4½
Jno. Gibson p ^d	0 11 4½	Michl. Henry p ^d	0 11 4½
Jas. Caldwell p ^d	1 2 9	Robt. Smith p ^d	1 2 9
Adam Duffin p ^d	0 11 4½	Jos. Little p ^d	1 2 9
Jno. White p ^d	1 2 9	Dromore Pby.	
Jas. Whiteside p ^d	0 11 4½	Alexr. Neilson	0 11 4½
Geo. Murray p ^d	0 11 4½	Geo. Richey	0 11 4½
Ballymena Pby.		Jas. Birch p ^d	1 2 9
Jas. Cuming p ^d	0 11 4½	Strabane Pby.	
M ^r Marshel p ^d	0 18 3	Jos. Osborn	0 11 4½
M ^r M ^c Clelland p ^d	1 2 9	Hu. Young	0 11 4½
		W ^m Craford p ^d	1 2 9
		Jos. Coulter p ^d	0 11 4½
		In all £28 19 9½	

These contributions for Mess^{rs} Reagh & Huey were deposited with M^r Andw. Ferguson.

3^d Interlogr.

Mess^{rs} Reagh &
Huey

Upon a review of the Minute relating to Mess^{rs} 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 Mod^r 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.

M^r Sproot

A motion was made that as the Localities w^c M^r Sproot has upon the fund are in great arrear a method shou'd 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 shou'd be given out of the R.D. belonging to every min^r in the Gen^l Synod to M^r Sproot. M^r Lang to be informed of this by our Clerk.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

Aug^t 31st, 1769.

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.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.		Strabane Pby.	
Jno. Simson Wm. Lynd	Jno. M ^c Mullan	Hu. Young Robt. Nealsen Wm. Craford	
Dublin Pby.		Derry Pby.	
Jas. Callwell		Andw. Ferguson Saml. Patten John Law Jas Knox	
Monaghan Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.	
Geo. Carson Hu. Mulligan Thos. Boyl Wm. Moorhead Saml. Kennedy Wm. Smith Wm. Sproot Jno. Warnock Jas. Kineer Thos. Stewart Wm. Moor Geo. Harris Jas. Stoupe	John Simson Mr. Jas. Dayis Geo. Vogan	Wm. Rodgers Jno. Wright Thos. Read	
Tyrone Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
Jno. Gibson Chas. Calwell Adam Duffin Jno. Ker Jas. Todd Jno. White Wm. Kennedy Jno. M ^c Clelland Mos : Hogg Alexr. Johnston Wm. Willson Geo. Murray	Wm. M ^c Ilwain Thos. Anderson David Sloan Andw. Willson Jno. Campbell Edwd. Patterson	Isaac Patrick Robt. M ^c Clure Saml. Barbar Geo. Richey Jas. Birch John Thompson Saml. Morriell	Mr. Jno. Lyndsay John Lewers Mr. Jas. Simms
Killyleagh Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb Mos. Nealsen		Jos. Mitchell Jas. Hull Jas. Cochran Jas. Bryson Hu. Smith	Mr. Alexr. Merceer Mr. Wm. Blakely
Armagh Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Campbell Saml. Livingstone	Saml. Watt Robt. M ^c Neally	Jno. Marshall Jas. Gordon Wm. Callender Andw. Alexander Hu. Delap Jno. M ^c Means Jos. Lytle Ben. M ^c Dowell Jos. Love	Mr. Thos. Porter
		Ballymena Pby.	
		Jas. Cuning	Mr. Jno. Cochran

Mod^r chosen M^r Hull moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, ye following brethren were named as a leet, Mess^{rs} Simson, Carson, Duffio, Livingstone, Neelson, Patten, Wright, Patrick, Cochran, Alexander, Cuming, and Caldwell. The Roll was called and M^r Caldwell chosen—M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Clk
Pbys to meet Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for ye sev^l committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Gen^l Synod's Fixed Committee, as also an acct 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.

Prayer Ordered that each Pby 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^r 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.

2^d Sessⁿ *2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock, after prayer, &c.*

The time appointment for prayer was partly observed.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members, for the sev^l Committees, as also the following accts. namely—

Ordained Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r Stoupe, at Eniskillen, y^e 29th November 1769. He subscribed the Widows fund. The Widows upon the fund in their bounds are : M^{rs} Bond, M^{rs} Algoe, M^{rs} M^cKee, & M^{rs} Clark.

Widows Tyrone Pby have in their bounds, widows upon the fund, M^{rs} Orr, M^{rs} Kenney, & M^{rs} Peebles. Not upon the fund M^{rs} Rea.

Dublin Pby report they have entered M^r Alexander Henry, upon trials. M^{rs} Macbeth, & M^{rs} Patten, on the fund with them.

Licensed Letterkenny Pby have licensed Mess^{rs} Saml. Hamilton & Nathan. Patten, Upon trials M^r Alex^r Marshel, With them the widows upon the fund are M^{rs} Worling, M^{rs} Torretine, & Mess^{rs} Hamilton & Delap's families.

Ordained Derry Pby report they have licensed Mess^{rs} Stephenson & Shaw, and ordained M^r W^m Stewart, June 18th, 1770, & M^r Knox 1st May, 1770, both subscribed the widows fund. In their bounds upon the fund are M^{rs} Murray, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Strawbridge, M^{rs} Lyle, M^{rs} Hair & M^{rs} Walker.

Widows Bangor Pby have in their bounds M^{rs} Malcomb, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Buchanan, M^{rs} Warnock, & M^r Moorhead's family, not upon the fund M^{rs} Moor, M^{rs} Hastings, M^{rs} Montgomery.

Killyleagh Pby report that M^r Scott died in April, 1770 left a ^{Died} widow & family; upon the fund in their bounds are M^{rs} Read M^r Fergie.

Armagh Pby have in their bounds widows upon the fund M^{rs} Widows Maxwell, M^{rs} Cherry,, M^{rs} Johnston.

Dromore Pby ordained M^r Morriel, 6th March, 1770, a subscriber ^{Ordained} to the fund. Widows on the fund in their bounds are M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} ^{Widows} Thompson, M^{rs} King, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Semple, M^{rs} Simms, M^r John Thompson's family & M^r Allen's daughter—M^{rs} Lang not on the fund.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained M^r M^cAuly, December 14th, ^{Ordained} 1769, not a subscriber to the widows fund—they report M^r M^cConnell died, y^e 8th June, 1770, left no family. Widows with them are M^{rs} ^{Dead} Thompson, M^{rs} Dunbar. Not on the fund M^r Frezier.

Ballymena Pby have on the fund M^{rs} O'Bryan, M^{rs} Jas. White, M^{rs} ^{Widows} M^{rs} M^cCurdy. Not on the fund M^{rs} M^cCreight.

Strabane Pby report that M^r Smith died, 13th Feb^{ry}, left no family. ^{Dead} On the fund with them M^{rs} Armstrong, not on the fund are M^{rs} Hemphill & M^{rs} Donaldson.

Rout Pby ordained M^r Abernethy, 15th Aug^t, 1769, & M^r W^m ^{Ordained} Lynd, 11th June, 1770, both subscribers to the fund. On the fund in their bounds M^{rs} Lynd, M^{rs} Gaston, M^{rs} Smylie, M^{rs} M^cBride, family of M^r Brown.

Antrim Pby have on the fund M^{rs} M^cCowen, M^{rs} M^cClaine, M^{rs} Gaudy, & M^{rs} Drenan.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in the ^{Synods Com^{tees}} year past.

The committee met at Broughshane as appointed, considered the ^{Broughshane} Libel exhibited by Jn^o Ja^s Miller and others against Jn^o Davison a member of Broughshane Session, and judged him not guilty of the allegations in said Libel.

Inquiry was made if M^r Gordon had returned the one pound, six ^{M^c Gordon} shills. of fund money he rec^d from Ballykelly, & if said sum had been given to M^r Willson as ordered at last Gen^l Synod. M^r Gordon being called, after some reasoning upon the affair, paid the above sum to the Mod^r for the use of M^r Willson.

The Pby of Rout with correspondents met at Ballywoollin in Aug^t ^{Arnoy} last and erected the people of Arnoy, by the name of the congregation of Arnoy, & put themselves under the care of the Pby of Rout.

The sev^l committees to meet immediately—adjourned until six o'clock afternoon, Interloq^r at four—y^s session, concluded with prayer.

3^d Session at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

3^d Session

An Appeal from a sentence of suspension passed upon M^r M^cNeally ^{M^r M^cNeally} by the Pby of Tyrone, was read, together with the reasons of said

appeal. M^r McNeally was called to prosecute his appeal, but did not appear. Resolved that a Committee of the following members w^t their Elders Mess^{rs} Carson, Hamilton, Mulligan, Boyl, Smith, & Stoupe, from Monaghan Pby; Mess^{rs} Callender, Delap, & M^cMeans, from Letterkenny; Mess^{rs} Neelson, Scott, & Coulter, from Strabane Pby, & from Armagh, Mess^{rs} Campbell, Ferguson, & Livingstone, five to be a quorum, shall meet at Carntall meeting house, the 3^d Tuesday in July next, consider the grounds of the suspension passed upon M^r McNeally 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^r McNeally. In the meantime as he M^r McNeally hath given in his demission to said Pby, they are to appoint one of their number to preach in Carntall meeting house next Lord's day, declare that congregation vacant, & serve M^r McNeally 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.

Carrickfergus

M^r Rodgers produced a supplication to this Synod, from the Congregation of Carrickfergus, wherein they intreat that M^r 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^r 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 wou^d 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^r Blakely is engaged three Lord's days in July next he shall supply Carrickfergus the two last of that month & the two first in Aug^t. The other part of their supplication granted.

Killead

A Supplication from Killead was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} Jno. Barbar & W^m Scott Comm^{rs}, wherein they requested that M^r Jno. Cochran from the Pby of Ballymena, might be appointed to supply them the four first days in July next, M^r Lyndsay from Dromore the month of Aug^t, M^r Speer from Ballymena the month of Sep^r, and the Rev^d M^r Abernethy of Rout Pby the month of 8ber 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.

M^r Gordon

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^r Gordon continues a member and sits in the Pby with them, and therefore pray he may be disannexed from them.

M^r Gordon objected to this supplication, he alledged 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 M^r 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 shou'd be granted, by others that M^r Gordon shou'd be continued a nominal member only of Letterkenny Pby. It was agreed, the state of the vote shou'd be disannex M^r 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 M^r 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 M^r Gordon requested that his appeal from the sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny and Subsynod of Derry shou'd be considered by this Synod, to morrow; y^a granted.

Adjourned until to morrow at ten o'clock forenoon, concluded w^t prayer.

4th Session Thursday 10 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

4th Sessⁿ

The Synod agreed to enter upon the consideration of the state of ^{Fund} their fund, enquiry was made if the sev^l 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^l 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 M^r 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^l Pbys to be read by the ministers to their respective congregations upon the Lord's day immediately before the collections be made.

A letter from M^r Willson of Moywater was read, wherein a very ^{M^r 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 M^r 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 ^{Next Synod} 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

Mr 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 Mr Gordon or his congregation have liberty upon any emergency to apply to the neighbouring Pby, 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

Mess^{rs} Gordon & M^cDowell 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^e 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

5th Session Thursday at Five o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Mr Todd

A supplication from Mr 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 Loughgall—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 Loughgall 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 leet for Mod^r 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 Mr Carson appointed to preach the second day of the ensuing Synod, as next to the Moderator in votes.

Regulations for licensing Candidates

The Committee of Overtures proposed the following regulations for the Licensing of Candidates for the ministry, as an overture to y^e 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, Metaphisicks, 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, Metaphisicks, 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 licens'd 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 Gen^l 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 y^e 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 M^r Campbel shou'd be Mr Campbel appointed and accordingly is hereby appointed to write to the universities of Glasgow and Edenhrough to beg that the Professors will be particular in the Certificates they give to Irish protestant dissenting students to signify 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 New Erection 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^r.

Fund
£8,345 14 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l 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 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ and express a hearty Inclination to cooperate with the constituents, in promoting the success and establishment of the fund. They mention their not having rec^d an answer to theirs of ye 19th June, 1769. The Clerk of the Synod informed the Interloq^r he had sent the answer to said letter (a copy of which was now read), under cover to M^r Lang. Resolved that Mess^{rs} 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^r Lang how that comes to pass.

Mr M^cNeally

The Clerk is likewise to enjoin M^r Lang to stop payment of R. D. in his hands belonging to M^r M^cNeally, until he receive farther orders from the Gen^l Synod.

Fund

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^r. 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, Mess^{rs} 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.

2^d Interloq^r.

Counsel's
opinion

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^r Caldwell do, some time before the meeting of next Gen^l 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.

Mess^{rs} Huey &
Reagh

Inquiry was made at the sev^l Phys if the collections for Mess^{rs} 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^l Synod, and that M^r Reagh and his family only have removed. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that if M^r Huey be not removed from this Kingdom, and the collections universally made before next meeting of the Gen^l Synod, the money already collected or that may be collected for the above purpose, before that time, shall be brought to the Gen^l Synod, & returned to the ministers who collected said money, and in case the collections be universal in the Gen^l Synod & Presbytery of Antrim, the half that shou'd be given to M^r Huey if he shou'd go abroad shall be vested in the Widows fund.

3^d Interloq^r.

M^r Hull was requested to have the sermon printed which he M^r Hull preached at the opening of this Synod.

A Memorial was presented to this Interloq^r by M^r Sproot seting ^{M^r 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^l Synod, be continued to him as in the years past.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S. Clerk.

M^r Caldwell moved that another be chosen to moderate in y^e Mod^r chosen Synod. The following Brethren were named as a leet:—Mess^{rs} Rankin, Carson, Todd, Strong, Jackson, Read, Nealsen, Bryson, Coulter, Simson, and Alexander. The Roll called and M^r Alexander chosen. M^r Clerk Rodgers continued Clerk.

A letter from the Rev^d. 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 Gen^l Synod of Ulster, and for that purpose they have appointed the Rev^d. M^r David Hutcheson one of their members, to attend upon this meeting of the Gen^l Synod as their Correspondent.

The above letter was considered, and it was unanimously agreed, That a Correspondence with the Rev^d. Pby of Munster shou^d now commence and be continued in time to come, and therefore M^r 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 M^r Ja^s 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 sev^l Committees of Overtures Bills, Books fund and Gen^l 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 acc^t of the widows upon the fund, if any have died, the time to be mentioned; also an acc^t of the women now living that have been minister's wives and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any widow's Death, an annuitant on the fund the Phy in whose bounds she lived do immediately Inform M^r Lang of the time of her Death, that no mistake be made in the Distribution of the Annuities.

Ordered that M^r Carson, as appointed at last Gen^l Synod, preach to y^e Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock at nine o'clock, and that he be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod^r shall then appoint until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

M^r Ranken, next in votes to the Mod^r. 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 Mod^r shall then appoint until eleven o'clock. This session concluded wth prayer.

2^d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer &c. 24 Session

M^r Carson preached from Joh : 5 : 37, and the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Phys gave in lists of their Members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following, acc^t namely :—

Licensed

The Pby of Dublin have licensed M^r Alex^r. Henry. Widows on the fund with them are M^{rs} M^cBath, M^{rs} Patton, M^{rs} M^cMaster does not receive it.

Monaghan Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Algoe, M^{rs} Clark, M^{rs} M^cKee, M^{rs} Bond, family of M^r Ambrose.

Dead

Tyrone Pby report M^r Duffin died 14th Sep^r 1770. He was a contributor to the fund, left a widow and children. They have entered M^r M^cCurdy on 1st Trials. Upon the fund with them are M^{rs} Kennedy, M^{rs} Peebles, M^{rs} Orr, M^{rs} Duffin—not on the fund M^{rs} Carlisle, M^{rs} Rea.

Licensed

Letterkenny Pby have licensed M^r Alexander Marshall ; on the fund w^t them M^{rs} Turretine, family of M^r Hamilton.

Ordained

Derry Pby ordained M^r Dunn June 18 : 1771 a Contributor to the fund. With them on the fund M^{rs} Murray, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Strawbridge, M^{rs} Walker, M^{rs} Lyle, M^{rs} Hare. Not on the fund, M^{rs} Ross, M^{rs} Harvy, M^{rs} Spence.

Dead

Dead

Bangor Pby report that M^r Smith died the 11th Feb^ry, 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^{rs} Malcom, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Buchanan, M^{rs} Moorhead, M^{rs} Warnick, M^{rs} Dickson ; Not on the fund M^{rs} Moor, M^{rs} Stewart, M^{rs} Hastings, M^{rs} Montgomery.

Ord^d

Killylea Pby have ordained M^r Dickson, 6th March 1771, a contributor to the fund. Widows on the fund M^{rs} Fergie, M^{rs} Scott.

Armagh Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Cherry, M^{rs} Maxwell, M^{rs} Johnston.

Dromore Pby have upon the fund M^{rs} King, M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} Sample, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Simms.

Licensed

Ordained

Templepatrick Pby have Licensed M^r And^w Hume, & ordained M^r W^m Blakely, 12th Dec^r 1770, a contributor to the fund. Widows upon the fund with them M^{rs} Thompson, M^{rs} Dunbar, Not on y^e fund M^{rs} Frezier.

Ordained

Died

Ballymena Pby have Ordained M^r Jno. Lyndsay, 28th May 1771, a Contributor to the fund. They report M^r Ja^s Cochran, died 19th Decem^r 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^{rs} Tho^s Armstrong, & John Forsyth, they have entered on 1st trials M^r H. Miller. Widows with them M^{rs} O'Bryan, M^{rs} M^cCurdy, M^{rs} Hill, M^{rs} James White, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Brown, family of M^r Higginbothom.

Trials

Licensed

Trials

Strabane Pby have Licensed M^r Maxwell Welsh, & M^r Sam^l Lettimor, & have entered M^r Letch on 1st Trials. M^{rs} Armstrong on the fund. Not on y^e fund M^{rs} Hemphill, M^{rs} Donaldson.

Dead

Ordained

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^{rs} Lynd, M^{rs} Gaston, M^{rs} Smylie, M^{rs} M^cBride, family of M^r Brown, M^{rs} Thompson.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee, the same as in y^e Fixed Committee years past.

The Committee appointed to meet at Carntall the 2^d Tuesday in July last past, to consider and give Judgement upon the merits of a Libel, exhibited to the Pby of Tyrone against M^r M^cNeally, 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^r M^cNeally, & 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 & nnanimously agreed to, that if M^r M^cNeally do not satisfie the Pby of Tyrone, as to the disposal of £20 Bequathed to the min^r 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 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 Congⁿ, whereby he sustained considerable Damage.

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Bryson from Bangor, Mess^{rs} Rankin, Cuming, & Scott, from Ballymena Pby shall meet with the Pby of Templepatrick at Crumline the 2^d Tuesday in Aug^t next, and enquire into the reasons of forbidding the suppliers appointed by last Gen^l Synod to supply Killead—M^r Rodgers is enjoined to use his best Endeavours to procure ye copy of the minutes of last Gen^l 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 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^l Committees meet immediately, adjourned until half an hour after six. Interloq^r at five, y^a session, concluded w^t prayer.

3^d Session at half after six upon Wednesday afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Inquiry was made if the sev^l Phys have conformed to the Synod's order, in reading to their respective Congregations the Regulations relative to entering Students upon trials & licensing Canditates for the ministry—And it appeared that some ministers have read these regulations & some have not; ordered that each member who hath not observed the Synod's Instructions in y^a matter, shall do it before next Synod:

M^r 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 Gen^l 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 Gen^l Synod, he is to transmit a Copy to the Pby of Ballymena for their information & they are to conform to it.

Donaghadee

A Supplication from Donaghadee was presented to this Synod by Sam^l Young & Ja^s Adams Comm^{rs} 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, Rev^d M^r Stoup, from the Pby of Monaghan, the month of July next; M^r Jn^o Adams Jun^r from y^o Pby Tyrone the month of Aug^t next, M^r Saml. Patten from Letterkenny, the month of Sep^r, M^r Caldwell from Rout Pby, the month of 8ber, the Rev^d M^r Abernethy the month of November, & M^r Andw. Hume from Templepatrick Pby the month of Decem^r. The above Supplication granted.

New Pby.

A supplication was presented to this Synod, subscribed by Mess^{rs} W^m Boyd, M^r Magaghy, Jn^o Holms and Ben : M^r Dowell, wherein they say they are surprised that M^r Gordon hath been disannexed from the Pby of Letterkenny, and Intreat that this Synod wou^d be pleased to erect them, M^r Gordon, and all other ministers, Probationers, and vacant congregations in the Pby of Letterkenny who please to join them, into a Pby by the name of Raphoe.

To this supplication the Pby of Letterkenny objected, and urged it ought not to be granted. M^r M^o Dowell and the Pby 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^r at nine, open Synod at twelve. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session

4th Session Thursday at Twelve o'clock after prayer, &c.

The Committee of Overtures proposed the following overture to the consideration of this Synod—

Overture

Whereas there is reason to believe that sev^l Bequeathments, Donations and Legacies, given for the maintenance and support of sev^l 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 G. Synod, an extract of which shall be transmitted or produced by the Clerk of each Pby to next Gen^l 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 re-joined to them, as their Clerk annually receives his fees from each member of it. Rout Pby

The Synod being uncertain whether Rout Pby hath been re-joined by order of the Gen^l Synod to the Subsynod of Derry or not, unanimously agreed that they shou'd be re-joined 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^r 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. Fund

A Supplication from the session of Raphoe was presented to this Synod by John Willson, 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. Raphoe

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^r 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 Elezth Brakenridge, daughter of the late Rev^d 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, w^c 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 M^r Magill a member of an associate Pby addressed 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 M^r Magill

notice of any application of this kind, from M^r 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^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloqr.

Widows fund
£8614 4 1½

At an Interloqr^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod & Mess^{rs} Mackay & Niven from the P^{by} 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 1½ & that M^r Caldwell carries with him to the constituents of the fund the opinions of two Lawyers of Eminence relative to ths funds being vested in Lands. And they Judge it expedient (if the constituents shou'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 deb^{ts} 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 Mess^{rs} Exek^l Bullock, W^m Colvill, & Couns^r Cromie.

The opinions of the Lawyers were also read, by which it appears the fund may safely be vested in Lands.

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Mackay & White ans^r the Trustees letter, and signifie to them that it is the opinion of the constituents they shou'd draw out of the English & purchase in the Irish Treasury Deb^{ts}, Especially as the Trustees are of opinion Irish Treasury Deb^{ts} may now be had on very advantageous Terms.

Purchase

It was next taken into consideration whether the Expediency of purchashing 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.

2^d. Interloqr.

M^r Bullock

The Trustee's letter was again read. Resolved that it be signified to the Trustees that M^r Bullock is chosen and invited by the constituents to fill up the present vacancy in the Number of Trustees, in the room of M^r Montgomery deceased. It was next taken into consideration whether an addition shou'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^r Cromie & Doc^r Mackbride of the city of Dublin be added to the number of Trustees, and accordingly are chosen & invited to take upon them, that Trust.

Declare ye trust

Resolved that it be proposed to the Trustees in the ans^r given their letter whether it wou'd 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.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the Clerk of the Synod in a letter to M^r Lang shou'd signifie that it is the desire of the constituents of the fund, that he M^r Lang inform them why he shou'd take upon him to detain any of the annuities arising from this fund and particularly why he hath detained M^{rs} 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. M^r Lang

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 M^r Sprate be allowed a double portion of the R. D. in time to come; of this resolution M^r Lang is to be informed by the Clerk of the Synod. M^r Sprate

Mess^{rs} Ferguson and Hood refunded all the money they received for M^r Huey in case he had gone to America as was proposed, except the following sums, which M^r Ferguson hath in his hands, and will Return as soon as he hath an opportunity. Money refunded

To Mess^{rs}

Robt. Elder	..	0	2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Geo. Richey	..	0	5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Saml. Patten	..		5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	Alex ^r . Neelson	..		5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Arthur Kylie	..		5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	Jos. Osborn	..		5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Robt. Smith	..		11	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	Hu. Young	..		5	8 $\frac{1}{4}$

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G. S. Clk.

Lurgan, 30th June, 1772.

M^r Alexander Mod^r 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.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell		Alexr. Nealson	Jno. Kelly
		John Smith	
Monaghan Pby.		Wm. Henry	Jas. Culbrath
Geo. Carson		Isaac Patrick	Jno. Scott
Hn. Mulligan		Robt. M'Clure	
Jas. Jackson		Saml. Barbar	
Saml. Kennedy		Jas. Birch	
Wm. Sprate		Jno. Thompson	
Jno. Warnock		Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Kinneer	Wm. Gray	Jos. Kinthead	
Jno. Mathewson		Wm. Laird	
Wm. Moor		Jos. Mitchell	
David Young	Leturnel Hudson	Wm. Rowan	Thos. Hall
Tyrone Pby.		James Hull	
Chas. Caldwell		James Cochran	
Jas. Todd		James Bryson	
Jno. White		Jas. Stoupe	Geo. Dickson
Jno. M'Clelland		Letterkenny Pby.	
Killylea Pby.		Ben. Holms	Saml. Patten
Alexander Macomb	Wm. Coon	Andw. Alexander	
John Strong		Ben. M'Dowell	
Robt. Smyth		Ballymena Pby.	
Mos. Nealson		Jno. Ranken	
Jos. Litle		Jos. Douglass	
Wm. Steel Dickson		James Cuming	
Armagh Pby.		Jno. Lyndsay	
Jas. Moodie			
Geo. Ferguson			
Henry Jackson			
Wm. Campbel			
Saml. Livingston	Robt. M'Neally		
Templepatrick Pby.			
Wm. Rodgers			
John Wright			
Thos. Read			
William Montgomery			
John Bankhead			
Wm. Blakely			
Andw. Hume	Hn. Moore		

M^r Alexander moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Mod^r chosen Synod, the following Brethren were named as a leet :—Mess^{rs} Mathewson, M^cClelland, Dickson, Wright, Henry, Kinkead, M^cDowell, Ranken, and Strong the Roll called and M^r Strong chosen. M^r Clerk. Rodgers continued Clerk.

M^r Caldwell as appointed wrote to the Rev^d Pby of Munster, that Pby Munster it was the inclination of the G. Synod to keep up a friendly correspondence with them.

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys 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^{rs}. wives, and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any widows death, an annuitant on the fund, the Pby in whose bounds she lived, do immediately inform M^r Lang that no mistake be made in the Distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that M^r Ranken as appointed preach to this Synod to- M^r Ranken morrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod^r. shall then appoint, until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

As M^r Ranken is next in votes to the Moderator now chosen, M^r M^r 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.

2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer, &c.

M^r Ranken preached from 2 Cor. 14 9, the appointment for M^r Ranken prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following accounts:—

The Pby of Dublin report that Doc^t. Tho^s. 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^{rs} Macbeth, M^{rs} Vance.

Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r Young the 8th inst. he is a Ordained contributor to the widows fund, they have entered Mr Stephenson on Trials 2^d trials. Widows on the fund with them are M^{rs} Algae, M^{rs} M^cKee, M^{rs} Clark, M^{rs} Bond fam^r M^r Ambrose—not on the fund, M^{rs} Carlile.

Tyrone Pby have licensed M^r Macurdy, they have entered M^r Licensed Adams on second trials. They report M^r Johnstone died the 16th Aug^t Dead 1771 he was a contributor to the widows fund, but left no family—

widows with them on the fund are M^{rs} Kennedy, M^{rs} Peebles, M^{rs} Orr, M^{rs} Duffin. Not on the fund, M^{rs} Rhea.

2^d Trials
Dead

Letterkenny Pby have entered M^r David Allen on 2^d trials they report M^r Boyd died the 2^d May 1772 he was a contributor to the widows fund and left children only—on the fund with them M^{rs} Turretine, family M^r Boyd.

Killylea Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Fergie, M^{rs} Scott.

Installed

Bangor Pby have installed M^r Stoupe at Dunmurry 3^d June 1772. they have entered M^r Caldwell on 2^d trials—widows on the fund with them are M^{rs} Malcom, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Buchanan, M^{rs} Warnock, M^{rs} Dickson—not on the fund, M^{rs} Stewart, M^{rs} Moore, M^{rs} Hastings, M^{rs} Montgomery.

Dead

Armagh Pby report M^r Menagh died the 20th Decem^r 1771. he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow and family. On the fund with them are M^{rs} Maxwell, M^{rs} Cherrie.

Dromore Pby report M^r Richey died the 7th Decem^r. 1771. he left a widow and children, and M^r Morrel died the 6th March 1772 he was a contributor to the fund left no family. On y^e fund with them M^{rs} Semple, M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} King, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Simms, M^{rs} Richey, fam^{ys} M^r Allen & Mr Thompson.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained M^r And^w. Hume at Killead 26th Febr^y. 1772. he is a contributor to the widows fund—on the fund with them are M^{rs} Thompson, Mrs Dunbar—not on the fund M^{rs} Freziér.

Ballymena Pby have entered M^r Rentell on 2^d trials. On the fund with them M^{rs} O'Bryen, M^{rs} Macurdy, M^{rs} Hill, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Brown—not on the fund M^{rs} M'Creight.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in years past.

Enniskillen

Enquiry being made by this Synod concerning the ordination of M^r Young, at Enniskillen, it appeared that M^r Hamilton alone attended, who preached and performed all the service of ordination excepting the imposition of hands and prayer which accompanies it, but that M^r Young was afterwards ordained at Glenan. The Synod appointed Mess^{rs} 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 shou'd be done in this affair.

Said Committee mett and reported that it was their opinion this Synod shou'd express their dissatisfaction with the Pby Monaghan (excepting M^r 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 M^r Young's ordination, and for their 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^t. next, and to have M^r 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 Mess^{rs} Nealsen and Delap of Omagh do attend said Pby at s^d. meeting, and that M^r Nealsen preach, and M^r Delap read this minute immediately after public worship from the pulpit, and that M^r Young give timely notice of this appointment to his congregation, and that timely notice be given, by order of this Synod, to Mess^{rs} Nealsen 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 M^r Alexander to Mess^{rs} Nealsen and Delap.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the Regulations respecting enter-^{Regulations}ing 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 acct. for their omission by their Pby, and report made to next Synod.

It was reported to this Synod, that the Pby Rout have not at-^{Pby Rout}tended 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 if the Pby Monaghan had complied with the Synod's Instructions in raising contributions for Elizth. Brakenridge and her sister (daughter of the late Rev^d. 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^t at five, this session concluded w^t prayer.

34 Session Wednesday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

34 Session

The Rev^d. M^r Caldwell requested this Synod that such min^{rs}. or Probationers wⁱⁿ 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 sev^l Pbys have complied with the Instructions given at last G. Synod to Enquire whether in their respective bounds any donations in houses, Lauds, or money have been made, or Leases granted for the use of Dissenting congregations.

Donation

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^r of said congⁿ. They likewise report that £130 was bequeathed by Arthur Graham Esq., for the use of y^e Dissenting min^{rs} of Armagh congⁿ which sum hath been laid out, together with a large voluntary contribution in building a dwelling house for the use of the di-senting [Minister], on a tenement granted for lives renewable for ever, trust being declared in the body of said lease date 31st Decem^r, 1768. About the year 1730, a large tenement was taken for three lives for the use of said congⁿ, from M^r Maxwel afterwards L^d 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^r, for valuable consideration.

Donation

Strabane Pby report that Hu. Edwards Esq^r, bequeathed to the congⁿ of Dergg ten pounds st^l yearly, which was regularly paid to the dissenting min^r of said congⁿ. They also reported that M^r John Knox bequeathed £30 to the Dissenting congregation of Strabane which was not received,—and that M^r David Bradly bequeathed £30, and M^r Tho^s Knox £16 to said congregation which were rec^d and applied to the design of the doners, and that the late Rev^d Vic^r Ferguson, bequeathed a house & farm to the congregation of Strabane, of which it enjoyed the benefit.

Donation

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Next Synod

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.

Donaghadee

A supplication from Donaghadee, was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} William Macormick & Tho^s Macage. wherein they request that M^r 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 Sabbth immediately after & take the minds of that congⁿ with respect to their giving M^r Miller an Invitation to become their minister. After some reasoning, it was determined that M^r 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^r Miller.

Raphoe

A supplication from Raphoe was presented to this Synod by Jos. Henderson, wherein they set forth that M^r 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.

Pby
Letterkenny

Letterkenny Pby informed this Synod, they had exhibited a complaint against M^r 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—Mess^{rs} And^w Ferguson, Tho^s Bond, Jno. Hood, Sam^l Patten, & Jno. Law, from Derry Pby—Mess^{rs} Hu. Young, Rob^t Neelson, Jo^s Coulter, Ja^s Torbet, & W^m Crawford, from Strabane Pby—these with an Elder each to meet at Raphoe, the 2^d Wednesday in Aug^t next, five min^{rs} & three Elders to be a quorum, and then & there to hear and determine, all complaints against M^r 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 M^r Gordon with a copy of this min^{te}. Adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow. Interloq^r at 9, y^e Sessⁿ. concluded w^t prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock after prayer, &c.

4th Sessⁿ

The Committee of Overtures offered the following overture to this Synod, w^o 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 wou^d choose to give him an invitation to be their min^r. and provided he be not chosen, that they then apply for the hearing of another, and the sense of the congregⁿ be taken in the same manner as before, and so on till they are settled. Overture

The following overture was likewise proposed:—That any Pro- bationer from another Kingdom coming into the bounds of this Synod as a candidate, shall not be allowed to preach by any min^r. belonging to the Synod till he have first produced his credentials to the Gen^l 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—M^r Ben: M^cDowel dis- sented from this Rule, and said he wou^d give the reasons for his dis- sent in due time. Overture
M^r M^cDowel

The Committee of the fund took under their consideration the Synod's fund, which our forefathers had design'd 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 In- structions from the publick teaching of Christianity. That Committee after bewailing the Gen^l 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 Synod's Fund
regulated

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 y^e G. Synod.

For ye Pby of Derry & Mon-
aghan : M^r Sprate of Killenker.
Tyrone : M^r Hogg, Lohgall.
Killylea : M^r Macomb, Craigan.
Armagh : M^r Dickson, Carlingford.
Ballymena: M^r Rowan, Ballinderry
Strabane : M^r King, Holywood.

Templepatrick Pby : M^r Warnock,
Castleblainy.
Rout and Dromore : M^r Todd,
Venecash.
Bangor : M^r Mitchel, Moira.
Letterkenny : M^r Wilson, Moy-
water, & it is hoped the well
disposed people in Dublin will
consider the necessity of good
M^r Wilson of Moywater.

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^r at four. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at six afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Carntall

From the congregation of Carntall appeared Commissioners—James Majer, Geo : Mitcheltree and David Johnston, who produced a paper subscribed by sev^l. members in that congⁿ in which they exhibit many complaints against M^r M^cNeally, particularly his attempting to prevent the settlement of a min^r 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^r fixed among them.

M^r M^cNeally

M^r M^cNeally appeared, spoke long in his own vindication, alledged that the complaints against him were groundless, and prayed that justice be done him before a min^r be fixed in Carntall congⁿ. M^r M^cNeally and the Comm^{rs}. being heard for a considerable time and removed, it was resolved that a Committee of the following min^{rs}. Mess^{rs} Ferguson and Campbel from Armagh Pby ; Mess^{rs} Mulligan, Hamilton, Kennedy, Harris and Young from Monaghan Pby ; Mess^{rs} Scott and Coulter from Strabane ; and from Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Bryson and Stoupe, these min^{rs}. with their Elders shall meet at Carntall the last Tuesday in July next (five min^{rs}. and two elders to be a quorum) and Inspect into, settle and finally determine all matters of dispute between M^r M^cNeally and the congregation of Carntall, 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 Carntall congregation and the widows fund properly accounted for, M^r White to inform the members of the Committee, who are not present of this appointm^t.

Tullylish

The Pby of Dromore in the name of Tullylish congregation requested that M^r Adams Jun^r from the Pby of Tyrone be appointed to supply that Congregation the three last Sabbths 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 M^r Adams a call, M^r Rentall of Ballymena Pby be appointed to supply that congⁿ the three last Sabbths in Aug^t & the first in Sep^r. This granted.

M^r Alexander was requested to have the sermen printed which he preached at the opening of this Synod, and M^r Ranken was also requested to print the sermen he preached upon the second day of this Synod's meeting.

Mess^{rs}
Alexander &
Ranken

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. *Interloqr.*

At an Interloq^r 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^t 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. Mess^{rs} Mackay, Campbel & Alexander, are to answer the Trustees letter, and propose to them whether it might not be expedient to have a deed of Trust duely executed, in order to prevent to any of them or to us, any trouble, that might possibly arise from the Ex^{rs} of any of the Trustees upon the event of their death.

Widows Fund
£8492 9 8½

Resolved that M^r Lang be 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^r, who shall be a contributor to the fund four pounds twelve shillings for the first year after his ordination.

£346 to be pd
annually into
the fund

2^d. *Interloqr.*

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.

Distribution to
children

It was proposed that M^r Lang be enjoined to pay the annuities arising from our fund, without any regard to private acc^{ts} and particularly to pay the whole of the annuities to M^{rs} Cherrie—after some reasoning upon this proposal, it was moved that the question shou^d be put, enjoin M^r Lang or not? M^r White of Tyrone Pby protested against putting of this question to a vote, after his protest was entered, the question was put, Enjoin M^r Lang or not? The Roll called & it carried enjoin. The Clerk of the Synod was ordered to inform M^r Lang of this resolution.

M^r Lang

M^r Jno. Peebles complained that M^r 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^r Lang, that M^r Peebles has a right to the eighth part of annuity arising from the fund to the family of the late Rev^d M^r Peebles—no retrospect to what M^{rs} Peebles has received.

Inserted

WILL: ROGERS G:S: Clk.

July 12th 1772.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, 29th June, 1773.

M^r 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^l Presbyteries as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders	Minrs.	Elders
Monaghan Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
Geo. Carson		Alexr. Nealsou	
Hu. Mulligan		Wm. Henry	Saml. M'Cadam
Jas. Jackson		Robt. M'Clure	
Saml. Kenuedy		Saml. Barbar	Jas. Hart
Jno. Warnock		Jas. Birch	Jno. Lawry
Wm. Moor		Jno. Thompson	Jas. White
Geo. Harris		Jos. Hay	
David Young			
Tyrone Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Jno. Gibson		Jos. Kinkcad	
Chas. Caldwell	Jno. M'Curdy	Jos. Mitchell	
Jas. Todd		Wm. Rowan	
Jno. White		Jas. Hull	
Wm. Kennedy	Andw. Wilson	Jas. Bryson	
Jno. M'Clelland		Jas. Malcom	Alexr. Swane
Wm. Wilson	Robt. Gillmore	Jas. Stoupe	Geo Dickson
Geo. Murray		Jas. Caldwell	
Alexr. Merceer		Jno. Adams	
Andw. Miller			
Killela Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Armstrong		Ben. M'Dowell	
Jno. Strong		Robt. Caldwell	
Robt. Smith			
Mos. Nealsou		Ront Pby.	
Jos. Litle		Jno. Abernethy	
Robt. Porter		Wm. Lynd	
Strabane Pby.		Alexr. Marshall	
Jos. Osborn		Saml. Hamilton	
Wm. Craford			
Templepatrick Pby.		Ballymena Pby	
Wm. Rodgers		Jas. White	
Jno. Wright		Jno. Ranken	
Thos. Read		Jos. Douglas	
Jno. Bankhead		Jas. Cuning	
Wm. Blakely		Jno. Lyndsay	
Andw. Hume	Hu. Moor		
Armagh Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Moody		Jas. Caldwell	
Hen : Jackson			
Wm. Campbel	Geo. Kennedy	Jas. Gordon	
Saml. Livingstone	Robt. M'Neally		
Robt. Dickson			

Mod^r. chosen

M^r Strong moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, The following Brethren were named as a leet, Mess^{rs} Ja^s Jackson, M^cClelland, Smith, Osborn, Wright, Henry, Kinkead, Abernethy, Ranken, M^cDowell, and Campbell, the Roll called & M^r Campbell chosen—M^r Rodgers continued Clk.

Clk.

Phys to meet

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 M^r Lang that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

M^r Henry

Ordered that M^r Henry preach to this Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod^r shall appoint, until eleven o'clock, when open Syuod shall begin.

M^r Osborn

Ordered that as M^r Ranken is next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen, and M^r Henry second, M^r Osborn be appointed to preach to the G. Synod the 2^d day of their next meeting, conformable to former regulations, as M^r Ranken hath already preached upon the 2^d day of the Synods meeting, and M^r Henry is to preach to morrow mornig.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2^d Session

2^d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

M^r 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 M^r Geo. Kennedy, had studied Philosophy & Divinity the time prescribed by the late regulations of the G. Synod to that purpose, and having in conformity 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 M^{rs} Maxwell died the 23^d March 1773.

Licensed

Dead

Ordained
Not a
Contributor
Ordained

Tyrone Pby have ordained M^r Mercer 22^d Decem^r, he is not a subscriber to the widows fund—they have ordained M^r Whiteside the 23^d of said month and M^r Andrew Miller the 15th June Inst. both subscribers to the widows fund—widows on the fund with them are M^{rs} Kennedy, M^{rs} Peebles, M^{rs} Duffin, M^{rs} Orr—M^{rs} Rhea not on the fund.

Monaghan Pby have on the fund M^{rs} M^cKee, M^{rs} Algoe, M^{rs} Clark, M^{rs} Bond, fam^y M^r Ambrose.

From Derry Pby no return.

Templepatrick Pby report that M^r White died the 14th Aug^t. 1772 he was a contributor to the fund and left a widow and family—on the fund with them are M^{rs} Thompson, M^{rs} Dunbar, M^{rs} White—not on the fund M^{rs} Frezer.

Rout Pby have ordained M^r Marshall 18th Aug^t. 1772 not a contributor to the widows fund, and M^r Caldwell the 1st Sep^r. 1772, and M^r Hamilton 8th June Inst., both contributors to the fund, they entered upon trials and licensed M^r Sherard conformable to the late regulations for that purpose. Ordained
Not a contrib-
utor to ye fund

Bangor Pby have ord^d M^r Caldwell the 1st Septem^r. 1772, and M^r Adams the 8th Decem^r. 1772—both contributors to the fund—they have M^r Orr on 1st trials, M^r Stitt on 2^d, they report M^r M^cKean died the 8th June 1773, he was a contributor to the fund, left a widow and children; M^{rs} Cochran a widow on the fund died 8th June 1773—on the fund with them are M^{rs} Malcom, M^{rs} Buchanau, M^{rs} Moorhead, M^{rs} Dickson, M^{rs} M^cKean—not on the fund M^{rs} Moor, M^{rs} Hastings. Dead

Killylea Pby have ordained M^r Porter 16th June 1773 a subscriber to the fund. They report M^r Kennedy died 18th May 1773 he left a widow and children on the fund; w^t them M^{rs} Scott, M^{rs} Kennedy. Dead

Dromore Pby ordained M^r Hay 9th March 1773 a subscriber to the fund; on the fund with them are M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Semple, M^{rs} Simms, Mrs Richey, M^{rs} King, fam^r M^r Thompson. Ord^d

Strabane Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Armstrong.

Letterkenny Pby report that M^r Holms died 15th May 1773 left no fam^r. Dead

Ballymena Pby have ordained M^r Speer 23rd Feb^ry 1773 a subscriber to the fund, they report M^r M^cMullan demitted his charge of Cullybacky the 15th Sep^r. 1773, and M^r Logue removed to America 1st 9ber 1772—widows on the fund w^t them are M^{rs} O'Brian, M^{rs} Hill, M^{rs} Macurdy, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Brown, not on the fund M^{rs} Macreight. Ord^d

Dublin Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Moor, M^{rs} Patten, M^{rs} Vance.

Upon enquiry it appeared that Mess^{rs} Nealson and Delap 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^t. 1772, and of those who did not attend—This Synod cannot but express their disapprobation of these 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. Inniskillen

The Rev^d M^r Jn^o. Moodie from the city of Dublin being present was requested to sit as a member of this Synod, and he consented to do so. M^r Jno Moodie

Elezth. Braken-
ridge

It appeared M^r Mulligan made a collection for Elezth. Brakenridge and her disordered sister (daughters of the late Rev^d Bap: Boyd) and hath given it unto them, and that Mess^{rs} Jackson, Carson, and Young have likewise made collections and deposited them with M^r 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 M^r Mulligan to Elezth. Brakenridge and her sister.

Adjourned till 6 o'clock afternoon, this Sessⁿ concluded with prayer.

3d Sessⁿ

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

Donations to
Euniskillen

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod respecting Donations for the use of Dissenting congregations within our Bounds, M^r Stoupe reported y^t M^{rs} Cranston near Euniskillen bequeathed an hundred pounds for the benefit of the min^r of the dissenting congregⁿ of that place which is now in the hands of James Armstrong Esq^r, of Lisgool, the only surviving Ex^r 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, M^r Young hath according to the Tenor of the will, with the consent of the congⁿ filled up the number of Trustees, with the following Gentlemen, viz., Tho^s Armstrong Esq^r, Mess^{rs} Leturnell, Hudson, W^m Shaw, Baptist Gamble. Dav^d Gamble, Dav^d Whitton, John Armstrong, James Charters, W^m Charters, Alex^r Livingstone, And^m M^cDowell, & W^m 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 congⁿ 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 M^r Plunket, of Dublin, managed by the same Trustees in the same manner.

There is also a third bequest of five pounds p^p ann. by M^r 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.

Next Synod

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.

Foreign preach-
ers

Upon reading an overture passed into a Rule at G. Synod, respecting the admission of Foreign Probationers, into the bounds of this Synod, M^r M^cDowell 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 wou'd 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^l spoke for, & many against the continuance of that Rule, and after Reasoning for some time, it was proposed and agreed to, the s^d 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 Bounda, as shall be regularly invited into this Kingdom by any of our Pbys, at the Instance of a vacant congregation.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Interloq^r. half-past seven, this session, concluded w^t prayer.

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

M^r Ja^a Malcom in the name of the Pby of Bangor produced a Cumber narrative of their proceedings towards Cumber (a congregation in their Bounds), who have fallen into such disputes in their choice of a min^r, 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 Mess^{rs} Jn^o Dunlop, W^m Murdoch, & W^m Brice, &c., wherein they Intreat that M^r 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^r 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 congⁿ & be satisfied about that matter—and if these requests shou'd be refused that they shou'd be disanexed from the Pby of Bangor, & put under the care of some other Pby belonging to the G. Synod.

A supplication from another part of that congregation was also presented by Mess^{rs} Geo. Gillespie, Rob^t. 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 Pby M^r Patten had not the Synod's majority, and to certify this they produced that state of the Poll as taken by M^r 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 Mess^r Moodie, Carson, Caldwell, Jackeon, 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^r from Cumber reported they had no success with them. The Partics 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 M^r Patten, the Roll called and it carried, another poll should be taken.

Resolved that M^r Smith from Killelea, M^r Maclure from Dromore and M^r Wright from Templepatrick Pby shall meet at Cumber the 2^d Tuesday in Sep^r 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 M^r Cuninghams 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 y^e 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 refering the debates in Cumber to our determination, and this Synod have appointed M^r Kennedy a Probationer in Pby of Dromore to supply that congⁿ this month of July, M^r Geo. Kennedy from Armagh Pby the month of Aug^t, and M^r Ja^s Craford from Templepatrick Pby the first two Lord's days in Sep^r immediately before the meeting of this Committee.

Adjourned until five afternoon, this Session concluded with prayer.

5th Sessⁿ.

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 Aug^t 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 sev^l articles of complaint exhibited against M^r Gordon, and judged his conduct towards the people of Raphoe, in many respects blame worthy, and that the Mod^r 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 w^c M^r Gordon cou'd not 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 Mod^r admonished him for that Irregularity. And whereas the differences between M^r Gordon and his opponents appeared 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

M^r Gordon had refused to comply with their resolutions and applyed to this Synod to give Judgment in the affair.

The Committees conduct respecting M^r Gordon & the people of Raphoe was considered & approved by this Synod.

This Synod took into consideration the state of the fund, long since ^{Synod's Fund} 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 shou'd be neglected, and therefore do earnestly recommend it to every min^r 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 wou'd have expected from their fellow members of the household of God: had providence placed them in the like situation, and as they wou'd 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^l Pbys are to be called to give an acc^t 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 ^{Carntna} July 1772 the minutes of which were produced & read, by which it appeared that M^r McNeally had withdrawn his subjection from our Judicatories: an acc^t of which was transmitted by the Committee in a letter to the Mod^r 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^r to the Congregation of Carntall, and that as M^r McNeally did not attend the meetings of the Committee, no inquiry cou'd be made concerning the Bequests made to the widows fund & poor in the parish of Carntall.

A Joint supplication from M^r Rentoul and the Congregation of ^{Mr Rentoul} Lurgan was presented to this Synod, wherein he M^r 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 M^r Rentoul may be put under the care of any Pby this Synod think proper.

Ordered that Mess^{rs} Moodie, Osborn, Caldwell, & Bankhead, take M^r Rentoul's supplication under their consideration, & report their opinion of it to this Synod. The Gentlemen appointed to consider M^r Rentoul's supplication, gave it as their opinion that in lenity to him his acknowledgements shou'd be sustained. M^r Rentoul appeared & produced credentials of his ordination from the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, after some reasoning M^r 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 an that head, that nothing but necessity wou'd make him preserve, and then withdrew from the Synod house.

Adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock, Interloq^r at 7, concluded w^t prayer.

6th Session Friday, at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

6th Session

It was proposed & agreed to that M^r Rentoul's acknowledgement shou'd 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. M^r Rentoul appeared, made the same declaration, & also acknowledged he was sorry he had transgressed the Rules of this Synod, and promised that he wou'd 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 M^r Rentoul as a member, provided always that upon writing to the Pby of Elgine we find they give a satisfying acc^t of the means and by what certificate they were induced to ordain him.

The Pby of Armagh made it their unanimous request that M^r Rentoul, be not joined to them, but to some other Pby belonging to this Synod. This granted.

M^r Rentoul being received on the above terms into this Synod, he & y^e congregation of Lurgan were subjected to the care of Dromore Pby, and that Pby enjoyned to write in the name of the G. Synod, to the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, as before resolved, and M^r Rentoul is to be Installed in the congregⁿ of Lurgan, by the Pby of Dromore, as soon as they shall see cause.

Tullylish

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

M^r 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^s, with his congregation, and to give him credentials.

M^r Gordon was allowed to apply to some of his neighbouring P^{by}s (as ordered at the meeting of the Gen^l Synod in 1770), for assistance in regulating matters, between him and his congregation, and the P^{by}s to whom he shall apply are hereby enjoined to appoint some of their members to meet & give M^r Gordon assistance, and credentials as they shall see cause.

M^r M^cNeally produced a supplication, praying to be relieved from the sentence of suspension passed upon him by the P^{by} of Tyrone, and confirmed by the Synod's Committee. This Synod cou'd not enter upon the consideration of M^r M^cNeally's supplication, but refered it to next G. Synod. Mr M^cNeally

M^r Jos. M^cNeally a Probationer in the P^{by} of Letterkenny complained to this Synod that the Congⁿ of Carntall had given him no compensation for preaching to them (by advice of Tyrone P^{by}). 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 M^r M^cNeally, for these days he preached to them. A copy of this minute to be produced to that congⁿ by the complainant.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

1st Interloq^r

At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod and P^{by} 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^t of every vacant congregation, is attended with some difficulty, M^r Lang is enjoined by our Clerk to pay only 40s out of the R:D: of every min^a 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 M^r Lang had conformed to the Synod's In-structions respecting the payment of annuities, and it appeared he had not for that M^{rs} Cherry had not received her annuity. Mr Lang

The Interloq^r dissatisfied that M^r Lang shou'd treat their directions w^t such disrespect, resolved that Mess^{rs} Bryson, Craford and Jackson shall prepare the draught of a letter for M^r Lang 'gainst next Interloq^r, wherein they are to signify 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^t whatever, and particularly that M^{rs} Cherry be p^d before the 1st of October next.

2^d Interloq^r.

2^d Interloq^r

Mess^{rs} Jackson, Craford and Bryson Brought in the draught of a letter for M^r Lang which was read and with some alterations approved and signed by y^e Mod^r.

Certificate to annuitants

Resolved that after this year no annuity be p^d by M^r Lang until he receive a certificate of the annuitant's being alive from a neighbouring min^r where the annuitant resides.

Widows' fund

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 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, and that in consequence of a Resolution entered into by the contributors met at Magharafelt the 2^d of Feb^ry last they lent £7600 of the Capital of the fund to L^d Antrim which the Trustees, by advice of Lawyers of eminence thought was very well secured, that Mess^{rs} Rob^t Stewart, Jno. Cromie, and David M^cBride, 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 Rob^t Stewart Esq^r, W^m Dunn Esq, and M^r W^m Colvill as proper persons to be added to the number of our Trustees, Mess^{rs} M^cKay, White and Strong, to answer the Trustees letter and signify to them that we approve of the gentlemen they mention to the Trust.

Magharafelt Protest

The minutes of the Constituents of the fund who met at Magharafelt were read, and Mess^{rs} Bryson and Wilson's reasons of protest against the resolution at Magharafelt were likewise read, which they desired shou^d be entered into the widows fund Book.

34 Interloq.

3^d *Interloq^r*.

The Gentlemen appointed to write to the Trustees brought in the Draught of a letter, w^c was read and approved and signed by the Mod^r.

It was proposed that an addition be made to the annuities arising from our fund—the sev^l Pbys 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 Pby shou^d be furnished with a Copy of all transactions relating to the widows fund.

Widows fund Book

Resolved that each Pby 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.

Antrim, 28th June 1774.

M^r Campbell Mod^r of former Synod opened this by preaching from Mat. 28 & later clause of ver. 20th then constituted by prayer, after which appeared from the sev^l P^bys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.	
James Caldwell	Mr Robt. Stewart	Wm. Montgomery	
		Jno. Bankhead	
	Monaghan Pby.	Isaac Coane	Jno. Nesmith
		Wm. Blakely	
Hu. Mulligan		Andw. Munce	Jno. Campbell
Geo. Harris			
Tyrone Pby.		Dromore Pby.	
Jas. Todd		Wm. Henry	
Jno. White	Jno. Waters	Isaac Patrick	
Wm. Kennedy		Robt. M'Clure	Mr. Semple
Jno. M'Clelland		Saml. Barbar	
Wm. Willson	Mr. Barefoot	Jas. Birch	Saml. Sprote
Geo. Murray	Mr. Edw ^d Patterson	Jno. Thompson	Allen M'Rea
Alexr. Mercer		Jos. Hay	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.		Robt. Rentoul	Mr. Jno. Simms
Killelea Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Robt. Smith		Saml. Alexander	
Jos. Little		Jas. Huey	
Wm. Steel Dickson	Wm. Park	Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Loggan
		Jos. Mitchell	
Armagh Pby.		Wm. Rowan	
Henry Jackson		Jas. Hull	Jas. Johnstone
Wm. Campbell		Jno. King	Jno. Simms
Saml. Livingston		Jas. Cochran	Thos. Johnstone
Robt. Dickson		Jas. Bryson	
		Jas. Stoupe	Henry Chambers
Strabane Pby.		Jas. Caldwell	
Jos. Osborn		Jno. Adams	
Wm. Craford		Saml. Martin	Thos. M'Cully
		Stephenson	
Derry Pby.		Lctterkenny Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson		Ben. M'Dowell	
Saml. Patten			
Jno. Adams	James M'Cully		
		Rout Pby.	
Templepatrick Pby.		David Smylie	Geo. Glover
		Gideon Neilson	
		Robt. Henry	
		Jno. Simson	Wm. Hunter
Thos. Craford	Jas. Cuningham	Jno. Camron	
Wm. Hendereon		Jno. Abernethy	Wm. Meek
Jno. Lewson	Archd. Tweed	Alexr. Marshall	
Wm. Rodgers			
Jno. Wright	Pat. Gamble		
Thos. Read	Mr. Jas. Read		

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
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Ballymena Pby.

Jas. White	Wm. Lynd
Jao. Ranken	Doer. Macormick
Chas. Brown	
Jas. Cuming	Jno. Ker
Robt. Scott	
Jno. Lyndsay	
Alex. Speer	
Robt. Christy	Jno. Dickey
David Park	Jno. Macomb

Mod^r chosen

M^r Campbell moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet—Mess^{rs} Mulligan, Kennedy, Smith, Livingstone, Osborn, Patten, Lewson, M^cClure, Kinkead, M^cDowell, Neilson and Ranken—the Roll called and M^r Ranken chosen M^r Rodgers continued clerk.

Clerk

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the sev^l Pbya meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning of their members for the sev^l Committees of overtures. Bills, Books, fund and G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also, an acc^t of such min^{rs} as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod.

Annuitants

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

Mr Osborn

Ordered that M^r Osborn preach to this Synod tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and he succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod^r shall appoint until Eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

Mr Osborn

Ordered that as M^r Osborn is next in votes to y^e Mod^r now chosen and M^r Lewson second, M^r 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.

2^d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer, &c.

M^r Osborn as appointed preached from Mat. 22 : 27, the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pby gave in lists of their members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following acc^{ts}, namely:—

Ord^d

The Pby Derry ordained M^r Patten 20th Aug^t 1773, and M^r Adams 18th May 1774, both subscribers to the widowa fund—they entered M^r Allen on trials: they report that M^r Hood died the 21st Ins^t. he left a widow and children.

Trials
Dead

Dead

Monaghan Pby report that M^r Warnock died the 23^d June Inst. he left a widow & children.

Letterkenny Pby have entered M^r Con^r Smith on 1st trials.

Dromore Pby have Installed M^r Rob^t Rentoul at Lurgan Sep^r 26th. he subscribed the confession of faith, but not the widows fund. Installed
Mr Rentoul

Bangor Pby ordained M^r Mar: Stephenson 20th June Ins^t. he subscribed the widows fund, they report M^r Walker died the 20th Jan^y 1774, he left children only. Ord^d
Dead

Ballymena Pby ordained M^r David Park 26th July 1773, and M^r Rob^t Christy 17th Aug^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^{rs} Killburn and Caldwell with an Elder.

Monaghan Mess^{rs} Mulligan & Hamilton with an Elder.

Tyrone Mess^{rs} Caldwell & White with an Elder.

Killelea Mess^{rs} Smith & Strong with an Elder.

Armagh Mess^{rs} Moody & Campbell with an Elder.

Strabane Mess^{rs} Osborn & Craford with an Elder.

Derry Mess^{rs} Ferguson & Knox with an Elder.

Letterkenny Mess^{rs} Holms & Alexander with an Elder.

Templepatrick Mess^{rs} Lewson & Read with an Elder.

Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} Henry & Patrick with an Elder.

Bangor Mess^{rs} Huey & Hull with an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} Cuming & Lyndsay & an Elder.

These with our Mod^r & Clerk are to meet at Dungannon when called upon by the Mod^r on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, wherof 12 at least are to be minra.

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 1st of Aug^t of the annuitants upon the fund in their respective bounds, and also of the women now living that have been min^rs wives, and the following members are to make the returns for the present year—for Dublin Pby, M^r Caldwell, for Monaghan, M^r Mulligan, for Tyrone, M^r White, for Killelea, M^r Smith, for Derry, M^r Ferguson, for Letterkenny, M^r Alexander, for Strabane, M^r Craford, for Armagh, M^r Campbell, for Templepatrick, M^r Rodgers, for Dromore M^r Henry, for Bangor, M^r Hull, for Ballymena, M^r Cuming, for Rour, Mr Simson, for Antrim Pby, M^r M^cKay, and these members are to make the like returns annually. Returns of
Annuitants

The sev^l Pbys were called to give an acc^t of the success which the 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. Synod's fund

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 min^r committed to their care, and it was particularly recommended to the Pby of Monaghan, that they be very attentive to the support of M^r Sprate, who is said to be in very indigent circumstances, the further consideration of this affair recommended to the Committee of y^e 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 sev^l committees ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon, this session concluded with prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday, at four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Cumber

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^r 14th 1773, Mess^{rs} 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 M^r Cuninghame was to be considered as the majority in money, & that according to the order among dissenters in polling Cong^{ns} undersitters are not to be considered as entitled to a vote. The Synod's Committee called for the Roll of the Congⁿ, 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 congⁿ 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 congⁿ 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 M^r Patten 229, money £33 : 0 : 4½

Not for him 43, money 12 : 9 : 3½

The Committees conduct was approved.

Bangor Pby

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 M^r Patten, and the reason they assigned was, that it appeared to them that the lists wite 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 Appeal
determination of the Subsynod of Belfast, with the reasons of appeal
were produced to this Synod by Mess^{rs} Will^m Murdoch, Ja^s Dunlap,
&c., Commissioners, wherein they set forth that they think themselves
agrieved by the sentence of the Pby of Bangor & Subsynod of Belfast
in not allowing them to give a call to M^r Patten, as there is in their
estimation a great majority in his favour, and pray this Synod wou'd
give them Relief—from another party in Cumber congregation appeared
Mess^{rs} Gillespy, Andrews, & Macoughtry, Comm^{rs}, who produced a
supplication signed by a great number, wherein they remonstrated
against M^r Patten receiving a Call from that congⁿ, as they think such
a measure wou'd have a tendency to impose a min^r upon them, which
they wou'd not wish to do to their neighbours, and pray that this Synod
wou'd 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^t.

Adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq^r 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 M^r King shou'd ^{Mr King}
be committed to the care of Derry Pby, & M^r Sprate to Strabane; ^{Mr Sprate}
this agreed to.

The Synod proceeded to the farther consideration of the supplica- ^{Cumber}
tion 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 M^r Patten be
granted or not? The Roll called & it carried by a great majority, that
it be granted.

M^r M^cDowell in the name of the Congⁿ of Taghboine supplicated ^{Taghboine}
this Synod that it be recommended 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 M^r Farkwhar, a Probationer in their
bounds. Resolved that it be recommended to the Pby of Letterkenny to
write as above, and they are enjoined to meet for that purpose the
2^d Wednesday in July next.

The Pby of Bangor informed this Synod that Saintfield a congⁿ ^{St. field}
in their bounds had applyed thro' them to the Pby of Dromore for a
month's hearing of M^r Birch, a member of that Pby, and the Pby of
Dromore refered that supplication to this Synod. The supplication of
Saintfield congⁿ granted so far that M^r Birch is appointed to supply
that Congⁿ the two last Lord's days in July next.

The Pby of Bangor requested that the following Brethren, viz.—
Mess^{rs} Ferguson, Campbell, Caldwell, White, M^cDowell, Osborn, &
Bankhead, be allowed to converse with them for some time in the
Vestry. This granted.

Elizth
Brakenridge

M^r Mulligan was enjoined to use his best endeavours to influence the Pby of Monaghan to make a collection in their respective congregations for the relief of Elizth Brakenridge & her distressed sister (daughters of the late Rev^d Bap^t. Boyd), and the Synod will be under the disagreeable necessity of expressing their disapprobation of any min^r in that l by (if any shou^d be) who shall neglect to make a collection for so charitable a purpose.

Ralphisland

The congregation of Ralphisland presented an appeal to this Synod, from the sentence of the Pby of Dromore, in allowing Rob^t Boyd, Sam^l Knox, Hu: Thompson, & two others to become members of the congregation of Ballyronee and to desert their society—the reasons of appeal were read and are *in retentis*. Ans^{rs} to the reasons from the Pby of Dromore were also read, and are likewise *in retentis*. Resolved that it be recommended to every Pby in the bounds of the G. Synod, that they be particularly cautious in not Dismembering any congⁿ within their respective bounds—but as we hope and believe the Pby of Dromore had sufficient reason for granting the liberty to the above named persons, which they applied for, we approve of their sentence.

Bangor Pby

The Committee appointed to converse with the Pby of Bangor, report that the following members of that Pby—Mess^{rs} Rob^t Cuningham, Sam^l Alexander, Ja^s Huey, W^m Laird, Jos. Kinkead, and Jno. King, request to be erected into a Pby by the name of the Presbytery of Belfast, and the rest of their Brethren acquiesced, and that such other members of y^e Pby Bangor and such Probationers and vacant cong^{ns} as shall chuse, and the Pby of Belfast approve, may join said Pby. The above request granted.

Adjourned until seven o'clock afternoon. Interloq^r at 5, y^a Sessⁿ concluded with prayer.

[5th Session.]

Cumber

A supplication from that part of the congregation of Cumber called the minority, was presented to this Synod by Mess^{rs} 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^r Patten declared he wou^d not be farther concerned with the Congregation of Cumber, upon this declaration the above supplication was withdrawn.

M^r Bankhead

It was proposed by the parties from Cumber that M^r Bankhead might be appointed to supply that Congregation four Lord's days in July next, this granted, & M^r Bankhead appointed to supply Cumber congregation all the month of July except the first Lord's day, & M^r Bankhead's congregation is to be supplied the 2^d Lord's day in July by M^r Miller, the 3^d by M^r Read, both from Ballymena Pby, & the other two days by the probationers in Templepatrick Pby.

It was proposed & agreed to that the Congregation of Cumber be not annexed to any Pby, but continue under the immediate care of the G. Synod, until they agree in their choice of a min^r, or until next meeting of the G. Synod; and it was further resolved that the Pby 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 Pby to them, until next meeting of the G. Synod, or until a min^r be fixed among them as their minister, & they are at liberty to join any Pby 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^t an intention to give him a call, shall make out a full list of all the members of their Congⁿ, with the stipend which each individually annually paid annexed to his name, that disputes may be prevented, in case the congregation, shou'd be polled; this List to be read publicly to the whole congregation, & deposited in the hands of ye Pby, and the people of Cumber are strictly enjoined to conform to this appointment.

Lists of y^e names
of people in
vacant Congⁿ

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq^r at 8; y^a Session concluded w^t prayer.

Sixth Session Friday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Mr McNeilly appeared & prayed this Synod be pleased to relieve him from the suspension imposed upon him by the Pby of Tyrone, and afterwards confirmed by the G. Synod's Committee.

Mr McNeilly

Ordered that a Committee of the following members, viz,—Mess^{rs} Hamilton, Young, & Harris from the Pby Monaghan; Mess^{rs} Osborn, Neilson, & Craford from Strabane; Mess^{rs} Scott & Cuming from Ballymena; Mess^{rs} Jackson & Livingstone from Armagh Pby; Mess^{rs} Mercer & Whiteside from Tyrone Pby; M^r Adams from Derry, & M^r Rentoul from Dromore Pby, shall meet with their Elders (5 min^{rs} & three Elders to be a quorum) at Dungan[on] the 2^d Tuesday in Aug^t next who are to consider and finally issue this affair, and Mess^{rs} Mulligan, Campbel & Delap, together with the Pby of Tyrone, are to attend said Committee not as judges, but to give what light they can in this affair, M^r Mercer to inform the members of this appointment.

It was proposed & agreed to that the Pby of Templepatrick, with Mess^{rs} Ranken & Cuming, Ballymena, & M^r Thomson from Dromore Pby, shall meet at Dunagor the first Tuesday in August next, take M^r McCraken's conduct under consideration, & treat him as they shall see cause, of this appointment M^r McCraken is to be informed by M^r Bankhead that he may attend, and if he does not attend he is to be treated for that contempt as the Pby and Correspondents shall judge proper; the Pby of Strabane are to inform the Pby of Templepatrick and Correspondents how M^r McCraken behaved when a member with them.

Mr McCraken

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^r.

At an Interloq^r consisting of the G. Synod & Pby Antrim, Inquiry was made if M^r Lang had conformed to the Instructions of last year's Interloq^r in paying M^{rs} Cherry's annuity, and it appeared he

Mr Lang

had not. M^r Caldwell informed the Interloq^r he had conversed with M^r Lang upon the affair, and that he told him he was very desirous to leave the whole affair in Debate between M^{rs} Cherry and him to the determination of any Gentlemen that might be appointed for that purpose, M^r Lang in a letter to M^r Campbell expressed the same desire, and Intreats it may be complied with for the vindication of his character.

Resolved that M^r Lang's request be complied with, and M^{rs} 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.

Widows fund
£8980 2 8

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 M^r Lang's letter, wrote by their order, wherein an acc^t is given of the lands mortgaged by L^d Antrim for the money lent & payment of the Interest; also that the Gentlemen Trustees who transacted the affair of the Loan with L^d Antrim have declared their Trust & this declaration of trust and all other deeds relative to the Loan are duely registered.

Mins^{rs} that go
abroad

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 Pby 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 subscriptⁿ money be refunded to some one member of that Pby who (under the direction of the Pby) is to forward it immediately to the individuals for whom it is intended.

2^d Interloq^r.

M^r M^cCollum

A Letter from M^r M^cCollum directed to our Mod^r was read, wherein he complains of Injustice in not allowing him any part of the R.D. since he had not a congⁿ, & 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 wou^d see Justice done him.

After considering this matter & reasoning upon it, the question was put, allow M^r M^cCollum to become a subscriber to the widows fund or not? The Roll called & it carried in the negative, it was next proposed shall M^r M^cCollum 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^r is to answer M^r M^cCollum's letter & inform him that the subscription money he p^d 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 annuitaants upon the fund shou'd be placed in different classes—the consideration of this refered to the constituents of the fund until next meeting of the G. Synod

Ordered that Mess^{rs} 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.

Antrim, 27th June, 1775.

M^r Ranken Mod^r of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Tit. 2 : 15. then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l Pbyg as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Geo. Harris		Wm. Rowan	
Jno. Davis		Jas. Hull	
Tyrone Pby.		Jas. Cochran	
James Todd		Jas. Bryson	
Jno. White	Wm. Chambers	Jas. Caldwell	
Wm. Kennedy		Saml. Martin	
Jno. M ^c Clelland		Stephenson	Thos. M ^c Culloch
Wm. Wilson	Wm. Dunlop	Dromore Pby.	
Killilea Pby.		Alexr. Neilson	
Alexr. Macomb	Jno. Gray	Wm. Henry	
Robt. Smith		Saml. Barbar	Wm. Rainy
Wm. Steel Dickson		Jas. Birch	Thos. Birch
Armagh Pby.		Jno. Thompson	Saml. Dunlap
Hen. Jackson		Robt. Rentoul	
Wm. Campbel		Jno. Sherard	
Saml. Livingstone		Belfast Pby.	
Strabane Pby.		Jas. Huey	
Wm. Craford		Wm. Laird	
Derry Pby. none		Saml. Patten	
Templepatrick Pby.		Letterkenny Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Jas. Cuningham	Andw. Alexander	
Wm. Henderson		Ben. M ^c Dowell	
Jno. Lewson	And. Tweed	Frans. Turretine	
Wm. Rodgers		Rout Pby.	
Jno. Wright	Robt. Gamble	Gideon Neilson	
Thos. Read		Robt. Henry	
Wm. Montgomery		Jno. Camron	
Jno. Bankhead	Roger Kerely	Wm. Knox	Saml. Ranken
Jno. Abernethy	Wm. Meek	Alexr. Marshal	
Jno. M ^c Auly		Robt. Caldwell	
Wm. Blakely		Ballymena Pby.	
Andw. Hume	Jno. Campbell	Jas. White	Thos. Hill
		Jno. Rankin	Jas. Cleghorn
		Chas. Brown	
		Jos. Douglass	
		Jno. Lyndsay	
		Robt. Christy	Jno. Dickey
		Jno. Brown	Jas. Maxwell

M^r Ranken moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a leet: Mess^{rs} Harria, M^cClelland, Dickson, Craford, Lewson, Barbar, Rowan, M^cDowell, Neilson, White, & Hen: Jackson. The Roll called & M^r Jackson chosen. M^r Rodgers continued Clerk.

Ordered that the sev^l Pbya meet this evening & prepare lista of their members to be given to the Clerk of Synod tomorrow morning for the sev^l Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also an acc^t of such minra. 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 M^r Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that M^r 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^r shall then appoint.

Ordered that as M^r Lewson is next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen & M^r 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.

2^d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon.

M^r Lewson preached from Luk: 9: 55—the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbya gave in lists of their members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following acc^{ts}:—

Monaghan Pby ordained M^r Davis at Castleblainy 13th Decem^r 1774, he is a Contributor to the widows fund—widows on the fund w^t them are M^{rs} Clark, M^{rs} M^cKee, M^{rs} Algeo, M^{rs} Bond, M^{rs} War-nock.

Dublin Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Patten, M^{rs} M^cBeth, M^{rs} Vance. Tyrone Pby have entered on trials M^r Trimmell. On the fund with them are M^{rs} Orr, M^{rs} Kennedy, M^{rs} Peebles, M^{rs} Duffin.

Killilea Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Fergie, fam^r M^r Scott, M^{rs} Kennedy.

Armagh Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Cherrie, M^{rs} Johnston, M^{rs} Menagh.

Strabane Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Armstrong.

Derry Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Murray, M^{rs} Strabridge, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Lyle, M^{rs} Walker, M^r Hare, M^{rs} Hood.

Templepatrick Pby Installed M^r Abernethy at Templepatrick 12th Aug^t 1774. M^{rs} Thompson a widow on the fund with them died the 27th March 1775. On the fund with them are M^{rs} Dunbar, M^{rs} White.

Licensed

Dromore Pby licensed M^r Tho^s Birch, being certified & examined, according to the late regulations, he subscribed the W. M: Confession of faith; they ordained M^r Sherard at Tullylish 8th Novem^r 1774, he subscribed the Confession of faith, and is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them are M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Semple, M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} Simms, M^{rs} Richey.

Ord^d

Bangor Pby have ordained M^r Kennedy at Lisburn the 15th February 1775. he is a Contributor to the widows fund. They report that M^r Mitchel died the 5th Sber—74. he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow & children. On the fund with them are M^{rs} Buchanan, M^{rs} Warnock, M^{rs} Dickson, M^{rs} Mitchell. M^{rs} Moorhead died 15th Feb^r 1775.

A widow dead

Installed

Ord^d

Belfast Pby have Installed M^r Patten at Monyrea 9th Aug^t 1774, they ordained M^r Henry at Castlereagh 13th Decem^r 1774. he subscribed the widows fund, both subscribed the W: M: Confession of faith. On the fund with them M^{rs} Malcom, M^{rs} M^cKean, fam^r M^r Walker.

Licensed

Ord^d

Letterkenny Pby have licensed M^r Smith according to the late regulations, they ord^d M^r Turretine at Ray 18th Jan^r—75, he is a contributor to the widows fund, both subscribed the Confession of faith. On y^e fund with them M^{rs} Turretine, fam^r M^r Boyd.

Licensed

Rout Pby have licensed M^r Thos. Lyle according to the late regulations. On the fund with them M^{rs} Lynd, M^{rs} Gaston, M^{rs} Smylie, M^{rs} Thompson.

M^r Brown not a contributor to the widows fund

Ballymena Pby have ordained M^r Brown, at Conor y^e 27th Feby 1775. he is not a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them are M^{rs} O'Bryan, M^{rs} M^cCurdy, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} Hill, fam^r M^r Higginbothom, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Brown; not on the fund, M^{rs} M^cCreight.

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^{rs} wives, & are not upon the fund have not generally observed that appointment.

Returns of Annuitants

Ordered therefore that a return be made by a member in each Pby at next sed^t.

Next Synod

Resolved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, Lurgan, Antrim, Dunganon and Armagh were named as a leet, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Armagh, the last tuesday in June 1776. Sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

Pby Letterkenny

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 Elgine in North Britain, for M^r Farkwhar 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 M^r Davison from Scotland was expected at Taghboin, 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 Taghboin 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 Congⁿ of Taghboin the time they shall desire or as long as may be convenient to him—of this appointment that Congregⁿ are to be informed by a letter which Mess^{rs} 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 sev^l Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

3^d Session Wednesday at five o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

This Synod were informed that Elezth Brakenridge & her disordered sister, (daughters of the late Rev^d Bap^t Boyd) are still in very indigent & distressing circumstances. Elezth
Brakenridge

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 M^r Miller to be given to them.

The Committee's minutes which met at Dungannon the 2^d tuesday in Aug^t last were produced and read, by which it appeared that M^r M^cNeilly 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. M^r M^cNeilly

The Pby of Templepatrick with Correspondents met at Dunagor the 1st tuesday in Aug^t 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 M^r Hu: M^cCraken, once a member of the Pby of Strabane, & now residing at Carrickfergus. M^r Bankhead was asked if he, as appointed by last G. Synod, had informed M^r M^cCraken of this meeting & the design of it, he produced the Copy of a letter sent to M^r M^cCraken, 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 persevere in that base practice & he shou'd find him as an advocate w^t his Brethren. M^r Thompson informed the members that, in a Conversation he lately held with M^r M^cCraken upon marrying people in the manner he did, M^r M^cCraken 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^l members testified they had sufficient evidence of M^r Mr M^cCraken

M^cCracken'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^r M^cCracken 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^s within our Bounds. The Pby & Correspondents conduct towards M^r M^cCracken approved, & their sentence confirmed.

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Interloq^r at 8 : y^s Session concluded w^t prayer.

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

S^t field

M^r Huyc in the name of the people of S^tfield requested this Synod to enjoin the sev^l Pbys 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.

Venecash

A supplication from Venecash was presented to this Synod by M^r Todd, wherein they complain that sev^l 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^r 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^{rs} 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 Pbys who were present promised to observe y^s recommendation.

Synod's fund

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^r 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.

Drumbo

From Drumbo appeared Comm^{rs} Mess^{rs} Mat: Rea, W^m Shaw & Ja^s Carlile, who produced a supplication, wherein they set forth that their min^r the Rev^d M^r Malcom hath been so much indisposed for two years past that he hath not been able to perform the duties of a Gospel min^r, and as there is no prospect for his recovery, they beg this Synod wou^d declare them a vacant congregation.

The Commissioners informed this Synod that the Congregation of Drumbo had made an offer to M^r 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^r 1773, and M^r Malcom had not officiated among them since June—73. M^r Henry informed this Synod that M^r Laird and he attended at Drumbo, the 14th Inst, used their best endeavours to effect an agreement between M^r Malcom's relations & the Congregation of Drumbo, but to no purposc. After some reasoning the question was put, declare the Congregation of Drumbe vacant now, or not? the Roll called & it carried in the affirmative with one dis-senting voice only—it was next proposed & un-animously agreed to that a Committee of the following Brethren, Mess^{rs} Bankhead & Aberncthy from the Pby of Templepatrick; Mess^{rs} Henry, Maclure, & Thompson, from Dromore; & Mess^{rs} Smith, & Strong, from Killilea Pby, with their Elders, shall meet at Drumbo, the last Monday in July next, three min^{rs} to be a quorum, who are to inspect into & finally to settle the acc^t between M^r Malcom & the Congⁿ of Drumbo, and that Congregation are to be informed that whatever sum shall appear to the Comm^{tee} to be due M^r 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^{rs} to M^r 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. *Interloq^r*.

At an Interloq^r consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc^t 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 Turnplke Deb^{ts}—no acc^t of the residue of the fund, which is £630 : 10 : 8. Mess^{rs} M^cKay, & Smith, to answer the Trustees letter and signifie to them, that the Constitutents wou^d 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.

Widows fund
£9180 10 8

The Interloq^r observed that Mess^{rs} Logue & M^cMullan 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.

Subscripⁿ
money refunded

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^e Clerk was ordered to rescind it.

Different classes
rescinded

A letter from M^r M^cCollum to our Moderator was read wherein he acknowledges the rec^t of the money he p^d into the widow's fund, this letter to be kept by the Clerk of the Synod.

2 Interloq^r.

Annuitants at
£10 per ann.

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^c M^r Williamson p^d into the widows fund be repaid him & M^r Smith was ordered to receive it for his use.

Min^{rs} removing

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.

Aug^t 20th 1775.

Armagh, 25th June 1776.

M^r 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 Pbyg as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.		Armagh Pby.	
James Caldwell		Geo. Ferguson	Mat. Bell
		Hen. Jackson	Phil. Graham
Monaghan Pby.		Wm. Campbell	Jas. Prentice
Geo. Carson		Saml. Livingstone	Thos. Farrie
Ha. Mulligan		Robt. Dickson	
Thos. Boyl		Strabane Pby.	
Wm. Fleming		Jos. Osborn	
Jas. Jackson		Wm. Craford	
Wm. Moorhead	Jas. Cochran	Templepatrick Pby.	
Saml. Kennedy		Will. Rodgers	
Wm. Smith		Thos. Read	
Wm. Sprate	John Dunshee	Jno. Bankhead	
Jas. Kinneer		Wm. Blakely	
Thos. Stewart		Andw. Hume	Robt. Swann
Wm. Moor	Wm. Baily	Dromore Pby.	
Jno. Davis		Alexr. Neilson	Wm. M'Minn
Tyrone Pby.		Wm. Henry	David Speer
Jno. Ker		Isaac Patrick	
Jas. Todd		Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott
Jno. White	Andw. Greer	Jas. Birch	Jno. Lawry
Wm. Kennedy	Robt. M'Entire	Jos. Hay	Ralph Campbell
Jno. M'Cleland		Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Whiteside		Jas. Hull	
Mos. Hogg		Jas. Bryson	
Wm. Wilson		John Adams	
Geo. Murray		Belfast Pby.	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	Jas. Hanna	Alexr. Henry	
Alexr. Merceer		Thos. Birch	Jas. Robison
Andw. Miller		Letterkenny Pby.	
Killea Pby.		Ben. M'Dowell	
Alexr. Macomb	Jns. M'Canless		
Michl. Henry	Jno. M'Ferson		
Jos. Little	Jas. Johnstone		

Mod^r chosen M^r Jackson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet—Mess^{rs} Carson, M^cCleland, Kennedy, Mich^l Henry Livingstone Osborn, Craford, Bankhead, Neilson, Bryson, Mich^l Henry, & Mulligan. The Roll called and M^r Mulligan was chosen.

Clk Mr. Rodgers continued Clk.

M^r Kennedy M^r 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.

M^r Neilson As M^r Neilson who was appointed to preach the 2^d day of this Synod's meeting hath not attended, M^r Campbel was requested to supply that defect by preaching to this Synod tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, & he consented.

A Letter Ordered that the Moderator write a letter to M^r 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.

M^r W^m Kennedy Ordered that as M^r W^m Kennedy is next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen, he be appointed to preach to the G.Synod, the 2^d day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Phys to meet Ordered that the several Phys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning, of their members for the Sev^l Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and G.Synod's fixed Committee, as also an acc^t of such ministers as have died, been ordained Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G.Synod, likewise an acc^t of annuitants on the fund, if any have died since last G.Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acc^t of women now living that have been min^{rs} wives & are not upon the fund.

Adjourned until Eleven o'clock tomorrow morning, this session concluded with prayer.

2^d Sessⁿ *2^d Sessⁿ Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer &c.*

M^r Campbel M^r Campbel as requested preached to this Synod, from Jno. 17 : 20 and he received the thanks of the house for his ready compliance with their Request.

The Phys gave in lists of their members, for the sev^l Committees as also the following acc^{ts} namely—

Dublin Pby report they have on the fund M^{rs} Patten, M^{rs} M^cBeth, M^{rs} Vance.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Orr, M^{rs} Kennedy, M^{rs} Peebles, M^{rs} Duffin, not on the fund M^{rs} Rhea.

Ord^d Monaghan Pby have ordained M^r Miller at Eniskillen 13th January 1776 and M^r Trimble at Monaghan 24th Ins^t both contributors to the widows fund—They report that M^r Hamilton removed from Monaghan

Removed

to Waterford in 8ber 1775.—On the fund with them are M^{rs} Algoe, M^{rs} Bond, M^{rs} M^cKee, M^{rs} Clark, M^{rs} Warnick.

Killilea Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Scott, M^{rs} Kennedy.

Armagh Pby have licensed Mess^{rs} Rainy & Black, agreeable to the ^{Licensed} late regulations—On the fund with them are M^{rs} Cherry M^{rs} Johnstone M^{rs} Menagh.

Strabane Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Armstrong, not on y^e fund M^{rs} Donaldson.

Templepatrick Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Dunbar, M^{rs} White.

Dromore Pby report that M^r Mulligan died 4th Jan^{ry} 1776, he left ^{Dead} children only. On the fund with them are M^{rs} Gordon, M^{rs} Semple, M^{rs} Simms, M^{rs} Richey, M^{rs} White, fam^y M^r Mulligan.

Bangor Pby have ordained M^r Stitt at Moyra, 10th 8ber—75, he is a ^{Orda} contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them M^{rs} Warnick. M^{rs} Dickson, M^{rs} Mitchell.

Belfast Pby have ordained M^r Tho^s Birch at Saintfield, the 21st ^{Orda} May 1776, he subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund. They ^{Dead} report M^r Cuninghame died in Feb^{ry}—76, he left no family. They ^{Licensed} licensed M^r Hu. M^cKee according to the late regulations. On the fund with them M^{rs} Malcom, fam^y M^r Walker, fam^y M^r M^cKean.

Letterkenny Pby ordained M^r Allen in Aug^t 1775, & M^r Miller in ^{Orda} May 1776, both contributors to the widows fund. They report M^r ^{Dead} Ferlie died 7th January—76, he left children only.

From Derry Pby & from Rout no returns.

As sev^l Pbys made no returns of the members for y^e G. Synod's Committee they are the same as in years past.

It was observed that in the return made of licensing Candidates ^{Licensing} for the ministry by the Pby Letterkenny, no certificate was produced ^{Candidates} of their conforming to the late regulations in licensing Mess^{rs} 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 Licentiatees 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 Pby L.kenny.

It was observed that no returns were made from several Pbys of ^{No return} this Synod, and information was given that the Pby Rout had Installed M^r Pat. Davison from North Britain, at Taghboin the 9th Jan^{ry} 1776, & that he & that Congⁿ had subjected themselves to the care of Rout ^{M^r Davison not a contributor to y^e fund} Pby. N.B. M^r 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 Mess^{rs} 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 Pby who have not made returns at this time, in which letter this Synod's disapprobation of their conduct is to be warmly expressed.

A letter

Elezth
Brakenridge

Upon Inquiry it appeared that in the Pby of Tyrone, the following congregations made collections for Elezth Brakenridge & her disordered sister, viz., Stewartstown, Dunganon, Tobermore, Coagh, Maghrafelt, Carlin, Carntal, Benburb, & Keady, & the following have not collected, Minterburn, Monymore, Cookstown, Venecash, Loghgall. The min^{rs} to whom these Congregations belong are enjoined to make collections for these distressed women, as soon as possible, and the members of Monaghan Pby who have not made collections for them since last G. Synod, are likewise enjoined to make collections for them speedily.

The Sev^l Committees are enjoined to meet immediately. Adjourned till seven o'clock afternoon, Interloq^r at five, this session concluded with prayer.

2^d Session

2^d Session Wednesday at 7 o'clock, afternoon, after prayer &c.

Next Synod

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now—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.

Fund

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^l Pbys 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 min^{rs} 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 min^{rs} 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^t, when the affair will be fully considered.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow, Interloq^r at nine, ys. session concluded with prayer.

4th Sessⁿ

4th Session Thursday at 11 o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

Arrears of y^e
fund

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 alleged that Castleblainy ^{Templepatrick Pby} 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 Congⁿ (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 Congⁿ 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. ^{Half a Guinea}

As M^r Wilson of Moywater by reason of his age & infirmities is ^{Mr Wilson} 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 Rev^d M^r Marshal of Ballendreit is requested to receive & transmit the same.

Upon reviewing the records of last General Synod, Inquiry was ^{Drumbo} 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 Congⁿ of Drumbo shou'd pay M^r 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 M^r Malcom or his representative for entertaining min^{rs} or Probtioners, supplying them.

The conduct of the Committee was approved, and the Pby of Belfast are enjoined by this Synod to see a discharge from M^r 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.

1st Interloq^r.

Widows fund
£9829 14 9

At an Interloq^r 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 signifie that M^r 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 wou'd soon be paid off; and that they have a prospect of lending to M^r Price the younger of Holymount near Downpatrick, not only the money in Lord Antrims hands, but the whole Capital(exclusive of what is in the hands of the assignees of Lenox and Franch & in the Dunleer turnpike Deb^{ts}) which amounts to £8500, the also signifie that the turnpike Deb^{ts} cannot be disposed of upon terms any way agreeable, M^r Lang in his letter to our Clerk mentions that it is the desire of the Trustees that Coun^r Andw. Caldwell of the city of Dublin shou'd be added to their Number, & that they wish for the approbation of the Constituents in order that he may be introduced to that Trust.

Coun^r Caldwell

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Hull, Osborn, & M^cDowell answer the Trustees letter, signifie 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.

Doct^r Maconky

Ordered that Mess^{rs} Campbel, Caldwell, & Craford, write a letter to Doct^r 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 acc^t of the disposition of the £630 10s. 8d. (of which no mention was made in the acc^{ts} furnished last year), now given is not at all satisfactory, and request he may be more explicit in future in giving an acc^t of the disposition of our fund.

M^r Litle

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 Interloq^r, 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.

Patents for R. D.

A copy of the Patents for the R.D. granted by King William and Queen Ann, was produced to this Interloq^r by M^r 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.

2^d Interloq^r.

Ans^r to Trustees
letter.

Mess^{rs}. Hall, Osborn and M^cDowell brought in the copy of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read & approved & ordered to be signed by the Mod^r.

Messrs. Niven and Jackson produced the copy of a letter to Mr. ^{Mr Lang} Lang, which was read & approved, & ordered to be signed by the Mod^r.

Resolved that a letter of Thanks from the Constituents of the ^{Mrs Armstrong} 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 M^r Lang be instructed by our Clerk that in the ^{Mr Lang} payment of annuities he is to look upon a rec^d 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 ^{Annuity £11} that fund will afford more than ten pounds a year to each annuitant, have agreed that eleven pounds shall be given to each, from y^e 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^r 4th, 1776.

A Genl Synod at Armagh, 24 June, 1777.

Mr Mulligan Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Ja^s 3. 17. then constituted by prayer. After which were present from the several Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.		Templepatrick Pby.	
Hu. Mulligan	Wm. Curry	Wm. Rogers	
Wm. Fleming		Thos. Read	
Jas. Jackson			Derry Pby. none
Saml. Kennedy			
Wm. Smyth			Dromore Pby.
Wm. Sprate			
Jno. Mathewson			
Wm. Moor		Wm. Henry	
Geo. Harris	David Vogan	Saml. Barber	
Jno. Davis	Alexr. Henry	Jas. Birch	Mr. Saml. Livingston
Mat. Trimble	Arch. Dobbin	Jno. Thomson	
		Robt. Rentall	
		Jno. Shearard	Henry Dixon
		Jno. Cochran	Isaac Moreland
		Thos. Kennedy	
			Bangor Pby.
		Jas. Hull	
		Jno. Adams	
		Saml. Martin	
		Stephenson	Mr. Macculloch
		Geo. Kennedy	
		Wm. Stitt	
		Robt. Maclintock	
			Belfast Pby.
		Jas. Huey	
		Wm. Laird	
		Thos. Birch	
		Andw. Greer	
			Letterkenny Pby.
		Jno. Marshal	Mr. Jno. Best
		Andw. Alexander	
		Franc. Turretine	Jas. Coan
		David Allen	
			Root Pby.
		Robt. Henry	
			Ballymena Pby.
		Jno. Rankin	
			Dublin Pby
		Jas. Caldwell	

M^r Mulligan moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a Leet—Messrs. William Kennedy, Wm. Smyth, Osborn, Livingston, Read, Birch, Stephenson, and Rob^t Smyth. The roll called, and M^r Smyth chosen. M^r Rogers continued Clk.

Moderator
chosen

Clk

M^r Gideon Neilson, in a Letter to M^r 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 Gen^l Synod, and that the same cause prevented his attendance at this meeting.

Ordered that [as] M^r Maclelland is next in votes to the Moderator now chosen, he be appointed to preach at the next Gen^l Synod, the second day of their meeting, at 9 o'clock, forenoon.

Ordered that the several P^hys meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clark of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and Gen^l Synods fixed Committee, as also, an account of such Min^{rs} as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed, or entered on trayels, since last Gen^l Synod. Likewise an acc^t of annuitants upon the fund if any have died since last Gen^l Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an acc^t of Women now living that have been ministirs wives and are not upon the fund.

P^hys to meet

Adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. This Session concluded with prayer.

2^d Sess. Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

2^d Sess

Mr. Kennedy as appointed by last Gen^l Synod preach'd to this Synod from Prov. 19. 27.

The P^hys gave in Lists of their members for the several Committees, as also the following acc^{ts}, namely—

Reports

Dublin Presb^y report that M^r Kilburn died the 27th of October, 1776. He was a contributor to the Widows Fund, and left a child only. On the fund with them, M^{rs} Paton, M^{rs} Macbeth, M^{rs} Vance, family M^r Kilburn.

Dead

Monaghan P^hy report that M^r Kinneer died 21st March, 1777. He was a contributor the Widow's Fund, the same on the fund with them as in the year past.

Dead

Tyrone P^hy report that M^r Mercer demitted his charge of Dungannon in Decem^r last, & removed to the neighbourhood of Dublin, and M^r 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 M^r Rob^t Montgomery. On the fund with them M^{rs} Orr, M^{rs} Kennedy, M^{rs} Peebles, M^{rs} Duffin. Not on the fund M^{rs} Rea.

Demitted

Trials

Armagh Presb^y have ordained M^r Black, at Dromore 28th June Inst, he is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them

Orda

Died M^{rs} Cherry, M^{rs} Menagh,—not on the fund M^{rs} Stewart, M^{rs} Carlile. M^{rs} Johnston Died 2^d June Ins^t.

Strabane Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Armstrong, not on the fund M^{rs} Hemphill.

Templepatrick Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Dunbar & M^{rs} White.

Ord^d Dromore Pby have ordained M^r Cochran at Dromore 5th May 1777, he subscribed the Confession of faith, but not the Widows fund. they have licensed M^r Ferson according to the late Regulations. They entered upon trials M^r Ja^s M^cBride, the widows on the fund with them the same as in the year past.

Not a Contributor
Licensed

Ord^d Belfast Pby ordained M^r Hu: M^cKee, at Drumbo 25th Semptem^r: 1776, he subscribed the Confession of faith, but not the Widows fund. They ordained M^r And^w 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.

Not a Contributor

Trials Letterkeny Pby entered upon trials M^r Fairland, M^r 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^{rs} Warnick, M^{rs} Dixon, M^r Mitchel. Not on the fund M^{rs} Moor

Ballymena Pby have on the fund M^{rs} Hill, M^{rs} White, M^{rs} M^cCurdy, M^{rs} Cochran, M^{rs} Brown, M^{rs} O'Bryan.

Killelea Pby have on the fund the same Anuitants as in the year past.

From Root and Derry Pbys no return.

Synods Com-
mittee The Members of Synods fixed Committee are as followeth :

For Dublin Presby M^r Calwell with an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Mess^{rs} Smith & Trimble with an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Mess^{rs} White & M^cClelland with an Elder.

Killelea Pby Mess^{rs} Smith & Strong with an Elder.

Armagh Pby Mess^{rs} Jackson & Campble with an Elder.

Strabane Pby Mess^{rs} Osborn & Crawford with an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby Mess^{rs} Marshal & Alexander with an Elder.

T:Patrick Pby Mess^{rs} Montgomery & Bankhead with an Elder.

Dromore Pby Mess^{rs} Henry & Barber with an Elder.

Bangor Pby Mess^{rs} Hull & Caldwell with an Elder.

Belfast Pby Mess^{rs} Huey & Laird with an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Mess^{rs} 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 Elizth Bracken-
 ridge & her disordered sister as enjoined by last Gen^l 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 untill 7 o'clock afternoon, Interloq^r at 5, this Session concluded with prayer.

3^d Sessⁿ Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after Prayer &c. 3^a Sess.

Resolved that the time & place of next Gen^l 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^{rs} Mess^{rs} Jn^o Blair, John Stewart, Hugh Biggard, Alex^r 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^d John Beard may be intirely dissolved, and in support of said supplication they offered a number of reasons which they had reduced to writing and are *in relentis*.

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^r.

A letter from Mr. Baird directed to our late Moderator in which he acknowledges his being cited to attend this meeting of the Gen^l 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^r 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 untill 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with Prayer.

4th Sessⁿ Thursday at 10 o'clock forenoon.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the affairs of Caple Street congregation. The Comm^{rs} 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 M^r Baird containing the names of sixty persons was also read, & the Comm^{rs} 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 shills: and seven pence annually. The Comm^{rs} 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^r. 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 M^r 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. M^r Caldwell of Dublin, & M^r Mulligan of Monaghan Pby desired that it may [be] inserted in the Minutes, that they declined voting upon this occasion. The Comm^{rs} 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 M^r Baird, therefore it was thought necessary in Justice to M^r Baird & for the Honor of this Synod & the Christian Church to appoint a Committee to give M^r Baird an opportunity of vindicating his conduct, & Behaviour, & accordingly a Committee is appointed to meet at Newry the 2^d Tuesday in Aug^t next for this purpose, & also to hear evidences for and against M^r Baird, & to Judge & act as they shall see cause. The Committee to consist of the following members with their Elders—from Monaghan Pby, Mess^{rs} Jackson, Smyth, Harris, & Davis; from Killelea, Mess^{rs} Smyth, Neilson, Henry, & Little; from Dromore, Mess^{rs} Smyth, Patrick, Barbar, & Hay; from Armagh, Mess^{rs} Moody, Campble, Jackson, & Livingstone; from Bangor, Mess^{rs} Kennedy of Morn, & Hull; from Belfast Pby, Mess^{rs} Huey, &

Laird; from Tyrone Pby, Mess^{rs} Kennedy & Wilson; seven Min^{rs} & two Elders to be a quorum—M^r Barber to preach at 12 o'clock. M^r Baird is enjoined to attend said Committee, & also Comm^{rs} from Caple Street in opposition to him, for the purpose of ascertaining certain alleged facts, in a paper intituled "Reasons offered in support of the supplication" which facts were not considered by the Synod, as M^r Baird was not present, & because without entering into such consideration, it appeared to them that M^r Beard's 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 M^r Baird as soon as convenient by one or more of the Comm^{rs} of Caple Street congregation, & also the names of the witnesses to be aduced in support of said reasons, & if M^r 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. M^r 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. Mr Caldwell

The Rev^d M^r 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, & M^r 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 Summervill

M^r Caldwell in the name of the Comm^{rs} from Caple Street congregation applied to this Synod to appoint M^r Adams of Donaghadee to supply that congregation Eight Lord's Days, commencing the 2d Lords Day in July next—this granted. And M^r Mercer is appointed to preach to that congregation next Lords Day & the first of July, & upon the first in July is enjoined to read the Resolution of this Synod declaring said Congregation vacant. Caple Street

Adjurned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Sess. Thursday at 5 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

5th Sessⁿ

It appeared that M^r Lang (conformable to the Instructions of last Gen^l Synod) hath detained half a Guinea from the R.D. of each Min^r returned to him as not having collected for the Synod's fund. 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 Comm^{rs} Mess^{rs} Ja^s Baily and Rob^t Warnock, who produced a supplication. Wherein they set forth that they look upon themselves as much Kircubbin

agrieved by many of their fellow members of that Congⁿ 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 Kireubbin; and that as they, the supplicants, 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.

M^r Bailie

A letter from Ja^s 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^r.

Ballyhalbert

From the Congregation of Ballyhalbert appeared Comm^{rs} Mess^{rs} Ja^s Read, Ja^s M^cKee, & 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 Congⁿ of Ballyhalbert, but the neighboring Congregations of Ballywalter & 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.

Portaferry

Comm^{rs} 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 tho' 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^{ns}. 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^r 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^{rs} 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^{rs} were called, and this Resolution read to them. Resolved that M^r Henry of Cumber change Pulpits with M^r Dixon first Lords day in July next, & use his best Endeavours, to reconcile the contending Parties in that Congregation.

A Supplication from Mess^{rs} Hu: Mulligan Tho^s Beyl & Will^m ^{New Pby} Moorhead Members of Monaghan Pby, M^r Scott of Strabane Pby, & M^r Miller of Tyrone was read representing the Inconveniences they labor under by their Distance from the places where their Pbys 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. M^r Miller of Iniskillin is at Liberty to become a Member of this Pby if he pleaseth.

From Killmacrenan appeared Patrick Campble Comm^r who pro- ^{Killmacrenan} duced a supplication to this Synod setting forth that they had applied to the Pby of Letterkenny & 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^r was heard & after some reasoning the Question was put "Grant the petition or not?" the Roll called & it carried in the affirmative.

Adjurned untill 10 o'clock to-morrow. Interloq^t at 8. this session concluded with Prayer.

6th Sessⁿ. Friday at 10 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

6th Session

The Committe of the fund met as appointed & brought in an ^{Fund} 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 Gen^l 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 Clk inform M^r Lang that he is ordered by this Synod to transmit to next Gen^l 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 M^r 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 M^r Lang is likewise to send to the next Gen^l Synod.

Application was made to this Synod by M^r Sprat in behalf of the ^{Killinker} 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 M^r Sprat & his Congregation obtain a lease of a Plot of Ground for a Meeting House from Lord Fernam, of which they have a promise, M^r 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 Gen^l Synod, that

this Synod hath enjoined every minister belonging to them to make a Collection in his Congregⁿ for the above Purpose, as soon as he conveniently can after he receives the notice from Monaghan Pby, and transmit it to M^r Campble of Armagh or to M^r Mulligan of Aughnacloy, by them to be forwarded to M^r Sprat.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

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Trustee's Letter

At an Interloq^r consisting of the Gen^l Synod and Mess^{rs} 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^r Price the younger, at Hollimount, near Down, and upon the same terms, as lent to Lord Antrim, at £6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent., and half $\frac{1}{2}$ C^t 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.

Mr Little

It was proposed & agreed to that M^r Little's Complaint against the Pby 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^r Nilson as an Evidence, who said he heard some Members of Killelea Pby urge M^r 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^r 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^r Little was compeled to be a Contributor to the Widows fund or not?" the Roll called & it carried by a great majority Not compelled.

Mess^{rs} Moor & Mercer

Resolved, that conformable to a Rule fixed by the Gen^l Synod in Sixty Six, M^r Moor formerly of Root Pby & M^r Mercer, who removed from Dunganon to the Neighbourhood of Dublin, be struck out of the List of Ministers intituled to R.D. of this the Clerk of the Synod is to inform M^r Lang.

Alienation of the fund

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 originaly intended, to be relieved by the Scheme of that fund,

every Contributor, who disapproves 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^l 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, con- Fund fully considered
sidered at the Interloq^r upon thursday morning at the annual meetings of the Gen^l Synod.

2^d. Interloq^r.2^d Interloq^r

M^r Langs answer to our Letter of the 27th of June 1776 was read in which he gives an acc^t of the particular sums, which make the Capital of the Widows fund & upon what Security each sum is placed. This acc^t perfectly satisfactory, & is as followeth.

By M ^r Prices Securities	.. .. .	£8,500
Three Treas ^{ry} Deb ^{ts} with Interest due on them to Mid-summer 1777 Premium 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent commiss ⁿ at 5 ^s		
each	.. .. .	321 15
15 Turnpike Debent ^{rs}	.. .. .	750
Due by the Assignees of Lenox and French	294 5 10
for payment of annuities from y ^e 1 st Jan ^y —77.	280 9 2
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		£10,146 10 0

The Constituents request that Mr. Lang may furnish them Annually with a Similar Acc^t at the meeting of General Synod.

Inserted by

WILL: ROGERS G:S:C:

Aug^t 12th, 1777.

