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INTRODUCTION

It is a matter of special gratification to me that I have been afforded the opportunity, under the auspices of the Scottish History Society, of carrying to a successful conclusion part, at least, of the labours of Robert Duncanson and his Presbyterian colleagues in preserving, for their vindication to posterity, the record of the proceedings of the Covenanting Synod of Argyll during the testing period between the Glasgow Assembly of 1638 and the temporary restoration of Episcopacy in 1661. It had originally been intended that the whole of these proceedings should be included in this volume, but the manuscript proving, in the course of the preparation of the material, to be longer than had been anticipated, it has been decided to print now only the first of the two sections into which it is divided, covering the period from 1639 to 1651, and to leave the period from 1652 to 1661 for a second volume, which will include the index to the whole.

Robert Duncanson, to whom the chief credit for preservation of the Synod minutes is due, was minister at Dalavich before the Restoration, and minister of the Highland congregation at Campbeltown when Presbyterianism was re-established after the Revolution. He was a native of Inveraray, the usual meeting-place of the Synod, and was educated as one of the Synod's bursars, at the local grammar school and at Glasgow University, graduating as Master of Arts in 1665. He was four years of age when the first meeting of the Presbyterian Synod was held at Inveraray, and he grew up in an environment of intense sympathy with the Presbyterian cause. When

that cause suffered a severe set-back at the Restoration, he and certain others of the non-conforming ministers of the province set themselves to the task of transcribing the records of the Synod from 1639 onwards, lest, falling into the hands of the Episcopalian party, they should be suppressed or allowed to perish. The portion here reproduced was transcribed entirely by Duncanson, who, having completed this part of the undertaking, found himself obliged to come to the assistance of his colleagues by recording in an abbreviated form more than a quarter of the remainder, covering the period from May 1651 to May 1662. His fears for the safety of the minutes proved unhappily to be well founded, for, when the meetings of the Presbyterian Synod were resumed in 1687, no previous minute-book could be made forthcoming, and the brethren, after exhaustive private enquiry, resolved in August 1690 to recommend to Sir Colin Campbell of Ardkinglas to interpose his authority as sheriff-depute of Argyll 'to get the Synod and Presbytery books out of the hands of such prelatial incumbents as may be found to have them in their custody.' Suspicion with regard to the Synod registers was specially centred on William Maclachlan, who had been Episcopalian minister at Kilmartin, but who had by that date deserted his charge. A decret for their production was obtained in the sheriff court at Inveraray at the end of 1690 or the beginning of 1691, but, as Maclachlan, according to Scott's *Fasti*, removed to Ireland in 1690, it was probably found impossible to have it enforced. There are several references to the matter in the minutes between 1690 and 1695, but after 1695, and in particular after Duncanson's death in 1697, the search for the missing records appears to have been abandoned as far as the Synod were officially concerned.

During the period when the Synod were pressing for the recovery of the original volumes, it would appear that the

copy made at the Restoration was in Duncanson's possession, but there is no reference to it in the Synod minutes until 31st July 1752, when Robert Thomson, minister at Killean and Kilkenzie, is noted as having produced it to the Synod with an explanation that he had discovered it among the papers of James Bowes, minister of the Lowland congregation at Campbeltown, and a well-known correspondent of Woodrow's. Bowes had died in 1749, and had entered on his ministry at Campbeltown in 1694, three years before Duncanson's death. The Synod for many years after 1752 seem to have taken no action with regard to the manuscript, but in June 1769 it was agreed that it should be transcribed, and a copy, probably executed at that time, and consisting, like the original, of two sections, is in the possession of the Synod. This copy has become the sole authority for the proceedings of April 1639, April 1651 and October 1651, and for portions of the proceedings of May 1640 and October 1650, the outside leaves of Duncanson's first section having since then become detached or partially defaced. In this volume these portions of the minutes are shown in a distinctive type.

In the course of time the eighteenth-century copy, being written in a good hand and substantially bound, seems to have come to be regarded as part of the records of the Synod, and was exhibited to me as such when I first obtained access to the Synod papers in 1927. It was quite clear, however, from internal evidence that it was only a copy of a copy, and, on making further enquiry, I discovered that Duncanson's original manuscript had been bound up at the instance of some former clerk of Synod in a volume entitled *Scroll Minutes*, which includes, in addition to a number of actual Scroll minutes, the original record of the Synod's visitations of the Presbytery of Skye in 1695 and 1696, duly docqueted as approved by the General Assembly.

While the eighteenth-century transcript is substantially correct, it contains a number of minor errors, some of which have been reproduced in the sections of Scott's *Fasti* dealing with the Synods of Argyll and Glenelg, including the fictitious deposition of Archibald McQueen in 1658 (he was actually 'posed' or questioned) and the ascription to Bute of a minister who was actually inducted to Gigha. In preparing the minutes for the press I therefore considered it essential that Duncanson's manuscript, as far as extant, should be transcribed afresh to serve as the basis of the standardised text which has been adopted, in which all contractions have been written out in full, and I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the courtesy of the Synod of Argyll in leaving both the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century manuscripts in my custody for over a year while I was engaged in this portion of the work.

While Duncanson's manuscript cannot of course be regarded as possessing the same authority as the original record, if this should subsequently come to light, there seems no good reason for refusing to accept it for what it purports to be—a true copy. It can be checked against the extant presbytery records of Cowal (1639-1661), Lorn (1651-1661) and Kintyre (1655-1660), and, where comparison is possible, the documents are found to confirm each other. Duncanson's association with the work is itself a guarantee of its satisfactory character. The Synod's confidence in him is shown by his transcribing at their request their minutes from September 1687 to February 1691, which, during the transition period at the Revolution, had been written on separate sheets instead of being engrossed in a continuous record. He was one of the ministers responsible for the recovery of the Decrees of Plantation, printed as an appendix to this volume, and, as their record shows, he made unavailing search for the

minutes of the Presbytery of Kintyre from March 1660 to November 1662, which, with the minutes of the private Presbyterian meetings kept by the ministers and elders of Kintyre from that date 'untill the libertie granted in 1687,' had unfortunately fallen into Episcopalian hands.

There is little authentic information with regard to the history of Presbyterianism in the Western Highlands from 1560 to 1638, but it is difficult to credit that the strongly organised Presbyterianism which is in evidence from the beginning of the Synod record had grown up in the course of a few months, and it is probable that from the Reformation onwards there had been a party in existence in the province, particularly in the Argyllshire portion of it, in full sympathy with the Presbyterian faith, the public for whose benefit the Gaelic translations of Knox's Liturgy and Calvin's Catechism had been issued, and with whose concurrence the important teind valuation of 1629 had been carried out. It is true that both Argyll and the Isles were fully represented at the Assembly of 1610, which, at the instigation of King James, had overthrown the Presbyterian system and whose names Calderwood was fain to put on record that they might 'be holdin in remembrance to their perpetuall infamie,'¹ but any person who had so far compromised himself as to attend as a commissioner at that Assembly would thereafter have little option but to vote in all points as the King required.

There has been too great a tendency in the past to stress the differences between the Highlands and the Lowlands, and this has been strengthened by the exaggerated attention bestowed for over a century on the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745. The Highlanders of the seventeenth century can hardly be regarded as a collection of wandering clans,

¹ Calderwood, *History of the Kirk of Scotland*, vii. 104.

restrained with difficulty within their own borders, and due allowance must be made for the large amount of peaceful contact between the two areas, particularly in connection with trade and the interchange of ideas that follows in its wake. Special reference may be made to two consolidating influences, one that the version of the Bible in use in the Highlands, as well as in the Lowlands, till long after 1638 was the Geneva version with its Presbyterian notes, and the other that the Presbyterian ministers, both Highland and Lowland, were largely drawn from that class of smaller landed proprietors in whose ranks both Knox and Melville had found some of their boldest supporters. The records of the Justice Court of Argyll for the period from 1660 onwards are still extant, and they are similar to the records of such courts elsewhere in Scotland for the period. The publication of this portion of the proceedings of the Synod may help to emphasise the fact, that during the Covenanting period Argyll was ecclesiastically, as well as geographically, part of the West of Scotland.

The area which had been placed under the supervision of the Synod consisted of the shire of Argyll, the western mainland of Inverness as far north as Glenelg, the islands of Arran and Bute, and the whole of the Inner and Outer Hebrides. Under the most favourable circumstances it would have been a difficult territory to organise with its primitive roads and its dangerous fords and ferries, but the work had to be carried out under conditions which largely increased the natural obstacles. In the earlier years came the distraction of the Civil War, with its levies from the area and the withdrawal of ministers from their charges to act as chaplains, then during 1644 to 1647 the terrible devastation, when Montrose and Alister Macdonald, Colkitto's son, with their mixed Irish and Highland following, carried fire and sword into the Campbell country, par-

ticularly after the defeat of Argyll at Inverlochy. The extent of the Synod's labours is indicated in the following pages, and they were so successful that it is probable that there was never in the whole history of the West Highlands a period so definitely formative as the half-century which followed the Glasgow Assembly of 1638. The sources from which opposition was to be expected were mainly Episcopalian and Roman Catholic, but both these failed to materialise. In the province of Argyll, as elsewhere in Scotland, there was an almost complete collapse of Episcopalian opposition. Neil Campbell of Ederline, Bishop of the Isles under the Episcopalian regime, was content to express his sorrow for his departure from Presbyterian principles, and, after discipline, to accept a call in the Presbyterian form from the congregation of Campbeltown. It is probable that some of the hereditary ecclesiastical families within the bounds of the province, such as the MacQueens in Skye and the Maclachlans and MacCalmans in Lorn, were lukewarm in their attachment to the Presbyterian cause, but, if so, their zeal for Episcopacy was not sufficiently strong to tempt them to go against the tendencies of the age. Within the Presbyteries of Inveraray, Cowal and Kintyre, which, from their central position, had a natural dominating influence in the Synod, the Presbyterian policy was well understood and strongly supported, and the elders in Skye who complained to the visitation in 1642 that their minister had treated them as 'cyphers' had a sound appreciation of their place in the Presbyterian system. The Presbytery of Skye for some years offered what might be regarded as half-hearted opposition to their inclusion in the Synod, but it was probably no more than a protest against control from any outside source and against the troublesome journey to Inveraray which membership of the Synod entailed. There was no effective Roman Catholic opposition, as it had already been partly dealt

with by the Episcopalians, but the Synod discharged the keeping of any of the holy days and set themselves zealously to winning over any parties who professed their adhesion to the Roman Catholic creed with a somewhat pathetic faith in the power of argument alone to alter religious convictions. But where there had been a failure to provide parishes with a settled ministry, as in Lochaber, or where the minister in charge, particularly in the Isles, was not over-zealous in the discharge of his duties, there was always a danger that the seminary priests, at serious personal risk, might make their appearance and endeavour the perversion of the people. Whatever temporary expedients might be adopted, the Synod seem to have realised at an early date that for this state of affairs there was only one effective remedy—that parishes should be reconstituted, so that all the ministers should have a reasonable share of work and sustenance, and that inefficient ministers should be dispensed with. It is pleasing to note, however, that in those cases where deposition was found necessary, there was, as in the transition period after the Reformation, a tempering of justice with mercy, and ministers, who had proved unworthy of the Synod's trust, were, out of respect for their office and their education, maintained for a time out of the Synod funds.

Parishes throughout Scotland had grown up generally in a somewhat haphazard manner, and in districts such as the Highlands they were of abnormal extent, requiring two or three ministers to supervise them efficiently, while hardly affording sustenance for one. Individual ministers were often disinclined to make any move to remedy this state of affairs on account of their relationship to the patrons or heritors, but the Synod tackled the matter boldly at their meeting in October 1642, and a committee appointed at their fifth session produced the remarkably detailed and comprehensive report which is embodied in

the minutes of the sixth. The labours of the Synod in endeavouring to secure the approval of the Sub-Committee of Plantation to their proposals and subsequently to get the approval of Parliament to the findings of the Sub-Committee are duly noted in their minutes, but in the end they failed to secure the full approval they had hoped for. The leaders of the Presbyterian party from Knox onwards had realised the necessity for having their ministers made economically independent, but the heritors were often loth to make the provision of manse and glebe, required of them by law, or to make thankful payment of the teinds due to the minister or the Presbytery.

Sir Donald Munro had written of Rona in 1549, 'This isle pertains to McGillychallan of Raarsay by force and to the Bishope of the yles be heritage,' and there is more than one instance in the Synod minutes of church dues withheld by landed men by force or fraud, and of ministers disturbed by them in the peaceful possession of their property.

It was almost as important as the economic independence that the minister should have the support of a session who commanded the respect of the whole parish, but it is to be feared that in many cases regard was had more to social position than to spiritual attainments, as when in May 1643 it was agreed to refer to the General Assembly to consider what course could be taken to move the gentlemen of the Isles who had refused to give their concurrence to the exercise of church discipline 'to embrace the charge and office of elders.'

Neither economic independence nor powerful local support, however, could compensate for the lack of proper qualities in the minister himself. During the whole period covered by the Synod records there had been difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of qualified Gaelic-speaking ministers, with a consequent temptation to tolerate in-

efficient pastors admitted prior to 1638.¹ This temptation the Synod was strong enough to resist, but the problem of training candidates for the ministry of the future was one that caused no little concern to the Synod and to the General Assembly. In 1640 the Synod resolved that a grammar school should be erected at Inveraray and that other schools should be erected at other suitable places, but difficulty was experienced in collecting the necessary funds, which were payable out of kirk penalties and ministers' stipends, and in May 1643 it was agreed to approach the General Assembly to determine whether the vacant stipends could not be employed for the training-up and education of young ones for the ministry. Presumably as a result of this application an Act of Parliament was passed on 23rd July 1644, authorising the employment of the vacant stipends 'for trayneing up of youthes that have the Irishe tongue in schooles and colledges,' but before advantage could be taken of the concession the affairs of the province were thrown into confusion by Montrose's invasion. Parliament made substantial grants towards the losses incurred through these depredations, supplemented by a voluntary contribution organised by the Commission of the General Assembly for 'the distressed people in Argyll,' and particularly for the Presbyteries of Cowal, Inveraray and Lorn. On 18th March 1647 the Commission drew up regulations for the 'faithfull distribution' of this fund, and appointed a committee of ministers and elders from these three presbyteries to see them duly carried into effect.² The minutes of the meeting of this committee, held on 21st December 1648, are embodied in the Synod record, and they show, with the

¹ In this and the following paragraphs I have made use of material contained in articles on Education in Argyll, on the translations of the Catechism, the Psalms and the Old Testament, and on the two Synods held in Iona, which I contributed to the *Glasgow Herald* in 1927-29.

² *General Assembly Commission Records*, i. 219-222.

eventual approbation of the General Assembly, a sum of 11,000 marks set aside 'to be the beginning of a foundation to nyne paroachiall schooles and the gramer schoole at Inveraray.' The nine parochial schools were fixed in the parishes of Kilmodan, Kilfinan, Lochgoilhead, Glassary, Knapdale, Kilchrenan, Ardochattan, Kilmore and Lismore, and other schools mentioned in the minutes include those at Campbeltown, Kilberry, Kilmartin, Iona, Morvern and Duntuilin.¹ Provision had been made for Dunoon at an earlier date, Charles I having, in 1641, with the sanction of Parliament, made provision for a schoolmaster's salary out of the teinds of the bishopric of Argyll.

In 1648 the General Assembly had concerned itself with the education of selected boys from the province of Argyll, and the Synod on their instructions chose out forty 'of the most able spirits.' Four of the forty, in the opinion of a Committee of the Assembly, were ready for the university,

¹ The subsequent history of the 11,000 marks so generously allocated for the advancement of education is little to the credit of certain of the Argyllshire gentry. Donald Cameron, the sheriff clerk, who acted as the Synod's agent, had no difficulty in getting the money lent out on what appeared to be reasonably good security, but in drawing up the bonds he omitted to state that the interest should be payable to any particular person. Sir Dugald Campbell of Auchinbreck, who held the bonds for the 3000 marks allocated to the schools of Glassary, Knapdale and Kilchrenan, took advantage of this omission and refused to pay any interest at all. His son, Sir James, secure in the knowledge that the bonds had never been registered and that they had probably been destroyed in the troubles of the century, improved on his father's example by declining to repay the principal, but eventually offered to mortify 2000 marks for behoof of the Presbytery of Inveraray, in place of the 3000 marks which, as he said, the Synod pretended that he owed them. The Synod, having taken 'the opinion of the King's Advocate and other advocates,' found that there was nothing for it but to accept Auchinbreck's offer, and accordingly in 1697 they reduced the bonds for Knapdale and Kilchrenan to 500 marks each. The Kilchrenan allocation, as appears from an entry in Paton's *Clan Campbell*, was still intact in 1774. There are a number of references in the Synod minutes to payments of interest being long overdue, the most glaring case after Auchinbreck's being that of Robert Stewart of Appin, who was reported in 1731 as having paid no interest on the 1000 marks for Lismore for twenty-six years immediately preceding that date.

and it was agreed that the remainder should be boarded in Glasgow to be educated there, the Assembly fearing that if they were dispersed to various schools throughout the country, as had been originally suggested, they would lose their Gaelic, 'and so the Assembly should fail of their purpose of making them usefull for the Hiellands.'¹ Every congregation in Scotland, with the exception of those in the Synods of Ross, Moray and Caithness, was required to contribute towards their support, but the funds came in very slowly, and in December 1649 the Commission of Assembly reported that they had heard from their brethren in Glasgow 'that the Hielland boyes, educat there at the schooles, are like to be forced to leave the schooles, though some of them make good proficiency, and are of verie hopefull expectation, the cause whereof is the not cuming in of the moneyes allowed by the Generall Assembly to be collected for their maintenance.'² From a reference in the Synod minutes of May 1650 it is clear that the boys must still have been in Glasgow at that date, but they were probably withdrawn shortly afterwards, as in April 1651 arrangements are noted for maintaining seven boys at Inveraray, five of whom are included among those previously on record as to be maintained at schools in accordance with the Assembly's scheme. From 1651 until the Restoration allowances were regularly granted for attendance at Inveraray, the usual amount being a hundred marks. This allocation was continued when the Synod was re-established after the Revolution, the scheme of bursaries drawn up in 1690 allowing £180 Scots to each student of divinity, £120 Scots to each student of philosophy and £66, 13s. 4d. Scots to each 'grammarian.'

After the Restoration the cause of education in Argyll

¹ Peterkin's *Records of the Kirk of Scotland*, p. 510.

² *General Assembly Commission Records*, ii. 337.

was crippled by the appropriation of the vacant stipends for 'the supply and maintenance and towards the reparation of the sufferings and losses' of certain Episcopalian ministers.¹ A special Act of Parliament was necessary to secure for the 'poore schoolers having the Yrish language' the allowances for the year 1661 granted to them by the Synod in November 1660, the Synod's bursars, who are all named in the Act, representing that 'they, for want of what has been allowed to them, are not only in hazard to be imprisoned for their bygone buirdeings yet resting, bot also to quyte their studie for the future.'² Further legislation was necessary in 1663³ to make provision for allowances to fourteen 'expectants' and fourteen 'scholars' belonging to the province, but there were apparently no further allocations, and it was not till 1690 that the vacant stipends were again freely applied to the purposes authorised by the Act of 1644.

Having laid the foundations of an education system the Synod then set themselves to the creation of a Gaelic religious literature. The greater part of the Synod's activities in this direction fall outwith the present volume, but they eventually comprised a Gaelic translation of the Shorter Catechism (1653), a Gaelic metrical version of the Psalms (first fifty 1659, complete edition 1694) and a translation of the Old Testament, possibly of the whole Bible, which failed to secure the permanence of print and the manuscript of which has now probably disappeared. The leading support for this literary enterprise was Dugald Campbell, the minister of Knapdale, who received staunch assistance from his like-minded minister sons, Duncan and Patrick.

The work of reformation, as the seventeenth-century

¹ *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vii. 19.

² *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vii. 130-131.

³ *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vii. 478.

Presbyterians understood it, and as many others have seen it since, demanded not only the fostering of the new conceptions of religion, but also the effective overthrow of all opposing influences which might adversely affect their natural development. Chief among these were the superstitious rites and usages handed down from a remote past, which were, in part at least, relics of the old heathen worship. Nowadays, when their interest is largely antiquarian, the references in the Synod minutes, such as those to sun-worship in Craignish and to the coronach, 'a thing unsemely to be used in any true Christian Kirk,' may awaken in some minds a keen regret that they should have been so resolutely suppressed. The defence of the Synod is that given by Hugh Miller, in his *Scenes and Legends*, in vindicating Presbyterians of the North for their overthrow of similar beliefs and practices: 'they did battle with them both in themselves and the people around, and found the contest too serious an affair to be laughed at. . . . Superstition, so long as it was living superstition, they deemed, like the live tiger in its native woods, a formidable, mischievous thing, fit only to be destroyed.'¹ To the most malignant of these superstitions, those associated with witchcraft, there is fortunately little reference, but there can be no doubt that, in a community so self-contained as a seventeenth-century landward parish, in which the development was probably more emotional than intellectual, these superstitions were capable of exercising a particularly evil influence.

In the catalogue of things overthrown in the course of the reformation the opponents of the Presbyterians have been anxious to obtain the inclusion of the crosses in Iona to the number of three hundred and sixty, and of the library there with its store of manuscripts, both alleged

¹ Miller's *Scenes and Legends*, ch. i. p. 8.

to have been destroyed by order of the Synod. The story, which Reeves and Laing regarded with incredulity, first appeared in print in 1702 and has been revived at intervals during the last two centuries. If crosses in Iona or elsewhere had been an object of such superstitious reverence as to be an obstacle to the preaching of the gospel, the Synod would have considered themselves amply justified in giving orders to the Presbytery responsible to carry out the duties with regard to the removal of 'idoltrous monuments' prescribed by civil and ecclesiastical law,¹ and if these orders had in fact been given, the Synod would have recorded them with the same precision as their recommendations for the filling up of the wishing well at Loch Long, or for the suppression of 'yuill,' 'pasch' and the other reputed holy days. With regard to the alleged destruction of manuscripts, the Synod's labours on behalf of learning and literature should be sufficient to absolve them from this charge. If there were manuscripts in existence in Iona at this period, it would be possible to account for their disappearance by the neglect of the buildings in which they were housed, and there are indications towards the end of the second section of the Synod record that the ecclesiastical buildings in Iona were being dilapidated owing to the Marquis of Argyll and Maclean of Lochbuie, who were intromitting with the funds from which they were due to be maintained, failing to make adequate provision for their preservation.

Other matters of historical interest to which reference is made in these pages include the signing of the Covenant, the unrest among the Macleans in Mull in 1642, the Royalist invasion of Argyll in 1644-7, when the Synod's courageous policy of excommunicating the Highland ringleaders was fully justified by results, and the support given to the

¹ *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, v. 351.

Engagement in the Island of Arran. The references to the Covenant confirm the information available elsewhere that, when the flow of voluntary subscriptions had ceased, further support was obtained in circumstances which made the Covenant almost the equivalent of a National Service Act, a position indefensible on religious grounds, though having much to recommend it politically. It brought into the ranks of the Covenant a number of half-hearted supporters from whose inclusion the army of the Covenant could not fail to be a source of bewilderment to those who sincerely felt that the Lord's battle should be fought by the Lord's people, and contributed to the disillusionment evident here and elsewhere in the reasons advanced by the Covenanters by their public fasts.

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13th November 1942.

FOLLOWETH THE JUST COPY OF THE
OLD SYNOD BOOK BEING FROM APRILE
1639 TO OCTOBER 1651.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE
THE TWENTY-FOUR OF APRILE 1639.¹

SESSION 1.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling upon God for a blessing to the meeting by the former moderator the assembly proceeded to chuse a moderator, and having listed Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Nicoll Mc Calman, Mr Ewan Cameron and Mr Donald Mc Ivory, Mr Ewan Cameron by plurality of voices was chosen moderator.

Thereafter they proceeded in choosing of a clerk and by common consent Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinnan, was elected for this dyett.

The members of the assembly being constitute, the Catalogue of the several presbetries, ministers and elders, was called, and absents remarked in manner following :—

Presbytery of Dunoon : Mr Ewan Cameron, Minister at Dunoon ; James Lamont of Inerine, Elder ; Mr Ja^s Campbell, Minister at Kilfinnan ; Duncan Campbell of Eynochan, Elder ; Mr Pat Stewart, Minister at Rothsay ; Mr Don^d Mc Cloy, Minister at Kilmodan ; Arch^d Campbell of Gildalvan,² Elder ; Mr Ar^d Mc Lachlan, Minister at Lochguilshead ; Joⁿ Campbell of Drumsyne, Elder ; Ewan Mc Lain, Minister at Innerchylane ; Lachⁿ Mc Lachlan of Lepenmore, Elder.

¹ The first meeting of the Synod was appointed by the Glasgow Assembly of 1638 to be held at Inveraray on the fourth Tuesday of April 1639.

² *sic* for Kildalvan. There is a similar variation in the minutes in the initial letter of Kilespickerill.

The Presbytery of Inverary: Mr Donald Mc Ivory, Minister at Inverary; George Campbell, Sherriff Clerk, Elder; Mr Dugald Campbell, Minister at Knapdale; His Ruling Elder absent; Mr Ar^d Mc Callum, Minister at Kilmichael in Glassery; Mr Dugald Campbell of Loy,¹ Elder; Mr Neill Cameron, Minister at Dysart²; John Campbell, fiar of Glenshelloch, Elder; Mr Neill Malcum, Minister of Aichell³; Donald Mc Lachlan of Inshanell,⁴ Elder; Mr Colin Campbell, Minister at Craignish; His Ruling Elder absent; Mr Don^d Campbell, Minister of Kilmartin; Mr Dun Campbell of Duntroom, Elder.

The Presbytery of Kinloch: Mr Murd: Mc Warry, Minister at Saddal; His Ruling Elder absent; Mr Don^d Omev, Minister at Lochhead⁵; His Ruling Elder absent; Dunc: Omev, Minister at Kilcolmkill; Malcolm Mc Osenog, Minister at Kilchevan; Mr John Knox, Minister at Kilbryde in Arran; Mr James Mc Kirdy, Minister at Kilmory in Arran; Mr John Darroch, Minister at Jura; Mr Ar^d Mc Alistar, Minister at Killarow in Ilay; Mar: Mc Lachlan, Minister at Kildaltan in Ilay.

Presbytery of Kilmore: Mr Nicol Mc Calman, Minister at Kilmore; Ar^d Campbell of Lareg, Elder; Mr John Mac-lachlan, Minister at Sela; John Mc Dougald of Baran, Elder; Mr Patrick Mc Lachlan, Minister at Melfort; Hew Mc Dougall of Corpach,⁶ Elder; Mr John Mc Ivory, Minister at Ardchattan; John Campbell of Ardchattan, Elder; Mr Duncan Mc Calman, Minister at Lesmore; Mr Hector Mc Lain, Minister at Morvain; His Ruling Elder absent; Mr Martain Mc Olvra, Minister at ; His Elder absent; Mr Ferg^d Fraser, Minister at Eoribus⁷; His Ruling Elder absent.

¹ sic for Lag.

² i.e. Clachan Dysart (Dalmally).

³ Obviously an error in transcription for Lochow.

⁴ sic for Inshconell.

⁵ i.e. Campbeltown. Three lines previous and elsewhere in the minutes the Gaelic form Kinloch is used.

⁶ Corpach is probably an error in transcription for Knipoch.

⁷ sic for Sorobie (Tiree).

Tryall being taken of the lifes and conversations of the brethren of each presbetry severally and in their dilligence in executing of the duties of their spiritual charges and function, approbation and disallowance following thereupon according to their demerits, their¹ specialities following was animadverted unto as is aftermentioned.

Mr Neill Mc Callum,² minister at Lochow, having confessed that upon the Bishops warrand he did marry Malcolm Mc Iain voy upon Mc Ellar, spouse formerly to _____, she not being lawfully divorced from her former husband, The said Mr Neill, notwithstanding that the deed was done in time of Episcopal government, yet for satisfaction of the minds of those who have been scandalized and prejudged, therefore it is appointed that the said Mr Neill shall make his repentance publickly in his own parish church the first Sunday of May, and that in presence of the whole congregation, to give evidence of his inward grieff for the foresaid marriage, And to this effect Mr John Mc Lachlan, minister at Sela, is ordained to preach the foresaid day to accept of the said Mr Neill's repentance after sermon, till the which time the said Mr Neill is suspended from executing any part of the spiritual charge of the ministry, And ordains the said Mr Neill to summond the said married pair before _____ and referrs to the presbetry³

Anent the unlawfull marriage and the marriage without proclamation of banes alledged to be made by Mr Donald Campbell, minister at Kilmartine, The said Mr Donald is appointed to bring with him the bill of divorcement past in favours of the married pairties for adultery, and produce the same before the presbetry of Inverary the last Wednesday of _____

¹ sic for thir.

² The minister of Lochow appears in the sederunt of this meeting and elsewhere in the minutes as Neill Malcolm. The Poltalloch family, now Malcolms, appear regularly on record as Mac Callums until the middle of the eighteenth century. Zachary Mac Callum of Poltalloch, the son of the minister of Glassary mentioned above, had a feu charter from the Earl of Argyll, dated 30th November 1667, in favour of himself 'and his heirs male of the Clanchallum.'—*Argyll Sasines*, vol. ii. p. 450.

³ The words omitted are marked in the eighteenth-century transcript as illegible.

May, and to summon all parties having interest to compare the said day and place, Referring unto the said presbetry to take tryall with the matter and to report their dilligence at the next provinciall assembly.

SESS. 2.

In regard of the many evils and unconveniences that comes to pass through the marriage of divorced parties, and that indifferently without consideration of guilty or innocent, which has oppened a way to men upon any discontentment to seek divorcement and for the more easy obtaining of the samen willfully throw themselves in the snares of Satan by committing adultery, being confident that both it will be a cause of separation from their lawfull yokefellow, and that thereafter they will get marriage with what partie they please, Seeing that the nocent is as well licensed to flee to the second marriage as the guiltless, For remeid whereof in time coming it is ordained that no minister mary any person upon divorcement till the divorcement be presented to be tried before the provinciall assembly.

Because that upon the often complaints given in against Mr Duncan Mc Calman for none residence at his charge and kirk of Lesmore, the brethren has conceived such a jealousy that they can be hardly induced to believe him to be a residenter, seeing his wife resorts oft times to Sownairt, for removal of this their jealousie of his own free accord he has inacted himself that he shall make his residence and dwelling at his said charge and noways resort thence in prejudice of his calling under the pain of deposition ipso facto.¹

Seeing that Alexander Glass has been married upon Annas Logan by Mr James Maxwell, substitute to Mr Patrick Stewart, minister at Rothsay, without proclamation of banns and testimonial from Mr Don^d 2 Cameron, minister at

¹ 'Anent none residents: It is thought necessary that every minister be obliged to reside in his own parochin at his ordinarie manse, for the better attending of the duties of his calling, conforme to the Acts of Assemblies. . . .—Peterkin, *Records of the Kirk of Scotland*, p. 34 (December 17th-18th, 1638).

² *sic* for Ewen.

Dunnoon, where they were parishioners and fornicators before their marriage, Therefore the said Mr Patrick is ordained to send them back that they may give obedience to the injunction of the session of Dunnoon.

SESS. 3.

In respect of the distance of our bounds and the difficulty of the way that we cannot have our presbeterial meetings so frequent and commodious as in other parts of this kingdom, Therefore it was determined and concluded that it should suffice to keep monthly presbetries, and that the first Wednesday of ilk month should be the day of meeting, and this course to hold from the first Wednesday of Aprile untill the first Wednesday of October yearly, only one presbetry to be kept from October to Aprile which is condescended upon to be the last Wednesday of January and the first Wednesday of Aprile, July, October with the winter meeting which is estimate for handling controverted heads, But, because that by reason of some extraordinary exigencies falling out this year our first meeting has been continued till the last Wednesday of May, it is thought meet that we should keep for this ilk last Wednesday of every month.¹

In consideration of the manifold ferries the minister of the Isles has to cross in the coming to Kilmore and to keep presbyterial meetings, and it may fall oftentimes that he be stormstayed both in the coming and returning, They are licensed only to keep the presbyterial meeting in June and August by and attour the two provincially assemblies.

It is appointed that every minister shall have a session

¹ The transcript is obviously corrupt. According to the Act of the General Assembly of 1638 the Presbyteries should have met weekly from April to September inclusive, and fortnightly for the remainder of the year, and should have handled controverted heads once a month (see Peterkin's *Records*, p. 34). What the Synod appear to have decided is that Presbytery meetings should be held on the first Wednesdays of April, May, June, July, August, September and October, and on the last Wednesday of January, handling controverted heads at their April, July, October and January meetings. The only Presbytery records extant within the province for 1639-40 are those for Dunnoon, and they show that even this restricted programme of meetings was not adhered to.

book which shall be yearly presented before the presbetry, and that the last presbetry day immediately proceeding the said provincially assembly, And the presbetrys shall give their allowance or improbation as shall be thought fitt and expedient, And the presbetries themselves shall present their presbyterial books before the provincially assembly.

Because the Act giving power to presbetries anent the tryall, deposition and admission of ministers, both in the Acts of General Assemblies and books of discipline, contains a special clause that the presbetry having such power shall be well constitute and consist of a just number, And that there are several kirks of our presbetries which are not yet planted, And that our presbetries as yet consist but of a few number of ministers, Therefore and for sundry other respects that power foresaid is thought fitt to be restricted to the provincially only till furder advice and our presbetries, being well constitute, think meet to rescind the same, But this always not to be prejudiciall to the liberty of our presbetries when with common consent the province recalls it.

It is ordained that ilk minister within the province be ready and prepared to preach at ilk provincially assembly.

SESS. 4.

It is ordained that ilk minister within the province pay out of the kirk penalties the sum of ten marks money yearly at Martinmas for sustaining of young students, beginning at Martinmas next, which they shall pay to the moderator of every presbetry.

It is provided that the payment of school fees of Kilmichael in Glassery this year shall not be prejudiciall to any foundation of schools that bees erected at Inverary in time coming.

In case that an army be directed to the Borders it is voted that Mr Dougald Campbell shall go as minister to the company.

4. Mr James Campbell is appointed to go to Kintyre and to remain and preach to Auchinbreck's Company there for the space of three weeks beginning the nineteenth day of May next, and Mr Archibald Mc Callum is appointed to succeed him, and Mr Neill Cameron to succeed Mr Arch^d, and Mr

John Mc Ivory to succeed Mr Neill, every one of them to serve three weeks.

5. *Mr Ewan Cameron, moderator, is appointed to send for the books of discipline, Acts of the General Assembly and all whatsoever disputes, writings, proclamations, protestations that has been sett out and printed in defence of the general good cause of reformation in this land, and that proportionable to the number of our brethren.*

6. *Refers to the presbetry of Lorn to try the non-covenanters within their bounds.*

SESS. 5.

In regard that Mr Neill Campbell of Ederlinc, sometime pretended Bishop of the Isles, by reason of his heavy sickness was not able to repair to this provincially assembly, Therefore there is a commission given to Mr Donald Mc Ivory, Mr Nicol Mc Calman, ministers, Mr Dugald Campbell of Laig and Donald Mc Lachlan of Inchconnil, ruling elders, to go to the said Mr Neill and represent unto him the proceedings of the last general assembly holden at Glasgow, requiring his declaration anent his willingness to submit himself to our censure and decernitor, And for clearing of all doubts and removal of all scruples and certifying them of his true and honest meaning to desire that [he] testify the samen by his subscription and hand write to the Covenant and Confession of Faith with this prefixt, according to the declaration and explanation of the last general assembly holden at Glasgow anno 1639,¹ And also that they get an note under his hand promising obedience to whatsoever other things appointed by

¹ This should read 1638. See Peterkin's *Records*, p. 40 (20th December 1638): 'The Assembly . . . ordaineth that all Ministers, Masters of Universities, Colledges and Schooles and all others who have not already subscribed the said Confession and Covenant shall subscribe the same with these words prefixed to the subscription, viz., The article of this Covenant which was at the first subscription referred to the determination of the General Assembly being now determined at Glasgow in December 1638, and thereby the five articles of Perth and the government of the Kirk by bishops being declared to be abjured and removed, the civill places and power of kirk-men declared to be unlawfull, We subscribe according to the determination of the said free and lawfull General Assembly holden at Glasgow.'

the general assembly as shall be required, And failzing of his giving of obedience there is commission given to them to make intimation to him that the provincially assembly has reserved to the presbetry of Inverary to proceed against him in censure as they shall find themselves warranded by the Acts of the General Assembly, And that the commission declare their dilligence and his answer at Inverary the next presbetry day.

2. *It is recommended to ilk minister within the province not only to be carefull in exercising private exercises of devotion in his own family by prayer morning and evening, reading the Scriptures, and after meals catechising these of the household upon the grounds of religion, but also exhort every honest man within the parish, especially those that can read or has one in the house that can read, to do the like.*

3. *The assembly refers the trying of the superstition anent the Idole Cuirelan to Mr John Mc Ivory, Mr Duncan Mc Calman and John Campbell of Ardchattan and such others as they shall think fitt and requisite to joyn to themselves, and to report their dilligence to the next provincially assembly.¹*

4. *Refers the particular grievances given by the brethren to their several presbetries, and the ministers to warn trespassors to compear before the said presbetries.*

After recommendation of the brethren and their labour to the blessing of God the assembly dissolved.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE HOLDEN AT INVERARY THE 7TH OF MAY 1640.

After sermon had to the assembly and calling upon God for a blessing to the proceedings of the meeting by the former moderator the assembly proceeded in choosing a new moderator, and having listed Mr Dugald Campbell, minister at Knapdale, Mr Donald Mc Ivory and Mr Ewan Cameron,

¹ 'The Idole Cuirelan.'—This probably refers to some superstitious observances at Craigchurelan, which is situated in the parish of Lismore and Appin near the boundary with Ardchattan. A curious burial rite is associated with the churchyard at Craigchurelan, the coffin being carried up the hillside on a wooden bier which was broken on a holly tree after the interment. See Macfarlane's *Geographical Collections*, ii. 154, for a reference nearly contemporary with the above.

Mr Dougald Campbell by plurality of voices was chosen moderator for the time.

After this they proceeded in chusing of a new clerk, and by common consent Mr Archibald Mc Callum, minister of Kilmichael in Glassery, was elected clerk for this dyett.

These being thus constitute, the catalogue of the whole ministers and elders was called and the absents remarked as follows :—

Presbytery of Dunnoon : Mr Ar^d 1 Cameron, Minister at Dunoon ; Robert Campbell of Kilmun, Elder ; Mr Ja^s Campbell, Minister at Kilfinnan ; Alex^r Stewart of Auchin-skiach, Elder ; Mr Donald Mc Cloy, Minister at Kilmoden ; Duncan Mc Gibbon of Achingarion, Elder ; Mr Patrick Stewart, Minister at Rothsay, absent ; Mr Ar^d Mc Lachlan, Minister at Lochguilshead, absent ; Ewan Maclain, Minister at Innerchelan ; Lachlan Mc Lachlan of Lepenmore, Elder.

Presbytery of Argyle : Mr Donald Mc Ivory, Minister at Inverary ; Arch^d Earl of Argyle, Elder ; Mr Neill Cameron, Minister at Dysart ; John Campbell, Fiar of Glenshelloch ; Mr Dugald Campbell, Minister at Knapdale ; Hector Macneill of Taynish ; Mr Ar^d Mc Callum, Minister at Kilmichael in Glassry ; John Mc Lachlan, Carnasrie ; Mr Don^d Campbell, Minister at Kilmartin ; His Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Neill Mc Callum, Minister at Lochow ; His Ruling Elder absent ; Mr. Col: Campbell, Minister at Craignish.

Presbytery of Kintyre : Mr Murdoch Mc Currie, Minister at Saddal ; Don^d Mc Kecharn, in Killarow ; Dunc: Omey, Minister at Kilcolmkill ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr John Darroch, Minister at Jura ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Ar^d Mc Alester, Minister at Killarow in Ilay ; Martain Mc Lachlan, Minister at Kildaltan in Ilay ; Mr John Knox, Minister at Kilbryde in Arran ; Ja^s Mc kurdy, Minister at Kilmory in Arran.

Presbytery of Kilmore : Mr Nicol Mc Calman, Minister

¹ sic for Ewen.

at Kilmore ; Mr John Mc Ivory, Minister at Killespickerral ; Mr Dun: Mc Calman, Minister at Lesmore ; Mr Dun: Mc Calmam, Minister at Ardnamurchan ; Mr Hector Mc Lain, Minister at Morven ; Mr John Mc Lachlan, Minister at Sela ; Mr Patrick Mc Lachlan, Minister at Melfort ; Mr Ferg^d Fraser, Minister at Sorbe ; Mr Martain Mc Ilvra, Minister at

SESS. 2.

Tryall being taken of the lives and conversation of the brethren of each presbetry severally and in their duty in executing of their spiritual charge, approbation or disallowance following thereupon according to their demerits, thir specialities following were animadverted into as is after mentioned.

Gibbon Mackellar who is an notorious adulterer is referred to the presbetry of Dunoon to be censured by them.

It is recommended to ilk minister and their sessions to take special notice of such as breaks the Sabbath day, whether it be by their neglect of resorting to the place of publick worship or by profaning the same by bodily labour or bargaining or merchandize, and to proceed against them conform to the Acts of the General Assembly.

Mr Donald Campbell, minister of Kilmertin, is ordained to give satisfaction to Mr Thomas Young, schoollmaster in Kilmichael in Glassery, of that portion that was payable to the said Mr Thomas of his provision by him, and that within fifteen days after the date hereof, wherein if he failzie refers to the presbytery of Inverary to see order taken for the said Mr Thomas his satisfaction, and that they fail not herein because he is poor.

Mary Mc Ilglass her grievance against Dougald Mc agheill her husband for his adultery and desertion of her refered to the judge competent, it not being proper to this seat to take course thereinto.

George Ocaan, being dclated both for retaining of ane whore in continual cohabitation with him as also of some contemptible and slightfull words which escaped him against preachers and blasphemous expressions against preaching itself, is referred

to be proceeded against by the presbetry of Dunoon to the extremest censure of the kirk in case of his obstinacy.

Because the town of Inverary is most centrally situated relatively unto the rest of the bounds of the province, and therefore it is meetest for the instruction of the youth within the same that a grammar schooll be erected thereat, seeing all that are desirous of learning may most commodiously resort thereto, and that there is no present maintenance and provision for the same, Therefore the brethren of the meeting have condescended, all in an mutuall voice and consent, That ilk brother shall pay ten marks yearly to be a provision to a schoolmaster to take care and charge of the instruction of the youth there, and the said ten marks to be by equal proportion payable at the dyetts of the two yearly provinciall assemblies, and the first payment to be at the next provinciall and the same to be out of the readiest of the penalties of their parishes, To which the whole ruling elders present for the time have given their consent and approbatione, and this to stand for a constant maintenance to the said school master untill with the like universall consent the whole province rescind the samine, or that there be a way found out of the bishops teynds and rents to procure a constant provision for the same.

Notwithstanding of the formerly mentioned schoole fore the use of the whole province, it is thought expedient that, according unto the overture of the generall assembly,¹ their be care taken for erecting of schooles in other considerable places within the province, among whilk are esteemed to be the presbyterie scates, and therefore that at the least a schoole be in ilk presbetry seate, and ten marks to be allotted to the maintenance of the same by ilk minister within the presbytery out of his own propper stipend with this caution, That seing the schoole of Inneraray, to which maintenance is afforded by all the paroaches within the province, holds at the presbyterie seat, that the other schoole agreed upon be erected at the next most consider-

¹ The reference is to the overture of the Committee of Assembly approved on 17th or 18th December 1638, 'anent the planting of schools in landward.'—Peterkin's *Records*, p. 34.

able pairt within that presbyterie, and the forementioned ten marks to be payed by ilk minister within that presbyterie to the master haveing the charge thereof.

SESS. 3.

Seeing in consideration of the largenes of the bounds of the paroaches in the highlands, without sufficient maintenance there could be no man formerly found to undertake the charge and burden of being ane kirk officer and bedell, and therefore that heretofore for the better maintenance it hes beine ane ancient custome that every kirk officer was in use of being payed of a halfe firlet of meall of everie four horse ploughgang of land, halfe a mark out of every mareage, halfe a mark of every buriall, and fourtie pennies of every baptisme, And that the people for the most pairt now are refractory to make thankfull payment according to use and wont, Therefore it is ordained that the moderator represent the same to the Earle of Argyll, to the end that he may give charge and warrand to his bailzies and officers within his bounds to cause every tennent make thankfull payment to the kirk officers of the said accustomed fiall.

The assembly considering that sundery gentlemen and heritors exacts as a pairt of their duty payable to them some festivall dyets of great cheare with solemnity, such as is Yuill, Pasch, Fastings Evene and such memorials of the old supperstitious apprehension and conceit of holy dayes that men formerly did maintaine, Therefore it is ordained that no such custome be used under the paine of the censure of the church respective exactor or tennant payer, And also under the lyke paine that none presume to go from their own houses to mutuall feasting, or to any publict place, or keep any such solemnitie in their own privat houses on the foresaids days, being against our oath and nationall covenant subscribit and sworne by this whole kirk and kingdome.

The act taken at the instance of Catrine nine ve Ivir *alias* Campbell spouse to Duncan me olvory in Garvach before the moderator of the presbyterie of Inneraray and

his assessors the brethren their conveyed for the tyme, the assembly haveing seen and considered it, was ratified and approven, and the matter referred to the comissar as judge competent.

In regard that usually women guilty of fornication and adultery doth thrust themselves in the service of gentlemen either to be their nurses or for some other employment, thinking thereby to be sheltered from the censure of the church, It is therefor appoynted that none such be accepted or received by any person of whatsoever degree to be nurse to their children or in any other employment or service whill they produce ane testificat from the minister and session where they were faulters that they made repentance and gave satisfaction in all poynts to the kirks injunctions.

Forsameekle that often it comes to passe that corpse are brought to the churchyard before the minister knew either of their sickness or death, Therefore every minister is appoynted immediatly after their return from this meeting to desyre their people publictly after sermon to advertise them when ever any of them shall happine to fall sick, at least within three dayes if their sicknes be lyke to continue, that he may go visit them.

It is ordained that Mr Dougald Campbell and Mr Ar^d mc Callum shall go in company with the people of Argyle who are to go upon the expedition to the North, and in lyke manner Mr James Campbell and Mr Ewen Camerone to go with the men of Cowall, and Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan and Mr Joⁿ mc olvory with the men of Lorne, and Mr Murdoch mc Currie and Marteine mc Lachlan with the men of Kentyre, Gigha, Jura, Ila, Colonsa, and Mr Marteen mc Ilvra with such as come out of Mull and the adjacent yles.

SESS. 4.

The assembly haveing gotten intelligence that there was a meeting amongst Sir Lachlan mc Claines freinds where was, as they were informed, some conclusions agreed upon contrair to the Covenant and the band of mutuall assist-

ance, thought it their dutie to take tryall thereinto that they might give tymouse advertisement to such as have power to take order with the lyke proceedings, And therefore the assembly called upon mc allan vc Eeine, who was their present with them, who declared and deponed in manner afterspecificit, That on Moonday the 4th of May the Lady mc Laine, accompanied with Lachlan Barrach and Allan Mc Laines, uncles to Sir Lachlan mc Laine of Dowairt, John Garve mc Laine and certaine others of the said Sir Lachlan his kinn and tennents conveyed at Bonessan in Rosse in Mull, were exacting mutuall oathes one to another to run one course together ay and whill Sir Lachlan mc Laine be liberat from ward, and requyred the deponer and his brother, Mr Hew mc laine, to give their oathes to follow them in whatsoever course they were about to take, Wherunto his brother and he answereing that they were covenanters and so could not give such ane oath unlesse they knew the particulars wherunto their oath was craved, upon the whilk refuseall they both were presently apprehended, and kepted to be laid fast in stockes that were prepareing for them, And that the same night by the good providence of God the said deponer escaped, but his brother Mr Hew was apprehended and warded in the Castle of Carnebollog, And furder declared that that same night he escaped there was the number of seventeine ky taken from him out of ane rowm of his own by those wicked people in revenge because they gott him not apprehended, And farder declared that the saids persons conveyed and the whole countrey intended to run a contrary course to the whole kingdom. Whilk being so declared the assembly recommended to the Earle of Argyll to represent the same unto the Comitee of Estates.

It is recommended to Hector mc Claine of Kengerloch to furnish ane ferrie boat at Kengerloch whereby his tennents and people may repaire ordinarily as they ought to the church of Kilmaluag in Lesmore.¹

¹ Kingairloch, which is geographically in the district of Ardnamurchan, was transferred from the parish of Lismore and Appin to the parish of

It is condescended that the first Thursday of October next shall be the dyett of the next provincially assembly to be held at Inneraray.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE AT
INNERARAY THE 1 OF OCTOBER 1640.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling of the name of God for a blessing to the meeting by the former moderator, the assembly proceeded in choosing a new moderator, and having leitted Mr Donald mc olvory, Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Duncan mc Calman and Mr Patrick Stewart, the said Mr Patrick by plurality of voices was chosen moderator.

Thereafter they proceeded in choosing of a cleark, and by common consent Mr Neill Cameron, minister at Dysart, is appoynted to be clerk for this dyett.

These being thus constitute, the catalogue of the severall presbyteries, ministers and elders, was called and absents remarked as followes :—

The Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewin Cameron, Minister at Dunoone ; Mr Patrick Stewart, Minister at Rothsay ; Mr James Campbell, Minister at Kilfinan ; Mr Do^d mc Cloy, Minister at Kilmodan ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Minister at Lochgoyle ; Ewin mc Laine, Minister at Innerchelan.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Donald mc olvory, Minister at Inneraray ; Mr Dugald Campbell, Minister of Knapdall ; Mr Archibald mc Callum, Minister at Kilmichael ; Mr Neill Cameron, Minister at Dysart ; Mr Donald Campbell, Minister at Kilmarteine ; Mr Neill mc Callum, Minister at Lochow ; Mr Coline Campbell, Minister at Caignais.

Kilmallie by the Boundary Commissioners set up under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889. By order of the Secretary of State the Argyllshire portion of Kilmallie was erected into a new parish of Ardgour as from 15th May 1895. The Kingairloch portion of Ardgour extends to 22,730 acres.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Murdoch mc Currie, Minister at Sadal ; Mr Ard mc Alister, Minister at Killorow ; Marteine mc Lachlan, Minister at Kildaltane, absent ; Duncan Omey, Minister at Kilcollumkill ; Mr Joⁿ Darroch, Minister in Jura ; Mr Joⁿ Knox, Minister at Kilbryd, absent ; James mc Kirdy, Minister at Kilmorie, absent.

Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Minister at Kilmore ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, Minister at Sela ; Mr Joⁿ mc olvory, Minister at Ardehattan ; Mr Patrick mc Lachlan, Minister at Melfort ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister at Lesmore ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister of Ardnamurchan ; Mr Hector mc Claine, Minister at Morverne ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer, Minister at Sorbe ; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra, Minister at .

Tryall being taken of the lyves and conversationes of the brethreen of each presbyterie severally and of their duties in executeing of their spirituall charge, approbation and dissallowance according to their demerits, then thir specialities followeing was animadverted into as is after mentioned.

The assembly considereing that many of the brethreen *absent themselves from the* provinciall meeting, and that upon very slight excuses, Therefore with one voice *they ordain* that the minister that absents himselfe twyse, one tyme after another immediatly, shall incurre the danger of suspension, if his excuse be not thought lawfull ; And if any absent themselves thryse, the assemblie judgeing it contumacy, that he shall incurre the danger of deposition.

Mr Patrick Stewart, minister at Rothesay, is injoynd by the assembly to send these transgressors and persons delinquent who are within his paroach, namely Alex^r Glasse and Isoball Logan and Dugald mc Cavish in Tavnish, back againe to Dunoone to Mr Ewin Cameron to satisfie the kirks injunctions their.

Mr Neill Campbell of Ederline, sometymes pretended bishope of the yles, haveing subscribit the Covenant and openly before the whole assembly abjured Episcopacy, he

was by the brethren declared capable of the ministeriall function, and so appoynted to preach the next presbyterie to be at Inneraray the first Wednesday of Januarie 1641, and in that preacheing to declare himselfe fully to the capacity of the people annent his opinion of the unlawfulness of Episcopacy, together with his greife and sorrow for embraseing such a calling, which is directly contrare to the word of God, and his approbation of presbyteriall government, as being onely consonant to the word of God.

SESS. 2.

Mr Patrick Stewart hes demitted both the title and benefice of the kirk of Kingarth in the yle of Boote in favors of Mr John Campbell.

Mr John Campbell, being fund qualified and able to exerce the function of the holy ministerie in respect of literature and of a spotles and blameles lyfe, is appoynted to give tryall of the Irish language upon the first Wednesday of November before the presbyterie of Dunoone, and upon the Sunday thereafter to go to the kirk of Kingarth accompanied with two or three of the brethren of the said presbyterie, and their in audience of the people of the paroach preach in Irish, and, upon the paroachiners approbation,¹ be admitted actuall minister to serve the cure of the said kirk.

Mr Donald mc olvorie, Mr Ewin Camerone and Mr Dugald Campbell as ministers, and with them Archibald Campbell of Kilmune and Hector mc Neill of Tayeneise as elders, are ordained to conferre with Mr Patrick Stewart annent the state of the kirks of Rothesay and Kingarth, and report their diligence to the assembly.

These were also desyred to conferre to ² Duncan Omey, minister at Kilcollumkill, annent the demission of the said kirk.

¹ The First Book of Discipline states that 'it appertaineth to the people, and to every severall congregation, to elect their minister.' This doctrine was reaffirmed in the Second Book of Discipline and in the overtures approved by the 1638 Assembly.

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It is referred to the presbyterie of Inneraray to condescend on the meitest place of the presbyteriall schoole to be holdin within the presbytery, seeing the schoole maintained by the province holds at Inneraray.

The assemblie referr to the presbyterie of Kilmore to visit the kirks of Mull, and their to take order with those that are refractory to discipline and good ordour, especially with Mr Joⁿ Campbell, and to report their diligence to the next assembly.

It is agreedd upon that the hundredth collected amongst the ministrie of the presbytery of Argyll to beare the charges of a commissioner to repair to the general assembly holdine at Aberdeen in July 1640 should be given to Mr Archibald mc Callum, who went their as commissioner.

SESS. 3.

It is lykewayes condescended that Mr John mc olvory, who went to Aberdeen as commissioner from the presbyterie of Kilmore, shall retaine from his brethren of the presbyterie of Kilmore fourscore pounds which he received from them for two commissioners, And, seeing the journey was farre and he onely went from the presbyterie, the assembly ordaines him to restore nothing back againe.

To remember that a letter be directed by the moderator to Mr Patrick mc lachlan desyreing him to send back one Malcolme mc Gown, who is residenter in his paroach as fugitive from Knapdall, to the said Knapdall to satisfie the kirks injunctions their.

Mr Ferqrd Frazer was desyred be his brethren in the assembly to admonish the rest of his brethren of the yles who are united to this province to satisfie and pay to Mr Nicoll mc Calman ane hundreth marks which fell them to pay of a contribution appoynted to be given to the said Mr Nicoll to beare his charges in goeing as commissioner to the generall assembly, whereunto he was chosen commissioner and directed by the kirk theirto.

It is thought expedient and therefore appoynted that the anno cropt dew to umquhill Mr Donald Omeys executors

should be equally divyded betwixt his relict and his children.

A letter to be directed to the Bailzie of Kentyre desyreing him and the *rest of the elders of the kirk of Kinloch* to give to Mr John Mc Cavish, expectant, who served that cure for a certaine tyme, fourtie pounds of the penalties of the said kirk, and to cause the relict of umquhill Mr Donald to give to the said Mr John twenty marks of the stipend.

SESS. 4.

It is appoynted with unanne consent of the whole assembly that Mr Do^d Campbell, minister at Kilmarteen, and Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Lesmore, shall go in company of the regiment that goes out of the shirrefdome of Argyll to England to attend them and preach to them untill the next provincial assembly.

It is recommended to every minister within the province to use all diligence in collecting the voluntary contribution for the common cause, and that they stryve to move and perswade their congregationnes thereto by chuseing such parcells of scripture as may conduce to that end.

Seeing Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Lesmore, is appoynted to go with the regiment that goes to England out of the shirrefdome of Argyle, and that he was appoynted one of the visitors for Mull, Therefore the assembly ordaines Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan to supplie his place in the visitation of the foirsaid yleand.

Duncan Omey, minister at Kilcollimkill, is ordaned to give satisfaction to the relict and children of umquhill Malcolm mc osenog of the anno cropt of Kilchivan in Kintyre.

The said Duncan Omey, finding that throw age and infirmitie he is unable to execute the function of the ministeriall calling, out of tendernesse of conscience least the people should want service hes voluntarily and freely resigned his office and benefice in the assemblies hands, reserveing to himselfe yearely all that the stipend will exceed fyve hundreth marks.

SESS. 5.

Mr Coline Campbell, minister at Craignais, is enjoined to make his residence continually both summer and winter at his kirk under the paine of any punishment that the assembly will think expedient to lay on him if he do the contrare.

It is condescended with consent of the Earle of Argyle, himself being present, That the old custome of freeing ministers relicts and executors of quots ¹ for confirmation of testaments shall continue, and the act made formerly thereannent stand in full force.

The first Thursday of May, being the 6 day thereof, anno 1641 the provincially assembly by commone consent is ordained to be holdin at Inneraray.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE
HOLDIN AT INNERARAY THE 6 OF MAY 1641.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling of the name of God for a blessing to the meeting by the former moderator, the assembly proceeded to choose ane new moderator, and haveing lited Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr James Campbell and Mr Ar^d mc Callum, the said Mr Ewin by plurality of voices was chosen moderator for the tyme.

Thereafter by common consent Mr Coline mc Lachlan, minister at Lochgoyle, was chosen clerk for that dyett.

The members of the assembly being thus constitute, the catalogue of the ministers and elders of the severall presbyteries was called and the absents marked in manner following :—

Presbyterie of Dunoone: Mr Ewine Cameron; Mr James Campbell; Mr Patrick Stewart; Mr Joⁿ Campbell; Mr Do^d mc Cloy; Mr Coline mc Lachlane; Ewin mc Laine.

¹ The usual 'quot' for confirmation of testaments had been fixed by Act of Sederunt at twelve pennies of every pound. The charge was cancelled by Parliament in 1641.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Do^d mc olvory absent ; Mr Archibald mc Callum ; Mr Do^d Campbell ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Mr Coline Campbell ; Mr Neill mc Callum absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Murdoch mc Currie ; Mr Dougald Darroch, Minister at Kilcalmanell ; Mr Ar^d mc Alister ; Marteine mc Lachlan ; Mr Joⁿ Darroch, Minister at Jura ; Mr Joⁿ Knox, Minister at Kilbryd in Aran ; James mc Kirdie, Minister at Kilmorye in Aran.

Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Minister at Kilmore ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister at Lesmore, absent ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister at Ardinmurchan ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Mr Patrick mc Lachlane ; Mr. Ar^d mc Calman, Minister at Ardehattan ; Mr Hector mc Laine ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer ; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra.

Tryall being taken of the lyves and conversations of the brethren of each presbyterie severally and in their dueties in executeing of their spirituall charge, approbation or disallowance following thereupon according to their demerits, then thir specialities following was animadverted, as is after mentioned.

Master Patrick Stewart, minister at Rothsay, haveing confessed that he did employ Mr James Maxwell two severall Sabbaths to preach at Rothesay, he being guiltie of fornication, and not haveing given satisfaction to the session of Rothesay or presbyterie of Dunoone, whilks both had him under processe, is adjudged to be the occasioner of the pollution of divyne worshipec and therefore esteemed unworthie, till he make his repentance, to exerce any part of the spirituall charge, and is suspended from his office till the first of Juine, at the whilk tyme Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, is enjoyned to preach then at his kirk and receive him upon the acknowledgement of his oversight.

SESS. 2.

Mr Patrick mc Lachlan, minister at Melfort, haveing confessed that he did celebrat the sacrament without

either preparation sermon or thanksgivinge afternoone, is suspended *ab officio et beneficio* for a moneth, *ab officio* till the first Sabbath of June, at the which tyme Mr Coline Campbell, minister at Craignais, is injoynd to preach at his kirk and to receive him, he givinge evidence of his repentance, And for equivalency of his suspension a *beneficio* it is modified to him to the quantitie of fourtie marks to be payed to the treasurer of the province, and if he exerce any spirituall function dureing his said suspension then deprivation to follow.

Seing that notwithstanding that the provinciall holdine at Inneraray in October last did referre unto the presbyterie of Inneraray to determine what place they thought most expedient to erect the presbyteriall schoole unto, yet that what throw negligence and what throw division among themselves there has been nothing concluded in that particulare, Therefore the provinciall meeting now has thought it expedient to take hold of the occasion to take away all difference from them, and to decerne Kil-michael in Glassery to be the fittest and most commodiouse place thereunto.

There is ordour given to the moderator of the presbyterie of Kilmore to remember that at the first presbyteriall dyatt course may be taken for sending back Callum dow me Gowan, fugitive from the paroach of Knapdaill, that he may give satisfaction to Mr Dougald Campbell, minister, and to his session there.

Ordour is given to the presbyterie of Dunoon to charge Duncan Campbell of Auchawulline to put away Margaret Henrie with whom he lyes in fornication, and in case of obstinacy to proceed against him with the censures of the kirk.

If any minister shall throw negligence omitt the choosing of a ruleing elder out of his session to repair either to presbyteriall or provinciall meeting, it being found that the absence of the elder is throw the ministers negligence in remembering the session of the election, the minister himselfe shall underly the penalty whilk the act enjoynes to the elder for his absence in case he had been elected.

SESS. 3.

Seing the kirks of Kilcollumkill and Kilblaen in Kintyre are now vacand throw the dimission of Duncan Omey, last minister their, and the assembly knowing the literature and qualifications of Mr Joⁿ Darroch has thought fitt to recommend him to the patron of the said kirks to grant him a presentation to the same.

Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, is elected and chosen to be treasurer and keeper of all fynes that shall fall to be exacted throw transgression of any of the acts of the provincially assembly.

Appoynts the next provincially assemblee to be at Inneraray the first Wednesday of October 1641.

After recommendation of the brethren and their labors to God by prayer, the meeting was dismissed.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
HOLDINE AT INNERARAY 7 OCTOBER 1641.

After ane sermon had to the brethren and incalling of the name of God for a blessing to their meeting by the former Moderator the assembly proceeded to choose a new Moderator, and haveing lited Mr Do^d mc olvory, Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Archibald mc Callum, the said Mr Dugald was chosen Moderator for the tyme, and by common consent election was made of Mr Archibald mc Callum to be clerk for this dyett.

These being thus constitute, the catalogue of the whole ministers and elders was called and absents remarked as followeth :—

The Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewine Camerone, Minister at Dunoone ; Mr Patrick Stewart, Minister at Rothsay ; Mr John Campbell, at Kingarth ; Mr James Campbell, at Kilfinan ; Mr Donald mc Cloy, at Kilmodan ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan, at Lochgoyle ; and Ewine mc Laine, Minister at Innerchelane.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Donald mc olvorie ; Mr

Dugald Campbell; Mr Neill Camerone; Mr Archibald mc Callum; Mr Do^d Campbell; Mr Coline Campbell; Mr Neill mc Callum.

Presbyterie of Kinloch: Mr Murdoch mc Currie; Mr Dugald Darroch; Mr Joⁿ Darroch; Mr Ar^d mc Alister; Marteine mc Lachlane; Mr Joⁿ Knox; James mc Kirdie, Minister.

Presbyterie of Kilmore: Mr Nicoll mc Calmane; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister at Lesmore; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister at Ardarmurchan; Mr Patrick mc Lachlan; Mr Hector mc Claine; Mr Ferqrd Frazer; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra.

Tryall being taken of the lyves and conversationnes of the brethren of each presbyterie severally and in their dueties in executeing of their spirituall charge and function, and nothing worthie of animadversion for the tyme.

The severall presbyteries being inquired of their diligence in the particulars referred to them by the last two provincials, it was fund that all references was punctually put in executionne.

In regard that sundrie of the ruleing elders did pretend for excuse of their absence from the provinciall assembly that they were not chosen nor elected be the session, neither that commission was given to them to propone, voice and decern in matters to be agitated in the said assembly, For remeed thereof in tyme comeing it is ordained that every ruleing elder shall give before the provinciall his commission subscribed be the clerk of the session, and in absence of the ruleing elder the minister to produce the same, whereby his true election may be known and he accordingly convicted, whilk if the minister do, the cause of the ruleing elders absence shall be imputed to himself.

SESS. 2.

It is ordained that no excuse of absence be received from any minister without the testificat of one or two of the elders of the paroach, directed with the ruleing elder that comes from that paroach to the provinciall.

The assembly after the sight of severall recommendations from the place wherein Mr Allan Clerk did live, haveing taken notice of his literature and qualification and finding [him] able for the ministry, and haveing also the desyre of the parishioners of Glenelg, The said Mr Allan was recommended to those brethrecn, Mr Nicoll ¹ mc Kinnoun, minister at Slete, and Mr Lachlane Frazer, minister at Bracadill, to admitt the said Mr Allan to the kirk of Glenelg according to the ordour prescrybed be the generall assembly hereannent.

It is ordained that the goodman of Achawulline and Margrat Henrie his concubine be processed, if he give not satisfaction to the kirks injunctions, both in puting the said Margrat away from him, and in giveing obedience to the sessions ordinance.

Because that Callum More mc Ilvaine hath been refractory to former injunctions in cohabiteing with a long tyme, contrarie to the word of God and the lawes of this kirk and kingdome, Therefore it is ordained that he be processed of new, and except he separat from her in all tyme comeing and give reall evidences of his repentance, and full satisfaction to the enjunctions of the kirk, then that the presbyterie proceed against him with excommunication.

It is ordained that Joⁿ mc Donochy vc Dowill, fornicator, be sent back be Mr Donald mc Cloy, minister at Kilmodan, to Mr Donald Campbell, minister at Kilmartine, out of whose paroach the said Joⁿ fled.

It is appoynted that John mc Keich be cited to compeare before the next assembly, unless he give satisfaction to the presbyterie of Kenloch, under the paine of the highest censure of the church.

SESS. 3.

It is appoynted be unanimous consent of the whole brethren and elders that Mr Archibald mc Callum, minister at Kilmichael in [Glassery], be transported thence to

¹ sic for Neill.

the kirk of Kinloch in Kintyre with this proviso That he be provyded in maintenance and other things as well as where he is, or rather bettir.

Because that Mr Joⁿ Darroch, minister at Kilcollumkill,¹ doth alledge that he received a testimoniall from Mr Neill mc Callum, minister at Lochow, annent the mareage of Duncan mc Ronald Brydach, which testimoniall the said Mr Neill denyes, It is ordained that the said Mr Joⁿ shall produce the testificat at the next provinciall.

Because the inhabitants of the yle of Gigha is destitute of any comfort of the word throw the want of ane preacher, Therefore the assembly ordaines Mr Murdoch mc Currie, minister at Sadal, to repair thither once everie sexe weekes to preach and catechise and exercise discipline in all poynts.

Sir Donald Campbell of Ardinmurchan, haveing erected a new kirk at Appine, humely supplicates the assembly that they would ordaine Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Lesmore, to serve *per vices* at the said new kirk, seing Lesmore was ane yle unto which all the people could not conveniently resort. The assembly referred to the ministers discretion the service of that kirk whill all pairties haveing entresse wer present.

Because Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Ardin Murchan, complained of the want of ane manse and gleib at his kirk wherthrow he cannot conveniently have his residence at the said kirk, The assembly ordaines Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Lesmore, and Mr Hector mc Laine to go to the said Mr Duncan to his kirk or any kirkland within the paraoch, and to designe him ane manse and gleib according to the custome of the kingdome.

Haveing often and severall tymes taken tryall of the literature and qualificationes of Mr Ar^d mc Callman for the work of the ministry, and haveing seen and read his presentation subscribit be the patron to the kirks of Bailevedan and Kilespickerrall,² and the earnest desyre

¹ John Darroch's translation from Jura to Southend is not noted in Scott's *Fasti*.

² *i.e.* Ardchattan and Muckairn.

of the paroachiners thereof to have him their minister, and finding the said Mr Ar^d qualified for the said charge, It is ordained that Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, minister at Sela, and Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Lesmore, go and admitt the said Mr Ar^d to the foirnamed kirks according to the ordour of the assembly in all poynts.

SESS. 4.

It is ordained that Mr Ewin Camerone, minister at Dunoone, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Neill Cameron and Mr Dugald Darroch shall repair to Edinburgh to the Lords of the Commission for plantation of kirks and crave disunion of kirks and dismembring of paroaches and augmentation of stipends, and to that effect ordaines them threttie shillings Scots every day of their attendance for their charges.

The assembly upon grave considerations has declared Mr Dugald Campbell, minister at Knapdall, transportable from the kirk of Knapdall to any charge wherein the kirk can esteem him most profitable.

Be reason that Mr Patrick Stewart, minister at Rothsay, did signifie unto the assembly that in respect of his own infirmities his desyre is to have Mr Robert Stewart, his son, to be his coadjutor and helper to the said kirk, The assembly thinks it fitt that the parishioners requyre the same by their supplication to the assembly, and refers to the presbyterie of Dunoone to see this done to the contentment of all pairties haveing entresse.

In consideration of the diverse ferries and great and longsome journey that Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Ardin Murchan, has to come to the presbyterie of Kilmore, It is licensed him to keep two presbyteries in the yeare, to witt the first Wednesday of Junii and August, being the most seasonable tyme of the yeare.

In lyke manner the ministrie of Yla, because of the great and dangerous ferrie that they have to crosse in coming to the presbyterie of Kinloch, is licensed to keep onely the first Wednesday of Junii and August, being the most seasonable tyme of the yeare.

The assembly, considereing that Mr Joⁿ Darroch did serve at the yles of Gia and Jura and Colonsa from Michaelmesse to Whitsunday, appoynts him for that tyme out of Gia ten bolles victuall, to witt seven bolles meall and 3 bolles beire, and out of Jura fyftie pundis Scots, and out of Colonsa threttie three pundis, which is the halfe of the stipend of these three yles.

In respect that Mr Ar^d mc Callum did attend the generall assembly and the Parliament as commissioner, It is ordained that he shall have threttie pundis Scots of the first and readiest that shall happine to fall throw transgrosseing of the acts to be payable to the assembly.

The assembly ordaines the next meeting to be at Icollumkill 26 May 1642.

THE PROVINCIAL MEETING OF ARGYLL AT
ICOLLUMKILL THE 26 OF MAY 1642.

SESS. 1.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling upon God for a blessing unto the meeting the assembly proceeded in the chooseing of a new moderator, and having lited Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Nicol mc Calman, Mr James Campbell, Mr Neill Cameron and Mr Ferq^r Frazer, the said Mr Ewin was chosen.

Thereafter they proceeded to the election of a clerk, and Mr Joⁿ Campbell, minister at Kingarth, is chosen for this dyett, who hes made faith.

The members of the assembly being constitute, the catalogue was called and absents marked as followeth :—

Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewine Camerone ; Sir James Lamont, Elder ; Mr Pat Stewart absent ; Mr Joⁿ Campbell ; James Boyd, Elder ; Mr James Campbell ; Duncan Campbell of Eynachan, Elder ; Mr Donald mc Cloy absent ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan. His Elder absent ; Ewin mc Clane and his Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Do^d mc olvory and his

Elder both absent ; Mr Dugald Campb. absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Joⁿ mc Lachlan of Stronesker, Elder ; Mr Do^d Campbell ; Patrick Campbell of Innerhea, Elder ; Mr Neill Cameron. His Elder absent ; Mr Neill Malcolm. His Elder absent ; Mr Coline Campb. His Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Kinloch : Mr Murdoch Mc Currie. His Elder absent ; Mr Dugald Darroch ; Dug. Campb., Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Darroch. His Elder absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Alistair ; Coline Campbell of Sinnorle, Ruleing Elder ; Martine mc Lachlan absent and his Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Knox absent ; James mc Kirdie, Minister, absent.

Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Mr Patrick mc Lachlan absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, at Lesmore ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, at Ardinmurchan, absent ; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra ; Mr Hector mc Laine ; Mr Ferq^f Frazer ; and Mr Allan Clerk.

Tryall being taken on the lyves and conversations of the brethren severally and in their diligence in executing their spirituall charge, and approbation or disallowance following thereupon according to their demerits, then thir specialities following was adverted unto as is after mentioned.

Ordaines Mr Do^d Campb., minister at Kilmarteen, for his negligence in celebrating the Communion this last yeare, to celebrat the same twyse before the first of January next.

Mr Coline Campbell, minister at Craignais, being delated for some poynts of misbehavior in his lyfe, which he denying, The assembly refers the tryall thereof to a committee to be at Inneraray the last Wednesday of Junii, appoynting the committee to consist of the presbyterie of Inneraray and these brethren after mentioned with their ruleing elders, viz., Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Joⁿ Campbell, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan and Mr Ar^d mc Calman, ruleing elders Captane of Carrick, Dugald Campbell of Kilberie and Hew mc

Dugald, and ordaines report to be made of their diligence.

The brethren of the presbyterie of Sky, haveing refused, according to the ordinance of the commission from the generall assembly attending the Parliament, to joyn themselves with our province, but haveing given in their appellations to the next generall assembly, For assurance of their compearance the assembly has thought fitt to give ordour for their sumonneing, which accordingly was done.¹

The assembly finding that notwithstanding that by our soveraigne Lords favour and the declaration of the estates of Parliament the presbyteries are cled with right and title of presentation and admission of ministers to kirks that did belong formerly to Bishops,² yet that Mr Alan Clerk, miskenneing the presbyteries power, did take a presentation from Joⁿ mc Clowd of Dunvegan to the kirk of Glenelg, and that Mr Ar^d mc Calman did by vertue of a presentation floweing from Joⁿ Campbell of Ardchattan intend to invest himselfe in the possession of the kirk of Kilespickerrell, which two did formerly belong to the Bishops patronage and were at their presentation, And therefore considering what ane ill preparative and how hurtfull and prejudiciall to the presbyteries liberties and right the giving way to such proceedings might prove hereafter, even to the hazard of the losse of the ryght of the said patronages, seing there is no act of admission, institution or collation past in the saids Mr Allan or Mr Ar^d to the saids kirks respective relatively to the forementioned presentations, as they themselves did openly confesse, The assemblie unanimously, for preveening of future inconveniencies and the stopeing of any lykcs entery and possesseing themselves in the foirsaid patronsages, does discharge the saids Mr Ar^d and Mr Allan to proceed any farder in takeing either institution or collation relatively to the forsaid presentations under the paine of

¹ At the next session a joint reference was substituted for this appeal.

² See the Act of 1640 'anent the admission of ministeris to these kirkis which belonged to Beshoprikis.'—*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, v. 262-3.

deprivation as wilfull underminers of the presbyteries liberties, and dilapidators of the kirks patrimony, conform to the Acts of Generall Assemblie, And farder the assembly, by vertew of their own right and title to the saids kirks, gives unto Mr Allan and Mr Ar^d full power to exerce all the pairts of the function and cure of the ministry in the foresaids kirks respective, with full title and right to the modified stipend, And does give direction unto the presbyterie of Lorne to give them a presentationne containeing admission, and power to two of their number to give collation and institution, with designation of their manse and gleib, when they shall requyre the same.

5. Mr Murdoch mc Currie is continued in the charge of Gia, and allowed for his pains to crave and uplift the stipend that was accustomed to be payed unto these who served the cure their before, and that untill the next provinciall assembly.

6. It is appoynted that the severall presbyteries give charge to their commissioners to supplicat the generall assemblie That the province of Argyll be amongst these that shall have heareing before the Commission for plantation of kirks the next winter session,¹ and that they give in reasons to back their supplicationnes.

7. The assembly, considering the great hindring that the negligence of haveing publict divyne exercises works to the growth of knowledge and religion, especially in the yles and Morverne, thinks very necessarie That the act of the last assembly at Inneraray against absenters from divyne exercise ² be by all sessions put diligently in execution against men and women absenting themselves from divyne preacheing, and that superiors be exhorted, both by word and wryte, to reach their helping hand for punishing refractory dissobeyers and to give their warrands to their officers in their absence to concure with the elders and kirk sessions within their bounds.

¹ In terms of the 'Act anente the Commissionne for Plantatione of Kirkes and Valuatione of Teyndes' (1641).—*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, v. 400.

² This act was apparently not minuted.

The assembly finding their power cannot reach to the redresseing of Mr Hector mc Claines greivances annent sorcery, it belonging to the civill judge, Therefore they refere him to delate the matter to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll before the next assembly.

The meeting has agreed that Finwall ne Allan, relict to umquhill Ewin mc Claine, minister at Icollumkill, intromitt with the whole stipend this yeare according to the custome for herselfe and her children.

It is condescended according to the act of the former assembly That Mr Duncan mc Calman, himselfe being willing whereto, serve *per vices* at the new founded kirk of Appin and at the kirk of Lesmore, and that onely to the next assembly, That pairties pretending entresse may have place and tyme to give their reasons, if any they have, wherefore the same may not be still done, And ordains the minister to give them intimation for that effect.

SESS. 3.

The brethren of the presbyterie of Sky, after manifestation of their great unwillingnes to joyne with our provinciall meeting at Icollumkill conform to the orders of the Commissioners appoynted by the assembly to attend the Parliament, at last did offer upon the subsequent conditions to joyn themselves in one incorporation with us. (1) That they should not be prejudged of any priviledges granted to presbyteries by the kirk of Scotland. (2) That they should not be troubled with any exactions or impositions, either for maintenance of schooles or otherways, to the whilks presbyteries within the province of Argyll in specciall are lyable by there own consent, but onely with such as by authoritie of the generall assembly is imposed upon the whole kirk within the kingdome. (3) They protested that this their union should not prejudge them of any ease or oversight that the generall assembly, in consideration of the long and troublesome journey to the place of the provinciall meeting, would grant unto them in giving their presence and compearance to the same.

The assembly, considering and seriously perpending the formentioned conditions, and finding them all depending upon the will and pleasure of the generall assembly, and relyeing one the care of the generall assembly for the good of these bounds, and being confident they would grant no ease nor oversight unto them but what they conceived themselves able to grant without prejudice to the establishing of good ordour and discipline in these bounds, are content and willing that the generall assemblies determination be decider of the controversie, and appoynter of the ease of their dyetts, rether than they of their own power should yeeld to the granting of any conditions which is not accustomed to be granted by any province to any presbyterie within the kingdome. Bot withall we promise be our commissioners to concurre with them for procuring such ease as in conscience, out of the knowlledge of their necessity, by just information to the generall assembly we can obtaine.

Upon this agreement with them they compeared, uniteing themselves in one corporation with us, giving us the right hand of fellowship:—

The Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Ewin mc Queine, Minister at Diurinish ; Mr Marteine mc Ferson, Minister at South uist ; Mr Neill mc Kinnoine, Minister at Slete ; Mr Anguis mc Queen, Minister at North uist ; Mr Lachlane Frazer, Minister at Bracadall ; Mr Ar^d mc Queine, Minister at Snisort ; John mc Pherson, Minister at Herries ; Mr Murdoch mc Huistonne, Minister at Lews ; Mr Ferq^r Clerk, Minister at Stornua.

After which union Mr Marteine mc Phersone gave in his greivances, for the redresseing whereof there was a visitation appoynted according to the commission following :—

The assembly takeing to their considerationne the many-fold enormities, abuses and disorders contained in the greivances presented unto them by sundery of the brethren of the presbyterie of Sky in generall, as also in particular

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Frazer.

concerning the depending action of the suspension of Mr Lachlan Frazer, minister at Bracadall, for the suspicion of the alleadged fornication and adultery, and the said Mr Lachlans denyall not onely of the foirsaid odious crymes, but also his alleadgeance of the presbyteries not formall proceedings, Wherefor gives full power and commission to Mr Nicoll mc Calman, minister at Kilmore, Mr Duncan mc Calman, minister at Lesmore, Mr Hector mc Laine, minister at Morverne, Mr Allan Clerk, minister at Glenelg, John Campbell of Ardchattan, or failzieing of him Mr William or James Campbells his brethreen german, Duncan Campbell, brother to the Laird of Lochnell, John Campbell of Kirkton, as ruleing elders, to repaire to the yle of Sky against the first day of July nixttocome, and to joyne with the brethren of the said presbyterie for taking tryall and cognition of the action of Mr Lachlan Frazers suspension, call and persew parties, examine witnesses in the foirsaid alleadged cryme of fornication, denunce and give sentence either in continueing and ratifieing of the suspension or absolveing him from the samine as they shall find after due tryall, as the said Mr Lachlans guilt or innocency requyres, with this provision alwayes That in case they shall find that the said Mr Lachlan deserves any farder punishment or suspension, yet it shall not be lesome to them to give any farder sentence or determination thereupon, But are astricted to report the samine against the next provinciall assembly, to the which the said Mr Lachlan appealed as competent judges, to the end the said assembly may proceed according to what evidence may be produced against him be them : As also gives power and commission to the foirsaid ministers and ruleing elders to visit, take cognition and tryall of all other enormities and abuses within all congregations and paroaches of the said yle of Sky, not onely in trying the careage and behaviour of the people, but also of the ministers lyfes and conversationnes, according to the rule of the generall assembly, and thereof to make report at the next provinciall assembly.

Forsameikle as it is thought that untill the forenamed

visitation convene it is very prejudicial to Mr Lachlan Frazer, minister at Bracadall, to underly the rigour of the censure of the presbyterie of Sky, the assembly considering the proceedings of the said presbyterie in the suspension of the said Mr Lachlane both from office and benefice, and finding a deficiency of formalitie in their proceedings, albeit the alleadgances were true and reall, as yet they are not proven to be, till a farder tryall wer had in the materiality and formality of the processe, they thought expedient to take a mid way in the mitigation of the sentence, And, because his preaching would prove unprofitable so long as he wer under the scandall, they allow his suspension *ab officio* till the matter be cleared and he purged; But, because the scandall may be without desert, they think it a thing unconscionable that he should be prejudged of the benefice, and therefore annulls the suspension in that extent as to reach so farre as to the benefice, and ordaines till the scandall be provin that he still continue in possession of payment takeing thereof dureing the said space.

SESS. 4.

The meeting finding that, upon consideration of the vacancy of the kirk of Kilinchine ¹ in Mull, since a Synod holdine be Mr Joⁿ Lessely, pretended bishope of the yles, at Stornua in Lews,² the necessity of the people was appoynted to be supplied by Mr Marteine mc Ilvra and Mr Ferg^r Frazer, by which ordinance the said paroach remains since divyded, And now finding that it is planted the assembly thinks it expedient that Mr Marteine, who is appoynted to serve the cure, shall have the full benefice till the Commission of the kirk on good consideration shall think otherwayes.

Mr Hector mc Laine is appoynted to supplie the present necessity of the paroach of Pennigown, recommending to

¹ Kilfinichen.

² Leslie was Bishop of the Isles from 1628 to 1633. The records of the Synod for this period are not available.

him especially diligence in catechiseing, and condescending he shall enjoy the benefice till the paroach be otherwayes provyded.

It is ordaned that no minister baptize in privat places, but either in the paroach church or places that has been used with divyne service.

Appoynts Mr Duncan mc Calman and Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan to designe a gleeb for Mr Archibald mc Calman at Gillespiekerrill.

Forsameekle that it is found, as was formerly amongst the south ylanders before their union with the province of Argyle, what also amongst these of the north yles, that the sacrament of the Lords Supper hath seldome been celebrated by some, and never by others, and that upon weake excuses or grounds: For remeid whereof in all tymes comeing it is appoynted that according to the Act of the Generall Assembly, if not more frequently, yet at least it be celebrat once in the year.¹

Recommends to every minister within the province to make intimation to every severall heritor within whose bounds they shall have tryall that there are any idolatrouse monuments That the same are appoynted to be demolished and removed, cutt down and razed by the constitutions of the Church and the twelwe act of the 2 sess. of the 2 Parl. of King Charles.²

Mr Dugald Campbell his going to Ireland is approven, and [he] is appoynted to serve the regiment till the next provinciall, at which tyme one shall be chosen, In the mean tyme the presbyterie of Argyle is appoynted to serve his cure once every fyftene dayes in the manner following, Mr Coline Campbell the 2nd Sunday of Junii, Mr Archi-

¹ The 'South Isles' had been included in the Province of Argyll since the Glasgow Assembly of 1638, the 'North Isles' had not been effectively included until the preceding session. When the Episcopalians came into power after the Restoration the same complaints as to infrequent celebration of the Lord's Supper were made. The author of *Curat Calder Whipt* declares 'that from the King's Restoration 1660 till the Revolution 1688 the Communion was not given twelve times in the whole bounds of the Diocie of Argyle.'—*Curat Calder Whipt*, p. 15 (1712 edition).

² See note, p. 45.

bald me Callum the 4th, Mr Donald Campbell the 2nd of August.¹

It is appoynted that the brethren of the presbyterie of Sky shall henceforth have session and presbyterie bookes and register all their acts in the samine, which was heretofore omitted by them, that the same may be presented respective to the provinciall and presbyteriall meetings.

Refers to the next provinciall to take tryall of Mr Neill me Kinnowns dilapidation of the Churches patrimony.

Mr Archibald me Quein is discharged to proceed any farder in his collation and institution till he have it from the presbyterie who is the due, lawfull and undoubted patrone.

Appoynts the presbyterie of Kintyre to cause Catrine Campbell produce a testimoniall of her mareage in Ireland with Johne me Farland within the space of sexe weeks, otherwayes to processe her.

In regard of the many abuses and inconveniences dayly falling out throw the frequency of divorcements, and yet it is fund that the Commissars passes them upon very unrelevant grounds, especially oftymes upon aggreement of pairties and collusion, whilk breeds a great trouble to the ministry, both pairties divorced suiteing for a new mareage, For preventing whereof the assembly appoynts that no minister approve of any divorcement nor grant mareage to any divorced person but such divorcements as the processe whereof shall be fund to be seen and approven before the sentence giveing be the provinciall assembly.

The assembly thinks meitt that Ardchattan and Coline Campbell give satisfaction to umquhill Mr Joⁿ me Olvories executors and children, and inhibits Mr Ar^d me Calman to make any interruption.

Mr Alan Clerk is injoynd to serve in preacheing and celebrating the sacraments and especially in catechiseing in Knudort, allowing him the benefite thereof *pro tempore*.

Mr Archibald me Alister is appoynted to persew Charles me Gowan with the censure of the kirk.

¹ The appointments for July have been omitted.

The meitting approves that the halfe of the teynds of Killean in Mull ¹ and of the tuentie markland of Lochbuy be given to Mr Joⁿ Campbell, sometyne minister thereof, to help his numerouse and poore family, this year onely, and also ten pundis to be given to him by Mr Marteen mc Ilvra, and as much by Mr Hector mc Claine, and that for this yeare, unlesse the provinciall on good consideration continue the samine favor to him.

Ordaines that the ministers and elders of each paroach be carefull that no strangers shall enter or reside among them without a testimoniall from the minister of the pairt whence they came, declareing their careage and behaviour in their lyfes and conversation, conform to the Acts of the Generall Assembly.

Appoynt that Archibald mc Neill cheilds rapt be represented to the civil judge that ordour may be taken therewith, and that Mr Ferq^r Frazer fail not to do the sam before the next provinciall.

Seeing Neill Clerk is absolved by his oath of the cryme layd to his charge be Catrine ne Callum, Ordaine Mr Ferq^r Frazer to take Neill mc Intyres oath also, being the other shee gave up, and so he in lyke manner purged himselfe, Wherefore Mr Ferq^r is ordained to punish the womane according to her own confession.

Ordaines a lettir to be written to My Lord Marquesse of Argyll That his lordship would be pleased to concurre with the assembly in wryteing to the Captane of Clan Ronald that he would send the preest commounly resideing in his family to the assembly that ordour may be taken with him.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE
HOLDINE AT INNERARAY 7 OCTOBER 1642.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling on the name of God for a blesseing to the meeting the assembly proceeded in chooseing of a new moderator, and haveing lited Mr Donald mc olvory, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Ar^d

¹ Now Torosay.

me Callum, Mr Ferq^r Frazer, the said Mr Donald me olvory by plurality of voices was chosen moderator.

Thereafter they proceeded to choose a clerk, and having lited Mr Ar^d me Callum, Mr Joⁿ Campbell, Mr Dugald Darroch and Mr Archibald me Calman, the said Mr Dugald Darroch by common consent was chosen.

The members of the assembly being thus constitute, the catalogue of the severall presbyteries ministers and elders being called, the absents are marked as followes :—

Presbyterie of Dunoon : Mr Ewin Camerone ; Do^d Campbell, Elder ; Mr James Campb. ; His Elder absent ; Mr Patrick Stewart ; Do^d Campbell of Kilmichael, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Campb. ; William Stewart of Ambersmore, Elder ; Mr Do^d me Cloy ; His Ruleing Elder absent ; Mr Coline me Lachlan ; The Laird of Ardkinlas, Elder ; Ewine me Claine, Minister at Innerchelane.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Do^d me olvorie ; The Marquesse of Argyll, Elder ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Joⁿ Campbell, fiar of Glenurquhy, Elder ; Mr Ar^d me Callum ; Dugald Campb. of Kilmory, Elder ; Mr Do^d Campb. ; Coline me Lachlan of Craiginterve, Elder ; Mr Coline Campbell ; Mr Neill Malcolm ; Do^d me Lachlan of Inshconill, Elder.

Presbyterie of Kenloch : Mr Murdoch me Currie ; Mr Dugald Darroch ; Captaine of Tarbert, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Darroch ; Mr Ar^d me Alister ; Coline Campbell of Sinarle, Elder ; Marteine me Lachlan ; Ar^d Campbell, Elder ; Mr John Knox absent ; James me Kirdie absent.

Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll me Calman ; Ar^d Campb. of Leregs, Elder ; Mr Duncan me Calman at Lesm. ; Sir Do^d Campb., Elder ; Mr Duncan me Calman at Ardin Murquin ; Ar^d Campb., Elder ; Mr Ar^d me Calman ; Nicoll me Intyre, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ me Lachlan ; Joⁿ me Dugall of Rerey, Elder ; Mr Hector me Claine ; Mr Patrick me Lachlan absent ; Mr Allen Clerk ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer absent ; Mr Marteine me Ilvra absent.

Tryall being taken of the lyfes and conversationnes of

the brethren of the severall presbyteries, and of their diligence in executing the duties of their spirituall charge, approbation and disallowance following thereupon according to their demerits, then thir specialities following was animadverted unto as is after mentioned.

Marteine mc Lachlan, minister at Kildaltan in Yla, his excuse not found relevant for being from the last assembly, Therefore the assembly ordaines him according to ane former act made thereanent to pay fourtie pund of penaltie for his absence, and to consigne the samine in Mr Dugald Darrochs hands, and ordains the said Mr Dugald to buy the worth of the said fourtie pund of bookes to the said Marteine, And, if the said Marteine deliver not the moneys before the next assembly for the use foirsaid, then the money is to be delivered to the treasurer of the assembly that it may be imployed to the common use of the kirk as the assembly shall think fitt.

Mr Patrick mc Lachlans absence not excused, and therefore injoines him against the next assembly to be ready to consigne his penalty, as also to bring with him that fourtie marks which was formerly enjoyed him for his disorderly administering of the sacraments without preparation or thanksgiving sermon, as ane former act at more length reports.

Whereas the last assembly at Icollumkill the 26 of May 1642 was informed of some enormities in the lyfe and conversation of Mr Coline Campbell, minister at Craginai, did appoynt a committee to sitt at Inneraray the penult of Junii 1642 to try the said Mr Colin in these things that was laid to his charge, and now the assemblie requyreing the foirsaid committees diligence They approve the same as it is sett down in ane act in the presbyteriall book of Inneraray, being openly read, and ordaines it to be insert in the provinciall book *ad futuram rei memoriam*, the tenor whereof followeth :—

At Inneraray, The Penult of June 1642 yeares.

The whilk day the committee with concurrence of the presbyterie of Inneraray, according to the direction of

the provincieall assembly holdin at Icollumkill the 26 May 1642, conveened to try Mr Coline Campbell of such enormities as was laid to his charge, no probation being fund and himselfe denyeing, being under seandall, he was suspended whill the next presbyterie day, and desyred his accusers to be cited against the said day, The whilk day, the presbyterie being conveened and the accusers sumonded but not compeareing, it was thought expedient that the process and suspension should continue whill the next presbyterie meeting, Then Mr Coline compeareing in all submissive maner and with signs of great greefe and remorse confessed his own infirmities and supplicated the presbyterie to repone him to his own function, and promised solemnly by Gods grace to walk more circumspectly thereafter, and if he wer remarked be any person or persons to be scandalouse to his calling then that he wes content to be deposed *ab officio et beneficio ipso facto* without further processing, Upon which conditions the presbyterie reponed him againe to his own place.

The assembly did approve of there diligence, and apoynted the former act to be insert in the provincieall book *ad perpetuam rei memoriam* as said is.

Annent the complaint given in against Catrine Campbell, now spouse to Joⁿ me Farland in Yla, That where the said Catrine hes been divorced from Neill me Keoine throw her fact and default with the said Joⁿ, being the cause of her divorcement as the divorcement itselfe specifics at more length, which is against the laws and constitutions of this Kirk of Scotland, as also against the tenets of late divynes who holds that none can mary *quam scmel adultero polluit*, And also seing that the mareage was made in Yrland contrarie to the Act of Parliament which says that all that goes to seek mareage out of the kingdome are lyable to be processed, as the said Act more fully proports,¹ Therefore the assembly ordanes the presby-

¹ The Act of 1641 'dischairing unlawfull mariages.'—See *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, v. 348.

terie of Kinloch to proceed against the said Catrine conforme both to the Act of Parliament and constitutions of the Kirk.

Annent the supplication presented unto the assembly be Allan Cameron, Laird of Lochaber, Duncan Camerone of Letterfinlay etc., in name and behalfe of the rest of the paroachiners of Kilmanevaig and Kilmalzie, requesteing a minister to the foirsaid kirks, whereof the tenor follows :—

Unto your wisdomes humbly meanes and heavily regrats us, Allan Cameron of Lochiall, Duncan Cameron of Letterfinlay, Angus Cameron, Captaine of Innerlochy, Donald Glasse mc Ronald of Keppoch and Joⁿ mc Laine, fiar of Ardgour, for ourselves and in name and behalfe of the remanent fewars, heretors, taksmen, tennents and other paroachiners of Kilmanevaig and Kilmalzie in Lochaber, That wher we are destitute of a minister to serve the foirsaid cure, and thereby not onely many souls ignorant of the word of God throw the want of the preacheing thereof, as is usuall in all other reformed pairts of the kingdome, but also we are forced to repair to other kirks long distant out of our own bounds to baptize infants and get lawfull mareages, In consideration whereof these are humbly beseeching your wisdomes to take the premisses to your wyse and grave consideration, and to be pleased to give out your ordinance to provyde ane minister to us, as our need requyres, and your wisdomes answer we humbly crave.

Sic subscribitur Allan Camerone of Lochiall, J. Mc Lean, feir of Ardgour, D. Camerone of Letterfinlay, Angus Cameron of Innerlochy.

Whilk supplication being openly read in audience of the whole assembly, Mr Ewin Camerone, minister at Dunoone, or failzieing of him Mr Neill Cameron, minister at Dysart, by commone consent was ordained to go to Lochaber to preach and catechise for a season, whill one might be gotten for themselves, And, because the winter quarter is not fitt for travelers to those bounds, the assembly con-

tinues either of them whill the first of March next, and from that tyme to remaine their whill the next provinciall assembly, and either of them that goes to take up of the maintenance proportionally according to their service and the tyme of their abode.

Mr Dugald Campbell is continued with my Lord Marquesse of Argyll his regiment in Ireland for the next halfe yeare, and his place is ordained to be supplied once every fourteen dayes dureing his absence, and that by Mr James Campb., Mr Joⁿ Campb., Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Do^d Campb. and Mr Dugald Darroch *per vices* whill the next provinciall assembly.

The commissionars appoynted for visitation of the yle of Sky, viz., Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Duncan mc Calman, Mr Hector mc Claine, Mr Allan Clerk, ministers: Mr William Campbell, Duncan Campbell and Joⁿ Campbell, as elders, being inquyred of their diligence in the charge given them by the assembly at Icollumkill 26 May 1642, made report as followes :—

At Einort the 5 of July 1642.

Albeit the wholl presbyterie of Sky should have nett with us according to the warneing given them by the provinciall, yet some onely conveyed at the said place, and being inquyred by us whether they and their paroachiners had subscribit the Covenant, some answered not, and the Covenant being presented to them and oppenly read before the ministers and elders, so many as had not subscriybed the same before subscriybed it, both ministers and elders, And according to the commission granted us by the assembly we proceeded in tryeing and examineing the suspected fornication and adultery of Mr Lachlan Frazer, minister at Bracadall, who was suspended by the presbyterie of Sky, And haveing inquyred concerneing the formality of his suspension, the presbyterie confessed their suspension of Mr Lachlan to be upon a commone brute and rumor of the countrey, for a tyme till farder tryall. The elders who then were present, being posed upon their oath

whether they knew Mr Lachlane to be guilty of the foirsaid fact or not, who deponed on oath that they knew not but by a commone report of the basest sort of people who affected not Mr Lachlane, And moreover it was alledged that Mr Lachlan should have budded and brybed Do^d me Queine, the husband of her with whom he was suspected, but being tryed it was fund nontruth, Whereupon Donald deponed his oath and confessed that he no wayes suspected Mr Lachlan to have committed the alledged fact, and in token thereof acknowledged the bairn born be his wyfe to be his own, and did present him to be baptized, And in lyke manner the woman purged herselfe by her oath that shee never knew Mr Lachlan, and that her own husband was father of the child. After strict examination and tryall on both sydes Mr Lachlan was reponed to his own function, both by the presbyterie and visitors, and approved by his own elders in doctrine, lyfe and conversationne.

Because the foirsaid alledgeance was fund to be a mere invention of malignant parties grounded upon false rumor of the basest sort without any qualification, and that the said Mr Lachlan did clearely purge himselfe, It is ordained that whosoever shall scandalize the said Mr Lachlane with the foirsaid alledgeance directly or indirectly shall undergo the severe censure of the church.¹

At Bracadal the 7 of July 1642.

The elders and paroachiners having conveyened and after inquisition finding that they had not subscribit the Covenant, neither that it was presented unto them, We did oppenly read the samine and breiefcly exponed the speciall heads therein contained, After which being

¹ The General Assembly on 6th August 1642, 'considering the malice of divers persons in raising calumnies and scandalls against ministers,' ordained Presbyteries and Synods 'to proceed diligently in processe against all persons that shall reproach or scandall ministers with the censures of the Kirk, even to the highest, according as they shall find the degree or quality of the scandal deserve.'—Peterkin's *Records*, p. 332.

done they did both subscribe so many as could write, and the rest testified their willingness to stand be it by the holding up of their hands.

At Kilvorich the 8 of July 1642 where Mr Hew
mc Queine is minister.

Notwithstanding that minister and paroachiners were both tymously advertised for to be present at their paroach kirk be ten hours the foirsaid day, yet the minister did not compeire, pretending sicknes for the cause of his absence, The elders and some of the rest of the paroachiners did compeare to give in their greivances against the minister as after followes.

Imprimis That notwithstanding he did choose them elders yet they thought it was to no purpose, because they were in the matter as cyphers, because he did all be himself without requyreing either there advyce or assistance, for since their memory there never sate ane session in that parish, nor yet does himselfe use discipline but passes things in a privat manner. 2lie. They complained that he was negligent in preaching. 3. The sacrament of the Lords Supper was not celebrated in their tyme. 4. The kirk wanted a beddell. 5. There is no censure against adulterers or fornicators, whereof a number was delated to us, whom we referred to the presbyterie to be taken ordour with.

The assembly ordaines every minister within the province to give up to them all idolatrouse monuments within their paroaches to the which the vulgar superstitiously resorts to worship, to the end the same may be demolished.¹

¹ 'Give up' here seems to be used in the sense of 'report.' At their previous meeting, at Iona, the Synod had ordered intimation to be made to any heritors concerned in accordance with the Act of Parliament dealing with the matter (see p. 36). This Act of Charles I. (c. 12, according to the Synod's reckoning) is c. 17 on p. 351 of volume V. in the Record edition of the Scots Acts, and is as follows:—

' Act for abolishing monumentes of Idolatrie.

'Oure Soverane Lord with consent of the estates of Parliament understanding that the Generall Assembly of the kirke heath be their speciall

In regard that Mr Dugald Darroch, minister at Kilcalmanell, presented his grievance to the assembly, shewing that he wants a gleebe at the said kirk of Kilcalmanell, Therefore the assembly ordaines Mr Archibald mc Callum and Mr Murdoch mc Currie to repair to the said kirk of Kilcalmonell and their designe a gleebe to the forsaid Mr Dugald according to the Acts of Parliament made thereannent.

SESS. 3. *October 10.*

The assembly referres Malcolm mc Gown, suspected [of] sorcery, to the presbyterie of Inneraray, and ordaines Mr Ar^d mc Callum and Mr Do^d Campbell to go to Craignais the 25 October nixt and their with Mr Coline Campb., minister their, and his elders to try the samine, and to report their diligence to the presbyterie of Inneraray.

Because the paroachiners of the kirk of Rothesay did supplicat the assembly in favors of Mr Robert Stewart that the assembly would admitt the said Mr Robert as helper and coadjutor to his father Mr Patrick Stewart, in

act made the 30 of July 1640 sessione 3 Ordeaned all idolatrous pictures of Christ and all other idolatrous pictures to be demolished and removed forth and from all kirkis colledges chappelles and other publict places Therfor ordeanes all Presbetries to take diligent tryell of all idolatrous pictures and images being within kirkis colledges chappelles and other publict places And eftir tryell intimat the same first to the owneres and pairties themselves that they may remove the same And in caise they doe neither appeill presentlie from the presbetrie in the ordinarie way to the Synod and Generall Assembly nor remove them within the space of three monethes Then to intimat the same to all Shereffis Stewartes Baillies Magistrates of burghes and regalities within the which the same shall be fund And ordeanes them upon the requisitione to be mad to them by the saidis Presbetries moderator or brethren therof To raz demolishe abolish cast doune or deface all these idolatrous images pictures and other idolatrous monumentes foirsaidis According as they shall be enjoyned and directed from the saidis Presbetrie from tyme to tyme ilk ane of them within there owne boundis and jurisdictione respective except in the case of appeallatione foirsaid And if the Presbetries be negligent that they be censured by the Synodis and Generall Assemblyes and the shereffs and other officeres foirsaidis (in caise of their negligenc) To be sensured by the secreete Counsell as they shall thinke reassonable And prohibites and dischairges all making of such images or idollis And all upputing of the same in all tyme comeing under all heighest paines To be inflicted upon the contraveeneres thereof.'

respect of the said Mr Patrick his infirmities, not being able to discharge at all tymes the pairts of spirituall function, Therefore the assembly ordanes the presbyterie of Dunoone to admitt the said Mr Robert as helper to his said father and give him imposition of hands, with this proviso, That he receive no presentation from the patron untill he shall be approven by the presbyterie of Dunoone in the Irish language.

Mr Neill Campbell is thought by the whole assembly to have given satisfaction in his publict abjuration of Episcopacy to be unlawfull in itselfe and that *et jure divino et humano*, and publictly declared that he was exceeding sorry in conscience that ever he did embrace such an unwarrantable calling. The assembly, seeing and considereing the evident tokens of his repentance (after he had a long tyme before subscriybed the Covenant with the declaration of the assembly at Glasgow)¹ and his firm resolution to live according to the present government of the Kirk of Scotland, declared him capable of the ministrie.

SESS. 4.

The assembly considereing that the kirk of Snisort is vacand and destitute of a minister and seing Mr Lachlan Frazer is nearest to Snisort, Therefore the assembly ordaines Mr Lachlan to serve at Snisort *per vices* with Bracadall for a tyme dureing the vacancy of the same, without prejudice to the church when it may be provyded with a propper minister.

Because the generall assembly provyded that ilk presbyterie consisteing of twelife ministers should send a student upon their own charges to the Colledge of Divinity, and seing there is not that full number in any presbyterie within the province of Argyll, Therefor the meeting hes thought fitt that every two presbyteries should contribut and send a student to the Colledge of Divinity.

The presbyterie of Dunoone and the presbyterie of Kintyre to give to Mr Ar^d mc Claine ten marks every minister

¹ See note, p. 7.

out of the penalties of all the kirks of the said two presbyteries at Martemesse next that he may repair to some colledge of theology whill Lambas next, And sicklyke the presbyteries of Argyll and Lorne is to give as much to Mr Joⁿ Campb. to the effect foirsaid.

In regard that there is many, both ministers and elders, that goes away without askeing of leave before the dissolution of the assembly, whereupon sundry inconveniencies followes, Therefore the assembly ordaines that whosoever, minister or elder, goes away before the assembly be dissolved, that they be holdine as absent altogether from the beginning and be accordingly censured.

SESS. 5.

There was ane report made be the presbyterie of Dunoone, sheweing that ther was a woman which did beare a child of sexe months and fourteen dayes old, and her husband denyed the child to be his, because the child attained not to the accustomed tyme of birth, which is nyne moneths. Tryall being taken of the womans lyfe and conversation in tymes bygone, and shee fund blameles without suspition of any other man, The assembly ordaines the child to be baptized, and the alledged father upone the womans oath to be esteemed his lawfull father.

Because that Mr Dug. Darroch, minister at Kilcaldmannell, being commissioner for the presbyterie of Kintyre, did declare that he attended upon the dissolution of the generall assembly at St Andrews, and thereafter waited upon the extracts of such acts of the said generall assembly as did belong to our province for the space of fifteine dayes after the rest of the commissioners cam home, In consideration whereof the assembly ordaines fourtie shillings everie day of the said fyfteine dayes, which extends twentie shillings every minister.

Albeit that Donald mc Nicoll Ban for a long tyme denyed the filthie fact of adultery committed by him, yet at last is brought to a humble confession of the samine to the glory of God, The assemblie ordaines him to follow

furth the course of his repentance, according to the tenor of the act of the presbyterie of Inneraray.

The assembly, considereing that there are many paroaches within this province as yet unvalued, many kirks unbuilt, and many unplanted, haveing no minister at all nor yet any established maintenance for them, many paroaches to be disunited and some paroaches to be dismembered, and that there is many other thing to do within the province which will concerne the furtherance of this happie work of reformation which cannot be effectuated but by the power of the Commission appoynted by his Majesty and Estates of Parliament for valuation of tithes and plantation of kirks, And seeing nothing ought to be represented to them but upon very mature and rype deliberation, Therefore the assembly has appoynted ane committee consisteing of ministers and ruleing elders, to wit Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Joⁿ Campbell, Mr Do^d mc olvory, Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Murdoch mc Currie, Mr Nicoll mc Calman and Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, ministers, and Joⁿ Campbell, fiere of Glenurquhy, Archibald Campb. of Leregs, George Campbell, shirrefe deput of Argyll, and William Stewart of Ambersemore, ruleing elders, for to deliberat, consult and advyse and to take tryall and cognition of such things as are most necessaire and expedient to be represented to the forsaied Commission, and to give their overtures annent what kirks stands most in need to be disunited or dismembred, with reasons wherfore they find that it should be so done, Whereannent they are to report their diligence to the next session to the end that, they finding their overtures allowable, the same may be represented by such commissioners as shall be elected to agent the matters of this province.

SESS. 6.

Followes the particular overtures of this province thought upon by the Committee appoynted to give their opinions concerneing such kirks and paroaches as stand most in need to be disunited or dismembered.

Dunoone and Kilmund being fund to be of very large bounds is thought fitt to be disunited, and every one of them to be provyded with a severall pastor, and all the lands that belonged to Dunoone before on the north side of the water of Messan be now annexed to Kilmund, being more neare to it then to Dunoone, to witt the lands of Inshnarousk, Curre, Berniss, Stuk, Auchunaclach, Stronlonaig, Glenmessan, Garchra, as also the lands of Glentarsine belonging to Innerchelan.

The assembly, considereing that Innerchelan and Kilmory in Stra¹ are thrittcine myles of evill and montanouse way distant, hes thought it necessarie that those twa be disunited, and the kirk of Innerchelan be provyded with a minister by itselfe severally.

The assembly, haveing takine tryall of the difficultie of passage and travelling of the inhabitants of the lands of Tavnich, Ardfuble etc. to their own paroach church of Innerchelan by reasone of the farre distance therefrom, being 7 or 8 myles, and of ane interveeneing ferry,² wherthrow its impossible for them to keep ilk Sabbath, have therefore thought it meet that these lands foirsaid viz. Ardfuble, Tavnich, both Stialags should be dismembred from the foirsaid paroach in all tyme comeing, and because of the nearnes and commodiousenes unto the kirk of Kilmoden, as being within two or three myles of good way therto, that they should be annexed and adjoynd therunto, and to continue as a pairt of the paroach thereof in all tymes hereafter.

Because of the largenes of the bounds of the paroach of Lochgoylshead, the numerousenes of the people and the indwellers of the four scour mark lands of Straquhir, which is a pairt of the said paroach, these builded a church to themselves, whilk to serve with the kirk of Lochgoylshead will be ane weightie enough charge to any minister without any farder burden, Therefore it is thought very necessary that the said paroach of Lochgoylshead with the said kirk of Straquhir called Kilmaglasse be ane severall

¹ Strathlachlan.

² Couston Ferry, across Loch Striven.

charge be itselfe and separat in all tyme coming from Kilmorie to which it was formerly annexed by the plott 1618.¹ And because the paroach of Inneraray is but of small extent of bounds and that the paroach of Kilmorie with Lochgoylsheid lyes more near and euest to it than to Lochgoylsheid, yea the three pairts of the paroach of Kilmorich called Glenshiro lyes more neare and euest to the kirk of Inneraray than to their own paroach kirk, they being some of them eight myles and most of them fyve myles from their own kirk and all of them within three myles, others within halfe a myle to Inneraray, It is thought expedient they be joyned to the paroach of Inneraray, and the kirk of Inneraray to be their paroach church, seing by this division they may have occasion of weekly preacheing, whereas of before they had but preacheing once in the moneth.

Considereing the greatnes of the charge and largenes of the bounds of the paroach of Kilfinan and the meannesse of the maintenance of the minister, and feareing for so great a burdeen there will be no man found of gifts and qualities that will take on him the cure there, not having competency whereby he may live, The committe hes thought expedient to desyre the present minister, as he would be ansuereable, not to slip the occasion, but for his own and his successors benefite and the kirks provision and maintenance to suite for ane augmentation, and hes recommended the same to be done in his name be the commissioner appoynted by them.

Because of the largenes of the bounds of the paroaches of Glenurquhy and Inshale, which are now annexed as was concluded by the plott 1618, and the difficultie of the passage that the minister and paroachiners hes to repaire to the paroach church of Inshale, being situate in ane yle in the midst of Lochow, and because of the neare adjacency

¹ The Kilmorich portion of the parish of Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich lies around the head of Lochfyne. The union of the two original parishes appears to have been effected by the Commission for Plantation of Kirks appointed by Parliament in 1617, who were given till Lammas 1618 to complete their labours.

of the most pairt of the lands of the paroach of Inshale to the kirk of Lochow, It is thought expedient that the said paroach of Glenurquhy be disunited from the kirk and paroach of Inshale, and be ane severall cure be itselfe, haveing adjoynd to it of the lands of the paroach of Inshale such as lyes on the southeast syde of Lochow and east syde of the water of Cladie, Bovwy, Inshvainzie, Lindaill and that the lands of the other syde of the loch, which were of the paroach of Inshale, be joyned unto Kilchrenan, the kirk of Lochow, which is to be builded where it is, and west also from the water of Clady, viz., Ardbreckni^t and Sonachans. And because the kirk of Lochow, if this disunion and dismembereing could not be wrought, stood in need to be transported to a more mediat and centricall place, Therefore, since the kirk of Inshale must alwayes be transported out of the yle, the kirk that will serve for the kirk of Inshale etc. and supplie the not transportation of the kirk of Lochow, it is thought fitt to be builded within two myles of Inshconel, Whilk disunion and dismembereing and transportation forementioned will breed and procure a very great and a long desyred ease and comfort to the paroachiners of all the three paroaches of Glenurquhy, Lochow and Inshale.

In regard of the spaciousenes of the paroach of Glassery and incommodiousenes of the situation of a good number of lands thereof, difficulties and distances from Kilmichael, the paroach kirk thereof, It is thought therefore expedient that the said paroach should be divyded and ane other kirk as a severall charge to be erected, and that in Kilnuire,¹ wherunto the saids farre distant lands, to wit the lands of two Brencheilzies, Gortean Gour, Dryenlea, Gallanach, two Bravallichs, Fencharns, Kilnuire, two Edirlins, two Carrens, Craignuire, Garvalt, Glasvarre, Soccach, Lettirna-

¹ Kilineuir, near Ford, was apparently the original parish church of Glassary. See the references in the 'Glassarie Writs' published in the Scottish History Society's *Highland Papers*, vol. ii., particularly the note on p. 199. At a visitation of Glassary held by the Synod on 3rd July 1706 it is noted that it was usual for former ministers to preach at Kilineuir every third Sabbath.

molt, Stroneskir, Barmollach, Achinlewk, with some others which haply may from other paroaches adjacent be adjoynd, may be tyed as a propper paroach in all tymes comeing.

In consideration of the manifold troubles and inconveniencies which aryse from the discommodious union and conjunction of the kirks of Kilcalmanell and Kilberrie under one cure, being farre distant both by ane interveeneing ferie and great distance of land, It is thought expedient and necessary that they be separated one from another, and be erected and established with their pendicles and anaxations respective afterspecifit, into two severall paroaches in manner followeing to the limits herein preserybed.

First the paroach of Kilcalmanell and the kirk of Skipnitch, as pendicle thereto, with their old and accustomed rowms and lands, As lykewayes these under-written lands, they are to say Crosssaig, Sperissaig, Curre, Sunadall (which for remotenes and discommodiouse passage are to be dismembered from the kirk and paroach of Killean as lying more near and euist to Kilcalmanell), be made and constitute ane severall paroach be itselfe in all tymes comeing.

Secondndly that the kirk of Kilbery, and a kirk to be builded in Tarbert as pendicle of Kilbery, with the old and accustomed lands and rowms and these afterspecifit, to witt the lands of Baranlongart and Lochbreck,¹ Baryevregan, Achadamillan, Ormsay,² Sengart, Drimdrissaig, Kilmaluag (which for the lyke reasons are to be dismembered from the kirk of Knapdale and annexed to Kilberrie), And the said kirk to be builded whereunto are annexed the lands of the Eyrens, Aishine, Barmore, Glenkill, Balmanech, Glenreoloch, Ballever, Culnashemrock, Bowvallie, Barnellan, Tarbert, Altbeoch, Laganroaig, Eskart, Bardinravin, Achingarrin, Duppen, Achachois : Which lykewayes are to be dismembered from the said

¹ *sic* for Clachbreck.

² Now Ormsary. Both forms were in use in the seventeenth century.

kirks Knapdall and Kilcalmanell respective, to be made into ane other severall disjunct paroach under ane severall minister and charge in all tymes comeing.

Because of the largenes of the yle of Aran, and that it is impossible that the numerouse people therein contained should be served with two ministers (the yle itselfe being 24 myles long and 8 myles broad), seing from the one church, which is Kilbryde, the east syde of Lochransay, which is a pairt of the paroach of the said Kilbryde, is distant twelve myles, and from the other kirk, which is Kilmory, the west syde of Lochransay, being a pairt of the said paroach of Kilmorie, is distant eighteine myles, Therefore it is thought very necessary that there be a thrid kirk builded and erected in the said yle, and that the same be situated at the head of Lochransay and that the lands underwritten, to witt, Locheid, Newtoun, Glen, Cock, Lagan, North Sannog, Midle Sannog, South Sannog, Cattcoalls, Tonregey, Penreoch, Altgolach, Whytfarland, Imachar, Ranlekan, Bugarrie, Achingarrie, Achingallan, shall be adjoynd to the said kirk to be erected, all the forsaid lands being farre distant from any church, and to remaine ane constant paroach in all tyme comeing.

Considereing the discomodiouse union both to the minister and paroachiners of the kirks of Saddall, Killeane and Kilchenzie, seing Saddall is eight myles distant from Killean of rough mountanouse way unpassable, and Killcan twelfe myles from Kilchenzie, and that be that means the minister hes farre to travell, and each paroach of the three gets but preacheing once every twentie dayes, and sometymes not so oft, stormes hindering the minister, Therefore they think it necessary they be disunited and Sadall made a paroach be itselfe, And the limits of it on the north syde to be Barmolloch and all Glencaradall and Glentorstadall, which before belonged to the paroach of Killean, And the water of Ardincroisse to be the limits of the said paroach on the south syde, which includes Ugadall and Ardincroisse which before pertained to the paroach of Kilchuslan, And Killean and the yle of Gia to be united in one cure, seing the ferrie betwixt the yle of Gia and

Killean is but short and neither of them able to maintaine a minister. And Kilchenzie south from Killorow to resort to the kirk of Lothead, being within four myles to the same, and the rest of the paroach of Kilchenzie being thus dismembered is united to Killeane.

Because the three kirks of Kilcheran, Kilchuslan and Kilmichael is but two myles distant, and that the minister did serve *per vices* at every one of the said three, It is thought expedient for the further instruction of the people that there be a kirk builded in the town of Loch-head,¹ being the center of the three paroaches, and all the other two paroaches to resort to the same kirk to be erected, seing by this means they may get preaching every Sunday, whillas before they gott preacheing onely once every thrid Sunday.

In regard that Kilcallumkill, Kilblaan and Kilchevan hes been united in one cure and served be one minister and that there is but the distance of one myle of good way betwixt the said Kilcollumkill and Kilblaan, Therefore it is thought expedient that a kirk be builded in Macharie-more, being the most centricall place betwixt the two paroaches, where commodiously they may have preaching Sabbathely, whillas of before they heard the word every thrid Sunday: And a pairt of the said paroach of Kilchevan to be annexed to Loch-head as lying more neare to the same, to witt, Lossit, Kilchevan, Wigil etc. And the rest of the paroach of Kilchevan to go to the kirk to be builded in Machriemore as lying more neare to the same.

Considereing the largenes of the bounds and numerosenes of the people within the yle of Yla, and that it is impossible that so many people as is within that yle (being of the number of three thousand communicants) should be served by two ministers, the yle itselfe being 24 myles of length and 16 of breedth and the people farre distant from the churches, Wherefore it is thought neces-sare that anc thrid kirk be erected in the said yle at Lagan besyde Duncvaig, that so three ministers may be in the

¹ Campbeltown.

yle, one in Kilchoman, another in Killorow, and the thrid at the said place.

In regard of the farre distance be sea of the yles of Gia, Jura, Colonsa, Jura being the midle yle and yet sexteine myle of sea distant from either of them, and therefore that it is impossible that one minister take the charge of all the three as they were united of before : It is thought necessar that they be disunited in manner following, viz. That Gia be united to Killean, being onely four myles distant, and Jura and Colonsa united to be a cure.

Because the yle of Tirie is but short eight myles of length, and that as good and plaine and dry as can be desyred, and whereas there is now two kirks their served by one minister at ilk severall end of the paroach, wherthrow the people gets preaching but once in the fourteen dayes, Therefore it is thought expedient that there be onely one kirk in the yle, and this kirk to be builded at Knockdelkin, being the center of the yle, that so the people may have weekly preacheing.

In lyke manner it is necessarie that there be a kirk in the yle of Coll to be builded at Grenock for the reasons foirsaid.

It is thought expedient that whosoever shall be minister at Icollumkill, he shall also have the charge of Kilmakeoine¹ joyned thereto, because it is nearest adjacent to him, and cannot be so commodiously served, seing the tithes of it will not afford means to uphold for the service of itselfe, and that the lands of Brollos be a pairt of the paroach of Kilmakeoine.

Killinan and Kilinchin in Mull is thought expedient to be united for the commodiousenes of both the paroaches, and the lands of Quiniss and Misniss to be annexed to Kilninan.

Killean and the Chappell of Pennigown conjunct in one cure, adjoyneing to Pennigown the lands of Aros and Glencanner.

It is fund necessare that Kilchoan should be repaired,

¹ Kilvickeon.

failzieing of a kirk in Skinid, to which Elainfinan is annexed.

Seing that the kirks and paroach of Kundairt¹ is but a twentie pund land, and that the teyndns thereof, extending to about two hundreth punds, is not able to make a provision for a minister to serve thereat, and that the nearest kirk to it is Glenelg, It is fund expedient that it be joynd to the foirsaid Kundoirnt and united in one cure.

Because of the largenes of the bounds, numerousenes of the people, and sufficiency of stipend that may be had in Lochabber, It is thought very necessary that there be two paroaches therein, and two ministers, one of the kirks to be built at Kilmalzie as of old, and to have joynd with it, from the other paroach of Kilmanevaig, the lands of Garghanich with the lands of Glenneiveise and two Achtoars: And the other paroach to have two kirks, whereof the one is to be builded at the south end of Loch Loches, and the other at Kilfinan in Achdromy, and the preacheing to be two Sundayes at Kilmanevaig, at the south end of Loch Loches two Sundayes, and the thrid at Kilfinan in Achadromy the 3rd Sunday, And to have the lands of Glengarrie, Achadromy, which formerly belonged to Kilmalzie, dismembered from the same and annexed to that paroach of Kilfinan.

Considereing the discommodiousenes of the united kirks of Lesmore and Apine, pairt whereof being ane yle and pairt a continent, and every one of them being both a considerable congregation and a sufficient maintenance, It is thought expedient that the yle of Lesmore be dismembered from the continent, which is Appine, and be served by a minister: And the said Appin and Durer, which is the continent, be erected in a paroach be itselwe and a minister provyded to serve the cure at the new builded kirk of Appine, And Elen-Mun (which includes Glencon and Mamore) to be annexed to Appine, and the preaching to be the 3rd Sunday at Elin Mun.

In regard of the discommodiousenes of the union of

¹ Knoydart.

Bailevedan and Kilespickerull and of the numerousenes of the people contained in the saids two paroaches, and of the sufficiency of maintenance that may be gotten in them, being bishope kirks, whereof the teynds wholly belonged to them, Therefore the assembly thinks it necessary that these two kirks be disunited and every one of them erected in a severall cure, and provyded with competent meanes, and the lands of Drissaig, Corries, Letterben to be dismembered from Bailevedan and annexed to Dysart, and the lands of Fanans and Icarachain to be adjoined to Muckerne.

Because that the four yles of Muk, Canna, Rowm and Eig are in the sea farre distant from any continent and that it is thought they are nearer the yle of Sky than any other place, Therefore it is thought necessare that they be annexed to Megneiss in the yle of Sky, and the minister to come to these yles to preach to them and catechise them so oft as possibly he can, And it is fund necessary that a kirk be builded at Locharbort for Megneis and Bracadall, unto which the people may conveniently resort as being more centricall then any of the foirsaidis paroaches of Megneis and Bracadall.

Trumpan in Waterniss and Kilmorie in Diuriniss is needfull to be united in one cure and served be one minister.

Snisort one cure because it may afford a competent maintenance and is a considerable congregation.

Kilmorie in Torternish one cure for the same reasons.

Barra and South uist conjunct in one cure, and North uist another cure.

The Heries one. Kilchrist in Strahuaradall and Kilmory in Slett is thought fitt to be united in one cure and served by one minister.

The assembly haveing read the foirsaidis overtures of the committee, and haveing fund them grounded on very good reasons and considerations, did appoynt them to be registrat in their bookes, as also hes made choyse and election of Mr Ewin Cameron, minister at Dunoone, giving him full power to repair to Edinburgh and represent

all the particulars contained in the saids overtures unto the Lords and the others upon the Commission of Valuation of teynds and plantation of kirks, and to deal with all diligence and earnestnes to procure their ratification and confirmation unto the same, and to sute for a competency of meanes to the ministers serving the cures severally as said is, and that conform to the Act of Parliament made thereannent.¹

SESS. 7.

Seing of old it hes been a superstitiouse custome that beddells, smithes, millars, officers and ferriers did on Yuill, Pasch, and the rest of these pretended holy dayes (which our predecessors did superstitiously keep as holy and festivall dayes) passe throw the paroach to exact certaine dueties whilk they were wont to be payed of for the bettir enabling them to keep and observe these dayes more solemnely, and that the same is as yet used, and that it is a meane to retaine in the peoples minds memorialls of the inbred superstitiouse conceit of the holines of the foirsaid dayes, It is therefore ordained that as by the happie reformation these dayes are abolished, so that every minister make open intimation to all their paroachiners that none of the foresaid persons presume to exact such dueties under the paine of ecclesiastick censure to be executed against the pairtie exacter and the pairty payer with this proviso That, if the saids dueties be such as is due to them for their service, it shall not prejudice the forsaid persons to exact the same at any other tyme, or to sute for it before the ordinar judge.

The assembly being informed of a well that is at Lochlung, unto which many of the commons resorts superstitiously, pretending the water thereof to have vertew of cureing deseases, For remeid whereof the assembly ordaines that the presbyterie of Dunbartan be written to, within whose bounds the forsaid well is, to the end they may cause the magistrats to demolish the same.

¹ For the findings of the Commission, see Appendix.

Seeing it is a common custome and practice of the Church of Scotland that every presbyterie should have a visitation within their own bounds, the neglect whereof breeds sundery inconveniences within thir bounds, It is ordained by common consent that every presbyterie shall visit every particular kirk within their bounds with all convenient diligence, and that they fail not to have a yearely visitation, and have the particular occurrences at every kirk booked in their presbetry bookes, that at the tyme of their presenteing their books to the provinciall meeting their diligence may be examined.

It is ordained that every presbyterie proceed against all papists within their bounds with the censure of the church incase of their refractorines, and thereafter delate them to the lords of the Privie Counsell that there persons may be apprehended and their goods confiscated according to the Acts of the Generall Assembly and Parliament.

The assembly understanding that the Lady Lergy is a papist and continues obstinat therein, Whereof it is ordained if shee give not satisfaction to the presbyterie, that shee repaire to Dunoone on the first of January next 1643 that shee may have conference with Mr Ewin Cameron, minister there, to get resolution of her doubts and questions for the space of two months, At the expyreing of which tyme, if shee give not satisfaction, then the presbyterie to proceed against her with excommunication.

In lykewas ordaines Mr William Campbell of Eorobolls, who is ane obstinat papist, to repaire to Inneraray on the first of January and their to remaine dureing the space foirsaid to the end that Mr Donald mc olvory, minister at Inneraray, may resolve him of such questions as he doubts most of, and cleare him of prejudices against the orthodoxe religion, And incase of his obstinacy the presbyterie to proceed against him with the censure foirsaid.

Being made known to the meeting that the old Lady mc Cloud and Anguis mc Ferq^r in the yle of Sky are professed papists, The assembly recommends to Mr Lachlan Frazer, minister their, to conferre with them, and

deall seriously both privatly and publictly with them, and to report his diligence to the assembly.

SESS. 8.

Because it is a commoun custome in some of the remottest pairts within this province of ignorant poore women to howle their dead unto the graves, which commonly is called the corronach, a thing unseemely to be used in any true Christian kirk, where there is preacheing and profession of the comfortable resurrection of the dead, Wherefor for the restraineing thereof it is ordained that every minister both in preacheing and catechiseing endeavore to inform them how unseemely to Christians, and offensive to God, and scandalouse to others the lyke practice and careage must be, And moreover, for curbing of those that will be refractory and will not receive information, intimation be made publictly by every minister in his own paroach that the same is forbidden and ordained to be punished, and after that every one that shall be fund guilty of the said corronoch shall stand on Sunday in the church, and if they continue or shall be fund offer than once, then it is ordained that some of them be jogged and made examples to the rest, And if this prevaill not that they represent it by ane act of session unto My Lord Marquesse who hes promised to take ordour with the same.

Seeing by ane Parliament it was ordained that sepulchres and throchstains should be removed out of the body of the kirk to the churchyard and that for sundry inconveniencies and disturbances that oftymes follows upon the burials in the body of the kirk, Therefore the assembly ordaines the presbyteries in their visitations, before their own removealls from the severall paroaches within their bounds, see the same put in execution, that there be no occasion of stryfe nor contention betwixt the minister and his paroachiners.¹

¹ The Presbyterians were strongly opposed to burials in churches, partly on sanitary grounds, and partly because, while they regarded their churches as buildings set apart for worship, they denied that they were in any way

Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, is ordained to be treasurer of the Irish contribution, and that he give a ticket of receipt to every minister of what he receives.

Mr Archibald mc Callum and Mr Donald Campbell is ordained to collect the foirsaid contribution in Knapdaill.

Because that Mr Ncill Campbell gave satisfaction in all poynts unto the assembly and that My Lord Marquesse of Argyll did present him unto the church of Kinloch in Kintyre, he is recommended to the presbyterie of Kintyre to admitt him the first Wednesday of November nixt.

By unanimous consent it is ordained that the next assembly shall hold at Kinloch in Kintyre the 20th of May 1643.

After recommendation of the brethren and their labors to the blesseing of God the assembly dissolved.

Mr DUG: DARROCH, Clerk.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL HOLDINE AT LOCH-HEAD ¹ THE 25TH OF MAY 1643.

After ane sermon had by the moderator of the former assembly, and incalling upon God for a blessing to the meeting, they proceeded in choosing of a new moderator, and haveing litted Mr Ewin Camerone, Mr Archibald mc

consecrated, and resented the presence of monuments and inscriptions within the walls as irreverent intrusions of human vanity. As an indication of the reality of the sanitary objection it may be noted that in 1709 the Presbytery of Dunoon, on a petition by the minister, the session and majority of the heritors, in which reference is made to the stench occasioned by the burials in the church of Kilmun, found it necessary to order the whole floor of the church 'to be overlaid at least two feet deep with new earth for levelling the said floor and removing the offensive, unwholesome smell.'

¹ The Dunoon Presbytery Records contain the following reference to the arrangements for attending this Synod under date 3rd May 1643:—

'It is agreed that Mr Ewin fie ane boat at Dunoone for to carie the ministerie of this presbyterie to Locheid, and that Mr Colein and Ewin mc Claime come there upon Monday the twenty two of this moneth be ten houres that Mr James and Mr Donald may meet them at four houres afternoone in Rothsay, and sighting their Presbyterie bookes that they tak journey joyntlie to Locheid.'

Callum, Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Ewin Camerone was chosen moderator for the tyme.

Thereafter they proceeded in choosing of a clerk; by common consent they continued the former clerk during this assembly.

The members of the assembly being constitute, the catalogue of each presbyterie, ministers and elders, being called, the absents were remarked in manner followeing :—

Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewin Camerone ; Alex^r Campb. of Kilbryd, Elder ; Mr Pat: Stewart ; Joⁿ Campb., provest of Rothsay ; Mr James Campbell ; Duncan Lammont ; Mr Donald mc Cloy ; his Elder absent ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; Ewin mc Claine and his Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Donald mc olvorie ; Marquesse of Argyll, Elder ; Mr Dug: Campbell ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Joⁿ mc Lachlan, Elder ; Mr Do^d Campbell, absent ; Mr Neill mc Callum ; Do^d mc Lachlan, Elder ; Mr Coline Campbell.

Presbyterie of Kinloch : Mr Neill Campbell ; Malcolm mc Nachtan, Elder ; Mr Dugald Darroch ; Hector mc Alistar, Elder ; Mr Murdoch mc Currie ; Donald Whyte, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Darroch ; Duncan Omey, Elder ; Mr Archibald mc Alistar ; George Campbell, tutor, Elder ; Marteine mc Lachlan ; Alex^r Johnstoun, Elder ; Mr John Knox ; James mc Kirdie, Minister, absent.

The Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll mc Calman ; Mr John mc Lachlane, Minister at Sela ; Sorle mc Claine, Elder ; Mr Duncan mc Calman, Minister at Lesmore ; Mr Archibald mc Calman ; Mr Duncan mc Calman in Ardinmurch: ; Mr Patrick mc Lachl:, absent ; Mr Hector mc Claine ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer, absent ; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra, absent ; Mr Allane Clerk.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Ewin mc Queine, absent ; Mr Marteine mc Phersonc ; Mr Neill mc Kinnoune ; Mr Anguis mc Queen, absent ; Mr Lachlan Frazer ; Mr Archibald mc Queine ; Joⁿ mc Pherson, Minister at Herries, absent ;

Mr Murdoch mc Hustoune, Minister at Lews, absent ;
Mr Ferq^r Clerk, Minister at Stornua, absent.

Tryall being taken of the lyves and conversationnes of the brethren of the severall presbyteries and of their diligence in executing the dueties of their spirituall charge, approbation or disallowance followeing thereupon according to their demerits, then thir specialities following was animadverted as is aftermentioned.

Mr Patrick Stewart his excuse is fund relevant for his absence from the last assembly.

Mr Allen Clerk and Mr Hector mc Claine, because of their being appoynted at the last assembly to go to the visitation of the yle of Sky, and of their remotenes from the provinciall seat, gott toleration as all the brethren of Sky did.

Marteine mc Lachlan, minister at Kildaltan in Yla, being accused for not performance of obedience to the injunctions of the last assembly for diverse his former absences, acknowledges his oversight, and to testifie his willingnes to obedience hes inacted himselfe to consigne fortie pund Scots in the hands of the clerk before the dissolution of the meeting, whilk fourtie pund the clerk is appoynted to use and employ in the buying of bookes for the said Marteen his use with this proviso, That if the said Marteine fail to consigne the said money in manner foirsaid and so force the assembly to a new censure that the said Marteen shall not onely be censured with another penaltie, but also shall lose the benefite of the said fourtie pund as said is, and the samine shall be turned to whatsoever use it pleases the assembly to imploy the same into.

Mr Patrick mc Lachlans excuse for this dyet fund relevant.

The brethren of the presbyterie of Sky being inquired if they had any excuse either by direction of word or lettir from the ministry of Lewes and Herries for their absence from the meeting, Did declare that [not] onely they did absent themselves from the provinciall meettings but also from all presbyteriall meettings with them since the last

general assembly and the union of that presbyterie with the province of Argyll, And that for feare that if they be esteemed members of their presbyterie that they will be by consequence estimat members of our provinciall, whereof they have no will, being desyrous onely to be joyned to the province of Rosse, Whilk, being contrare to the constitution of the generall assembly, the meeting refers to the commissioners of the severall presbyteries to represent the samine to the generall assembly.

The ministrie of Arran being very negligent heretofore in keepinge our meetings, and also the assembly being informed of diverse enormities and abuses in that countrey and of the unseemely careage and behaviour of the ministry, They thot meett for tryall of the samine to appoynt Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr James Campb., Mr Patrick Stewart, Mr Coline mc Lachlane and Mr Dugald Darroch, ministers, the Laird of Lowp and the provest of Buite, ruleing elders, to visit the churches of the said bounds, and to do and exerce all and whatsoever particulars in their visitation as is incumbent to visitors, conforme to the acts and constitutions of this kirk and kingdome, and to report their diligence to the nixt assembly.

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The assembly, finding that contrair to the acts and the practice of the Kirk of Scotland, parties passe over to Ireland¹ and procure mareages with the same persons with whome they were guiltie of adultery, either before the decease of or divorement from their yockfellow, and therafter return home to the great offence and scandall of good Christians to dwell amongst them, Referrs to the commissioners of the severall presbyteries to inquire amongst other queries how they should be proceeded against.

¹ There was probably at this time a regular ferry from Kintyre to Ireland. A reference to the service appears in the records of the Justice Court of Argyll in 1710 when a petition was submitted by John Mc Ilreavi, ferrier at Machrimore, tacksman of the ferry between Kintyre and Ireland, for protection against encroachments on his right of ferry.

Mr Neill Camerone, minister at Glenurqhy, being appointed to go to Lochaber and to remaine their for the space of a quarter of ane yeare, his place is ordained to be supplied by Mr Nicoll mc Calman and Mr Archibald mc Calman his sone at Glenurqhy, and by Mr Neill mc Callum at Inshale.

Mr Archibald mc Callum being appointed to go to Ireland to preach to the Marquesse of Argyll his regiment there, and to relieve Mr Dug. Campbell, who is presently preacher therunto, and that betwixt the date hereof and the first of September nixttocome, his place is appointed to be supplied by Mr James Campb., Mr Do^d Campb. and the said Mr Dug. Campbell *per vices* at least every fyfteine dayes.

References from the last Assembly.

Mr Ewin Camerone and Mr Neill his brother, being appointed to have gon to Lochaber for some satisfaction to the petition given in be the gentlemen and heretors of these bounds, and to remaine there for the space of halfe a yeare, and the said Mr Ewin, being posed upon the neglect of the foirsaid injunction, Answered that it was not ill willingnes that moved him, being bund thereunto by many obligationnes,¹ but the want of health, be reasone whereof he declares himselfe unable to undertake such a charge.

Mr Dug: Darroch, being posed whether he had used diligence in designation of his gleib and manse, declared that he did according to the injunction, but was kept from the possession thereof, Wherefor he is farder desyred to prosecute the course of the law for putting of himselfe in possession.

The assembly haveing fund the great negligence of the presbyteries in sending the contributions appointed for maintenance of the students of divinity to Mr Joⁿ Campbell and Mr Ar^d mc Claine who were presented to the benefite thereof, by reason whereof Mr John went not at all to the

¹ His family appear to have had a Lochaber connection.

Colledge, Inneraray and Kilmore haveing sent him nothing at all, and Mr Archibald went about Candlemesse be reason of the late sending of his pairt be Dunoone and none from Kintyre, Wherefore the assembly ordaines, under the paine of doubling the same, that at the next meetting in October every man bring with him this yeares contribution to the effect that the yong men may tymously repaire to the Colledges for their studies.

Inquyrie being made whether the presbyterie of Dumbartan was advertised to ditt up and demolish the well at Lochlongshead conforme to the act of the former meetting, and being uncertain seeing Mr Joⁿ Campbell, to whom that and other effairs of the kirk were intrusted, rests with the Lord, new appoyntment¹ is given that Mr Doug: Darroch give advertisement of the same that it be no more a stumbleing block to people in the wonted manner to come and superstitiously to worship thereat.

Seeing the Lady Lergy did not repaire to Dunoone to have conference with Mr Ewine Camerone as was ordained, the presbyterie of Kintyre is inquyred what diligence was used towards her, who declared that not onely shee was willing to heare conference, but also at all occasions did resort to the exercises of publict worship.

Mr William Campbell of Eorobolls being questioned what contentment he gott of his conference with Mr Donald mc olvory, to whom he was directed for resolution of such doubts in matters of religion as his conscience was most pressed with, Did declare that he gott satisfaction in very many poynts, but not in all, and protested that they would not wonder, that he being a man of that profession so long, though he could not upon such a suddentie have his mind liberat of all scruples, Yet he promised that he would use all meanes to inform himselfe (for it is his greatest desire under heaven to have himselfe cleared of all doubts), and will not fail to haunt all exercises of publict worships, and to use privat domestick exercises in his family.

¹ *sic* for appointment.

SESS. 3.

The presbyterie bookes being sought for to be revised, their was none present but the bookes of Dunoone and Inneraray. The book of Dunoone [was] delivered to Mr Do^d mc olvory and Mr Dugald Campbell, who saw nothing worthy fault finding with therinto, but that the common head was too seldom handled; And the presbyterie of Innerarayes book was delivered to Mr James Campbell and Mr Coline mc Lachlan, who did approve of the proceedings of the same. The rest of the presbyteries was ordained against the next dyet to bring their presbyterie bookes, for at this dyett they pretended forgetfulnes.

Concerneing Mr Marteen mc Phersons relation annent two idols kepted by Mc Neill of Barra in his privat chappell called our Lady and her babe, trimed up in their apparrell and ornaments, It was resolved upon by the assembly that Mc Neill should be written unto, desyreing him to delyver the forsaid idols to Mr Marteine to be destroyed, and incais of his refractorines ordaines sumounds to be given to Mr Marten to cite him to compeare before the next generall assembly.

As concerneing his greivance and complaint of the man that married his uncles wyfe and wilfully retaines her, the said Mr Marteen is injoynd to proceed against him with the censure of excommunication, And withall it is recommended to My Lord Marquesse of Argyll, who hes the civill power in his hand, that he exerce the same against some malefactors in that kind for examples sake, that others may be terrified from committing the lyke fact, at least from avowing it so malapertely.

Whereas Mr Hector mc Claine, minister at Morverne, delated some women guiltie of charmeing within his paroach, desyreing information how he should proceed against them, The assemblie, thinking it did belong to civill judges to punish them as witches, as also finding no particular act of the generall assembly of the manner how they should be proceeded against, hes referred to the commissioners of the presbyterees to recommend to the

generall assembly the determination of the difference and identitie of the punishments of charmers and witches.

Ordaines Mr Duncan mc Calman to serve at the new kirk of Appine to the next provincially, And, if he get not the key of the kirk doore, that he preach at the kirk syde except he be absolutely impeded, and to report his diligence to the next assembly.

It is fund necessare both in respect of the number of communicants, largenes of bounds, quantity of teynd, that the kirk of Kilbryde and Kilmore be disunited, And the same to be recommended to the Lords of the Commission for plantation of kirks, and that the kirk of Kilbryde be built at Oban, and the remotest pairt of Kilmore to be united thereto.

Because that Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, minister at Sela, hes but a small provision, haveing gotten no augmentation by the last Commission, being impeded thereby throw the bishopes of the yles their then prevailling power, notwithstanding that there is a sufficiency of teynd in his paroach, Recommends him therefore unto the Lords of the Commission for plantation of kirks, as also Mr Patrick mc Lachlan, minister at Kilninver, for the same reasons.

SESS. 4.

After tryall of the brethren their diligence in the urging and forwardeing of family exercise, and that diverse of them had not prevailed according to their desyres, They are exhorted to be still instant in that particular, and that at all occasions both in privat and in publict they take occasion to informe the people what good comfort both to body and soule they may reape throw the blesseing of God by the practice of the same.

Ronald mc Ronald, preist, compeareing conform to the appoyntment and recommendation of the Commissioners of the Generall Assembly at Edinburgh the 15 day of December 1642, whereof the tenor followeth.

The Commissioners of the Generall Assembly haveing caused bring before them Ronald mc Ronald, preist,

apprehended by the Lord Marquesse of Argyll and brought to this burgh of Edinburgh according to the desyre and recommendation of the generall assembly, after examination of the said Ronald in their own presence upon his errors and profession, and haveing considered the report of the brethren of Edinburgh, who had conferred with him at great length, finds him so grossly ignorant that they cannot accept of any acknowledgment and confession from him untill he be bettir informed, And therefore does ordaine him to study diligently to understand the errors of his bygone profession, and to this effect to read some bookes and treatises as may give him information thereannent, and to prepare himselfe by these and all other meanes to give out of knowledge and conscience ane ample and sincere confession of all his errors to the next provinciall assembly of Argyll, and to give such satisfaction unto the said province as they shall think convenient, And therefore recommends him to the province to be tryed and examined and so proceed with as they shall think meett for bringing him to the acknowledgement and renunciation, privat and publict, of his errors, and for publict satisfaction to the kirk, for the scandall and offence that his lyfe, profession and practice hes given thereby, and to do all and sundery other things concerneing him thereannent which they shall find necessare and convenient, And the said Ronald and the said Marquesse of Argyll, becomeing cautioner for him at his earnest desyre, enacted themselves for appearance before the said provinciall assembly conforme to ane act subscribit be the said Ronald of the daite of thir presents, And sicklyke the saids Commissioners appoynts the said Ronald to draw up his confession according as he can expresse the samine, and thereafter to deliver the same subscribit with his hand to the Moderator, Recommends him also to the presbyterie of Edinburgh, desyreing them to take such course with him dureing his abode with them as they shall think convenient, desyreing also the ministers of this burgh to

take paines at their conveniency for further conference with him, And farder the saids Commissioners, haveing considered the great paines and care of the said Lord Marquesse of Argyll in searcheing for, apprehending and bringing to the said burgh of Edinburgh the said Ronald upon the desyre and reccommendation of the said late assembly, did expresse their most hearty thankfulness to his Lordship for the samine, And ordaines his care and diligence to be reported to the next generall assembly.

Extracted out of the bookes of the Commission of the Generall Assembly by me Mr Andrew Ker, Clerk therto.

Sic subscribitur A. Ker, Cl. Commiss.

Whilk recommendation being read and considered, the said Ronald was questioned whether or no he had used diligence according to the ordinance of the Commissioners by studieing and readeing of bookes and treatises to come to the understanding of his errors, To which he answered that he referred the declaration of his diligence thereunto to the testimony of Mr Marteine me Pherson, who testified that he had given very much paines. Being farder inquyred if he attained to the resolution of all doubts and scruples that did most allure him to the lykeing of his former profession, he answered he had gotten full satisfaction, Whereupon being desyred to produce the coppie of his confession, which he had delyvered to the Moderator of the Commission at Edinburgh under his hand, he did produce the same, And being examined upon the particuler heads of supremacy, the worshipsing of images, the number of the sacraments, purgatory and invocation of saints, he was fund not to be strongly grounded in his profession, neither very able to cleare himselfe to the satisfaction of others that he was resolved of his doubts as he alleadged, Wherefore Mr Donald me olvory and Mr Dugald Campbell and Mr Neill Campbell¹ were appoynted to conferre with him upon the particular

¹ Formerly Bishop of the Isles, now minister of Campbeltown.

heads of his confession, that he might come to a more full understanding of his own tenets and to a greater measure of ability in publict upon Sunday next, to declare and expresse the grounds, reasons and arguments whereby he was induced to renunce the same.

SESS. 5.

The brethren appoynted to conferre with Ranald mc Ranald, preist, haveing reported their diligence, did declare that they brought him a great way on, Neither did they perceive that ever he had any considerable measure of knowledge or affection to the religion he professed formerly, but that the weightiest principle that did allure him from the beginning to the renouncing of his own religion, and embracing of popery, was the want of maintenance, being out of this countrey and the Colledge of Douav offereing him free sustentation, and now he was come to a compunction of heart for that that principall should have prevailed so strongly with him, and was willing to declare in presence of the congregation tomorrow that he did heartily greive for his errors, and would in particular confesse them and shew the reasons of his renunciatione of the same, as also declare unto the people the vanity, idlenes and unprofitablenes, yea and ridiculousenes of the superstitiouse ceremonies and worships of the church of Rome, For the whilk cause Mr Neill Campbell is appoynted to receive his confession of some articles after sermon before noone and others after sermon after noone, and where he finds him any thing deficient to question him upon the poynt, unto the tyme he thinks the auditory hes gotten some measure of satisfaction.

In regard that it is universally regretted by the ministry of the yles that very few or none of them hes constitute sessions, the gentlemen and heretors of the countrey refusing to give their concurrence to the exercise of kirk discipline, It is recommended unto my Lord Marquesse of Argyll to wryte to the gentlemen and to speake so many of them as at his going to Edinburgh his Lordship shall

chance to meet with, And withall it is referred to the generall assembly to consider of what course can be taken for the moveing of these gentlemen to embrace the charge and office of elders.

In regard that there are many kirks presently vacand within this province, and other kirks in paroaches are to be disunited whilk are also lykely to vaike, except they be served by the present ministers, and that by reason of the paucity of expectants, and that the samine defect is not lykely at leasure to be remeided, in regard that their bee very few that have care to ware and bestow upon the traneing up of their children for the ministry within the bounds, and that there is no comon charges wherewith the ministry may intromitt to bestow upon the most yong quick spirits to continue them at lerning, Therefore is is referred to the generall assembly to consider if any course may be fund be the power of the Commission for plantation of kirks, whereby the vacand stipends of the kirks already vacand or the stipends to be modified to the kirks to be disunited dureing their non plantation, or at least some pairt of the same whilk rests more and attour then that is allowed for him who hes the present charge, may be employed for the traneing up and education of yong ones for the ministry, and putting of the vacand stipends to be in the presbyteries power and at their disposall.

Considereing the long distance and the difficulty of the way both by sea and land whilk the brethren of the presbyterie of Sky hath to travell throw for to keep the provinciall meiting of Argyll, and therefore that it is difficile for them ordinarily to keep our meetings yearely, without great prejudice both to themselves and there flock throw their possible long absence, Therefore the assembly hes condescended that they shall come onely in their whole number ilk second yeare, and the other yeare by their commissionars and that to the summer meeting, and to begin the next summer in their full number, but with this caution that personnes under processe must personally compeare.

SESS. 6.

Ordaines Mr Donald Campbell, minister at Kilmarteen, to grant the benefite of mareage to Hector mc Neill of Ellanmakocharmaig with Campbell.

Ordaines Mr Allan Clerk to declare the mareage of the incestuouse person null, and to proceed with the censure of excommunication against those who cohabites together with another then their own married wyfes if they desist not.

Ordaines the ministers to deliver to the moderator before their way goeing the twentie shillings appoynted be the act of the generall assembly to James Murray,¹ and what presbyterie failes to send the same with their severall commissioners to the generall assembly.

Annent the supplication given in be the paroachiners of Kingarth annent the vacancy of their kirk throw the decease of umquhill Mr Joⁿ Campbell their pastor, supplicating and suteing for one of these three afterspecificit, viz. Mr Archibald mc Callum, Mr Neill Cameron or Mr Dug. Darroch, who being all actual ministers of other paroaches, and therefore not transportable till their own paroaches entrest be heard and discussed, The assembly thought meet to continue the answer of their supplicationne to the next meeteing.

Ordaines Mr Lachlan Frazer to give the thrid part of his yeares rent of the kirk of Snisort to Ronald mc Ronald, sometymes preist, for his maintenance this yeare.

Ordaines the presbyterie of Sky to admitt Mr Archibald mc Queine to Killimuire in Torteneiss.

Referrs Hector mc Neills supplication annent the supplying of Gia to the presbyterie of Kintyre.

Duncan Omey ordained to contribute to the commissioners that are to be employed in church affaires conforme to the proportion he brookes of the stipend of Kilcollumkill and Kilblaane, whilk he is appoynted also to exact of the foirsaid paroaches proportionably under penaltie to be discharged of all entresse to any pairt of that stipend

¹ Unprinted Acts 1642.

heirafter, seing it was continued with him but of favour, to the prejudice of the present server of the cure.

The charge of Killeane and Pennigown to be supplied be Mrs Nicoll, Archibald and Duncan mc Calmans, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, and Mr Hector mc Leane as of before with allowance of the two pairts of the teynds whilk was in use to be payed to the ministers serveing thereat of before, And because they compleane that by vertew of a tack granted be the bishope of the yles to Sir Lachlane mc Claine of Duairt the said Sir Lachlan puts himselfe in possession of two pairts of the tythes of the paroache foirsaid notwithstanding that the bishopes of the yles had never power of the thrid pairt of the tythes of the paroaches within their diocess, Therefore it is recommended to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll to writt to the said Sir Lachlane theirrannent that he desist from inroaching in that kynd upon the Churches patrimony.

Because that the provinciall bookes ar yearly to be presented to be revised be the generall assembly, and that it is fitt that they be written with a good and legible hand, and that heretofore the clerk was changeable in regard it was troublesome to one minister to be clerk without any benefite, Therefore the assembly hath made choise of Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, because of his good and legible hand, to be clerk to the provinciall constantly in tyme comeing, alloweing him that which was allotted formerly to the constant clerk of the provinciall, to witt two marks be ilk brother within the province, Wherefore he shall be astricted to give anc extract of all the acts of ilk provinciall to each moderator or clerk of ilk presbyteric within the province, which charge the said Mr James hes embraced, and hes made faith as use is in such cases, And to this effect Mr Dug. Darroch, who was clerk to the two last assemblies, is appoynted to draw up the whole acts *in mundo* and deliver him the book compleat under his hand.

Mr Ewin Cameron hes ¹ commission to go to Edinburgh

¹ *sic* for his.

and agent the kirks affaires in thir bounds before the Commission for plantation of kirks is renewed, and appoynted to him to get 40 shillings of each province¹ for his charges.

Forsameekle as at the chooseing of the commissioner foirsaid some of the brethren did declare that they were carelesse whether he were sent or not for the effect above-spezifit, and that because they intended not to sute for the benefit of the Act of Parliament, either for procureing of augmentatione or disunion of their kirks, the assembly took to their consideration what could be the cause of their said declarationnes, And finding it to be their relation to the patrons that moved them to desist from perseweing of the benefit of the Act of Parliament, albeit they should be losers themselves, whilk the assembly takeing to heart as being a thing prejudiciall in all tymes comeing to the paroaches and kirk where they serve, was referred to the generall assembly that they themselves might be moved to diligence in the particular, both for their own and their successors good and the churches, or to be resolved on the next best course, how without their help and assistance the provision of these churches might be procured.

Forsameekle as diverse of the brethren gave in their greivances that they were continually solicited be severall persons who were in their own default divorced from their married wyfes, and whose wyfes being innocent or long since married upon other men, to grant them also the benefite of mareage, seeing they had not the gift to live continently, requyred therefore the resolution of the assembly how to answer them, whilk they being doubtfull of, and it not being the practise of the Church of Scotland, thought fittest to referre the same to be resolved be the generall assembly.

The first Thursday of October is appoynted to be kepted at Inneraray 1643.

Mr DUG. DARROCH, Clerk.

¹ *sic* for Presbitrie ?

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
 HOLDINE AT INNERARAY THE 7TH OCTOBER 1643.

SESS. 1^A.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling of the name of God for a blessing to their meeting by Mr Ewin Cameron, last moderator, the assembly proceeded to elect a new modcrator, and haveing lited Mr Do^d mc olvory, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Neill Cameron, the said Mr Nicoll by plurality of voices was chosen moderator.

Mr James Campbell is continued clerk constantly according to the appoyntment of the assembly at Lochhead.

The members of the assembly being constitute, the catalogue of the severall presbyteries ministers and elders being called, the absents are marked as followeth :—

Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewin Camerone ; Mr Patrick Stewart ; Mr James Campbell ; Mr Do^d mc Cloy ; Mr Colin mc Lachlan ; Ewin mc Claine, Minister.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Do^d mc olvory ; George Campbell, Elder ; Mr Dug. Campbell absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum absent ; Mr Do^d Campbell absent ; His Ruleing Elder absent ; Mr Coline Campbell ; Mr Neill mc Callum ; Mr Neill Cameron.

Presbyterie of Kinloch : Mr Neill Campbell absent ; Malcolm mc Nachtan, Elder ; Mr Dug. Darroch ; Mr Murdoch mc Currie ; Mr Joⁿ Darroch absent ; Mr Archibald mc Alister ; Marteine mc Lachlane absent ; Mr Joⁿ Knox ; James mc Kirdie.

Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll mc Calman ; Mr John mc Lachlan ; Mr Duncan mc Calman ; Mr Archibald mc Calman ; Mr Duncane mc Calman absent ; Mr Patrick mc Lachlan absent ; Mr Hector mc Claine ; Mr Farq^r Frazer ; Mr Marteen mc Ilvra ; Mr Allan Clerk.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Ewin mc Queine absent ; Mr Marteine mc Pherson absent ; Mr Neill mc Kinnown

absent ; Mr Anguis mc Queen absent ; Mr Lachlan Frazer absent ; Mr Archibald mc Queine absent ; John mc Pher-sone absent ; Mr Murdoch mc Houstone absent ; Mr Ferquhare Clerk.

Tryall being taken in the lyves and conversationnes of the brethren of ilk presbyterie severally and in their diligence in the executeing the dueties of their spirituall charge, approbation and disallowance following thereupon according to their demerits, then thir specialities were animadverted as is after mentioned.

Mr Patrick Stewart and Mr Patrick mc Lachlan are onely excused by reason of their sicknes, and the brethren of the presbyterie of Sky in respect of the tolleration that was granted to them at our last meeting.

In respect that both at this and the former provinciall the presbyteries of Lorn and Kintyre have neglected the production of their presbyterie books, It is ordained that at the next meeting they produce the same under the paine of incurrreing the imputation of uter carelesnes of discipline, and whatever other censure ought to be enjoyned to them according to the constitution of the kirk of this kingdome, or the penaltie of fourtie pundis to be payed by ilk presbyterie as they have condescended unto themselves.

In regard that notwithstanding the favour granted to Marteen mc Lachlan in haveing his penaltie for his frequent absence granted to himselfe to be employed in the buying of bookes (of whilk he is fund to be very scarce), and for that effect that he was appoynted to delyver the same to Mr Dug. Darroch, and that the said Mr Dugald hes bought the bookes, and that the said Marteen hes proven disobedient and a contemptuouse misregarder of the act, albeit he promised the contrare, It is of new appoynted that if he send not the money before the first of November to louse the bookes from the said Mr Dugald, then and in that case the bookes to be employed to the presbyteries use, and he to be lyable to the payment of the penalty, without haveing any favour that the same shall be im-

proven to his own use, as was granted formerly, And to be subject also to what furder censure the kirk shall think expedient, And to that effect that the moderator wryte to George Campbell his paymaster to detaine so much of the stipend in his hand to be consigned in the presbyteries hands.

In regard there was a lettere presented, subscribit be Mr Pat. mc Lachlan of the date at Kilchoan the 14 of January 1642, containeing some harsh expressions against some of the brethren of the provinciall meeting, It is referred to the presbyterie of Lorne to take tryall of the same and to censure him according as they find him guilty, and to give him direction to be at the next provinciall that he may declare the meaneing of his forsaid lettir, And withall that they appoynt him to pay Mr Ar^d mc Callum according to the former ordinance, and for that effect that they keep their meeting betwixt and the first of November.

SESS. 2^a.

Referres to the presbyterie of Sky to sumound the ministrie of Lewes to compeare before the next provinciall where they shall be satisfied in any thing they have to say against Mr Ar^d mc Queens admission.¹

Mr Coline mc Lachlan is licenced to grant the benefite of mareage to Hector mc Neill and Anna Campbell sister to the Laird of Ardkinlas so shoone as he shall be requyred.

Because of the negligence of diverse of the brethren in payeing of the contribution appoynted for students, It is ordained that the moderator of ilk presbyterie use diligence in collecting the same, and that the students themselves about the 20th day of November next repair to the moderator's house, and their remaine till they get their contribution with them.

Mr Marteine mc Ilvra and Mr Ferq^r Frazer are enjoyned to sumound all such as gainstand the payment of the contribution forsaid and the schoolmaster of Inneraray his fiall against the next provinciall.

¹ Admitted to Kilmuir at the preceding Synod (see p. 74).

The desyre of Pennimores petition in the behalfe of the paroachiners of Kingarth for a minister is referred to be granted be the presbyterie of Dunoone by helping them to the ablest expectant they can find. In the mean tyme the presbyterie is ordained to serve the cure at least once in 20 days.

Referrs to the presbyterie of Kintyre to take ordour with Joⁿ and James Hamiltons for their barbarous misbehaviour in raiseing of dead corps out of the grave, and that they imploy the bailzie of Aran for their assistance for correcting them according to the injunction of the presbyterie.

The presbyterie of Dunone who were appoynted to be visitors of the yle of Aran are approven and commended for their diligence.

James mc Kirdie, minister of Kilmory in Arran, being fund by the visitors unfitt for dischargeing of any part of the spirituall function of the ministry, as their report at more length properts, is ordained to be deposed, but in consideration of his old age the two part of his present stipend, whilk is thrittie boll of victuall, reserved for himsele and his gleib and manse till the gleib be provyded, and his place is to be supplied be the presbyterie as it is in the minute.

Thomas Neere, schoolmaster at Lochhead, is referred to the presbyterie to get payment of his schoolefie.

The assembly considereing that Gilcollum mc Eandui ve Kowill beige is the innocent partie as the divorcement specifies, and therefore refers to Mr Lachlan Frazer to grant him marcege according to his desyre.

SESS. 3.

It is recommended to the severall presbyteries to have souldiers in readines to go out with the rest of the Marquesse of Argyles regiment as they have been written to severally by the Chancelor,¹ And also, seing God and his Church

¹ ' Resolves to give satisfiounne to the Chancellors Lettere requyring ane man with all militarie equipage to goe to this expeditiounne and Levie to Ingland.'—Dunoon Presbytery Records, 20th September 1643.

calls for our diligence, and that very much depends on our zeal for the cause of God, it is requyred of us that we be not negligent in such a tyme as this, but that we be very carefull in warneing and admonishing our people of the dangerouse estate that the kirk of God is into for the tyme, and not onely to be instant in prayer but to steire them up also to hazard all for religion.

Mr Dug. Darroch is made choice of to be preacher to the Marquesse of Argyles regiment that is to be levied for England,¹ And his kirks to be supplied in manner after-specifit, the kirk of Kilcalmanell be Mr James Campbell, Mr Neill Campbell and Mr Joⁿ Darroch, and the kirk of Kilberrie be Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Murdoch mc Currie, ordaineing that ilka kirk shall have preacheing once in the moneth.

The assembly, considereing the inhumane and barbarouse cruelty committed in the slaughter of Joⁿ mc Claine of Mengarie be Anguis mc Donald ve ean duie, Donald Glasse mc ean moir ve ean duie, Donald Bane mc Henrie, Joⁿ Gerre mc Alister Roy and his sone, and that they are not onely guiltie of that inhumane fact and odious cryme, but dissobedient also to mans law and Gods law, still exerciseing all kind of theft and robbery without any hope of ammendement, Ordaines Mr Duncan mc Callman upon the 22 of this instant to excommunicat them summarily at the kirk of Lesmore, haveing warned his paroachiners upon the Sunday before that he is injoyned to proceed with that censure against them.

Patrick mc Kerrish, being guilty of the lyke bloody fact, is referred to be proceeded against with the same censure be Mr Nicoll mc Calman, who after sentence pronounced is requyred to make intimation thereof in all the kirks within the presbytery that none pretending ignorance they may leave of to converse in any manner with him.

Anguis mc Allane duie and his complices, who continues still in makeing a trade of theft and robbery to the

¹ 'Proclamatioune delivered to the Bretheren intimating all persones within sixtie to be in readines in armes to be read in thair kirks after devyne service.'—Dunoon Presbytery Records, 20th September 1643.

great prejudice of all the neighbors round about, are appointed to be cited and processed before the session, that they may be exhorted to repentance, and, if they disobey, that the minister get a warrand fra the presbyterie to proceed against them with the severest censure of the kirk.

SESS. 4^a.

Martine mc Lachlan is ordained to proceed against Iwir mc Guirmen and Effrick buy ne Callirch as adulterouse persons.

The supplicants underwritten, Mr James Mirk, Mr William Smith, William Craford, Joⁿ Allan, provest of Dungennan, being recommended to the provincially by the generall assembly to be helped in their present necessity, The assembly hes appointed Mr James Campbell who hes gotten ordour to keep the contribution, to give Joⁿ Allan fyftie pund, and to each of the other three fyftie marks. And to Mr Piter Cameron, seing he was in the same estate and condition albeit without recommendation, fyftie marks, and to Robert Ivir, who was captivated and spoyled by the Turks, twentie marks, and to Donald mc Indullor, who was redacted to poverty by his sicknes, four pund, And in regard that diverse of the brethren alledged that they themselves did medle with pairt of the contribution to bestow it on some people that cam out of Ireland and were in great need, seeing it was done without warrand, ordaines them to pay the full according as was collected, and that they send the same with the first conveniency to Mr James Campbell, And it is inacted that nothing thereof be intromitted with hereafter but with consent of the whole provincially.

The assembly considereing how prejudiciall the long vacancy of the kirk of Icollumkill and Kileakeune may be to the state of the kirks in these bounds, It is thought fitt that the samine should be planted by transportation of Mr Marteen mc Ilvra hither, And, least that any should complaine of wrong, it is appointed that his paroachiners be warned to compear before the presbyterie at Pennigown

the first of November to see if they have any reasons to give against the lawfulness of his transportation, whilk if they have not, then they to go on to give him actual transportation, and invest him in the benefice, And withall it is recommended to them to modifye Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlans charges for serveing so long at Icollumkill.

SESS 5.

It is recommended to Mr Joⁿ Knox to proceed with the censures of the kirk against Gilcallum mc Pharlan and Jonnet Stewart, Walter Stewart and Jannet mc Invard, all lying and cohabiteing in adultery, except they offer obedience, mak their repentance and separat fra others.

Mr Duncan mc Calman is continued in his charge to preach ilk thrid Sunday at Appin *ut antea*.

The Shirref of Argyll is earnestly desyred to take ordour with Joⁿ Roy mc Ean ve Douill, ferrier at Portnahappine, for refusing to ferry Mr Duncan mc Calman over ¹ to the kirk of Apin.

The assembly haveing represented to the Laird of Glenorchy ² the necessity of haveing a minister into the Appine, because they are separated be sea from their own paroach church, and haveing requested him to be pleased for his entresse to condescend for a new provision to a church thair, He hes out of his zeall to Gods glory and the good of religion most willingly condescended thereto, protesting alwayes that he be not burthened annent the provision forsaid but *pro rato* and proportionably.

Forsameekle as Sir Donald Campbell of Ardinmurchan and his adherents, Duncan Stewart of Appine, Joⁿ and Allan Stewart his brethren, Duncan Stewart, fier of Ardseall, out of a conceived feare that there would be a severall provision and maintenance appoynted be the Lords and others upon the Commission for the plantation of kirks for

¹ From Lismore.

² In the 1629 Teind Valuation, Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy is noted as patron of the Chancellery and Chantry of Lismore and possessor of the teinds belonging to these offices.

that new builded church in the Appine, and that it would be disunited from the church of Lesmore within the whilk paroach it is builded, and that to the prejudice of the said Sir Donald, who is tacksman to the halfe of the teyndes of that paroach, The said Sir Donald did intend to make that church to be esteemed no church by hindereing the exercise of preacheing thereinto, both by locking of the doores and not giveing entrie to the minister, and by hindereing also the people to heare the minister when he was willing to preach in the churchyard according as was enjoyned to him every thrid Sunday, Therefore the assembly have given ordour to the presbyterie of Lorn for to cite them before them against the first Wednesday of at Kilmore, and that the citation be put in execution be the minister of Lesmore three severall Sundayes out of pulpite, and that they proceed against them according to the instructions following, viz. :—

If they compeare and be fund guiltie that they be enjoyned to make their repentance at the said new builded church of Appine ane Sunday, and that they sitt in ane certaine place of the church by themselves, and that after the last prayer the minister call upon them, move them to confesse their fault before the people, and make them sitt down upon their knees and crave forgiveness, And if they be dissobedient either to compeare, or compeareing dissobey the injunction of the presbyterie, then the presbyterie is ordained to proceed against them with further censures according to the ordinance of the kirk.

Referres Joⁿ Ban mc Cowan that used the charme of the ridle to the civill judge.

It is recommended to Mr Donald mc Cloy to try before the session all these that wer associats to the said Joⁿ Ban at the useing of the said charme, and all other charmers within his paroach, and to report his diligence to the presbyterie.

Referres Elizabeth nic Dugald for her dissobedience to the presbyterie of Dunoone, and ordaines her confession to be registrat in the said presbyterie bookes.

Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Ar^d mc Callum are chosen commissioners to agent the affaires belonging to the good of the kirk within the province, and their charges is appoynted to be sent to the said Mr Ewine against the first of November, that there be no stope in there going for the effect foirsaid, and that they may get occasion to get first heareing before the Commission for plantation of kirks, And that ilk minister, by and attour their own charges, send to them two dollors, one to be employed for tableing the summounds, another to be given to the procurator that compeares in their name.

Mr Ewin Camerone and Ar^d Campbell of Kilmune, ruling elder, are appoynted to keep correspondence with the provinciall of Glasgow, whilk is to be holdine at Dunbartan the first Twysday of Apryle next.

The assembly appoynts the next provinciall meeting to be at Inneraray the first Thursday of May 1644.

Mr J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
HOLDIN AT INNERARAY THE 2^D OF MAY 1644.

SESS. 1^a.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling upon the name of God be Mr Nicoll mc Calman, last moderator, the assembly proceeded to elect a moderator for this dyett, and haveing leited Mr Do^d mc olvory, Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Coline mc Lachlan and Mr Ewin Cameron, the said Mr Ewin by pluralitie of voices was chosen.

Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, who was elected constant clerk, being absent by reason of sicknes, Mr Ar^d mc Claine, one of the expectants within the presbyterie of Dunoone, was appoynted to supplie his place.

The members of the assembly being thus constitute, the catalogue of the severall presbyteries ministers and ruling elders were cited and absents remarked as followeth :—

Absents from the presbyterie of Dunoone : Joⁿ Jamieson, Absents.
Provost of Rothesay, Elder, Kenneth mc Lachlan, Ruling

Elder for Kilmorich, and Do^d mc Lachlan of Conchra, Elder for Kilmodan. Absents out of the presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Coline Campbell, Dugald Campbell of Craigmuirelan, Ruleing Elder fra Kilmarteinc. Out of the presbyterie of Kintyre absent : Mr Joⁿ Knox, Mr Joⁿ Darroch and Mr Ar^d mc Alister with their Ruleing Elders. Absents out of the presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Marteine mc Ilvra, Minister at Icollumkill, and Mr Lachlan Frazer with their Elders. Absents out of the presbyterie of Sky : All absent except two brethren who cam to excuse the absence of the rest at this dyett, whilk was accepted as relevant be the assembly.

The rest of the absents their reasons, some by reason of sicknesse, some by reason of their employment in the publict, either in serveing the regiments in Yreland, or the regiment to the yles, or the regiment directed to the North, were excused and so their names not marked.

Absents from the former assembly being censured, the meeting proceeded to take some course with absents for the tyme to come, and in regard that they were of diverse kynds, some being too late and absent from the first and 2nd sessions, in respect whereof the assembly is forced to continue their downsitting sometymes for a wholl day, and some are altogether absent, For remeid of the former the assembly appoynts that for every session that any brother is absent he consigne a dollor before his excuse be heard, to be disposed upon as the assembly thinks meet according to the relevancy or not-relevancy of the excuse, And these who are altogether absent are appoynted against the next assembly to bring with them 40 libs. to be consigned before their excuse be heard, if they be not of those whose excuses is fund relevant already, And ordour is given to everie presbyterie to make intimation to the brethren within their own bounds of the tennor of this act.

SESS. 2^a.

The present moderator made report of his diligence in keeping correspondence with the provinciall at Glasgow

holden at Dunbartan the 1 Twysday of Apryle, and for testification thereof produced ane note under the hand of the clerk of the said provincially, whilk his diligence was allowed and approven.

Mr Ninian Campbell, minister at Kilmacolmc, being directed commissioner from the Synod of Glasgow to keep correspondence with our synod, for whilk he had a warrand under the hand of their clerk, was accepted as one of the members of our meiteing.

The severall presbyteries being tryed into their care and diligence belonging to the function of their charge, and in their careage in their lyves, there faillings were observed and censured as followes :—

First the presbyterees of Lorn and Kintyre have not produced their presbyterie bookes, and are fund not to keep their presbyteriall meetings duely, and therefore it is appoynted that the former act against the not-producers of the presbyterie bookes be put in execution.

The presbyterees of Dunoone and Inneraray having produced their bookes, and the book of the presbyterie of Dunoone delyvered to the members of the presbyterie of Inneraray to be examined, and the book of the presbyterie of Inneraray delyvered to the members of the presbyterie of Dunoone, The presbyterie of Inneraray is fund not to keep their meetings so frequently as they should, neither does their book mention at the dissolveing of their presbyterie who are against the next presbyterie day following to have the exercises and on what words.

In regard that some of the brethren are fund negligent in payeing of their pairt of the contribution allotted to the students of divinity this last yeare, Therefore all these that have failed therein are appoynted against the next provincially to bring both the last yeares and this yeares contribution to be delyvered to such as shall be appoynted by the provincially for the study of theology.

In respect that notwithstanding of the generall course that is taken for advancing a regiment to Colonel Erskine be the ministers of the kingdonie, and that every minister

should furnish a man to that effect in all military equipage, and yet that so many within this province have been negligent in that duty, Therefore it is appoynted that they use all diligence that their man be in readines to go with their commissioner to the generall assembly for the severall presbyteries to Edinburgh, that the said commissioner may try out a way how they may be convoyed to their collours.

Seing John Garve me Laine ¹ and others hes refused to subscribye the Covenant, They are appoynted to be processed before the presbyterie of Lorne, and, if they continue wilfull recusants, it is ordained that they be related ² to the commissioners of the generall assembly.

SESS. 3^a.

Because that there is a surmise that some are privately received to the subscriybing of the Covenant, whilk is against the solemnity that is competent in matters of such importance, Therefore every brother that hath received any in that kind are now to charge the pairty so subscriybing to do it either before the session or in the publict congregation, and solemnely to swear to abyde and stand to the tenour of the same, And that they make intimation to these that are refractory that they shall be esteemed as recusants, and that they shall be delated unto these judicatories both of State and Church that has greatest power to censure them and take ordour with them, And in the mean tyme the presbyteries are appoynted to send in the scroll of their names eithor to the provinciall or generall assembly.

Ordaines Mr Nicoll me Calman to proceed against Patrick me Kerrais conform to the appoyntment of the last provinciall.

It is referred to the moderator to wryte to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll, and to the gentlemen indwellers in Lochabber, to consider Mr Neill Cameron for his paines and charges the last summer season in preaching to the

¹ See p. 14.

² *sic* for delated.

men of Lochaber, and that out of the readiest of the teynds of these bounds.

Forsameekle as there are diverse kirks vacant within the presbyteries of Dunoone and Kilmore, and that there are two expectants in these presbyteries, these are to say Mr Ar^d mc Claine and Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, who have given their tryalls by exerciseing before their own presbyteries but hes not come to that exact examination that is appoynted by the generall assembly, The provinciall, feareing that there would be some oversight committed by their own presbyteries in that strictness of tryall, hes thought fitt that both these expectants shall come to the presbyterie of Inneraray, and that because it is the most centricall place, against the 1 Wednesday of August, and with them two from ilk one of their presbyteries, viz., from the presbyterie of Dunoone Mr Ewin Camerone and Mr Colin mc Lachlan from the presbyterie of Kilmore Mr Nicoll mc Calman and Joⁿ mc Lachlane, To concurre and joyne with the said presbyterie in the judging of their qualifications and the abilities which they kyth upon the subjects aftermentionat, viz., To heare the said Mr Archibald reason the question *de meritis operum* by way of controversie, and after his discourse ended to defend the tenets whilk he proves against the adversary, whilk he is appoynted to draw up in theses and to send them a 14 dayes before the dyet to the severall ministers appoynted for his tryall, that they may be ready to oppugne them, and for three quarters of ane hour to have a Latine discourse upon the 16 of the first to the Romans, and to try his knowledge in the Greek text of the New Testament, and Hebrew psalm, chronologicall questions, and to try what skill he hes in the oppeneing up of difficult places, And lykewayes to here Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan in the same manner upon the question *de purgatorio*, and his speech in Latine upon the 16 of the 3rd of Joⁿ, and his other dexterity to be tryed in manner as is above exprest, And the provinciall gives power to the said committee, upon their finding the said expectants qualified, to give their recommendation to the patron of

any vacand place within the province in the behalfe of the said expectants as they think fitt.

Ordaines Mr James Campbell, treasurer appoynted to keep the contribution which is collected for the supplie of the distressed people fled out of Ireland, to deliver to James Campbell, now indwelling in Dunoone with four motherles children, who is of the number of these who escaped for safetie of their lyves from the rebels, the sowm of 20 libs., and to Duncan Campbell, who is on of the same conditionne, 16 libs.

The commissioner to be appoynted out of this province to attend the Parliament is ordained to represent to the Parliament the state of the kirks of Inneraray, Kilmorich, Lochgoylshead, Kilmaglasse and Kilmorie in the Strae, conforme to the aggreement ended betwixt the ministers of the said paroaches and the lairds of Ardkinlas, Mc Lachlan and Mc Nachtan, who hes right and entresse to the teyndes of the said paroaches, And that, seeing matters are aggreed upon with consent of pairties, recommends unto him to procure the ratificationne of the Parliament to the said aggreement for the disunion of the kirks abovespecifit.

For supplieing of Mr Neill Camerons place, who is now gone to be preacher to the regiment who is gone out of this province to the north of this kingdome, Mr Coline mc Lachlan is ordained to preach at the kirk of Glenurqhy Sunday come twentie dayes and Mr Neill Malcolme there-after at both kirks till his return once in the 20 dayes.

Forsameeikle as the kirks of Melford, Kilninvar and Lesmore are vacant throw the decease of the ministers that served the cure there, and that since the last provinciall, Ordaines their present vacancy to be supplied in manner following, viz., the kirk of Melford once in the 20 dayes, the kirk of Kilninvar be Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan once in the moneth, and the kirk of Lesmore be Mr Ar^d mc Calman once in the moneth, and that till the next provinciall, or till they be better provyded for by the committee appoynted for that plantation.

The kirk of Glassery dureing the absence of Mr Ar^d mc

Callum with the regiments in Ireland is appoynted to be served in manner following, viz., the first Sunday in June by Mr Do^d mc Cloy, be Mr James Campbell the last Sunday of June, be Mr Do^d Campbell the 2nd Sabbath of July, be Mr Dug. Campbell the first Sunday of August, be Mr Do^d Campbell the last Sunday of August, be Mr Do^d mc Cloy the 2nd Sunday of September, after whilk tyme the said Mr Ar^d is appoynted to return, and the next provinciall is to suplie the regiment in Ireland if it continue there.

The decernement of the censure of Nr Neill mc Kinnown for his dissobedience to the act of the provinciall at Icol-lumkill in favors of Mr Ar^d mc Queine annent his admission to the kirk of [Killimuire] is continued to the next provinciall.

The presbyterie of Sky is appoynted to plant Snizort with the best conveniency, As also it is recommended to them, becaus of the report of some misbehaviour and scandalous enormities in these bounds, to use diligence in the tryall of the careage not onely of gentlemen, but also of the ministry there, for whilk cause the Laird of mc Cleoid and Sir James mc Donald are to be written to to assist the presbyterie in discipline, and especially to move their vassalls to subscriyb the Covenant.

Recommends also to them, if they see it expedient and most conduceable for Gods glory and the good of that countrey, and the Earle of Seefort requyre the same, to transport Mr Do^d Morison from his present charge to the kirk of Stornua, and also to deall with that noble Earle, in case it seem necessary, that, dureing the vacancy of the other kirks of Lews, Mr Do^d Moreson be put to serve some tyme at the vacant kirks, that the said Earle would grant a pairt of the tithes to him for his paines.

It is recommended also to that presbyterie that they have care that in whatever part of the yles there happine throw the plenty of fishing that there bees a concourse of people who will requyre preacheing that the nearest minister to the place be appoynted to serve them either on a Sabbath or week day, they considereing their paines,

so as they shall not neglect their own particular congregation but as little as possibly can be.

It is ordained that the commissioner from the severall presbyteries bring James Murrayes payment both for his books and his 20 shillings, of whilk, if they be negligent, that at the generall assembly they pay it out of their own purses.

It is ordained that throw this whole province shall be kept a publict humiliation and fast for the procureing of Gods blesseing and assistance as to all our armies abroad both in England and Ireland, so for a good and happy success to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll in this his expedition against these who made insurrection in the north pairts of this kingdome, and that the same be kept upon Sunday come eight dayes.

The assembly appoynts the next provinciall meeting to be holdine at Inneraray the 1 Thursday of October 1644.

Written and booked be Mr Andrew mc Laine and subscriybed be the clerk.

A. MC LAINE, Clerk to the Assembly.

Examined in the assembly at Edinburgh 1644.

J. KER.

THE PROVINCIALL OF ARGYLL HELD AT INNERARAY THE 5 OF JULY 1645.

In regard of the diverse and manifold distractions wherewith it pleased God to suffer this province to be troubled thir yeares bypast, it was impossible to keep the dyett appoynted be the last provinciall, or any tyme else before this present, which was appoynted be the last moderator and ane number of the brethren occasionally mett together and letteres of advertisement sent to the severall presbyteries thereanent (the presbyterie of Sky be reason of their distance excepted) the place and tyme of this present synod, which be the favour of God was peaceably and cheerfully kept as followeth.

After sermon and invocation of the name of God be Mr Ewin Cameron, last moderator, the assembly did pro-

ceed to elect a new moderator, and having lieted Mr Do^d mc olvory, Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Ar^d mc Callum and Mr Patrick Stewart, the said Mr Dugald was elected.

Because Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, who was appoynted constant clerk, was absent be reason of his long sicknes, Mr Ar^d mc Callum was chosen clerk for this tyme.

Thus the assembly being constitute, the catalogue was cited, and the absence marked as followeth :—

Absents out of the presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr James Absents.
Campbell excused for sicknes, and Ewin mc Claine excused because of age and infirmity. Out of the presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Do^d Campb. and Mr Coline Campb. both without excuse. Out of the presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Ar^d mc Calman, whose excuse was not fund throwly relevant, and appoynted to be reproved by a letter written to him, Mr Ferq^r Frazer and Mr Marteine mc Ilvra their lettirs sent to Mr Nicoll mc Calman alledgeing they could not come for the troubles of their countrey, whereunto ane answer was appoynted to be writtin as hereafter shall be mentioned, Mr Hector mc Laine without lettere or excuse. Mr Alan Clerk excused because not advertised. Out of the presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Joⁿ Knox, Marteine mc Lachlan, without excuse or lettir, and remarked to be very defective in keeping ordour, and to be condignely censured. The presbyterie of Sky all absent for want of tymous advertisment, To whom a lettir to be writtin congratulating and praiseing their zeall and constancy in the cause of God and peace of the kingdome and advertising them of the next dyett.

No ruleing elders present at this meeting except George Campbell for Inveraray, and Ivir mc Ilvernock for Knapdall, pairtly because imployed in publict bussines of the kingdome, and partly because their was no convenency for election.

Ordaines that such ministers and elders as can have no lawfull excuse for their absence be censured according to former acts.

The severall presbyteries being removed for inquisition and tryall takeing of their keeping of ordour, and observing of their dyetts and the careage of the ministers therein, nothing is fund worthy censure but what was commonly regretd by all, viz., the deficiency of keeping their presbyterial meetings by reason of the troubles of the tyme.

SESS. 2^{da}.

Former references being revised It was fund that Mr Nicoll mc Calman neglected to proceed against Pat. mc Kerrais with excommunication conforme to the ordour of the last provinciall, for which neglect the said Mr Nicoll, being reproved, is appoynted againe to proceed against him under paine of deposition.

Annent Mr Ferq^r Frazer, Mr Marteen mc Ilvra and Mr Hector mc Laine, It is ordained (notwithstanding of their forsaid lettir of excuse seen and considered be the provinciall) that, seeing there be ryfe and credible reports spred abroad of them that they are consciouse unto and countenancers of the cownsell and courses of Sir Lachlan mc Claine and his followers in their rebellion, there shall a committee be kepted at Inneraray the 26 of this instant, consisting of the said presbyterie with these associat members from other presbyteries, viz., Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Nicoll mc Calman and Mr Dug. Darroch, To take tryall annent the said ministers their careage as to the said imputations and other particulars to be referred to them, with power to the said commission to do and determine in these matters as they shall find expedient, and if need bees to prorogat and adjurn their dyetts for probation and tryall of things as shall be requisit, And the said committee to report their diligence unto the next provinciall, And to this effect ordaines that the saids ministers be advertised hereof by a lettir and sumounded at ilk paroach kirk within the presbyterie in publict after divyne service to compeare the said dyatt under the paine of the highest censure of the kirk.

Mr John Stewart, expectant, when he hes given proofe

of his qualifications and abilities to preach, is ordained to go to Kinloch in Kintyre and there to exercise his talent of preacheing both in the English and Irish language, remaineing there untill the next provinciall, and he to have ane hundreth pundis for his paines dureing the said tyme, and the 1 Wednesday of July he is to give his tryalls in the Irish language.

Ane lettir of recommendation to be given to Mr Rob. Stewart of his good lyfe and literature and qualification to the presbyterie of Knoefergus in Yreland.

Seeing that Mr Ar^d mc Laine, expectant, now presented be his Majestie on the presbyteries recommendation, is fund qualified, and that none of the paroachiners of the said kirk hes compeared before this assembly to give in any objection against his admission, as their commissioners agreed upon with the presbyterie at Dunoone the 28 of May last that upon once farder heareing of him they should doe if they had any to object, and failzieing of their compearance that presbyterie had libertie to proceed to his admission, Therefore this assembly recommends to the presbyterie to go with all diligence and conveniency.¹

Ordaines Mr James Campbell at the next Synod to come to give or send ane just compt of the contribution moneyes

¹ Mr. Archibald Maclean was duly admitted minister of Kingarth, but his settlement was opposed. When the Presbytery met to admit him on 18th June 1645 they found that the keys of the church had been taken away by Lady Bute, and when Mr. Ewin Cameron went to the church on 6th August 1645, by order of the Presbytery, he found 'the most patent door' locked, and the rest of the doors and windows 'blocked up with the jests, furmes and deskes, so that in ane verie cold day he was forced to preach in the church yaird to some few passengers that wer making for Irland, for the people that had resorted thither upon the advertismint of the Presbyterie stood afar off upon the craigs and hills because some of them said that they durst not come within the bounds of the churchyaird, because chaarged by the Shreff of Buits officer Walter Allane under the paine of ten pundis not to repair to the kirk that day.' Eventually in 1648 it was agreed that Mr Archibald should receive an act of transportability, and that Mr John Stewart, who was acceptable to those in authority in the parish, should be recommended to the patron.—Dunoon Presbytery Records.

that was in his custody whilk was collected in this province to help the distressed people that cam from Yrland.

Mr Duncan mc Calman¹ is ordained to continue in serveing in the church of Lesmore now vacand be the death of his fayther.

The cure of preacheing and exerciseing of discipline of Jura is recommended to Mr Dugald Campbell, minister of Knapdall, to the next provinciall.

In lyke manner the yland of Colonsa is recommended to the brethren in Yla, and for their paines to get the ordinar stipend and the tutor of Caldell to be written to thereannent.

Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Murdoch mc Currie and Mr Neill mc Callum are ordained to go by course to preach to the Marquesse his regiment, and each of them to remain his month, the said Mr Ar^d beginning the 15 of this instant.

The supplication of Mr Dugald Darroch, minister at Kilcalmanell, requyreing on lykely reasons transportability, referred to the presbyterie of Kinloch, who are to advertise his paroachiners to give in their just oppositions, if they have any, with liberty to them to appeall, if they have reason, and, if the said transportabilitie shall be ordourly or lawfully yeilded, to be no wayes without the precincts of the province.

Ordains the presbyterie books of Kilmore and Kinloch to be preccisely presented at the next synod under paine of censure.

SESS. 3^a.

It is thought fitt that Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, minister at Sella, shall have the 4th part of the stipend of Kilmelfort for his service there as was injoyned, and the rest of the stipend to be furcomeing to be disponed on by the synod.

Referris to the presbyterie of Kinloch the greivance given in annent Lachlan mc Eanglas.

William mc William, sueing for licence to divorce for his adulterous wyfe, is referred to the judge competent.

¹ Minister of Ardnamurchan. See p. 4 as to his probable Sunart connection.

Diverse delations being given in against Mr Coline Campbell, minister at Craignais (himselſe being absent), of his scandalouse behaviour, It is ordained that Mr Ar^d mc Callum shall go to the kirk of Craignais the 15 of this instant and declare the said Mr Coline suspended (lykeas the assembly presently suspends) *ab officio et beneficio*, and to cite him before the comittee appoynted to try these odiouse delationnes, and they to proceed as they shall see cause.

Concerneing the deplorable greivances represented be a number of our distressed brethren, who were robbed of all their means and their paroaches burnt by the enemy, It is concluded that Mr Dug. Darroch, as commissioner from this seat, shall go with a supplicatory lettir unto the commissioners of the generall assembly requyreing their recommendation and assistance to represent the calamitous case of their distressed brethren unto the whole committee of estates to obtaine some favourable supplie to them.

It is requyred that the severall ministers commissioned from the presbyterie to the generall assembly shall carry with them the pryce of the bookes that was sent to them be James Murray.

In respect that diverse tymes heretofore sundry of the ministers wer one unexpected emergencies imployed to attend regiments sent out on publict service before there could be any dyett of church meetings to call them ordourly thereunto, Nevertheless the assembly (because it was don on good cause) to allow what formerly is past of this kind.

Forsameekle as it is notoriously known that Sir Lachlan mc Claine of Dowart and Joⁿ mc Ranald, Captaine of Clanranald, hath most perfidiously and maliciously adjoynd themselves with manifest execrable enemies of this kirk and state, executeing all poynts of cruell hostility against the sam, and persisting therein without remorse or appearance of repentance, Therefore it is concluded unanimously that the said maliciousse personnes be sumarily excommunicatt this next Sabbath in this kirk after divyne service as

the ordour is, and that be Mr Do^d mc olvory, minister at Inneraray, and thereafter the said sentence be published in all the kirks of this province be every particular minister the first Sabbath that they shall preach.

It is ordained that Duncans Stewart younger and elder of Appine, Alex^r Stewart of Innerhyle, Alex^r Stewart in Bayleholish, Joⁿ Stewart of Ardsell, Duncan Stewart, fier thereof, Joⁿ Stewart his brother, Dugald Stewart of Auchanagree, Joⁿ Stewart in Shallachar, Charles mc Lachlan in Cregan, who went in rebellion with the enemies, shall be sumounded to compeare before the foirsaid committee at Inneraray under the paine of extremest church censure, and that sumounds be served in their paroach kirk of Lesmore be Mr Duncan mc Calman.

The supplication of Joⁿ Campbell, indweller in Inneraray, who was robbed of all his means be the incursions of the enemy, begging some support for his present necessity, It is ordand Mr James Campbell give him eight punds Scots.

Because there is a preparation in makeing up some forces in this province for opposing the enemy whom som ministers must attend, Therefor Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Do^d mc Cloy, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan and Marteine mc Lachlan are appoynted to keep the dyett of the randevows where the saminc shall happin to be, That they all, or so many as will be needfull, may remaine to serve the armie, until they be relived be their severall presbyteries, in case they shall happin to remaine any longer then four or fyve weeks in the feilds.

Mr Hew, expectant, is referred to be tryed and helped in maintenance be the presbyterie of Dunoon, and he to handle the controverted head *de invocatione sanctorum* at the next provinciall.

Ordaines that in the lettir to be sent to the ministers of Sky it is notified that Sir Lachlan mc Claine and Joⁿ mc Ranald are excommunicated.

The next meeting to be at Inneraray the first Thursday of October next.

THE PROVINCIAL MEETING AT INNERARAY
8 SEPTEMBER 1646.

SESS. 1.

After incalling of the name of God be Mr Dug. Campbell, last moderator, the catalogue was cited and the scderunt marked, viz.: Of the presbyterie of Cowal: Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan and Mr Neill Cameron. Of the presbyterie of Argyll: Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Do^d Campbell and Mr Ar^d mc Callum. Of the presbyterie of Kilmore: Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan. Of the presbyterie of Kintyre: Mr Dug. Darroch and Marteine mc Lachlan. Of these lited to be moderator, Mr Neill Cameron and Mr Dug. Campbell and the said Mr Neill is elected, And Mr Dugald Darroch *pro hac vice* to supplie Mr James Campbells place as clerk. All the absents excused because of the troubles of the countrey and of their being scattered and chased fra their dwellings, the presbyterie of Cowal haveing gon for shelter to the Lowlands, the presbyterie of Kintyre being under the power of the rebells, and none being resident in the presbyteries of Argyle and Lorn but such as wer sheltered in garesons, and no ruleing elder present, And yet, notwithstanding of such infrequency, the assembly thought fitt to take some course with disordours, settling the state of congregations according to their power and as present affaires could permitt.

It is appoynted that care be had to keep the fast the 3rd Lords day of this instant, either in the publict congregation, or failing thereof, in the gareson wherein they reside, according to the ordour of the Commission of the kirk.

That every minister in the gareson wherein he resides labour there be no fornication, intemperance or such lyke suffered unpunished.

It is ordained that these that coms off the rebells before they be employed in service professe repentance before the

severall congregations, and these who are already imployed do the lyke before their regiments.

SESS. 2a.

The assembly, being perfectly informed with the treacherouse and perfidiouse careage of the persons following: Ar^d mc Donalds elder and yonger of Sana, Ranald mc Alister of Dunultach, Alex^r and Gorry his brethren, Duncan mc Key in Crossibeg and Adam mc Key his son, Ard mc Neill buy, Joⁿ mc Donald Lergies granduncle, Do^d Gorm mc Donald, Buy mc Donald, Donald Whyte, Ranald mc Donald nephew to Sana, Coll kittoch mc Donald, Colin Roy his oy, James Boyd son to late pretended Bishope of Argyle, Mr Joⁿ Omey, Joⁿ Gearre mc Neill, Alister mc Lachlan of Barnagad, Colin mc Lachlan of Craigintyrve, Alister mc Ranald ve ean, Joⁿ mc Dugald of Ardincaple, Allan Reoch mc Dugald, Duncan mc Dugald brother to Me Coull,¹ Dugald mc Dugald of Dunaach, Duncan Stewart of Apin elder and yonger, Alex^r Stewart of Innerhyle, Alex^r Stewart of Bailecholith, Joⁿ Stewart of Ardinsell, Duncan and Joⁿ his sons, Charles mc Lachlan of Crigan, Alex^r Cameron of Glenneiveis, Anguis Cameron Captain of Innerlochy, Donald Cameron of Blarmakpholtach, Anguis mc Do^d of Glengarrrie, Joⁿ mc Ranald yong Captain of Clanranald, Donald mc Ranald, Hector mc Laine of Kengerloch, Donald Glas mc Claine, Murdoch mc Claine of Lochbuy, Mr Hector of Ylannamuck, Jon mc Clain sometymys of Knock, and of their reall joyneing themselves in actuall rebellion with these cruell, insolent and barbarous enemies of this kirk and kingdom under the command of these bluidy and excommunicat traitors, James Graham and Alex^r mc Donald, becaus of the clearnes of the evidence of their careage by the sad effects too sensible to us, and finding it neither expedient nor necessar to proceed be way of citation against them, the fault being so manifest and weighty, Being moved with the

¹ MacDougall of Dunollie.

zeall of Gods glory, have ordained, and be thir presents do ordaine, the said persones to be sumarily excommunicat and declared to be of these whom Christ commanded to be held for publicans and heathens, And the sentence to be pronounced be Mr Dug. Campbell in the kirk of Inneraray after sermon the 27 of September instant, and that the execution of the sentence be intimat in every kirk within this province by the severall pastors, as they shall be answerable to their severall presbyteries and assembly, and report to be made to the generall assembly or commission of the kirk, that it may be made notour to all congregations in the kingdome.

There is ane appoyntment of a committee to meet at Inneraray the 27 of October next to consist of these underwritten, Presbyterie of Inneraray, to whom is to be joyned Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mrs Nicoll and Ar^d mc Calmans, and ruleing elders Laird of mc Nachtan, George Campbell and Ewin Cameron, bailzie of Inneraray, and the quorum to be fyve ministers and two ruleing elders, To whom power is given not onely to censure all the complyers and perfidiouse joyners in rebellion, both ministers and others, who by the ordinance of this provinciall and thir presents are appoynted to be cited at all the garesons and paroaches within the province to compeare the said day before them, but also their power is extended to all other things of concernment belonging to the assembly as they shall conceive to stand in need of present redresse and censure, And they have power also to adjurn their dyetts as the necessity of affaires and exigences of thir troublous tymes shall requyre, untill the next provinciall.

SESS. 3.

Mr Joⁿ Darroch, haveing confessed himselfe guilty of very grosse compliance and that he hath been for a long tyme a preacher to the rebels, is simpliciter deposed *tam a beneficio quam ab officio*.

Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan is absolved from all suspicion of compliance with the rebels.



It is appoynted that the directory¹ be put in practise as nearly as can be, and intimation to be made thereof the next Lords day in the severall congregationnes.

SESS. 4.

Appoynted that a lettere be written to Mr James Campbell to come to the gareson of Ylandgreg,² and to Mr Do^d mc Cloy to come to the gareson of Castle Lachlan.

Mr Neill Cameron is appoynted to summound his paroachiners before the committee to give in their reasons against his transportability.

Appoynts Mr Neill to processe Joⁿ mc Viccar at Clady with excommunication for adultery and non-adherence to his wyfe.

It is appoynted a lettere be written to Mr Patrick Stewart, desyreing him to admonish the gentlemen and heretors of the shirefdome of Buite and town counsell of Rothesay That in their election of a commissioner for the Parliament they be aware to choose any that was known to have had complyanse with the rebels.

Every brother is appoynted to use as great diligence as thir troubleouse tymes will permitt to stirre up the people to exercise religiouse dueties in their families.

The next assembly to hold at Inneraray 1 Wednesday of June 1647.

THE PROVINCIALI HOLDINE AT CLACHANDYSART
12 OCTOBER 1647.

The whilk day after incalling the name of God Mr Colin mc Lachlan was chosen moderator, and Mr Ar^d mc Calman was unanimously chosen clerk.

¹ The 'Directory for the Publike Worship of God throughout the three Kingdoms of Scotland, England and Ireland' drawn up by the Westminster Assembly of Divines and approved by the General Assembly on 3rd February 1645.

² In Loch Ridden.

Then the catalogue was cited and absents marked as followeth :—

Presbyterie of Cowall: Mr Edwin Camerone absent ; Mr James Campb. absent ; Mr Do^d mc Cloy absent ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; Patrick mc Kellar, Ruling Elder ; Mr Patrick Stewart.

Presbyterie of Argyll: Mr Dug. Campbell absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Mr Neill Camerone ; Duncan mc Callum of Ardbrecknich, Elder ; Mr Neill mc Callum ; Mr Donald Campbell absent.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Nicoll mc Calmane ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachland ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer absent ; Mr Marteen mc Ilvra absent ; Mr Hector mc Claine absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dug. Darroch absent ; Marteine mc Lachlan absent ; Mr John Knox absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Alister absent.

The Assembly haveing proceeded to take notice of the severall presbyteries in their careage, nothing was fund culpable.

It is ordained that Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, shall serve at the kirk of Kilmory in the Stra once in the 20 dayes becaus of its vacancy, and a lettir of recommendation be written to the patron to consider him for his paines, and Mr Ar^d mc Callum is appoynted to intimat this to the said paroach the first Lords day after the dissolving of the assembly.

It is ordained that Mr Do^d mc Cloy, minister at Kilmodan, serve at the kirk of Innerchelan ilk 3rd Lords day, and that a lettere of recommendation be writtin to the tacksmen to consider him for his pains, and Mr Ar^d mc Callum is to intimat the same to the said Mr Donald.

SESS. 2^{da}.

It is ordained that a lettere of recommendation be sent from this seat to Joⁿ Campbell of Ardchattan and to

Dugald Campbell of Innercraw in favours of Mr Ar^d me Calman, desyreing them to see him contented in his stipend or a reaseonable satisfaction given to him according to the generall ordour appoynted by the Marquesse of Argyll and his freinds in favours of brunt and wast paroaches.

It is ordained that Mr Joⁿ me Lachlan, minister at Sella, serve at the vacand kirk of Kilvorow in Craignais, and a lettir of recommendation to be written to the patron to see his paines considered.

Joⁿ me Dugald of Ardeineaple haveing eompeared before us earnestly and humbly craved relaxation from excommunication for joyneing in rebellion with the enemie, the assembly, seeing in him ane earnest desyre to be received againe into the bosom of Gods kirk, Ordained him to stand six severall Lords dayes in the kirks of his own presbyterie, that is to say in his paroach kirk the first 2 Lords dayes, and in Mr Ar^d me Calmans kirk 2 other Lords dayes, and as many in Mr Nicoll me Calmans kirk, and that in sackeloath bareheaded to stand in the kirk doore from the 1 bell ringing till the text be read, and then to draw neare to heare the word preached, and sermon ended to remove, and is also appoynted to repaire to the next assembly to heare what further censure is to be injoynd.

Mr Ferq^r Frazer, Mr Marteen me Ilvra and Mr Hector me Claine, who were cited to eompeare before this meeting, are appoynted because of their absence to be cited *de novo* be Mr Nieoll me Calman to the next meeting.

SESS. 3.

Mr Ar^d me Callum, minister at Kilmichael, haveing given in his greivance concerneing the present state of his paroach, being desolat of people and altogether destitute of maintenance, requyres ane act of transportability. The assembly, takeing the same to consideration, have declared him transportable with this proviso that, if it please God to oppen ane doore to him within the province, it shall not be lesume to him to go to any other provincee.

The next provinciall assembly is appoynted to be holdin at Inneraray 2d Wednesday March next 1648.

Mr J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
HOLDINE AT INNERARAY MARCH¹ 11, 1648.

SESS. 1.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling of the name of God by the former moderator, and haveing lited Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Nicoll mc Calman and Mr Ar^d mc Callum, the said Mr Archibald was chosen moderator, and Mr James Campbell, minister of Kilfinan, elected clerk.

The catalogue being cited and absents remarked, Mr Dug. Campbell, minister of Knapdaill, was absent.

SESS. 2.

It is appoynted dureing the vacancy of the kirk of Craignais that it be served be the presbyterie of Inneraray.

It is ordained that Joⁿ mc Dugald of Ardineaple be relaxed from excommunication be Mr Nicoll mc Calman the 21 of May next, because he hes given full contentment and satisfaction to the kirk.

It is appoynted that Mr Duncan mc Calman be cited be the presbyterie of Kilmore to compeare before the synod to be censured for his compliyanse with the rebels.

Ordaines Mr Dug. Darroch to cite Mr Archibald mc Alister to the next provinciall.

Ordaines Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr James Campbell, Mr Neill Camerone to return ane answer to the commissionars of the generall assembly their lettir,² and to frame a supplication to the honourable states of Parliament representing the feares they conceive to be imminent to

¹ This should be May 11th. The Supplication in Session 4 is dated 12th May.

² See *General Assembly Commission Records* (Scottish History Society), i. 429.

religion, and the humble desyre of this provincially in reference to the samyne.

SESS. 3.

It is appoynted that at the next session, seeing the brethren neglected the same at this, every presbyterie bring in a list of boyes most capable of learneing within thir bounds, that a roll of their names be drawn up and they recommended to the generall assembly or commission of the kirk, to be trained on the presbitrees charges at schooles conform to the appoyntment of the last generall assembly.

The provincially haveing received a lettir from the commission of the generall assembly desyreing the severall presbyteries within our bounds (because the enemies of reformation were in hopes to get some of the ministers of this kingdome subservient to their designs at the next generall assembly) to make election of such commissioners of whose trust and integrity we may be confident, and to send our full number, And we, considering that in respect of the poverty and necessity whereunto we thir bygon yeares are reduced, that the presbyteries are not able to furnish out of thir bounds one commissioner let be their full number, Yet being very unwilling, haveing hitherto given evidence of our zeall unto the cause, to incurre any imputation of disaffection, for many are ready to construct things in the worse sense, We have resolved that every presbyterie shall send at least two ministers commissioners, And for supplying of help to their charges it is thought fitt that it be recommended to the distributors of the voluntare contribution to afford some proportion thereof to the commissioners, and Mr Ewin Cameron to acquaint the shirrefe deput of this overture.

Referrs to the severall presbyteries to take ordour with malignants.

It is ordained that these who brought their children to be baptized by preists and these that were maryed by them in Kintyre be censured as the highest degree of complyers.

Appoynts Mr Joⁿ Darroch afternoone at the next session

to give in his declaration in wryte seconded with his unfainzed sorrow for his miscareage in going on with the rebels.

Mr Ar^d mc Calman and Mr Joⁿ Stewart are appoynted to preach on Sunday next, Mr Joⁿ before noon and the other to preach afternoone.

SESS. 4.

Mr Ewin Cameron made report of the diligence of the brethren appoynted to frame a draught of the lettir to be sent to the Commission of the Kirk and the supplication to the Parliament, and both being read twyce in presence of the synod without a contrair voice was approven, and the same appoynted to be sent to Edinburgh with the best conveniency and *ad futuram rei memoriam* to be insert in the provinciall book, as followeth.

The Supplication.

Unto the high and honourable court of Parliament
The humble petition of the Provinciall Synod of Argyll
mett at Inneraray 12 May 1648.

Albeit we conceive it may prove to litle purpose, matters being so farre proceeded into, and your Lordships determinations being so peremptorily concluded as report is, at least by all lykelyhood brought to such length that your Lordships may perchance think it dishonourable to so high and judicious a court to recall or alter any of your resolutionnes, The desyres of the commissioners of the generall assembly with their representation on your Lordships declaration and many supplicationnes from the severall provincials of the land being, if not slighted without takeing any notice of them except their reading, at least layd by without giveing any satisfactory answer, to have presented any of our thoughts in this kynd to your Lordships the Lords and States of this present Parliament, being in expectation that our myte, albeit acceptable in the eye of the Lord who is lookeing on all

these who are casting the offering in the treasury of the sanctuary, is to meet but with the lyke intertainment, Yct being uncertaine, because the spirit worketh where he willeth, and God brings about matters of greatest importanee by weak instruments and oftymes when men are out of hope of them, whether he will by us, the weakest of his servants, or whether now or hereafter suggest and bear on your hearts such counsells and advyee as the state of religion and the caus of God stands in need of at this present, Finding the apparent danger both present and imminent to religion in the fraudulent counsells and violent practices, not only of the seetaries in England, but also both of the popish, prelaticall and malignant pairties in both the kingdomes, whose number and insolent careage is of late exceedingly increased, fearfully threatening the established reformation to be subverted and overturned from the very foundation, We out of the conscience of our duty towards God and his kirk, the Kings Majestie and posterity, your honours and this kingdome, and out of the sense of the obligation upon us by the oath of God in the Covenant for our exoneration, do find ourselves necessitat to represent to your Lordships That we conceive the dangers imminent to the whole caus for which these kingdoms are ingadged by solemne league and covenant and unto which they are sworn with uplifted hands in the presence and heareing of the most high God, and especially to that principall pairt thereof concerneing the true reformed Christian religion, the good safety and security whereof from the beginning of the troubles of the land was the speciall cause of undertakeing any engadgment and most eagerly sought after and diligently insisted upon, to be greater now then in any tyme heretofore this ten yeare bygone, Seeing not onely endeavours have beene, are, and of late for that purpose ane engadgment of warre is coneluded for the restitution of his Majestie to the exercise of his royall power, and in bringing him in honour, freedom and safety to one of his Majesties houses in or about London, no security being gotten of his Majestie for religion, but also malignants, even such as have appeared

in oppositionne against the cause, and have been still underminers of the work from the beginning, are imployed collonells in this present engadgment (for such in ane of the shires within our province are onely elected) who no doubt doth still retaine their old principalls and onveterat malice against the Covenant, so that if his Majestie be restored to the exercise of his royall power, and if such as hes been still malignants be put in places and offices of trust in the committees in the countrey and armye within other pairts of this kingdome as they are within our province (for we begge pardon, as they gesse at Hercules stature by the measure of his foot, to feare so much), Who of any sound judgment, if they will not wilfully sylour their eyes does not forse and perceive, at least have reason to feare, that his Majestie, being restored to the exercise of his royall power, and haveing those who have been most active for prosecuteing his former intentions commanders in committees of shyres and in the armies, may, yea and by all probability seing they retaine their former principalls haveing the power of the sword in their hands not onely may but will imploy the samine to the promoveing of their former ends, and take opportunity to make use of it to act whatsoever their inveterat malice and spyte shall put them upon, Wherefore our humble desyres to your Lordships are that your Lordships in love to that cause of God, in remembrance to his will and covenant by which your Lordships and this whole kingdome stands obleidged to God, and according to the trust that is put upon you with one heart and mynd, would imploy all the power, wisdome and gifts that God hes given you for maintenance and promoveing all and every one of the ends of the Solemne League and Covenant joyntly in their own due ordour and subordination, and as your Lordships will be carefull for the restitution of his Majestie to his royall power, to the whilk we shall be so farre from being refractory that by the contrary, being sensible of the hard condition which his Majestie is brought unto by the attempts and injuries of that pairtie of sectaries on his royall person, wee shall not be deficient

in our prayers according to our place and calling for preservation of his Majesties royall person and authoritie in the preservation of the trew religion and liberties of the kingdomes, But we do earnestly beseech your Lordships to sollicite his Majestie to give assurance by ane solemne oath under his hand and seall, That he shall for himselfe and his successors agree to all the Acts of Parliament for enjoyneing the Solemne League and Covenant and full establishing presbyteriall governement, directorie of worshipe and confession of faith in all his Majesties dominions according to the former desyres of this kirk, and that he shall never oppose nor endeavour to alter any of these, and our humble desyre is that this security be had from his Majestie before his restitution to the exercise of his royall power, and consequently before his return in honour, freedom and safety to one of his houses in or about London, for otherwayes we conceave his return in honour, freedom and safety repossesses him in the liberty of exercising his royall power before religion be secured, And all this we humbly desyre that your Lordships endeavore to get done in a faire way, but if there shall be fund ane unavoydable necessity of engadgeing, we humbly desyre and obtest your Lordships that union betwixt the kingdoms may be inviolably preserved and nothing done that may make a breach thereof, or that may discourage or dissobleidge the Presbyterian pairty in England who adhere to the League and Covenant, and that none be employed in armie or committee of shyres who now have or hes had either in this or our neighbor nation any compliyanse with known malignants, or have taken formerly any imployment from the rebels, but by the contrairy that such as are already elected in shyres who are known to be complyers may be (since they are possessed with their old principalls, which will be ever working towards their old ends) declared uncapable of that imployment and removed from all places and offices of trust, and onely such employed as have given constant prooffe of their fidelity and integrity in this cause, That we may the more confidently encourage our people to follow the cause of God in your hands. Thes are our

desyres to your Lordships which we humbly begge yow take to your consideration; dreadfull is the vow whilk your Lordships have taken upon you thus to walk, and we cannot think but the impression thereof remains lyvely upon some of your Lordships hearts; great hazards hes your Lordships already undergone, and hes been caried throw in this cause, and we are hopefull you will not weary nor repent thereof in the end. Many are the blessings wherewith the Lord hath accompanied your sincerity and integrity therein, and the same Lord will still be with yow. Some of your Lordships hath gained great honour before the world by takeing this cause in hand, whereas others in the kingdome hes been thrust from these honours and dignities for opposeing the same, which in all lykelyhood they had not suffered, if they had been so straight for religion as they should have been, As the ane would be to them a hinder from such attempts heirafter, so the other should lay strong engagements on your Lordships to be the more constant and valiant for the truth. The Lord is graciouse unto yow in holding out light seaseonably by his servants in a tyme of such darknes and difficulties by frequent advyce and supplicationnes, by which, [if] your Lordships be warned and take Gods servants and their counsells alongs with yow, yow may expect a blessing and that the Almighty will be with yow, aiding and assisting yow in all your endeavores; if not, they will be testimonies against yow, and we shall be exonerated in the sight of God. The eye of God in whose presence yee are and of men and angells are upon yow, and the eyes of Gods poore distressed people to you alone as the onely doore of hope left upon earth open for their safety, as yee would have the prayers of all the godly in these weary lands to accompany your counsell and endeavors, so your Lordships would be intreated to mannage all this great and weighty bussines intrusted to you, And we doubt not but it shall tend to the welfare of Zion, the true honour and happines of his Majestie and posterity, the comfort, peace and safety of these kingdomes, and also bring the Lords blessing upon your Lordships persons and families, and be

sure to make the remembrance of your names a sweet smell to the Church of Christ to all succeeding generationes to whose knowledge the history of affaires upon the stage and now acted in Scotland, no question, will be transmitted, All which is and shall be the earnest and assiduouse request before the Lord of

Your Lordships most humble servant
In the Lord.

The Lettir to the Commission of the Kirk.

REVEREND AND DEARE BRETHREN,

The great danger we conceived to be imminent to religion and the caus of God throw the fraud and plotts, not onely of sectaries but throw the power of the malignant pairtie, whilk we heard by report to have come to a greater length then could be expected in a whole age, let be so short a tyme, did very heavily weight and afflict our soules with sad discouragements, Yet amidst these discouragements we cannot but acknowledge with thankfull hearts the Lords goodnes towards us, and reverences his Providence that at our provincially meeting here (for the desolation here hinders our so frequent meetings either in presbyterie or provincially as need wer) diverse lettirs from you came so seasonable to our hand, informeing us of all the severall passages and proceedings between the whole estates of Parliament and you, whereby our hearts wer exceedingly refreshed, And as we cannot but acknowledge your regard to us your fellow labourers in the work of the Lord for so acquainting us with the course of affaires, so we blesse God for his goodnes who sett yow there upon a watch towr to see to the weelfare of Zion, and by the sound of the trumpet to communicat to the land both in what condition religion stands and what is fitting to be done thereinto, For both in that seasonable declaration which was very acceptable to us in all poynts thereof and in that conference with the whole estates of Parliament and in the propositions of the eight desyres imparted by you to us (where-with we are so weel satisfied that we conceived them to be

preceisely adhered unto that nothing of this matter is to be remitted) and in your answer to the demand concerning religion, your finding the Parliaments declaration not satisfactory, and therefore your protestation for the preservation of the liberties of the kirk, and finally in every particular communicated by yow, as we perceave yow on the one hand encounter with much opposition, and put to hard and difficult wrestling, so we acknowledge the good hand of God upon you, and adore his deep and graciouse wisdom in leading you along so warily and faithfully that you have not kept silence this day of our deep danger, and thanks the Lord who intrusted yow, that he suffered you not to want strength and furnitour from himselfe according to need, And because we feare the stormes are but growing, so we your weak brethren alyke interested with you cannot but show you that wee are very sensible of the great weight that lyes upon your shoulders, and of the many sad discouragements that you have to meet with, And in testimony of our sympathizeing with you in the bowells of our soules we shall endeavore to hold up your condition before the Lord that ye may be enabled with continuance and increase of strength and courage, and yee may be a brazen wall against all opposers whatsoever. Your help is in the name of the Lord, your reward from him for your labour shall not be in vaine in the Lord, and your reputation with all the faithfull of the land. What yow recommend to us for searching out of and mourning for the sins of this nation and preservation of unity, the promoveing of knowledge and the power of godlines and for a help thereunto in your last lettir the observation of a fast, we acknowledge the same most necessary, and by the grace of God shall according to our abilities endeavore to acquitt ourselves with such zeall as matters of so great concernement does requyre, As for the hopes of the enemies of Gods kirk and your feares that they shall gaine some of the ministry to be subservient to their designs against the kirk and caus of God, as our very soules are greived to think that any minister of Christ should be thought to be altogether so destitute of con-

science that any of them should become such stumbling blocks as by any perswasion to be moved to oppose that work to the which they swore their paroachiners both by oath and covenant to stand fast, because thereby they give occasion to the weak to stagger, strengthen the hands of malignants in their judgment and practises, make the whole calling of the ministry obvious to the raileing and reproaches of wicked men, and imputation of unsetlednes and unconstancy in matters of religion, so we render yow most heartie thanks for your zealous, tymeous and modest warneing, and in it your charetable opinion, your hopes and expectation of us, and resolves that your warneing shall not be in vaine, your opinion deceived, nor your hopes and expectations of us dissappoynted. Yow know we have stood hitherto in the defence of that caus to the losse of those things which were dearest to us next to our lyves, and by the grace of God, altho the weakest of your brethren, we intend in the strength of the Lord (for from him onely we expect abilities both to will and do) to continue to the end and shall use all means wherby to give reall testimony of our desyre to continue in stedfastnes and constancy. Thes who shall be commissioners for the generall assembly shall be such we hope as are weel affected and yee shall be pleased with, and the enemy shall have little cause to boast of any advantage they shall get by them to the furtherance of their designs. In the mean tyme if we send not such a number as either each presbyterie should send or yow do expect from us, we earnestly intreat yow not to misconstrue our careage or impute the same to any dissaffection in us to the caus, but to our poverty, weell known to all the kingdom, not being able to furnish out our commissioners. As for other particulars, albeit we have more to impaire unto yow and to requyre your advyce, least we seem tedious we are to represent onely one case to your consideration, viz., Whereas there was ane act in the late generall assembly recommending to each severall presbyterie the traineing up of ane yong one having the Irish language, and that upon the said act we have at our provinciall taken tryall of the most able spirits and

hes fund to the number of fourty whereof every one hes (albeit some more, some lesse) some beginnings of learneing (for such onely we would accept in our scrolls given to us), we would be resolved how to get them convoyed to the presbyteries, if ye would advyse us to bring them alongs to the generall assembly, that by their appoyntment they might be received there by the commissioners from the presbyteries. We have herewith (for we are informed that other synods hes done so) sent a supplication to the Parliament representing our sense of the condition of affairs and dangers to religion, whilk we humbly desyre may be presented unto them by the concurrence and assistance of some of your number. By all the premisses you see we lay upon you the burthen both of advyce and assistance, And therefore we pray the Lord, who is able to do abundantly above all that we can ask or seek, to furnish you with all these abilities and endowments which he sees needfull for the imployment he hath trusted you with, Which is and shall be the earnest prayer of

Your loveing brethren
to serve yow.

Subscriberit be Moderator and Clerk.

The supplication of Christine ne Keller, spouse to Joⁿ me
, being read and considered before the assembly,
It is appoynted that the laird of Ardkinlas be written to for holding hand with the minister and elders to see the said Joⁿ do his dutie to his wyfe, otherwayes that he be punished and a maintenance to be provyded to her be her husband.

The call and invitation of Mr Joⁿ Stewart be the paroachiners of Kingarth being red and considered, The assembly refers the tryalls of the said Mr Joⁿ to the presbyterie of Dunoone, and to them to be joyned Mr Dug. Darroch and Mr Neill Cameron and that against the last Wednesday of June, and the presbyterie to admitt him if fund qualified.

It is appoynted that family exercise be strictly kept

and such as neglect be proceeded against according to the ordour of the generall assembly.

The Report of the diligence of the Committee at Inneraray 21 October 1648 by the appoyntment of the provinciall in September before. All the members present except Mr Dug. Darroch. Mr Neill Cameron who was moderator to the provinciall is continued to be moderator to the committee and Mr Ar^d mc Callum, clerk.

None of the pairties appoynted to be cited before the said committee to answer for compliyanse and joyneing in rebellion with Alister mc Donald compeared except the laird of Raray, And therefore they were appoynted to be cited *de novo* against the next assembly.

Joⁿ mc Dugald of Raray compeared, and being examined confessed his compliyanse with the enemies and his going on with them in actuall rebellion. He was appoynted first to humble himselfe before the said committee and to make confession of his sins to give evidence of his greefe for the same, whilk he did, And therefore was appoynted to make his repentance publictly in the kirk of Inneraray on a Lords day after divyne service, and Mr Dugald Campbell appoynted, upon his repentance and confession as becometh, to receive and absolve him.

The paroachiners of Glenurqhy, who were appoynted to be sumonded befor this committee to give in their reasons (if they any had) wherefore Mr Neill Cameron his desyre should not be granted, who is sueing for ane act of transportability, being called and compeared by Patrick Campbell, constable of the castle of Glenurquhy, Do^d mc Nicoll and diverse others in their name, declared that they were heartily greived that they had no maintenance nor means of subsistance to give to the said Mr Neill, and albeit they would be glade that he should continue with them, yet they could not in conscience ty him where he would have no subsistance, And therefore, albeit with greefe, they were willing that he would accept a call to

any place where he had occasion to imploy his talent, Whilk the committee considering, and finding Mr Neills reasons relevant, declares him transportable, and appoynts the clerk to give him the extract of the act in forme.

Mr Ar^d mc Callum appoynted to receive the rest of the supplie promised be the estates to the distrest ministers of this province.

Mr Ewin Cameron appoynted to transport the victuall.

The list of the Highland boys names nominated to be trayned by the presbyterie are as followes :—

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The dyett of the next provinciall is at Inneraray 2 Tuesday of October 1648.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
HOLDINE AT INNERARAY 11 OCTOBER 1648.

SESS. 1.

After exhortation to the brethren and calling on the name of God by the former moderator, the assembly proceeded to choose a new moderator, and haveing leited Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Neill Cameron and Mr Coline mc Lachlan and Mr Dug. Darroch, the said Mr Dugald was chosen.

Then the catalogue of the severall presbyteries ministers and ruleing elders was called and absents marked :—

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr. Ewin Cameron absent ; Mr James Campbell ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; Mr Pat. Stewart absent ; Mr Donald mc Cloy.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Dug. Campbell absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Mr Dug. Campbell, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Donald Campbell, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Neill mc Callum.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Ar^d mc Alister ; Mr John Knox absent ; Marteine mc Lachlan.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Nicoll mc Calman ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer ; Mr Marteen mc Ilvra ; Mr Hector mc Laine absent.

Presbyterie of Sky : Absent all.

SESS. 2.

Mr Ewin Cameron his absence is excused in regard of his sicknes, signified by his lettir to the assembly.

Mr Patrick Stewart his absence is excused for the lyke reasone.

The assembly considereing that Mr Dugald Campbell, minister of Knapdall, hath been in Yrland for the space of sex quarters of a yeare from his charge, and seeing he hath a considerable congregation in his own paroach at home, They appoynt Mr Dug. Darroch to wryte to him that he return home to his charge against the 1 of January next, otherwayes his kirk shall be declared vacand.

In regard that Mr Ewin Cameron was forced to leave his charge, haveing neither a congregation to serve nor maintenance in tyme of the rebells prevaillieing in thir countreyes, and went to serve at Rosneath for a tyme,¹ And seing that his own paroach is now in som measure planted againe, and that there is expectation of greater plantation in case of his return, the assembly ordaines him to return to his own charge against the 1 of December next or else his kirk to be declared vacand, and a lettir to be written to him to signifie this.

In respect that the presbyterie of Sky hes been absent these three or four yeares, because of the troubles of the tyme and the enemies prevalency, and in these yles where many of them serves, The assembly appoints them to keep the next meeting the 2 Wednesday of May under the paine of such censure as the assembly shall think fitt in case of there absence, and a lettir to be writtin theranent.

The assembly considering Mr Joⁿ Knox his absence thir three or four years and without acquainting the assembly

¹ Compare *General Assembly Commission Records*, i. 434-5.

either in word or wryte, They appoynt Mr Dug. Darroch to sumound him to compeare the 2d Wednesday of May under paine of deposition.

SESS. 3.

Because that Mr Ferq^r Frazer, Mr Martcen mc Ilvra, Mr Hector mc Claine, ministers in Mull, Morvern and Tirie, and Mr Ar^d mc Alister, minister in Yla, hes been in these yles dureing the rebellion of these ylanders, and did comply with them when they joynd with these rebells James Graham and Alister mc Donald, The assembly appoynts Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Ar^d mc Callum and George Campbell, shirrefe deput of Argyll, to examine the said ministers anent their compliance, and to report their diligence to the next session.

The assembly considereing that the kirk of Inneraray is vacand this long tyme by decease of their former minister, Mr Do^d mc olvory, and that diligence hes been used by the paroachiners in seeking a minister and yet continues instant, and that the presbyterie of Argyll, in regard of the many vacand kirks in the said presbyterie and the fewnes of their number, is not able to serve all the vacand kirks, The assembly appoynts that the said paroach be served be all the members of the assembly be turns till the next meeting.

SESS. 4^{ta}.

Mr Coline Campbell, sometyms minister of Craignais, being deposed, did petition the assembly to open his mouth, And the assembly, takeing notice of his careage since his deposition, hes rejected his bill, and did rcommend him to the patron and presbyterie to get sex bolls victuall out of the vacand stipend of Craignais because of his poverty.

The assembly haveing heard of the miscareage of Mr Do^d Campbell, minister at Kilmarteen, in his lyfe, especially being fund drinking in Inneraray, and his conversation being fund then not such as beseemed a professor

of the gospell, does hereby suspend him for a month *ab officio et beneficio*, And ordaines Mr Ar^d mc Callum to signifie the same unto his paroachiners by preaching unto them the first Lords day after the dissolution of the assembly, and if he shall be fund guiltie of the lyke againe that he shall be absolutely deposed.

SESS. 5^{ta}.

A report was made by Mr Ar^d mc Callum, etc. of the confession of Mr Martein mc Ilvra as followes :—

First he confesses that in Apryle 1645, after Sir Lachlane mc Claine had joyned in rebellion with James Graham and Alister mc Donald and haveing raised his whole men in armes to march to Lochabber to meet with James Graham, The deponer went along with the people, being threatened to go by Sir Lachlan as he alleadges.

Item, he confesses that he preached and prayed to Sir Lachlan two severall tymes after he was excommunicat, once in Icollumkill and Rodill in the north yles.

Item, he confesses that, when Alister mc Donald was in Kilmore in Lorn in December 1645, the deponent cam out of Mull to the rebells armie, and remained three nights with them and took Alister be the hand, and alleadges he was compelled to this by the said Sir Lachlan.

Item, being demanded how it cam to passe that mc Claines and their men, being all on the course of the rebellion against the Covenant, religion and the kingdome, did suffer this deponent peaceably to dwell at home and possesse his goods and lands, whillas they burnt and destroyed their neighbour ministers of that presbyterie and province, answered that it was Gods good providence and the love they had to have the gospell continued within their bounds.

Item, he confesses that in summer 1647 he went to the north yles in Sir Lachlans company, being long before excommunicat, and did eat and drink and said grace to him for the space of fifteine dayes.

Item, he confesses he saw Earle of Antrom and Alister

me Donald at Dowart after their return from yland Tirim and conversed with them.

The assembly, having heard the foirsaid confession of Mr Marteen mc Ilvra and himself at large, Does hereby *nemine contradicente* depose him *ab officio et beneficio*.

SESS. 6.

Ane report made of the confession and deposition of Mr Ferquhar Frazer by Mr Ar^d mc Callum, etc. as followes :—

First he confesses that in Apryle 1645 he went to Lochquhabber with Sir Lachlan and his men, when they went in armes of purpose to have joyned with James Graham, but at that tyme joyned not, which if they had, he intended to have left them and to go to Innernesse.

Item, he confesses that he preached and prayed to Sir Lachlan mc Claine, being excommunicat, in his paroach kirk at Tirie, but that he did desyre Sir Lachlan not to remaine in the church in tyme of prayer, which desyre Sir Lachlan obeyed for two Sabbaths, but would not remove the 3d Sabbath, And that he thought fitter to suffer him to be partaker of the prayers then to denude the whole congregation of them for his sake. But denyes any commerce with the army of the rebels or that he saw any of them but his own paroachiners.¹

Which deposition and confession being considered by the assembly and himselfe being heard at large, They suspend him *ab officio et beneficio* till the next provinciall meeting, and, if any more can be qualified against him then, that he be absolutly deposed.

A report made of the deposition and confession of Mr Archibald mc Alister, minister in Yla :—

Imprimis, he confesses that, being in ane yle far distant

¹ In 1662 Fraser had a different version of the incident: 'For his loyaltie and going alongst as a preacher in Sir Lauchlan Mc Cleans regiment anno 1645 in his Majesties service under the conduct of the Marquis of Montrose, he not only was debarred from his ministerie and stipend by the presbyterie and assemblie of Argyle, bot cruellie harassed in his means by Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurphy. . . .'—*Register of the Privy Council* (Third Series), i. 222.

fra any continent, he was suddenly surprysed by the enemies comeing to the yle, and was forced to converse with them and with his whole congregation who turned rebels, and that dureing the tyme of the rebellion he continued still in Yla except onely twyce he came out of it of intention to have mett John mc Alister his coosine. But he denyes that dureing his abod with the rebels he did converse with any excommunicat person, neither did he preach nor pray to them, nor for successe to their army.

Item, he confesses that, when umquhill the Captaine of Skipnies cam out of Yreland to that yle, he and the countrey people went to a litle strength with intention to get quarters from Skipneis least common souldiers should wrong them, In the mean tyme the Captaine of Clan Ranald came to the yle and Skipnies went away, and he and the countrey people did joyne with the Captaine of Clan Ranald, because he stayed longe in the countrey, and they wer not able to lyve without maintenance where they were, and had nothing, nor could get, but by his licence.

The assembly, haveing heard his deposition and confession and the said Mr Ar^d at large, Does heirby suspend him *ab officio et beneficio* till the next assembly, and if any more can be qualified against him that he be deposed.

Because that Mr Joⁿ Stewart his admission to the kirk of Kingarth hes been neglected, notwithstanding of his call to that kirk and of his tryalls in all poynts according to the act of the generall assembly, The assembly appoynts Mr James Campbell, Mr Coline mc Lachlan and Mr Patrick Stewart or any two of them to admitt the said Mr Joⁿ the 22 of November next to the said kirk of Kingarth.

SESS. 7.

Because that Mr John Darroch hes been licenced to preach, and hes given proof of his repentance both in his lyfe and doctrine, The assembly appoynts him to repaire to Arran to the kirk of Kilmorrie now vacand and to

preach ther, and to receive ane chalder of victuall, and also to preach at Gya, and to receive the teynds thereof.

In regard that Marteine mc Lachlan was forced to escape with his lyfe out of Yla to the continent, and left all that he had, and hes served for Mr Dug: Campbell, now in Yreland, at the kirk of Kilmichael in Knapdail, The assembly thinks it expedient that the said Marteine should have twentie bolls victuall for his service at the said kirk whill the first of November, and from that tyme proportionably so long as he serves till Mr Dugald return, and at his return the said Marteen is to remove to Kilberrie, now vacand, to preach there, and to receive what teynds that paroach may afford, excepting eight bolls which is reserved for Mr Ar^d mc Alister who served at the said kirk all the summer quarter.

SESS. 8.

Because the kirk of Skipneis is vacand and some few people dwelling their, Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, is appoynted to goe once in sex weekes and to preach to and catechise that people.

The assembly, considering that the generall assembly, out of zeall to the glory of God and love to have the gospell flourishing in the Highlands, especially when the Lords harvest is so great in these bounds and the labourers so few, hes fund out a way for the intertaineing of Highland boyes of good spirits at schooles and colledges for the use foirsaid, And did appoynt the ministers of Glasgow, to witt Mr David Dickson, Professor of Divinitie in the colledge of the said town, and Mr Robert Ramsay, minister their, to receive the collections of the severall presbyteries of the kingdome and imploy the samine for the maintenance and education of the said boyes, And the assembly, haveing tryed the subsequent number of boyes, findeing them to be of good capacities and expectation to prosper in their learneing, do recommend the said number to the foirsaid ministers to see them mantained and

educated at schooles durezza the tyme prescrybed by the generall assembly, viz. :—

Duncan Campbell, son to Coline Campbell of Ardinteinye.

David Campbell, son to Patrick Campbell of Innerhea.

Ar^d mc Lachlan, son to Mr Colin mc Lachlane.

Duncan mc Clane, son to Ar^d mc Claine in Innerchelan.

Joⁿ Campbell, son to Patrick Campbell of Raschailzie.

Donald Campbell, son to umquhill goodman of Dergachie.

Robert Campbell, son to Duncan Campbell of Kilbryd.

John mc olvory, son to umquhill Mr Joⁿ mc olvory.

Neill Campbell, son to umquhill Alex^r Campbell of Kilmarteine.

Ar^d Cameron, son to Mr Neill Cameron.

Duncan mc Callum, son to Mr Ar^d mc Callum.

Dugald Campbell, son to umquhill Patrick Campbell of Innerhea.

Anguis Campbell, son to umquhill Anguis Campbell.

Patrick mc Arthor, son to Mc Arthor of Instrenzie.

Henrie Darroch, son to umquhill Mr Joⁿ Darroch.

Ar^d Campbell, son to James Campbell of Ormsey.

Duncan Omey, son to umquhill Mr Do^d Omey.

Donald mc Curry, son to umquhill Mr Murdoch mc Currie.

Alex^r mc Calman, son to Mr Nicoll mc Calman.

Neill mc Lachlan, son to umquhill Mr Pat. mc Lachlan.

Allan mc Dugald, son to umquhill Ewin mc Dugald, fier of Raray.

Archibald mc Gibbon, son to Donald mc Gibbonne.

The assembly, apprehending that there was not a present way for the intertaineing the whole number of fourty boyes nominated be the former provinciall, Hath thought fitt for the present to recommend onely the abovementioned number, humbly desyreing withall, if there be means for sustaineing of more, that whoever comes with a recommendation from the province may be accepted.

Mr Colin mc Lachlan, minister at Lochgoyshead, is appoynted to repair to the provinciall assembly at Glas-

gow the 2d Tuesday of Apryle 1649 to keep correspond-
ence with the said provinciall according to the act of the
generall assembly, and to bring a testificat from the
provincieall of his being with them.

The next provincieall assembly is appoynted to be kept
at Inneraray the 2d Wednesday of May 1649.

Mr J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
HOLDIN AT INNERARAY 9 MAY 1649.

SESS. 1.

After exhortation to the brethren and incalling upon
the name of God be Mr Dug. Darroch, last moderator,
the assembly proceeded to elect a new moderator, who
leiting Mr Dug. Campbell, minister at Knapdaille, Mr
Colin mc Lachlan and Mr Ar^d mc Callum, the said Mr
Dugald was chosen.

Then the catalogue was cited and absents were marked
as followeth :—

Out of the presbyterie of Dunoone: Mr Patrick Stewart Absents.
(his excuse in his letter being insuffieient) and his Ruleing
Elder. Out of the presbyterie of Inneraray: Mr Do^d
Campbell (who is excused by his lettir) and his Elder absent.
Out of the presbyterie of Lorn: Mr Nicoll mc Calman
and Mr Archibald mc Calman with ther Elders, as also
the Elder for Sel though the Minister was present. Non
absent in Kintyre but Mr Joⁿ Knox and Martein mc
Lachlan ther Elders, themselves being present. The whole
presbyterie of Sky absent, but their excuse in their lettir,
importing their feares of the way because of the rebels
and the commotions in the north for the present, was
admitted, but ordained to keep preceisely the next dyett.

Mr Joⁿ Knox, minister in Arran, be reason of his com-
plyance with these of the late engadgment against England
and not executeing the warneings and declarations of the
kirk against the samine and for his usuall neglect in

keeping the dyetts of presbyterie and provincials, with some other guiltines of penall faults, is suspended till the next provinciall meeting. In the mean tyme Mr James Campbell, minister at Kilfinan, Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Joⁿ Stewart and Mr Ar^d mc Callum, ministers, Ar^d Campbell of Caradall, Hector mc Alister of Lowpe, ruleing elders, are appoynted to go unto Arran, and there to try and take notice of the said Mr Joⁿ Knox his careage and conversation in the tyme of the late trouble and rebellion, how he observes the acts of the generall assembly, what doctrine and discipline he uses and what obedience is given to him annent his functione.

Ordaines that these of the brethren who neglected to keep their turns and dyatts of preaching at Inneraray as was injoynd by the late provinciall shall be the first that shall go for that effect, and that the clerk shall send a list of their names to the severall presbyteries, appoynting to every man his dyett as follows in this order: Mr Ar^d mc Calman, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Do^d mc Cloy, Mr Neill Malcolm, Mr Coline mc Lachlane, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Mr Ewin Camerone, Mr Do^d Campbell, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Dug. Darroch.

It is appoynted that the severall presbyteries take notice of what vacand stipends are amongst them, and, if any be fund, that the samine be uplifted be some appoynted within the presbyterie respective to be employed according to the Acts of Parliament.

The supplication given in be Mr Coline Campbell, sometymes minister of Craignais, to be admitted againe to the function of the ministry, being read and considered, It is ordained that the presbyterie of Inneraray put him to a tryall as they shall think fitting, wherein they getting satisfaction shall appoynt unto him some analysis and exercise untill the next provinciall, when they shall make report of the said Mr Coline as they shall find him qualified. In the mean tyme ordaines that he be recommended to get seven bolls victuall by and attour what he gott before of the vacand stipend of Craignais crompt 1648.

Ordaines that the Shorter Catechese be translated into the Irish language be these following, viz., Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Dug. Campbell, Marteen mc Lachlan, Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan and Mr Dugald Darroch, and that these from the presbyteries respective bring their translations to be conferred and collected at the next provincially.¹

Ordaines that whosoever of the brethren hes any parcell or part of the Byble translated in that language, and that either by their own or other folks pains, they present them to their severall presbyteries, and from these to be brought be the moderator be the next provincially.

Ordains in cace Sorle mc Alester, sometymes dwelling in _____ (who these eight yeares agoe hath beine lying in adultery with More ne Key, and now both are fled out of the countrey), return againe back he be procest with the censure of excommunication.

SESS. 2^{da}.

Ordaines that hencefurth the roll for citation of names be inverted and thus disposed:—1. The Presbyterie of Argyll; 2. The Presbyterie of Kintyre; 3. The Presbyterie of Lorn; 4. The Presbyterie of Cowall; 5. The Presbyterie of Sky.

The greivances given in be the paroachiners of Glenurqhy and Inishale against Mr Neill Cameron, there pastor, and against the presbytery of Cowall for the said Mr Neill his unlawfull and informall (as they alledge) transportation being heard by the assembly, They appoynt the said Mr

¹ The Shorter Catechism had been approved by the General Assembly on 28th July 1648, the act of approval being as follows: 'The General Assembly having seriously considered the shorter Catechisme, agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines sitting at Westminster with assistance of Commissioners from this Kirk, Doe finde upon due examination thereof That the said Catechisme is agreeable to the Word of God and in nothing contrary to the received Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Kirk, and therefore Approve the said shorter Catechisme as a part of the intended Uniformity, to be a Directory for Catechising such as are of weaker capacitie.'

Neill in the afternoone to give in his reasons and defences in wryte, that the pairtie challengeing may be advysed how to make answer and replies.

The piouse appoyntment of the committee of this shyre of Argyll, annent the foundation of some certaine schoolls within this province, and the maintenance respective allotted therunto, is heartily approven be this assembly and ordained (as a memoriall of zeall and piety) to be recorded in the provinciall book and to be subscribit be the moderator and cleark.

At Inneraray the 21 day of December 1648.

Whilk day these of the committee appoynted for the distribution of the voluntar contribution convened for the tyme, Takeing to their consideration the great necessity of haveing schooles at the paroach kirks in the severall presbyteries, and considering the inability of the contrey to bestow any thing for a present foundation of the samine, and finding that there is yet resting undevyded of the money of the said contribution about eleven thowsand marks *salvo justo calculo*, and that, if the same should be distributed according to the instructions, it would be very small and inconsiderable that would come to every ones proportion, Therefore they conveave that the samine can be no bettir employed then to be the beginning of a fundation to nyne parochiall schooles, and the gramer schoole at Inneraray, and three of the said schooles to be in each presbyterie of the presbyteries of Dunoone, Inneraray and Kilmore, and each schoole of these to have ane thousand marks to be laid out on good security that the annual rent may be for the schoolmaster, and the grammer schoole foirsaid is to have two thousand marks, at least so much as remains of the said contribution attour nyne thousand marks for the saids parochiall schooles, and the losc of false and light moneyes to fall into the division of Inneraray, And the paroach kirks whereat the schooles are to be established and the way of the sending and laying out of the money is to be determined

by the next provincially assembly, And in the mean tyme the consents and subscriptions of all the ministers and gentlemen of the country that conveniently may be had before the said provincially are to be desyred theirto, And all this is to be represented to the commission of the generall assembly to the effect that their approbation may be had thereto, and that it may be known that this may stand with the mind and intention of the givers, And this the subscribers conceaves will tend to the glory of God, the advancing of the glory of his name in this pairt of the land, and the good of the country.

Mr. J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

In regard the said act and appoyntment referres the designation of the severall places for the said schools to be founded unto the provincially, It is therefore ordained that in Cowall besyde the schoole of Dunoone ¹ (whilk hath already the own peculiar maintenance) there be a schoole at Kilfinan, another at Kilmodan and the thrid at Lochgoylshead, suchlyke (besydes the common grammer schoole at Inneraray) that there be three in Argyll, viz., one in Kilmichael in Glassery, and untill there be convenient accommodation of building and planting thereat ² the same be at Kilmarteen, the 2d at Castleswine, the 3d to be in som pairt up the country about Lochow, and to be thought upon and determined where it shall be situated

¹ See the Act of 1641 in favour of the minister of Dunoon:—

'Our Soverane Lord and Estates of parliament Ratifies and approves the gifte of mortificatione granted be his Majestie to Mr Ewine Camerone present minister of Donoone and his successoures ministeres thairat Off the soume of Tuelffe hundreth merkis scottis money yeirlie out of the reddiest of the teyndis teynd dueties and otheres rents of the beshoprike of Argyll with this Declaratione allwayes That the said maister Ewine Camerone and his successoures foirsaidis shall give yeerlie to ane school maister who shall remaine at the said kirke of Donoone The soume of Tua hundreth merkis scottis money as the said gifte of mortificatione superscryved be his Majestie Beerand dait at Halyrudhouse the eight Day of November J^mvj^e fourtie ane yeeres mair fullie proportis. . . .'

Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, v. 508.

² Following on the devastation referred to on p. 104.

at the next provincieall, Also in Lorn three schooles, one in Kilmore, another in Kilmaluag in Lesmore and the 3d in

The petition given in be Mary ne Inlester against Patriek mc Nokard her espoused husband annent his impotency is referred to be tryed be the kirk session where they dwell, as more competent therunto.

The answer to Lachlan mc Thawish his petition and reference to this place is continued to the next provincieall assembly.

The supplication of Alister ne Laehlan of Barnagad, humbly desyreing relaxation from excommunication, which he confesses he justly deserved for his joyneing with the rebels, being read and considered be the assembly, They ordaine that he shall repaire to his ordinar minister, who shall take paines on him to inform him and make him sensible of his guilt, and that the minister shall declare what signs of repentance he shall find in him.

Ordaines John mc Neill in Innerdonich to be sumarrily excommunicat according to the act of the general assembly for his trelapse in adultery and that [the] case be notified to the civill magistrat.

Mr Joⁿ Stewart his admission unto the charge of the ministry to the kirk of Kingarth conform to the appoyntment of the former provincieall is approven, and it is appoynted to be registrat amongst the rest of the acts.

At Inneraray 9 May 1649.

Whilk day the provincieall assembly of Argyll, considering that upon grave and weightie reasons and considerationnes, there being ane act past in the assembly holdin at Inneraray the 24 of Apryle 1639 whereby the power and tryall of ministers is reserved to the province, The provincieall assembly holdin in May 1648, finding the kirk of Kingarth in the yle of Buite vacand be transportation of Mr Ar^d mc Claine, minister thereat, and that the paroachiners of that paroach had most unanimously given a call to Mr Joⁿ Stewart to be their

minister, They did give warrand to the presbyterie of Dunoon and some others of the brethren to proceed to the said Mr Joⁿ his admission conform to ordour, and the said Mr John haveing past his tryalls before them, and being fund qualified and meet for the charge, edict being lawfully served and indorsed and the paroachiners being still earnest to have him admitted, the provinciall assembly holdin in October last was not pleased that his admission was delayed, and therefore by their act ordained a number of their brethren of the said presbyterie of Dunoon to proceed to his admission to the said kirk of Kingarth, which accordingly was lawfully done and performed conform to the act and ordour of the kirk in all poynts, as the certificat of his admission beares, Lykeas also the said provinciall holdin in October last, considereing that the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart did preach at Kingarth since he past his tryalls and before, did therefore appoynt him to have the stipend of the same for the crompt 1648, as the act made thereanent beares, And this provinciall tacking the premisses to their serious consideration have ratified and approven, and bc thir presents ratifies and approves, the said Mr Joⁿ his admission to be minister at the said kirk of Kingarth, with the foirsaid act appoynting him to have the stipend thereof for the said crompt 1648, And to the effect the said Mr Joⁿ may be the better answered therein and in the manse and gleib of the said kirk for that crompt 1648 and in tyme comeing, This provinciall hath nominated and appoynted their beloved brethren, , conjunctly and severally to passe to the said kirk of Kengarth or kirkyard thereof with the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister thereat, and that in presence of the paroachiners convened for the tyme to give collation, actuall and reall institution and possession of the locall stipend, manse and gleib assigned and appoynted, or to be assigned and appoynted hereafter, to the minister serveing the cure at the said kirk, and that for the crompt and yeare 1648 and yearly in tyme comeing during his serveing the cure at the said

kirk, be deliverance to the said Mr Joⁿ of the Byble and the psalm book as use is, Requesting heirby the Lords of his Majesties counsell and session upon sight hereof to direct furth lettirs of horneing, poynding and other executorialls needfull at the instance of the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister at Kingarth, on ane single charge of ten dayes onely, against all and sundery the parishioners, heretors, tennants, tacksmen, possessors and intro-mettors with the teinds of the said paroach, and others whatsoever addebit in payment of the said stipend, for causeing of them to readily answer, obey and make payment to the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart, his factours or servitors in his name, of the locall stipend, rents, emoluments, assigned and appoynted or to be assigned and appoynted to the minister serveing the cure there for the cropt and year of God 1648 and yearly in tyme comeing dureing his lyfetye and serveing at the said cure.

Sic subscribitur. Mr DUG. CAMPBELL, Moderator.
Mr. J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

SESS. 3.

The assembly ordains every presbyterie to have a care to requyre and see that the Act of Parliament ordaineing a civill magistrat for laying on of fynes on trespassors be put in execution.

It is appoynted that Marteine mc Lachlan shall preach for a wholl yeare at the kirk of Kilberry, and that he get the stipend thereof, and that the paroachiners build ane house for convenient accommodation to him thereat, And that Mr Ar^d mc Alister, now relaxed from his suspension and admitted to preach againe, shall attend the charge of the ministry at Kilcalmanell, Skipness, Tarbert and Gygha by convenient courses for a yeare to come, and have the tithes of these lands for his maintenance dureing his service there.

Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan yonger after his tryalls past is referred to the presbyterie of Lorn to be admitted by

them to the charge of Kilninvar, being called thereto.

It is ordained that Mr Ar^d mc Callum serve at the kirk of Craignais, now vaceing, ilk 3d Sabbath, and he to have the halfe of the stipend there and becom comptable for the other halfe unto the presbyterie of Inneraray cropt 1649, and what remains besydes Mr Coline his allotment for the cropt 1648 be lykewayes uplifted be the said Mr Ar^d that the samine be employed for pious uses.

Ordaines a chalder of victuall of the vacand stipend of Arran be given to Margrat Campbell, relict to umquhill Mr Joⁿ Darroch, to herselfe and fatherless children, and this of the cropt 1648.

It is condescended by the provinciall that Mr Joⁿ Stewart shall have the whole stipend of the kirk of Kingarth for the cropt 1648, onely Mr Ewin Cameron diss-assented, because, as he alledges, it was a matter which was not in the provincialls power to detaine anything contrare to the Acts of Parliament, and that the Parliament 1643,¹ sess. , had appoynted vacand stipends in Highland kirks to be employed for traineing up of yong ones haveing the Irish language at colledges and universities and for no other piouse uses, and that the presbyterie, whom onely the Act of Parliament appoynts to be the executers of the Act (so that except upon the presbyteries negligence the provinciall can not medle with it, without they ineroach upon the presbyteries liberties), had resolved to imploy it according to the Act of Parliament, and whereas it is alledged it was not vacand, Mr Ewin offers to prove the contrarie, becaus Mr Joⁿ was not admitted before the 22 of November last.

Ordains Duncan mc Lachlan in Carnaym, Donald mc Kerais, and Joⁿ Douglas, adulterers, be sent from their severall places wherein they reside unto the presbyterie

¹ The reference should be to the Parliament of 1644, c. 189, which enacted *inter alia* ' That the vacand benefices or stipendes of kirkes in the highelandes shall be employed for trayneing wp of youtthes that have the Irish Tongue in schooles and colledges allenerlie and to no other pious vse.'—*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vi. (1), 195.

of Dunoone, and that they be cited and sumounded be their severall ministers to compeare before the said presbyterie that they may give satisfaction for the said haynous fault.

Ordains that these who shall be directed hence commissioners to attend the Parliament and Commission of the Church shall in name of the assembly humbly intreat both these judicatories that they nor either of them would accept Sir Lachlan mc Claine, or his speciall cheife freinds guiltie of rebellion, untill he maks payment of all the vacancy stipends that are within their bounds.

SESS. 4.

The supplication of the paroachiners of Lesmore, requyring some course to be taken whereby they may have the comfort of the word of God preached unto them, being read and considered, it is injoynd to Mr Ar^d mc Calman to help their desolat condition at dyatts as he shall think convenient till the next assembly.

The greivances of the paroachiners of Glenurquhy and Inshale against Mr Neill Cameron and the presbyterie of Dunoone for his illegal transportation, processes and disputs had thereupon with their reasons *hinc inde*, is referred to be determind be the generall assembly, and that the said disputs and processes with the wholl deduction be drawn up be the clerk in wryte and sent to the said general assembly for cleareing of their judgements thereanent.

The assembly ordaines Marteine mc Lachlan and Mr Ar^d mc Alister to keep their dyettes punctually and preceisly with Mr. Dug. Darroch as members of the presbyterie of Kintyre for this interim.

The severall presbyteries are ordained to sett the gleib lands and manses within themselves respective of vacing churches for some emolument and profite, to be employed, as the vacand stipends, upon piouse uses.

The assembly doth earnestly recommend to the right honourable the Lord Marquesse of Argyll and to his deputs

that there be a schoole for education of children erected and established at Lochhead in Kintyre.

It is appoynted that the moderator of every presbyterie for the tyme shall bring the presbyterie bookes unto the next provinciall under the paine of deposition in case of failzie.

Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan elder and yonger are appoynted to serve in the ministerial charge at Kilmelfort and Kilninvour, and to have the benefit thereby untill farder course be taken therewith afterward.

As tucheing the motion and proposition made be William Noble, laird of Farmes, annent the intention of the presbyterie of Dunbartan for building and founding of ane kirk at the head of Lochlong, requyreing thereunto the concurrence and assistance of the presbyterie of Dunoone for furthereing so good and necessary a work, The assembly, approveing weell of the said motion, doth recommend to the presbyterie to concurre therein, and to give their recommendation for adjoynceing to the said kirk such lands of the paroach of Lochgoylshead as are nearest adjacent thereunto, and may more commodiously repaire to it than to Lochgoylshead.

Appoynts unto Mr Dug. Darroch (commissioner now chosen to represent to the honourable court of Parliament the petitions and greivances of this kirk, according to the particular instructions given thereanent) three pundis a day dureing the space of a month for beareing his charges in attending the Parliament, and that for advanceing the samine instantly every kirk or severall charge, to the number of 26 kirks, pay four pundis at this present, and what further charges he shall be necessarily throw lenth of tyme be put unto by the said attendance shall be proportionably taxed on the said number of kirks.

Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Ar^d mc Callum, with the moderator, ministers, George Campbell, shirref deput, Ro^t Campbell of Acha-willing and Alex^r Campbell, notar, elders, are appoynted to convene after noon apairt, and to receive a list of the names of the children within the province that are to be

thought fitt to be educated at schooles upon the publick contribution of the Church, and they to select and nominat whom they shall judge most meet for the said use and benefit to the number of fourty or thereby, and to make a roll thereof to be insert in the provinciall book, viz. :—

John Campbell, son to umquhill Neill Campbell.

Ar^d Campbell, son to the goodman of Dergachy.

Duncan Campbell, son to Alex^r Campbell of Kilbryd.

Lachlan and Joⁿ mc Lachlans, sons to Joⁿ mc Lachlan of Innerneilbeig.

Laymount Lamont, son to umquhill the Barronn mc Phatricks.¹

Joⁿ mc Callum, son to umquhill goodman of Bailzie.

Dugald Campbell, son to the goodman of Kilmichael.

Joⁿ Campbell, son to Do^d Campbell, Skipneis brother.

James mc Lachlan, son to umquhill James mc Lachlan.

Neill mc Neill, son to umquhill Ar^d mc Neill.

Do^d Campbell, son to Patrick Campbell.

Alex^r Campbell, son to Mr Dug. Campbell.

Duncan mc Arthur, son to the goodman of Instrynye.

Duncan mc Lachlan, son to Lachlan mc Lachlan.

Donald mc Ilvernock, son to Duncan mc Ilvernog of Ardnackaig.

Anguis Campbell, son to the Captain of Skipneis.

James Campbell, son to Glencaradall.

Duncan Campbell, son to Sonochan.

Do^d mc Lachlan, son to Dunad.

Donald mc Ilvreid, son to Ar^d mc Ilvreid.

Joⁿ O Conachar, son to Conochar.

Joⁿ mc Neill, son to umquhill Malcolm mc Neill of Carskey.

mc Molan, son to Joⁿ mc Molan, officer.

Ar^d mc Neill, son to Neill mc Neill of Carskey.

The greivance given in against Malcolme mc Ilvaine cohabiteing in adultery with _____ is continued, and ordaines that the case be represented to the generall assembly, or unto their commission.

¹ John Lamont of Couston.

Mr Ewin Cameron did requyre and protest that the act of assembly astricting the liberty of presbyteries unto the provinciall in poynt of admission and deposition of ministers should be rescinded in relation to the presbyterie of Dunoone, in regard the said presbyterie is of competent number, which the provinciall thought not good to grant upon good consideration and reasons implied in the said act, which cannot be rescinded but by common consent of all the provinciall.

It is enjoyned to the presbyteries, when they shall give their recommendations to any of the enrolled children to be received to the schooles, that there be security sought and gotten of these childrens parents, freinds or curators to remaine and imploy their tyme at learneing ay till it pleases God to enable them to become preachers and profitable instructors in the kirk of God (unlesse his indisposition argue his ineptitude therunto), under the paine of a certaine modified sowm to be repayed to the presbyterie wherein he lives and by whom he is recommended.

SESS. 5.

The assembly, thinking it meet to assay ane amicable composition of all differences betwixt Mr Neill Cameron and his paroachiners concerneing his transportation, did call to them the said Mr Neill, posing him upon the ingenuity and honesty of his mind to tell if he could find himselfe willing or plyable to grant the desyre of his former parishioners, if a way could be fund out for reclameing him back from the late susceped charge with the tollerance and good will of the people, He did take it betwixt him and God that he could no ways get his mind plyable thereto, nor conscience satisfied to suscept the charge under which he had so long groaned, and often wished to be by some legall and pleasant way removed therfra, Wherupon the other partie, being lykeways called and demanded if they would be content to desist from their persute, did answer that to have their own said minister was their cheefe desyre, But if so were that they could

conceive and be persuaded that it stood altogether against his mind to return (though they were not conscious of any misdeserveings in themselves to procure such a dislyke) yet they would be content in this cace to want him, if they knew how to get another weell qualified man in his place, which they not perceiveing would do no lesse [than] follow further and prosecute their interest in him so farre as law will permitt.

Mr Hector mc Claine and Mr Ferq^r Frazer, who by the provinciall October 1648 wer suspended from their charges and benefices for their compliance with the enemie in the ylands, are now reponed in the samine, with certification that, if they be fund or tryed to offend in the lyke kind or guiltines, they shall absolutely be deposed.

It is appoynted that ane extract of the sentence of excommunication pronounced against Mc Claine and other rebells in the yle be given to the ministers of Mull and Tirie, that they may make intimation thereof unto their severall paroaches, that their company may be avoyded by all.

Ordaines ane lettir of recommendation to be written to the commissioners of the generall assembly in favors of Mr Marteine mc Ilvra who (being by the last provinciall for his compliance with the rebells, and familiarity with excommunicated persons, deposed) hath now with lykely signs of reall repentance supplicated to be received againe to his office that his mouth may be opened, the power whereof lyeth onely in their hands.¹

Mr Coline mc Lachlan is appoynted to summound Patrick mc Kellar in Glenshiro to compeare before the presbyterie of Dunoone and that there it be tryed of him by what minister he was maried to _____, seing he gives out that he is maried.

By common and unanimous voice of this assembly Mr Do^d mc Cloy is suspended from his charge for the space of three Sabbothes, because he did not notifie to the

¹ See the Act of Assembly of 21st July 1648, ordaining that deposed ministers shall not be actually admitted to any particular congregation without consent of the General Assembly.—Peterkin's *Records*, p. 496.

presbyterie of Dunoone what opposition and impediment was made unto him be Joⁿ mc Donochie against the intended mareage of Duncan mc Intylor with Agneis Lamount, when the presbyterie did give out their warrand for celebrateing the mareage, knowing of no mater questionable into it, whill now that it begins to be questioned, And Mr James Campbell, after the said Sabbaths silence, is appoynted upon the 4th Sabbath to go to the said Mr Donald his church, and there to preach; and upon the said Mr Donald his repentance and confession before the congregation to receive him againe to his charge.

Because the foirsaid mareage is much doubted to be lawfull, the presbyterie of Dunoone is appoynted to take narrow tryall whether the said Duncan mc Intaylor was the cause of the said Mc Conchie his wyfes divorcement and to report there diligence therein to the nixt provinciall.

The presbyteriall bookes of Argyll and Cowall being sighted and examined and some informalities and omissions fund therein excuseable in some kind throw the trouble of the tymes, it is ordained it be amended heirafter.

It is thought fitt and appoynted that a schoole be erected at Kilberie, and that my Lord Marquesse of Argyle be requested thereanent, as also anent the building of ane church there.

The members of the presbyterie of Dunoone wer sumounded to compare *apud acta* before the next ensuing generall assembly to be holdin at Edinburgh for receiveing and admitting of Mr Neill Cameron to the kirk of Innerchelan, whilk they undertook to do, either be themselves or their commissioner.

The assembly, finding that the presbyterie of Dunoone hath made ane act whereby they resolve not to imploy the stipend of Kingarth cropt 1648 but according to the appoyntment of Parliament, And considering the same to be prejudiciall to their intencion and ordinance disponnid-ing the same upon Mr Joⁿ Stewart, who did serve for it though his admission was delayed and postponed be the said presbyterie, who by the synod May 1648 was ordained to admitt him, And in consideration of the dissassent of

some of the brethren of the said presbyterie from the said acts, as also of the assemblies declaration of the said stipend not to be vacand, do therefore rescind, anihilate and make of no effect the said act or acts, ordaining them hereinto to desist in all tymes comeing, but on the contrarie to help and assist the said Mr Joⁿ in getting in the said stipend and cropt in so far as they can or may, and as they would not be instruments of the said Mr Jo^{ns} deserting his charge, for want of maintenance. The said Mr Ewin, who did dissasent from the former act, dissasents from this, becaus Mr Joⁿ served not but as expectants who are upon their tryalls, and other reasons whilk he is willing to show in tyme and place convenient.

SESS. 6.

The ministers of Mull are appoynted to take up such stipends as vake in their bounds and to be countable to the next assembly.

Because Mr Coline mc Lachlan appoynted be the last provincially to keep correspondence with the provincially at Glasgow and Aire (his excuse for his absence not being fund relevant), Therefore, being sharply rebuked for his said omission, is appoynted of new againe to keep the next provincially dyett, and the laird of Ardkinlas as ruleing elder to be conjunct with him for the said effect, and they both to concur with the said provincially in all things as effeires.

Donald Cameron, ruleing elder, is chosen be the assembly conjunct commissioner with Mr Dug. Darroch to represent to the Parliament the particular cace of the kirks of this province according to their instructions thereanent.

It is ordained that Mr James Campbell, clerk, shall have the tithes of the yle of Gigha cropt 1648, then vacand, for his past paines these four last yeares bygone, and the said Mr James to continue clerk for this next approaching yeare.

Ordains the severall presbyteries to send requests with such commissionars as shall go from them to the generall

assembly to desyre that what support was promised for sustentation of Highland boyes at schooles may be seasonably gotten in.

It is appoynted that Mr Dug. Darroch and Do^d Cameron, commissionars directed from this meeting to the Commission of this Kirk and Parliament and for the prosecuting of the precept of four thowsand punds granted be the estates for help to the ministry of this province, seing the said precept was procured by the diligence of the said Mr Ewin Camerone, and that he and his son diverse tymes attended on the getting of the sowm, That they compt with him, and out of the readiest of what shall be obtained their charges and expenses be payed be the said commissionars at whatever occasion he shall happine to meet them.

The assembly, finding by the bookes of the presbyterie of Dunoone that Mr Patrick Stewart and Mr Ewin Camerone, to whom the matter was referred to give their overtures thereanent, did appoynt four hundreth marks for the payment of the manse houses at the said kirk of the vacand stipend cropt 1644, Declare therefore the said houses and manse to be free unto the intrant successors now and in all tymes comeing. Mr Ewin declares that not to be the mind of the presbyterie.

Mr Hector mc Claine, being scandalouse for intertaineing some servants and freinds of lousse careage not worthie of the countenance and society of a minister, and the matter being examined and all witnesses tryed, and Hector mc Claine of Torloisg, who was thought to have the greatest interest to challeng him if the report had been true, compeared, and haveing nothing to say against him, it was fund that all was but misreports, And therefore the assembly absolves the said Mr Hector and declares him to be free of the said imputationnes.

The next provinciall is appoynted to be holdin at Inneraray the 2d Wednesday of October 1649.

Mr J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

Followes the observationnes of the committee of the

generall assembly on the book and the assemblies censure therupon:—

Edinburgh, 23 July 1649.

The committee finds in this book that it is not numerat in the pages, the margine is little and not quotted.

The assembly admonishes the brethren hereof.

The committee finds the synod ordaines ane suspension against Mr Coline Campbell, minister at Craigneis, to be intimat upon delations given in against him, he being absent and not cited, they suspend him and ordains him to be cited before a comittee for tryall of the said delationnes.

The assembly finds this informall and admonishes the brethren thereof.

It is fund that 11,000 marks of the voluntary contribution for the distrest people in Argyle is employed to be a foundation for schooles.

The assembly finds this worthy of rebuke and appoynts the money to be restored, recommending to the visitors to see to the distribution of it to the use it was destinat for.

The committee finds that whereas the presbyterie of Dunoone had appoynted, according to the Act of Parliament annent vacand stipends of Highland kirks, to employ the vacand stipend of Kingarth for education of boyes haveing the Irish tongue, the synod contrair to the said appoyntment allowes it (viz., for the cropt 1648) to the intrant who was admitted not till November 1648, and rescinds the act of the said presbyterie, from which ordinance of the synod Mr Evan Cameron did judicially dissent, which is marked.

The assembly approves the act of the presbyterie of Dunoone anent the stipend of Kingarth, and dissallowes the synod thereanent, and approves Mr Evan Cameron his dissent therefra, And appoynts that in tyme comeing all vacand stipends be employed upon the education of

boyes haveing the Irish language conforme to the Act of Parliament.

In caeteris approven.

J. KER.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL HOLDINE
AT INNERARAY UPON THE 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER
1649.

SESS. 1.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dug. Darroch ; My Lord Marquesse, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Alister ; Marteen mc Lachlan ; Neill og mc Neill, Ruleing Elder.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Nicoll mc Calman ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; John Campbell, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Mr Ferquhar Frazer ; Mr Hector mc Claine ; Mr Allan Clerk.

Presbyterie of Argyle : Mr Dug. Campbell ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum absent ; Mr Do^d Campbell ; Joⁿ mc Lachlan, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Neill Malcolm ; George Campbell, Ruleing Elder.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Ewin Camerone ; Mr James Campbell ; the Laird of Otter, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Tawis mc Thawis, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Patrick Stewart absent ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; Alex^r Frissell, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Donald mc Cloy ; Donald mc Gibbon, Ruleing Elder.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Neill mc Kinnown ; Mr Ar^d mc Queen absent ; Mr Marteine mc Pherson absent ; Mr Anguis mc Queine absent ; John mc Pherson absent ; Mr Donald Moreson absent.

Mr Ninian Campbell, commissioner for the synod of Glasgow and Aire.

Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Neill Cameron and Mr Coline

mc Lachlan being on the leit, by pluralitie of voices Mr Coline mc Lachlan was chosen moderator.

Mr Coline mc Lachlan who was appoynted be the last synod to go as commissioner for keeping correspondence with the synod of Glasgow and Air, his diligence being heard and considered was approven.

The assembly appoynts that Mr Ninian Campbell, commissioner from the assembly of Glasgow and Aire, his correspondency be marked.

Mr Pat. Stewart, declareing by lettir his inability to travell at this tyme in regard of his sicknes, which was lykewayes testified by our brother Mr Joⁿ Stewart, is excused for his absence at this dyett and continues his censure for his former absence untill the next meeting.

Mr Nicoll mc Calman his absence fra the two last assemblies is excused becaus of his sicknes.

Mr Ar^d mc Calman for his absence fra the two last assemblies without a lawfull excuse is suspended for a month, wherof Mr Hector mc Laine is appoynted to make intimation at the kirk of Ardchattan on the next Lords day, and at the months end Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan elder to receive him.

SESS. 2^{da}.

Alex^r Cameron, laird of Glenniveis, and Anguis Cameron, Captaine of Innerlochy, who was excommunicat by the synod for their compliance and joyneing in rebellion with James Graham and Alex^r mc Donald, gave in their supplication before us, beareing ane hearty acknowledgment of that fearfull sin in joyneing with Gods enemies against their religion and covenant, as also their heavy sence of that dreadfull sentence of excommunication justly pronounced against them, earnestly desyreing relaxation and to be received to the fellowshipe of Gods people againe. The assembly therfor did appoynt two of their number to conferre with them more particularly, who after diverse conferences made report that they fund them weighted for their guiltines and sensible of their present wofull condition, which they gave testimony of also themselves

by their ample and cleare confession, Which the assembly considereing, for the great solemnity of the action, and being excommunicat by the synod, as also their wanting ane minister in their own bounds, have appoynted them upon Saturday next, after prayer in tyme of divyne service, to stand in publict in this kirk and give testimony of there repentance, and to remove when the sermon is ended, and appoynts Mr Ferquhar Frazer to preach on Saturday next for that effect, Furder it is enjoyed them to stand in lyke manner on the Lords day next ensueing both befoir and after noon, and Mr Ewin Camcron to relax them, all which accordingly was done.

Dugald mc Dugald of Dunawch, who was excommunicat for his compliance and actuall rebellion with the enemies, gave in his supplication, confesseing his great sin and wickednes in so doeing against God and his covenant, and his heavy sense of that sentence justly pronounced against him, desyreing earnestly relaxation, the assembly did appoynt some of their number to conferre with him and then heard his own ample confession, Therefore they appoynt him to begin his repentance here on Saturday next and on the next Lords day ensueing as is prescrybed in the former act, And, because the most of his hostile acts was done within the presbyterie of Lorn where he had his residence, he is ordained to continue his repentance the next Lords day in Ardchattan, and Mr Hector mc Laine to preach there the said day, and the 3d Lords day following he is to stand in the kirk of Kilmore, and there to be relaxed by Mr Nicoll mc Calman upon his repentance.

Whereas the presbyterie of Sky could not safely hitherto keep meetings with us in respect of the rebellion of the yles, Therefore now, since God hes granted more safe passage, the assembly ordaines all the members of that presbyterie to be present at the next synod under the paine of censure, and the moderator of the presbyterie to bring the presbyterie book alongs with him.

Ane supplication being printed by my Lord Marquesse of Argyle for himselfe and in name and behalfe of the inhabitants of Lochaber, beareing mention of the wofull

condition of that people, who never had a minister since the first reformation,¹ and therefore earnestly requyreing that ane minister might be settled their, or at least some solid course taken for the present supplie thereof, Whilk petition with the earnest desyre of the people themselves being laid to heart by the assembly, they did appoynt Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Ninian Campbell, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, my Lord Marquesse of Argyle, Joⁿ Campbell, of Ardchattan and George Campbell, shirrefe deput of Argyle, to think upon overtures for answereing the said petition and to present the same to the next session.

SESS. 3.

The committee appoynted by the last session to propone overtures in answer to the supplication in behalfe of Lochabber (not finding how that place might be planted with a settled minister) did present a list of these following, Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, that the synod might pitch upon one of them to serve the cure at Lochabber untill the next synod, Which overture being approven and put to the voiceing, Mr Neill Cameron was chosen and appoynted to go to Lochabber against the first of November next, and to remaine there untill the next provinciall.

Sir Robert Mountgomery of Skermurly haveing given in his petition desyreing that a new kirk might be erected at the head of Lochransey in Aran in respect of the remotenes of that people from the paroach kirk, The assembly recommends it to the sub-commission for plantation of kirks to hold at Inneraray.

Mr Joⁿ Knox, minister at Kilbryde in Aran, haveing supplicated the assembly, desyreing that the censure of suspension pronouncd against him by the last synod might be removed, seeing the visitors that were appoynted to go to Arran for takeing further tryall of his careage did not

¹ *i.e.* since 1560. The restoration of Presbyterianism in 1639 was referred to by the Presbyterians as the second reformation.

keep, Which the assembly considering, together with the lawfulness of the reasons why the visitors did not go, they being put on other employments, did continue the said Mr Joⁿ Knox suspended untill a second visitation, And therefore appoynts Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Sir Robert Muntgomery, Hector Bannatyne of Kames, the Laird of Glencaradall, Robert Campbell of Auchuwillin, James Campbell of Ormsey, or any sex of them, four being ministers and two ruling elders, to go to Aran on the 2d Wednesday of November next for trying and examineing the careage of the ministers and elders within these bounds, with full and ample power of censure as they shall find there miscareage deserveing, authorizeing them for that purpose, with power to call before them any within the said bounds, as also for visiteing and perambulateing the said bounds, and to recommend to the Parliament, or Committee of Parliament for visitation of kirks, the erecting of new kirks and paroaches as they shall see necessary for the accomodation of the people there for the service and worship of God, and generally to do all and every thing for tryall and censure whilk any other visitors had power to do at any tyme bygone according to the extent of the power of the provincially assembly, And withall to crave ane account of the vacand stipend within the saids bounds that they may be comptable in every thing to the next ensueing synod.

Appoynts a lettir to be written to the bailzie of Aran anent the furnishing of the visitors that are to go there dureing their abod out of the vacand stipends.

Ane supplication presented be Joⁿ Park for himselfe and in name of some other lowlandmen that are of late com to dwell in Glendarowall,¹ desyreing that they may have the

¹ Besides the extensive Lowland settlement in Kintyre referred to later in these minutes there was a movement on a smaller scale affecting certain parishes in Cowal and Mid Argyll. Among the sheriff court papers preserved at Inveraray there is an interesting return compiled by the sheriff-clerk in 1726 at the request of Edmund Burt which gives some indication

word preached in there language, The assembly appoynts their minister, Mr Do^d mc Cloy, to have the lecture in English and the sermon in Irish the one day, and the lecture in Irish and the sermon in English the other, and so to continue by course.

Ordaines intimation to be made at the severall parish kirks within this province that there is ane visitation appoynted be the generall assembly to sit at Inneraray the last Wednesday of May nixt for visiting thir bounds.

SESS. 4.

Ane call being presented by my Lord Marquesse of Argyll for himselve and in name of the remanent paroachers of the paroach of Lochhead in Kintyre,¹ requyring Mr Dug. Darroch to be their minister, The assembly approves the said call, and ordaines Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Ar^d mc Alister and Marteen mc Lachlane to receive him to the said kirk of Lochhead on the 2d Sabbath of November next, and Mr Dug. Campbell to preach, As lyke-ways my Lord Marquesse declared in face of this assembly that his Lordship does allocat for a locall stipend to the minister serveing the cure at the said kirk of Lochhead ane thowsand mark yeerly.

of the extent of the settlements at that date. The sheriff-clerk writes : ' Inveraray and Campbeltown are Lowland parishes. There are other parishes that are partly of Highlanders and partly of Lowlanders, what numbers may be in them of either I know not, but the ministers of such parishes ordinarily preach in the forenoon in the Gaelic language, and in the afternoon in the English and do therefore reckon them a mixed people.' The ' mixed ' parishes are as undernoted :—

Cowal—Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich, Strachur, Strathlachlan, Dunoon and Kilmun, Inverchaolain, Kilmodan, Kilfinan.

Mid Argyll—Glenaray, Kilmartin, Glassary, North Knapdale, Kilcalmonell and Kilberry.

Kintyre—Killean and Kilchenzie, Saddell.

Southend in Kintyre is noted as a Lowland parish with some Highlanders and Kilarrow and Kilchoman in Islay as Highland parishes with some Lowlanders.

¹ The difference in procedure between the election of Mr Neill Campbell (p. 62) and that of Mr Dugald Darroch is accounted for by the abolition of patronage in March 1649.—See *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vi. (2), 261.

Mr Dug. Darroch, who was appoynted commissioner from the last synod for agenting some particulars relating to this province at the Parliament, his diligence being heard, seen and considered, is approven, And the assembly ordaines Mr James Campbell, Mr Joⁿ Stewart and Mr Coline mc Lachlan to take compt of his debursements in Edinburgh, which they did and finds his debursements to be ane hundreth and ten punds by and attour what he received here and at Edinburgh.

Appoynts the presbyteries of Lorn and Argyle to supplie *per vices* the kirks of Inshaile and Clachandysart, and that the presbyterie of Argyll serve the first turn.

The assembly, understanding by ther commissioner at the synod of Glasgow and Air that the act of the generall assembly anent the educating of Highland boyes at schools is lyke to take litle effect, Therfoir appoynts a lettir to be directed to the brethren at Glasgow enquirying what performance may be expected of that act.

Refers to the presbyterie of Argyll to give to Mr Neill Malcolm out of the stipend of Inshaile eight bolls victuall if his condition be so mean as he declares, viz., that he got in all of stipend out of his own parish of Kilchrenan but one chalder of victualls.

Ordaines Mr Dugald Darroch to excommunicat sumarly Sorle mc Alester and More ne Key for there continued adultery without repentance.

SESS. 5^{ta}.

Ane compt being sought of the severall presbyteries what kirks wer vacand in their bounds, It is declared by the commissioner from the presbyterie of Sky, that in the said presbyterie these kirks following are vacand, viz.: Hochmore—4 years, Eynot—4 yeares, Bracadall—4 years, Snysort—6 years and two kirks in Lewis—6 years.

Vacand
kirks in
Sky.

The assembly appoynts Mr Neil mc Kinnown their collector for uplifting the foirsaid vacand stipends and all other vacancies within the presbyterie of Sky, to bring

exact compt and payment thereof to the next assembly that it may be employed upon pious uses according to the Act of Parliament, Ordaineing lykwayes the said presbyterie to concur with and assist our said collector hereunto as they shall be answerable.

Vacand
kirks in
Lorn presby-
terie.

The vacand kirks within the presbyterie of Lorn : Kilchoan—1 yeir, Ylandfinan—1 yeire, Lesmore—5 yeers, Ile of Munne in Glencoan—5 yeers. All the kirks in Mull are fund vacand for the tyme. Kilvoruy in Aresaig, Kilmailzie, Kilmanevag, thir three kirks hes been vacand since the reformation.

The assembly appoynts Mr Ar^d mc Calman their collector for uplifting the foirsaid vacancies, and to be comptable to the next synod.

Followes the vacancies within the presbyterie of Argyle : Caignais vacand—2 yeers, Inneraray vacand—1 yeir, viz., 1648, whereof twa hundreth twentie two marks was given to the ministers who preached there by turns to beare their charges be the appoyntment of the provinciall, and what rests undebursed upon Mr Ewin Campbell hands, if there be any, the assembly appoynts Mr Dugald Campbell to exact ane accompt thereof and to uplift all other vacancies within the presbyterie.

The vacancies within the presbyterie of Kintyre : Kilmorie in Aran—5 yeers, Kilbryd in Aran since May day last by reason of Mr Joⁿ Knox his suspension.

The assembly appoynts Mr Dugald Darroch collector for uplifting the vacancies within the presbyterie of Kintyre and to be comptable to the next synod.

Whereas the parishioners of the severall kirks within the presbyterie of Sky did not as yet subscrib the Legue and Covenant, The assembly ordaines the said presbyterie to appoynt ane day of solemne humiliation throwout their bounds, makeing intimation thereof at the severall kirks, and to requyre them to the subscribeing of the League and Covenant according to the ordinance of the generall assembly thereanent in all poynts, and that under the paine of deposition, if by there negligence the samine be procrastinat.

The commissioner from the presbyterie of Sky representing to this assembly that the most part of the ministers of that presbyterie are not provided in gleib and manse, Therefore ordaines the said presbyterie to designe sufficient manses and gleibs at every paroach kirk where there is not sufficient designation made already according to the Act of Parliament, and that under the paine of censure.

Recommends the presbyterie of Sky for accommodating kirks and paroaches within their bounds to the committee for plantation of kirks appoynted by the Parliament to sitt at Inneraray.

Mr Allan Clerk, minister at Glenelig, supplicating the assembly be his lettire that being ane member of the presbyterie of Lorn he might be united to the presbyterie of Sky, The assemblie continues the determining anything thereanent to the next synod.

Mr Hector mc Claine, minister at Morvorn, who served for a space the vacand kirks of Kilcollumkill and Kilninving in Mull, as he alledges by ane ordinance of the presbyterie of Lorn, The assembly ordains him to serve no longer at the said kirks, but to hold him at his own cure at Morvorn whereto he was admitted, and withall that he brook of the benefice of the saids kirks in Mull no farder than the act of the presbyterie does allow and give warrand, whilk he is to produce at the next synod.

SESS. 6.

James Campbell of Ormsey haveing given in his supplication for himselfe and in name of the inhabitants of Brachelislait, desyreing that the saids lands of Braechelislait, becaus of their distance from their paroach kirk of Kilmichael, should be dismembered therefra, and annexed to the paroach of Kilberie as lying nearest, The assembly recommends it to the committee for plantation to be held at Inneraray.

Archibald Campbell of Dunstafneis supplicated the assembly, for the bettir accommodation of the parishioners

of the kirks of Kilmore and Kilbryde in Lorn, that ane kirk for these two might be builded in ane centricall place, which supplication is referred to the foirsaid committee for plantation of kirks.

Appoynts ane lettir to be written to Mr Ar^d mc Claine in Alex^r Frissall of Thrid Pairtis favoures.

Appoynts fyve hundreth marks of the readiest of the vacand stipends within the bounds of this province to be delivered to Do^d Cameron, shirref clerk of Argyle, that he may deburse the samen in name and behalfe of the provinciall for prosecuting their overtures before the comittee for plantation of kirks appoynted by the Parliament to sit at Inneraray, as the said comittee or their quorum shall give ordour for prosecuting thereof.

Appoynts lettirs to be written to the heretors, tacksmen, titulars, and others intrometters with the tithes within the presbyteries of Sky and Lorn, for makeing payment of the vacand stipends, that the severall collectors appoynted by the synod may be the more readily answered.

SESS. 7^a.

Ordains Mr Dugald Darroch to cause summound Lachlan mc Thawis and his pairty to compeare before the visitation of Aran under paine of excommunication for his alledged mareage by a preist.

The presbyterie of Dunoone referreing Do^d mc Kerrais, adulterer with ne Nicoll, to the session of Inneraray in regard that the fact was committed in that paroach, which session wanting ane minister of their own did represent the samine to the provinciall, who, considereing that the said adulterers had their residence within the presbyterie of Dunoone, did referre them to the said presbyterie back againe.

Appoynts the presbyterie of Lorn to designe an sufficient gleib to Mr Ar^d mc Calman in Gillespickerill.

The assembly considereing the pitifull condition of thir bounds for want of ministers, and finding that the ministers and expectants following have the Irish language, viz.,

Mr Joⁿ Dallas, Mr Jeremie O Queine,¹ Mr Ar^d mc Clane, ministers, Mr Ar^d Campbell, Mr Alex^r mc Claine, Mr Joⁿ Cameron, expectants, did appoynt them to be writtin unto severally that they may be invited to this province, and in particular that Mr Jeremie O Queen may be pleased to answer the call of Inncraray.

Mr Dugald Darroch and Donald Cameron declareing that Mr James Guthery, commissioner from the province of Merse, told them that the said provinciall did maintaine Mr Alex^r mc Claine at the Colledge of Divinity on condition that he would embrace a charge within this province, Wherefore this provinciall doth allot him 300 marks out of the readiest vacand stipends of Aran for keepeing him ane year longer at the colledge, provydeing he stand to his former ty and give us assurance thereof.

Appoynts the severall brethren in the parishes to take tryall of all witches, sorcerers, charmers, palmisters, juglurs, secound sighted divyners, soothsayers, nicromancers, consultants with spirits and such lyke.

Duncan Stewart, fier of Appine, Alex^r Stewart of Innerhyle, and Duncan, fiar of Ardsyle, who were excommunicat by the assembly holdin at Inneraray 17 September 1646 for their compliance and actuall rebellion with the enemies, gave in their supplication before us, confesseing their guiltines for joyneing with James Grahame and Alex^r mc Donald in that horrid rebellion against God, religion and the Covenant, and their heavy sense of that fearfull sentence which was pronouced against them, earnestly desyreing relaxation therefra. The assembly therefore did

¹ This was probably the Irish Presbyterian minister of Billee whose case, on account of his republican sympathies, had been brought before the Commission of the General Assembly by the Presbytery of Carrickfergus in June 1649 (*General Assembly Commission Records*, ii. 275-7). O'Queine, according to Reid's *History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland*, was a native Irishman who had graduated in Glasgow in 1644 (see vol. ii. p. 43). His call to Inveraray is interesting both as indicating a probable sympathy with his views, and that the relation between Irish and Argyllshire Gaelic was probably closer at that period. He was no doubt known to some of the members of the Synod who had been in Ireland with the Argyllshire regiment.

appoynt some of their number to conferre more particularly with them, who after diverse conferences made report that they fund them very sensible of their backslydeing and sinfull course as afterward they testified themselves by their ample and free confession before us, Wherefore the assembly, finding that the most pairt of their hostile acts was committed within the presbyterie of Lorn, appoynted them the next Sabbath to begin their repentance at the kirk of Ardchattan after the manner of excommunicat persons, and the next Sabbath thereafter at the kirk of Kilmore, And then, according as they give evidence of repentance, Mr Nicoll mc Calman is ordained to relaxe them.

Duncan Stewart yonger of Appin, Allister Stewart of Innernahuill and Duncan Stewart, fiar of Ardsyll, supplicating the assembly in behalf of Duncan Stewart elder of Appin, Joⁿ Stewart of Ardsyll, Joⁿ Stewart his sone, Alistar Stewart of Ballechelis, Charles mc Alister of Crigan, who were excommunicat for joyneing in rebellion with James Graham and Alex^r mc Donald, yet by reasone of their age and other impediments could not come here, desyreing that they might be relaxed from the said sentence, Which the assembly considereing, and finding that the most pairt of their hostile acts were done within the presbyterie of Lorn, did referre the said personnes to their own presbyterie that they might do therein as after tryall and conference they thought fitt.

Referrs the case of Mr Do^d mc olvories relict to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll, that with his Lordships advyee some publict way may be thought upon for her supplie.

SESS. 8.

Appoynts every parish to convoy all stranger beggars out their bounds to the next adjacent parish, according to the Act of Parliament thereof, and to draw up ane list of their own native poore that they may have the same in readines against the next synod.¹

¹ The vagrant poor, particularly the 'sturdy beggar' class, were for long a major administrative problem. It is interesting to note that when

Sir James mc Donald supplicating the assembly that some supply of the vacancies might be allotted to the schoolmaster at Dun Tuilme,¹ The assembly ordaines that the schoolmaster their or that shall be there, being approven by the presbyterie of Sky, shall have ane hundreth pundis of the vacand stipends within that presbyterie, and for the further continuation of this act in the said schoolmasters favors the collector must obtaine every yeare ane new warrant from the provinciall dureing the vacancies of these bounds.

My Lord Marquesse of Argyll, layeing to heart the desolat condition of thir bounds for want of schooles to trane up the youth, hath freely in face of this assembly mortified now and in all tyme comeing the sowme of sex hundreth marks yeerly to be a foundation for a grammar school at Inneraray, And desyreing that some of our number might be appoynted to conferre with his Lordship annent the way of disposing thereof, the assembly did nominat Mr Ninian Campbell, Mr Ewin Cameron and Mr Dugald Darroch.

The assembly considereing Mr Coline Campbells petition desyreing some supply in respect of his age, Appoynts him halfe ane chalder of victuall out of the vacand stipends of Craignes croft 1649, and that over and above the two bolls already gotten be him in his extreme necessity.

Mr Marteen mc Ilvra haveing presented ane supplication with the act of the generall assembly, beareing that his mouth was opened, and desyreing that he might be settled in any place where the Lord should call him unto, compeared Hector mc Claine of Torloisg and the Laird of Mc Kinnown, as speciall heretors and paroachiners in the paroaches of Kilcollumkill² and Kilninving³ in Mull for themselves and in name and behalfe of the remanent parishioners of the said paroach, and did judiciously, heartily invit and call the said Mr Marteen to be minister

a regular police force was established in Argyll in 1840 their main duty was the deporting of vagrants who had come in from the adjoining counties.

¹ Duntulm in the parish of Kilmuir in Skye.

² Kilmore.

³ Kilninian.

at the said kirks, which Mr Marteen being called in before us did accept of, Wherefore the assembly appoynts the said Mr Marteen to have ane penententiall sermon before the presbyterie of Lorn upon Tuesday next and thereafter ordaines Mr Ferq^r Frazer and Mr Hector mc Claine to admitte him to the said kirks.

The provinciall finding that the presbyterie of Cowall hes not taken such exact tryall of Duncan mc Intaylors mareage as was appoynted them by the last synod, They appoynt them to search the samine more exactly as they shall be answereable, and to make report to the next assembly.

Ane obligation being presented before the synod and read beareing a transaction betwixt Mr Ar^d mc Claine, minister at Kingarth, principall, and Mr Ewin Cameron, his cautioner, on the one pairt, and Ninian Stewart of Kilchattan and other parishioners of Kingarth on the other pairt, whereby the said Mr Ar^d mc Claine binds himselfe to leave the kirk of Kingarth and to obtaine ane act of transportability for that effect, provydeing the said Ninian Stewart and his cautioners make payment to him of ane certaine sowme of money, Whereupon George Campbell, shirrefe deput of Argyle, took instruments that such ane paction was produced, and desyred that the samen should be kept *in retentis* untill such tyme as the provinciall and other judicators of the kirk take tryall of the lawfulness thereof, and that ane coppie thereof be given to any member of the assembly requyreing the same.

The assembly finding that Mr Ewin Cameron, minister at Dunoone, did insist somewhat farre in hindereing Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister at Kingarth, from the peaceable possession of the stipend of Kingarth cropt 1648, whereunto he was admitted, They ordained the said Mr Ewin to desist from further troubleing him thereannent untill the provinciall cleare the justice of their proceeding therein before the next generall assembly.

It is appoynted that the first act of the next ensueing synod shall be annent the cleareing of the provinciall in

the justnes of their acts granted in Mr Joⁿ Stewarts favors to the cropt 1648.

The assembly appoynts Mr Ar^d mc Alister and Marteen mc Lachlane to preach at Tarbart *per vices* once every moneth.

The severall presbyteries were censured for not bringing their presbyterie bookes, Therefore ordaines them to present their bookes to the next synod.

Mr Ewin Cameron, minister at Dunoone, and James Campbell of Ardkinlas, ruleing elder, are appoynted to go commissioners for keeping correspondence to the synods of Glasgow and Aire next ensueing to be holden at Glasgow on the first Tuesday of Apryle next.

The next provincially assembly is appoynted to be holdin at Inneraray upon the first Wednesday of May 1650.

Mr J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE
HOLDINE AT INNERARAY MAY 1, 1650.

SESS. 1^a.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Nicoll mc Calman absent ; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane ; Duncan Campbell, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer ; Mr Hector mc Claine ; Mr Archibald Red ; Joⁿ mc Ilmichael, Elder ; Mr Allan Clerk.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Dugald Campbell ; Pat. Campbell of Knap, Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Duncan Campbell, Elder ; Mr Do^d Campbell ; Neill Campbell of Duntron absent ; Mr Neill Malcolm ; Joⁿ mc Kellar, Elder, absent.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Ewin Camerone ; Ro^t Campbell of Achawilling, Elder ; Mr James Campbell ; Anguis mc Ilvernock, Elder ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; the Laird of Ardkinlas, Elder ; Mr Neill Camerone ; Archibald mc Claine, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; Ninian

Banantine, Elder ; Mr Pat. Stewart ; Mr Do^d mc Cloy ; James Lang, Elder.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Ar^d mc Queine ; Mr Marteine mc Pherson ; Mr Anguis mc Queen ; John mc Pherson absent ; Mr Do^d Moreson absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dugald Darroch ; my Lord Marquesse, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Alister ; Joⁿ mc Neill, Ruleing Elder ; Marteen mc Lachlan ; the Laird of Lowp, Elder, absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Claine.

Commissionar from the synod of Glasgow and Aire.

Mr Ewine Cameron, Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Ar^d mc Calman being lited, Mr Dugald Campbell by plurality of voyces was chosen moderator.

Mr Patrick Stewart his excuse by his lettir and testification of the elders and some of the brethren was fund relevant, but he was fund negligent in not chooseing ane ruleing elder.

Ordaines Mr Neill Cameron to be sharpley reproved be the moderator for not obeyeing the appoyntment of the last provinciall to go to Lochabber,¹ and ordains him of new to go thither, and the tyme of his goeing to be (because of the expectation of the visitation of this province appoynted be the generall assembly to sitt at Inneraray the last Wednesday of May) the first Lords day of July untill the next provinciall, Which dyett if he fails to keep by dissobediencie he is *ipso facto* from that dyett declared suspended from the exercise of his charge and benefice at Innerchelan and Kilmorie in Stra ay and untill he performe now what is injoyned, and his charge at the said kirks to be supplied by the presbyterie of Cowall.

¹ The Commission of the General Assembly at their meeting on 27th December 1649 had strengthened the hands of the Synod by appointing letters to be written to him 'seriously recomending that he goe to these parts for discharging Ministeriall dueties there and that with all diligence after the letters shall come to his hands, and that he stay there untill Maj nixt against that tyme the Synod may take further course for setting a Minister there.'—*General Assembly Commission Records*, ii. 333.

The provinciall, being informed that Zachary mc Callum, sone to Mr Ar^d mc Callum, is depryved of the benefite he was wont to have by the common contribution granted be the assembly for maintaineing of Highland boyes at schoole, Ordaines the moderator to wryte a lettir to the ministers of Glasgow who have the charge of these boyes, to make the said Zachary partaker thereof with the rest, seing he is amongst these that are of greatest progresse in learning, and of nearest expectation to fulfill the generall assemblies intended desyre.¹

The committee appoynted for takeing ane account of these ministers that were ordained to be collectors of vacand stipends in the severall presbyteries hes approven the diligence of these collectors, howbeit they came not so good speed therein as were to be wished, Therefore the provinciall, considereing it to be tedious, distractive and uncompetent to ministers to be put to much trouble in this kind, does ordaine that in tymes comeing every presbyterie shall appoynt some fitt man to be their collector, investing him with power to that effect, who shall be bound to give ane account to the moderator of the several presbyteries respective, and these moderators unto the provinciall, and licences them to give due allowance to the collectors, both for ther paines and charges of lettirs and officers, and others in that kind.

Ordaines the stipends of Inshale and Dysart (now wanting a minister be reason of the depending debate anent Mr Neill Camerone, sometyne minister thereat) to be reputed lyke the stipends of other vakeing churches, and therefore to be intrometted with by the collectors of the presbyterie of Inneraray.

The assembly, finding fault with the presbyterie of Lorn for being deficient in appoynting a designation of a manse and gleib for Mr Ar^d mc Calman at the kirk of Gillespiekerrell, does injoyne the same againe under paine of censure.

¹ Zachary Mac Callum does not appear to have completed his studies. He had a disposition of the twenty shilling land of Poltalloch from his father on 31st May 1659.

SESS. 2^{da}.

In regard there is a promiscuous and frequent wandereing and vaigeing of poore people begging abroad in all pairts of the countrey, being unknown whence and who they are, Therefore the assembly recommends to the presbyteries to desyre that the severall parishes by ther sessions cause take such ordour with their poore as is statuted be Act of Parliament, and report of their diligence herein be made at the next provincially.

The report of the visitors of the churches of Aran being heard and considered in the particulars thereof, The assembly does approve their diligence in the samen in all poynts, except the ordaineing of Mr John Knox, the deposed minister, to be clerk to the session of these churches, and therefore ordaines things done thereat to be booked in the provincially records.

The Visitation holdine at the kirk of Kilbryde in Arran upon the 20 day of November 1649 by Commission from the Provincially Assembly of Argyle, October 12, 1649.

Sess. 1.

Sederunt: Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr Colin mc Lachlan, Mr Dugald Darroch and Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Ministers; Sir Ro^t Mountgumery, Ar^d Campbell of Glencaradaill and James Campbell of Ormesay, Ruleing Elders.

After incalling of the name of God, Mr Dugald Campbell and Mr Coline mc Lachlan being lited, Mr Coline was chosen moderator and Mr Joⁿ Stewart was chosen clerk.

Sess. 2^{da}.

The visitation proceeding to the tryall of Mr Joⁿ Knox, minister at Kilbryde, his doctrine, lyfe and con-

versation, by deposition of witnesses and his own confession he was fund guilty of the faults followeing :—

1. That he kepted change in his house and sold drink.
2. That he is given to ordinary drinkeing and sometymes unto drunkennes.
3. That he appropriats the kirk penalties for most part to his own use.
4. That he takes two shillings sterling out of every mareage and twelfe pence out of ilk baptisme.
5. That he keeps session but once in the quarter of a ycare.
6. That it is sex yeare since he celebrated the communion, and that his parish was not examined this two yeare.
7. That he profites not the paroach because the halfe or most part thereof is ane Irish congregation and he maries and baptizes by ane interpreter.
8. That he hes not the directory for the publict worship, nor the acts of the general assembly.
9. That he is negligent in visiting his parish.
10. That he married one Joⁿ Dow mc Alister Stewart, who was still *ab initio* with the rebells and a verie active enemie, notwithstanding that the said Mr Joⁿ Knox was expressly forbidden by the elders to doe the same.
11. That he is too indulgent to delinquents.

The visitation, finding the faults foirsaid worthie of deposition, have deposed the said Mr Joⁿ Knox simpliciterly both from the office and charge, and declares the kirk of Kilbryde to be vacand, Whereof publict intimation is appoynted to be made to the parishioners the next ensueing Lords day by Mr Dugald at the kirk of Kilbryde, and by Mr Coline mc Lachlane at the kirk of [Kilmory].

Sess. 3.

The visitation appoynts Mr Dugald Campbell and Mr Joⁿ Stewart to preach at the kirk of Kilmory the next Lords day, and James Campbell, ruleing elder, to go alongs with them, Mr Coline Mc Lachlan and Mr Dugald Darroch to preach here at the kirk of Kilbryde, and

Sir Ro^t Mountgumery and Glencaradall to stay with them.

Lachlan mc Cawish and More ne Neill, who was referred to the visitation by the provincially for their alledged mareage with ane preest, compeareing, The said Lauchlan declared that the tyme of the enemies being in Kintyre he was maried on the said More ne Neill be ane preist, there being none present but the preists man, and he gave the preist twentie pund, and being asked why he maried so quyetly answered that he durst not mary that woman openly, for feare that old Sanay¹ should hinder the same, who had intention to mary the woman upon one of his own kin, The said woman compearand declared the same in every circumstance and the said Lauchlane had no carnall dealing with her before their mareage, Wherefore the visitors, finding the saids pairties aggreeing in their declarations without contradiction and there being no evidence to improve² the samen, as lykewayes Mr Dugald Darroch declareing that the said Lachlane and More caried themselves honestly durence the tyme the enemies were in Kintyre, they thought expedient to take their oathes anent the reality of the said mareage, which they gave, being deeply sworn and admonished of ther danger, Therefore the visitors declares the said mareage to stand firme in all tymes comeing, And ordaines the saids pairties to stand three severall Lords dayes in the place of publict repentance in the kirk of Lohead for takeing away the scandall of marieing with ane preist.

Lauchlane mc Cawis, being asked if he knew any moe mareages with preists, declared that Joⁿ mc Math in Gartavaich and Jonnet ne Conochy were maried with ane preist. The visitors recommends to the presbyterie of Kintyre to take tryall and notice of all mareages of that kind that the pairties may be brought to censure.

Mr Joⁿ Knox, haveing supplicated the visitors and declarcing his great poverty and burdens of debt and

¹ Archibald MacDonald of Sanda.

² *i.e.* disprove.

inhability to sustaine himselfe and his family, humbly desyred that some supply were given him, which being taken to consideration, and haveing served the cure the halfe of the year 1649, they ordained him the whole stipend 1649 except ane hundreth marks allannerly upon the termes that he cary himselfe Christianly and honestly, and for his future supply referres him to the next provinciall.

It being entrusted to the visitation to take tryall of the men of Arrans compliace with Alex^r mc Donald in the tyme of the rebellion, and there being accessory to the late unlawfull engadgment with Duke Hamiltonne, Wherefore the visitors ordains the persons following to be sumounded to compeare here at Kilbryde at eight hours the morn under paine of highest kirk censure, there names followes :—

In the paroach of Kilbryde: William Stewart in Lergiebeg, George Hamiltonne in Kiskedaill, George Hamilton in Lergie Meanach, James Stewart in Kiskidaill, Jonas Millar in Knockankallaigh, John Hamiltonne in Kingscorse, Ar^d Hamiltonne his sone, James Hamiltonne in Minymore, George mc Neill in Blarbeg, James Knox in Blarmore, Charles Mathie in Margnaheglis, Mathew Hamiltonne in Waster Clachan, Duncan mc Cug in Claddoch, Ar^d Ban Hamiltonne, Do^d mc Cloy, Patrick Hamiltonne in Glenrosie, Joⁿ Hamiltonne in Knochan, Mathew Hamiltonne in Korrye, John Hamiltonne of Skelistonne, Joⁿ mc Ilcheir in Newtown, Malcolm mc Millan in Glen, Ivir mc Millan in Cloch, Do^d Ban mc Phillip in Laggan, Malcolm mc Ilcheir in Sannoche, Ro^t Kelso in South Sannocho, William mc Rob.

In the paroach of Kilmory: John Hamiltonne in Duppine, James Hamiltonne in Dupine, Pat. Hamiltonne of the Knots, James Stewart of Bennan, Alister Stewart in Seuchie, Alister Stewart in Clachaig, Joⁿ Stewart in Mangreach, Ar^d Stewart in Corricrevy, Alex^r Stewart in Kilpatrick, Ar^d mc Quirrie in Ferling, Robert mc Carsen in Bailemichael, Pat. mc Clarson, his sone, Joⁿ Stewart in Danaymeanach, Charles mc Alister in Drumindone,

Anguis mc Alister in Machar, Do^d mc Alister in Achachire, Lauchlan mc Murchie in Cattrolls, Joⁿ mc Millan in Torrygay, Joⁿ mc Alister in Achagallan, Anguis mc Icheir in Lochheid, Joⁿ mc Margenny in Dowgarach, Donald Gren mc Margenny in Sonichan.

Sess. 4^{ta}.

William Stewart in Lergiebeg being called, compeared not.

George Hamiltonne in Kiskidall being called, compeared not, being sick for the tyme.

George Hamiltonne in Lergiemeanach compeared and confessed that he advanced levie money for that engadgment and denyed compliance with Alister mc Donald or any of his accomplices, he being in the castle of Brodich dureing the tyme of the rebellion.

James Stewart in Kiskadall compeared, confesses that the enemies was in his house in the tyme of the rebellion, and anent the engadgment confesses that [at] the bailzies direction he exacted levie money off some of the countrey for the advancement thereof, which moneyes he delivered to the bailzie.

Jonas Millar compeared, confessed compliance with the enemies, and that he advanced moneyes for the engadgment.

Johne Hamilton in Kingscrosse compeared, denyed compliance, being in the castle of Brodich dureing the rebellion, but confesses he gave moneyes for advancement of the engadgment.

Ar^d Hamilton in Kinscrose his son compeared, denyed compliance with the enemy, he being in the castle of Brodich, and confesses he furnished ane souldier to the engadgment.

James Hamiltonne in Monimore compeared, confessed compliance with Captaine Hamiltonne, that he bought goods from Alex^r Hamiltonne which came out of Kintyre, that he brought loadeneing of goods

out of Cowall when the enemies was their, and that he sent to the engadgment two souldiers with money and furnitor upon the desyre of the bailzie.

George mc Neill compeared, denyed compliance, but confesses he advanced for the engadgment as the countrey did.

James Knox compeared, who was fund free of compliance with the enemies, but confesses he advanced money to the engadgment with the rest of the countrey.

Charles Mathie compeared and was fund free of compliance with the rebels, but confesses he advanced money for the engadgment.

Mathew Hamilton in Wester Clachan compeared, denyed compliance and confesses that he furnished a souldier for the engadgment as the rest did.

John Hamilton in Easter Clachan compeared, and was fund free both of compliance and the late engadgment.

Ar^d Ban Hamiltonne compeared, confessed compliance with Captaine Hamilton, and that he was a whyle with him at the seige of Brodich, but thereafter that he went to the castle, confesses he advanced a souldier to the engadgment.

Donald mc Cloy compeared, was free of compliance, but advanced for the engadgment.

Peter Hamilton in Glenrosie compeared, confessed compliance and money to the engadgment.

Joⁿ Hamiltonne in Knoockan was free of compliance, but advanced for the engadgment.

Mathew Hamiltonne was in lyke manner.

Joⁿ Hamiltonne of Skellistoune compeared and, being challenged for bringing of Captaine Hamiltonne unto the Castle of Brodich, Declared that he received a lettir fra my Lady Hamiltonn commanding him to treat with the said captaine to see if he might be drawn off his rebellious courses in a fair way, and made to joyne with the countrey for defending the yle against the enemies, which after he had assayed

and showed him my Ladies lettir took no effect, and that since he had no correspondency directly nor indirectly with him, but keepest closse within the castle. Confesses lykewayes that be my Lady Hamiltons direction he went to Glasgow and spok to Alex^r mc Donald, and desyred him not to trouble the yle of Arran. Being demanded whether it was be his ordours that the men of Arran were raised and went to Lochgilshead, denyed the same.

John Mc Ilcheir in Newtown, Malcom mc Molan, Do^d ban mc Philip, Malcom mc Ilcheir, Neill mc Kaskan, Joⁿ mc Morgenny, Do^d Gruamach mc Nargenry, Hector mc Alister, Joⁿ mc Molan, Joⁿ mc Alister, all thir are Sir Ro^t Mountgumeries men, are guilty of compliyanse with the enemie, but free of the engadgment.

Robert Kelso is free of both.

Duncan mc Cuck and William mc Rob is fund to have had commerce with the enemie.

The Parish of Kilmory.

All the gentlemen of this paroach (excepting only Patrick Hamiltonne of Cottis and Alex^r Stewart of Sennachy) was fund to be guilty both of compliyanse with the enemy and the engadgment, but the above mentioned two persons though they be free of compliyanse are guilty of the engadgment.

Notwithstanding that the foirsaid persons, guilty of compliyanse with the encmies and of the late unlawfull engadgment with Duke Hamilton, ought to be differenced in their censure according to the degrees of their guiltines in the one and in the other, or in both, so that it were requisit they made their repentance severall Lords dayes, Yet the visitors considereing that they cannot stay any longer in the yle than the next Lords day, and the whole yle being without ane minister of their own, They ordaine all the persons foirsaid, compliars and engadgers, to give evidence of their repent-

ance the next Sabbath at their own paroach churches respective, and to make ane ample confession severally of their guiltines by their joyneing with Alex^r mc Donald in that horrid rebellion, and engadgcing with Duke Hamiltonne in that unlawfull undertakeing against God, his kirk and covenant, and that they shall lift up their hands before the most high God and solemnly swear that hereafter they shall not onely not joyne or be accessory to such and rebellious courses directly or indirectly, but also shall to the utermost of their power advance the glory of God, the guid of reformation and their covenant, and reveall any thing they heare or know that shall be derogatory to the same, And Mr Coline mc Lachlan to receive these of the paroach of Kilbryde, and Mr Dugald Campbell to receive these of the paroach of Kilmory.

The visitors considereing the necessity of ane eldership for the paroach of Kilmory and Kilbryde did nominat and appoynt these following for that effect, who, after intimation made to the parish and they admonished of their duetyes, were solemnly sworn in the face of the congregation after sermon.

The Eldershype of Kilbryde.

Jo ⁿ Hamilton, bailzie.	George mc Nicoll.
Walter Stewart in Lergy.	Robert Mathie yonger.
George Hamilton their.	Mathew Hamilton in Clachan.
Jonas Miller.	Donald Fullertonne in Glen-
Jo ⁿ Hamilton in Monymore.	rosie.
Jo ⁿ Hamilton in Knochane.	Robert Kelso.

The Elders of Kilmory.

Pat: Hamilton of Cottis.	Alister Stewart in Kilpatrick.
James Stewart in Kennen.	Jo ⁿ mc Margennie in Dow-
Alex ^r Stewart in Clachaig.	garrie.
Jo ⁿ Stewart in Margariach.	Lauchlan mc Mathie in Cat-
James Petrie in Skeldrie.	rolls.
Charles mc Alister in Cove.	Donald mc Cuge.

Appoynts the bailzies to be magistrats in both the parishes, who hes deputed Johne Stewart in Margariach for the paroach of Kilmory, and Mr Joⁿ Knox is chosen clerk to both the sessions.

Sess. 5^{ta} holdine at the kirk of Kilmory.

The visitors, finding that the throg staines (which were once put out of the kirk of Kilmorie by ordinance of the generall assembly) were put in againe in the tyme of rebellion, They ordaine the said staines to be put out againe betwixt and Candlemes next under the paine of breakeing of them, and the elders see this done as they shall be answerable.

Robert mc Chlarser compeared anent a child was alledged he begott in fornication with Mary ne Alister, confessed that he was father of the said child, and the said Mary compeareing confessed the same lykewayes, both the pairties being examined on circumstances differed onely in this that shee declared that the said Ro^t pressed to be with her severall tymes before Hallowtyde last, which the said Ro^t denyed, The visitors considereing that there are moe scandalls spred abroad throw the countrey that the said bairne was Do^d mc Clasars and not his, does continue the baptizeing of the child until Mr Dug. Darroch or Mr Joⁿ Stewart come to the yle againe, and if there be no farder tryall gotten, then they are appoynted to baptize the child, takeing the pairties oaths that it is his, but if they find any further tryall to continue the same.

Catherine ne Cuge gave in ane supplication desyreing to be divorced from Ewin mc Molan unto whom shee was married about sex or seven yeares since, who notwithstanding is impotent and hes been ever since shee was married to him. Compeared the said Ewin mc Molan and declared that shee was two years married before he offered to ly with her, and that since syne he knew her once or twyce against her will, and being asked whether he be able now for a woman confesses

that he is not, but that he was able when he married her. He declared that he told some of her freinds long since that shee would not suffer him to ly with her, which freinds being brought before denyed the same, It was lykewayes proven that he confessed he never had to do with her but once as he alledged when she was sleepeing unknown to her. It was fund he never had to do with any other woman. The visitors referres them to the judge competent.

Ar^d Hamilton compearand for cohabiteing and keepeing house with Helen Stewart in fornication, hes interdited himselfe under paine of excommunication that he shall no longer cohabit with her nor be fund in any suspect place in her company.

Donald mc Cug is discharged from any further exercising publictly at the kirk of Kilmorie.

Scss. 6.

The visitors, haveing perambulated the whole circuit of the yle of Arran and takeing notice of the bounds, does find expedient that a new kirk be builded at Loch Ransay, and the bounds of the said paroach upon the south-west syde to the water of Innesan and upon the east syde untill the furthest of Sannoch inclusive.

The visitors did referre to Mr Dugald Darroch to take ane account of the vacand stipends of both the paroaches and to exact the samen according to the ordour of the provinciall thereannt.

Mr Dug. Darroch is appoynted to preach at the kirk of Kilbryd [and Kilmory], once at each of them, betwixt this and Candlemes next, and Mr Joⁿ Stewart sometyme betwixt that and Apryle next.

Joⁿ Keir mc Neill, who was excommunicat for compliance in rebellion with the enemies, gave in his supplication confesseing his great sin and wickednes in joyneing with James Graham and Alex^r mc Donald in that horrid rebellion against God and the Covenant, as also his heavy sense of the sentence of excommuni-

cation past against him, desyreing relaxation. The assembly therefore did appoynte some of their number to conferre with him, who after diverse conferences made report that they thought him very sensible of breach of covenant, as after he testified by ample confession before the assembly. The assembly, takinge the premisses to their consideration, for greater solemnity have injoynd him to begin his repentance on Sunday next in the kirk of Knapdail after prayer in tyme of divyne service to stand in publict and to give testimony of his repentance and to remove when the sermon is ended. Farder, it is enjoyed him to stand after the same manner upon the next Lords day ensueing in Kilberry, and the 3d Lords day following he is ordained to stand in Gya, and the last two Sabbaths in Lochhead in Kintyre, and there to be relaxed by Mr Dug: Darroch upon his repentance.

SESS. 3^a.

The assembly ordaines Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, ministers, Sir Robert Mountgumery of Skelmorye, the Laird of Glencaradall, ruleing elders, or any one of these elders, to go to Arran againe the second Wednesday of Junij next, and there to do in all things concerneing the affaires of the churches in relation to ordour and discipline conform to the tennor of the former commission as they shall find expedient, and that they take a care of supplieing these kirks be convenient courses untill the next provinciall, and their charges to be reasonable allowed to them out of the vacand stipends.

It is ordained that the vakeing kirks of the presbyterie of Lorn shall be supplied by the ministers of the said presbyterie untill the next assembly (Lochaber being excepted, the cure whereof is put upon Mr Neill Cameron).

The kirks of Inshail and Dysart are appoynted to be served be Mr Neill Malcolme, Mr Ar^d Rcd, Mr Ar^d mc Calman, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan yonger, each of these serving two Sabbaths by turns untill the next provinciall, and

they to have a reasonable allowance for their charges, seing their own stipends are not yet neare the full and ordinaire.

The kirk of Craignais is appoynted to be served be Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Do^d Campbell by turnes, every one of them once a moneth, and they to get the equall halfe of the stipend 1650 for their charges, seing their own stipends are not neare the full and ordinary.

The assembly declares and allows the stipends of cropt 1649 of Kilmakeunc and Icollumkill in Mull to appertaine to Mr Hector mc Laine who served the cure thereat, he haveing litle or no meanes or rent elsewhere to live thereby.

Mr Marteen mc Ilvra, representing to the godly consideration and commiseration of the assembly his own trouble and charges whereat he hath been these years by-past, and how unable he is to subsist, if he shall be required to make restitutionne of the stipend cropt 1649 of Icollumkill, whilk in his necessity he was forced to intromitt with, The assembly, considering his hard cace and condition therein, hes been pleased to acquitt him the said cropt and intromission therewith.

In regard it is weell known that be reason of long and dangerous way both be sea and land that Mr Allan Clerk, minister of Glenelg, hath to passe by keeping dyatt with the presbyterie of Lorn unto which he was annexed, and how farre more easie it is to him to be annexed to the presbyterie of Sky, Therefore the assembly appoynts that the said kirk of Glenelg shall be hencefurth annexed to the presbyterie of Sky ay and whill some bettir conveniency fall out of annexeing it to some other place which shall be mor ewest, as shall seem good to the provinciall.

It being regrated by the prebyterie of Lorn and others also that Mr Duncan mc Calman, sometyme minister of Ardinmurchan, who for compliyanse with and preacheing to the rebels was excommunicat, does dayly in the barbarouse and remote highlands baptize children and mary pairties comeing to him for that effect, Therefore the assembly recommends to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll

to cause apprehend the said Mr Duncan, to be brought under condigne punishment, Declareing also that mareages and baptismes celebrated be the said accused person to stand in no force at all, Appoynting also that all these who have required such service of him, haveing known of his excommunication, shall be censured by their presbyteries respective wherein they reside, and upon their disobedience to the presbyterie they be orderly excommunicated.

SESS. 4^{ta}.

The vacancy of the kirk of Inneraray is referred to the expectation that is had of Mr Alex^r Gordon thereto, and untill he be established that the place be supplied as it was wont formerly, and they are to be first in serveing their course such as did neglect the last appoyntment.

Ordaines Ranald mc Ranald, who hes diverse tymes before jugled in his religion and profession, and now since the late rebellion is become apostate and a preist, to be sumarily excommunicat be the presbyterie of Sky.

Seing there is ane universall murmure and regrate made be the rulcing elders who are appoynted to keep provinciall meetting that they are put to great paines and charges by reason of the length of the way, the travell and the length of the tyme they attend in these pairts beyond any other pairts of the kingdome elsewhere, which they can no wayes endure unlesse some way be laid down to help their charges, The assembly considering the greivance to be true, and that the cace of this province is in this respect singular, and that many for feare of charges do absent themselves (albeit they be chosen by the sessions) from keeping the provinciall meeting, Therefore (untill some generall course be taken thereanent throw the whole kingdome) it is for this interim recommended to the session of every congregation to find out some convenient way how to gett their commissioners unto synods furnished in reasonable charges.

Rccommends to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll to establish some ferriers at the yle of Lesmore for the bettir

accommodation of the people for to come to their paroach kirk, which lyeth in the said yland.

There being ane ample subscribit call from the parishioners of Kilmory in Arran presented be the elders and paroachiners of the said kirk in name and behalfe of all the parishioners, desyreing Mr Alex^r mc Laine, expectant, to be their minister, The assembly, finding their call legall and approveing the samen, does appoynt the said Mr Alex^r to go thither and preach their two Sabbothes, and if he shall agree with the place and people he to receive admission from the commissioners appoynted for visitation of Aran.

Recommends to every presbyterie to use diligence for translateing the Shorter Catechisme in Irish, and they to bring their diligence and labours hereanent unto the next synod.

In regard that the tutor of Cadall in name of the inhabitants of Yla does requyre Marteine mc Lachlan that he might return to his own charge in Yla, promiseing faithfully to give unto him fyve hundreth marks yeirly, halfe moneyes and halfe victuall at eight marks the boll, which was the stipend of the kirk before, and this to be without prejudice to what the sub-commission for kirks shall doe for farder provydeing that kirk in tyme comeing, which condition Marteine hath accepted of, The assembly finding this reasonnable hes appoynted the said Marteen to transport himselfe thither with all convenient speid.

It is recommended to the presbyterie of Sky to use diligence and labour for seeking and collecting by all meanes possible the vacand stipends of the kirks in the Captaine of Clanranalds bounds, and to be ready to give ane account thereof to the next synod.

The presbyterie of Sky is ordained to send ilk minister of them four pund of contribution addebted to Mr Dug. Darroch for his last yeares charges in attending the Parliament for the publict affaires of the province, whilk money is to be sent with their commissioner that goes to the generall assembly to Edinburgh, and there to deliver it to

the commissioner from Inneraray, or any other haveing the said Mr Dugald his warrand.

It is appoynted that Ranald mc Donald Gruamach, ane maliciouse deserter of his wyfe, Agneis mc Queine, and ane actuall joyner in rebellion with the enemy, be cited before the presbyterie and exhorted to adhere to his wyfe and repent of his rebellion, which if he refuse to do then to proceed against him with excommunication by the authority of the presbyterie, either be Mr Donald Moreson or Marteen mc Pherson.

SESS. 5^{ta}.

The Compt of the vacancys of kirks within the presbyterie of Sky.

Charge.

The kirk of Neik in Lews vacand thir many yeares, the stipend thereof is not modified and the tithes not weell known because ingrossed in the rentall.

Item, the kirks of Southuist vacand since the year 1643, the teynds thereof estimat and valued to the sowm of seven hundreth marks yeirly, whilk being reckoned to the Martemes 1650 extends to four thowsand nyne hundreth marks.

Item, the paroach of Meigneis and Bracadall vacand since the year 1644, the teynds whereof estimat to fyve hundreth marks yeerly, *inde* at Martemes 1650 three thowsand marks.

Item, the parish of Snisort vacand since the year 1644, estimate to fyve hundreth marks yeerly, *inde* at Martemes 1650 three thowsand marks.

Suma charge 10,900 marks.

Discharge.

Imprimis, the teynds of Southuist are violently detained by that excommunicat rebell the Captaine of Clan Ranald.

Item, the just halfe of the teynds of Meigneis and Braca-

dall for the yeare 1645 was allotted to Mr Marteen mc Pherson, being spoyled be the rebells of his meanes and haveing brooked no kirk benefice the yeire preceeding, and the other halfe of that cropt to Mr Neill mc Kinnown for supplieing the vacancy.

Item, the cropt 1646 was disponed to Mr Neill mc Kinnown and Mr Anguis mc Queen for serveing the cure.

Item, the cropt 1647 given to Mr Marteen mc Pherson and Mr Anguis mc Queine for serveing the cure.

Item, the cropt 1648 and 1649 disponed to Mr Do^d Moreson and Mr Neill mc Kinnown for their losses.

Item, the halfe of the teynd of Snisort was taken up be Mr Lachlan Frazer after deposition, and so much as payed yeerly four score marks intrometted with by the laird of Moroir and the other halfe was disponed to Mr Ar^d mc Quein for serveing the cure.

The cropts 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649 disponed upon Mr Marteine mc Pherson and Mr Ar^d mc Queen, to the one for his losses and to the other for serveing the cure.

It is to be eiked that we have ane bursor at the colledge presently and we are to have ane other this yeare to be maintained on the commone charges.

This compt preceeding is not allowed by the assembly :

1. Becaus it is not relative to their presbyterie booke, wherein there is no act giveing power to the ministers intromettors therewith either to preach at the said cures, or to uplift the stipends. 2. Becaus the assembly conceives that the ministers their have competency, they judge that they should not have the whole stipends for serveing the cure at vacand kirks, but should be content with a reasonable proportion for their charges, or at the most the halfe of the stipend, And therfor the assembly ordaines that of the two yeers stipend of the vacand kirks intrometted with in that kind, whereof the discharge in the former compt makes mention, the full halfe be refounded back be the ministers intromettors therewith respective, And that ane count be maid to the provinciall that the samen may be forthcomeing to some pious uses.

In respect there has been little diligence used by the presbytery of Sky for causing the people in these parts to subscribe and swear the League and Covenant, Therefore the assembly ordains the said presbytery immediately after their return home to press this duty with all diligence and pains as they will be answerable.

In regard that the session and English congregation of the burgh and paroch of Inneraray did find so much unwillingness in Mr Alex^r Gordown in embracing the call given by them, and susceping of the charge of the ministry amongst them, did supplicat the presbytery to concur with them to prevail with him, and the presbytery finding also very great aversenes in him did request the provincial to give their assistance, Therefore the assembly did appoynt Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Ar^d Red, Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Ferq^r Frazer, ministers, my Lord Marquesse of Argyle, George Campbell, shirref deput, ruling elders, to conferre with him and to report their diligence to the next session.

SESS. 6.

The brethren who were appoynted to conferre with Mr Alex^r Gordone for moving him to suscepe the charge of the ministry at Inneraray declared that he continued to give ane determined answer untill his return from Edinburgh, at whilk tyme he would give his answer to the presbytery and congregation of Inneraray.

The assembly, considering the unfrequency of the number of the ministry within the presbytery of Inneraray in regard of the many vacand kirks therein, Do therefore appoynt that the presbytery, so soon as Mr Alex^r Gordon gives them his answer annent the accepting of the charge of the ministry at that burgh, do advertis the brethren following, viz., Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Ar^d Red and Mr Ar^d mc Calman to correspond with them and give their concurrence for the tryall and admission of the said Mr Alex^r to the foirsaid charge.

In the censure of the presbytery of Kintyre Mr Ar^d mc

Alister was particularly challenged for some unscemly careage of makeing a tuilzie and debate after drink, and sundry of these that he had lately under charge be their letteres complaineing that they could reape no benefit by his doctrine since he came to Kilcalmanell, The assembly taking the matter to consideration, seing that the people was so unwilling that their vacand kirk should be any longer served by him, and withall weigheing that he did serve the cure at Kilcalmanell but for the interim dureing the troubles of Yla where his charge formerly lay, Does discharge the said Mr Ar^d from the exercise of any pairt of the ministeriall function at the said kirk of Kilcalmanell that the samen may be declared vakeing and the paroachiners may be free to give a call to any qualified man, and recommends to the said Mr Ar^d so to discharge him in his careage that when the paroach where he served was replanted be any inhabitants his careage may bread ane earnest desyre in them to invite him to be their minister.

In the censure of the presbyterie of Dunoone the Lord Marquesse of Argyle did delate and declare that in his own audience publictly at table in Pollock Levettent Colonell Wallace ¹ did say That he, being at a presbyteriall dyat in Dunoone, knew all the ministers to be drunk, Wherupon my Lord Marquesse demanding moir particularly whom the said levettent did know or see in such a condition, he confessed that he knew none of them in particular, neither saw any of them save Mr Coline mc Lachlan, who was but makeing a laughter and scorn of the people that were beastly drunk and spewing. The assembly, finding the presbyterie standing to their own justification and alledgeing it to be a false calumny and slander, do ordain them to prosecute legally their own vindication from so foule ane aspersion against the next synod without which doeing they would be repute guilty.

The kirks that were served be Mr Ar^d mc Alister, viz., Skipneis and Kilcalmanell, The assembly ordanes them to

¹ Lt.-Col. James Wallace is noted in 1658 as ruling elder for the Lowland congregation at Campbeltown.—Kintyre Presbytery Records.

be served be Mr James Campbell by serveing at them be course two Sabbaths in the eight weeks, and the care of Gya to be on Mr Dug. Darroch as he shall find conveniency untill the next provinciall, who are to have a reasonable allowance for their charges.

The supplication of Mr Ar^d mc Alister, now removed from his said charge, desyreing humbly his indigent case to be taken to consideration and that there may be some way of subsisting found out unto himselve and numerous family, The assembly takeing this to consideration, do ordane twenty bolls victuall to be given to the petitioner of the cropt 1650, and these to be of the stipends of these kirks whereat he served last, their being alwayes ten bolls thereof out of the tythes of Gigha.

Seing by the removeall of Marteen mc Lachlan (who did serve for ane interim the last yeare) unto his former charge at Ylla, where he was established minister, the kirk of Kilberry is destitute of a preacher, The assembly therfore does lay on Mr Dug. Campbell to serve at the said kirk untill the next provinciall, and he to serve ane Sabbath in the sex weeks there.

The supplication of Do^d mc Laine of being read and considered (who was excommunicat at Inneraray be ordours from the provinciall), and these of our brethren appoynted to speak and conferre with him reporteing weell of his remorse, and he himselve shewing lykely tokens of reall sorrow before the assembly, offering willingly all obedience to whatsoever shall be enjoyned, The assembly ordaines him to begin his repentance (being cled in sackcloath) upon Sunday next in Kilmore in Lorn, standing onely in tyme of divyne service and removeing in tyme of prayer, the whilk day Mr Ferq^r Frazer is ordained to preach. He is ordained to continue his repentance the next ensueing Sabboth in the kirk of Morvairn in place of publict repentance, being cled in sackcloath, standing in tyme of divyne service onely and removeing at prayers, and the 3d and last Sabbath at the kirk of Kilinnan in Mull, where Mr Ar^d Red is to preach, and there to be relaxed be the said Mr Ar^d upon his repentance.

SESS. 7.

Daniel me Claine, uncle of Sir Hector me Laine of Dowairt, Joⁿ me Claine of Kenlochaline and Allan me Quair, fiar of Ulva (who were not excommunicat), having given in their supplication before us bearing ane hearty acknowledgment of that fearfull sin which they were guilty of in joyneing with the enemies of God, James Graham and Alex^r me Donald, in that horrid rebellion against God, religion and covenant, The assembly therefore did appoynt some of their number to conferre more particularly with them, who after diverse conferences made report that they fund them very sensible of their back-slydeing and sinfull course they wer on, and afterwards they themselves being called in before us gave testimony thereof by their ample and cleare confession, Which premisses the assembly takeing to their serious consideration appoynted them to stand two severall Sabbathes in place of publict repentance cled in sackcloath as followes : First, The said Daniel for his compliance and joyneing in rebellion is appoynted the first day to stand in Kilninnen in Mull, and the next ensueing Lords day in Tirie, and then to be received be Mr Ferq^r Frazer, minister of Tirie ; Secondly, Joⁿ me Claine of Kenlochalin to stand in sack-cloath the first Sabbath in Morvairn, the second Sabbath in Tiri, and to be received there be the minister thereof ; Thirdly, Allan me Quair for his compliance is appoynted to stand publictly two Sabbathes in sackcloath, the first day in Morvairn, the second day in Kilninvan in Mull, and then upon his repentance to be received by the minister thereof. All thir forenamed persons are appoynted to expedie their foresaid profession of repentance with the first conveniency, and that to be within the space of two monthes.

The petition of the Laird of Glenurqhy seeking in his own and in name of the parishioners of Dysart and Inshaile Mr Neill Cameron their minister to be restored to them, according to ane alternative reference acted be the generall assembly to this judicatory, or unto the ap-

poynnted visitation of this province, The provinciall, considering that the act of reference was out of due season exhibited, after the contrare pairty was dismissed with leave to go home, did refuse heareing to that disput, and have continued the same to stand in the case that formerly it was.

For cleareing the difference betwixt Mr Ar^d mc Claine and Mr Ewin Cameron in their calculations, Mr Colin mc Lachlane, Mr Ar^d mc Calman and Mr Neill mc Kinnown, being ordained to try the wrytes and minuts whilk concerned the said Mr Ar^d mc Claine his admission to the kirk of Kingarth and the disposing of the vacand stipends thereof, Have fund them all authentick and the question most in controversie signed with the said Mr Ar^d his own handwryte following, being consonant and cohercing consequently one to another.

It is desyred that the commissioners from the severall presbyteries to the generall assembly excuse the presbyterie of Kintyre where there can no commissioner be had, be reason there is non to make election.

The greivance of Mr Dug. Campbell anent the burialls yet used in the kirk of Kilmacocharmick is referred to the visitation of the presbyterie of Inneraray.

According to the ordinance of the general assembly for educateing and maintaineing of Highland boyes at schooles It is appoynted that there be ane dayes collection, or fourty shillings out of every paroach within this province, collected be the severall ministers thereof, and that to be given to the moderator of each presbyterie, and they to be comptable to the next provinciall.

SESS. 8.

It is appoynted that the kirks vakeing within the presbyterie of Sky be supplied be the ministers thereof, viz., Migneis be Mr Neill mc Kinnown once in the sex weeks, Snissort be Mr Ar^d mc Quein *codem modo*, Raresay be Mr Allan Clerk, and Bracadall be Mr Martein mc Pherson, who are to have a reasonable allowance for their charges.

The provincially assembly considering that there was the sowm of four thowsand pounds granted be the states of this kingdom for the supplie of distressed ministers of Argyll, and ane precept first granted thereupon in the yeare 1646, againe in September 1647, wherein it was expressly provyded that Mr Ewin Camerons discharge should be produced be the generall commissar, and the 3d precept in July 1649, wherein Mr Dug. Darroch is appoynted receiver and to give discharges to the generall commissar thereupon, and seing that diverse have for severall tymes attended the agenting of that bussines, and the procureing the advancement of that soum by the general commissars respective and yet to little effect, albeit to the great prejudice of these distressed brethren in bestowing meanes for their attendance thereupon, The provincially with one voice agreed, seing they could not affurd meanes to a commissioner to prosecute the matter joyntly, that Mr Dug. Darroch shall give each severall brother, or any other who hes any interest in the particular, a discharge of his own proportion conform to the division allowed be the precept, That each of them according as they can find moyen or opportunity may deal with the generall commissar for the advancement of their own paires, either be themselves or others who have occasion to repair to Edinburgh who will take in hand to agent that bussines.

The provincially assembly considering the supplication given in be Jonnet Campbell, reliēt to Mr Do^d mc olvory, late minister at Inneraray, shewing her great necessity, and that throw the burneing of the saids Mr Donalds parish, houses and dwellings she is disappointed of that composition which ministers wyves usually get ather for anna or for contentation of gleib and manse (whilk oftentimes is the most portion they have to look to after their husbands decease), and so left very poor and indigent, and therefore humbly petitioning that in consideration of her condition, seing the sowm of money granted be the estates for the supply of the distrest ministers of Argyll was promised before her husbands decease, that in some

pairt of satisfaction and recompense to her for her want of anna and manse that she might be inrolled amongst others for to get the proportion due to her umquhill husband as if he wer yet alyve, All which being considered and judged reaseonable, Mr Dug. Darroch is appoynted to give her a discharge of so much as her husbands proportion extended to conform to the division allowed by the precept, that the said supplicant may make use of her own way and meanes at the generall commissars hands for procureing her own.

Mr Ewin Cameron correspondent to the synod of Glasgow his diligence, being heard and seen testified, was approven.

Mr Joⁿ Stewart is appoynted to keep correspondency with the synod of Glasgow and Aire the first Tuesday of October next, and to have twenty shillings Scots from ilk minister to beare his charges, and the moderator of ilk presbyterie is appoynted to send the same to him against the first of August next.

The next provinciall is appoynted to be at Inneraray the 3d Wednesday of October next.

Sic subscribitur Mr. J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

Edinburgh July 1650. Revised and examined.

J. KER.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL HOLDINE
AT INNERARAY THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER
1650.

SESS. 1.

Whilk day, after sermon had to the assembly and incalling of the name of God for a blesseing to the meeting by Mr Dug. Campbell, moderator to the last assembly, the assembly did proceed to the election of a new moderator for this meeting, and haveing leeted Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Dug. Darroch, Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Ferq^r Frazer, Mr Ewin Camerone, the said Mr Ewin Cameron by plurality of voices was chosen, And thereafter the

assembly proceeded to the election of a clerk, and having leeted Mr Andrew mc Laine, John Zull and Mr James Fleemeing, the said Mr James Flymeing, schoolmaster at Inneraray, was chosen for this meeting and to the subsequent provincially meetings dureing the will and pleasur of the provincially allanerly, and the said Mr James hes made faith *de fidei* administratione as use is.

The assembly being thus lawfully constitute in all the members thereof, the catalogue of the severall presbyteries was called, and the names of the whole ministers and ruling elders of the samine, present members of this assembly, are sett down and the absents remarked as followeth :—

Presbyterie of Kinloch : Mr Dugald Darroch ; Duncan Campbell, Ruleing Elder of Kilberie ; Joⁿ Hamiltonn, Ruleing Elder of Killorow in Aran ; Marteen mc Lachlan absent.

The whole presbytery of Sky absent.

Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewin Cameron, Minister at Dunoone ; Mr James Campbell ; Alexander Campbell, Ruleing Elder ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; Joⁿ Campbell of Drimsyny, Elder ; Mr Donald mc Cloy, Minister at Kilmoden ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Minister at Kingarth ; Sir James Stewart, shirrefe of Bute, Ruleing Elder for Rothesay ; Mr Neill Cameron absent.

Presbyterie of Inneraray : Mr Dugald Campbell ; Ar^d Campbell of Danna, Elder ; Mr Do^d Campbell ; Joⁿ Campbell of Glencharn, Elder ; Mr Neill Malcolm ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; George Campbell, Ruleing Elder for Inneraray ; John Campbell, fiar of Glenurquhy, Rulcing Elder for Clachandysart ; Anguis mc Laartigh, Ruleing Elder for Craignais.

Presbyterie of Kilmore : Mr Nicoll mc Calman, Minister at Kilmore ; Mr Marteen mc Ilvra ; Mr Ferquhar Frazer ; Mr Hector mc Claine ; Mr Ar^d Red, Minister at Lcsmore ; Mr John mc Lachlane elder, Minister at Loyng ; Jo^{hn} mc

Lachlan, his Elder ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan yonger, Minister at Kilninvar ; Hew mc Dugald, Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman, Minister at Ardehattan.

Correspondent from the synod of Glasgow : Mr Ninian Campbell, Minister at Kilmacolme.

The assembly finding that Mr Dug. Campbell in his sermon preached this day before them had some expressions in reference to the publict not fitting to have been spoken, and finding the samen to have proceeded upon a mistake and throw want of true information of the condition of the publict affaires, They appoynt the moderator in name of the assembly and in their presence to rebuke the said Mr. Dug. for his careage herein, and to exhort him to abstaine from applying his doctrin to any thing of publict concernement except upon warrantable grounds and sure intelligence, whilk accordingly was instantly performed and weell taken be the said Mr Dugald.

Considereing Martein mc Lachlan, minister in Ila, his present sicknes and inability to travell unto this meeting sufficiently verified before the assembly, The assembly does excuse his absence for this tyme.

The assembly finding that Mr Dunc. mc Calmane, some-tyme minister at Ardinmurchy, who for his joyneing in rebellion with Alex^r mc Donald was justly deposed and excommunicat, and who after his deposition and excommunication, haveing to the dishonour of God and scandall of the Gospell exerced the ministeriall function in the remote and barbarouse places of the Highlands, was recommended to my Lord Marquesse of Argyle as Justice of these bounds to be taken ordour with, and that nothing is yet done concerneing him so that he goes up and down at his pleasure in these bounds, Therefore the assembly recommends of new most seriously to the said Lord Marquesse and his deputes to cause make search and inquiry for the said Mr Duncan mc Calman and to bring him to condigne punishment, And ordaines that ane extract hereof, with a lettir from the assembly to this purpose, be sent to the said Lord Marquesse of Argyle.

Considereing that Ronald mc Ronald, somtymes professed popish preist, after makeing of his recantation and embracing the true Protestant religion and swearing and subscriybing the Covenant, haveing made apostacy and defection from the truth, and being also in the late rebellion and therefore excommunicat, and that notwithstanding thereof he is still labouring to pervert poore ignorant people in the pairts where he hants in the yle of Uist and other pairts of the farre yles to the dishonour of God and ruine of poore soules, Therefore the assembly doe most seriously recommend to the Lord Marquesse of Argyle as Justice of these bounds to be pleased to sie a course taken with the said Ronald, and ordanes ane extract hereof, with a lettir from this assembly, to be sent to his Lordship for this purpose.

The assembly, takeing to consideration how necessar it is for the increase of the knowledge of God that the Shorter Catechisme and the breife sowme of Christian doctrine comprysed in 4 heads¹ be both faithfully translated into the Irish language, Do therefore ordane the samen to be so translated be Mr Nicoll mc Calman and Mr Ar^d Red for the presbyterie of Kilmore, by Mr Dug. Darroch and Marteine mc Lachlan for the presbyterie of Kenloch, be Mr Joⁿ Stewart and Mr Ewin Cameron for the presbyterie of Dunoone, be Mr Dugald Campbell and Mr Ar^d mc Callum for the presbyterie of Inneraray, And ordanes the translations of the presbyteries of Kilmore, Kenloch and Dunoone to be sent to the presbyterie of Inneraray to be seen and revised, and ordains the translation of the presbyterie of Inneraray to be sent to the presbyteric of Dunoone to be seen and revised by them, And ordaines all the saids translations with the animadversions and corrections of the revisers to be sent and reported againe the next provinciall assembly to the effect that ane uniforme translation as weell of the said Shorter Catechisme as if the said breife

¹ 'The Sum of Saving Knowledge,' which had just been published. The translation was not proceeded with at this time, and according to Maclean's *Typographia Scoto-Gadelica* the book was not available in a Gaelic translation until 1767.

sume of Christian doctrine may be agreed upon for the good of the whole province.

The assembly, being informed of a superstitious custome used by the paroachiners of Kilvorow in Craignais in goeing sun-gates about the church before they go in to the kirk for divyne service, does discharge the samen to be used hereafter under the paine of censure, and recommends to the presbyterie of Inneraray to take ordour with the contraveners, And in the mean tyme ordaines a lettir to be writtin to the Captain of Craignais, as civil magistrat and speciall man in that paroach, to use his best endeavours for restraineing of that custome.

Considering that there are sundry parishes in the province who have not yet removed their buriales out of the churches according to the act of the general assembly, Therefore the assembly ordaines the severall presbyteries within their own bounds to be carefull that the foirsaid act of the generall assembly concerneing the removeall of burial out of churches be put to due execution in all poynts, and to report their diligence to the next provinciall.

The assembly being most confident with good reasons to satisfie the general assembly or their visitors anent the imployeing of a pairt of the voluntarie contribution for the beginning of a fundation to some parochiall schooles, and knoweing that any fault was fund be the generall assembly thereanent at the sighting of the provinciall book in July 1649 was only for want of true information, Do therefore for the increase of vertew and learneing in their bounds appoynt the ministers and elders of the severall paroaches where the said parochiall schooles were to be crected to use diligence for getting qualified schoolmasters who at leest can learn bairnes to read and wryte English, and thereafter begin them to the Latine and teach them the rudiments, and for the use of the said schoolmasters to uplift the rents of their severall proportions of the said money, And ordaines the presbyteries of Dunoone, Inneraray and Kilmore within the whilks the said schooles were appoynted to be carefull to see the samen done tymeously.

The assembly appoynts Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister at Kingarth, to proceed to the sentence of excommunication against Archibald mc Baxter, according as he was formerly appoynted by the presbytery of Dunoone, for his continuance in fornication and cohabitation with Elizabeth Cinnighame notwithstanding of the controur ordours of the presbytery.

SESS. 2.

The assembly consideringe that the action and cause intentit and depending at the instance of the paroachiners of Clachandysart and Inshale against Mr Neill Camerone, craveing him to return back to his charge as minister of these paroaches, which at first was reserved to the generall assembly and thereafter referred back to this provinciall, hes lyen over to long unsetled and that yet the assembly cannot at this dyett proceed to the decision of the cause by reason of the want of the processes, which as the yong Laird of Glenurquhy, one of the persewers, affirms are lost at Edinburgh throw the troubles of the tymes, and by reason of the said Mr Neill his absence from this meeting, Therefore they continue it untill the next assembly, at which time, God willing, they will proceed to the decision of the cause without further delay, And the said Laird of Glenurquhy yonger is warned hereof *apud acta* for himselfe and in name of the rest of the persewers, and any of the brethren of the presbyterie of Dunoone are to advertise the said Mr Neill, and he is to advertise the paroachiners of the kirks wherein he now serves, to the effect that all pairties may compeare and be heard, with certification that whether they compeare or not, or whether the old processes bees fund or not, that they shall proceed in the matter.

The assembly appoynts Mr Colin mc Lachlan, Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Ar^d mc Calman, Mr Ar^d Red and Mr Dug. Darroch, ministers, the Laird of Glenurquhy yonger and Joⁿ Campbell of Drymsynie, rulcing elders, to joyn and concurre with the presbyterie of Inneraray the 6th day of November next, or any other dayes or dyetts that shall

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Gordon
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of the school
bonds.

be appoynted, For takeing tryall of the literature, qualifications and conversation of Mr Alex^r Gordon, who is called to be actuall minister of the English congregation of Inneraray, and upon the finding of him qualified to proceed to his admission to the foirsaid charge according to the ordour of the church, And further the assembly gives power to the members of the said presbyterie of Inneraray and to the brethren of the ministry and ruling elders foirsaid joyned with them or any of them, quorum being ministers and ruling elders, to meet together in a comittee at Inneraray at such tymes and dyetts as they shal be pleased to appoynt before the next synod to the effect underwrittin, Givcing power to the said comittee or their quorum to take all the paines and use all the lawfull meanes and wayes they can for planting ane minister in the Irish congregation of Inneraray, which hes been so long vacand, and to take ane account of all the vacand stipends within the province, and appoynt the same to be collected, and, if the samen bees gotten, to distribute them especially for educating of poor yong boyes who have the Irish language and may be profitable to the kirk at schooles, and to make division of the bands and creditors of the money of the voluntar contribution appoynted for a fundation to the nyne parochiall schooles within the presbyteries of Dunoone, Inneraray and Kilmore and for the doctor of the grammer schoole of Inneraray, that so every paroach and schoole may know their own sowmes, creditors and surties and so uplift the rents bygan and in tyme comeing for the use of the said schooles, and generally with power to the said comittee or their quorum to do in every thing emergent that belongs to the provinciall to look to, and that cannot weell be continued untill the next meeting, and to proceed thereintill according to the ordours of the church, and as they will be answeareable to the next synod, Ordaneing them to report their diligence then.

Annent the supplication given in unto the assembly by Hector mc Laine of Kingerloch, acknowledgeing his great sin and offence in joyneing in armes in the late rebellion

with umquhill James Graham and Alister mc Donald, and that therefore he hes been most justly excommunicat and casten out of the society and fellowship of the people of God, and withall professeing his great sorrow and unfained greefe for his afoirsaid most greivouse sins and offence, and craveing God pardon for the same and offereing most willingly to obey any censure the assembly shall be pleased to enjoyn to him, and therfore humbly craveing that he may be relaxed from excommunication and received againe unto the society of the faithfull, as his supplication more fully beares, And the assembly haveing at length heard, seen and considered the foirsaid supplication with his own relation and confession, and finding him sensible of his sin and sorrowfull for the same, They recommend him to the presbyterie of Kilmore to deall with him and to receive his repentance in that same form that was used with the rest of the name of Mc Claine who were lately relaxed, And the assembly thinks it fitt that he testifie his repentance in the kirks of Killmualug in Lesmore, Kilcollumkill in Morvarn and Kilvucan in Mull before he be relaxed.

The assembly ordanes Do^d mc Millan and Katherin ne Kay, for their cohabitation together (there being ane child procreat betwixt them) to be censured as adulterers conform to the act of the generall assembly, and for this efect refers them to the presbyterie of Kinloch, and upon testification of their obedience the child is to be baptized.

The assembly refers the matter of the scandal betwixt Neill mc onlea and Anna nine Galespie ve Ean dui to the session of Kilmore, who are appoynted to try and examine the bussiness exactly and to report their diligence therein to the presbyterie of Inneraray.

The assembly ordaines the severall presbyteries to appoynt there collector of the vacand stipends to compeare before the beforementioned comittee at Inneraray the sixth day of November next To make compt of their intromission with the said vacand stipends to the effect the same may be employed to their proper use.

The assembly taking to their consideration the sumounds

duely execut and indorsed with the supplication and reasons given in before them at the instance and in the name of the Irish congregation of Inneraray against Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister at Kingarth, and the paroachiners thereof craveing the said Mr Joⁿ be transported from the said kirk of Kingarth to the kirk of Inneraray to be actual minister to the Irish congregation there, according to the call given to him thereannent, Transports the said Mr John Stewart from the said kirk of Kingarth to the said kirk of Inneraray to be minister to the Irish congregation there, and that notwithstanding of all the reasons given in, propounded and alledged be the said Mr John and the said paroachiners of Kingarth in the contrare, And to this effect ordaines the said Mr John Stewart to actually transport himselfe from Kingarth to Inneraray before the first of February next to come preceisely.

Compeared Ninian Stewart of Kilchattan and Alex^r Frazer of Kervinivan, as commissioners and in name of the paroachiners of Kingarth, and declared that they would no wayes acquiesce to the foirsaid transportation of the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart to Inneraray, And therefore did appeal to the next ensuing generall assembly, and thereupon took instruments in the hands of the cleark of the assembly, And these of the Irish congregation of Inneraray adhered to the said act of transportation, and protested that they might have the benefit of the samen.

The assembly appoynts Mr Alex^r mc Claine, expectant, of his own consent to repair to Aran and exercise his gift at the vacand kirks of Kilmory and Kilbryde there untill the next provinciall assembly, and appoynts to him for his maintenance the tythes of any one of the saids two kirks, And, in case the said Mr Alex^r shall be pleased before the next provinciall to embrace a call to any of the said kirks in Arran, the assembly appoynts Mr James Campbell, Mr Joⁿ Stewart and Mr Dugald Campbell, ministers, or any two of them to joyne with the presbyterie of Kintyre for the said Mr Alex^r his tryall and admission, and appoynts the meeting to be keepeed at Skipnitch for this effect.

SESS. 3.

The assembly seriously recommends the supplication given in before them be Sir Robert Muntgomery yonger of Skelmolrie concerneing the erecting of ane new kirk at Lochrinsay in Arran, according to the overture of the last visitation from the province to the Commissioners of Parliament appoynted for plantation of kirks within this province, earnestly desyreing them to proceed in erecting the said kirk and appoynting a competent stipend with a sufficient manse and gleeb thereto.

Compeared the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister, and gave in appellation subscribed with his hand whereby he appealed from the foirsaid sentence of this assembly transporting him from Kingarth to the Irish congregation of Inneraray to the next generall assembly and thereupon took instruments.

The assembly refers John Zuills petition anent his pains as clerk to the commissioners for plantation of kirks to the committee appointed for taking course with the vacand stipends, and desires them to see him satisfied out of the said vacand stipends of that which was promised him in name of the assembly.

The assembly, being informed that the holding of the ordinary sherriff courts of the sherriffdom of Argyle weekly upon the Friday does give occasion to people resorting to the courts to travell home on the Sabbath day and so do profane it, Do therefore recommend to the Lord Marquess of Argyle, sherriff principal of the said sherriffdom to take a course for changing of the saids weekly sherriff courts from the Friday to the Wednesday, and appoints the moderator in name of the assembly to acquaint his Lordship therewith.

SESS: 4.

The assembly taking unto consideration the many prejudices that this province sustains through want of frequent correspondence with the commission of the kirk in not getting timeous intelligence of the condition of publick affairs, where-

through many times it falls out that they do not joyn with the body of the kingdom either in the time of publick humiliation or thanksgiving, neither are they able to go about their duties in relation to the publick affairs, Therefore the assembly appoints ane letter to be written to the commission of the kirk earnestly desiring that they would be pleased to think upon some course whereby more timeous intelligence may come here of matters of publick concernment as to the rest of the kirk of this kingdom, And in the meantime appoints ane letter to be written to the Lord Marquess of Argyle, humbly desiring his Lordship, so long as he remains near to the place where the commission sits, to appoint some of his servants to get from the clerk of the commission such letters and papers as from time to time shall be appointed for the presbyteries of this province and send them to Inverary as his Lordship shall have occasion.

The assembly, seriously considering the sad and deplorable condition of this kirk and kingdom and the great hazard and danger that the cause of God and religion stands into for the present, Thinks it their duty to be deeply humbled before the Lord, and therefore does hereby appoint a solemn fast to be observed in all the kirks of this province on the first Lords day of November next for the causes following, besides the former causes sent from the commission of the kirk.

1. *The peoples not laying to heart the quarrell of God for the abuse of the Gospell, no not now when with so hard strokes he is pursuing the controversy.*

2. *The danger that the kirk, King and kingdom is into by the prevailling of the sectarian army, who by wiles and force are seeking to abolish government in kirk and state and to trample the ordinances of God and the liberties of the kingdom under their feet, That our Solemn League and Covenant should have no more force amongst us.*

3. *The danger that the kirk, King and kingdom is unto by the renewed plott of the malignants, who have gone about to possess his Majestie with suspicion of the loyalty of his faithfull subjects in kirk and state, and had drawn him away from their company for a little while, And after that the King being returned unto them is clear of their false dealings with*

him, as he has signified by publick writing unto the commission of the kirk, Do not cease to spread their false surmises to the contrair that they may come to arms and yock the one part of the kingdom against the other to the advantage of sectaries and undoing of kirk and kingdom.

4. The appearance of famine by the late harvest and hard weather and so many armies on foot, who (if God pity not the land) will eat up the substance thereof shortly.

5. The distressed condition of this province by the late afflictions and the penury of the means of the Gospell and danger they stand unto of farder distress.

The assembly having heard and seen the overtures following given in and presented before them for the encrease of knowledge and piety, The samen are referred to the several presbyteries to be considered by them that they may report their judgements thereanent, and how they may be made most effectual, and what further they can think upon to this end to the next synod, viz. :—

1. That ministers press on these of their parishioners that have the English language and can read to have Bibles and Catechisms, and give an accompt of their dilligence and success therein at the next synod.

2. Because the knowledge of the English language is so necessary for the weall of the Gospell, the Scriptures not being translated in Irish, and seeing the country cannot have schoolls in every church for learning English, That therefore use be made of poor boys that can read and speak English to teach the young and others that may be made willing in the parish to read and understand the English in the interim till schooles may be erected, and the ministers to oversee and make report of their dilligence and of the fruit of it to their severall presbyteries and to the next synod.

3. That for intelligence of publick affairs some easy and effectual course may be taken that ministers and others may receive true and timeous information of the state of business, and publick ordinances of the kirk may be more speedily communicate.

4. That domestick visitation be followed by ministers as far as is possible, and catechising more frequent and conference

with their parishioners upon matters of religion as occasion is offered.

The assembly appoints the vacand kirks of the severall presbyteries to be supplied as was appointed before by the former synod untill the next provincially meeting, and recommends to the severall presbyteries to see that these be carefully performed.

Considering the bygone pains taken by Mr James Campbell as clerk to the synod The assembly appoints him to gett fourty pounds Scotts in satisfaction thereof out of the vacancy of Kilcolmanell cropt 1650 years.

The assembly appoints that Mr James Fleming, now their clerk, shall have yearly for his service in being clerk to the synod the soun of fourty pound Scotts duly and thankfully paid to him, and appoint his payment to be out of the vaccand stipends untill another course be thought upon for that effect, and for his first years payment he is referred to the committee which is to sitt at Inverary the 6th day of November next, and recommends to that committee to see him satisfied thereof.

Anent the Appellation made by Adam Stewart and Alex^r me Connochy from the presbytery of Dunoon to this synod for not having read a lybell offered by them to the said presbytery against Mr Patrick Stewart, late minister of Rothsay, both the saids parties compeared presonally and all their reasons pro and contra with the said presbytery of Dunoon their reasons touching the matter of the said Appeall being all at length heard, seen and considered, and the assembly therewith being ripely advised, Finds it to be male Appelatum for the reasons following, clearly verified and proven in presence of the assembly.

1. Because the said lybell was most untimcously offered to be given in, viz., the space of days after the said Mr Patrick had in a presbyterial meeting at Dunoon declared That in respect of his old age and infirmity, not being able to exercise the ministerial function, he would make a cessation of his having charge of that parish, and there was never a word heard of the said

lybell untill the very day and hour of his cessation before the presbytery.

2. *Because it was clearly found by debating of the matter before the assembly that the said lybell was only offered against the said Mr Patrick to see if thereby he could be gotten hurt and prejudiced of the stipend or any part thereof that can befall him as an aged minister, who by reason of his age and infirmity has demitted his charge conform to the Acts of Parliament and General Assembly, That so Sir James Stewart, sherriff of Boot, who has right to the teinds of Rothsay, out thereof the ministers stipend to an entrant minister, Likeas it was found that the said Sir James for the same purpose had desired the lybellers to give in and pursue the lybell and did kyth himself a party in this matter against the said Mr Patrick, and so, being one of the members of the assembly, was removed in this cause, And there was no less in effect declared in presence of the assembly by the said Sir James and the lybellers then that the lybell would be passed from if Mr Patrick would pass frae interest in the stipend.*
3. *Because in a presbyterial meeting holdin by the presbytery of Dunoon at Rothsay for visitation of that kirk in August 16 years, all the elders and the said Sir James with them gave a large testimony of the said Mr Patrick his doctrine, conversation and care of discipline, Likeas also the assembly has seen under the hands of the elders and most part of the considerable men of the parish of Rothsay ane testificate bearing that they were weell satisfyed with the said Mr Patrick his doctrine, conversation and care of discipline dated in years, And it is weell known by the assembly that the said Mr Patrick has always been straight in the publick cause and suffered burning and destroying of his lands by the rebels whiles many of his parishioners complied with them and suffered no prejudices by them, And so the assembly, finding all that is intended against the said Mr Patrick in the premises*

to be only to defraud and prejudge him of his right to the stipend and not out of any zeall to Gods glory or to the good of the church, Do therefore find it to be male appellatum as said is, and that the presbytery of Dunoon hath done right in accepting his cessation.

Compeared the said Mr Patrick Stewart, minister at Rothsay, and out of his earnest desire and affection to have the said kirk of Rothsay sufficiently planted did referr himself unto the assembly anent what proportion he shall have paid to him yearly during his lifetime for his maintainance furth of the teinds and stipend of Rothsay whereunto he has or may have right by his demission conform to the Acts of Parliament and General Assembly made in favours of aged and infirm ministers,¹ and obliges him to accept what proportion [they] shall be pleased to modify and appoint to him for his maintainance, notwithstanding of any right he hes or shall be found to the haill. The assembly accepts of this referrence and promises, God willing, to determine therein at the next provincially assembly.

The several presbyteries that were present were censured as they deserved, and approven for their dilligence, and exhorted to continue and are appointed to bring their presbyterial books to the next synod precisely. The assembly appoints that the several presbyteries at each one of their presbyterial meetings, for satisfying of all their members and clearing of all mistakes, to cause read over their minutes and see them subscribed both by moderator and clerk.

The assembly appoints the gleib of the kirk of Clachandysart to remain in Mr Neill Camerons possession till he get reasonable satisfaction for the manse, howsoever the assembly shall determine in the action and cause depending betwixt the parishioners of Clachandysart and the said Mr Neill.

¹ The General Assembly in 1641 had declared 'that old Ministers and professors of Divinity shall not by their cessation from their charge through age and inabilitie be put from enjoying their old maintenance and dignity.'—Peterkin's *Records*, p. 293.

The assembly do return hearty thanks to their brethren of the provincially of Glasgow and Ayr for the care in keeping correspondence with this synod according to the act of the general assembly by Mr Ninian Campbell, minister at Kilmalcolm, And thanks the said Mr Ninian for his care and constant attendance during the whole time of this meeting, And ordains a certificate to be extracted and delivered to him hereupon by the clerk for the clearing of his dilligence to the next provincially meeting at Glasgow and Ayr.

The assembly finds fault with Mr John Stewart, minister at Kingarth, for not repairing to the provincially of Glasgow and Ayr to keep correspondence according to the appointment of the last provincially, Notwithstanding of the said Mr John his excuses, and of new ordains the said Mr John Stewart to repair unto the next provincially of Glasgow and Ayr to be holden at Glasgow the first Tuesday of Aprile next to come for keeping of correspondence conform to the act of the general assembly, and to report his dilligence and bring from thence a certificate thereupon against the next synod.

The next provincially assembly of Argyle is appointed to be holden at Inverary the 2d Wednesday of Aprile next to come anno 1651.

J. FLYMING, Clerk.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE
HOLDEN AT INVERARY THE 10TH OF APRILE 1651

SESS: 1.

Whilk day after sermon had to the assembly and incalling on the name of God for a blessing to the meeting by Mr Ewan Cameron, minister at Dunoon, moderator to the last assembly, The assembly did proceed to the election of a new moderator for this meeting, and having listed Mr Archibald Mc Callum, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Colin Mc Lachlane, the said Mr Colin by plurality of voices was chosen moderator, and thereafter the assembly proceeded as followeth, viz., The assembly being thus lawfully constitute in all the members thereof, the

catalogue of the several presbyteries was called and the names of the whole ministers and ruling elders of the same, present members of this assembly, sett down and the absents marked as followeth:—

Presbytery of Lochhead: Mr Dug^d Darroch, Minister at Lochhead; Colin Campbell of Crassan, his Ruling Elder, absent; Martain Mc Lachlane and his Elder absent.

Presbytery of Dunnoon: Mr Ewan Cameron; Mr James Campbell; Mr Colin Mc Lachlane; The Laird of Ardkinglass, Elder; Mr Neill Cameron; Mr John Stewart absent.

Presbytery of Inveraray: Mr Dugald Campbell; Dugald Campbell of Barinlochan, Elder; Mr Alex^r Gordon, Minister, Inveraray; George Campbell, Ruling Elder; Mr Donald Campbell, Minister at Kilmartine, absent; Ar^d Campbell, his Ruling Elder; Mr Neill Malcolm; Mr Ar^d Mc Callum; Ar^d Campbell, Ruling Elder for Craigneis.

Presbytery of Kilmore: Mr Martain mc Ilvrae; Mr Hector Mc Lain; Mr Ferg^d Fraser; Mr Arch^d Reid; Jn^o Campbell of Ramsay, Elder; Mr John Mc Lachlan elder, Minister at Loyng; John Mc Lachlane of Kilbryde, Ruling Elder; Mr John Mc Lachlane younger; John Campbell of Camesmore, Ruling Elder; Mr Ar^d Mc Calman, Minister at Archchattan; Mr Nicoll mc Calman absent.

The Presbytery of Sky all absent.

Considering Martain Maclachlan, minister in Ilay, his present sickness and inability to travell unto this present meeting sufficiently verified and proven before the assembly, The assembly does excuse the said Martine his absence at this time.

Colin Campbell of Crassan, ruling elder at Lochhead, who being upon the way to the assembly was called back by reason of some important business which was sufficiently verified before the assembly by Mr Dugald Darroch, his minister, and his commission produced before the presbytery for further satisfaction to the assembly, he is excused for this time.

The assembly being assured that Alex^r Campbell, bailzie of Glendarouill, was detained from this assembly by reason of a constant report of the enemies falling in upon these quarters, not knowing when, viz., the English from Irving, which was verified to the assembly by Mr James Campbell, his minister, and others, Therefore the assembly holdeth him excused for the time.

Mr John Stewart, minister at Kingarth, with his ruling elder being absent for the cause above specified, which he did signify to the assembly by his letter, Therefore he and his ruling elder excused for this time.

Mr Donald Campbell being absent by reason of heavy sickness, being verified by his ruling elder, is excused.

Mr Nicoll Mc Calman being absent through weakness of body is excused.

SESS: 2^d.

The assembly appoints a letter to be written to my Lord Marquiss of Argyle as Justice of the bounds concerning Mr Duncan Mc Calman, sometime minister at Ardnamurchan, and Ronald mc Ronald, priest (who both remain excommunicate) conform to the acts of the former assembly concerning them.

A letter to be written to the Laird of Auchinbreck anent the removal of the burials out of the kirks of Kilmacoharmick, and that the act of the general assembly be put in execution thereanent, And whereas the said act is not yet put in execution in several kirks within the province, Therefore the assembly appoints the samen to be gone about with dilligence and a report to be made thereof by all whom it concerns to the next assembly.

SESS: 3^d.

The assembly doth approve what the committee held at Inverary hath done except the disposing of the vaccand stipends of Lorn, the one half to Maclain the other half to Mr Hector Mc Lain and Mr Ferq^r Fraser for serving sometimes the vacand kirks, and for allowing Maclain the half of the stipend of Kilmakeun, And the assembly doth disallow what the

committee did in allowing every minister a boll of victual for every sermon they preached to vaccand kirks.

SESS: 4.

The assembly considering the great abuse which is committed by the poor and others who come unto houses on Saturday at night and do travell on the Lords day, Therefore its ordained that what person soever shall come to their houses on Saturday at night shall not be permitted to travell on the Sabbath, but shall continue with them till the Monday, and these who are able are to repair to the church with these with whom they are lodged.

The assembly considering that many persons who have farr to travell to the sherriff court holden at Inveraray on the Friday are not able to be at home on the Sunday, and so profanes the Lords day by their travelling and being absent from the church, Doth therefore ordain a letter to be written to the Lord Marquiss of Argyle that the foresaid day may change to another more convenient day of the week.

The assembly approves of the former overtures for increase of knowledge and piety specified in the former synod, and appoints the same to be put in practice within all the congregations in this province.

The assembly ordains the collector of the vaccand stipends to pay to Mr James Flyming fourtie pundis for his first years service as being clerk to the provinciall.

The assembly in regard of Mr Patrick Stewarts absence, and that the kirk of Rothsay is not yet planted, did continue their determination anent the said Mr Patrick his maintenance on his referrence to the last synod.

The assembly in consideration of the poor condition of Mr John Knox, late minister in Arran, have allotted to him ane hundreth marks that remains in the hands of the bailzie of Arran of the vaccand stipend anno 1649 and eight bolls victual out of Kilbryde and eight out of Kilmony cropt 1650 and two hundred merks and eight bolls of the vaccand stipend of Kilbride 1651, and to this effect a letter to be written to the Duke of Hamilton that he may be thankfully paid of the

same, To the which allocation Mr Alex^r Mc Lain for his part did willingly condescend.

The assembly allows ane hundreth pounds to Mr James Campbell for defraying his charges in serving the vacancies of Kilcolmanell and Skipnitch and that for the time bypast out of the vaccand stipends of the same.

The assembly allows Mr Ar^d Mc Callum eight bolls meall of the vaccancy of Craigneis for his service there from the last synod.

The assembly allows Mr Dugald Campbell seven bolls for defraying his charges at the vaccand kirk of Kilberrie since the last synod out of the vaccancy thereof.

Allows to Mr Ar^d Reid for serving at the kirk of Glenurchy two bolls, and Ar^d Mc Calman is to get other two bolls for serving at the same kirk out of the vaccancy thereof.

Allows Mr Donald Campbell eight bolls for serving at Craignais out of the vaccancy thereof.

The assembly, having considered Mr Donald Campbell his petition and great need, hath allowed him what remains of the vaccancy of Craignais for the cropt 1650 over and above eighteen bolls given to the said ministers for defraying the charges and the Bishops Quarter, and appoints him the small teinds for this year for buying him cloaths, And ordains that he shall have a chalder of victuall yearly out of the stipend of Craignais during the vaccancy thereof for his subsistance.

Allows to Mr Ferg^r Fraser for serving at Icollumkill 200 merks besides what he gott out of Rothsie.

The assembly finds that the kirks of Icollumkill, Kilvick-ewan, Kilmichan,¹ Killelan, Kilchoan and Ilanfinan within the presbytery of Kilmore are to be reckoned within the vaccand kirks and the vaccand stipends thereof to be accompted for.

The assembly condescended that 200 merks be given to Mr Neill Mc Lachlan, son to umquhill Mr Pat^k Mc Lachlan, minister, to help him at the grammer schooll of Inverary, and that to be payed out of the vaccancies of the presbytery of Kilmore.

As also to Alex^r Mc Calman, son to Mr Nicoll Mc Calman, 100 merks to keep him at the grammer schooll of Inverary to

¹ sic for Kilninchan ?

the next synod, and that out of the vaccancy of the presbytery of Kilmore.

As also ordains 100 merks to be given to umquhil Duncan Mc Eachen, minister,¹ his relict untill the next synod for supplying their great necessity.

Ordains ten bolls victuall to John Beaton, second son to John Beaton, physician,² living within the parish of Kilvickewan, for maintaining him at the grammer schooll of Inverary to be payd out of the said parish of Kilvickewan.

Ordains a letter to be written to Maclain to deliver the vaccand stipends of the kirks of Mull and Icollumkill to the moderator of the presbytery of Kilmore, and the moderator to bring them to the next synod.

Ane letter to be written to the presbytery of Sky, reproving them for their absence from this and the former synod, and requiring them to keep the next meeting and bring their presbytery books with them, and to be ready then to compt and reckon for the vacand stipends of that presbytery and also the assembly finds their letter of excuse insufficient.

After reading of the petition of the Laird of Straq^r and others, desiring the kirk of Kilmaglass to be declared vaccand, The Laird of Ardkinglass, for himself and in name of these who have the tythes of him of these lands, protested that if the desire of the petition be granted and the said kirk declared vaccand that it shall not be prejudiciall to them to brook the teinds untill a minister be gotten to the said kirk.

The assembly Declares the said kirk of Kilmaglass to be vaccand, and that the parishioners thereof are in a capacity to give a call to any minister, and the protestation foresaid made by the Laird of Ardkinglass is admitted.

SESS. 5.

The assembly, finding that the persons underwritten whose names are in the following list do yet remain under the

¹ There is no record of a minister Duncan Mac Eachainn. If Mac Eachainn can be taken as a mistaken transcription of Mac Calman the reference would be to the minister of Lismore.

² The Beatons had been hereditary physicians to the Lords of the Isles.

sentence of excommunication, Thinks it expedient that a just double of the said list be sent furthwith unto the Commissioners of the General Assembly to the effect that it may be made known unto the whole kingdom.

Ane List of those who are yet under Excommunication.

The Captain of Clanranald elder.

James Boyd, son to the late pretended Bishop of Argyle.

Alester Mc Ranald vc Ean.

John Stewart, son to Ardsheel.

Don^d Cameron of Blarmachfurlach.¹

Anguis Mc Donald of Glengarrie.

Mr Duncan Mc Calman.

Allan Macdonald vc Neill alias Maclain.

Donald Mc Donald younger, Captain of Clanranald.

John Mc Lain, sometime of Knock.

Angus Mc Donald Mc Ean dui.

Donald Ban Mc Ivory.

Arch^d Mc Ean gearre vc Alester Roy.

Sorle Mc Alester.

Ranald Mc Ranald, sometime preist.

Marie nine Ilespick vc Lachlan alias Mc Lain.

The assembly finding that Mr Alex^r Maclain hes gotten calls from several congregations, and that his own inclination does most lead him to embrace the call given to him by the parishioners of Kilmorie in Arran, The assembly does condescend to his election of that call, and for the furthering of his admission, In regard of the paucity of the number of the presbytery of Kinloch, the assembly joins Mr Dugald Campbell, Mr James Campbell and Mr John Stewart, ministers, and John Campbell, keeper of Tarbert, ruling elder, to meet with the said presbytery at Kilcolmanell the 2d Wednesday of June next to hear his tryalls in exercising on Heb: 2-5, his popular sermon on Jo. 3d: 16, his controverted head de meritis operum, and to continue till all his tryalls be past, And if he shall be fund qualifcyed to proceed to his admission unto the said kirk of Kilmory in Arran

¹ sic for Blarmachfoldach ?

conform to the Word of God and acts and constitutions of this kirk.

Ordains a letter to be written to Mr John Stewart to go to Arran to preach and baptize and to be present at Mr Alex^r Maclains tryalls and admission.

The assembly referrs Donald mc Millan and Kathrine Mc Key adulteress unto the meeting at Kilberrie and Kilcolmanell.

The excommunicate person Sorle Mc Alester within the presbytery of Kenloch is referred to be taken order with by the Lord Marquiss of Argyle and his deputes, and such as have conversed with him after lawfull intimation and warning made to the contrair are appointed to be cited before the presbytery to meet at Kilcolmanell the 2d Wednesday of June next to answer therefore. It is further recommended to the said presbytery and the other brethren adjoyned to them to take order with all things that shall need redress before the presbytery according to the constitutions of the church.

The assembly appoints that each minister take a roll of the names of all the persons of this province contained in the list before mentioned who remain excommunicate and intimate the same oftner¹ at the several churches and intimate the danger of conversing with them, Moreover it is recommended unto the civil judge to take order with them according to the nature of their delinquency conform to the laws of this kingdom, and a letter to be written to the Marquiss of Argyle as cheif justice of these bounds to this purpose.

The assembly ordains Mr Fcrq^d Fraser to deall with the excommunicate person Mary Nine Ilespie vc Lachlan in Tirie for reclaiming her.

SESS: 6.

The assembly appoints to Donald mc Ivory and Angus Campbell ane hundred marks to each of them for their maintainance at the grammer schooll of Inverary untill the next synod out of the readiest of the vaccancies.

The assembly ordains the vaccand stipend of the Irish congregation of Inverary to be employed for the helping of the

¹ Possibly an error in transcription for 'of new.'

building of a kirk and manse unto the said Irish congregation of Inverary in respect of the inability of the parishioners to do the same, and that for bygone years only preceeding the year 1651.

The assembly refers to the presbytery of Kilmore to proceed with the censure of the church against those that robbed Thomas Hamilton his bark and company the last Sabbath of March, which is said to have been done by the Captain of Aross called Malcolm mc Lain, Lachlan Mc Martin, Duncan Mc Ivory dwelling in Arrell, John Mc Donald Gow in Lergbeg, Martain Mc Ilvernock in Aross, John Mc Ewan vc Ewan in Aras with their followers and complices, And the said Thomas Hamilton declared upon his oath before the assembly that what he did in giving that discharge to these that spoiled him was for fear of his life.¹

The assembly refers the call of Gigha to Mr Ar^d Mc Alester to the meeting at Kilcalmanell, who are to do in it as they shall find expedient for the good of the kirk and as they will be answerable to the next synod.

The business of Anna Mc Ilespie vc ean alias Campbell anent her child, all the process of it being seen by the assembly, They were pleased with it and declared Donald Mc Ilespick vc douil oig alias Campbell in Dell in the parish of Craigneis to be father of the child, And ordains the minister that shall

¹ The persons concerned in the robbing of Thomas Hamilton's bark are given in the Kilmore Presbytery minutes as Duncan mc Ean Roy in Arle, John mc Donald Gow, smith in Ledbeg, Malcolme mc Ilvernock in Aros, Duncan mc Ean dui there, John mc Ewin vc Ean vc Donchy, browstar in Aross, Tawis mc Donchy vc Cawis, Lauchlane mc Marteine, Lauchlan mc Rorie. They all confessed their guilt and were required in May 1652 to make their repentance on eight Sundays, beginning and ending their course at the local church of Kilcollumkill in Quinish and Kilninian, and appearing also in Lismore, Morvern, Coll and Tiree. Two years later, following on further investigation by the Presbytery, Malcolm Maclean, Captain of Aros, whose name is also given as Gillicallum mc Neill vc Rorie, was also found to have been concerned in the robbery. A generation earlier his father had been implicated in a similar robbery which was brought to the notice of the Privy Council at the instance of 'Robert Hammiltoun, John Sheillie and Walter Stirling, burgesses of Glasgow,' who describe the plunderers of their ships as 'rebellious theevs and lymmaris of the Claneane.'—*Register of the Privy Council* (First Series), viii. 425.

be appointed to preach at Craigneis to baptize the child, and for his further satisfaction, if he require it, to get his oath.

The assembly, considering Mr John Mc Lachlans petition anent serving the cure at Icollumkill, do appoint him for his charges ane hundreth marks of the readiest of the bygone stipends and a letter to be sent to Mc Lean thereanent.

The petition of the parishioners of Kilcolmanell being considered by the assembly, It was granted that a part of the vaccancies of that kirk should be given to the repairing of that kirk and refers it to the presbytery that shall meet there to consider what may be their work, and to put the burials out of the kirk and to take an account of the vaccancies thereof.

The assembly, considering the great danger that the inhabitants of the brae of Celeslat have to repair to the kirk of Kilberrie for want of a bridge on the Water of Ormsay, have on their supplication appointed as much of the vaccand stipend of that parish to be made use of as may bigg a bridge of stone and lime over the said Water, and recommends to the bailzie of Kelislat and James Campbell to go about doing it.

The assembly recommends to the several presbyteries that the kirks that are not yet come in before the commission for plantation be made to come in against the sitting of the commission and that sumounds be raised to this effect.

The assembly appoints John Zuill to be general collector of all the vaccand stipends within the province, And appoints him 100 lib. Scotts for his fial yearly for his service, beside what he lays out for necessary debursements, and this to hold during the synods pleasure.

Refers the business of Hector Mc Lain to the meeting at Killcolmanell for his several fornications.

Refers Donald Mc Norwitch his supplication for liberty of marriage unto the presbytery of Inverary, who are to consider that he was divorced in his own default, and that he confesses that the woman was content to receive him again.

Compeared Mr Donald mc Cloy, minister at Kilmodan, and offered a cessation from the exercise of his ministry in the parish of Kilmodan, which formerly he had done before the presbytery of Dunoon, which the assembly finds to be right

and legal, But as concerning their deed upon his supplication in allowing him for his maintainance during his lifetime 40 bolls of victual they find [it] obstructive to the plantation of the kirk hereafter, Therefore, the said Mr Donald having submitted himself to the decision of the assembly concerning that particular and considering his age and infirmity, do find that in reason and charity no less can be allowed to him than the said number of bolls, But, because the said parish cannot bear it, they appoint him out of that parish only 24 bolls of a new augmentation, and ordains him 16 bolls out of the vaccancies of the presbytery of Dunoon, and failling that out of any vaccancies of the province yearly, and the first years payment to be of the crompt 1652 and so furth yearly, because the whole stipend and augmentation of the year 1651 is to be reserved to the said Mr Donald, And likeways desires him that he preach in the congregation when he is employed by the minister or others as his strength will suffer him. Follows the demission :—

I, Mr Donald Mc Cloy, minister at Kilmodan, being now come to age so that my infirmities both of body and spirit dailly increases upon me, whereby I find myself unable to discharge the duties required to be performed by me to that congregation whereof I have now charge, and that the more because the weight of the burden is grown double weightier than it was in respect of the accession of ane English congregation wherewith formerly I was not burdened, because of the lowlanders repair thither for the plantation of that country, and so stands in need either of two men or of ane able both of body and spirit to endure the burthen of discharging the same by two lectures and two sermons every Lords day, whereunto I confess myself to be unfitt for want of breath to make out ane hours speaking, And therefore, being thus conscios to myself of my weakness, I do demitt my charge of that parish in the provincials hands to the end that they may be put in a capacity to sett their eyes upon a new minister, Or that the provinciall or presbytery may proceed to his admission at the presbyterys desire. In witness whereof I have subscribed

thir presents with my hand at Inveraray the 14 of Aprile 1651 years. Sic subscribitur Mr DONALD Mc CLOY.

I am content that the above written demission be extended both to the denuding me of charge and benefite.

Sic subscribitur Mr DON: Mc CLOY.

Whilk demission the assembly accepted, and declared the church of Kilmoden to be vaccand and the parishioners thereof to be in a capacity to call a minister.

SESS: 7th.

It is recommended by the presbytery of Kilmore to extract the former overtures given in by the visitation to the assembly anent the plantation of kirks 1642 and to eik and paire as they shall condescend upon, and to report their dilligence to the committee for plantation of kirks against the first of August.¹

Mr Dugald Campbell gave in his regrett that the stipend of the kirk of Kilvickocharmick and Kilmichael in Innerlussa are not provided for by the commission of plantation as the Act of Parliament does provide and the teinds might afford, Whereupon the assembly enjoyned the said Mr Dugald for the weell of the kirk that he would supplicate the commission of plantation for the modifying of the stipend or else to bear the blame for ever.

The assembly ordains Mr Ewan Cameron, Mr Dugald Darroch and Mr Ar^d Reid that they remain in the town and not remove out of it untill they effect the translation of the Shorter Catechise in the Irish language, whereunto they condescended, and to have it reported against the next synod.

Referrs Mc Backster to the presbytery of Dunoon to be taken order with for his disobedience.

The assembly ordains to David Campbell, son of umquhil

¹ The overtures of the Presbytery in this matter are noted in their minutes, and are largely given effect to in the decreets of the Commission for Plantation of Kirks printed in the Appendix.

Patrick Campbell of Innerhea, 100 merks to the next synod, who is ane scholar at Inverary, and that out of the vaccancies to be payd by the collectors.

The assembly ordains that the collection of the Communion Day be brought for the maintainence of the Highland boys, and these who do not celebrate the Communion are to bring the common money for their use.

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It is appointed that the presbyteries who have not brought in their collections for the Highland boys That they bring in the collection 1650 and 1651 against the next provinciall, with certification that such as faill shall pay it themselves.

The assembly thinks it convenient that one kirk be built at Oban instead of Kilmore and Kilbryde, with this proviso That the gleib and manse at the new erected kirk be equivalent to the gleib and manse which the minister possessed formerly at the kirk of Kilmore.

The assembly appoints to John Campbell, son to Duncan Campbell of Strondeway,¹ to have the benefite which the rest of the Highland boys gets, viz., 100 merks out of the vaccand stipends to keep them at the schooll to the next synod.

Whereas the assembly is informed that one Mr Cock and Duke Hamiltons chaplain do preach and exercise publickly, not having given in their tryalls and qualifications before any of the presbyteries within this province, or not having a testimonial from any of the presbyteries in the kingdom of their former carriage, Do therefore recommend to the presbytery appointed to be kept at Kilcolmanell to call them before them, and to know by what power or authority they did take the same upon them, and to proceed in this matter according to the acts of the kirk.

The assembly having received a supplication from Mr Neill Mc Fingon, shewing his inabilities for the present expedition, The assembly doth therefore recommend to the presbytery of Sky that they would either appoint Mr Martain Macpherson or Mr Allan Clerk.

The assembly appoints Mr Ar^d Reid to preach here the next Sabbath and to receive the elders elected for the Irish

¹ sic for Stron 'ower ?

congregation at Inverary according to the orders of the kirk.

Considering that many parishes who want ministers are very slack in using dilligence to get them by reason they have been in some measure served by neighbour ministers this time bygone, Therefore it is appointed by the assembly that no vaccand kirk be supplied by any minister by wayosly but by the direction of the presbyteries, except such as are going about the means in dealling with young men for promoting their studies in relation to the ministry and whose dilligence shall be produced by way of mutual contract, This being produced before the assembly, that then they shall have all the help that may be given to them, And because there will fall out a necessity of baptizing children and marrying of people desiring the benefite of the kirk, Therefore the assembly thinks fitt that, in a congregation where there is a constant eldership, the elders cause the kirk officers to proclaim mariages, and after lawfull proclamation they declare under the hands of two of their number at least that they have been orderly proclaimed and no impediment fund, And that the parties to be married repair with the same testificate to the next adjacent ministers, who are appointed to give them the benefite of the church, but the minister is noways to repair to their parish kirks, But where there is no constant eldership no benefite is to be had either of baptism or marriage but by appointment of the presbytery, and for getting baptism where constant elders are, the elders are to send their testificate that the children are lawfull begotten, or in case it be otherways the elders is to send a testificate that the elders hes fund caution to be obedient unto the injunctions of the kirk, And because there be many who are ignorant and atheisticall, Therefore it is ordained that none shall be baptized nor married except the parents and parties respective shall give some confession of faith in private.

It is appointed that Janct Campbell, relict to umquhile Mr Donald mc Ivory, minister at Inverary, and Marg^t Cunningham, relict to umquhil Ewan Mc Lain, minister at Innerchelan, and Finwall Carmichael, relict to umquhil Morris Darroch, minister at Kilcolmanell, in regard of their present

necessities To each of them one hundred marks to the next synod, and a warrand to be given to the collector to pay them of the readiest.

The assembly finding Mr David Simson¹ willing to apply himself unto the study of the Irish language that he may be instrumental for the propagation of the Gospell in the Highlands, wherewith the provincially is weell pleased, And for his better encouragement hath appointed to him 400 merks yearly for his maintainance out of the readiest of the vacancies, And recommends to the presbytery of Argyle to think on the readiest course for paying thereof, and to give order and warrand to the general collector thereanent, And to sett the said Mr David upon the best course for learning the Irish language.

The assembly, for better ordering the affairs of the kirk, do appoint that each presbytery yearly hereafter have one meeting more than formerly, and that to be kept on the 1 Wednesday of March yearly.

Archibald Campbell of Craignais compeared and Declared that Mr Andrew Mc Lain had settled with him and given his consent that he should, so soon as the Lord would enable him for the ministry, embrace the charge of Craignais. Mr Andrew, being called upon, condescended before the assembly, and to this effect the said Mr Andrew was exhorted to be dilligent in his studies, And in regard of this dilligence done by the parish of Craignais the assembly recommends to the presbytery of Argyle to [see] that that kirk be supplied as they may be without prejudice of their own charge.

¹ The case of David Simson, virtually a missionary to the Highlands, merits special attention. He was probably a relative of Patrick Simson, minister of Renfrew, who was ordained in 1653, and had been for four years tutor in the family of the Marquis of Argyll. After acquiring a good knowledge of Gaelic, as noted in these minutes, he was inducted to the parish of Killean, and after the Restoration he suffered imprisonment and banishment for his adherence to the Presbyterian cause. He appears to have died in exile in America prior to 1695, the Synod in February of that year allocating £120 Scots to his widow in respect of the losses incurred by her when, along with her son and daughter, she was taken prisoner on her voyage home. A similar amount was granted to her the following year. Another son conformed to Episcopacy, and was minister both in Kintyre and Islay.

It is ordained that every minister do receive a note of all the heads of this and the subsequent assemblies, at least as much as concerns themselves, to be made use of accordingly.

The assembly having revised the presbytery book of Kilmore, and finding the same full of informalities in proceeding, nonsenses in expression and the members of the presbytery guilty of sinfull and rebukeable connivance at sin and slighting of discipline, and especially towards these who are of rank and quality such as Sir Hector Mc Lain of Dowart for fornication and Archibald Campbell of Dunstafneis for adultery, of whom the former was never pursued with church censure, the other have only three days appointed for declaring his repentance, far inferior to the number of days appointed by the general assembly, and finding also that they have to themselves the place and power which is proper to the civil magistrate in appointing of fines and penalties, Wherefore the assembly adjudges the book unworthy to be accounted ane register of the kirk and appoints them to buy a new book, and for making the members of the presbytery sensible of their many faillings fund in that book the moderator of the assembly is appointed sharply to reprove all the presbytery, And in particular the assembly suspends Mr John Mc Lachlan elder, moderator of the presbytery, Mr Ar^d Mc Calman and Mr Ferg^r Fraser, minister at Tirie, for the space of a whole month after the day of the intimation of the same, And ordains the intimation to be made at Kilmore the next Sabbath by Mr Hector Maclain, and appoints Mr Colin Mc Lachlan, moderator of this assembly, to receive them that day month at the said kirk, being the seat of the presbytery, upon the evidence of their repentance.

Seeing Mr Colin Mc Lachlan is to repair to Kilmore as beforesaid he is to be liberat from keeping the next presbytery meeting at Dunoon.

The presbytery of Kilmore is to search further in the scandall which is on Mr Martain Mc Ilvrae anent fornication.

Continues the censure of Mr Nicoll Mc Calman untill the next synod anent the faults and informalities found in the presbytery of Kilmore.

The presbytery book of Argyle, being revised by the assembly, is approven.

The assembly finds that the book of the presbytery of Dunoon is much deficient in regard there is no dyat recorded from January 1649, and that therefore the brethren of the presbytery deserve sharply to be rebuked for such faillings, and because there is no bounds to contain acts, marginal annotations, as is requisite, The assembly ordain them to get a new book of larger volume and insert thereunto all their former acts and proceedings committed by them since the former dyatt and have the samen to produce at the next synod under pain of deposition.

Ordains a letter to be written to Mr Ar^d Mc Lain requesting him to embrace the call of the parishioners of Straquhir.

The assembly recommends to the presbytery of Dunoon to use all dilligence for planting of the church of Rothsay.

SESS: 8.

The whilk day the assembly being about to take to consideration the action depending before them betwixt the parishioners of Clachandysart and Inshale on the ane pairt and Mr Neill Cameron there late minister at Innerchelan, which of late was referred back to the provinciall by the general assembly, There was given unto them two other calls, one from Kilmodan and another from the Irish congregation of Inverary, inviting the said Mr Neill to be their minister respective, All whilk the assembly having considered with reasons hinc inde alledged by parties, and having tryed and fund the said Mr Neill his own mind and inclination, and having fund that the parishioners of Clachandysart and Inshale could not oblige themselves for a competent maintenance unto the said Mr Neill to whom they claimed right at one charge, altho the said Mr Neill was willing to accept any one of the charges, And that in the next place the assembly did find the said Mr Neill more inclined to embrace the call at Inverary than Kilmodan upon those conditions following, viz. : 1. That there be a new kirk builded in the most central place of the parish, or at least on the way of building; 2d. That there be a sufficient

manse builded and ane gleib designed ; and 3dly. A competency of maintainance agreed upon with mutuall consent of my Lord Marquiss of Argyle, the presbytery and parish of Inverary and the said Mr Neill before the said Mr Neill his removal from his present charge ; 4th. And that he shall not be troubled with preaching to the English congregation more than any other of the ministers of the presbytery. All the which premises the assembly considering in complex, do find it most expedient and necessary that the said Mr Neill be declared free in all times coming from any action, claim, title or right pretended to him by the parishioners of Clachandysart and Inshale, and to be transported from his present charge at Innerchelán, And therefore ordains him to transport from that charge to the Irish congregation at Inverary, Providing allways the former conditions before his removal be performed and that the gentlemen, especially the sherriff depute, shall be ruling elders.

The assembly recommends to all the several ministers of the province in publick to notify unto their several congregations respective the sinful security of many notwithstanding of the judgements of God on the land.

It is ordained that whomsoever of the ministers the several colonels or cheiff commanders shall call to march out That they shall go out with dilligence and attend on the regiments on the publick service of the kingdom.

Ordains 100 merks to Alexander Cameron to the next synod out of the vaccancies, even as to the rest of the Highland boys.

It is appointed that Mr Ewan Cameron shall gett 100 libs. out of the readiest of the vaccancies for his maintainance in going to the commission of the kirk, and he is not to neglect his going tho it be not now payed, because of the importance of affairs.

Ordains John Zuill, general collector of the vaccancies, to pay to George Campbell the little money which was borrowed from him to Mr James Campbell and Mr Dugald Campbell their ticket to be given to Mr Dugald Darroch when he was sent to Edinburgh anent the publick affairs of the provinciall.

Ordains Mr Ewan Cameron to repair to the next provin-

cial assembly of Glasgow and Ayr, to be held at Glasgow the first Teusday of Aprile next, for keeping correspondence conform to the act of the general assembly, and to bring back a certificate of his dilligence therein unto the next synod.

The next synod is to hold at Inverary the 3d Wednesday of October next anno 1651.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE
HOLDEN AT INVERARY THE 15TH OCTOBER 1651.

SESS: 1.

Whilk day after sermon had to the assembly and incalling of the name of God for a blessing to the meeting by Mr Colin Mc Lachlan, last moderator, having listed Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Ar^d Mc Callum and Mr Ewan Cameron, the said Mr Ewan by plurality of voices was chosen moderator, And thereafter the assembly proceeded as follows, the names of the severall presbyteries ministers and ruling elders, being cited, were written and the absents marked.

Presbytery of Lochhead : Mr Dugald Darroch ; Neill Mc Neill of Carskey, Ruling Elder ; Martain Mc Lachlane ; The Tutor of Calder, Ruling Elder.

Presbytery of Dunoon : Mr Ewan Cameron ; Mr James Campbell ; Ar^d Mc Loy, Ruling Elder ; Mr Colin Mc Lachlan ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Mr John Stewart ; John Mc Arthur, Ruling Elder for Dunoon, absent ; Ruling Elder for Lochgoylesheed absent ; John Stewart of Ardink, Ruling Elder for Rothsay, absent.

Presbytery of Inverary : Mr Dugald Campbell ; Mr Alex^r Gordon ; My Lord Lorn, Ruling Elder ; Mr Neill Malcolm ; John Mc Kellar, Ruling Elder ; Mr Don^d Campbell ; Michael Mc Callum ; Mr Ar^d Mc Callum ; Neill Campbell of Rudal, Elder.

Presbytery of Kilmore : Mr Hector Mc Lain ; Mr Arch^d

Reid ; Mr John Mc Lachlan elder ; Mr John mc Lachlan younger ; Alex^r Mc Dougald of Bannangarrie,¹ Ruling Elder ; Mr Ar^d Mc Calman ; Mr Alex^r Campbell, Ruling Elder ; Mr Martain Mc Ilvrae, absent ; Mr Ferq^d Fraser absent ; Mr Nicoll Mc Calman absent.

All the presbytery of Sky absent.

Mr John Maule, correspondent from the synod of Glasgow. James Hamilton of Aikenhead, Ruling Elder, absent.

The assembly, finding that notwithstanding that by the two former assemblies Mr Duncan Mc Calman, being excommunicate for joyning in rebellion with Alexander Macdonald and yet exercising the ministerial function in barbarous and remote places, was referred to the civil magistrate and that yet there is no course taken for his restraint, does of new recommend the same, And appoints Mr Colin mc Lachlane to signify the assemblies mind to my Lord Marquiss of Argyle.

The assembly, finding that notwithstanding the recommendation of the former assembly concerning the alteration of the court day from Friday to Wednesday, because of occasion it giveth to profane the Sabbath, that yet there is nothing done thereintill, Renews their desire for the changing of the same, and recommends earnestly to my Lord Marquiss of Argyle to think upon some way for effectuating thereof.

The general collector, having neglected to pay the clerk's fees as was appointed, Is ordained to satisfy him, as also to make him payment presently of 20 merks money what was formerly allowed.

The assembly finding some difficulty to be in the determination of the process depending against Archibald Mc Alester for his cohabitation with Elizabeth Cunningham, because that he produced a testimonial that he was married by a priest in Ireland, till they be resolved by the general assembly what in their judgement shall be anent marriages of that kind, And therefore refers it to be a querie against the

¹ sic for Barnangarrie ?

next general assembly and him in the meantime to be publickly admonished, And as for the child procreate they ordain that it be baptized.

Mr Hector mc Lain and Mr Colin mc Lachlan their dilligence in performing what was recommended to them anent some brethren of the presbytery of Kilmore by the former assembly, being reported was approved.

Mr Arch^d Mc Callum, Mr Colin Mc Lachlane, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Arch^d Mc Calman are appointed for the bills.

SESS: 2^d.

It is seriously recommended to the presbytery of Inverary that they take some effectual course and for the settling of Mr Ar^d Mc Callum in the possession of his gleib and manse.

Mr Ferquhard Fraser is continued under the censure of his suspension until the next synod, because of the exercise of his ministrie being suspended by the former assembly and not orderly relaxed.

The assembly finding Mr Ar^d Mc Calman to have exercised the charges of the ministerial function, not being relaxed orderly from the sentence of suspension past by the last assembly, Does continue him under suspension untill he give satisfaction to the presbytery of Lorn, to whom he is referred, and upon evident signs of his repentance they are to relax him.

Mr John Mc Lachlan elder, who was suspended by the former assembly for the same cause for the whilk the rest of the brethren of the presbytery were suspended, is exonerated from further suspension because of his orderly carriage, But in the meantime is appointed to pay to this assembly the proportion of his stipend according to the length of his suspension that it may be employed to pious uses.

SESS: 3^d.

Whilk day the provinciall, taking to their consideration Mr Hector Mc Lains petition against John Mc Lain of Kinlochaline, mentioning diverse injuries offered and done

to the said Mr Hector by the said John whereby the said Mr Hector suffers prejudice both in his means and name, Anent the first, whilk belongs to the civil judge, the said Mr Hector is appointed to have his recourse to the magistrate, And as for the other the synod refers the same to the presbytery of Inverary, having joyned Mr Ewan Cameron, Mr Colin Mc Lachlan, Mr Ar^d Reid and Mr John Mc Lachlan younger, or any two of them, and they to keep at Inverary the 1 Wednesday of December, And the said presbytery, with concurrence foresaid, has power to do in every thing that requires present redress whilk can concern the provinciall as they shall think expedient.

Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Ar^d Mc Calman, Mr John Mc Lachlan, Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Ar^d Reid are appointed to take tryall of vaccand kirks and the vaccand stipends, what they can extend to, how much is resting in the several parishes respective, and the reason why the same is not payd, As also to try how much the vaccand stipends of the present crop extends to 1651, And they are to go about the same with dilligence that they make report more timeously that the assembly may take some course whereby the same may be made furthcoming to pious uses, And the said committee is required to take a list of young men who are farthest advanced in their studies that they may be encouraged and helped to a further progress.

SESS: 4th.

Pennicmore and the parishioners of Kilmaglass their petition for some supply during the vaccancy is referred to the presbytery of Dunoon.

Whereas John Mc Kerran¹ gave in his petition desiring the benefite of marriage, The assembly, finding that the cause why the same was denied to him was that he was under scandall of fornication and that he had _____ of the satisfaction of the kirk of the parish where he lived, Therefore requires him to get a testificate of his repentance, upon the production whereof Mr Ar^d Mc Callum is appointed to give him the benefite of marriage.

¹ Probably for Mc Kerrais.

The assembly refers Duncan Mc Arthur, who supplicated to be divorced from Elizabeth Mc Indeor, his spouse, because she committed adultery with Thomas Campbell, to the presbytrie of Inveraray to deall for their reconciliation, Which if they find not feasible they are to advise them how to get divorcement lawfully and to recommend them to the judge competent.

Marg^t Campbell, alledged relict to Patrick Campbell, Cathrine Hamilton, alledged relict to umquhil Fergus Mc Cleland, Marg^t Macneill, alledged relict to Neill Mc Neill, More Mc Neill, alledged relict to Patrick Mc Infugⁿ, who gave in their supplications for marriage, are referred to the presbytery of Kintyre, before which they are to produce evidences of the nottourness of their husbands decease respective, and to use the ordinary way of raising letters to be served at the Peer of Leith and the Barr of Ayr upon threescore days warning, and to bring the said letters with the executions to the said presbytery.

The assembly considering that the commission of plantation of kirks is to expire before the last of December, and that there is nothing done by them for settling of the plantation of the kirks within the presbytery of Kintyre, because that they are for the most part vaccand and no minister to use dilligence for their setting, Therefore the assembly appoints Mr Dugald Darroch to raise summonses in reference to the several parishes in that presbytery, and to present them before the commission, and to suit for the settling of a maintainance for them, and there is appointed to him for his pains and defraying of his charges ane hundreth pounds of the readiest of the vaccancies that is for the present or shall be in the hands of John Campbell, keeper of Tarbert.

The assembly approves the dilligence of the committee appointed for Mr Alexander Mc Lains tryall.

[SESS: 5th.]

Whilk day the assembly taking to consideration the desire of the parishioners of Kilbryde in Arran, requiring Mr Alexander Mc Lain to be their minister, And finding that

which before was an impediment to be removed, has appointed Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr John Stewart, Mr Ewan Cameron¹ to repair to the said kirk of Kilbryde the 2d Wednesday of January next, and there give admission to the said Mr Alex^r to the said charge and care of the ministry, and the said _____ is appointed to require _____ and payment of the vaccand stipends both of the kirk of Kilbryde and Kilmorrish, And for the furtherance of the said admission it is appointed that an edict be served at the said kirk of Kilbryde, making intimation of the same that all parties concerned may be advertised and none pretend ignorance, and they are to report their dilligence to the next synod.

The assembly considering the lewd life and conversation of Donald Mc Ewan vc Ean duy, lying in uncleanness sometimes with one and sometimes with others with whom he keeps cohabitation, Therefore interdicts him of cohabitation and for what course shall be taken for censuring him ecclesiastically he is referred _____ and for the civil part of the censure refers him to the civil magistrate.

The synod taking to their consideration Mr Patrick Stewarts complaint against Sir James Stewart, sherriff of Boot, who at his own hand meddles with the stipend of Rothsay, and putts himself without order of law in possession thereof, Notwithstanding the synod and presbytery did allow the same to be made use of by the said Mr Patrick, does recommend him to the civil magistrate and justice and Committee of Estates, and ordains a letter to be written to them desiring redress of such injuries as are done and offered both to the said Mr Patrick and to the presbytery on his behalf.

The assembly taking unto their consideration the account of the whole stipends of the vaccand kirks within the bounds of the synod, except Sky, conform to the scroll under written given in by the committee appointed for that effect, viz. :—

Inverary	40 bolls, ane hundreth mks.
Craignais	Ten bolls.

¹ The blanks in this and succeeding pages of the minutes of this Synod seem to indicate words which had become illegible in Duncanson's manuscript by the time the Synod's transcript was made.

<i>Dysart and Inshale</i>	30 bolls, 200 mks.
<i>Gigha</i>	Twenty bolls.
<i>Kilberry</i>	Twenty four bolls, 100 pounds.
<i>Kilcalmanell</i>	20 bolls, 100 mks.
<i>Kilchoan in Ardinmurchan</i>	16 bolls.
<i>Icollumkill</i>	30 bolls, 40 lib.
<i>Kilmichan</i> ¹	Ten bolls.
<i>Icollumkill, two years vacancies</i>	2000 merks and 36 bolls

The synod resolves to make this roll the rule for their walking in the interim for exacting and craving the same, And appoints the severall presbyteries to give in a list of the intromittors with the vaccand stipends since the vaccancy of these kirks to the general collector. 2dly, That the several presbyteries appoint collectors for the enquiring of the same and bring in the same to the collector general. 3dly, That the presbytery within whose bounds there is any parishes that has not been valued that they use dilligence to raise summonses and prosecute the valuation of these kirks and their plantation before the commission, and untill the country come unto the full plantation that for knowing the worth of the teinds the course appointed be the Parliament be followed.

The assembly appoints the tryall to be taken by the presbytery of Lorn of the teinds of Killian, Pennygown, Cobelvery, that they may be added to the above written list according to their proportion of two thirds, because the Marquiss of Argyle declares that his factors has no power from him to meddle with any but his own third only.

The assembly considering the date of the power of the commission for plantation of kirks, and the many kirks that are unsettled within the bounds of this synod, Does recommend earnestly to the conveener to call the members of the commission and to settle upon a course for keeping their meetings frequently, That seeing the time is short the work may be gone about with more dilligence, and that the ministers may be acquainted with their first dyatt before their going off to town.

¹ Kilninchan ?

The assembly, considering John Zuill collector his faithfulness and dilligence, Appoints that which was promised to him by the several presbyteries shall be payed to him by having it allowed out of the readiest of the vaccand stipends.

The assembly considering that in regard there has been some warrands granted to some several particular persons for their supply out of the vaccand stipends preceeding this assembly, and that there are some to be granted by this present synod, and that they are all to be drawn upon the general collector, and that it will breed a confusion if any person desire to be first answered except there be appointment for the order of their payment, It is ordained that all those who have gotten acts in their favours for supply out of the vaccand stipends by preceeding synods shall be payd before any who are to get new acts.

The assembly thinks fitt that such students and scholars as are helped by the synod be examined by them or some of their appointment, that it may be known what abilities are in them and what hope of proficiency, that accordingly they may be the more liberally or sparingly dealt with by the synod.

SESS: 6th.

The translation of the Shorter Catechism unto the Irish language, which was committed to Mr Dugald Campbell and Mr Ewan Cameron, being openly read in the assembly and examined, and after examination voiced, It was approven Nemine contradicente, and appointed that hereafter the ministers within this province shall make it the rule in examining their flocks, And it is recommended unto them that all convenient dilligence be used whereby the people may come to the knowledge and understanding of the same, And for the better effectuating thereof it is appointed that Neill Mc Ewan be sent for and desired to repair to Mr Ewan Cameron, who has the principal coppie of the translation, and to draw up a copy according unto the same in the Irish character for every minister to the number of 17 ministers, for which there is ordained for the said Neill 40 sh. for ilk coppie whilk is in

Mr Ewen Camerons hands, to be delivered to him when the work is done.

Appoints Mr Dugald Darroch, Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Colin Mc Lachlan, Mr Dugald Campbell and the moderator to think upon some overtures anent the disposal of the vaccand stipends, both in reference to indigent petitioners as also in reference to schollars and young students, and to make report at the next session.

SESS: 7th.

The assembly, considering that it is impossible in regard of distance of people from the place of the sitting of the committee for plantation of kirks that all the kirks that are not settled within the province can be settled before expiring of the date of the commission, which is the last of December next to come, Therefore thought fitt, least the work being brought so farr on should be disappointed, to use the means of procuring a prorogation of the commission at the hands and by the authority of the next sitting Parliament, who are to meet at Killine, Therefore appoints Mr Colin Mc Lachlan to repair thither and to petition the Parliament for the effect above mentioned.

The assembly, considering that it would much facilitate the settling of the churches in Kintyre that there were previous visitationes of these bounds, Therefore appoints Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Ewan Cameron, Mr John Stewart, Mr Dugald Campbell, ministers, my Lord Lorn, Laird of Loup, Laird of Glencarradale, ruling elders, to repair thither with the foresaid ministers ¹ and two ruling elders to make a quorum, and they have power to visit the kirks of Kintyre, and also to do what formerly was appointed to be done by the commissioners that were ordained for Arran, and in speciall anent Mr Alexander Mc Laines admission.

The assembly, taking unto considcration the excuse of the brethren of Sky, finds the same not relevant, And therefore it is appointed that they be advised to be all present at the next provinciall, bringing along with them their presbetrie

¹ The number of ministers making up the quorum has apparently been omitted.

book and the compt of their vaccand stipends, as also the date of the sitting of the commission to be sent to them that they may repair thither for the settling of their kirks, And it is to be recommended unto them that they reconcile of Mr Dugald Darrochs charges for his attendance at Edinburgh in June anno 1649 for the business of the whole province, and that they bring their proportions to the end that he may be satisfied.

It is recommended to the presbytery of Inverary to deall with my Lord Marquiss of Argyle for building of ane house to Mr Neill Cameron, who is to be transported from the kirk of Innerchelan to the Irish congregation there, And it is resolved that if an house be not builded and a gleib designed against the next synod that the synod then shall take the act of his transportation to farder consideration.

The assembly, considering that Angus Mc Morris goes as a vagabond with ane whore in his company, having an wife of his own, They appoint that publick intimation be made by each minister to their parishes to the end that their parishioners receive not such a scandalous person to their houses.

The assembly thinks fitt that, albeit Mr Neill Cameron be declared to be transported from Innerchelan, he use dilligence for settling the stipend of the same.

The report of the committee appointed for distribution of vaccand stipends in referrence both to petitioners and students being given in as follows was approven, viz. :—

To Marg ^t Campbell, relict of Mr John Darroch, out of Gigha meall	12 bolls
To Robert Duncanson	200 merks
To Donald Mc Ilvory	100 merks
To Mr Dug ^d Campbell out of Kilberry of meall	16 bolls
To Mr James Crightoun 20 libs. and what else can be had to him of consigned money	
To David Campbell	100 merks
whilk James Campbell his uncle is to get from John Campbell keeper of Tarbert with the former appointed the last year	100 merks
To Angus Campbell	50 merks

To Donald Mc Kellar	100 merks
To Duncan Mc Lain	100 merks
To Archibald Cameron	100 merks
To James Morison	50 merks
To Mary Mc Ivory out of Clachandysart	4 bolls
To Donald Mc Kichan	40 libs.

The stipend of Icollumkill to be divided as follows, viz. :—

Imprimis to Mr John Cameron whilk formerly
was appointed to him 300 merks

And the rest to be divided betwixt him and Mr Duncan Campbell, Mr Patrick Campbell, Mr John Duncanson, Mr Donald Mc Viccar proportionably, each of them 260 merks, And the assembly appoints particular warrands to be given to each of the above-named persons for getting their several soums respective as is above designed.

The report of the presbetry books being given in, The presbytery book of Inverary, being revised and examined, is approven. The presbytery book of Dunoon is fund informall both in matter and form, and its recommended that they mend it. The presbytery book of Lorn was not present. They are appointed to bring in their minutes to the next provinciall. It is recommended to the presbytery of Dunoon to use dilligence before the commission for plantation for the kirks of Rothsay.

The presbytery book of Kintyre was not present, there being not a full number.

Mr Alexander Gordon appointed correspondent for the synod of Glasgow and Donald Cameron ruling elder.

Appoints Mr Patrick Stewart to deliver to the presbytery of Dunoon 200 lib. Scotts of the stipend 1651 to be employed as an help of maintainance for help of any qualified man, And the said parish shall require for to supply their present want till occasion offers they fall on a qualified man to whom they will give an call, and for the years to come he is referred to settle with his own presbytery, And therein they are to proceed as they shall be answerable to the synod.

It is appointed that thanks be given to Mr John Maule

in name of the synod of Glasgow for keeping correspondence with this synod.

It is appointed that summons be raised against excommunicate persons at the instance of the presbyterys respective.

The next synod is appointed to be holden at Inverary the 3d Wednesday of May next to come anno 1652.

J. FLYMING, Clerk.

Here endeth the Old Synod Book beginning the 4th of Aprille 1639 and continuing to the Synod the 15th of October 1651 inclusive.

I, Mr Robert Duncanson, for the present at Melaloch, near to Inverary, writer hereof, having on the desire of some of my brethren of the non-conformed ministers in the synod of Argyle transcribed the Old Synod Book for preservation of the records thereof in case of the loss of the Register in these dangerous times, Doe declare that I have faithfully transcribed the same, and tho' the book consisted of 204 pages written That yet the same is contained in these 75 pages, every act *ad longum* without the omission of any necessary or material word or sentence to my knowledge (I say to my knowledge, because I had not time to revise and compare them too).

(*Sic subscribitur*) Mr R. DUNCANSONE.

This being afterwards revised and compared by us joyntly is attested at Inverary, August 13, 1667, by me.

N. CUMGING.¹

¹ Probably an error in transcription for 'J. Cameron.' Cameron, whose name appears on the docquet to the 1652-1661 section of the Minutes, was minister in the parish of Kilfinnan in Cowal and a very staunch Presbyterian.

APPENDIX

DECREETS OF PLANTATION, 1650-1651

THE following report of the Committee on Plantation of Churches referred to in the Synod Minutes is transcribed from a manuscript preserved in the Teind Office in Edinburgh. It was formerly in possession of the Synod, but, according to the old statistical account of the parish of Inveraray, it was deposited in the Teind Office shortly before 1792 in consequence of an order of the Court of Session. It was not in the possession of the Synod in 1778, as in August of that year the various ministers were recommended to search for any extracts in their possession and transmit them to the clerk, but it was probably recovered shortly after that date.

In terms of the Act appointing the Committee, which is prefixed to their report, John Yuill, writer in Inveraray, had been appointed their clerk, his fees being met out of the Synod funds. The Committee, according to their report, met on 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 16th December 1650, and on 15th April and 5th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 26th and 27th December 1651, but the statement of their proceedings was not put into its present form till shortly before the Synod of October 1655. It had then to be given to the Marquis of Argyll to be authenticated by the signatures of a quorum of the Committee, and apparently came back again into Yuill's possession, as in December 1690 Robert Duncanson and John Maclaurin (the minister of Kilmodan) found it at Darleith among his papers, and the Synod on their report took the necessary steps to obtain it from his representatives.

As will be noted from the Act, the proceedings of the Committee were to be reported to Parliament with a view to their ratification, but in the circumstances of the time this was not found possible, and accordingly the decreets

only became operative in cases where the parties interested acquiesced in the Committee's determinations, as a number of them did. Scott's *Fasti* has several references which give the impression that the decreets had been duly ratified and had been annulled by the Act Rescissory of 1661. This is not the case, as the Act Rescissory dealt only with the Parliaments from 1640 to 1648, and the prior Act annulling the Parliament and Committees of 1649 expressly declares that, notwithstanding the repeal, all Acts, decreets and sentences pronounced and given forth by the Commissioners for Plantation of Kirks are to stand valid in time coming, except such as upon the complaint of any party shall be found to have been unjustly or exorbitantly pronounced and decerned.

Part of the Teind Office manuscript is badly worn at the edges. Where this has affected the text, the words or letters supplied are shown within square brackets.

Communica-
tion Anent
Parishes
(Argyle)
1649-51.

At Edinburghe the tuentie ane day of Junii imv^{ic} and fourtie nyne yeires, the Estaites of parliament taking to ther consideratioune that part of the Supplicatioune given in to them in name of the province of Argyll, maikand mentioune of the great hinderance of the progres of the gospell and work of reformatioun in these partes be reason of the unioun of kirks and the larg extent of severall paroches and of the far distance of mony lands from their owne parochie kirk, being much neirer to other kirks, and that in their provinciall meitings for remeid heirof they have resolved on severall good overtoures for disuniting of kirks, dismembring of paroches and erecting of new kirks also represented be them to the saids Estaites of parliament, And in respect it will be great and extraordinarie charges and expensis for all pairties having entrese in this mater to repair to the brugh of Edinburghe, and that in regard of their great sufferings and losse they are not able to attend thereupon befor the commissioners of parliament appoynted for the plantatioune of kirks, Tharfor humblie craving a comissioun to the personis efter named for proceeding in the said mater at home as the

said supplicatioune mair fuly proportis, Whilk supplicatioune and overtoures above writen presented therewith being at lenth heard, sein and considerit by the saids Estaites, the saids Estaites of parliament have given and granted, and be their presents gives and grants, full power and comissionne to My Lord Marqueise of Argyll, James Campbell of Arkinlaes, Coline Campbell of Straghur, Ard: Campbell of Ottir, Duncan Campbell of Helengreig, S^r Robert Montgomerie of Skellmurly, Robert Campbell of Achawilling, Hector Bannatyne of Kames, John Campbell Drumsynie, Alex^r Campbell, baylie of Glendarowall, Neil Campbell of Duntrune, Alex^r Campbell of Pennymor, George Campbell, Sherriff deput of Argyll, Donnald Moriesoune, proveist of Inneraray, William Loudoune, baylee ther, Duncan Campbell, baylee deput of Knapdail, Hector McAlaster of Loupe, James Campbell of Ormsay, John Campbell, bayley of Kileslet, Mr Duggall Campbell of Lagg, Archbald Campbell of Craigneis, Coleine Campbell of Lochnell, Archbald Campbell of Dounstafneis, Mr Donald Campbell of Achinard, Coline Campbell of Ardin-tcinie, Coline Campbell of Mochastell, Malcolm Makneil in Dararachane, Neal McNeil in Carskey, or any sewvine of them, to conveine and meitt within the brugh of Inneraray or any other comodious and convenient place or places within the bounds of the said province of Argyll at such tymes and dyetts as they shall think expedient, and to tak tryall and cognishon of the forsaid overtoures past in the said provinciall meittings, and upon these or any others just and lauffull ground to be presented befor them to proceed in the said disunione of kirks, dismembiring of paroches, errecting of new kirks in large paroches, disjoyning of lands far distant fra ther owne paroches and adjoyne the same to the neirest paroch kirks, and provyding and appoynting of stipends to the severall kirks, And for the better discharge of this comissionne to tak exact tryell of the trew worthe of the rents of the lands and teyndes, as weell personadge as viccaradge, as weell not valued as valued, within the province of Argyll, And to this effect with power to the saids commissioners, or

any quorum of them, to hold courts and meittings als often as they please, and to direct out sumounds for ceiting and warning all pairties, viz., heretors, tytullars, takismen, parocheners and others haiving entrese befor them at such dayes and dyetts as they shall appoynt and afix, and for summoning of witnesses and to give their oathes and depositions, and to use all maner of probatioune compitent and doe every thing thereanent for trying and cleiring of the said trew worth of the saidis lands and teyndis siclyke and in the same maner as if never any valuatioune of the saids lands had preceedit at any tym heir befor, And to appoynt and afix dayes and dyetts and places of mciting whilks the saids Estaites of parliament ordaines all pairties and witnesses wha shall be ceitted to attend and to declair thereanent as the commissioners or their quorum shall requyre them, And after tryell to modifie and appoynt such stipends to be payed to the ministers in the severall paroches within the saids province as the teyndis will bear and the standing lawes of this kingdome does allow, With power to the saids commissioners, or any quorum of them, to choyse their owne officers and members of court (except a clerk who is to be appoynted be the Lord Register), and generally with power to the saids commissioners or any quorum of them, to doe and performe all other things requisite and necessar in the said matter conforme to the lawes of the kingdome, They all wayes being comtable to the Estaites of parliament or their commissioners appoynted or to be appoynted for plantatioune for the faithfullness in the discharge of this commissioun, and reporting their haill proceedings in writ under the hands of their quorum and clerk to the saids Estaites of parliament or their commissioners forsaid to the effect the samyen may be approven and receaue the strenth of law, And ordanes George Campbell, shreff deput, to be conveiner to the first meitting of the said commissioners, And this present commissioun is appoynted to endure untill the last day of December 1651 yeires.

Extract furth of the records and Acts of parliament be

me, Sir Archibald Johnstounc of Waristounc, knyght, clerk of his highnes registre, counsall and rollis under my signe and subscriptione manuell.

A. JHONSTON, Cls Regre.

Followes Ane Report of the diligens be the commissioners of parliament appoynted for] Plantatioune of Kirks within the Province [of] Argyll In order to the co[mmission] and power granted to them be the parl[iament] in for that effect to be approved and allowed be them.

At Inveraray the 27 December 1651.

Whilk day the saids commissioneres considering that a pairt of the paroachynes of Inschayll and Kildachrenane doe lye on boith the sydes of Lochaw and that the places whair the kirks ar ar not centricall, Thairfoir the saids commission[ars] have ordaineit for the eas of the paroachyneres that on[e] be buildcit on the east syid of Lochawe upone the lands of Coulq[uerelane] for all the lands of Kilda-
boith the saides paroaches that ar on the [east syid] of chrenan.
Lochaw, consy sting betuixt the water of Belloche and the ma[rch] of Auchalein, And that the lands of Auchalein whilks were forme[rly] annexat to Inschayll be now annexat to the kirk of Clachandy[sart], And that instead of Kildachrenan thair be ane new kirk biggit [on] the ground and lands of Innerinan cister for all the lands of boith the saids paroaches that are on the west syid of Lochaw except the [lands of] Ichterachin and Phanands, whilk ar annexat to the kirk of Kil[dachrenan] lyand [m]ost ewest thereto, And the saids Commissioners disolves [the] vni[one] of the kirks of Clachandysart and Inschayll, Inschayll.
And it is [ordeineit] that the teyndis of the lands foirsaidis dismemberit fra Inschayll, [Clachan]dysart and Killespickerrill shall be lyabill in peyment of the stipend [they] modifie to the minister syrveing the new kirk to be biggit at Coul[querelane], whiche is instead of Inschayll.

5 December 1651.

The saids commissioneares modefies for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at the said new erected kirk of Coulquerelane fyve chalders oatmeall and ane hundreth marks money with twentie pundis for [the] communione elements, to be payed out of the first and readiest of the [persona]ge and viccarage of the old paroachyne of Inschayll of the forsaidis lands dismemberit from it and annexat [to] Killespickerrill and Clachandysart, being a pairt thereof, And it is declaireit that the supperplus of the teyndis of the paroach of Inschayll attour the foirsaid stipend shal be resyrved as of that quarter of the teyndis of the said paroach whereof the lord Marques of Argyll is patrone, And the minister is to have his mans and gleib in the most convenient place neir the kirk on the charges of the paroachyne.

Item, Considering that the present stipend of Kildachrenan, whilk is now appoynted to be transported to Innerinan, is thrie chalders victuall and twa hundreth pundis money, they have augmentit thereto ane chalder more and appoynted for the communione elements twentie pundis, swa that the hail stipend now is foure chalders meall and twa hundreth pundis money to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teyndis of the old paroache of Kildachrenan, the hail teyndis of the bishops quarter thereof being allocat to the minister *primo loco* and the rest of the stipend to be payed out of the first and readiest of the other thre quarters of the said paroache, And the minister is to have his mans and gleb at Innerinan, for the whilk Glenorquhy, wha is heretor thereof, is to have the old mans and gleb at Kildachrenane, or the worth of the new gleb at his optione, fra the paroachynares of the new erected kirk.

At Inveraray the 12 Deccember 1650.

Whilk day the saides commissioneares have ordaincit the kirks of Killespickerrill and Ardchattan to be seperat and

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syrveit as twa severall cures in tyme comeing, As also they have ordaineit that thair be ane new kirk buildeit on the water mouth of Kinglas, or any other comodious pairt thereabout, as the visitatione fra the presbyterie of Kilmoir shall appoynt, for the ease of a pairt of the paroachynares of Ardechattan, viz., the people of Gleneative, Glenkinglas, the twa syids of Locheative and the east syid of Croachan, to be syrveit by the minister of Ardechattane ilk thrid sabbath day.

Item, they have ordaineit that the constant locall stipend of Killespickerrill be foure chalders victuall and thrie hundredth threcoir marks Scots money with fourtie marks ^{Killes-} _{[pickerill].} for furneshing of the comunione elements yerlie and ane sufficient mans and gleeb.

Item, they have ordaineit that the locall stipend of Ardechattane be foure chalders victuall and four [hundredth] merks money with fourtie marks for the comunione elements yerlie and a sufficient mans and gleb, and Mr Ard mcCalman, minister, Johne Campbell of Ardechattane [and] Dougall Campbell of Innerraw, being present, acquiesces [to the premiss].

5 December 1651.

The commissioners approves the localitie gevin in for the stipend of Killespickerrill and ordanes it to be insyrt in the decret.

27 December 1651.

The saids commissioners appoyntes the stipend of Ard[chattane to] be payed out of the first and readiest of the teyndis of thes [lands in] Ballevedan whilk wes in use to pay the ministers stipend of [before].

eodem die.

The saids commissioners, finding that Mr Donald mc[Cloy], minister at Kilmoden, his present stipend is Kilmoden. foure chalders victuall [and] twa hundredth ten marks

money with the burden of the commun[ione] elementis, they have augmentit to the foirsaid stipend . . . boills meall, and foure boills beare, And so the said locall stip[end] is appoynted to extend in all yerlie to fyve chalders foure boills meall, foure boills beare, with twa hundreth marks Scots money, And modefies for the commun[ione] elements foure boills meall, And [appoyntes] the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleebe, And the saids commiss[iónares] dismembers the lands of Tawniche fra the kirk of Innerchelane and annexis the same to the said kirk of Kilmoden, as lyeing more ewest thereto.

5 December 1651.

The commissionares ordaines the ministers stipend to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teynds, personage and viccarage, of the said paroache of Kilmoden, the bishops quarter being exceptit be reassone of the burden that lyes on the bishops quarter for the stipend of Downoone.

At Inveraray the 13 December 1650.

Lochgoils-
head.

Whilk day the saids commissionares have separat [and] dissolved the vnione of the kirks of Lochgoilshead, Kilmoriche and Kilmaglas, and have appoynted the samen to be thrie distin[et] paroaches in tyme comeing, And that the bounds and lands lybellit d . . . be the presbyterie of Downoone be the paroache of Lochgoilshead, And that the lands betuixt Auchintra inclusive and the head of Lochfyne, includeing Glenfyne and the east syid of Lochfyne lybellit to [St] Catherenis exclusive be the paroache of Kilmorich, And that the lands fra St. Catherenis inclusive, all Straquhir, with the lan[ds of] Coyliche, Craigbreck, Illanchoker and Stuk in the paroaches [of Kilmun] and Downoone, whilk ar dismemberit therefra, be annexat to Kil[maglas], As also they have disjoyned the kirk of Kilmorie Strathlauchlane fra the kirk of Innerchelane and annexat [the] samen to the kirk of Kilmaglas, to be erected

Kilmaglas.

in ane distinct [cure] and syrvet by ane minister, And they have dismembrit the lands of Glenshiro fra the paroach of Kilmorich and annexat the samen to the hieland con- Kilmorich.
gregatioune at Inveraray.

Item, the saids commissioners have appoynted that the stipend [of] Lochgoilshead be foure chalders victuall and foure hundreth marks money to be payed as followes, viz., In the first the baill [teynd] great and small of the lands of that whilk is now the paroach of Lochgoilshead.

Item, the teynd great and small of the Laird of Ardkinglas his lands annexat to Kilmorie except twentie thrie bolls half boill meall, and the rest to be payabill out of the lands of Straquhir to be particularlie condiseidit on, And modefies for the communione elementis of Lochgoilshead thrie boills half boill meall of the saids twentie thrie boills half boill, And this kirk of Lochgoilshead to have a sufficient mans and gleeb.

Item, they have modefied for the stipend of the united kirks of Kilmaglas and Kilmorrie foure chalders meall and thre hundreth marks money to be payed as followes, viz., The haill teynd of Kilmorrie in Strath, extending to fourtie nyne boills twa firlots meall and ane hundreth sex merks money, and the rest to be payabill out of Straquhir to be particularlie condiscendit on, And modefies for the communione elementis twentie foure pundis, And the minister to have his mans and gleeb at Kilmaglas to be provyidit on the expenses and charges of the said united paroaches according to their rentis.

Item, they modefie for the stipend of Kilmoriche foure chalders thretein boills meall and ane hundreth pundis money to be payed as followes, viz., Twentie boills out of the Laird of Ardkinglas his lands annexat to the said paroache, and the rest out of the old paroache of Kilmorich (the teynd of that quarter whilk belonged to the bishop being exceptit), And modefies thrie boills meall for the communione elements, And appoyntes the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleeb at Kilmorich. And Mr Coline McLauchlane, minister, being present, acquiesces to the premissis.

5 December 1651.

The commissionares approves the localitie of Lochgoils-head with this alteratione, that the twelf boills half boills meall payabill out of Ardkinglas lands on this syid of Lochfyne shal be deducet for sex scoir fyve marks to be payed to the minister and twentie pundis to be payed for the communione elements, And allowes the localitie of Kilmaglas and Kilmoriche as they are gevin in, reserving the bishops quarter of Kilmoriche.

eodem die.

The saides commissionars have decerneit and ordaineit that thair be thrie several paroache kirks in Glastrie, viz., [Kil]michell. The kirk of Kilmichell that now is, one, And ane new kirk [in G]lastrie. to be erected on this syid of Lochfyne upone the ground and lands of the Nethir towne of Gortenraniche upone the litle know besyid ane old Kilnestrur as the fittest place for bigging of the said kirk upone, according to the report of the visitatione fra the presbyterie of Inveraray maid thereanent, And the kirk of Kilnuyere to be buildeit, unto the whilk new kirk of Kilnuyer thair is to be annexat the lands following lyeing within the paroachyn of Kilmarten whilks ar dismembrit therefra, viz., Twa Torranes, Twa Innerlivers, Arenachten Ar[i]chamis and Dowchra, And there is also dismembrit fra Kilmerten [and] annexat to the said new kirk on Lochfynsyid, Gortenranich, Min[art], Twines, Twa Ardachastille and Kilmichelbeg, And dismembe[rs] the lands of twa Shirwanes fra the kirk of Kilmichell and annexes the samen to the kirk of Kilmarten.

Item, they modefie for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at Kilmichell sex chalders victuall and twa hundreth marks money with fourtie marks for the communione elementis, And the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleb conforme to the act of parliament.

Item, they modefie for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at th[e] new kirk to be erected at Lochfynsyid

fyve chalder victuall and twa hundreth marks money to be payed as followes, viz., The haill teynds of the said new erected paroach except the lands dismemberit fra Kilmarten, whilks lands shall pay of this stipend threscoir ten marks, and the rest to be takine out of the paroach of Kilmichell with twentie pundis for furneshing the comunione elements, And this kirk to have a sufficient mans and gleeb within a quarter of a myle thereto.

Item, they modifie for the stipend of Kilnuyer fyve chalder victuall and twa hundreth marks money to be payed as follows, viz., Out of the lands that ar dismembret fra Kilmarten and annexat to this kirk twentie twa boills meall, Item, the haill teyndis [of] this new erected paroach, and the rest to be takin out of the paroach of Kilmichell, And modiefies twentie pundis money for the comm[unione] elementis, And the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleb. And becaus the foirsaidis lands that ar dismembret fra Kilmarten and annexat to Kilnuyer payes twentie twa boills of the stipend of Kilnuyer, thairfoir it is ordaineit that the teyndis of twa Shirwanes that ar dismembret fra Kilmichell and annexat to Kilmarten, being nyntein boills meall and ellevine pundis money, shal be payed to the minister of Kilmarten as a pairt of his stipend.

And Mr Ard mcallome, minister, being present acquieses to the premiss.

eodem die.

The saides commissionares have dismembret and disjoyned Appyne and Durror fra Kilmaluag in Lismoir, as Kilmaluag. also Glencoan fra the kirk of Illanmoune, to be erected a new paroach to be bigged at Kilcallumkill in Durror, And ordaines the Ile of Lismoir with the lands of Kengerloch to remaine a distinct paroach, and the kirk to be where it is or to be removed fra Kilmaluag to the most centricall place of the paroache, And it is recomendeit to the presbyterie of Kilmoir to appoynt a visitatione for the bounds of the said paroache and to condiscend whether the kirk shall stand where it is or be removed, and to report their diligence at the nixt dyet.

Item, they have modified to the minister syrveing the cure at Lismoir of stipend fyve chalder meall, twa chalders bear and ane hundreth marks money with fourtie marks to the communione elements and a sufficient mans and gleeb.

Item, they modifie for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at the said new kirk to be erected at Kilcollumkill in Durror fyve chalders meall and thrie hundreth marks money with fyiftie marks for the communione elements, And appoyntes a sufficient mans and gleb to the said kirk. And Mr. Ard Reid, minister, being present, acquiesces to the premiss.

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Kilcollum-
kill.

The commissioneris, having sein the report of the presbitrie of Kilmoir beareing that the kirk should stand *sicut antea*, doe approve of the samen, and they ordaine the ministers stipends of Kilmaluag and Kilcollumkill to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teynds of baith the saids paroaches respective.

At Inveraray the 14 December 1650.

Kilchattan.

The saids commissioneris finding that thair is not man-
teanance for twa ministers in the paroache of Kilchattan
in Loyng and Kilbrandane in Seyll, thairfoir they have
ordaineit that thes kirks remaine unite as befoir to be
syrveit undir ane cure *alternatis vicibus*, and have unite
the Iles of Skarba, Lunga with the small Iles thereof, and
the Iles of Garvellan, Downchonell, Illachuanive and
Coulbrannan to the said kirk of Kilchattan in Loyng to
remaine a pairt of the paroache thereof in all tyme comeing,
And they have modified for a constant stipend to the
minister syrveing the cure at the saids kirks fyve chalders
victuall and twa hundreth marks money with twentie
punds for furneshing of the communione elementis to be
payed as folloues, viz., Fourtie bolls meall and ane hundreth
marks money out of the teynds of Kilbrandane paroach
and the remanent of the said stipend, extending to fourtie

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brandane.

boills meall and ane hundreth marks money, out of the paroache of Kilchattane, and the twentie pundis for the elements to be payed out of the said paroache of Kilchattane becaus of the small Iles annexat thereto, And declairs that the lands of Deggencis and Kilchoan shal be dismemberit fra Kilbrand[ane] and annexat to the kirk of Kilmelphort conforme to the act underwritten and the minister is to brook the mans and gleb of Kilbrandane.

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Appoyntes the stipend of the saids twa kirks to be payed out of the thre quarters of boith the saids kirks respective and proportionallie, exceptand the bishops quarters, [And] Iff the thrie quarters of boith the kirks mak not up the stipend that the minister have what wil be wanting thereof out of the bishops quarter where the lands a[re] . . . fullie possest and payes the valuatione.

eodem die.

The saides commissionares have ordaineit the kirks of Kilninver and Kilmelphort to be separat and disjoyned, Kilninver. and appoyntes them to be twa severall distinct cures, And dismembe[rs] the lands of Deggencis and Kilchoan fra Kilbrandan, and annexis the samen to Kilmelphort as being most ewest thereto, As als dismembers the lands followeing in the brae of Lorne, viz., Blair, Correlorne, Errerig, Inyng, Cluchriche, Pollandwiche, Drumnashelg and Blairinedin, fra the kirk of Kilnynvar and annexis the samen to the kirk of Kilmelphort as being more neir Kilmelphort. and ewest thereto, And they modefie for a constant stipend to the minister at Kilnynvar fyve chalders meall and twa hundreth marks money out of the readiest of the teyndis of the paroach with twentie pundis for the communion elements with a sufficient mans and gleb.

Lyikeas they modefie for a constant stipend to the minister syrveing at Kilmelphort the hail teyndis of the old paroache of Melphort with the teyndis of Deggencis and

Kilchoan and the teynds of the lands of the brae of Lorne in swa far as shall not be exhausted be the stipend of Kilnynvar, Reserveing twentie pundis out of the teynds of Kilmelphort for the communione elementis at Kilmelphort, And the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleeb at Kilmelphort. And Mr Johne mc Lauchlane, minister, being present, acquiesces to the premissis.

5 December 1651.

At Inveraray the 16 December 1650.

Kilfinan.

The saids commissionares ordaines ane new kirk to be erected on Dalnamein upone the ground and lands of Auchageyll, whilk sometyme pertained to the gudman of Stelag, within the paroache of Kilfinan, And dismembers the lands lybellit contained in the summons fra the paroachyn of Kilfinan and annexis the samen to the said kirk to be erected as said is, And that becaus by a visitatione fra the presbyterie of Dow[noone] the foirsaid place wes designeit for the said new kirk, as Mr Coline mc Lauchlane wha wes ane of the visitors judiciallic declaired, And recomends to the said presbyterie of Downone to consider iff thair be any more lands in the said paroache of Kilfinan that ly nerer to the said kirk to be erected that the samen may be annexat thereto, And they modifie for a stipend to Mr James Campbell and his successors, ministers at Kilfinan, fyve chalders meall and twa hundreth marks with twentie pundis for the communione elementis and a sufficient mans and gleeb.

And they doe also modifie for a stipend to the new kirk to be erected fyve chalders victuall and twa hundreth marks with twentie pundis for the communione elements and a sufficient mans and gleeb, And when the localitie of the foirsaid stipends shal be gevin in and condiscendeit on it is ordaineit that the supperplus of the teynds of the

saidis two paroaches shall pertaine to the laird of Ottar as a pairt of that quarter of the teyndis of Kilfinan whervnto he hes right and whiche wes commounlie called the Archdeans quarter, And dismembers Ewnochan fra Kilmorie in Strath and annexes the samen to the kirk of Kilfinan as being most ewest thereto and becaus of the laird of Ottar heretor thereof his desyre and the overtures of the presbyterie, Resyrveing alwayes the haille teyndis of the said lands of Ewnochan to be payed to the minister of Kilmorie as a pairt of his stipend according to the former act.

11 December 1651.

The saidis commissionares approves the localities of Kilfinan and the new erected kirk as they are gevin in, and ordaines them to be insyrt in the decretit. But prejudice to Mr James Campbell to brook his present localitie till the other kirk be planted.

eodem die.

The saidis commissionares finding that Mr Donald Campbell, minister at Kilmarten, his present stipend is foure ^{Kilmarten.} chalders and ane half of victuall and twa hundreth marks money, they have augmentit thereto ane chalder meall to be payed out of the lands of Shirwanes, whilk ar dismembrit fra the paroache of Kilnichell and annexat to the said kirk of Kilmarten, swa that the stipend of the minister, syrveing the cure at Kilmerten wil be yerlie in tyme comeing fyve chalders half chalder of victuall and twa hundreth marks money, And modiefies for the comunione elements thrie boills meall and ellevine punds money, being the rest of the teyndis of Shirwans, And the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleebe, And dismembers the chappell lands of Kilmachumak fra Kilmerten and annexes the samen to the kirk of Kilnichell Innerlussay, And ordanes with my lord Marquess teyndis thereat (except vii boills half boill victuall) to help to pay the stipend at Kilnichell Innerlussay so far as wer condiscendit on.

At Inveraray 10 December 1650.

Glenelg.

The saides commissionares finding that the present stipend payabill to Mr Allane Clark, minister at Glenelg and Knoydart, is eight hundreth marks money, and considering the largenes of thes twa paroaches and the dues of the boundes and dificultie of the passadge betuixt the twa kirks and the charge the minister hes, they have modiefied as a constant locall stipend to thes twa kirks foure hundreth pundis Scots money and thrie chalders meall with ane chalder beare, And for furneshing of the communione elementis at thes two kirks fytein [punds], with a sufficient mans and gleeb, And the localitie is ap-
poynted to be condiscendeit on and gevin in herefter.

5 December 1651.

The commissionares appoyntes the twa pairt of the stipend and the twa pairt of the money for the elements to be payed out of Glenelg and the thrid pairt out of Knoydart, and ordaines the decretit to be extractit be the clerk and sent to the minister and to begin the payment of his augmentatione at Martimes 1652.

16 December 1650.

Kilmichell.
Innerlussay.

The saides commissionares disvnites Kilmichell Innerlussay and Kilmakocharmick and ordaines them to be syrveit as twa distinct cures and paroaches in tyme-coming, And dismemberis the lands of the brae of Kyillesleatt, viz., beneath the water of Dowchassie, fra the kirk of Knapdaill and annexs the samen to the kirk of Kilberrie to remaine a pairt of the paroache thereof in all tyme-coming, And als dismembers all the lands of the said paroachynes of Kilmakocharmick and Kilmichell Innerlussay whilk ar besouth Strondo^r fra the said paroaches and annexes the samen to the new kirk craved be the overtures of the synod to be erected at Tarbert, And they modefie for the stipend of Kilmakocharmick fyve chalder

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charmick.

victuall and foure hundreth marks money with twentie punds for the communione elements and a sufficient mans and gleb, Lyikeas they modefie for a stipend to the kirk of Kilmichell Innerlussay sex chalders victuall, whereof twentie boills bear and the rest of meall, with twa hundreth marks money, And for the communione elementis tuentie punds, with a sufficient mans and gleeb.

11 December 1651.

The commissionares ordaines the said twa stipends to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teyndis of baith the paroaches.

At Inveraray the 15 Aprill 1651 yeires.

The said commissionares haveing considerit the hail reassones of the presbyterie of Kilmoir and of the paroach- Kilmoir. ynars of Kilmoir and Kilbryid with the opinione of the provinciall assemblie anent the plantatioune of thes twa kirks, it is ordaineit that instead of both thair be ane new kirk buildeit at Oban to be called the kirk of Oban, And they modefie for a constant locall stipend for the minister syrveing the cure at the said new kirk fyve chalders victuall and fyve hundreth merks money to be payed out of the teyndis of the said twa paroachynes, the divisione and localitie whereof is continowed till the minister and thes have and right to the teyndis may be hard at the nixt dyet, And ordaines a mans and gleb to be designeit and provideit for the said minister at Oban hard by the kirk als sufficient as the present mans and gleb whiche he possesst at Kilmoir, And modefies for the communione elements yerlie fourtie punds. It is alwayes declaireit, becaus of Mr Micoll mc Calman, present minister at Kilmoir, his age and that he hes alwayes resideit at Kilmoir, that it shal be at his optione to dwell thair and possess the mans and gleb as he hes done formerlie dureing all the dayes of his lyfytyme or to remove to the mans and gleb to be designeit at Oban.

27 December 1651.

The commissioners appoyntes the localitie of the said stipend to be as folloues, viz., The fyve chalders victuall to be payed out of the lands and Ile of Kerrora, the lands of Twa Downwilloches, Twa Gallaniches, Sorroba, Glenanshellach and Colgin with the pertinents, And the money as follouis, viz., The haille viccarage and small teyndes of the old paroachyne of Kilbryd, extending to ane hundreth thriescoir pundis eight shillings and the sowme of ane hundreth thriescoir twelf pundis eightein shillings 8d. to compleit the said fyve hundreth marks, out of the teyndes of the old paroache of Kilmoir as follouis, viz., out of the first and readiest of the teyndes of the thre quarter of Kilmoir whilk wer formerlie in use to pay a pairt of the ministers stipend, And the fourtie pundis for the elements to be payed out of the readiest of the teyndes of the said thre quarters of Kilmoir.

At Inveraray the 10 December 1651.

Kilberrie.

The saides commissionaris dissolves the unione of Kilcalmanell and Kilberrie and ordaines the chapell of Skipnyche to be repaired for the eas of that pairt of the paroachyne of Kilcalmanell, and a kirk to be bigged at Tarbert for the eas of thes of the paroachyne of Kilberrie adjacent thereto, And repeatts the dismembring of the lands of the brae of Kylesleat fra Kilmakocharmick to the kirk of Kilberrie and also the lands besouth Strondo^r to the kirk at Tarbert, And als dismembers the lands lybellit fra Kilcalmanell to the said kirk of Tarbert with the lands of Cur and Sunodill and other lands lybellit fra Killeen to the chappell of Skipnych.

And modifies for a constant locall stipend for the minister syrveing the cure at Kilberrie and Tarbert foure chalders of victuall, whereof a chalder of beare, and foure hundreth marks money, And the victuall and money to be payed as folloues, viz., Thereof fourtie boills victuall, whereof xxx boills meall and x lb beare, out of the first

and readiest of the teynds of the old paroache of Kilberrie, and xxiiij boills victuall, whereof sex boills beare, out of the lands followeing dismembreit fra Kilmakocharmick and annexat to Kilberrie, viz., Ormsarie, Auchata[melen], Barlongart, Clachbrek and Kilmaluag, And the iiiij^c marks as folloues, viz., Twa hundreth merkis, being the half thereof, out of the readiest of the teynds of the old paroache of Kylesleatt, and the other half out of the readiest of the teynds great and small of Barreiffragan, Shangart and Drumdreissag and out of the small teynds of the said lands of Ormsarie, Auchatamelen, Barinlongart, Clachbrek and Kilmaluag and out of the readiest of the teynds of Aishen and Barmoir, And modiefies for the comunione elements tuentie pundis money to be payed out of the readiest of the teynds of the old paroache of Kilberrie, And appoyntes a sufficient mans and glebe to the minister hard by the kirk on the lands of Kilberrie.

Item, they modiefie for a stipend to Kilculmanell and Skipnych four chalders of meall and thrie hundreth merkis to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teynds of the said paroache, And modiefies for the comunione elements tuentie pundis And a sufficient mans and glebe besyid Kilculmanell on the lands of Ballenakill. Kilculmanell.

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At Inveraray the 11 December 1651.

The said commissionares haveing formerlie dissolved the unione of Clachandysart and Inschayll and ordaineit Clachandysart to be a distinct cure by it self to be syrveit be one minister, they now modiefie for a constant locall stipend to the said minister syrveing the cure at Clachandysart four chalders meall and thrie hundreth marks money with twentie pundis for the comunione elements, to be payed out of the readiest of the teynds of Glenurquhy and Glenstrae, And appoyntes a sufficient mans and glebe to the kirk where it is, Resyrveing the teyndes of Catteneis out of the said stipend. Clachandysart.

At Inveraray the 26 December 1651.

The said commissionares appoyntes ane new kirk to be buildeit on the grund and lands of Kilbryd besyid Duneveg in Illa, and that the twa old paroaches of Kildaltan and Kilnachten be the paroache of the said new kirk, whilk they dismember fra Killorow and Kilchoman and annexes the samen to the said new kirk, and ordaines the said twa paroaches of Killorow and Kilchoman to stand as twa distinct cures as they wer of befoir. And dissolves the unione of the Iles of Gyga, Jura and Collonsay, and annexes Gyga to the Kirk of Killean in Kintyre and Jura to the said new kirk of Kilbryd in Illa, and Collonsay and Oronsay to the said kirk of Kilchoman thair.

And modifies for a constant locall stipend to ilk ane of the saids thrie kirks sex hundreth merks money and thrie chalders victuall, whereof twa pairt meall and thrid pairt beare, with sufficient manses and glebe at the kirks in Illa, And modifies for the communione elements to the Kirk of Killorow xx lb and to the kirk of Kilbryd, whervnto Jura is annexed, fourtie marks, and to the kirk of Kilchoman fourtie marks, And the saids hail stipends and money for the elements ar appoynted to be payed as folloues, viz., The hail stipend of Killorrew and money for the elements to be payed out of the readiest of the teinds of the paroache, And thrie chalder of victuall and thrie hundreth marks of the stipend of Kilbryd with xx lb of the money for the communione elements thereof to be payed out of the readiest of the teyndys of that paroache, And the remanent of the said stipend, being thrie hundreth marks and ten marks to compleit the communione elements, to be payed out of the readiest of the teyndys of Jura, And thrie chalders victuall and foure hundreth marks of the stipend of Kilchoman with twentie pundys of the money for the communione ele[mentis] to be payed out of the teyndys of Illa, And the remanent of the said stipend, being twa hundreth marks money and ten marks of the money to compleit the elements, to be payed out of the teyndys of Collonsay, And it is appoynted that the ministers

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Collonsay.

of Kilbryd and Kilchoman shall syrve Jura and Collonsay in maner followeing, viz., The minister of Kilbryd shall syrve Jura *per vices* with Kilbryd betuixt the elevint of Marche and the elevint of September, and betuixt the elevint of September and the elevint of Marche to syrve Jura ilk thrid Sabath, and the minister of Kilchoman to syrve in the same maner Collonsay and Oronsay.

eodem die.

The saides commissionares considereing the largeness of the bounds of the paroache of Kilmorie in Arran, being ^{Arran.} neir 24 myles of lenth, have ordaineit a new kirk to be erected besyid Lochransay upone the ground of the lands of within that paroache for all the lands betuixt the water of Irsay and the northend of Arran, And dismembers the lands perteing to the laird of Skelmuirlic within Kilbryd fra that paroach and annexes the samen to the said new kirk, And appoyntes the said kirk of Kilmorie and the said new kirk erected at Lochransay to be syrveit *per vices*, And ordaines for the minister syrveing the cure at the said twa united kirks fyve chalders victuall, whereof twentie foure bolls beare, and the sowme of foure hundreth marks money to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teynds of the saids unite paroaches, And modefies for the communione elements fourtie marks Scots money to be also payed out of the saids teynds, And ordaines the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleeb at Kilmorie, And modifies for a stipend to the minister of Kilbryd in Arrane fyve chalders victuall of the qualite forsaid and foure hundreth marks to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teynds of the said paroache, And modefies for the communione elements fourtie marks to be also payed out of the saids teynds, And ordaines a sufficient mans and gleeb to the minister.

eodem die.

The saides commissionares ordaines ane new kirk to be buildeit in the most convenient place neir Kewpprochan

Kintyre. or Brakled in South Kintyre for all the lands within the old paroachynes of Gilblaane and Kilcolmekill and for all the lands of thes paroachynes of Kilchevan and Kilcheen in South Kintyre whilk ar planted with hieland men, And modefies for a stipend to this kirk foure chalders victual, whereof thrid pairt beare and twa pairt meall, and foure hundreth marks money with twentie pundis for the comunione elements to be payed out of the teyndis of the said paroache, And appoyntes the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleb besyid the kirk, And disolves the unione of the saids kirks of Kilcolmekill, Kilchevan and Kilblaane, And als the saids commissionares disolves the vnione of the kirk of Kilchevan, Kilmichell, Kilcheen and Kilchusland, and ordanes the kirk of Lochhead to be the paroache of the samen, And modefies for a stipend thereto foure chalders victuall, twa pairt meall thrid pairt beare, and fyve hundreth marks money with fourtie marks for the comunione elementis with a sufficient mans and gleb, And annexes thereto suche of the lands of Skerchanzie as shal be thocht most ewest thereto.

Kilcolmekill.
Lochhead paroache.

Saddell. And disolves the unione of the Kirks of Saddill, Killean and Skerchanzie, and appoyntes a new kirk to be bigged in some convenient place in or about Glenlussa for the lands of the paroache of Saddill and suche lands of the paroachynes of Killean, Kilchenzie and Kilcheen as shal be f[ound] convenient to be joynd thereto, And modefies for a stipend to this kirk foure chalders victuall of the qualitie foirsaid and foure hundredth marks money with twentie pundis for the comunione elements, and the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleb.

Killean. And ordaines the kirk of Killean to be translated to Mongastell or some place thereabout as shal be thocht most convenient, whereunto the Ile of Gyga and Cara is annexed, And modefies for a stipend to this new kirk and Gyga and Cara foure chalders victuall of the qualitie foirsaid and foure hundreth marks money with twentie pundis for the comunione elements and a sufficient mans and gleb to the minister at the new kirk, And thair is to be payed of the said stipend out of the Ile of Gyga twentie

boills meall and twelff boills beare and ane hundreth marks money.

And it is appoynted that the places appoynted for the saids kirks in South and North Kintyre and the lands to be joynd to eache of them shal be done by a visitatione fra the synod of Argyll or presbyteric of Kintyre by the advyce of the gentlemen and inhabitants of the respective paroaches befoirmentionnat, and as they shall report the decreits to be filled up accordinglie, And it is declaired that the manses and glebs appoynted at the saids kirks shal be in satisfacione of the severall manses and glebs whilks they had befoir at the saids severall kirks when they wer unite and ar now disjoynd, And that the heretors wha provyids the new glebs and manses shall in recompence thereof have right to the old glebs and manses.

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At Inveraray the 27 December 1651.

The saides commissionares ordaines that thair be twa severall paroache kirks in Lochaber, viz., the kirk of Lochaber. Kilmalzie one and the kirk of Kilmanevag the other, and boith to stand *sicut antea*, And ordaines a kirk to be bigged on the lands of Kilfinan in Auchadromi to be syrveit *per vices* with the said kirk of Kilmanevag, And dismembers the lands of Glengarie and Auchadrome fra the kirk of Kilmalzie and annexes the samen to the said new kirk of Kilfinan, As als dismembers fra [the] paroache of Kilmanevag the lands of Gargaviche, Geneves and twa Achitors and annexes the samen to the said paroache of Kilmalzie as lyeing more ewest thereto, and sicklyk dismembers the lands of Mammoir fra the kirk of Illan mowne and annexes the samen to the said kirk of Kilmalzie, And modefies for a constant locall stipend to ilk ane of the saids twa kirks ane thowsand marks money and twa chalder meall with tuentie pundis for the communion elements, And appoyntes sufficient manses and glebs for the ministers at the saids kirks of Kilmalzie and Kilman-

evge, And ordaines the saids stipends to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teynds of the saids paroaches.

eodem die.

Inveraray
Irishe Kirke.

The saids commissionares modefies for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at the Irishe congregatiōne of Inveraray the hail teynds personage and viccarage of Glenaray, including Tulloche, (except the tuelff merkland of and landis of Kilmalew) whiche extends to fyve chalders victuall and ane hundreth ten punds iiiij^d money togidder with fourscoir ten punds to mak twa hundreth punds to be payed out of the teynds of the late bishoprik of Lismoir as my lord Marques of Argyll shall give in a localitie, And modefies for the communione elements twentie punds to be payed out of the said bishoprick of Lismoir as the said lord Marques shall give in the localitie, And appoyntes a sufficient mans and gleb to the minister, And dismembers the hail lands of Glenshiro fra the kirk of Kilmoriche and annexes the samen to the said kirk of Inveraray to be a pairt of the paroache thereof in all tyme-coming.

eodem die.

Inner-
chelane.

The saids commissionares dissolves the unione of the kirks of Innerchelane and Kilmoric in Strathlauchlane and ordaines the said kirk of Inerchelane to be a distinct cure by itselff in tyme-coming, And unites the said kirk of Kilmorie with the kirk of Kilmaglas in Straquhir to be syrveit wnder ane cure *per vices* in tyme-coming, And modefies for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at Innerchelane foure chalders victuall and thrie hundreth marks money with tuentie punds for the communione elements to be payed as followes, viz., The victuall out of the teynds of thes thre quarters of the said paroache whilks wer formerlie lyabill in payment of the ministers stipend, and the money out of the valued viccarage of the hail paroache and out of the remanent of the teynds of the saids thre quarters, and the xx lb to be also payed out of

the valued vicarage of the said paroache, And the minister to have a sufficient mans and gleb besyid the kirk.

eodem die.

Comperit my lord Marques of Argyll as haveing right to the rents of the late bishoprik of Lismoir and gave in as localitie for paying of that ane thowsand marks appoynted by our late soverane lords the Kings Majesties gift as stipend to the minister of Downoon with that twa hundreth marks appoynted by the said gift to the schoolemaster ther the followeing desyre, viz., That the samen may be payed yerlie out of the first and readiest of the late bishops quarters of the kirks and paroachynes of Kilmund, Innerchelane, Kilmoden, Kilmoriche at the head of Lochfyne, Clachandysart, Balleveedan and Kilmoir, Whilk localitie the commissionares approves of and ordaines the samen to stand in all tyme comeing, and the said lord Marques to mak it effectuell, resyrveing to the present possessors ther right of taks to the saids bishops quarter. Downnoone.

eodem die.

The saids commissionares ordaines ane new kirk to be buildeit on the lands of Finarie in Morwarne instead of the kirks of Kilcolmekill and Killintag, and appoyntes all the lands that wer in thes twa paroachynes formerlie to be now ane paroach to be called now and in all tyme comeing the kirk and paroachyne of Finarie, And modefies and appoyntes for a stipend to the minister syrveing the cure at the said kirk the nowmber of foure chalders victuall and foure hundreth marks money to be payed as followes, viz., The haill victuall, whereof ten boills half boill bear, to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teyndes of the lands of the said paroache perteing to McCleane of Dowart in propertie to be particularlie insyrt in the decretit, and the money out of the haill viccarage and small teyndes of the paroache, resyrveing twentie pundis for the comunione elements, And appoynts a sufficient mans and gleeb to the minister besyid the said kirk. Morwarne.

eodem die.

Inveraray.

Annent the stipend of nyne hundreth marks and thrie chalders victuall aggreit upone to be gevin to the minister of the Englishe congregatione at Inveraray out of the teyndes of the late bishoprick of Lismoir and Iles, it is appoynted, with consent of my lord Marques of Argyll wha hes right to the rents of the saids late bishoprick and according to the localitie gevin in be his lordship, that the samen shal be payed as folloues, viz., The thrie chalders victuall, twa pairt meall and thrid pairt beare, to be payed out of the readiest of the teyndes in the Ile of Bute perteing to the said late bishoprik of the Iles, and the said nyne hundreth marks to be payed out of the first and readiest of the supperplus of the teyndes of the paroachyne of Kilbryd in Lorne and Kilcolmekill and Killintag in Morwarne perteing to the said late bishoprick of Lismoir whilks ar frie attour the stipends appoynted for the minister syrveing the cure at thes kirks, and furth of the teyndes of the Iles of Mull, Coill and Terrie perteing to the said late bishoprick of the Iles, and out of the first and readiest of the remanent of the teyndes and takdewtie perteing to the saids late bishoprik of Lismoir and the Iles.

eodem die.

Kilmarten.

The saids commissionars appoyntes the localitie for the stipend of Kilmarten to be as folloues, viz., Seavin boills half boill victuall out of the lands followeing within the chappell of Kilmachumak formerlie being a pairt of the said paroache of Kilmarten and now dismembreit therefra, viz., out of Lecknabane sex boills meall and fyve firlots beare and out of Arrelug ane firlot of beare, and the rest of the said stipend, boith victuall and money, to be payed out of the first and readiest of the teyndes of the said thrie quarters of the said paroach of Kilmarten togidder with the teyndes great and small of twa Shirwanes dismembreit fra Kilmichell in Glastrie and annexat to the said kirk of

Kilmerten, except and furth of the saids stipend the teynds payabill out of the lands of the said paroache annexat to Kilnuyer, being twentie twa boill meall, And appoyntes the money for the communione elements to be also payed out of the teynds of the said thrie quarters of the said kirk.

eodem die.

The saids commissionares modefies for a constant locall stipend to the minister syrveing the kirk of Craigneis the Craigneis. nowmber of sex chalders meall and fourescoir foure pundis with twentie four pundis for the communione elementis, to be payed out of the teynds of the said paroache as folloues, viz., The haille money out of the viccarage and small teyndis and the money for the elements out of the small teyndis, and twa chaldars of the victuall for the teyndis of that quarter of the said kirks belonging to the late bishoprik of Lismoir, resyrveing Neill Carswells tak thereof, and the remanent of the said victuall, being foure chalders, to be payed out of the readiest of the remanent teyndis of the said paroache.

The saids commissioners ordaines a formall report to be extendeit and drawin up off the haille proceedings of this commission according to the Minutes, and to be submittit be a quorum of the commissioners, And in the meantyme ordaines the clark to give out extracts of decreits or minutes to any pairtes intressed at their desyre, And it is ordaineit that in the decreits to be extendeit for the stipends of any kirks where there is minister alreadie that thair stipends now modefied shal begin and be payed to them for the cropt and yeir of God Jay VI^c and fyftie twa yeires and yeirlie thereafter, But prejudice to them to brook their former stipends for this cropt 1651, provyding that the severall localites appoynted to pay the said new modefied stipends be habill to pay the samen, in regaird thair ar many places in the countrey that ar not zit so possess as that they ar habill to pay the rentall and valued teyndis, and that thair ar other places yit altogethir west and wnplanted, And as for the kirks that ar not zit planted it

is appoynted that the payment of their stipends shall begin at the nixt Mertimes eftir the ministers admiffione.

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WILLIAM LOWDOUN

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REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL MEETING

REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH HISTORY SOCIETY

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY was held in the Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 13th December 1941, at 3 P.M.

The Marquess of Bute, K.T., President of the Society, occupied the Chair.

The Report of the Council was as follows :—

It is with deep regret that the Council have again to record the death of their Chairman. Mr. John A. Inglis, K.C., King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, joined the Society in 1900 ; in 1928 he became a member of the Council ; and in 1940 he was elected Chairman in succession to the late Professor Hannay. In ' Sir Adam Otterburn of Redhall,' ' The Family of Inglis of Auchindinny and Redhall,' and ' Sir John Hay,' Mr. Inglis produced historical works of more than merely family interest, in which accuracy of method and felicity of style were evident. His all too short tenure of the Chairmanship was marked by a happy blend of dignity, courtesy and humour.

The issue by the Society of a single annual volume during the War, as indicated in the last Report, is proceeding, but

the exceptional conditions have involved inevitable delay. *Miscellany Volume VII* is now in the hands of members as the volume for 1939-40. It contains three items. The Diary of Sir William Drummond of Hawthornden, 1657-59, describes the everyday life of an ordinary Midlothian laird of the period: the annotations of the editor, Dr. H. W. Meikle, give it added value both historical and topographical. The Exiled Stewarts in Italy consists of documents connected with James Edward Stewart, his wife and sons, which Miss Helen C. Stewart has found in various Italian towns and has edited. In *The Locharkaig Treasure* Miss Marion F. Hamilton has edited four manuscripts from the Stuart Papers at Windsor Castle, which throw fresh light on its disposal.

Two Missions of Jacques de la Brosse, 1543 and 1560, which Miss G. Dickinson is editing as the volume for 1940-41, has reached an advanced stage of printing and should be ready in the spring. Mr. Duncan C. Mactavish is editing *Minutes of the Synod of Argyll, 1639-1660*, as the volume for 1941-42. Mr. R. L. Mackie and Dr. C. Macrae are engaged in completing for 1942-43 *The Letters of James III and James IV*, with an introductory memoir of Professor Hannay, who was at work on the volume when he died.

The Council have decided upon a change of the procedure to be followed in electing a President of the Society. The President will be elected at an Annual Meeting for a term of four years, as at present, but will be elected at the Annual Meeting held a year before he is to enter on office. (Thus at the Annual Meeting to be held in 1943 a President will fall to be elected, whose term of office will commence at the Annual Meeting in 1944.)

In place of the late Mr. Inglis the Council have elected Dr. H. W. Meikle, H.M. Historiographer in Scotland and Librarian of the National Library, as Chairman. Members of

Council who retire in rotation at this time are Dr. W. C. Dickinson, Professor J. D. Mackie and Dr. James Curle. The Council recommend the re-election of Professor Mackie and Dr. Curle. They also recommend the election of Mr. H. M. Paton, Curator of Historical Records, H.M. General Register House, in place of Dr. Meikle, and of Dr. Annie I. Dunlop in place of Dr. Dickinson who, because of the difficulty of attending meetings, does not desire to be re-elected.

The Society has lost by death or resignation 12 members during the year; 8 new members have joined. The total membership (including 134 libraries) is now 478.

An abstract of the accounts for 1940-41, as audited, is appended.

Dr. H. W. Meikle, Chairman of the Council, moved the adoption of the Report. After referring to the death of his predecessor, Mr. John A. Inglis, K.C., an able chairman and one of the oldest members of the Society, he went on to speak of the Society's publications for 1940-41 and 1941-42. He explained the advantages of a *Miscellany Volume* and emphasised the importance both of Italian sources for Jacobite studies and of the Stuart Papers at Windsor for Scottish history. He expressed the view that the volume on *Jacques de la Brosse* would prove of interest. Dr. Meikle proceeded to explain the new procedure to be adopted in the election of a President. Referring to membership of the Council, he regretted the resignation of Dr. Dickinson but was glad to think that he would still act as an unofficial representative in London. Mr. Paton was well known as a helper to searchers after historical truth. Dr. Annie Dunlop had already written history and was now making history by becoming the first woman member of the Council. In conclusion, he emphasised

that the Society stood for the disinterested pursuit of knowledge.

Dr. James A. MacLehose seconded the adoption, which was unanimously carried.

The President then delivered an address on 'The Boyds of Penkill,' which he said was composed from a heap of rubbish lying on the floor of an attic in Ayr and found to contain several hundred documents relating to the family of Penkill which had not previously come to light.

The founder of the cadet branches of Penkill and Trochrigg was Adam, younger son of the third Lord Boyd, who was known to have married Helen Kennedy about 1530. No book of history or reference explained how the Boyds came by the lands of Penkill, but a torn scrap among these papers suggested that they were seized for a bad debt. Robert, the eldest son of Adam, was scarcely mentioned in these papers; the first notice of his younger son, James, was in 1567. James became 'tulchan' Bishop of Glasgow and married a daughter of Chalmers of Gaitgirth. They had also a daughter, whose name, not hitherto known, was shown by her will to have been Janet.

A discharge in favour of Adam by his grandson seemed to disprove the statement of Seymour Clark that he was succeeded by his eldest son, Robert. Robert must have predeceased Adam, who died in 1572 and was succeeded by Robert's son, another Adam. This Adam had a brother, Mark Alexander Boyd, the famous soldier and scholar, and a sister, Janet, who held the lands of Kilpatrick in the parish of Girvan. He had died by 1597, leaving a young son, Thomas. Thomas and his widowed mother appropriated the manse of Daly during a vacancy in the cure, and for a time refused to hand it over to the minister appointed in 1604.

In 1616 Thomas became engaged to Marion, daughter of

William Muir of Rowallan. They had four daughters : Jean, married to Quentin Kennedy of Drumellan ; Anna, married to Hugh Maxwell of Blackbaillie ; Dorothy, married to Cuninghame of Privic ; and Marion. They had also two sons, of whom the elder, Thomas, was given the farm of Ballochoul, but was soon on bad terms with his neighbours and had to sign an undertaking to behave better in future, with his father standing as surety for him. Alexander, the younger son, married in 1667 Janet Hay of Park, near Glenluce.

Seymour Clark stated that after the death of his wife, Marion, Thomas married, secondly, a daughter of Dick of Craighouse. Marion was alive, however, in 1669, when they together granted a band for 100 merks to Alexander, and it was the younger Thomas who married as his second wife Elizabeth Dick, not of Craighouse, but daughter of John Dick, merchant or minister in Glasgow.

By 1669 relations between the elder and younger Thomas were so strained that the latter interdicted his father from mortgaging the estates, which the next year were handed over to him subject to conditions, including the father's liferent. By 1673 the son was a prisoner in the Tolbooth at Ayr, probably for debt. He was not present at his father's funeral that year, for which the arrangements were duly made by Alexander.

The death of Thomas the elder was followed by a prolonged quarrel between his sons, culminating in a law-suit and a fine of 1000 merks imposed on Alexander, who, unable to pay, spent most of the next two years in the Tolbooth of Edinburgh. The case dragged on and attempts at arbitration failed. Thomas died in 1692, predeceased by his son, the third Thomas. Alexander must also have died about the same time, for the property now devolved upon his son, another Alexander, who proved a capable manager of the estate. He had a brother, Thomas, and also a sister, Jean, born in 1680, who have not

been noticed elsewhere, but whose existence was shown in these papers.

A vote of thanks to the President was moved by Dr. W. C. Dickinson, who referred to the services of Lord Bute in the collection of fragments of history and to the admirable use which he made of them. He also emphasised the importance of local family records in showing the spirit of the times.

ABSTRACT ACCOUNT OF CHARGE and DISCHARGE
of the INTROMISSIONS of the HONORARY
TREASURER for the year from 1st November
1940 to 1st November 1941.

CHARGE.

I. Subscriptions Received	£460 15 4
II. Past Publications sold	8 7 1
III. Interest on Savings Account with Bank of Scotland	2 7 10
IV. Sums drawn from Bank Current Account	<u>£670 11 11</u>
V. Sums drawn from Savings Account	<u>£200 0 0</u>
	£471 10 3

DISCHARGE.

I. Debit Balance at close of Account on 1st November 1940	£132 18 9
II. Cost of Publications during year—	
Printers	£257 14 3
Indexing	10 10 0
	268 4 3
III. Miscellaneous Payments	45 19 8
	£447 2 8
Carry forward	£447 2 8

	Brought forward	£447 2 8
IV. Sums lodged in Bank Current		
Account	£669 2 2	
V. Sums lodged in Savings Account	£52 7 10	
VI. Funds at close of this Account—		
1. Balance at credit of Savings		
Account with Bank of		
Scotland.	£2 7 10	
2. Balance at credit of Account		
Current with Bank of		
Scotland.	21 19 9	
		24 7 7
		<u>£471 10 3</u>

EDINBURGH, 14th November 1941.—I have examined the Accounts of the Honorary Treasurer of the Scottish History Society for the year from 1st November 1940 to 1st November 1941, and I find the same to be correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

WM. ANGUS,
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