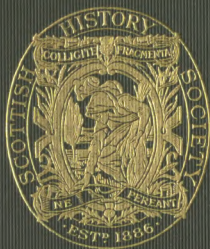

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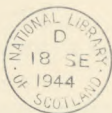
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INTRODUCTION

MR. DUNCAN MACTAVISH, who edited the first volume of these *Minutes*, died on 19th May 1943, when he had completed the editing of the text of the present volume, but the Introduction was unfinished. Mr. Mactavish, who was Joint County Clerk of Argyll since 1936, had studied closely the local history and contributed many valuable articles to the *Oban Times*. He also edited in 1934 a reprint of the 1694 edition of the Psalms in Gaelic.

In the Introduction to the first volume of these *Minutes* Mr. Mactavish told of the diligence and success of the Synod in establishing a scheme of education for the youth of Argyllshire having particular regard to the teaching of the native Gaelic language. Language implies letters, and it was his intention to follow with an account of the labours which provided translations of the Shorter Catechism and the first fifty metrical Psalms into the 'Irish' tongue. It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Mactavish did not live to complete his design. I am fortunate in having before me the material he had prepared, and while I cannot hope to tell the story as he would have done, I shall endeavour from his notes and the *Minutes* to describe how the undertaking was accomplished.

At the provincial meeting in May 1649 the Synod 'ordained that the Shorter Catechism be translated into the Irish language.'¹ Later it was commended to the various presbyteries to set about the work, but it had not proved an easy task, and in October 1651 the first fruits appeared when two of the ministers, Ewan Cameron of

¹ *Minutes*, i. p. 127.

Dunoon and Dugald Campbell of Knapdale, men of culture and scholarship, laid a translation before the Synod. This 'being openly read in the Assembly and examined, and after examination voiced, was approven *nemine contradicente*.'¹ Nothing was said then about printing, but seventeen copies for as many ministers were ordered to be drawn 'in the Irish character,' and the ministers instructed 'that all convenient diligence be used whereby the people may come to the knowledge and understanding of the same.'

But more translations were to follow: to the next meeting of Synod came Angus McQueen, minister of North Uist, and one, Neil McQueen, each with a version of his own of 'the Shorter Catechism in Irish language.' Both scholars being present, as well as Mr. Cameron, the Synod decided that they should meet and 'their translations be conferred with the translatione formerly seen and examined by the Synod that one out of all may be aggried upon.' This being promptly done and reported, Cameron's translation, 'as it stands now helped and amended by conferring therewith the fore-mentioned translationes,' was adopted and ordered to be printed.² At the same time, 'the Synod taking into consideratione the great peanes taken by Neill McQueen in translating the Catechism and moreover, the said Neill his great necessitie and penurie, Doth appoynt him twall bolls victual out of the vacancye of Kintyre.'³

Means for printing proved a difficult item, and six months later, probably after much search and discussion, it was appointed that Cameron should 'goe to Lochaber against the first of March nixt to serve there for half a year and to uplift the wholl stipend teynds thereof out of which he is to ware on the printing the Catechise and is

¹ *Minutes*, i. p. 222.

² *Ibid.*, ii. pp. 3, 15.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 15.

to be considered for his pains.’¹ Lochaber bore no good name, but in this instance money must have been obtained, for at the Synod’s meeting in May 1653, each minister present received ‘a competent number’ of printed copies for distribution on his return home, being instructed withal to ‘take the most effectuall course to cause the people understand and learn the same. . . . It is also recommended that wher schooles are at kirks the schoolers be taught to read the same and afterward appointed to goe through the parish and learne the people in ther houses to gett the same by heart.’²

So excellent and novel a method of spreading knowledge of the Catechism succeeded well, for at a later meeting the Synod declared that ‘for getting it by heart the most effectuall course thought upon is that tuo ore thrie boyes (or as many as can be found) be gotten to learn it themselves, and then to goe through the paroch and families there to help them to get the Catechisme by heart.’³ Even after five more years no better means had been found, and in answer to a petition from outlying islands for ‘fitt persons to be sent to catechis the people,’ the Synod recommended the presbytery concerned to ‘choise some fitt boys who either have the Catechisme be tounge or can read the same, to be sent to teach the people from house to house *according as it is practised in other parts within the synod.*’⁴

So popular and useful did the Gaelic Catechism prove that within eighteen months the edition of 1653 became so ‘scarce that many of the members have non undistribute for the further supply of their paroaches’; the Synod accordingly ‘appointed the said Catechism to be reprinted, viz., two thousand copies thereof.’ The old problem of

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 24.

² *Ibid.*, ii. p. 35.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 41.

⁴ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 170. Italics are the present writer’s.

ways and means had again to be considered and economies used. John Cameron, the minister of Kilfinan, a grandson of Ewan's the translator, had attended the press to supervise the printing; he was asked now to 'writt to the printer . . . to see if he will undertake now to reprint the said copies without one attending him.'¹

But it was not until 1659 that the reprinted Catechism came from the press, and along with it the first fifty psalms in metre also in the Gaelic language. The design for the latter goes back to the meeting in May 1653, when the Synod held in their hands the Shorter Catechism in the mother-tongue in veritable type. With so great an undertaking accomplished one can readily believe with what enthusiasm the thought of having the Psalms 'turned to Irish miter' possessed the ministers, 'so as they may be soonge with the comon toones, in regard both the work may be done and also that the ordinance of singing through want of the Irish mitter never hes bein gone about by such as are ignorant of the English language.'² There and then the work was apportioned to the various presbyteries, 'recomending to all earnestly that diligence be used heirin that some accompt of their progresse in this work may be had at the nixt synod.'

More than two years passed with nothing done; and the Synod in October 1655 allocated the first eighty psalms to sundry ministers by name, 'all which are to be

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 93. The edition of 1653 was printed at Edinburgh by Andrew Anderson. In the year 1656 he removed to Glasgow, having been invited by the Town Council to 'mack his residence within the burghe and exerceis his calling thairintill,' for which he was to receive 'yearlie during his lyftyme or abode the soume of ane hundreth merkis Scottis money, that they wont of old to pay to his deceist father.'—*Burgh Records of Glasgow*, 1630-1662, pp. 348, 349. The second edition of the Catechism therefore and the fifty psalms were printed at Glasgow. George Anderson, the father, settled in Glasgow in 1638, in which year came from his press the *Protestation* of November 1638, the earliest example of Glasgow printing.

² *Ibid.*, ii. pp. 36, 37.

put in eight syllabes the one line and six the other that they may answer and be sung with the common tunes that are for the Engliss; and they are to be brought to the nixt synod that they may be revised and corrected, and made fitt for the press.’¹ By May 1657 progress by some of the translators was noted, but not by all of them,² and six months later three were set apart to meet at Inveraray ‘and continue at the said work the space of six weeks,’³ arrangements being made to supply their parishes by other ministers. In the following May the first fifty psalms were ‘perfected, and being revised and examined by the synod are approven.’⁴

And now a new difficulty arose. To have the Gaelic Psalms sung to the English tunes a ‘syllabicatione’ of the lines was needed. Mention was made of one John McMarques in Kintyre, ‘ane old man and able in the Irish language’;⁵ and guided by him Dugald Darroch the minister of Kintyre was instructed to ‘transcrybe a perfect copie for the press, with an epistle to the reader prefixed in which they are to give ruls for right reading as need requires.’ With the perfect copy Robert Duncanson was to ‘repair to Glasgue and to attend the presse so far as is needfull for the printing of the psalms to the number of 1500 copies.’⁶ Six months later all was ready even to the costs of printing, ‘William Brown in Inveraray being to aggree with the printer and to sell the bookes to the number of 1200 copies of each’; for along with the Psalms Duncanson took with him the Catechism with corrections

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 99.

² *Ibid.*, ii. p. 145.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 164.

⁴ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 177.

⁵ It is interesting to find among the *Early Letters of Robert Wodrow* (S.H.S. 1937) an answer to queries by the historian (then rather archæologist) written by one Donald M’Marcus, who subscribed himself ‘a friend to the Irish language as being somewhat taught there in letter and language.’ The letter is dated in 1700. Was he a son of John McMarques?

⁶ *Minutes*, ii. p. 177.

'added be Mr. Dug: Campbell and Mr. Joⁿ Cameron.'¹ Finally, in May 1659, both the reprint of the Catechism and the new metrical psalms were in the hands of the Synod, and the latter appointed to be 'made use of in congregations and families.'² At this time, too, the work of translating the remaining hundred Psalms was distributed among a number of the ministers.

That, however, was for a later day : not until 1694 was a complete translation of the Psalms published. Of this edition Mr. Mactavish issued a reprint in 1934, with a comprehensive Introduction of great value.³ The Gaelic preface to the edition of 1694 seems to provide a clue to the work of old John McMarques in the 'syllabification' of the first fifty psalms. 'For the sake of the metre,' said the editors of 1694, 'we had at times to stretch out a word more than is usual in other writings, three syllable expressions and two syllable ; and at times to cut off the beginning of a word . . . 'sle for is le, 'smaing for is maing ; at times a word was shortened at the end . . . as *tighearn* for *tighearna* ; at other times to break the word in the middle, as in Psalm xxxix. 6, *samhlug'adh* being broken from two syllables *samhlua'h*. Or, again, words are abbreviated, as *toir* or *tabhr* for *tabhair*. . . . You may read the line and tunelessly sing it if you observe that there are eight syllables in the first line and six in the second alternated.'⁴

It is probable that the Catechism and the Psalms were issued as separate books (according to the detail of the agreement with William Brown), but it may be noted that

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 188.

² *Ibid.*, ii. p. 198.

³ Printed and published at Lochgilphead, 1934.

⁴ In the preface from which the above instruction is taken there are many ancient or obsolete Gaelic words. I have to acknowledge with grateful thanks the kindness of Mr. John Campbell of Bearsden, who provided me with a complete translation of the preface.

the Synod, in May 1659, ordered the Presbytery of Skye 'to send for 100 coppies of the Irish Psalms and Catechises bund together againe the first of August next at fardest.'¹ Skye, always recalcitrant to the Synod, or perhaps only desiring to be independent, seldom sent representatives to the provincial assembly, and they had continued to use an unofficial Gaelic Catechism (possibly McQueen's) until thus ordered to use only the Synod's version.

While the translation of the Psalms was still making but slow progress, the Synod gave new expression to an old ambition, 'In regard that it is thought a verie pious and profitable worke to have the Bible translated in the Irish language, wherein all diligence possible would be contributed, Therefore it is recomended to everie man who hes any facultie in that language to be indeavoring his best heirunto. . . .'² To a later meeting one minister announced that he had 'the bookes of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon translated in Irish'—whether by himself in response to the Synod's desire or as being only in his possession was not said. As time passed with no other result the Synod, in May 1660, 'being more and more sensible of the necessity of translateing the Scriptures in Irish, though hitherto that hes beine hindred throw a multitude of great difficulties both as to the translation and printing and charges, nevertheless they resolve to assay it.'³ Accordingly they returned to their old method of putting the work on individual ministers, and 'therfore appoynts Mr. Dug. Campbell to make the first assay.' Thereafter, however, the *Minutes* have no record of any progress being made, and it was not until the beginning of the nineteenth century that the translation of the Gaelic Bible was finally accomplished.

Dugald Campbell, on whom so many burdens were so

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 199.

² *Ibid.*, ii. p. 146.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 210.

freely laid, had been transported from the parish of Knapdale to Lochaber in October 1658. Lochaber was the most extensive parish in the province of Argyll. It was inhabited by a race of wild and lawless and broken men, 'provin enemies to religione'; it had neither kirk nor manse and 'never had a minister since the first Reformation.'¹ Time and again through many years Dugald Campbell had been sent there as a visiting minister, and had won the affection of the people and the esteem of the landowners; almost it might be said, the respect of the English Governor, Major John Hill. Hill, as became an officer of the Commonwealth, was also an ardent missionary; it might have been he, indeed, who was author of the *dictum* that 'the only way to bring [the Highlanders] to civility is to get the Highlands planted with ministers.' Directly or in round-about fashion the Governor's experiences came to Thurloe's knowledge, and by him were told to the Protector. Cromwell, profoundly impressed by what he heard, issued an instruction to his Council in Scotland to remedy a condition so grievous. The mandate, which is dated 15th April 1658, is addressed in regal style 'to our well-beloved Council in Scotland.' Having remarked on the happy state of the Lowlands where, 'for about the space of one hundred years last past the Gospel hath been plentifully preached,' and competent provision made for the ministry, the Protector continued, 'yet little or no care hath been taken for a very numerous people inhabiting in the Highlands by the establishing of ministry or a maintenance, where the greatest part have scarce heard whether there be an Holy Ghost or not,² though there be some in several parts, as we are informed, that hunger and thirst after the means of salvation. . . .

¹ *Minutes*, i. p. 146. The statement was made in 1649 by the Marquess of Argyll.

² *Acts*, xix. 2.

Some ministers that were acquainted with the Highland language have in a late summer season visited those parts and been courteously used by many professing their breathings after the Gospel'; all of which points unerringly to Lochaber and to Dugald Campbell's mission in the summer of 1657, 'upon the supplicatione of the people of Lochaber.'¹

That there might be no half-measures the question of ways and means was solved. It had come to Cromwell's knowledge that 'there is a concealed maintenance detained in unrighteousness and diverted from the right ends to the sole benefit of particular persons, and . . . much revenue for many years together in the late King's time, and since concealed and detained from us by such persons as have no right or title thereunto.' 'Our Barons of our Exchequer in Scotland' are therefore instructed to 'search and find out six hundred pounds² per annum out of concealed estates and revenues belonging to us, or that may belong unto us and our successors,' to be paid over quarterly or half-yearly 'to the only use and end aforesaid.'³ The search would be interesting if possibly elusive.

The Synod met at Inveraray in May 1658. Here were letters from 'many gentlemen and others in Lochaber, and backed by many of the subscribers, as also ane other letter from Major Hill, governour of Inverlochay Garrison, showing that sufficient stipend was prepared for two ministers in Lochaber and that ther was not any probability for getting ministers thereunto except by the concurrence of this synod, having made an assay elsewhere but disappointed. And also earnestlie desyring the trans-

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 156.

² Afterwards increased to £1200, but the condition was not changed.

³ See Mrs. Lomas's edition of Carlyle's *Cromwell*, iii. 512, 513; and cf. Firth's *Last Years of the Protectorate*, ii. 98, 99 n. The *Minutes* both elucidate and amplify the relation of Cromwell's action.

portatione of Mr. Dug: Campbell, minister of Knapdale, to be one of the ministers in Lochabir, and referring to the synod to pitch on some other fitt minister and to transport him also.’¹ The Synod agreed to cite the parishioners of Knapdale ‘to compeir befor the nixt synod to giv the reasons, if they have any, against the transportatione of thar minister to Lochabir’; and (although only after ‘mature deliberatione’) they pitched on Neil Cameron of Inverchaolin to be the other. Thus would a better day come to ‘desolate Lochaber.’

In the meantime (for six months must elapse before any full decision could be made) the Synod appointed two commissioners to go to Edinburgh for confirmation by Kirk and State of sundry matters, ‘as also for obtaining some proportione of the 1200 lib. sterling, allotted by the states for the advancing of the gospell in the highlands.’² But the *Minutes* do not record the success or otherwise of the commission as far as the States’ bounty is concerned. It may have been that when the condition of its forthcoming was explained to the expectant commissioners they were made to realise that there was ‘a worm i’ the bud!’

The Synod met again in October and heard the representations of the parishioners of Inverchaolin against the removal of their minister. They were not sustained: the need of Lochaber was greater than theirs; and it was appointed that Mr. Neil should ‘transport himself thither betwixt and the next synod provydeing he can get accomodation for his family betwixt and then, or if not, that as soone as there is accomodation provyded he do remove.’³ Cameron protested against the order of the Synod, nor were successive orders or the Synod’s pressure able to move him. Campbell, on the other hand, notwithstanding the need of him nearer home for the work of

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 172.

² *Ibid.*, ii. p. 173.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 183.

translating the Scriptures was appointed to 'transport himself to Lochaber and remaine there till a kirk be builded and other accommodation for a minister ordored and the people be brought to some comely ordour, and then to be called back to the works foirsaid.'¹ He returned to his parish at Knapdale and continued to serve there until the following spring when he removed to Lochaber.

The glowing promises of the gentlemen and others of Lochaber were not fulfilled. When, after six months, Campbell looked for his stipend he was told that, since after his appointment he had gone back to Knapdale and served there till the following spring, therefore he should be paid 'from the May day thereafter.' The Synod agreed that Knapdale should pay him until May.² But withholding of stipend was not all of Campbell's grievance. The people of Lochaber did not make out their promise of providing maintenance for him. Disappointed he returned to Knapdale, regretting that ever he had left it, and declared that he was still its minister, not having been 'absolutely transported' thence, 'nor never received in Lochaber as there minister.'³ The Synod bade him remain in Knapdale to await the result of their dealing with Lochaber. Although it was now May 1661, it would seem that Campbell had left Lochaber before October 1659, for at their meeting then the Synod had received an angry letter from Major Hill charging them with neglect of the Highlanders. The text of the letter is not given, but may be surmised from the Synod's instructions according to which answer was to be made. It is very evident that the zeal of the English officer had tempted him to act beyond his rights as Governor in civil and military affairs, and to meddle with matters which belonged only to the Church. He blamed the Synod that no minister

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 185.

² *Ibid.*, ii. p. 233.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 237.

was settled in Lochaber: he was to be told that the fault was not theirs, but was due to the neglect of the people of Lochaber, who had failed to provide manse or glebe or accommodation for their minister and his family. He wrote that he himself had a young man whom he recommended for trial for the place of minister: let him, it was to be answered, be sent to Inveraray for trial; and have 'the yong man bring with him a testificat from the colledge he was at and the presbyteries which he lived into since.' To a threat that he would 'provyde Lochabber with a minister without consulting or owneing the synod,' Hill was to be told that 'the synod supposes no minister owneing the doctrine and discipline of the Church of Scotland (which any who may be usefull to Lochabber is obleidged to doe) will setle there without their concurrence, Otherwayes the Synod knowes how to make use of their authority in reference to them.'¹ That we hear no more of Hill's efforts to plant a minister in Lochaber need not be matter for wonder; his position as governor was no longer secure; Oliver was dead, the government in England was in anarchy; if Scotland seemed to thrive it was because the firm hand of Monk was steering her course, and there were those who spoke of him for Protector now that Richard's brief day was over, while some spoke of restoring the King; all looked for change.

It was no idle challenge that the Synod made to the English Governor when they asserted that a minister to be 'usefull to Lochabber' must adhere to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of Scotland, and in the exercise of the Church's discipline the Synod of Argyll was not behind others in Scotland. The use of the weapon of excommunication was so frequent that its edge became blunted, as is manifest by an act of the meeting of October

¹ *Minutes*, ii. pp. 205, 206.

1658. 'Whereas excommunicat persons doe travell to and fro in the countrey and are through ignorance conversed with as not excommunicate, Therefore appoynts that each minister get a leist of the names of excommunicat persons from the clearks of the Synod and presbitries, and that they intimat their excommunicatione in their severall churches.'¹ In the effort to make and to keep pure the family life punishment by excommunication was habitually applied to unrepentant offenders—much as strict parents apply the tawse to disobedient children; the effect soon wore off. In these *Minutes* whole pages are given to recording cases of adultery among the people. Occasionally the punishment is awarded to husbands who have deserted their wives, or to wives who have left their husbands and refuse to return. An expression of sorrow and penitence and the promise of amendment, all made in open church, were sufficient for the ban to be lifted and for the transgressor to be welcomed back to the common life. As a purgative excommunication was not unwholesome, but the Church in those days did not stop there: they used it also for political ends. In the east of Scotland this application was notorious, and there the sentence with all its ritual solemnity was pronounced against men whose chief sin was to differ from their judges.

During the wars of Montrose the Highlands were laid waste by fire and sword, and many of those who adhered to the invaders were themselves of the old Highland families. In 1646 the Synod 'being perfectly informed with the treacherouse and perfidiouse careage' of such persons; '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

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 136.

Alex^r McDonald,' sentenced all of them by name 'to be sumarily excommunicat and declared to be of those whom Christ commanded to be held for publicans and heathens.'¹ Among those so sentenced was Duncan McCalman, minister of Ardnamurchan. In July 1644, Alastair Macdonald, 'Colkitto,' with a body of Irish soldiers, landed in Ardnamurchan. McCalman, minister of the parish, visited them and preached to them. That in the estimation of the Synod was 'compliance with the rebels,' and he was deposed and excommunicated.² The end of the Church's sentence of excommunication is for healing, but as we follow the Synod's treatment of McCalman through the succeeding years it is difficult not to discern vindictiveness rather than desire to heal.

That McCalman actually joined himself to Colkitto's band and marched with them cannot be determined. In 1650, when we hear of him again, the Synod has learned that he 'does dayly in the barbarous and remote highlands baptise children and mary pairties comeing to him for that effect'; and they decide to ask the all-powerful Marquess of Argyll 'to cause apprehend the said Mr. Duncan to be brought under condigne punishment.' They declare also that marriages and baptisms performed by him are invalid, and that any who have 'required such service of him,' knowing him to be excommunicate, shall be censured by their respective presbyteries or, failing to appear, shall themselves be 'orderly excommunicated.'³ Argyll held his hand, and Synod followed upon Synod without news of the minister's arrest.

By May 1656 some of the evil effects of the Synod's prejudiced act about marriages had begun to appear. Husbands and wives married by McCalman, who had perchance grown tired of their married life, saw in the Synod's act a

¹ *Minutes*, i. pp. 100, 101. ² *Ibid.*, i. p. 171. ³ *Ibid.*, i. pp. 171, 172.

way of escape from one another, 'and, there being many, severall inconvenienciss and confusions are like to follow.' The Synod could not fail to recognise their imprudence. They sent visiting ministers to the districts wherein McCalman had pursued his missionary labours with overtures for 'remiding' the situation. Those parties who had been 'joyned by compulsion of parents, freinds, or others interested,' were to be urged to 'adhere,' in which event their marriage would be ratified by the Church: if either or both refused they must 'satisfie as fornicators.' Those, again, whose marriage was by their own and their parents' consent would have it ratified, they 'giveing evidence of their sorrow for so marr[y]ing.' Others, who 'being younge' had married without their parents' consent, might have their marriage ratified, or 'be not hindered to separat.'¹ Satisfied that they had thus provided the 'remedy' for the marriage irregularities and vindicated their authority, the Synod proceeded to enter a minute of their detestation of their brother-minister whom they charged with exercising 'ministeriall dewties in Lochabour, Ardgor, Shunart and Ardnamurchy, and in thes places where the word is not preached; and both by his scandalous cariage as being a drunkard and runagat excommunicat non-minister, he is obstructive to religione, a stumbling-block to ignorant and weake ones, a blasphemmer of Gods name by his conversatione, and weakens the hands of the Lords servants.' Accordingly they call on 'the civill judge to execute justice in reference to the said Mr. Duncan.'²

It cannot be that McCalman was without some friends in the Synod. There was that extraordinary addition that was made in specifying the localities wherein McCalman carried on his ministry, 'and thes places where the word

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 118.

² *Ibid.*, ii. pp. 120, 121.

is not preached.' Who but a friend interjected that—a fellow-minister sickened by the persecution of a brother? If it was not wholly sarcasm, it surely was by way of rebuke.

The localities named were in the Presbyteries of Argyll and Lorne, and their representatives were instructed to have McCalman's excommunication announced in their several parishes. To the next meeting Lorne reported that this had been done 'according to appoyntment.'¹ So completely now was the net drawn about the hunted man that at last, after thirteen years, he yielded. The *Minutes* tell how, when his supplication was received to be relaxed 'from that fearfull sentence of excommunicatione,' it was 'considered' by the Assembly; the end was that it was 'ordained that he goe and repaire to the severall ministers of Argyll and Lorn who are to coufer with him and bring him to farther lenth of his sence of his horrid guiltenes and sins; and to bring along with him ane testimoniall from one minister to another of his cariage and obedience, and to have all thes to be presented to the next synod be himself.'² Thus penitent McCalman went on his pilgrimage 'from minister to minister,' a wanderer in his own country, shunned by such as dared not own him, comforted by many of the simple folk to whom he had in the past brought courage and consolation, pursued and persecuted by the Church. Twelve months later he stood before his judges; he had brought the letters as desired, and in face of them the Synod could do no other than set him free.³ They had shown the power of their authority, they had broken the spirit (perhaps the heart too) of a man whose faithfulness is revealed by these *Minutes*.

It will not be uninteresting here to trace the manner of

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 135.

² *Ibid.*, ii. pp. 158, 159.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 174.

the ministers' dealing with an erring sheep, if only by way of contrast with that applied to an erring shepherd. Angus McMarquess, a vagabond fiddler and 'character' known to every parish in Argyll, had been summoned before the Synod 'for his scandalous cariage' and other misdemeanours and sentenced 'to stand in all the kirks of Argyll and Couall, and to gett alwayes a testimoniall in the kirk where he stands bearing the sence of guiltines to the minister and elders of the nixt adjacent paraoch where he is to stand.'¹ But once outside the Synod's door Angus was his own man again. When Sunday came round, those who attended the kirk to see their fiddler sobered and sorry were deprived of their entertainment; he was gone none knew whither. When the Synod next met they learned of the fiddler's dereliction; and not, it may be assumed, without some humour they laid it on the 'last moderator' to see to it that the rascal duly fulfilled his penance; 'and withall that publick intimatione be made in the severall churches of the paraoches of Argyll, Lorn and Couall that none countenance the said McMarques till he give satisfaction and evident repentance of his sin.'²

When another six months passed without sight or sound of the fiddler the Synod decreed that 'Angus McMarques, fiddler (for his continued wicked lyfe and dissobedience) be excommunicate.'³ As it happened, Angus was living a retired life with 'ane Mull woman as if shce was his married wiff in the paraoch of Kilmodan for the space of one year and one half till he was discovered.'⁴ The minister of Kilmodan was then Archibald McLean, a young man lately come from the parish of Row, and present in the Synod⁵ when the discovery of the fiddler was an-

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 53.

² *Ibid.*, ii. pp. 59, 60.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 77.

⁴ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 92.

⁵ October 1655 (p. 88).

nounced. He may have been the informer; the sins of Angus may have been described by him—‘that he is given to drunkenness and fighting; that he hants and converses with all gangrels that goe abroad where ever he meets with them in all artes, and generallie [is of] lewd cariage throw all the bounds of the synod. All which (the minute continues) being verified by the ministers of sevrall paraoches,’ it was ordered that the sentence of excommunication should be ‘pronounced against him summarlie on the nixt Lords day in the kirk of Inveraray; and intimatione be made therof in all the kirkes within the bounds of the synod.’¹

Finding his occupation thus gone and that none dared show him even a common kindness, Angus decided to appeal to the Synod for mitigation of his sentence. If that were to be obtained merely by a profession of penitence and promise of future good behaviour, all might have gone well, but, as he was to find, much more than that was required for absolution. The Synod was a ponderous body and moved slowly. They referred the suppliant to the presbytery of Argyll to sound the depth of his penitence and to find what knowledge he had of the Church’s teaching. The first report did not satisfy the fathers and Angus was sent back ‘for further instruction, conviction, and sense of his sin and sentence.’² Indeed, two years were to pass before, having at last mastered the lessons of his zealous teachers, he was declared ‘rype’ for relaxing, and intimation was ordered to be made in all parishes that the fiddler had satisfied the Church and was now received back into her fold.³ But the old proverb of the devil’s sainthood proved true, and six months later the Synod washed its hands of him. For the last time he is mentioned in the *Minutes*, ‘Angus McMarquesse, who,

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 92.

² *Ibid.*, ii. pp. 150, 163, 195.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 202.

being excommunicat for severall adulteries, was, on great appearance of repentance and after much paines taken on him, relaxed, hath now again fallen in adultery and [is] seriously recommended to the civill judge to be delt with according to law in such cases. . . .'¹

During these last years Presbyterian Scotland had been stirred profoundly by the claims of 'Independents, Anabaptists, Quakers' in their midst for toleration of their modes of worship. The *Humble Petition and Advice* of the English Parliament in 1657 made religious toleration a law for all three nations. In this new danger to the Kirk Resolutioner and Protester almost forgot their own quarrel, and presbyteries, which were composed of both parties, began to draw up testimonies against toleration. Jedburgh was first to make their testimony public, and they sent a copy—it was not printed—to Gideon Scott of Harden. 'When I asked the reason,' Scott wrote, 'why it was first presented to me and not to others of greater note, it was answered that seeing I had published the humble Supplication and Advice wherein that article concerning religion was comprehended, the Presbytery thought itt most proper for them to present their testimonie to mee, nott doubting butt I would impart itt to those by whose authority I did publish the same.' Heedless of the sneer Scott sent the Testimony to Monk.² Monk would have the Council deal with it, but as the Council had adjourned for some weeks he sent for 'the gentlemen of the presbitery that signed the testimonie' to appear before him. He pointed out to them the seriousness of what they had done, and 'thought fitt to give them time to consider of the errour they had committed.' At their next meeting with him should they be unrepentant he would be 'very severe with

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 219.

² *Scotland and the Protectorate*, pp. 382, 383.

them.' It is possible the Council when they considered the matter took a different view of it and advised Monk accordingly; 'but now,' Monk wrote, 'wee shall be punctuall in observing the commands wee have received in the letter from the council.'¹ If the Council's way was less severe with Jedburgh than Monk had intended, it did not lessen the bitterness with which he regarded the presbytery. Writing again to Thurloe he told how he had discovered that Colonel Gilbert Ker was 'more than any other man' implicated in the Jedburgh testimony, 'and I shall testifie it to his face if ever he comes hither. . . . I had a good opinion of him before; but hereafter I shall look upon him as hee is, as a factious man, and one that is not willing to live peaceable, unless things bee ordered according to his minde.'²

Ker had conveyed a copy of the testimony to Rutherford, who praised it as 'both rare and necessary,' and only wished that it might be made national.³ If, as would appear, the judgment of the Council prevented any such thing, nevertheless the Synods of Perth and Fife prepared a large testimony condemning those articles in the *Petition and Advice* which put 'into the hands of the civil power the modelling of the publick worship of God and things most properly ecclesiastick.'⁴ It may be assumed that opposition by public testimony was now forbidden or

¹ Thurloe, vii. p. 323.

² *Ibid.*, vii. p. 356.

³ *Letters* (Edition Bonar), No. 349.

⁴ The testimony of the ministers of Perth and Fife 'especially against that vast Toleration in things Religious lately framed into a Law and proclaimed throughout this nation,' has all the marks of Rutherford's authorship. It was completed in October 1658, signed by sundry ministers of whom Rutherford is first. It was added to in November 1659 to protest against a petition for toleration which was sent up by some in Edinburgh who were anti-Presbyterian and received very courteously by the English Parliament (Nicol's *Diary*, p. 245; *House of Commons Journal*, vii. 736; Blair's *Life*, p. 338), but not printed until 1660. Reissues were in 1703, 1729, and probably at other times.

was no longer feasible ; but the Scots had another weapon in their armoury—the right to approach the Sovereign direct by way of supplication or petition. The Protesters had been the prime movers against toleration by law, and those who were of the Synod of Glasgow resolved to send a petition to the Protector and Parliament for themselves and for the Synods with whom they held correspondence, Galloway, Dumfries, and Argyll.¹ The invitation to Argyll came before their meeting in May 1659, and was declined. The minute recording their decision is brief, ‘To the correspondent from Glasgow desyreing the synods concurrence in a supplication against tolleration, It is answered, that as things now stand the synod thinks the same not to be needfull.’² Briefly, as things then stood there was no Protector any longer ; Richard and his Parliament alike had been put out by the Officers of the Army, who stood for the ‘Good Old Cause.’ These, indeed, had by a Declaration on 6th May recalled the Long Parliament as it was in Oliver’s time, but Westminster was a long way off from the Highlands, and the Synod having minuted their answer to the Protesters of Glasgow went on with the work of the province.

When the Protesters’ petition was first mooted in the Glasgow Synod, Baillie wrote to Douglas in Edinburgh pointing out the danger of the proceeding, first, in being an acknowledgment of ‘the present power as the Supream Magistrate, which no Church Judicatorie in Scotland had ever yet attempted’ ; also in that while seeking to preserve one article of the Covenant, they were giving tacit consent to the Englishmen’s violation of all the rest. Not only so, but ‘is it not like that the petitioning against toleration, which none hes hope will be granted, is but a mere pretence for putting on their [the Protesters] designs ?’³ Douglas and

¹ Baillie, *Letters*, iii. p. 392. ² *Minutes*, ii. p. 193. ³ Baillie, *ut supra*.

the Edinburgh ministers, equally cautious with Baillie, decided to make their protest verbally by Sharp, then about to return to London, and accordingly instructed him to 'use all lawfull and prudent meanes to represent the sinfulness and offensiveness' of the Toleration article, 'that it may be timeously remedied.'¹

In October 1659 the Marquess of Argyll announced to the meeting the unanimous desire of the Synod of Glasgow and Ayr to endeavour to bring to an end the Church's feud and their seeking the co-operation of the Synod of Argyll in so good a design; a committee was at once appointed to correspond with or meet delegates from other synods or presbyteries, 'they always not sydeing with any one side of the said divisions . . . and to make a report to the next synod of their diligence.'² Before the Synod met again, in May 1660, a letter had come from the Glasgow brethren enclosing 'overtures made by the synod of Lothian for union, together with their acceptation and hearty embraceing of the said overtures . . . and wishing the concurrence of this synod.' The former committee was added to and asked 'to think on what other overtures may be fitt for the effect foirsaid and to make report to this synod.'³

This new desire for union was subsequent to the Resolutioners' printed Declaration of 1658.⁴ The effect of the latter on the Protesters was like casting oil on a fire which had begun to burn low; the charred fragments were gathered together again and fresh fuel added. The Protesters are charged with 'setting up in effect a new Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction . . . not only suspending the established

¹ *Consultations of the Ministers of Edinburgh* (S.H.S.), ii. 149.

² *Minutes*, ii. pp. 206, 207.

³ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 212.

⁴ *A Declaration of the Brethren who are for the established Government and Judicatories of this Church, expressing their earnest desires of Union and peace with their Dissenting Brethren.* (Edinburgh, 1658.)

Church-government, *sine die*, but totally subverting it to make way for the projecters their domination in the Church and over their Brethren.' Notwithstanding all this the Resolutioners will be 'content that the Synods (since a Generall Assembly doth not meet) do take off the censures that are upon their respective members, they giving assurance of their submission and subordination to the Judicatories. . . .' Having thus, as they considered, opened a door for their erring brethren to come in with expressions of penitence, the Resolutioners awaited the response of the Protesters. It came in another fashion and with no uncertain sound. James Guthrie, 'the little man who would not bow,' took up the challenge of subversion and threw into the fire of contention his *Protesters no Subverters*,¹ a book little in bulk but mighty for its heat, and shocked the Resolutioners to a last reply.² It is certain that peace would not come that way.

While the protagonists in the dispute thus hammered each other, the humbler officers in the Church, of both parties alike, began to feel in good earnest the shame of their divisions. If the first motion to a new essay for union was in the presbytery of Kirkeudbright,³ it was not long before the synods one by one made it their business. Lothian was the first to give it form, and it is striking to find James Guthrie as the leading spirit for peace. The Synod met in Edinburgh in the beginning of November 1659. Hay of Craignethan, who was present, tells that on 2nd November he 'dyned with Mr. Guthrie and 12 more brethren, and we did read a draught of a paper upon q^t grounds we would unite together, drawn by Mr. Guthrie.'⁴ The

¹ Published in September 1658.

² *Review and examination of a pamphlet . . . bearing the Title of Protesters no Subverters and Presbyterie no Papacy.* (Edinburgh, 1659.) The author was Geo. Hutcheson with the help of James Wood. (Baillie, iii. 387.)

³ Rutherford, *Letters*, No. 355.

⁴ *Diary* (S.H.S. 1901), p. 179.

following day the party met again and prepared the paper for presentation to the Synod. Continuing, Hay says under 4th November, 'I went into the Synod where we agreed on ane act for the fundation of ane union ; it was opposed by some of the most disaffected ministers, and yet was at lenth concluded unanimouslie. The paper is very gen^l; free from imposing of the judgements of any partie, but as it wer remitting all to the tryell of ministers practises. In a word, it is bygaines are bygaines and fair play in tyme to come.'¹ That unanimity among the ministers should have been reached is not wonderful ; the atmosphere of the meeting forbade otherwise—there were present correspondents from the Synods of Fife, Perth, Glasgow, Galloway, Dumfries, and the Merse, all charged with messages for union.²

When each Synod, however, put before its members the conclusions of the Synod of Lothian, unlike Lothian, all were not of the same mind. Robert Blair called parties from both sides together to St. Andrews, summoning also 'some moderate men from Angus, Mearns, and other parts of the Kingdom'; but when agreement seemed about to be reached and bitterness excluded, the division remained.³ When the Fife Synod met, the Protesters demanded first the removal of the censures of 1651 on their brethren. 'Much is promised to us for the remedying of these censures,' wrote Rutherford to the minister of Methven; 'I shall believe when I see their performances'; of the Lothian paper he thought little; it 'is very general and comes to no particulars: it only tells the good of union and contains some obtestations to us that insinuate the unsavouriness of irregular courses. . . .'⁴ To the Synod of Perth the Protesters

¹ *Diary* (S.H.S. 1901), pp. 180, 181.

² Blair's *Life*, p. 343.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 178.

⁴ *Letters*, No. 356.

sent in their 'desires,' which, like those of Fife, were for the taking-off the censures and restoring the 'lawful standing' of the deposed ministers 'to sit and vote in the Synod and in their own Presbytery.'¹

Glasgow, as we have seen, passed the Lothian paper to Argyll along with their own 'sense of, and concurrence with,' the overtures for union. Argyll was in cordial agreement, regretting only that so long a time was passing without further action, 'especially considering the sad and lamentable condition of this distracted and rent Church.' Although declaring their own insignificance they accounted it their duty 'to contribute with other reverend synods by casting our myte in this treasurie, and to offer our goats haire (to say so) were it but to be a covereing for the Lords tabernacle.'² The *Minutes* quote their humble advice at length,³ providing thereby a valuable commentary on the subject of the union then contemplated by the Synods. One point was made clear: they would not 'concurre in anything that will be fund ane probable and lykely mean to uphold the present differences of this Church and to marre a sweet union and lasting peace in the Lord, whether as to the continuance of censures inflicted merely on that occasion [1651] . . . or as to the laying on of censures upon any within this church merely upon the account of what is herebefore passed and been done in the late differences, altho' by this we intend not that any hereafter should take occasion to do anything that may tend to weaken the lawful authority of the judicatories of this church.'⁴ In a word, let bygones be bygones, but not so as to form a precedent for future schism. However fair were the prospects for healing, the wound was too deep; and the time was past. If there was

¹ Rutherford, *Letters*, No. 356 n.

² *Minutes*, ii. pp. 214-218.

³ Exodus, xxvi. 7.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 217.

a semblance of union at last it came only when Resolutioner and Protester together went out into the wilderness.

The Synod met again on 29th May 1661—two days after the Marquess of Argyll's execution in Edinburgh, but no minute refers to their great Chief's troubles. The work of the Church is carried on; the translation of the Bible, the completion of the Psalms, provision for young students, all are recommended for care as before; notorious offenders undergo excommunication; a minister 'observed to be overtaken in drink before the synod,' expresses his sorrow and is rebuked with the promise of sterner measures 'if he be fund in the lyke hereafter.' It is only when the Synod has been asked to concur in the call of a minister to Islay that changed times are revealed, and their refusal is made with the ominous phrase 'as things now stand.'¹ As before, these four words stand for much history; there has been the restoration of the King, restoration of a parliament in Scotland, restoration of patronage in the Church; and shortly there will be the restoration of bishops. The authority of the Synod is departing.

J. D. O.

¹ *Minutes*, ii. p. 236.

THE 2^D VOLUME OF THE SYNOD OF ARGYLE
AND THE YLES COPPIED, BEING FROM
MAY 19, 1652 YEERS TO THE LAST
WEDNESDAY OF MAY 1661 INCLUSIVE.

THE PROVINCIAL BOOKE OF THE PROVINCE OF
ARGYLL BEGUNE MAY ANNO 1652 CONTAINING
THE PRINCIPLE ACTS OF THE PROVINCIAL
OR SYNODICALL MEETINGS, THIS BEING THE
SECOND BOOK SINCE THE REFORMATION 1638
YEIRS.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGILE
HOLDIN AT INVERARYE, MAY 19TH, 1652.

The whilk day, after exhortatione unto the assembly by
Mr Ewan Camrone, moderator to the former assembly, and
likwayes after prayer for the Lords directione unto and
his blessing upon the meiting, the rolle of the ministers
and ruling elders was read and they severally called upon.
The names of such as were present ar as followeth :—

Nomina presentium.

The Presbytrie of Dunnoone : Mr Ewan Camrone ; Mr
James Campbell ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; Mr Neill
Camerone ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; Mr Ar^d mc Leane ; Duncane
Campbell, Ruling Elder.

Presbytrie of Inverarey : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Mr
Alex^r Gordowne ; Mr Ar^d mc Callume ; Mr Do^d Campbell ;
Mr Neill Malcome ; My Lord of Lorne, Ruling Elder ;
Coline Campbell ; James Campbell of Kilberie ; Joⁿ mc

Indeor ; Alex^r Campbell of Penimoire ; Duncane Campbell ; Mr Ar^d mc Corquodell.

The Presbytrie of Kilmoire : Mr Ferq. Frazar ; Mr Hector mc Leane ; Mr Ar^d Read ; Mr Nicoll mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, younger ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Martaine mc ilvrae ; Ardchatane, Ruling Elder.

Presbytrie of Sky : Mr Angueis mc Quein ; Mr Neill mc Kinnown ; Mr Martine mc Persone.

Presbyterie of Kinloch : Mr Dougall Dorrouch ; Mr Martine mc Lachlan. Ruling Elders : Malcome mc Neill ; Ar^d Campbell ; Neill mc Neill of Carskey.

Correspondent from the Synod of Glasgow : Mr Joⁿ Hammiltown, Minister at Innerkipe.

Mr Ro^t Barklay, Ruling Elder.

After the names of the members of the assembly which wer present wer marked as is above specified, the synod proceeded to the election of a moderator, and having leited Mr Dowgal Dorrouch, Mr Ar^d Read, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Mr Neill mc Kinowne, Mr Alex^r Gordowne, the said Mr Alex^r Gordowne was chosen by pluralitie of voyces.

Mr Alex^r
Gordown
chosen
moderator.

SESS: 2^d. May 19 *a meridie*.

The synod, taking unto consideratione the proceedings of the comittie appointed by the former synod for taking a course with the injuries and threatnings offered by Joⁿ mc Leane of to Mr Hector mc Leane, minister of Morvern, doe approve them for the great paines they have taken in that bussines in bringing the abovesaid Joⁿ to the confessione of the wrong done by him to the said Mr Hector, and to the publicke acknowledgment of his guiltines and profession of a more sober and christian behaviour in tyme to come.

Approbatione of the
diligence
of the
Comitie
anent Mr
Hector
mc Leane
business.

The synod, fearing great abuses in the mater of mariage of widdowes who pretend their yokefellowes presently to have deceased out of the kingdome or in the Lowlands,

presently to be kiled in the late wares within and without the kingdome, Doe ordaine that, if such persones shall seeke for the benefite of mariage whos freedome is not certainly knowne, that they shall bring a testificat from the judges competent (whos office it is to clear such maters) of their freedome, withall doth earnestly recommend it to the said judges to take nerrow inspectione in such maters.

Concerning the mariag of widowes whose freedome of mariage is not certainly known.

The synod, understanding that Mr Angus mc Quein hath translated the Shorter Catechisme in Irish language, and that Neill mc Quein, a man able in that language, hath done the like, And seeing they are both present at this meiting and being likwayes verie desirous of the best translatione, doth therefore appoint the above two with their translationes be conferred with the translatione formerly seen and examined by the synod that one out of all may be aggried upone, And this to be done by Mr Ewan Cameron, Mr Angus mc Quein, Mr Neill mc Kinnon, Ordaining also that this work be perfected against the dissolution of this synod, which may be easily done seeing it only consistes in the alteratione of a few words.

Concerning the Irish catechise.

The synod, taking unto ther consideratione the conditione of other parts of the kingdome by rassone of the revolution of these tymes, and not knowing what may be the condition of these parts ere long, Do therefore appoint some of ther number, viz., Mr Ewan Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlane, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Dowgall Dorruch, Mr Ar^d mc Callume, with the moderator and Mr Joⁿ Hamilton, correspondent, and ruling elders my Lord of Lorne, James Campbell of Kilberie, to meit at the most convenient tymes for thinking upon and prepearring such overtours as may hold out the synods duetie in such a darke tyme, And appoints the aboivnamed to make reporte so soone as any thing is thoght upon by them.

Comitie for overtures anent publique affaires.

Mr Neill Camron, minister at Innerchailing, being by the synod in May 1651 transported to-the Irish congrigatione of Inverarey, and finding that at the last synod in October 1651 nothing was done in preparatione for his settlement there in bulding a kirke or yet in the preparing of a manse as was appointed, And now a complent being given in by

Concerning Mr Neill Camerone.

him that nothing was gone about in order to his transportation with a desire that he might be freed from the said act, The synod, being sensible of his prejudice and of the saids paroch great negligence, doe yet ordaine that, if the kirke be not at least syd wall high and the manse in way of boulding against the nixt synod, that then the said paroch shall loose the benefite of the said Mr Neill and he to be declared to remaine minister at Innerchillan.

SESS: 3^d.

The synod, considering that their progresse may be retarded because of severall bills presented unto them, Doe therefore appoint a comittie consisting of Mr Coline mc Lachlane, Mr Neill Camrone, Mr Martane Pharsone, Mr Ar^d mc Leane and Mr Dowgall Darrouch to receive bills and to present their thoughts unto the synod concerning these bills for greater expeditiones sake. The synod doth also referre unto the benamed comittie to take ane accompt of the generall collector of the vacancies his diligence and intromissions and to make ane accompt thereof unto the assembly.

The assembly considering that there is a number of Lowland gentillmen and others come to reside in Kintyre ¹ and that they are scatered through severall parishes of the same, yet not so but as that all may meit together for the participatione of the ordinances, The assembly thinks it fite that in the maine tyme, until parishes be formally distinguesed and bounded and a settled ministrie be gotten for these bounds, that these be not left without all order and discipline, Doth therfore ordaine (as these people themselves have desired) a session to be erected, and that sessione to be called the session of Sadall, and this to be until the synods funder consideratione of the mater.

¹ Mr A. McKerral, who has made a special study of the Lowland settlements in Kintyre, is of opinion that there were three main stages: (1) from 1618 onwards following on the creation of Campbeltown as a burgh, (2) the main movement here referred to, and (3) from 1665 onwards when many Covenanters fled from the western shires to find shelter with friends already settled in Kintyre.

Ther being in Kintyre one Anna ne Ranald, ane obstinat papist on whom great paines hes bein taken and at last ordained to be excommunicat, shee is recommended by the synod unto the civill magistrat.

The assembly, considering that Hector mc Leane hath falline verie many tymes in fornicatione and adultrie and that he hath made only a mocke of the publick professione of his repentance, Doth therefore ordaine that after intimatione made unto him that he shall be sumarly excommunicat.

The presbytrie of Argyll haveing informed the synod concerning on Mr Joⁿ Lindsay, ane expectant who was recomended unto them by the Laird of Glenurchey, The synod, conceivieing hope of the young man from the presbyteries informatione as, among other qualificationes, so especially of the probabilitie there is of his attaining of the Irish language in a short tyme, Doth recomend it to the said presbytrie to take trayall of his gifts, and also to take a care how he may be best accomodat for the studie of the Irish.

Ther compeired before the synod Mc Leane of Lochbuy, who had been in rebellione with umquhile James Grame and therefore a prime leading man excommunicat, who gave in his supplicatione containing a full acknowledgment of that and other guiltinesse both in generall and particulare and ane earnest desir to be admitted to publicke repentance and of relaxatione from the sentence of excommunicatione, The assembly, being desirous to bring him further on in the sense of his guiltines and to try as far as may be the realitie of his greife and sorrow, doth therfor appoint Mr Ard: Mc Clean, Mr Ard: Mc Callum and the moderator to take pains upon him in private and to make their report.

The synod, finding that severall furnicators and adultorers, so soone as they have gotten their childrin baptist, do slight their giving satisfacione unto the kirke, Doth therfor ordain that befor such childrine gette the benefite of baptisme the parents give full satisfacione in matter of confession and number of dayes appointed them for

that end, or else suretie be taken for their obedience, but withall that the above said suretie be not made a too common practise but gone about with all warrinesse least it also be turned to abuse.

SESS: 4^a.

The commitie formerlie appointed for the giving in their overtures in what they thought to be the synods deutie in reference to thes within their charge in this tyme of dangers was heard by the synod, the sume of which is, first, a short necessarie warning in reference to the present dangers and deuties, Which being read, revised and examined, the synod doth heartilie approve thereof, appointing evrie minister to take a copie thereof, and not only to read and explaine the samen unto the people, but withall to presse the things therein contained as the necesitie and occasion offers. 2ly, the commitie thought there was a necessitie of a publike and solemne humiliatione, the cause of which in few tearms they presented unto the synod, Which being also read, revist and examined, the synod doth heartilie approve of, appointing the samen fast to be kepted through the bounds of this province the first Thursday of Jun and the Lords day following or so soon as can be. The coppie of the warning and causs of the fast are as followeth.

A short and necessarie warning in reference to present dangers and deuties from the Synod of Argyll to all within their bounds.

Whereas we are not unsensible of the dangerous course of defection which is proposed unto this land and embraced by many already, and being uncertaine how soon the same may be offred unto those under our charge, the care of whom the Lord hath committed to us, We, being desirous to be fund in our deutie as the Lord shall enable us, doe think that there is a necessitie laid on us as the servants of Jesus Christ to give warning to those committed to our trust of the present dangers and imminent

evils that are threatned in this tyme of darknesse and great difficulties.

Therefore we doe earnestlie desire in the Lords name people to tak to remembrance not only what they are in a covenant with God, but also what they are solemnly engaged unto by the oath of God laying on them in the Covenant, to witt, their solemne tie to religion in doctrine, worship, discipline and government as it is agreeable unto the word of God and hath been established and professed in this kirk, as lykwise their obligatione to what is for the establishment, good and defence of religion in doctrine, worship, discipline and government, both which are sworn unto, as the articles of the Covenant (which we recommend unto yow seriouslie) doth more particularlie hold forth. 2ly, we desire yow earnestlie to ponder what a fearfull terrible thing it is for people to be guiltie of the violatiōe of the oath of God and with what sore judgments the Lord hath persued such as have in former tymes bein guiltie heerof, as the word of God and experience doth cleerlie evidence, And seeing men who swear to their own hurt ought not to change (according to the Lords command), how much sorer shall they be worthie of and meet with who, having sworn unto the most high God, shall be fund by there chang to bring any prejudice to the blessed truth and cause of God. 3ly, least people should ether ignorantly or knowingly be drawn aside, we desir that what may be pressed upon them either by craveing their oath, subscription or consent unto, be considered how contrarie it is unto their vows unto God and how destructive unto the Covenant and work of reformatiōe least people be fund to throw down the building which the Lord hath been rearing up and to the which people are oblidged by deutie and lykwise by oath more straitlie tyeing them not to quyt the same all the dayes of their lives, as the Covenant beares. 4ly, because this is a tyme wherein the spirit of error, heresie, shisim is letten loose, that therefor people will be warrie of and guard against whither publict doctrine or private insinuationes and

inducements, thogh never so smooth, specious, or plausible, which may leed them away, And to this purpose, because the spirit of error is subtile, there wold be a watchfulnesse over hearts even against all appearance of evil, least if there be a lending of ears to such things, whether out of curiositie or any other pretence, peoples judgments be blindfolded and their affections stolen away, for who knows the flexibilness of corrupt nature to what is evill and who knoweth the heart of man. 5ly, least the mater of suffring should bear great weight with or stumble any, we requist people to call to remembrance the Lords mercie to them in former tryels, especially in thir parts, in bearing them through and at lenth in giving them deliverance, and next we wold recomend unto people that, seing be all appearance it is lyke to be the lott of all such who shall labour to adhere unto their deueties, that they wold endeavour to suffer as weell doers with a good conscience that so they may have ground to rejoyce in as much as they are partakers of Christs suffrings, and not to mak a present world with things appertaineing thereunto to be the maine ground of their suffrings, lest their peace and comfort be marred when they are under the tryal. And 6ly, that people may be enabled to perform the former deuties and guard against the former evils, we exhort everie one to make his peace and frindshipe with God sure, without which suffrings will not be accompted service. And 7ly, that people would labour to entertain the sence of peace with and love to God in their hearts, that walking as the childrine of God they may promise to themselves the accomplishment of Gods promises unto them in everie thing that concerns them, both heer and heerafter, And lastly, we lay it upon ministers that they wold presse the adhering unto these and other necessarie dueties and the eschewing of thes and other avoydable evils, And that in their doctrine, privat admonitions, exortationes, also by their example, least they be fund guiltie of their peoples blood by not giving tymous and cleer warning unto them, To all which things, called for both at the

hands of ministers and people, we exhort yow deal with God for his help and furnitur, seeing that without him we can doe nothing.

Causes of a solemn fast and humiliation to be kept by all the severale congregations within the province of Argyll.

1. The continuance of the Lords wrath against his people so that for all this the Lords hand is stretched out still, which doth cleerlie hold forth peopls continuance in their evils.
2. The great abounding of personall faults of all sorts both against law and gospell, which are as cairt ropes and cords of vanitie to draw on both mor iniquitie and further judgment.
3. The great backslyding and defection of many from former principles and tyes by oath lying upon them, whereby the Lord is provoked to mak the land a spectacle of his wrath, because people revolts mor and mor even when judgment is poured forth against them for former transgressions, so that punishment from God worketh not the right effect of causing people to turn from former iniquities and guard against present evils.
4. The great danger wherein we in thire parts stand both to be pressed unto the evill of backslyding, as also to be drauen asid to the same course as weall as others.
5. The great divisions, heart burnings and differences which are and yet are lykely further to encrease among ministers and others (which is no little part of the lands judgment) and that to the skandale of the gospell, stumbling of the weak and great disadvantage of the cause of God.
6. The much slighting of former fasts and humiliations with the causes of them hath provoked the Lord to answer our prayers with such sad dispensationes.
7. Notwithstanding of all thes and other evils, yet the grosse ignorance there is of God and present

deadness, stupiditie and securitie of heart that people lay under, which speaks a people not rype for mercie, Therfor we wold pray that the Lord wold make us sensible both of sin and 'of judgment to be for sin, that, ignorance and securitie being shaken of, there may be ane use making of Jesus Christ, the only remedie both of sin and judgment.

Let all causes of former fasts relating to ours and the lands present caise, with such as ministers shall observe to relate unto the particular condition of their fokes, be added unto thes.

In regard there are many parishes vacant within the severall presbytries of this synod, Therefore it is earnestly recomended unto the severall presbytries to take caire for suppling the vaccant parishes within their respective bounds in the keeping of the fast and reading the warning, and that as soone as they have discharged the same duetie within their owne congregaciones.

SESS: 5^a.

The synod, being sensible of the great lose this province doth sustaine throw the not ingathering of the vaccant stipands to be imployed for the training up of poor scoolers at schooles and colledges, as also for the help of ministers widdowes which are put to the lamentable conditione of begging, and for other pious uses, Doth yet againe seriously recomend the same to my Lord Marquesse of Argyle for his Lordships concurrence, without which nothing of that sort can be made effectuell.

Ther being a supplicatione presented in name and behalf of Mr Alex^r Campbell, student of theologie for the present at Edinburgh, and that to the effect of craving some supplie out of the vaccant stipands for maintaining him at the colledge, Which the synod considering, and being desirous that nothing of that sort which may be gotten should be spent in vaine, doth there[fore] appoint that, upon the productione of a certificatione under Mr David Dicksons

hand, of the hopefulness and profiteing of the said Mr Alex^r unto the presbytrie of Lorne, that then the said Mr Alex^r shall have right to ane 100 marks.

The commitie appointed for takeing ane accompt of Joⁿ Zuill, generall collector, his diligence and intromissiones, giving a report of their diligence, It is found that he hath depursed that littell which he hath received according to directione and ordor given to him, and therefore discharges him of all these intromissiones presented except 31 pounds which is yet in his hands.

Mr Hector mc Leane, minister at Morvane, havinge declared the great probability there is of the desolatione and depopulating his parish throw some feeds that had arisin among some prime men in that countrie, as also by robing, which alreddie was come to a great hight, and haveing required what he should doe in that caise,¹ Which being taken unto consideratione, the synod doth recomend to the presbytrie of Lorne to sie Mr Hector setteled for the interim of that desolatione in some other vaccant parish wher they shall judge most convenient, if his parish shall be depeopelat.

Whereas the last synod (upon a call given by the parishoners of Kilbryd in Arran to Mr Alex^r mc Leane) did appoint a comitie for the trying of the said Mr Alex^r, and upon finding him qualified agriable unto the ruls of this kirke to admitte him minister at Kilbryd, haveing secured [him] in a sufficient maintance and any other impediments previous to his admisionne being taken out of the way, Which admisionne the synod finding delayed among other grounds upon this that none in the parish would ingage in the securing any maintenance unto the said Mr Alex^r, And now ane other unanimous call being offered unto him

¹ In 1661 he presented a petition to the Privy Council, stating that 'since the beginning of these late troubles he hath bein twyse robbed be two severall parties of his hail goods, houses, lands, his books and plenishing burnt and destroyed, his hail parochiners lykwayes utterlie ruined, and that only for his loyaltie to his Majestie, so that he hes had nothing to entertain himself these diverse years bypast.'—*Register of the Privy Council* (Third Series), i. 80.

by the parishioners of Kilmaglash, which he accepting, seeing no way for his regular and orderly setteling in Kilbryd, the synod, out of desire to have him placed in some charge wher he may be stadable¹ in the work of the gospell within this province, and fearing to loose the said Mr Alex^r throw the severall disappointments he hath mett with, doth consent unto his imbraceing the charge of the parish of Kilmaglash, and recomends his regular and orderly admittance unto the presbytrie of Dunnoone.

SESS: 6^{ta}.

The synod, haveing hard the report of these who were appointed to bespeak Mc Leane of Lochboy, are well satisfied with their report of the appearance of the said Lochboy, his sinceritie and reality, And haveing also heard the presbyterie of Lorne their mynd concerning him to whom he at severall tymes had made his addresse, And haveing called him againe to heir him more fully in laying to his owne charge which none but himself knew of and much aggravating his owne guiltines, all which the synod considering with what formerly his supplicatione did bear, And also considering how profitable the reformatione and gaining of the said Lochboy may prove unto the countrie he liveth into and hath charge over, Doth appoint him, upon the publique acknowledgment of his guiltines and sorrow for the same in face of the congregatione, to be relaxed frome the sentance of excommunicatione, and that by Mr Martaine mc Phersone this nixt Lords day.

The presbytrie of Dunnoone having given in a complent upon Leiutenant Colonell Wallas because of his charging drunkennes upon some of the members of that presbytrie, the which was made mentione of before the generall assembly at Edinburgh 1650 and by them refered to a visitatione appointed for visiting the province of Argyll, which visitatione not holding by reason of the trubles of the tyme, And the said presbyterie pressing that they may

¹ *i.e.* serviceable.

no longer lye under the imputatione of such a scandall, but that the bussines be put to tryall, Which the synod taking unto consideratione, Mr Arch: mc Leane, Mr Ar^d mc Calman, Mr Alex^r Gordowne and also Mr Joⁿ Hamilton, correspondent, at requist if he can be present, to meit at Dunnoone the penult Wednesday of June nixt to come for to take tryall of the abovesaid scandall and to make their report at the nixt synod: It is also ordained that sowmands be directed from this sett to Leiwt Coll^{ll} Wallas for his compeirance with the executione and indorsatione of the same against the said dyat at Dunnoone.

Wheras the synod October 1650 had allowed of Mr Patrick Stewart, minister at Rotsay, his cession from the full charge of that parish by reason of his age and weaknes, allowing unto him his stipend during his lyfe, not intending thereby to frustrat the plantatione of the said kirk but contrarwyse trying if that appointment could prove effectuall for the getting ane other kirk erected, the parish being great and of two languages sufficient to make upe two congrigationes, there being moreover abundance of tyths for the sufficient maintainance of two ministers, and considering also the said Mr Patrick his willingnes to passe from his stipand upon the furthmaking of ane other and divisione of the parish; But yet considering that ther is a minister ther for the interim, viz., Mr James Jonstone, serving the on half of the said charge, and that he hath no maintainance, and seeing no possibilitie for the present to effectuat two kirks and two stipends, And thinking it unreasonable that the said Mr James should serve without maintainance, and so much the more as that Mr Patrick did referre himself and the desposing of his stipend into the hands of the synod October 1650, and againe his more ample and full reference of the disposall of his stipend to this present synod, Doth therefore ordaine the one equall half of the stipend to Mr Patrick Stewart and the other equall half of the stipend to Mr James Jonstone, and Mr Patrick, because of his dexteritie and knowledge of the people, to be uplifter of the whole and paymaster of the one equall half to Mr James, And this appointment to be

for this yeir, reserveing unto the synod to doe heirin efterward as they shall see just cause.

It is to be remembered that this abovesaid is the true meaning of the synod, and that what Mr Patrick Stewart hath under the clerk's hand as the dowble of the aboivesaid act is not the extract but only a minot which he gotte from the clerk at that tyme for his own satisfactiōe.¹

SESS. 7^{ta}.

Wheras the Commissione for planting of kirks within this province hath recomended unto this synod, for the more comodious situating the kirks to be erected, to visite these bounds and limit the parishes appointed, Which recomendatione and reference being taken into consideratione, and being verie desirous of the furtherance of so good a work, doth appoynt a visitatione for the effectuating the aboivesaid worke, Which visitatione is to consist of the members following, viz. : Mr Dowgall Darroch, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Ar^d mc Callume, ministers best acquainted with these bounds, and of others Carskey, Alex^r mc onachy, the Laird of Louppe, my Lord Lorne, Ralstone, Hillabith, Captaine Browne,² Laird mc Nachtan, Mr James Montgumirie, Ar^d mc Neill, Caradell, Mc Keachrine of Bich, Hector mc Neill, of which ministers and elders nyne are to be quorum, Which visitatione, besydes the power of doing the aboivesaid worke, ther is also committed unto them to take inspectione of vaccancies and glibes which, as the synod is informed, are possessed by

¹ This paragraph appears to be a note which was added to the record at a subsequent date, and which has inadvertently been incorporated in the text. Parts of the transcript of Vol. II would appear to have been written to dictation, which would explain the error. The Synod at a later date found it necessary to deal with the question of having the wording of the minutes of their decisions adjusted between the sessions of their meetings, so as to prevent such 'inconveniencies' as had arisen in this case.

² William Ralston of Ralston and John Cunningham of Hill of Beith were two of the leaders of the main Lowland settlement, for whom a separate charge had been created at Saddell; Capt. Brown was an elder of the Lowland congregation of Campbeltown.

adjacent inhabitants, as also of the kirke of Kilcalmanell and bridge of Ormsay boulded upon the charge of the vaccant stipends, and to doe any other thing for the good of that countrie which requers present redresse in the mater of discipline, And they are to meit the thrid Wedins-day of Julie and to make ther report unto the nixt synod.

The synod, taking into consideratione the great peanes taken by Neill mc Qeun in translating the Catechise, and morover the said Neill his great necessitie and penurie, Doth appoynt him twell bolls victuall out of the vaccancye of Kintyre.

The synod, being satisfied with the translatione of the Catechise formerly examined by them as it stands now helped and amended by conferring therewith the for-mentioned translationes, Doth appoynt the same to be prented, and Mr Ewane Camrone, minister at Dunnoone, to have the charge and oversight of the prenting therof, who upon his accompt of his charges is to be repayed.

The synod, taking into consideratione that Joⁿ mc Lachlane hath 2 or 3 verie hopfull boys to be schoolers which he would gladly intertaine at schooles and after at colledges, but being unable to maintaine the same, Doth appoynt him ane 100 lib. Scotas for a helpe of maintinance, he haveing promised the right improvement of the same for such of his sones use as shall be found most hopfull to be schoolers.

The synod, remembering the deplorable conditione of Lochaber and yle of Mulle through want of the gospell, and seeing no present appearance to gett any parte of these bounds planted with a settelled ministrie, Doe in the meane tyme appoynt Mr Ewan Camerone to repaire to Lochaber and Mr Coline mc Lachlane to the vaccant kirks of Mulle, both in the midst of July, and there abyde untill October instructing the people.

The presbyterie booke of Lorne being revisited ¹ is desired to be more formall.

The presbyterie book of Inverarey revisited ¹ and ap-proven.

¹ *sic* for revisit.

The book of Dunoon revisit and approven.

Because the presbyterie book of Sky is continually absent (so that nothing of their procedour is known to the synod), They are ordained to present their book to the next synod under the paine of censure.

Appoynts a not of Mr Joⁿ Hamilltane, correspondent, his dilligence in attendance to be given him and him to be thanked for his peanes.

The next synod is to hold at Inveraray the 3d Wednesday of October 1652 yeirs.

J. FLYMING, *Clerk* : X.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL
HOLDEN AT INVERAREY THE 9TH OF OCTOBER 1652.

SESS: 1^a.

After sermon had be Mr Alex^r Gordoune, last moderator, and incalling upon God for a blessing to the meiting, the assembly did proceed to the electione of a moderator, and haveing lietted Mr Archibald mc Callume, Mr Dougall Darrach, Mr Archibald mc Leane, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, by pluralitie of voces Mr John Stewart was chosen moderator to the meiting.

Mr James Flyming, who was formerly clerk to the synod, haveing given in reasones why he could not attend upon the clerkshipe, did demitt the same, which the assembly accepted of, and did choice Mr James Campbell clerk for this dyet.

The members of the assembly being constitute, the roll of the severall presbyteries ministers and elders was called and absence marked as followeth :—

Presbytrie Kintyre : Mr Dowgall Darrach ; Mc Nachtane his Ruling Elder absent ; Martaine mc Lachlane ; Ar^d Campbell, Elder.

Presbyterie Dunoon : Mr Ewen Camerone ; his Ruling Elder absent ; Mr James Campbell ; Ar^d Campbell, Elder ;

Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; Joⁿ mc Mains, Elder ; Mr Neill Camerone ; Joⁿ mc Lachlane, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Leane ; Johnne Campbell, Elder ; Mr Alex^r mc Leane ; Ruling Elder absent.

Argyll : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Callume ; Elder absent ; Mr Donald Campbell ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Alex^r Gordoune ; My Lord Lorne, Ruling Elder.

Kilmoire : Mr Nicoll mc Calman absent ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Johnne mc Lachlan elder, absent ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan younger ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Martine mc ilvra ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Hector mc Leane ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Ferq^r Fressel¹ ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Ar^d Read ; Ruling Elder absent.

Correspondent from Glesgow absent.

Presbytrie of Sky : Both Ministers and Ruleing Elders absent.

SESS: 2^a.

Ther haveing ane act past at the last synod liberating Mr Neill Cameron, minister at Inverchilen, from being transported to Irish congrigatione of Inverarey if certaine conditiones previous to his transportation and expressed in the said act were not fulfilled by them before this dyet of the synod, which conditiones not yet being performed nor any sufficient reasons given for the none performance, It is heirby declared that former act of transportation shall have no force, and so that the said Mr Neill Camrone shall remaine minister at Innerkelan.

The assembly, haveing divers and often appoynted conference and used meanes for gaining Anna nc Donald, papist, and finding heir altogither obstinat and irreclamable, Doth ordaine Mr Dowgall Darrach to proceed against her with excommunicatione.

¹ Friseal is Gaelic for Frazer.

Katharine ne Kuik in Arrane, haveing wilfully and maliciously deserted Hew mc Millane heir husband upon a grund which afterward was proven to be falsly alledged throw his begetting a child with ane other woman, And the said Katharine moreover faling in adulterie with one Patrick mc Marganey as is proven and confessed, Therefore the synod appoynts that the said Katharine be summarly excommunicat, and the same to be done by the presbytrie of Cowall.

The synod, considring Leivtennant Collonell Wallace because of his present casse cannot safely compeir for cleering the scandall laid be him upon the presbetrie of Cowall, doth defferr the said matter to a mor fitt tym wherein the said leivtennat collonel may safely compeir.

SESS: 3.

Mr Alex^r mc Clean, minister at Straquhir, who was de-teaned in Aran since the last provincial, is appointed to return to his charge at Straquhir and to remain at the samen.

The assembly, being informed that Gorrie Mc Neill and

Campbell went to Irland to get mariage, albeit the samen was refused to them by this kirk upon this grund, that the said Campbells husband went to Irland about fyve yeers since and no probabilitie gotten of his death, Doe therefoir ordain Mr Dougald Daroch to tak tryal of the testificatione they alledge they have of their mariage, and notwithstanding of the relevancie thereof to enjoyne them repentence.

Whereas it is made known to the assemblie that Ne Neill, being married in Kintyr, and she and her husband going to Irland, her said husband was killed there, as is probable by the sayings and despositions of witnesses affirming that to their best knowledg he was killed in battell, at which battell they themselvs wer, and also by the womans oun going since to Irland, and making all the search and enquir shee could for him and heering no other thing of him but that he was killed in the said battell,

The assembly therefor refers to Mr Dougald Darroch to give her the benefit of mariag.

The assemblie appoints Mr Dougald Darrach that, because of James Omay and his wifes obstinacie, they be procest with excommunicatione.

Wheras severall persons in Kyntyrr who has gotten children in furnicatione and adultrie, for eshewing the censurs of the kirk, repaired to Irland for getting of baptism to their children, The assemblie appoints Mr Dougald Darroch to cause summond them to give satisfaction, and upon their disobedience to process them with excommunicatione, And for the better redress heerof in tym to come appoints ane letter to be written to Mc Naughtan and the minister and sessione for restraining such enormitie.

Apoints ane letter to be written to the tutor of Cadal in Ila to send Joⁿ Campbell, who committed adulterie in Kyntyrr, back again, that he may evidence his repentance where the fact was committed.

SESS: 4.

The commissioners from the vacant kirk of Kilbryd in Arran suplicating for a minister, The assemblie refers to the presbyterie of Dunoone the answering of the said suplicatione, ather by sending to them ane expectant, or by transporting one of their number thither, and that in the mine tym they send over some of their number to supply the foresaid vacancy.

Mr Ar^d mc Lachlan compeiring befor the synod, and the severall petitions of the parishes of Kilcholmanell and Kilberrie, which both had givin him ane call, being considered, The assembly finds the said Mr Ard: not in a capacity to embrace any of the foresaids calls, he being formerly deposed from the kirk of Luss within the presbyterie of Dunbartan and no testificat product that his mouth is opned, Therefor they referr him back to the presbyterie of Dunbartan, or by their intercession to the commission of the kirk, for getting ane testificate that he is licensed to preach, and upon the said Mr Ar^ds production

of athir of their testificates, declaring his capacitie of a call where it shall please the Lord to offer the same to him, The assemblie doth apoint ane committie to meet at Kilchallmenll or Kilberie, for answering of the foresaid petitions, Which committie shall consist of thes members following, viz: Mr Dougal Campbell, Mr Dougald Darroch, Martin mc Lachlan, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Mr Ar^d mc Clean, Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr James Campbell, or any fyve of them to be a quorum, and the dyat of their meeting to be at the said Mr Ar^d mc Lachlan and the parishioners appointment and advertisment.

The assemblie appoynts Mr Dougald Darroch to preach evrie sixt Lords day untill the nixt synod at the vacant kirks of Skipnage and Kilcholmanell, and because of the distance of the saids kirks from his charge there is allowed to him for the defraying of his charges ten boalls victuals.

The synod appoints Mr Dougald to serv as formerly at the vacant kirk of Kilberie, and for defraying his charges to have as formerlie.

James Boyd, who was excommunicat for his compliyanee and actual rebellion with James Graham and Alex^r mc Donald, having supplicatted the assemblie to be relaxed, The assemblie, not finding themselves satisfied with any evidence of repentence that he hath given since syne, and he not comperring personly to give evidence thereof befor them, did defer him to the nixt synod, and in the mine tyme apoynts Mr Ewen Cameron, Mr John Stewart and Mr Ar^d mc Callum to speak to him and to tak tryal of what signes of repentance they find in him, and to report the samen to the nixt synod.

SESS. 5.

Kathreen Hamiltone in Arrane whos husband went to Irland about fyfteen yeers since, and herself going to Irland among his frinds to enquir for him brought ane testificat under their hands of his death, as lykwise sumonds of adherenc being lawfullie served, and he not compeiring and nothing knoun of him either by word or wrytt ever

since his first away going, The assemblie permitts her mariage.

John mc keras, ane poor indigent man, having petitioned the assemblie for some supply, They doe recommend him to sevrall congregations within the province.

Wheras sevrall parties in Ila and Kyntyr, not being in a capacity of getting mariag in this kingdome, and others who for eshewing the censurs of the kirk repaire to Irland for mariages and baptisms and thereafter come home and dwell, The assemblie apoints a letter to be directed [to] Mc Naughtan in Kyntyr and to the tutor of Cadall in Ila that all such parties may be *ipso facto* banished, and that no lands be sett to them or to ane excommunicat person until they give satisfaction to the kirk.

The assemblie apoints Mr Dougald Darroch to excommunicat summarlie William Taite in Kyntyr, who hath fallen fyve or six tymes in furnicatione and adulterie without any hope of amendment.

The assemblie, finding that Mr Ar^d mc Alistir is not deposed from his kirk in Ila nor in any capacity to receave any call from any other congregatiōe, and notwithstanding is licensed to preach, They doe appoint him therefor to return to his oun charge in Ila, and in the mine tym they do referr the tryal of any thing that his parishioners have to object against him to the committie appointed to sitt at Kilcholmanell or Skipnedge.

Wheras there was twentie four bolls allowed to James Campbell of Ormsay out of the vacancy of Kilberie for building ane bridge for the better accommodatiōe of the people to come to that kirk, yet the said James wants 8 bolls thereof, which the synod appoints him to gett out of the readiest of the vacancy of Kilberie for this cropt.

The synod, considring that vaccant stipends appointed for pious uses within this province and that are at disposall of the synod are not yet uplifted, and conceiving it necessary for that use by the provincially, the former generall collector not being able to attend, and thereupon having laid down his charge, and finding in their judgment Alex^r Campbell of Penniemoire verie able and fitt to be employed

in the above nominat collection, and having tryed his willingnesse, and finding him readie to accept of the charge, having ¹ elected, nominat and appointed, and by thir presents doe elect, nominat and appoynt, the said Alex^r Campbell of Penniemore their collector generall, giveing him their full pouer, commission and auctoritie to uplift the said stipends, calle and pursue for the samen frae all titulers, heretors, possessors of and intromittors with the samen, agree, transact, give discharges and acquittances, which shall be holden as valid as if the samen wer subscribed be the moderator and clerk of this synod, The said Alex^r Campbell being obleist to be faithfull and to give in his accompts according to his intromission with all the saids vaccand teinds conform to the scrolls to be delivered to him signed and subscribed by the moderator and clerk, and also that he [be] obleist to employ the samen upon warrands from the provinciall according to the particular localities and to the use of the sevrall persons therein nominat.

Follows the scroall of the vacand stipends within the province as it was given in by the comittie appoynted for that purpose, and lykwise the destribution for pious uses, which was approven by the synod and given to the generall collector.

Ikalumkill	1000 markes 30 boalls victuall 40 money
Killinchyne and Penniegoune	600 markes
Killeen and Caibalveoir	400 markes
Ardnamurchyne	600 markes
Glenurqhy	800 markes
Cregnies	60 bols victuall and 40 markes
Inveraray	69 boalls victuals and 180 markes
Kilbryd	900 markes and twa chalder victuals
Kilmoir	30 boalls yeerly for sex yeers
Kilcholmanell	28 bolls and a hundreth punds mony
Kilberie	24 bolls and 80 punds mony
Jura and Colunsay this yeir	2 hundreth punds money

¹ sic for have.

The stipend of Icollamkill is appointed to be equallie devyded amongst thes sex students, viz., Mr John Cameron, Mr Andro mc Clean, Mr Duncan Campbell, Mr Patrick Campbell, Mr John Duncanson, Mr Donald Mc Wickar.

Mr Dad: Symsonsone is appoynted to get 400 markes out of the readiest of the vaccand tiends of Mull, or out of the readiest of the vacanecys that come to the collectors hands without prejudice to localities.

Appoints Ro^t Duncanson to gett two hundreth markes out of the readiest of the teynds of Inverary, Inshaell and Glenurchy.

Appoints Don: Mc Illvorie twa hundreth markes out of the readiest of the teynds of Inshaell, Glenurchy and Inverary.

Appoints Beatrice Colchun ane hundreth markes out of the readiest of the tyns of Glenurchy.

Appoints Duncan Mc Lachlan and Neill Mc Lachlan each of them ane hundreth pundis out of the readiest of the teyns of Glenurch, Inshaell and Inverary.

Appoints Jo. Bittone ane hundreth markes out of the teyns of Mull and Ardmurchyn.

Agnes mc Dougald fiftie markes out of the readiest of the teyns of Mull and Ardmurchyn.

Mr Dug: Campbell two hundreth markes out of the teyns of Cragnes.

Margt. Campbell, relict of umquhill John Darroch, minister, an hundreth markes out of the teyns of Cragnes.

Ard: Cameron ane hundreth markes out of the teyns of Cragnes.

Mr John Lindsay ane hundreth markes out of the teyns of Cragnes.

Duncan Mc Kichane ane hundreth markes out of the teyns of Killberrie.

Florence Karmichall ane hundreth markes.

David Campbell twa hundreth markes and Collin Campbell ane hundreth pundis out of the vacanecys of Kilberrie and Kilcholmanell.

Mr Dougald Darrach, Mr Donald Mc Cloy, two hundreth markes, Janet Campbell ane hundreth markes, Margrat

Colchun ane hundreth markes out of the vacanceys of Kilbryd.

Duncan Mc Clean an hundreth markes, John mc Lauchlan 1 hundreth punds, Neill Gillis ane hundreth markes out of the vaccancey of Kilmorie in Arran.

Alex^r Mc Callman ane hundreth markes, Marie Ne Dougald, widow, ane hundreth markes out of the vacancey of Ardnamurchy.

Mr Dougald Campbell for his severall travells to Kyntyrr 40 punds out of the vacancey of Kilberrie.

SESS: 7.

The assemblie appoints Mr Euen Cameron to goe to Lochabir against the first of Merch nixt to serve there for helf a year and to uplift the wholl stipend teynds thereof, out of which he is to ware on the printing the Catechise, and is to be considred for his pains, Injoyning the said Mr Eune to use all diligence for printing thereof that so it may be destribut among the sevrall brethren against candlemess next.

Ordains Mr Ferq^r Frazer to proceed against Kynach mc Eaine, adulterer with Marie Ne arthor, befor his oun session.

Ordains Mr Farq^r Frazar to process Malcome Mc Eane and Effie Ne Lachlan in Kynnoy for their contumacy and disobedience to the kirk and continued cohabitatione in fornicatione.

Whereas sevrall excommunicat persons are sheltered in Mc Clean of Douards bounds, who, hardned in ther wickedness, offer not to make any redresse to the kirk for their receaving into the fellowship of Gods people, but by their societie and open commerce doe involve the people there in unavoydable guiltiness, The assemblie ordains a lettr to be writt to the tutor of Duard, requiring that no land be sett to such nor they suffered to enjoy the same within his bounds, but that all excommunicat persons who dwell or reseed within his bounds be removed except such of them as makes their address to the kirk for relaxatiene.

Ther being a complaint givin in to the synod by John mc Ilchartan against his wife Kathrin Ne Kesrich for her not adherence to him, And the assemblie finding that shee hath desearted him for many years, and that without any just ground but only malicious wilfulness, The synod doth refer him to the comisar of Cowall for redress.

Mr Colin Mc Lachlan, minister at Lochgylshead, having formerlie protested at the last synodall meeting preceeding Mr Alex^r Mc Cleanes admisione to the kirk of Kilmaghlais, that the said Mr Alex^{rs} admisione should not be prejudicial to his localitie within the said paroach of Kilmaghlais formerlie belonging to the ministere of Lochgylshead in pairt paymentt of his stipend, doth renue his former protestation with his declaratione that he shall keep his possession of the said localitie ay and whill he be put in ane sure possession of the stipend that is modified to the kirk of Lochgylshead by the commission of plantatione, whereupon he taketh instruments in the clerks hands.

Mr Alex^r Gordoune, Mr Euen Camerone, Mr Dougald Campbell, Mr Coline Mc Lauchlane are appointed to speak to my Lord Marques for procuring his lordships autoritie to the generall collectors warrand, that he may be the better answered in paymentt of the vacancies.

Recomends Jon Zuill to gett 8 score markes, which he borrowed to give Mr Dad: Symson, to the generall collector.

The nixt synod is to hold at Rothesay the last Wedens-day of May nixt, 1653.

THE PROVINCIALl ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLL
HOLDEN AT ROTHESAY THE 25 OF MAY 1653.

SESS: 1.

After sermon had be Mr Johne Stewart, last moderator, and incalling upon God for a blessing to the meiting, the roll of the names of the ministers and ruling elders being

read and they severally called upon, the names of such as were present were as followeth :—

Presbytrie of Inverarey : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Mr Alex^r Gordoune ; Alex^r Campbell of Pennimoir, Ruling Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Callume ; Duncane Campbell, Ruling Elder ; Mr Neill Malcome with his Ruling Elder both absent.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Ar^d Red ; his Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Hector mc Leane ; Ruling Elder absent. All the rest of the ministers of this presbytrie, being 6 in number, with all ther ruling elders, wer absent.

Presbyterie of Dunnoone : Mr Ewen Cameron ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; Ardkinglas, Ruling Elder ; Mr Neill Camrone ; Joⁿ mc Lachlan, Ruling Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Leane ; Alex^r Camp., Ruling Elder ; Mr Alex^r mc Leane ; Do^d Fergusson, Ruling Elder ; Mr Johne Stewart, Joⁿ Stewart, Ruling Elder ; Sr James Stewart, Ruling Elder for the parish of Rothsay.

Presbyterie of Kenloch : Mr Dowgall Darrouch ; Nicolas Todde, Ruling Elder ; John Campbell, Ruling Elder for Kilcalmonell ; Martaine mc Lachlane ; Joⁿ Campbell in Orebols, Ruling Elder ; Mr James Mountgumrie, Elder for the Inglish congregatione of Kintyre.

The whole presbytrie of Sky absent.

Correspondent from the Synod of Glasgow and Aire, Mr Ralph Rodgard.

After which the synod did proceed to the electione of a moderator, and haveing leitted Mr Ewen Cameron, Mr Coline mc Lachlane, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Neill Camrone and Mr Alex^r Gordoune, the said Mr Alex^r Gordoune was chosen moderator of the meitting.

SESS: 2^a.

Inquirie being made at Mr Dowgall Campbell concerning Anne ne Donald, obstinat papist, Answered that he

had put the sentence of excommunicatione upon her according to the appoyntment of the former synod.

Refers the scandalous cariage of Katharine ne Coule in deserting hir husband and committing adultrie to the presbytrie at Dunnoone, and they to doe in relatione to hir as they shall be answerable to the synod.

Mr James Campbell, clerk to the last synod, having departed this life, they doe appoint Mr Andra mc Leane to be ther clerk for this dyet, And appoints him proportionally for his paines as hes bein allowed to former clerkes, Recommending it to the general collector to see him satisfied.

The severall presbytrie books being called for to be examined, none were found present except the presbytrie booke of Inverarey, because of which the breethren were rebooked, And it is ordained they be brought against the nixt synod under paine of sharper censure.

The synod, considering the absence of the presbytrie of Sky almost at everie synod and the continuall absence of ther presbyterie book (by which it comes to passe that nothing of ther procedor is known to the synod or unto any other except to themselves), and that after many warnings and reproofes and finding after all these warnings no amendement, does referre them for censure unto the generall assembly.

The synod ordaines Mr Neill Cameron, Mr Johne Stewart, Mr Ar^d mc Leane and Mr Ar^d Red, ministers, also Joⁿ Stewart and Do^d Fergusone, to be a committy for receiving of supplicationes and presenting of their judgments anent the same to the synod for the more quick and reddie dispatch of the synods procedor.

Refers John Stewart, excommunicat person in Durrur, to the presbytrie of Lorne to be further dealt with for the making of him sensible of his giltines and present conditione.

The synod being informe of a priest that is within the bounds of the presbyterie of Sky, which labours to seduce the people, Does appoint a letter to be written to the presbyterie of Sky anent the said priest, as also letters to

be wrytten to Sr James mc Donald and the Laird of Lochwhaber by way of recomandatione that they would expelle the said priest out of their bounds.

The synod being informe that Ewen mc Cawse, who formerly fell in adultarie, hes over againe fallen in the same fault with Katharine Campbell, sister to the Laird of Caradall, and that the said Ewen hath fled the countrie, It is ordained that the presbyterie of Argyll cause sowmond the said Ewen to compair before them, who are to labour for his safe comeirance, because as said is he hath fled, being in danger of his life by the womans freinds and dares not bide within these bounds upon that grond, and if the said Ewen, being lawfully summonded and secured also from feare, shall not comeir, That they shall proceed against him with the sentance of excommunicatione. Ordains also Mr Dowgall Campbell, upon the said Kathrine Campbell hir repentance, to baptize the child brought forth by hir unto the said Ewin.

Whereas ther are some people in Jura that hath been married and others who hath received baptisme to ther childrine from some Englishes that were in a shipe on these costs, and ther being great presumptiones that the same was not done by any minister but oyr¹ Englishes, It is ordained that Mr Dowgall Campbell cite these people before him and labour to make them sensible of ther fault.

It is appointed that Mr Ewin Cameron, Mr Allex^r mc Leane and Mr Ar^d Red take tryall of the proficiencie of Mr David Simson and Mr Johne Lindsay, students in the Irish language, and to make their report befor the synod disolve.

SESS: 3^a.

Ther being two petitiones presented, the one in name of Ard: Beith and the other in name of James Stewart, both schoolars reddie for the colledg, desiring sowme supplie out of the vaccant stipends for the maintaining them at the colledge, The answer of their petitiones is delayed

¹ For 'oyr' read 'bi yr,' i.e. 'be thir' (?).

untill the nixt synod in October, because nothing of the vaccancies useth to be disposed upon but at the synods immediatly preceeding the terme of payment, And because there is littel appeirance of efectuating anything to purpose for their help, seing littell or no payment is made of the vaccancies, It is appointed that a letter be wreatten in ther behalf to the universitie of Glesgow, requesting for favor to be shewed to these two young men in helping them to bursaries if any cane be had.

Finding that nothing is yet done in reference to W^m Teat, James Omei and his wife, as was appointed by the former synod, which was delayed upon hope of ther obedience, It is ordained that if obedience shall not be given by them after paines taken upon them that they shall be proceeded against by Mr Dowgall Darroch according to former appointment.

Dowgall Campbell in the parish of Craignish haveing supplicat for the benefite of marriage which was denied him because of the report that the woman whom he seeks to marrie was formerly married and that there is no certantie of hir former husbands death, It is therefore recommended to Mr Ar^d mc Callum that he take tryall in this mater, and if after tryall the report be grundlesse, Then to grant to the said Dowgall the benefite of marriage.

Marie n^c Choskerich in the parish of Kilmoreie haveing supplicated for the benefite of marriage which was denied to hir by the minister because of ane act of the synod appointing that no divorced person should have the benefite of marriage (thogh the partie innocent) untill the divorsment were sein by the synod to be a reale deed, And shee haveing produced the divorcement done by the Comisser of Cowall and finding it to be a reale divorcement, It is ordained that upon hir desire shee shall have the benefite of marriage.

Wheras mariage was denied to Lachlane mc Nicoll and Moir ne Nicoll, there being no certantie of the said Moire hir former husbands death, And that upon the refuseal of marriage upon the former ground they went to Irland wher (as they say) they have gotten marriage, which the

synod looks upon as heigh misdemeanor and contempt, Does appoint them to be censured as adulterers and to seperat company ay and whill there be a testificant gotten of the said Moire hir husbands death, And also to be censured for their going to Irland to seek the benefite of mariage.

Letters being sent unto these bounds as unto other partes of the land for a charitable contributione in behalf of the distressed people of Glesgow who suffered by the great fire which destroyed a great part of ther houses and substance, and finding nothing as yet done in the synod, It is appointed that diligence be used by ministers and elders for ingethering the said contributione and delivering the same to the moderator of everie presbyterie that the samen be sent unto Glesgow at furthest against the 2 of August. It is also appointed that everie presbyterie shall upelift the contributione of vaccant parishes within their bounds, and that Mr Dowgall Darroch shall gether and uplift the contributione in Kintyre.

SESS: 4^a.

A petitione being presented from the people of Arrine shewing their great desolatione through their want of a minister in that ile, And shewing that they have settelled their thoughts upon Mr Johne Kinneysone, minister at Kiline, in the presbytrie of Douncell, whom they had hard to their satisfactiōe and to whome they had given a call, Earnestly desiring the synods concurrance with them for ther helpe in backeing their call with a letter of exhortatione to imbrace the same, as also to deall effectually with the presbytrie of Douncell for his transportatione, All which the synod takes unto consideratione, being convinced of Arrans great necessitie and informed of the worth of the said Mr Joⁿ, It is appointed that a letter be wretten to the said Mr John backing the peoples call, and ane other letter to the presbyterie of Douncell delling effectually for his transportatione, And it is also appointed that if his transportatione be obtained and the call be imbraced be the said Mr Joⁿ, that addresse shall be made

to the presbytrie of Donnone for his settlement and receiving according to the received ordo of the kirk.

Whereas Mr Ar^d Mc Lachlane presented a paper from the presbytrie of Dounbartane, containing the opening of his mouth with a renewed recommendatione from that presbyterie to this synod to make use of him in the work of the ministrie within thir bounds, as also two Calls being given unto him, on from Kilcholmanell and ane other from Kilberie, The embracing of either of the which he desires the synods advice for his further cleering, declaring his desir to follow their advice, All which being taken to consideratione it is thought fitt befor any further be thot upon that he shall preach now befor the synod whereby they may be mor rype to give their judgment anent him, Who being heard by the synod, they declar themselves not to be satisfied with what they hard, And declares moreover that, untill they be further convinced of his abilitie to be usefull in the work of the ministrie, that they cannot give advice concerning his embracing any call, But in the mine tyme gives way that he shall preach in these two above said paroaches *per vices* untill the next synod, and that he shall have fyve hundreth markes for his pains, if he shall be diligent amongst them untill the said tyme, and then he is to be further thot upon.

Malcolum mor me Illvain having bein excommunicat by the presbyterie of Dunoon because of his many years lying in adultrie without repentenc, and now presenting himself with signes of greife for his guiltinesse and sence of the weight of that sentence with ane earnest desire to be relaxed, It is appointed that he be referred to the above said presbyterie, that if they shall find him indeed sencible they may, after tryall and pains taken, relax him from the said sentence.

The synod taking unto consideratione the deplorable condition of the paroach of Rothsay through want of the ordinances of God for the good of the souls of a great part of that people, and calling to remembrance that Mr Patrick Stewart, late minister of the said paroach, did at the meeting of the synod holden at Inverary May 19, 1652, for

the good of that paroach (as was conceived) referr himself by giving over the stipend of the said paroach (formerlie allowed to him for his life tym), and to which he claimed right by vertew of ane act of the generall assemblie, into the hands of the synod mett tym and place forsaid, At which meeting the synod thot fitting for that tym to denud the said Mr Patrick of the half of the stipend only for the use of a minister presently serving the half of that charge, It being the study of the synod to gett the said paroch (if possible) divyded in twa, the people being numerous and of divers languages, and as they conceived there being mentenance for that purpose, But now conceiving no hops (as matters do stand) to gett the same good purpos effectuall, and considring the said Mr Patrick his reference, the present necessitie of the people, ane half whereof have not the benefite of the ordinances, and lastly that the said Mr Patrick (as informatione servs) wants not ane other way of sufficient subsistance, Doe appoint and ordain the wholl stipend of Rothsay formerly belonging to Mr Patrick Stewart for his serving that wholl charge as minister thereof to be furthcoming for the use of any qualified minister for that charg which shall be heerefter orderly admitted to the said charge, and that upon his admission.

The synod taking into consideratione the conditione of Mr James Jonstoon, present minister at Rothsey, through scarcitie of mentenance, which extendeth only to the half of the stipend payable to the minister of that paroach, doth now find a necessitie of adding unto his former allowance, And therefore appoints him to have ane hundreth pundis Scots mony mor nor his former allowance and that out of Mr Patrick Stewarts half, and refers it to the presbyterie of Dunoon for appointing him his localitie of what the synod both first and last hath been pleased to allow unto him.

SESS: 5.

Wheras the visitatione appointed to hold the preceeding summer for visiting of Kintyre and bounding the parochisse

there did not hold by reason of the confusione of the countrie for that tyme, It is ordained (there being the same if not greater necessitie now as before) that the same visitatione consisting of the same members with the additione of these following, viz., Mr Alex^r mc Leane, Lachlane mc Neilbuy, the goodman of Calwalle and Nicolas Todde, doe meit the 2 Wednesday of Jully nixt, of which visitatione tuo ministers and seven of the rest are to be the quorum, and ther power to be the same which was formerly given unto them.

Ther being a supplicatione presented unto the synod by some of the Lowland plantatione in Kintyre in their owne name and in the name of the rest of the Lowland people there, supplicating for the tryall and admittance of Mr James Gardiner, whome they have called to be minister unto the congrigatione of Saddell, Which being taken unto consideratione, it is thought and declared convenient that the same be delayed untill the nixt synod, because of sowme present impediments in the way (which may be removed against that tyme), which are mainly these, first, the abovesaid congrigatione of Saddell, being a new erected kirk by the late commissione of plantatione, is not as yett formerly bounded, the bounding of which is recomended to the synod, and in order therunto a visitatione for that end is appointed ; 2^{ly}, as informatione is, ther are some highlanders in the parish as it now stands which are first in reasone to be hard, least if they remaine parochiners they may sufferre prejudice whil others have the benefite of the ordinances ; 3^{ly}, its convenient that the said Mr James be first hard preach before and in presence of the synod in order to ane former act conceived by the synod appointing such as are to be admitted ministers within these bounds be first hard be the synod.

The synod finding the great paynes taken by the late commissione of plantatione rendered ineffectuall because of the want of the ratificatione of Parliament to their worke, which makes that which they have done hath not the force of law, And seeing no appairance (as things doe stand for the tyme) to gett the same confirmed by law that soe as

necessitie calls the same may be putt in executione, the synod conceives it their deutie to use all right wayes how the work of the said commissione may be furthcoming for the good of the gospell, and finding no probable waye but the consent of such who have interest and right to these tithes carved upone by the said commissione for the use of new erected kirks, That such persones for the advantage of the gospell would be pleased by chierfull consent to quate these tithes at such tymes only when kirks may be planted with ministers whos necessities will call for the same to be ther stipends, Therefore ordaines the moderator to wrett unto such persones and to speak also as occasione offers, Shewing the synods earnest desire and to perswad them that they would preferre the planting of the gospell and the good of soulls to their particuar wordly interest, And to presse for ane answer against the nixt synod.

It is appointed to be recorded *in futuram rei memoriam* and good exemple of others that the Laird of Ardinglasse, out of his desire to have the kirk planted, hath before the synod quate for the use of the kirk such tithes as were carved upon him by the late commissione of plantatione, being (as he declares) all the tithes wherinto he hes interest.

It is appointed that the Laird of Mc Lachlane his quyting in the presence of the synod his tithes of Stra Lachlane carved upon him by the commissione for the establishment of the kirk of Stralachlane be recorded, the same being don at the synods requist, But he declares that it is not in his power to quyt a part thereof, extending to bolls of victuall into the which his daughter in law is infefted, which parte the synod resolves to deall with hir for the planting of the abovesaid kirk.

It is recommended to the presbytrie of Lorne to labor to gett the possessione of the glibe of the kirk of Lesmore unto the minister thereof, which glibe Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan by some senistrous privat pactone gott from Mr Duncane Mc Callman, once minister of Lesmore, and that to the great prejudice of the kirk.

SESS: 6^{ta}.

Martaine mc Lachlane, minister in Ila, haveing petitioned that he may be only burdened with the charge of one kirk in Ilay and that he should no longer lay under the burdin of the wholl countrie as formerly, Which being considered he is appointed to continow in taking the oversight and charge of all and to preach at the severall kirks in Ila as he is able, in regard there is not as yett any appeirance of getting ane other minister.

The synod appoints that such in Ila as have any scandalous cariage to lay to the charge of Mr Ar^d Mc Allester, once minister in Ila, that they come and present the same unto the visitatione which is to meit in Kintyre the 2 Wednesday of July nixt to come, and that visitatione is to doe therein according to the rules of this kirke.

It is appointed that Mr Do^d mc Cloy, old minister, his necessitie be supplied out of the first and readiest of the vaccancies, according as he hes desired in his petitione.

It is appointed that Mr Ewen Cameron repaire to Lochabare against the 15 of July nixt, and there to take paines in preaching to the people untill the nixt synod. He is also ordained to exact the stipend there, out of which he is to take satisfactiōne for his charges in preinting the Irish Catechise.

Wheras everie minister now at this present synod have received a competent number of the Irish Catecheses in preint for the use of ther respective flockes, It is earnestly recommended by the synod to everie minister to take the most effectuall course to cause the people understand and learn the same, Which most be by taking such paines one the lords day after sermone and at other tymes to explicat the same. It is also recomended that wher schooles are at kirks the schoolers be taught to read the same, and afterward appointed to goe through the parish and learne the people in ther houses to gctt the same by heart.

In respect on Elseth Allane, wife to Do^d mc Intaiour, hes fallen twyce in double adultrie and is obstinat in

hir wickednesse, Ordaines hir because of hir nottorious wickednesse to be excommunicat.

The synod being informed of Do^d Camron of Blaremuck-failtich, excommunicat persone, that he is sensible of his former evill way in concuring with James Graham and Alex^r mc Donald, And that he desires earnestly to be relaxed from the said sentence, in regaird he hes not personall securitie to present himself before the synod, He is referred to the presbytrie of Lorne that, according as they find him sensible of his giltinesse, so they may doe with him.

The synod ordaines that Joⁿ Clerk, because of relapse in adulterie, deserting his wife and obstinacie in these faultes, be excommunicat, if after peanes taken upon him he remaine obstinat.

The synod, haveing hard severall of Mr Hector mc Leane, minister at Morverne, his sadde grivances in his present charge and the many growing abusses he suffers, Doe recommend to the presbytrie of Lorne, if that after they have calld parties interested before them they cannot gett the same removed, that in that case they grant unto the said Mr Hector ane act of transportability.

SESS: 7.

Whereas it is declared that Mr Alex^r mc Leane, minister at Kilmaglash, suffers much perjudice by the want, not only of a glibe but also of a manse, so that he hes no accommodatiōe to wait one his charge, It is therefore recomended to the presbytrie of Dounnoone that they deall with the parishioners and use al diligence to gett him possessione of a glibe and to put the parishioners to provide a manse for him, least his discourragment throw his disaccomodatiōe grow greater.

The synod thinks it convenient that the psalmes be turned to Irish miter so as they may be soonge with the comon toones, in regard both the work may be done and also that the ordinance of singing, through want of the Irish mitter, never hes bein gone about by such as are ignorant of the English language, so that in some con-

grigationes there is no need of the ordinance at all, Therefore ordanes the psalmes to be translated as followeth, viz., the first fyftie by the presbetry of Dunoon, from that to the 90 by the presbetry of Argyle, from that to the 120 by the presbetry of Kintyre, and from that to the end by the presbytry of Lorne, Recomending to all earnestly that diligence be used heirin that some acompt of their progresse in this work may be had at the next synod.

Appoynts Mr Dowgall Campbell and Mr Ar^d mc Callume, as they can best condescend betwixt themselves, to goe and visit Jura in taking some paines upon that desolat ile, and that betuixt and the next synod.

Appoynts Mr Dougall Darroch, he being to goe to Ila, that he shall call the session of that paroch wherof Mr Ar^d mc Alleister was minister, and that he try what is to be said against the said Mr Ar^d, and that he examine witnesses of anything that shall be laid to his charge, haveing first given warning to the said Mr Ar^d that he hes power from the synod for that effect.

Recomends to the generall collector to make payment of 20 lib. out of the readiest of the vaccand stipends to Mr Andrew mc Lean for his paines in serving as cleark unto the synod for this dyat.

The synod, taking to consideratione the indegent conditione of Mr Dougall Campbell, lait minister at Laterkenzie in Irland, hes appoynted him to get that which rests of the allowence appoynted him by the last synod owt of the vaccansies of Jura and Ila.

Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister, and Collein Campbell of Ardinteny are chosen correspondence ¹ to the next provinciall of Glasgow and Aire.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE HOLDEN AT INVERAREY THE OF MAY 1654.

After sermone had be Mr Alex^r Gordone, last moderator, and incalling on the name of God for a blessing to

¹ sic for correspondents.

the meeting, the roll of the names of ministers and elders were as follows :—

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dowgall Darroch absent ; Elder absent ; Martine mc Lawghlane ; Ard: Campbell in Skerroll, Elder.

Presbyterie of Dunone : Mr Ewen Camerone ; Alex^r Campbell of Balichile, Elder ; Mr Neill Camrone absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Colleine mc Lawghlane : Artkinlesse, Elder, absent ; Mr Alex^r mc Leane ; Strachur, Elder, absent ; Mr Ard: mc Leane ; Alex^r Campbell, bailzie, absent ; Mr Joⁿ Camerone ; Colleine Campbell of Otter, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart and his Ruleing Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Inverarey : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Pat: Campbell of Knapc, Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Allume ; Elder absent ; Mr Neill mc Allume ; Joⁿ mc Keller, Elder, absent ; Mr Alex^r Gordone ; My Lord Marques of Argyle, Elder.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Joⁿ mc Lawghlane elder, absent, and his Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Calman ; his Elder absent ; Mr Martine mc Ilvra ; his Elder absent ; Mr Hector mc Leane ; Elder absent ; Mr Ferq^r Fraizer ; Donald mc Neill in Shuna, Elder, absent ; Mr Ard: Reid ; his Elder absent.

Correspondent from the Synod of Glasgow and Aire : Mr Patrick Sympsone, minister at Arranthrewe.¹

These following were listed to be moderator : Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Ar^d mc Laine, Ferq^r Frizell, Mr Ar^d mc Callume, and Mr Colleine mc Lawghlane, and the said Mr Colleine mc Lawghlane by pluralitie of voyces was chosen moderator.

Mr Andro mc Laine is continued clerk.

Referes the scandalous carriage of Katherin ne Couk, not having compeired, to the next provincially.

It is appoynted that, where presbetries are not, that the sessione books be brought befor the provincially that they may be tryed and examined.

¹ Renfrew. The initial 'A' is probably the Gaelic 'ath,' ford.

Mr Neill mc Callume being found absent from the synod at Rothsey, not having so much as sent an excuse either by word or writt, being appoynted notwithstanding of his dimissione to keip publick meetings, presbyteriall and synodall, The synod, haveing sighted the act made by the presbetrie in his favors, did take the same to consideration and finding it somewhat obstructive to the planting and settling of that kirk, And withall understanding that the said Mr Neill befor his demissione could not be gotten at any tyme to exercise publictly before the presbytre, Does therefore appoynt betwixt and the next provinciall he exercises publictly before his presbytre, whilk he not doeing, haveing timoues advertisment given him, that then the act made in his favor by the presbytry be declared null, and in that caise that the presbytre wold take caire to sie the kirk planted and established.

Appoynts ane letter to be written to the presbetry of Sky annent the preist, and my Lord Marques is recomended to writt to the Captaine of Clanrenald for the same effect, And withall it wold be recomended to the presbytry to take tryall if ther be any more papists or preists come to ther bounds, as also that the letteres of the presbytre containes sad reprooves for ther seldome keeping of provinciall dyats.

Appoynts that the former act made annent Ewen mc Cawis in relatione of his save compeirence stand in force.

Mr Dowgall Campbell, who was appoynted to go to Jura for taking tryall of some there that received babtizme and mariage from Englishes that were not ministers, reported his dilligence, Declaring that all found in the matter was that they did it out of ignorance.

Appoynts Mr James Gerner to preach before the assemblie.

SESS. 2^d.

Appoynts the presbetry of Lorne to relax Laughlan mc Leane, fornicator (excommunicated for his contumacie), upon evidence of his repentance.

It is recomended to the severall sessions within every paroch, at least wher ther is a foundatione for schools allotted, that acts be made for sending of children to schooles and they to report their dilligence to ther severall presbetries, and, if this be found not to proove effectuall, the severall ministers of these paroches are recomended to speak my Lord Marques of Argyle and aquent him of the matter, who hes promised to give his concurrence.

Mr Hector mc Leane given ¹ to the provinciall his sad greivance, declairing the deplorable conditione he is brought into throw his parishioners contempt of the gospell and slighsters of the ordinance of Jesus Christ, being neither willing to compeir to conveyne for heiring the word nor come to be catechised, but are refractory and dissobedient to all ordour and descipline, as also through the want of thankfull payment of the stipend, and the robbing, steilling and killing of his goods, and so brought to ane impossibilitie of subsisting and leiving in that paroch, except he be remeided and his conditione looked unto, Therefore the synod, taking the same to serious consideratione, does appoynt the presbetry of Lorne to meet at Kilcolmkill in Morvane, being the paroch kirk of that paroch, the last Tuesday of May next to come, And ordanes them to cause some of the parishioners of the said paroch to compeir before them that they may heir and sie his greivance declaired, and conforme therto he may be restored to his losts and secured in tyme comeing, otherwyse that he be declared transportable, And the presbetry, having once cited them, it being ther owne paroch, and they not compeiring, they doe not give satisfacione, that then the presbetry proceed to the granting of the said Mr Hector ane act of transportabilitie.

Overtures agreed upon for making the Irish Catechise usefull, first, for the explanacione, that ther be two questions or moe according to the lenth or shortness of them gone through at one dyet and practicalie made use of, and that this be the last pairt of doctrine each day whither

¹ *sic* for 'gave in.'

ther be tuo languages or moe ; 2ly, that ther be tuo questions repeitted every Sabbath before the blessing by tuo persons and to change repeitters at each dyat ; 3ly, for getting it by heart the most effectuall course thought upon is that tuo ore thrie boyes (or as many as can be found) be gotten to learn it themselves, and then to goe through the paroch and families there to help them to get the Catechisme by heart, And beside ther sustentatione (which the families of the paroches will willingly affoord) acknowledgment is to be given out of the box or penalties for ther incouragment and continuance ; 4ly, that this Catechisme be the ordinar rule of examinatione through all the bounds of the synod, and this one the Lords day to be without prejudice to the wickly examinatione.¹

SESS. 3.

Appoynts that open proclamacione be made in each paroch that juglars, vagabonds and gangralls shall be discharged from ther bownds, and that whosoever shall countenance or intertaine them shall be censured, and themselves too if they be found.

It is appoynted heirafter that it be intimated by the ministers of the severall congregationes that none be found on the Sabbath after divine service to remaine in the kirk-towne beyond the space of ane hour, and especially that none be found to drink beyond that tyme, and a signe is to be given by ministers and elders for that effect that they pretend not ignorance, and whosoever is found to disobey are to be sensured as Sabbath braikers.

Appoyntes Mr Ar^d mc Leane and Mr Joⁿ Camerone to speak the Barron mc Gibbone annent the scandall he layes under, to sie if he will willingly clear himself ; which if he will not doe the province is to account, esteeme, and look

¹ This is a reference to the Act of Assembly of 30th August 1639, which appointed 'that every minister, besides his paines on the Lords day, shall have weekly catechising of some part of the paroch.'—Peterkin's *Records*, p. 209.

This Act was renewed by the Assembly in 1649 following on the adoption of the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

on him as guiltie of the fault. In the meane tyme the woman with whom he is scandalized is to be publickly rebuiked for tuo or three Sabbaths, yet not loosed but looked one as a scandalous person.

It is appoynted if that any man and women be found lying in one bed, seeing it is scandalous albeit the act be not committed, to satisfie the kirk by publick repentance.

Refers the answer of Mc Lean of Loghbuyes petition regrating his sad and desolat condition, through want of the benefite of the ordinance of God, to the presbetry of Lorne.

In respect that the kirks of Gillespickerrall and Ardchattan that were formerly united and served by one minister as one cuire are now dissunited by the commitie for plantatione, and that Mr Ar^d mc Callman, minister thereat, does declaire that the tutor of Caldell, who is specialle if not only concerned in the paroch of Gillespickerrall, hes condescended to stand to the ordinance and appoyntment of the commitie of plantatione, and for evidencing of his condiscentione does affirm that he had it under the tutors hand; Does therefore appoynt the said Mr Ar^d mc Calman to serve at Gillespickerall in tymes comeing only as ordinar minister there, and he to have for his maintenance the ordinance of the commitie of plantatione to which the tutor hes condescended: In the mean tyme it is recomended to the presbetry to declare the other kirk, viz., Ardchattan, vaccand.

Nicoll mc Nicoll haveing compeired before the synod and acknowledging carnall dealling with Marie ne Ilglase yet denying the childe, The assemblie, not being fullie clear in the mater, does recomend to Mr Neill mc Callume to take farder tryall of the said Nicoll in this businesse, Withall the assemblie declares that if the said Nicoll doe not find out another father to the childe within tuentie dayes or thereabout that the childe is to be reputed his. In the meane tyme he is appoynted to give evidence of his repentance, And if no other father be found to the childe, that Mr Neill mc Callume cause the said Nicoll to present the childe to be baptized.

SESS: 4^a.

Mr Neill Camerone being absent, yet writting his excuse to the synod, being the death of one of his children and two other of them lying at the poynt of death, This excuse being found of truth was accepted, the synod only challenging some defect in the excuse, namly, that the letter of excuse was not submittit be tuo ruling elders according to the ordour.

Mr James Gardner being heard upon the appoynted place, 1 Tyme 15, was approven and weill lyiked of.

The synod, considering the great necessitie for a visitatione for Kintyre, doe for that purpose add unto the tuo ministers of the presbetry Mr Allex^r Gordone, Mr Ar^d mc Leane and Mr Joⁿ Camerone, ministers, and my Lord Marquess of Argyll, Lard of Bucathle, Carskey, Mc Conochey of Ineraw, Joⁿ Campbell, bally of Kilasleid, and James Browne, ruling elders, and their work to be to try and admitt Mr James Garner, expectent, to the work of the ministrie in the congregatiōe of Sadall (all obstructions being removed out of the way), as also they are to exercise descipline as necessitie requires within the bounds of Kintyre, And it is thought for the more readie despatch of the afforsaid work that the partes of the tryalls be as followes, viz., the controversie to be *de subjectat. clavium*, the exercise to be one Ephes: 1, 4 etc. and the tryall of Hebrew to be Psal: 8, And in ordor to the descipline above specifit Mr Dowgall Darroch is heirby apoynted to prepare and summond all parties interressed and to cause serve the edict in relatione to the abovsaid admisiōe in due and convenient tyme, the quorum of which commitie is to consist of the major pairt of the ministers and tuo ruling elders, It is also heirby ordaned that unto the abovsaid commitie ther be added these following (being best acquaint with the bounds), viz., Lord Neill Campbell, Laird of Ralstone, Laird of Lowpe, Captaine Skepnish, Hillabith, Lachlane mc Neill bowie, and that for the visiting and perambulating the severall parishes in the countrie to the intent parishes may be rightly limited and kirks comodi-

ously situated according to a reference made be the Commissioners for plantationes to this synod, As also they are to take inspectione of glibes, as likewayes they are to visite Kilberie at their home coming from the visitatione in Kyntire, Whilk committie is to meite the 2 Wendesday of June, being the 14 therof, with continuatiōne of dayes, With power also, if the foresaid day shall hapen to disappoint, that the quorum may appoint ther owne dyet, And they are to make ther report at the nixt synod.

SESS. 5^{ta}.

The assembly, haveing hard the report of the comittie appoynted for consulting and adviceing anent Mr Johne Cameron settelling at the kirke of Kilfinan conforme to his call and admissiōne thereupon, who declared that they had given paine to cleare the way for his settelling, and had prevallèd with those who were formerly refractorie soe farre, especially with the tutor of Otter, as to give their consent to the effect aftermentionat, whilk is that the parish of Kilfinane, wher the kirk standes as it is now received, shall pay for the manse and repaire the same, Does approve the same and desires that it may be registrat in the register, appointing the parishoners to goe one with all diligence to mak the same effectuall, that the said Mr Joⁿ may have accomodation of dwelling at his charge, and that intimatione be made therof at the kirke doore of the said parish that none pretend ignorance, And likwayes James Campbell of Ormissay is recomended to send the localitie of the ministers stipend under his hand either to the presbytrie of Argyll or Cowull, which, as is suspected, is in his wifes custodie.

The synod, finding a great necessitie for visitatione of Illay, Jura and Colunssay for exercising of discipline, as necessitie within these bounds doth in the generall require, And particularly that they take inspectione of the severall kirks in Illay and perambulat and limite their bounds, and to consider Martaine mc Lachlans condisiōne, who pre-

sently serves at the kirk of Killorow till the visitatione and afterwards to be disposed upon in tyme coming as the comitie and visitators find most expedient, And also to take tryall of Mr Adame Richie ¹ (who keeps a school there and exercises so[m] tyme in the English languages), from whence he came, and to sight his pass (if he have any) frome the place he lived in formerly, and to take knowledge of his cariage, life and conversatione, As also concerning Mr Ar^d me Alistar intress in the charge wherto he was admitted, And in a word any thing within these bounds that requires redresse or oversight, Does therfore and for that effect appoint and make choise of these following, viz., Mr Dowgall Darroch, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Johne Stewart and Mr Johne mc Lachlane, ministers, Joⁿ Campbell, late provist of Rothsay, Captane Johne Wallace or in his absence Ro^t Campbell, Dowgall Campbell of Barranlochan, ruling elders, and Mr Dowgal Darroch to make choise of one of his elders to goe alonges with him, Wherof 3 ministers and 2 ruling elders doe make a quorum, which comitie or visitatione is to meit the 2 Wendesday of Jully with continoatione of dayes, And the comittie is to deall with the Tutor of Calder for his concurrence, as also for his consent to mak the acts for plantatione effectuell.

The synod haveing hard the desire of the Lowland gentillmen of Kintyre to have their concurrence in referrance to ther supplieing in the ordinance from the nerrist adjacent presbyterie in the Lowlands, as Irvine, Paislay and Glasgow, The assembly does heartily agrie thereto, and for that effect does apoint a letter to be wret to the forsaid presbytries.

Nc Intyre haveing given her clame against mc Cavise, desiring to be devorsed, The synod, considering that the said mc Cavise confessed before the session

¹ The Presbytery of Kintyre in May 1658 ordered Mr Adam Ritchie to be suspended from the exercise of the ministerial function until he should produce a sufficient testimonial, being credibly informed that he had been deposed or suspended by his former Presbytery in Ireland 'because of his scandalous cariage of tipling, drinking and otherwayes.'—Kintyre Presbytery Minutes.

of Knapedall that he was impotent, doe referr the said
ne Intyre to Mr Dowgall Campbell and the sessione
of Knapidell, and they to take her oath, and upon her
oath to refer her to the judge competent.

SESS: 6.

The assemblie, havcing hard and considered upon ane
petitione given in by Joⁿ Campbell of Achinellan, desiring
that ane act of the presbetry of Inverarey made in favor
of Mr Donald Campbell his father, late minister at Kil-
mertine, might be made effectuell, which was that the
half of the stipend of Kilmartine, being then vaccand,
might be apoynted to him, the whilk the synod did grant,
As also finding the petitioner to be under burden by his
fathers debts, did condescend that the whole yeirs stipend
1654 should be furthcomeing to him, if the kirk bee not
provided before Jannuary next, 1655.

Mr David Sympsone having suplicated the assemblie in
reference to his suplie out of the vacancies, They have
condescended that he shall have his portione that was
allotted to him out of the vacancies of Mull, and if in
wholl or in part that faill then to have it out of the
vacancies of the Irish congregatioun of Inverarey.

James Boyd, sone to the late bishop of Leismore, have-
ing suplicated the assemblie at their meeting October 1652,
in which suplicatione he declared his sorrow for his comply-
ing with Aleister mc Donald, rebell, and desyred to be
admitted to give evidence of his sorrow, as also to be
relaxed from the sentence of excommunicatione, which by
power from the said synod, because of the abovesaid
transgression, was past against him, but for that tyme
was delayed for some reasone, and in particular till he
should testifie the realitie of his repentence by his con-
versatione, And now having suplicated the said synod at
this ther meeting in May 1654 according to the tennor of
his former suplicatione, which the synod taking to con-
sideratione (with his former aplicatione to them), and
considering also that for the tyme he is in the conditione

of a prisoner at Carrickfergus so that he could not make personall compeirance before them, as lykwyse conceiving that his personall restrent (if ther by no other thing to be aleadged) should not hinder his right to kirk priveladges, Thes be therefore recomending the said James to the ministry in Irland that they wold be pleased, after evident signes of his repentance, to relax him from the sentence of excommunicatione.

Mr James Fleiming, late cleark to the synod, haveing given in his suplicatione beiring his desire of satisfactione for his fiall as leat cleark to the synod, The assemblie for ansr renewes their former act to him to be payed out of the vacansies.

SESS. 7^a.

The assemblie taken to consideratione the petitione of the presbyterie of Sky, holding owt the sad conditione of Mr Allan Cleark, requiring the provinciall to agree to concurre with the said presbyterie to the said Mr Allan^s transportatione, Does condescend therunto, and appoynts a lettir to be written for that effect containing a sad reproofe to the said presbyterie for ther absence, but in the meane tyme it wold be taken nottice of that he be only transportable to some one place or other within the province.

The assemblie, haveing prescribed to Mr Ar^d mc Laughlane a text to exercise one (viz., Eph. 4, 11, letter part of the verse), And haveing hard him thereon, does for the mane approve of him, haveing given their mynd and opinion of some things amendable, However, not having clearnes to proceed to his admission according to the desire of the parochiners of Killberrie, they have thought fitt to delay the whole businesse to the next provinciall to the end that, after more clearnes had, they may be more reap to give ansr to the forsaid parochiners desire in reference to his admisionne, In the meane tyme hes appoynted [him] to remaine at the forsaid kirk of Killberrie and Kilchollmonell to the next synod, exercising his gift according to

the desire of the comissioners from these paroches, and for his service is to receave the old stipends of these paroches of the cropt 1654.

Recomends Mr Dowgall Campbell to goe once in the six weeks to Killberrie till the next provinciall upon a week day, for to preach, baptize and mary there.

The assemblie ordaines the parochiners of Killberrie to sic Mr Dowgall Campbell satisfied in what the provinciall formerlie allotted and apoynted to him.

The synod having chosen a comittie for adviseing and consulting upon some course for making the acts of the committie of plantatione effectuall, the committie gave in ther overtor as followes, viz., That it be recomendet to Mr Ewen Camerone to take what best tryell he can, either from his acquaintance in the cost side or in Edinburgh, what course is in use for the present in such caises, and my Lord Marques is to be desired to writte to Mr Gordge Corrowall to be assisting therein, and in the meane tyme Joⁿ Zuill is to be delt with to get the minuts off his hand that they may be rectified and sent home againe that extracts may be given to persons having interest respective, Whilk overtour being read befoire the synod was approoven.

SESS: 8.

The assemblie apoynts for Neill Gilish helping to his studie ane hundreth markes out of the presbyterie of Kintyre or Giva.

Joⁿ mc Neill haveing come heir to present the call given to Mr Joⁿ Duncansone to Kilcolmkill in South Kintyre, The provinciall, haveing tryed the said Mr Joⁿ for imbracing the said call, and haveing offered ther concurrence with the said paroch and their comissioner, the said Joⁿ, and having obtained nothing of Mr Joⁿ but a promise that he wold goe upon some convenient occasione if he cold, did recomend to the said comissioner to shew how diligent the province had been for the parochers, and to stir them up to further diligence that they showld not find the synod

wanting in what they could, In the meane tyme that he put the parochers to use diligence otherwyse (if possible they can), because they may be very uncertaine of the said Mr Joⁿ.

It is apoynted that a letter be written to Knapdall beiring ane ansr to ther desire, the result whereof is that the synod will labor to sie the acts of the plantatione made effectuall in all the bounds, and consequently in his to, throwgh which the minister may be settled in one kirk.

Apoynts that the act in reference to Mr James Jonstoune continue in force from this yeir 1654.

In respect that some breithren scruple at mariing of some persones whos husbands were killed or taken captive at publiet service, Does appoynt that such as can testifie with two ore three wittnesses that their husbands were killed or dead shall be permitted to marie.

The synod, considering ane act made formerly that ministers shall be admitted by power from the synod onlie, does rescind that act becaus of the inconvenience at this tyme, leaving to evry presbyterie ther owne power, But withall recomends to evry presbyterie to concure with them in the matter of tryall and admissiome of any man, and whom they shall call of their breithren for that effect shall be also sufficient as if they were publicklie nominat by the synod, yet so as that their not comeing shall not hinder the tryall or admissiome of any man.

Apoynts that if the parochers of Buite shall not call some qualified man to be ther minister betwixt and the first of August, that then the presbyterie of Dunoone, with whom Mr Alex^r Gordone shold concurr, shall doe according to the act of the generall assemblie in calling and imposing a minister one them, The synod haveing a yeirs since taken what obstructiones out of the way that they did make, and this is to be writtin to the Shireff of Buite and the rest of the parochiners, And any apoyntment made in favor of Mr James Jonstone is not to be prejudiciall to this.

A complaint being given in that there is no sessione keiped at the new erected paroch of Achagylle by the

elders there by reasone they are destitute of a minister, and so discipline is not exercised, Therefore it is apoynted by the synod that the elders of the said paroch that are alreadie constitut meet and sitt, And because there are few there as yet till a new electione be, that some of the gentlmen of the said paroch and tuo elders of the paroch of Kilfinane doe concurr with the said elders in discipline, And the minister of Kilfinane is apoynted to sit with him and moderat once in a month.

The synod, considering Mr Ar^d mc Aleisters petitione holding furth his indigence, recomends to the tuo visitationes, viz., Kintyre and Illa, to sie a way for Mr Ar^d help, and to make out to him the number of 20 bolls.

SESS. 9.

The synod considering that there was ane excambione condescended upon by S^r Donald Campbell and Mr Duncan mc Callmane anent the gleib of Lismoir as the old provinciall booke ¹ of Argyll beares, as was declared by Mr Ewen Camerone, minister at Dunoone, being a member of the synod then, It is apoynted that the said Mr Ewen writte to Mr Nicoll mc Callum, minister at Kilmoir, seing he was one of the number that was to be upon the excambione, that he wold writt his mynd to the synod in reference to the said excambione that the synod might have more clearnes in relatione to the said gleib.

It is apoynted that Marie ne Lawghlane, who deserts her husband, shall not goe to receid with her father any more, seing the synod finds that ocasionall to her desertione, and that he receive her noe more, but that shee goe to ane ant of hers in Glenshiro, viz., Esabell ne Lawghlane, who is hopefull that betwixt and the next synod shee will draw her from her obstinacie.

Ther being some particulares belonging to the synod to determine unto which they are not yet reap for a present

¹ The reference to the Old Provincial Book must be to the volume preceding the minutes of 1639, which is not now known to be extant.

desisione, as, first, The mater of the transportatione of Mr Ar^d mc Callume to Kilmartine upon the call of the said paroch of Kilmartine referred by the presbyterie of Argyll to the synod, he being formerlie declared transportable by the said presbyterie, which transportabilitie the synod, having hard of the grounds thereof, did approve ; 2, Ane apeall of Do^d mc Kerrish of Glenshelies from a sentence of excommunicatione passed against him by the presbyterie of Dunoone for the sin of adulterie comitted as said is with Elizabeth ne Dowgall ; 3, The unsettled conditione of Mr Alex^r mc Laine, minister at Straquhir ; these particulares being such, throw want of present clearnes and parties intrested for clearing, as cannot be now desided and closed, Therefore does this synod refer the desision and determinatione of those particulares, as also any other thing requiring oversight and redresse, unto the presbetry of Argyll with thes following by way of comitie, viz., Mr Coleine mc Lawghlane, moderator of the synod, Mr Joⁿ Camerone, Mr Ar^d mc Lawghl., and Mr Alex^r mc Laine, ministers ; my Lord Marquess, Ardkinglas and Strachur for ruiling elders, the major pairt being a quorum, and to mak their report to the nixt synod, and their meeting to be held the second Wednesday of Aguste nixt.

The Marquess of Argyle, personallie present before the assemblie, did declare that he had no intresse nor medling by his autoritie with the tythes of Ardinmurchin or Mulle, and as for the vacancy of Icallumkill he shewes that Mc Lean owes two years of that Bute of seeing that it is out of the bishoprick, his Lordship desires that trayall be taken of Georg Campbell thereanent, that knowledge may be had of what is resting unpayed in my Lords hands, and for the tythes of Ardinmurchin and Mull his Lordship wold be recomended to Lochnanell and other intromittors that they wold be comptable to the synod, seeing his Lordship hes no medling with them.

The assemblie doe recomend to the presbyterie of Inver-arey to have a care of provyding for the Irish congregacione there, and that Mr David Simson, who is named and invited thereto, be dealt with thereanent.

Mr Joⁿ Lindsay, having given in his greevance anent the matter of maintenance that he hes no livelyhood in Killmichale, Wherefor the synod taking the same to consideratione, having condescended to this overtur that the said Mr Joⁿ should presentlie repair to the kirk of Kilchrainane and appoints him to be schoollmaster there, seing it is one of the places appointed to have a schoollmaster, and to have the maintenance thereof, and to catechise and preach there as helper to Mr Neill mc Callum when he may convenientlie, and to have for his maintenance to the nixt synod 12 boals of present payment out of the vacancies of Clachandisart, And in the mine tyme appoints the laird of Achinbreak to pay his former fiale as schoollmaster of Killmichall, and to receav the said Mr Jo^{ns} discharge thereupon, whilk the synod shall allow as valied.

The comitie appointed to consult and advise anent the business of Mr Ar^d mc Callumes transportabilitie having declared ther minds, and thereby finding that the act of transportabilitie was funde relevant, Joⁿ mc Dior, commissioner for Kilmartine, did thereupon take instruments that the call given to the said Mr Ard: by the parishioners of Kilmartine was loosed and therefore in a capacity to embrace it.

Appoints the presbyterie of Sky, if ther be any of their number that hath given mariage to ane excommunicat person, whereof we are somewhat informed, we desire trayall to be taken of it, and being fund true they proceed to his disposition.¹

The assemblie considering the latter end of a former act of the assemblie holden at Inveraray, App. 18, 1651, Sess: 7, concerning ordinances to be administred to these that hes not ministers of their own, that, if any person in thes vacant paroaches come to other paroaches to seek the benefite of baptisme, it is thought fitt, because there are many places in their bounds destitut of the confort of ordinance, that the benefit be not denayed them (the child

¹ *i.e.* deposition.

being found lawfullie procreat), and in case they be fornicators or adulterers, then securitie be taken for their obedience, and in the mine tym the fathers themselves are not to hold up their bairnes, but a freind that will oblige for them, whenas ministers passes through paroaches occasionalie to perform the lyke. This is to be limited to Illes and other desolat places, seing no other course can be tane with them, and that the ministers baptising them shall acquaint the presbyterie within whilk they reside, that they may be tane course with.

It is recomended to Mr Alex^r Gordoun to speak to my Lord Marquess Argyle to cause the comitie of distribution meet to tak Dod: Camerons accompts off his hands that he may have a discharge of his intromissions, And the comittie of the 2 of August that is to meet at Inverarey is to try the destributors mynd whos name shall be filled up in thes bonds that are mad in reference to the money that is allotted to be a foundatione to the severall scholls nominat in the synods acts.

Appoints Mc Marcus, fidler, for his scandalous cariage and relapse in adulterie to stand in all the kirks of Argyll and Couall, and to gett alwayes a testimoniall in the kirk where he stands bearing the sence of guiltiness to the minister and elders of the nixt adjacent paroach where he is to stand.

It is appointed that of the ordinar stipend of Jura and Collonsa a 100 lib. be given to Alex^r Campbell, son to Mr Dug: Campbell, minister of Knapidal, to advance him to the colledge, seeing he is of hopfull expectatione.

The assemblie, having seen a suplicatione of Joⁿ Bane Mc Vickar, fornicator with Ilan ne Callum, desiring baptisme, Ordains that the said Joⁿ, as also the said Ilan,¹ doe fullfill the injunctions of the kirk on this wise, that they both stand the first two dayes with Mr Ard: mc Lachlan, either in Kilberrie or Kilchalmonell, and the 3^d day to stand in any of thes paroaches, if Mr Dug: Darroch come there, that they may be absolved by him, If not, that they

¹ Gaelic for Ellen.

goe to Mr Dug: Campbell in Knapidale and stand with him and there be absolved, alwayes producing a testificat under Mr Ard: me Lachlans hand of the sence of their fault, and efter that to receave baptisme to their child.

SESS: 10^a.

Whereas the provinciall synod mett at Inverarey October 14, 1652, took unto their consideratione the great prejudice suffred through neglect of uplifting of vacant stipends comitted to them by the generall assemblie, which stipends ought to be employed on pious uses, especialie the training up of the youthes, thought it fitt to nominat and appoint Alex^r Campbell of Penniemoire, collector, for that use to collect and uplift the vacancies of that cropt 1652 allanerlie, and to make his accompt at the nixt synod to be held at Rothsay May 25, 1653, And considering that the said Alex^r, being then called to ane accompt, had not his accompts in readiness, therefore gave him to the nixt synod to meet in October that then he might give in his accompts, which meiting he did absent himself from, And now at this present synod he, being called to give in his accompts, did give in ane accompt nowayes formall nor right, because he gave ane accompt in of some parts payed by others before the power given by the synod to him, which belonged to the compt of Jon Zuill, former generall collector, as also what he receaved in his oun hand he keepeed it to himself, not puting the same to the use appointed by the synod, They doe, notwithstanding, to eschew further debates, accept of the accompt *pro tanto* as he hes given in the same, but excepting what was not in his charge, and doe exoner him of his aforesaid charge of generall collectorship, which he willinglie yeelds unto, Discharging him to intromitt or medle with any vacancie past or to come as having power from them, appointing publicatione to be made of his freedome frae the abovesaid office and charge, And he requiring ane express discharge of his intromission was granted, which was as followes :—

I, Mr Colin Mc Lachlan, moderator of the Synod of

Argyll mett at Inverarey May 10, 1654, in name of the synod and at their comande, discharge Alex^r Campbell of Penniemoire of all such part of his intromission with vaccancies cropt 1652 as he gave in his accompt off unto the synod, binding and oblishing me in name and behalf of the said synod never to seek, require, pershew by law or any other wise for the said intromission specified in the said accompt in so far as the said accompt justlie extends unto as was by the synod comitted to him.

In witness whereof thes presentes are subscribit.

It is recomended to my Lord Marquess of Argyll that, for eschewing the danger of perjurie, his Lordship give direction to all his bailizies that keep courts for woodes ¹ and other things of that kind, that none be charged upon his oath except where there are pregnant presumptions, and generallie it is agreed upon that they be desired [not] to exact nor requir oathes of any parties but upon known presumptions, and that Mr Alex^r Gordoun doe impart the samen to my Lord.

Remites the clerks fiale to be gotten out of the readiest of the vacancies, and Mr Alex^r Gordoun to help him thereunto.

That all presbyteries within their severall bounds respective doe beginne betwixt and the nixt synod to visit their sevrall bounds, and come all the lenth they cane.

Recomends the act of the generall assemblie concerning visitatione of families to be putt in execution.²

It is appointed, because of the vacancies of many paroaches, that adulterers and furnicators who are to stand mor nor one day, shall be appointed to stand in ane other nybor congregation where the scandall is best known

¹ Courts with regard to the cutting of greenwood, etc., at which the tenants of particular lands were obliged to give their oaths that they had not been guilty of any breach of the statutes relating to these matters. As there was generally no evidence against them apart from their own confessions there was a strong temptation to commit perjury.

² The instruction as to visitation of families is contained in the Act as to catechising above noted.

to be spoken to [and] exhorted to repent untill they be thought fitt to be received.

Mr Coline mc Lachlane is apointed correspondent to the nixt Synod of Glasgow and Air that is to meet the second Wednesday of Jun, being adjourned thereto, and efter that to meit the first Tuesday of October, where he is likewise to meit with them.

The nixt synod is appointed to be the second Wednesday of October, and that constantly for tyme coming, and the place of meiting to be at Inverarey.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLL HOLDEN AT KILMICHELL IN GLASRIE, OCTOBER 11, 1654.

SESS: 1.

After sermone had be Mr Coline Mc Lachlane, last moderator, and incalling on the name of God for a blessing to the meeting, the roall of the names of the ministers and elders being read and severallie called upon, the names of such as was present was as followes :—

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dougald Darroch ; Lachlan Mc Neill, Ruling Elder ; Mr James Garner ; Ruiling Elder absent ; Martine Mc Lachlane ; Coline Campbell, Ruiling Elder.

Presbyterie of Dunoon : Mr Euen Cameron ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Archibald Mc Clean ; Mr Alexander Mc Clean ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Patr. Stewart ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr John Cameron ; John Mc Alister, Ruiling Elder.

Presbyterie of Inveraray : Mr Dougald Campbell ; John Mc Kavish of Dunardarie, Elder ; Mr Ard: Mc Callum ; Neill Campbell, Ruiling Elder ; Mr Alex^r Gordoun ; Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Andrew Mc Lean ; Ruiling Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Martine Mc Ilvrae absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Farquhar Frazer ; Elder absent. All the rest of the ministers and elders of the presbyterie of Lorn wer absent.

The whole presbiterie of Sky wer absent.

The synod did proceed to the election of a moderator, and having listed Mr Doug: Darroch, Mr Doug: Campbell, Mr Arch: Mc Lean, the said Mr Doug: Darroch by pluralitie of voyces was chosen moderator, and Mr Jon Lindsay is appointed Clerk to the synod *pro tempore*.

SESS: 2.

The assemblee, being informed that [] Ne Coul in Arran has deserted her husband and fledd away from him and has fallen in adultrie, They recomend to the conjunct session in Kintyre to take tryall of her guiltiness and of her abod where shee receids and to censur hir.

The assemblee approves the proceeding of the comitie at Inverarey in reference to Do^d Mc Keras his adulterie in appointing him to be excommunicated, because he denys stifely, not withstanding of many probable presumptions to the contrary, and he having given in a petition requesting a delay of the sentence till he have cleered some compts with severalls, The assemblee grants the samen and appoints the sentence to be delayed the space of 8 weeks, which is toward the last of December, and then, if he doe not confess or clear himself of that alledged yet probable adultrie befor that tym, The assemblee appoints the said Donald Mc Keras shall be excommunicat by Mr Alex^r Mc Lean, and Mr Coline Mc Lachlane to be present, and his absence shall not delay the sentence.

The assemblee being convinced of Mr Neill Mc Callum his weakness and insufficiency in the work of the ministrie, They recomend to the presbyterie of Argyll to take tryal of his qualificatione and abilitie in reference to his calling, failzing whereof, they recomend to the said presbyterie to

use diligence in planting of the kirk of Kilchrainan, whilk was his former charge.

The synod, considring the scarcitie of schools within this province that is a great hindrance of the gospell, and especiallie in such a publick place as Inverarey is, They doc seriouslie recomend to my Lord Marques of Argyll that his Lordship be pleast to provyd a schoolmaster for that toun, or then to make the mentenance of the said schooll furtheummand to some other till the foresaid be planted.

The synod appoints [] ne Allister, alledged adulteresse with the Barron Mc Gibbone, to stand two Sabbath days at Kilmadan, and ther to be sevrallie rebuked but not absolved till further consideratione.

The synod considring the paucitie of students in the Irish language within the province, and how prejudiciall to the planting of the gospell the losse of Mr Dad: Simpson, student in the said language, will be through want of mentenance, They appoint Mr Alex^r Gordoun, Mr Coline mc Lachlan and Mr Alex^r Mc Lean to concur together for obtaining of mentenance to the said Mr David what is restand be Penniemoire and Bralekan of ther collections of the vacand stipends, and, if that failzie, from the laird of Glenurchye, ether of stipends or penalties due be him to the presbyterie, And, if the said Mr David shall winter in Kilfinan this year, the assemblie appoints Mr Joⁿ Cameron, Mr Ar^d Mc Laine and Mr Alex^r Mc Laine to take tryall of the said Mr David his qualificatione in relatione to the work of the ministrie, but, if his residence shall be at Inverarey, then the foresaid tryal to be taken by Mr Alex^r Gordoun, Mr Coline Mc Lachlane, Mr Alex^r McLean.

Mr Mc Lachlan his desir is continued to the nixt synod.

Allan mc Alister his busines to be remembred at the nixt synod.

The assemblie recomends to my Lord Marques of Argyll to deall with his Lordship's agents that they wold take some effectuall course for puting in execution the determinationes of the comitie of plantatione in reference to the planting and setteing of the gospell within the bounds of this province, And appoints Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr

Colin Me Laehlane to speak to his Lordship for this effect.

As also it is appointed Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr Colin Me Laehlan to speak to Joⁿ Zuile to extraet the sevrall decreets of the churhes planted and limited alreadie, or to be planted, builded, or limited, with their sevrall modifications, according to the determinatione of the comitie of plantatione, and to have them at the nixt provincieall assemblie in May nixt.

SESS: 3.

The assemblie appoints Mr Dougald Darroch to exact ane aecompt of the parishioners of Kilberrie and Kilehalmanell anent vaceand stipends of the kirks crompt 165-, to enqyr to whom they did pay the same, because the assemblie thinks for anything they know that the stipend yett for that yeer rests in the parishioners hands unpaid, The said Mr Dougald is ordained to exact the same of them and to deliver to Mr Dougald Campbell, minister in Knapdale, the former appointment of the assemblie for serving of Kilberrie of the same, and to be comptable to the provinciall for the rest.

The assemblie being crediblie informed of Joⁿ me Laehlans too great indulgencie toward his daughter, who obstinatlie descarts her husband, which indulgencie, countinancing and receaving of her, is conveyed to cneourag her in her obstinaeie, Therfor the said Joⁿ is ordained presentlie to discontinuee and put away from his house the saids daughter that shee may adhere and eohabit with her husband, and this her father is to doe under the pain of chureh censure.

It is recomeded to Mr Alex^r Gordoun to deal with Achinbreak to pay the annual rent of the band that is in Donald Camerons hands, being a part of the mony which was appointed by common consent of shaire for the use of schools, that what is owing of buyrun annualrents might be made effectuell be him for the use forsaied.

Reecomends to the last moderator to mak the aet anent

Mc Marques the violer full, And withall that publick intimatione be made in the sevrall churches of the paroaches of Argyll, Lorn and Couall that none countenance the said Mc Marques till he give satisfaction and evident repentance of his sin.

Alex^r Campbell of Peniemor, efter the desolving of the assemblie, May 1654, having miscaried himself towards some of the members of the assemblie, which miscariage reflected on the wholl assemblie, The presbyterie of Inverarey, taking this to consideratione, did appoint the said Penniemor to evidence his sorrow for the same, which act is larglie sett down in the presbyterie book of Argyll, The assemblie does approve and ordain that the said act stand in full force, And he is heerby appointed to compeir befor the nixt synod and evidence his sorow for the same as he wold not be obstinat and receav the censur that is due to such.

It is recommended to Mr Alex^r Gordoune that he deall with my Lord Marques of Argyll that his Lordship wold be pleased to give direction to his sevrall bailsies that keeps courts for wodds and other things that non be charged upon his oath except upon pregnant presumptions, and this for eshewing of perjurie according to the act of the last synod.

Mr Alex^r mc Lean having givine in his greivans that he is not able to discharg his ministerial deutie to his parishioners for want of mentinance and the dew payment thereof, It is appointed that a letter of reproof for neglecting his mentinance for tymys bygone and of recomendatione to doe deutie to him in tym coming be written to his parishioners, with certificatione, if they doe not both, that the assemblie will remove him from them and esteem them people unworthie of a pastor.

SESS: 4.

The commissioner from Gia having represented to the assemblie the desolat condition of that isle through want of the ordinances, and creaving a supply be turns, Have appointed Mr Dougald Darroch and Mr Dougald Camp-

bell to repair to the said isle be turns, each one two Saboths in the quarter, untill the nixt provinciall, and Mr Dougald Campbell to serv his toure first.

Because the laird of Glenurqhey layes under great and hainous guiltinesse as relapsed in furnicatione and willfull continuing in the same notwithstanding of promises both by word and wrytt to the contrar, as is declared by the presbyterie of Argyll, The synod appoints him to be dealt with, and, if he be fund sensible of his guiltiness and desyrous to be reconciled to God and his people, that he evidence the same three sevrall Saboths at three sevrall praorish¹ churches, Kilchrenan, Killespicaril and Glenurqhey, and his last Saboth is to be at Glenurqhey and to be receaved ther by Mr Archibald Mc Callum, And the reason of this is because guiltie persons within vaccand congregations (of the which Glenurqhey is one) is appointed to satisfie in the nixt adjacent churches, and this act is to be put in execution immediatly after his return from the lowlands or upon his requiring of the same.

SESS: 5.

The assemblie, being supplicated by the comissioner from Ila (who had ane invitatione to Mr Ringan Campbell, now minister at Rosencath, to goe to Ila) to concure with him both by their letter to Mr Ringan and the presbyterie of Dunbartan for the effect foresaid, Does ordain a letter to be written to Mr Ringan as concurring with the paorishioners of Ila in the said invitatione, As also a letter to the presbyterie of Dunbartan desiring them to lay to heart the desolat condition of that isle, where there is now a beginning, if not a compleat plantatione, of good and precious men amongst whom he might be verie usefull.

The synod being informed that Margrat Campbell, spouse to Me Arthor in Ila, hes not only scandalizt Coline Campbell of his wife, but also hath wilfully and obstinately contemned church discipline to yeeld

¹ sic.

thereto, The assemblie appoints the said Margrat to be procest with the sentence of excommunicatione if shue give not obedience.

It is appointed that Ro^t Duncanson, student in the colledge, should have his localitie continued as formerlie in the vacansie of Glenurqhey and Inishael, or where els it be conveniently had for his supply.

The synod being informed that one Nicomas in the Isle of Bute hes comited incest with her oun unkle, shue knowing the relation and he not, as we are informed, Shue is appointed to be summarlie excommunicated by Mr Joⁿ Stewart.

The synod recommends Alistir Roy mc Lachlan, a poor, blind and distressed man, to the sevrall churches within the province that at lest a dolour may be had for his use out of evrie kirk box for his mentinance, And this to be sent to the sevrall moderators of the sevrall presbyteries and they sending the same to him.

The assemblie, considring the prejudice and evill consequence of marying persons within years, yea and also sometimes come to age, who are constrained by their parents, tutors and freinds to give their consent to that which is contrare their mynd, as ether not desirous to marie untill they be mor fitt for it, or then not desirous to marie such persons as are by ther parents, tutors or freinds lead out for them, which constrained consent occasions verie wilfull deserting one of ane other, Therefore it is appointed that persons to be maried befor proclamatione compeir befor the session, and the session, having removed both parents, tutors or freinds, to enquire of each person their willingness to joyn on with another, or at least in some case before the minister and two elders.

SESS: 6.

Whereas it is earnestlie desired by the parishioners of Kilberie that the synod wold establish Mr Ard: mc Lachlan, preacher for the tym amongst them, to the full office of the ministrie to that parish, The synod, considring that the

said Mr Ard: was depost by the presbyterie of Dunbartan, and not being clear that it apartains to them (he coming to this place in the case of ane expectant) to put him in capacity to exercise all ministerial duties, it being more proper (as the synod conceaves) that they who depose a minister should repose him to the office, Therefore they leav and recomends to the said Mr Ard: to make his applicatione to the presbyterie of Dunbartan, or to any other judicatorie having power over them, that as they judge convenient they may doe in the matter for the extending of his power, Leaving also to the moderator to writt alongs with him to the said presbyterie for the fuller cleering of this matter and what belongs thereto to the presbyterie of Dunbartan.

The assemblie having received a supplicatione from Mr John Stewart, minister at Kingarth in Buite, shewing that Mr Patrick Stewart, sometymes minister at Rothsay, purshues the said Mr John wrongusly at the law with summons and decreets for his stipend that is due to him for serving the said cuire at Kingarth, pretending that he hes right thereto, and not serving there nor in noe place at all, which is conceived by the assemblie to tend to the troubling of the young man not serving and to the prejudice of the gospell, Therfor it is appointed that a letter be written to Mr Patrick Stewart to desist from pursheuing wrongfullie the said Mr John, otherwise the assemblie will be forced to shew themselves partie against Mr Patrick in that particular, And it is recommended to the presbyterie of Dunoone to settle thes controversies in ane amieable way betwixt the forsaid parties.

The assemblie having considred a suplicatione of Allan Mc Neill who committed incest with his step daughter, for which he was excommunicated, creaving and earnestlie desiring that he might be reccaved and admitted to the societie of Gods people, and withall professing his sence and sorow of his guiltiness and of his earnest desire to be reconciled to God and his people and that openly before the synod, They have appointed him to be relaxed from the said sentence of excommunicatione by Mr Frqher Frazer.

By reson of ane former act appointing Mr John Lindsay to goe to Kilchranane and be asistant to Mr Neill Mc Callum, minister of the said church, in preaching to that congregatioun and to keep a schooll there, which was oft tymes performed by the said Mr John, The assemblie appoints him to halfe of this yeers stipend for his mentinance.

Mr John Lindsay having givine in a suplicatione of non paymentt of the anualrents of a thousand mark of mortified mony which was dedicated by the shair¹ to be a fundatioun to the schooll of Kilmichall in Glasrie and now layes in Achinbreakes hands for that same use, And this Achinbreak refusing to pay the annuallrent because the band is payable to a blank person, which is his ground for non paymentt of the said annuallrent, The assemblie appoints the moderator to give him a discharge of the said annuallrent in name of the assemblie upon paymentt of the samen, And Mr John Lindsay is appointed to discharge him for his own intrest as present schoollmaster.

SESS: 7.

Mr John Cameron having givin in his greivance of the undewtifullness of his parishioners in concealing and detaining part of localitie from him and breach of promise in sevrall things, The assemblie appoints a letter of reproof to be written to the said parishioners and of recommendatione to them to mak up the breach and pay what hes been detained formerlie, otherwise they will force the assemblie to remove him from them, And also a letter to be written from the synod to my Lord Marques of Argyll in favours of the said Mr John, intreating his Lordship to put the parishioners to their deutie in reference to the said Mr John, otherwise that his Lordship wold be pleased to interpone his autoritie to the effectuating of it.

Because Ronald mc Alister, alledged adulterer with Marie ne Kennich in the paroach of Kilfinan, receeding in the

¹ i.e. shire.

tyme of divulging of the scandal with John Dow mc Alister in the said paroach, hes fled out of the paroach and so apearantly guiltie, and as is thought hes gone to Mr Ard: mc Alister in the paroach of Kilcholmanell, Therfor the synod appoints the said Mr Ard: and Joⁿ to make diligent search and inquire for the said Ronald and to send him to the said paroach of Kilfinan and sessione thereof, And it is heerby appointed, if he doe not compeir before the nixt synod, that he shall be excommunicated.

The synod taking to consideratione the determinatione of the comitie at Inverary appointed for Mr Ard: mc Callum his transportatione to Kilmertine, and the comitie judging him not to be transported to that charge, and they requiring ther approving or disaproving of their determinatione, The assemblie, in regaird of the paucitie of their number, two presbyteries almost being absent, and the consequences that wer to follow that approving or disaproving, have referred the wholl determinatione thereof to the nixt synod, which is expected to be more frequent in number then this.

Because the paroach of Kilmertine is for the present desolate of the ordinances of Jesus Christ, The assemblie appoints Mr Dougald Campbell, Mr Ard: mc Callum, Mr Andro mc Lean, ministers, Mr John Duncanson, Mr Donald mc Vickar, expectants, to supply the vacance of that paroach of Kilmertine by turns.

Because the assemblie cannot find ground as yet to hold mc Illmichall in the paroach of Inercholane guiltie of a suspected incest, Therefor they appoint the presbyterie of Dunoon to try the said mc Illmichell and his goodmother, who is suspected to have comitted the said incest, and that they inhibit him to cohabite with his goodmother under paine of excommunicatione.

Mr Adame Ritchie, preacher for the tyme in Ila, having givine in his supplicatione, shewing that he hes preached there this year bygone and gotte no mentenance but the parishers benevolence, and the isle being well satisfied with his doctrine and life, For his encouragment in tymes coming the assemblie does ordain him two hundreth and

fiftie markes for his mentenance cropt j^m vi^c fiftie 4, Also they recommend to the parishers to add of their own gratuitie to the foresaid mentenance for his supplie.

The synod having taken to consideratione the greivance of Mr Ferqher Frazer, minister at Tirie, against Lachlan mc Lean, Orissibull, for calumniating and scandalizing of the said Mr Ferqher, They have appointed Mr Martine mc Ilvrae, Mr Hector mc Lean, with two elders within Mule, Morvirne or Tirie, to sumond the said Lachlan to them in any place they think fitt within Mule to try and examine Lachlans guiltiness of the said alledged scandale, and gives and grants them full power to censure the said Lachlan according to his guiltinesse.

Because Mr Ard: mc Alister, some tyme minister of Ila, [is] now in his old dayes redacted to great indigencie, Therefore the assemblie appoints him ane hundreth pound Scots for his supplie out of the vacancy of Ila, and ordaines a letter to be written to the Tutor of Calder for this effect.

SESS: 8.

Because Mr James Jonstoun, preacher for the tyme in Rothsay, is to remove thence and that congregacione will be desolat for a tyme, Thairfor the assemblie appoints the presbyterie of Dunoon to supplie the vacancy of that congregacione till the nixt synod. Mr Colin mc Lachlane, in regaird of the distance betwixt him and that paroach and of sevrall other imployments, is exeimed from going to Rothsay.

Because the Isle of Jura is destitut of the ordinances, and that there is a considerable number of gentlmen and comons dwelling there who is earnestlie creaving a supplie for the tyme from the synod, and promises to endeavor to get a pastor to themselves, Thairfor the synod appoints Mr Dougall Campbell, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane younger and Martein mc Lachlan to supplie the vacancie of that ile till the nixt provincially.

The synod, considring the great and greivous guiltiness

of Duncan mc Callum in Kilmartine, laying under the sins of incest and sevrall adultrees, and finding him not sencible of thes horrid crimes, Doe ordain Mr Dougall Campbell summarlie to excommunicat the said Duncan Mc Callum and that within a moneth, and appoints Mr Alex^r Mc Lain, who is to preach at Kilmertine the nixt Lords day, to mak publick intimatione of the same.

Because Janate ne Arthor and Marie ne Neill are guiltie of adulterie with the foresaid Duncan mc Callum, and hes fled the cuntrey and is not known where they reside, Therefore the assemblie appoints a publicke intimatione be made at the sevrall parishe churches within the province anent them, that they may be made to compeir befor the respective presbyterie or the province.

The synod having heard Mr Joⁿ Stewarts compleant on his paroachiners of Kingarth, shewing that they did engage to him to give a stipend for serving the said cure and manse free of any persuite of law, to which none else could clame right or entrest, which engagment is not made effectuell because Mr Patrick Stewart does wrongfullie, without any apparent reason to his knowledge, sumond and charge him for his stipend and manse, Therefore the assemblie ordaines ane letter to be written the said paroachers of Kingarth to perform to the said Mr Joⁿ what they did promise in tym of his settling, and appoints the presbyterie of Cowall to transport the said Mr Joⁿ if this be not performed.

SESS: 9^a.

The synod, having examined and tryed the prosedors of the visitatione apointed for Kyntyr in reference to perambulatione of the bounds of Kintyr and erecting of paroches there, and to Mr James Garner his admission to the paroach of Sadall efter the trying of his qualificatione for the work of the ministrie, and the exercising of discipline according to their comission, Does approve the proceedings in all points, and ordains that it be registrat in our provinciall books, which is doun as followeth :—

At Lochhead in Kintyr the 16 of Jun: 1654.

Sess: 1^a.

The whilk day Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr Joⁿ Cameron and Mr Ard mc Lean, Ministers, and Campbell of Dowkethall, Neil oge mc Neill in Carskey and James Broun, Ruling Elders, having mette, conform unto the power and comission given to them by the provinciall of Argyll in May last, for visiting the bounds of Kintyr and admitting efter tryall Mr James Garner to the paroach of Sadale and for limiting paroaches and perambulating of the bounds, efter invocatione of Gods name Mr Dougald Darroch was elected moderator during the sitting of the said visitation.

Appoints that upon Moonday there be perambulatione of the paroach of Sadale.

Sess. 2.

The visitation, having perambulated the paroach of Sadale, efter mature deliberatione doe conceive the kirk of Sadale to be at the old kirk, and that the bounds thereof on the south side be to Glenlussa on both sides of the water inclusive, and on the north to the town of Barmolich inclusive, being two miles beyond Caridale or thereby, And in regaird there are a considerable number highlanders in the said paroach of Sadale, according to the said limitatione, who cannot fall under the charge of any not having the Irish language, it is therefor thought fit that such be adjoyned for a tym under the charge of adjacent ministers of the Irish language when the Lord shall offer them.

Sorle mc Alister gave in a bile of supplicatione, desiring relaxatione from the sentence of excommunicatione, being called upon was found verie insensible of the cause of his excommunicatione, to witt, continuance in adulterie and obstinacie in not giving obedience for the same, And being insensible of the excommunicatione and his present condition, recomends him to the moderator to be

dealt with in secrete, and if that efter dealing he be fund sensible, advises that he may be relaxed, otherwise not.

Gilnave obrolochan gave in a supplicatione, shewing that Margrat ne Brydan, his married wife, had desearted him five quarters a year ago without any cause, and that shue will not adhear to him, and therefor desires what to doe. The woman, being called, stiffie refused to adhear without so much as seeming reason, but that shue could not inclain to love him and that shue was married against her will, her freinds compelling her to consent, yett efter much pains taken and imprisonment by the magistrat shue promised to adheare.

The visitatione being informed that sevrall persons in the cuntrey conversed with Anna Ne Donald, ane excommunicat papist, They appoint that no person or persons whatsoever doe converse with any excommunicat person (except such as naturall tyes binds) under the pain of condingne censure, and recomends to the civile magistrat that some civile punishment be inflicted on the contraviners thereof, And appoints this act to be publickly intimatted the nixt Saboth.

Duncan mc Callum compeired, confessing his hainous guilt by laying in furnicatione thir many yeers bygone and his cohabiting thes three last yeers with Marie ne Kinine, and now desires libertie of mariage with the womane for preventing of continuance in sin. The visitatione appoints them both to evidence their repentance at the kirks of Kilcalmanell when preaching is there, and at Kilberrie *per vices* untill the midst of Agust nixt to come and efter that to evidence the same at Lochhead two Sabaths, and then according to their sence and sorrow for sin to absolv them, and in the mine tyme expressly inhibites their cohabitatione, and thinks fitt that after satisfaction given they may be married.

John More, adulterer with his wifes step daughter, being summoned compeired, confessing his adultrie for which he professes sorrow and desires that he may come in publike to evidence the same. The visitatione, being informed of his long standing to the

denyall of his said adultrie and also of his too frequent sin of drunkenness, notwithstanding of former publick profession of dislike and sorrow for the same, doe think fitt that the excepting¹ of him in publick be delayed till some reall signes of his repentance be seen and his future cariage evidence the same, and referrs him to the lowland eldership to take notice of this.

George Orrok, having given in a petition, showing that he hes been thrise procleamed with Anna ne Neill and that no impediment was objected, yett mariage denyed by their pastor through defect of testimonyall cleering his former cariag and his freenesse of any other woman, which he could not obtain because he was a sojor during the troubles and had no settled residence, The visitation, heering that he fell with the woman and cohabits with her, for preventing of mor sin thinks it fitt that they be admitted to their repentance in publik, and that they be married efter they have satisfied, and a competent tyme to interveine befor their mariage for trying of their cariage, And in the mine tyme discharges their cohabitatione and befor the marige the mans oath taken befor the sessione that he is free to marie.

Sess. 3^a. 23 Junie 1654.

The visitors, having according to their comission taken tryall of the literator and qualifikatione of Mr James Garner in relatione to the paroach of Sadale according to the call given to him by the paroachers thereof who are of the English language, doe find themselves fullie satisfied with him in all the points of his tryalls according to the rule and practique of the kirk [of] Scotland, and therefore determines to admitt him to the work of the ministrie to the said English congregacione at Sadale on Tuesday nixt, the 27 of this instant, And appoints intimatione heerof to be mad publikly at Sadale by Mr Ard: mc Callum, who is to preach there a day.

¹ *sic* for accepting.

Katherine ne Konachie, having given in a suplicatione shewing that Neill mc Clartie some yeers agoe comitted adultrie with ane other woman and went with her to Ireland and wer married there by a preist and now cohabits there with her, desirs therefor a recomendatione to [the] civill magistrat for devorcement from her said husband, The visitatione appoints to bring witnesses to prove her alledgance tomorrow.

Duncan Mc Nicoledge, being under the scandell of alledged adulterie with Affrick Stewart his own servant, in the regaird of the mans denayall of the scandale and his willingness to depone in the negative and the womans constant averring and her willingness to depone in the affirmative, The visitation appoints the mans oath to be taken in publict befor the congregacione, considring of pregnant presumtuons of her malice towards the man and herself to be the first raser of it, not being put to it, and appoints her to satisfie as ane adultress for the cause foresaid, and the man giving his oath to be free.

Sess: 4^a. 24th Junie.

The visitors, having perambulated the south end of Kintyr, doe conceave that the kirk wold be builded at Machirmor, for thither the paroachers most comodiouslie may resort, and the bounds of the paroach to be South Juingeth, Lergiebane, Gairtninegoboch, Glainenafardies, Remilluatrach, Glain Rae, Kerofaaer, Gartloskine, Matrachaleik, Arienascavach, Glan Muirile and Corephein inclusive, which is from the south west sea to the east south east sea.

And the bounds of the paroach of Lochhead to be to those forenamed bounds to distinguish it from the paroach of the south end, and the limities of the said paroach towards the north or northwest to be Killokra, Straduie and towards the east Glanerbie inclusive.

Jonet ne Neill, on the day of her mariage with Duncan Clerk being suspected to be with child, deponed on oath that shue was free of Duncan Clerk since shue had

satisfied the church last, yet within half a year efter the mariage shue brought forth a chyld. The said Duncan compeiring denyes the chyld to be his, and shue also confessed the samen and affirmed that the chyld belonged to the Lard of Mc Naughtan, together with ane other chyld, whilk first chyld was ouned by the said Duncan, now her husband, and gave publike satisfaction for the same. The visitors therefore, having considered the great guiltiness of the said Jonet ne Neill, viz., her relapse in fornicatione, her equivocatione in denying that shue was not with chyld to Duncan Clerk nor yett at all untill shue was with chyld to Mc Naughtan, her mocking of God in her former professions of repentance, for all which shue now seems to be sorie for, and to have some apearance of sence, They recomend her to the conjunct session that they may labour to bring her to further sence and put her to a publik profession thereof and accordingly to receave her.

And the visitors refers Duncan Clerk to the session of Lochhead to be censured by them for mocking of God in profession of repentance for which he was not guiltie of.

Sess. 5^a. 28 Junie.

In regaird Mr James Garner, now minister of Sadale, hath, according to the tearms of his admission, properly the charge of those who hes the English language within the limited paroach of the said Sadale, yett least the rest of lowlanders within the paroach of Lochhead doe want the benefite of the ordinances and of discipline, The visitation therefore appoints Mr James Garner to doe his outmost in relatione to the advantage of the rest of the lowlanders in the mater of doctrine and discipline ay and till they be otherwise provyded, their not provision neither being through want of diligence or mentenance, And ordains that elders of the lowlanders within the paroach of Lochhead (so long as they want a minister in the tearmes above specified) sitt and act conjunctlie with the eldership of Sadall as necessitie requires, and that for the profite and comone good of all.

Whereas formerly Mr Dougald Darroch and his session of Lochhead have upon recomendatione to them by the synod, being burdened (through the paucitie of ministers and sessions in the cuntrey) with the wholl cuntrey, Considring also there cannot as yet be a presbyterie through the present paucitie of ministers, it is therefore recommended to the two ministers and 2 sessions that at least once in the six weeks (or oftner if need bes) they sitt and act conjunctlie and take inspection of the wholl cuntrey in so far as may be for the bearing doun of sin and good of the wholl cuntrey, and when any difficultie ariseth in either of the sessions by themselvs, that the advice of the conjunct sessione be taken therein.

The possessors of glees being sumoned, compeired and declared that they have the saids glees, as others of thes lands, upon condition that they contribute to the upemaking of glees that are to be allotted to the sevrall kirks planted or to be planted in their sevrall paroches, The visitors thinks that it ought to be required of my Lord Marques that there may be repayment of the yeerly valew of the saids gleibs to Mr Dougald Darroch, for which he is to be comptable to the provinciall, and that ay and till the appointment of the new glees ends the visitatione.

The synod being informed by some of the parochers of Jura of their willingness and earnest desir to have the gospell planted amongst them, And to that effect promises to contribute of their oune meanes to a minister, if the tythes will be gotten *in ipsis corporibus*, all the tythes of the ile, they will add of their owne to make up a compleit stipend. The assemblie aprooves the overtour and thinks fit one these tearmes that Jura be a paroch be itself.

It is recommended to the severell presbyteries that noe minister alreadie named by them in the tyme of drawing up of this act be transported or declared transportable to the next synod.

The synod appoynts a letter of recomendatione to be written to the Colledge of Glasgow in favours of Ard. Beith,

student, that according as they find him qualified they wold be pleased to advance him to a bursure his place.

The synod appoynts ane hundreth pound Scots out of the vacansy of Mull to be given to Joⁿ Biltone, student at the schooll, provideing there be a probabilitie of his prociency with a reall ingadgment on his behalf that he shall prosecute his studies, otherwyse what is bestowed on him by the synod shall be refunded by his parents.

Because the correspondence ¹ to the Synod of Glasgow is at great charges and ² their long attendance, the synod have thought fitt that at the provincially some effectually course be taken for facilitating of the same, and the present correspondent to be partaker of the after thought course.

Mr Coleine mc Lawghlane is appoynted correspondent to the Synod of Glasgow.

Appoynts a letter of recomendatione to be writtin to the laird of Lochinell in favours of Neill mc Lawghlane, a student, to give him ane hundreth pund Scots of the vacansy of Ardnamurchy for his supplie.

Appoynts Carnayin to be summoned before the presbytery of Inverarey for his scandall of adultrey.

Neill mc Illmichesick, who now is [in] the presbyterie of Inverarey, is ordained to compeir before Mr Alex^r mc Laine to clear the scandall of adultrey under the paine of excommunicatione.

The synod hes appoynted Mr Euen Camerone, commissioner, for them to repair to Edinburgh for raising of suspensions in reference to summonds given them by the Laird of Ralstone, and his charges to be thrie hundreth markes which the synod is to pay to him, with power to him to doe all things heiranent as law will, or otherwyse to transact with the said Laird of Ralstone.

Kilmichell in Glesserie by pluralitie of votes is thought fitt to be the place where the next synod shall meet the 2 Wednesday of May next 1655.

MR JON: LINDSAY, *Clerk to the Synod.*

October 11, 1654.

¹ sic for correspondents.

² sic for in ?

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLE HOLDEN
AT KILLMICHELL IN GLASERIE, THE 9 OF MAY
1655.

After sermone had be Mr Dowgall Darroch, last moderator, and incalling on God for a blessing to the meeting, the roll of the ministers and ruleing elders being read and they severallie called on by name, were present as followes :—

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dug: Darroch ; Nicholas Tod, Elder ; Mr James Gardiner ; the Laird of Ralstone, Elder ; Martaine mc Lawghlane ; Ard: mc Miller, Elder, absent.

Presbyterie of Dunoone : Mr Ewen Camerone absent ; Mr Neill Camerone absent ; Mr Coleine mc Lawghlane ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Steuert ; Allex^r Campbell, Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Laine ; Mr Joⁿ Camerone ; Mr Allex^r mc Laine.

Presbyterie of Inverarey : Mr Dug. Campbell ; Colcine Campbell, Elder ; Mr Allex^r Gordoune ; Dug. Cleark, Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Callume ; Dun: Campbell, Elder ; Mr Andro mc Laine ; Evir mc Evir, Elder.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Nicoll mc Calman absent ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lawghlane senior absent ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lawghlane yonger ; Joⁿ Campbell, Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Calman ; Don. mc Indeor, Elder ; Mr Ard: Red ; Joⁿ Stewert, Elder ; Mr Marteine mc Ilvra absent ; Mr Hector mc Laine ; Mr Ferq^r Frayser absent.

Presbyterie of Sky : All absent except Mr Neill mc Kinnowne.

Mr Ard. mc Callume, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Joⁿ Steuert and Mr Ard: mc Laine, being leited to be moderator, the assemblie be pluralitie of voyces elected Mr Joⁿ Steuert.

Mr John Lindsay was chosen cleark to the synod for this session.

The synod apoynts ane letter to be written to the parochers of Leismor, desiring them to furnace ane gleib to their minister.

The synod, considering that the excommunicatione of Dod: mc Keras (notwithstanding of severall appoyntments both of presbyterie and synod) hes been delayed, Appoynts Mr Allex^r mc Laine to excommunicate him the first Sabbath he preaches at Killmaglasse imediatly after his returne home from the synod, under the paine of censure.

The synod, haveing gotten ample informatione of the presbyterie of Inverarey of the unsufficieny of Mr Neill Malcolme, minister at Kilchrenan, for the work of the ministry, and ¹ as much as he hes for severall yeirs refused the presbiteriall exercise, being severall tymes laide over on him, refusing also to give any tryall off his gift before the synod, notwithstanding of their injunctions to him thereanent, as also considering that of his free and voluntary accord he did confesse and acknowledge before this synod his owne inability evry way, both of body and gifts, to discharge the ministeriall functione, and withall haveing celebrate a mariage, the parties being guiltie of fornicatione, unsatisfied for to his knowledge, do, according to the act of the generall assemblie, heirby depose the said Mr Neill Malcome from the office and the benefite of the ministry, Appoynting Mr Ard: mc Calman to make intimatione of this his deposition to the congregatione of Killchrenan after sermon with the best conveniency.

The synod apoynts that such ministers as throwgh age or sicknesse are not able to keep synodall meetings shall chuse their ruling elder to each synod.

SESS: 2.

The Barron mc Gibbone for his dissobediency in not purging himself of the scandall of adulteries he layes wnder is appoynted to be debarred from the Lords table, and intimatione to be made publictly of the said appoyntment

¹ sic for in ?

by Mr Ar^d mc Laine, minister of the paroch wher he leives, and if that doe not work effectually, that the synod wold proceed to a further censure.

Mr Andro mc Laine chosen cleark for the dyat.

Appoynts ane lettir to be writtin to my Lord Marques of Argyll, desiring his Lordship to cawse make payment out of the vacancies of Icolmkill to the expectants according to their appoyntments.

Appoynts ane letter to be written to John Zuill for hestining of the decreets of the subcomissione of plantation, and to deliver them to Mr Alex^r Gordone, who is desired to give them to my Lord Marques, that his Lordship may cawse ratifie them. The synod is to looke out for a way for John Zuills satisfactione.

Appoynts my Lord Marques be written to to cawse his Lordships officar of Killberrie to make payment of three score eleven pundis threeten shilling fowre pennies and tuo bolls meall that is resting unpaid of the vacancies of that paroch, whilk the parochiners affirmes to be given to the officer, and whilk himself denayes not to be receaved.

Mr Dowgall Darroch is apoynted to take acownt of the vacancies of Kilcholmonell.

It is apoynted that the blank bands whilk are adebted to the severall schooles within the province be gotten from Donald Camerone, and that the blank be filled up with the ministers names of these paroches where the schooles should be, And for the better securing the saids bands to the respective schooles it is thowght fit that they be registrat in the Shireff books of Argyll, and that they be three coppies extracted of evry band, whereof ane coppie is to be in the hands of the synod, and ane other in the hands of the presbyterie, and the thrid to be in the hands of the session and ministers where the schooles are, And to the end this may be the more speedily gone about. . . .

It is recomended to my Lord Marques, when he hes a generall meeting of his freinds, to convocat the members of the subcomissione.

It is apoynted that Anguis mc Marques, fidler (for his continued wicked lyfe and dissobedience) be excommunicate,

and that intimatione be made thereof in the severall paroches within the province.

The synod appoints ane letter to be wretten to the Laird of Cadall when he comes to Ila anent such scandalows persones and runaways as reseid there, that he take nottice of them and send them back to the said places from whence they fled, And the sessions of Ila are to be wretten to for that effect, and withall that the severall ministers from whence they have fled send a list of their names to Ila.

The synod, considering that my Lord Marques of Argyles letter formerly to the parochiners of Kilfinnan hes not proven effectuell in moveing them to doe duety to their pastor, does apoynt a letter to be writtin to my Lord Marques *de novo*, desiring that his Lordship may be pleased to writt to them over againe for the same effect.

The synod refers mc Ilmichell and nc Evir, parochiners in Inerchellen, who are suspect of incest, to the presbyterie of Dunoon.

SESS: 3^a.

The assemblie apoynts Neill mc Ilmochesack, adulterer with Effie nc Ilchenich, to satisfie the injunctions of the kirk of Straquhir imediatly after their return from the synod.

The synod refers to the presbyterie of Dunoon to sie Mr Joⁿ Stewert sufficiently secured by the parochiners of Kingarth and exonerated of the controversy betwixt him and Mr Patrick Steuert, Whilk if the parochiners foresaid doe not, then the presbyterie is to declare Mr Joⁿ Stewert transportable, Alex^r Campbell of Penimoir, commissioner from the said paroch, hes oblidge himself to bring the parochiners to the next presbyterie to give satisfacione to the said Mr John, whilk if he doe not he consents to his transportabilitie, Wherefore the synod does apoynt the next presbyterie of Dunoon to hold at Kilfinane wpon the thrid Wednesday of June, and Mr Dowgall Campbell and Mr Alex^r Gordone and Mr Ard: mc Callume to concur with

them for settling of the said businesse, into which meeting the said Mr Patrick Stewert is apoynted to be sumonded.

Recomends to the presbyterie of Lorne to take tryall of Mr Hector mc Leans greivances, and if they find his conditione to be as formerly, his complaint reall and his goods stollen by parochiners or others, that they declare him transportable at their first presbiteriall dyat to be holden at Kilcolmekill in Morvairne the second Wednesday of June next.

Recomends to Mr Alex^r Gordone to speak my Lord Marques about the gleib of Craignes, that his Lordship wold deall with the gentlmen and heretors there to make owt that gleib according to promise : Apoynts a letter to be writtin to the gentlmen of that paroch for that effect.

James Glane, adwlterer, for his obstinacie in not compeiring before the presbyterie, is to be sharply reprovved by his minister, who is to deall with him for bringing him to a sense of his fault.

The synod apoynts him to compeir before the next presbyterie of Dunoone to receave his injunctions.

SESS. 4.

John mc Ewen haveing given in his suplicatione desiring mariage with another women in respect his spouse Marie ne Eller hes maliciowsly deserted him thir three yeirs and that he knowes not where shee is, The assemblie delayed the giving answer to the said desire. In the meane tyme apoynts that enquirie and search be made for the women and that Mr James Gardiner writt to the presbyterie of Glasgow and Pasley, Mr Joⁿ Camerone to Dunbartane and Mr John Kinnisone to the presbyterie of Dunkell for search making for her in their respective bownds, and if shee be fownd to send her hither with a testificatione under their hands of her cariage and behaviour dureing her abode with them.

Joh^h Mc Gill haveing suplicated the assemblie for devorsment because of his wyfes adwlterie, The assemblie, finding that the said John had of long tyme deserted his said wyfe

in leaving the cowntrey, and thereby was partly the occasion of his wyfes sin, it is not thowght fitting that any ansr be returned him till he bring ane testificatiōne from the presbyterie of Sky against the next synod of his cariage dureing his abode there, whilk he producing, the assemblie will take his conditione to consideratione, And in the meane tyme Mr Dowgall Darroch is apoynted to use dilligence for bringing the women out of Irland.

The assemblie taking to consideratione the suplicatione of Duncan Stewert of Ardsyle, desireing a suplie of the ordinances in Apine till they be provided themselves, being now dissunited from Leismoir, Doe condescend that Mr Ar^d Reid preach there every thrid Lords day, or oftener if conveniently he may, untill the next synod, with this proviso that they slack not their hands in making way for providing themselves with a minister, And for this effect appoynts a letter to be writtin to Glenurqhy and the rest of the possessors of the teands for making the act of plantatiōne in ordour to that kirk effectuall.

The assemblie, considering the unwillingnesse of the breithren to preach at synodall meetings, doe apoynt that each synod shall be swplied be the members of one presbyterie and the presbyterie of Lorne to suplie this dyat, Argyle the next, Cowell the thrid, Kintyre the fowrt, Sky the fift, and so in circuite.

Barbara ne Aleister, who had fallen first in adulterie and thereafter relapse in fornicatione, is apoynted to give evidence of her repentance in the severall kirks in Kintyre, first at Kilcholmenell, next at Killberrie, thridly at Sadall, ay and till shee be fownd penitent, And upon her bringing ane testimoniall from the said places, is apoynted to stand at Knapadall and there to be absolved.

SESS. 5.

Ne Ilgurime haveing suplicated the assemblie for the benefite of mariage in respect of her husbands long absence since the feild of Kilsyth,¹ it being probable that

¹ 15th August 1645.

he was killed that day, The assemblie grants her the benefite of the generall act made anent persons of the same case.

Recomends Mr Allex^r mc Leane to goe to Kintyre within a month or six weeks to visit the paroches of Killeane and Kilcolmekill, which hes both given him ther call, And gives power to the ministers and elders of Kintyre to receave him to any of the saids tuo paroches that he and they shall think fitting, provyding that the said Mr Allex^r shall declare to them before they receave him thet he hes not gotten satisfacione from the paroch of Killmaglasse and Stralawghlane, whereof he is minister for the tyme, And if he get satisfacione from the paroches the synod declares his act of transportabilitie to be null and no further to be heard.

Mr Joⁿ Camerone haveing represented to the synod the scandalous lyfe and uncristian cariage of John Hunter and ne Lawghlane his wyfe, the one towards the other, The synod refers them to the presbyterie to be holden at Kilfinane into which they are both to be summonded, and the partie not compeiring and without relevant excuse is to be judged the partie most guiltie.

Apoynts Do^d mc Phersone and ne Vurich, relapse in inest, as also Anguisse mc Marques, fidler, to be excommunicated be Mr Coleine mc Lawghlane within a month or six weeks at the kirk of Inverarey.

Recomends to Mr John Stewert to absolve Joⁿ mc Kinnene.

Donald mc Phersone haveing petitioned for the benefite of divorsment against Elizabeth ne Vurich his wyfe because of none adherence, The assemblie recomends the busnesse to the presbyterie of Argyle to be examined by them, and to endeavore the said ne Vurichs adherence to her husband.

The synod, haveing seen ane act of the presbyterie of Dunkell, declaring Mr John Kinnisone transportable from the kirk of Kiline, with the unanimous call of the parochiners of Kilbryde in Arran to the said Mr Joⁿ, Doe apoynt the ministers of Kintyre to receave him to the said kirk of Kilbryde sometimes before the last of June next, Providing that his edict be timously served and no opposi-

tion made, and that he be secured in all things prior to his receiving.

Alex^r Campbell of Penimoir compeiring, gave satisfactione to the synod in his scandalous cariage and afront given to the synod in Inverarey.

SESS: 6.

Recomends to the presbyterie of Lorne to supplie by turnes the kirk of Ballivadan as one of their vacant kirks, and apoynts the gentlmen to be writtin to that they use diligence to go abowt some effectuall cownse to provyde for ane competency for ane minister at that kirk, which when they have made owt, The synod promises to give their concurrence in getting them a minister.

The synod, for removeing the severall scandalls that Mr Archibald mc Lawghlane lyes under, gives power to the presbyterie of Argyle to try and clear the said scandalls, as also to take knowledge in his abilities and fitness for the ministeriall functione, And being fownd clear in the one and qualified on the other, that they proceed to his tryalls in ordour to his admision to the kirk of Killberrie, but withall that they admitt him not wntill the next synod, intill which tym they apoynt him to serve as before.

William Lowdowns necessity being made known to the synod, they doe referr to the presbyterie of Argylle to apoynt him some suplie out of the vacancies.

In respect of the presbyterie of Skys absence thir severall dyats and the credible report of severall things to be remedied in the said bownds, especiallie of preists, Jesuits and papists resorting there, It is thought fitt that there be ane visitatione of the bownds of the said presbyterie for endeavoring the redress of the forsaid enormities. The members apoynted thereto are Mr John Stewert and Mr Colein mc Lawghlane and Alex^r Campbell elder out of Cowell, Mr Dowgall Campbell and Dowgall Campbell of Ineraw owt of Argyle, Mr Ferq^r Frayzer, Mr Ar^d mc Calman and Coleine Campbell of Lochinell out of Lorne, Mr Dowgall Darroch out of Kintyre, and falling of any of

the members by sicknesse or other relevant cause, Mr Marteine mc Ilvra and Mr Hector mc Leane to supplie their places, Which breithren, with the concurrence of the presbyterie of Sky, are apoynted to vizit the saids bownds, and for ther charges are to have ten markes owt of the severall cures vacand and planted within the province, to be advanced to them by the ministers of the paroches planted and by the gentlmen or elders owt of the vacancies, and if that be not readie that it be taken owt of the stipends till they be repayed.

The synod apoynts that the said ten markes be taken out of the penalties, and for the tyme of ther goeing thither they are apoynted to take journey from Dunstaffneiss the first Tuesday of Julie next.

Marie ne Innesker in Clachandisard compeiring and aledging Neill mc inlych to be father of her childe, whilk he denying, notwithstanding of severall presumptions, as, first, His owne acknowledging that he was struggling with her that same night that shee aledges and to which the birth of the childe does ansr, 2dlie, That the sowldiers that were in the hoose with him that night affirmed that if the childe was gotten that night the said Neill was the father of it, 3lie, That her mistres with whom shee served afirmed that shee had enowch adoe to keep the said Neill from her and that shee pulled him off by the feet, Which presumptions the synod considering, as also the said Maries willingness to depone her oath that before ore after shee knew no other man, They determine the said Neill to be father to the childe and appoynts Mr Dowgall Campbell to babtize the childe, and to summond the said Neill to evidence his repentance as ane fornicator. Apoynts also a lettir to be writtin to my Lord Marques to cause take some cowrse with him, he being guiltie in a certaine kind of rapt.

SESS. 7.

The assemblie apoynts John Kere for his dissobedience to both presbyterie and synod and for his scandall of

adulterie he lyes under, whereof he will not purge himself notwithstanding of severall presumptions of the fact and admonishions to acknowledge the same, Apoynts the said John to be procest with excommunicatione and Mr Neill Camerone to give the first summond.

Apoynts ane letter to be writtin to the gentlmen of Ila, desiring them to goe effectuellie about their duetie in getting provisione for the kirk of Kildarow, and for that effect to deale with the Laird of Cadall, who is to be there shortly, that he wold make out the act of plantatione, whilk if he condescend to the synod will yet concurr with them in getting a minister, withall certifying them, if they goe not abowt the samen, The synod will leave off all endeavors for planting of Ila and find a way to come by the teinds thereof, seeing their tack is outrune.

Martine mc Lawghlane is sharply reproved for not processing of Margrat Campbell for her scandall and contumacie according to the act of the synod, And the synod apoynts some ¹ of new immediatly after his retorne from the synod to process her with excommunicatione.

Apoynts ane letter to be writtin to the Tutor of Calder to make payment to Mr Ard: mc Aleister of the hundreth pounds allowed him by the synod, and for the other hundreth markes that he have tuo yeirs of the teinds of Colonsay.

Recomends the answer of Mr Neill mc Kinnons supplicatione for getting some supply, in consideratione of his losse, out if the vaccansies, To the visitatione appoynted for Sky, and in ther absence to the presbyterie thereof.

Duncan mc Millan, adulterer with Margrat ne Vurich, is appoynted to be dealt with and browght to a sence of his guilt, and to evidence his repentance at Killberrie till Mr Ard: mc Lawghlane find him fit for absolutione, and thereafter to be absolved by Mr Dowgall Campbell.

The synod apoynts that such as willfullie slights the getting of the Catechise *per quire*,² at least that does not use dilligence therein, shall be cited by their ministers

¹ *sic* for him ?

² i.e. *par coeur*—by heart.

before the presbyterie, And that they whose children dies without baptizme throwgh the ignorance of ther parents and want of the Catechise be condingly censured.

Mary ne Ilvernock haveing brought forth a childe in fornicatione, aledging John Campbell, brother to , to be the father thereof, the said John haveing others in suspitione to father the childe wpon, The synod appoynts that if he faill in getting another father to the childe, that the said Maries oath shall be taken, and the child shall be babtized in his name.

Elaine ne Intyre aledging ane promise of mariage upon Hendrie Leitch, whilk he denyes, The synod refers to the presbyterie of Argyll to take his oath thereanent.

Duncan mc Illmund, adulterer with , haveing petitioned for divorce from his wyfe because of her none adherence, The synod, considering his faults on the one hand and hers one the other, Appoynts them to adhere together and neither of them to obtaine the benefite of divorce, and in the meane tyme discharges the said Duncan to haunt or cohabbite but seperat from that women he lyes in adulterie with wnder paine of excommunicatione.

Martine mc Lawghlane is appoynted to send back to Craignesne one ne Laertich, who is fled away from Craignes to Ila with a childe unlafullie procreated, for eshewing the censure of the kirk.

Apoynts ane letter to be writtin to the sessione of Kingarth anent Donald mc Illmund, fornicator, in the paroch of Paslay, that he be sent thither, And, if he obey not the ordors of the sessione therein, Mr John Stewert is apoynted to processe him.

Appoynts the ministers and elders of Sadall to send Charles Hammiltone, suspected for fornicatione with Heleine Balanteine, to the sessione of Kingarth.

Marie ne Neill, dowble adwlteresse with Duncan mc Callume, is appoynted summarlie to be excommunicated by Mr Ferq^r Frayser.

Appoynts the ministers and elders of Kintyre to designe the bownds of paroches, gleibs, manses and stanses of kirks within their bownds.

SESS. 8.

Appoynts Mr John Camerone, that if Niniane Lamownt persist in his refractoriennesse to give obedience to the kirks sessione of Kilfinane for his fornicatione, to processe him with excommunicatione.

It is recomended to Mr Allex^r Gordone to gett the Act of Parliament anent the putting of paroches to the erecting of schooles.

Mr Martine mc Ilvra is excused for his absence from the last synod.

Martine mc Lawghlane, desiring to be declared transportable from the kirk of _____, Is referred to the presbyterie of Kintyre to take nottice of his greivances and to summond the parochiners of the said parochs to compeir before the presbyterie for remeiding the saids grevences, and to give in ther reasons against his removing, Which if they refuse to doe, or if after heiring the said presbyterie, shall find the matter cleare, that they declare him transportable, And, if nothing be done in the matter, the next synod will take it to further consideratione.

John Cleark, relapse in adulterie with two severall women, haveing satisfied for the first, The synod appoynts the session to enter him to give evidence of his repentance for the second, whilk if he faill to doc or begin to desert his wyfe, that he be processed with excommunicatione.

Recomends to Mr John Kinnisowne to exercise discipline in the paroch of Killmorrich in Arran, and to use diligence for erecting a schoole in the said ile.

Refers to the presbyterie of Argylle to take nottice of Janet ne Arthor, adulteresse with Duncan mc Callum, who is thought to be in the cowntrey.

Recomends to any brother that preaches at Killmartine the next Lords day to make intimatione that any gentlman within the cowntrey may set howse and lands to Marie Hendrie, notwithstanding her husband be excommunicated.

Recomends to Mr James Gardiner to speak to John Thomsonsone, student in the Colledge of Glasgow, concerning his comeing to the synod.

Appoynts some of the brethren to consult with some judicious brethren in the lowlands anent the accepting of men for the use of the highland congregations, having gifts of preaching and edificatione in the Irish language, and being of pious life and conversatione, though they be not lawriat nor qualified in tongues or sciences.

Refers Angues mc Ilvernock and that women he is scandalised with to the presbyterie of Lorne to take tryall of their guiltinesse, and to make inquire for James Cristie, the womans former husband, who is supposed to be alive.

Appoynts ane letter to Glenurqy that out [of] his fynes of six hundreth pounds and his band of one thowsand pounds of forfattrie he is to give unto Mr Ewen Cameron two hundreth pounds, which shall be taken in part of payment of the saids sowmes, or if not wpon that score, that he give the said tuo hundreth pounds out of the vacancy of Glenurwhy, Certifieing him that the province will registrat his band, as also challenge him for his dissobedience to the last synods appoyntment, Shewing him that the synod is ¹ appoynted him to be at their next dyat, if he doe not before then compeir before the presbyterie of Argyle.

Appoynts Mr Alex^r Gordone to writte a letter to the presbyterie of Sky with Mr Neill mc Kinnowne anent Ralstounes businesse.

Appoynts ane letter to be writtin to my Lord anent Lochinells deteining and refusing to pay the vaccansies of Ardnamurchy, Shunart and Muddert, and that another letter be writtin to Lochinell himself concerning the said vaccansies.

The synod considering that George Campbell wants 34 lib. which he lent to Mr Dowgall Darroch to advance his charges, being imployed by the synod to the lowlands, for which sowme Mr Dowgall Campbell did in name of the synod give his band to George Campbell for his security, whilk he hes by him, Does therefore appoynt him payment owt of the vaccancie of Inverarey.

¹ sic for has.

Appoynts Mr John Campbell to uplift the vaccancies of Icolmkill.

The synod appoynts the last Wednesday of October and the last Wednesday of May to remain constantly the ordinar dyat of the synodall meetings in tyme comeing.

The next synod is to hold at Inverarey the last Wednesday of October next.

Mr A. MC LAINE, *Cleark to the Synod.*

May 19, 1655.

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THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLL HOLDEN AT INVERAREY THE LAST OF OCTOBER 1655.

SESS. 1^a.

After sermon had by Mr John Stewart, moderator of the last synod, and incalling on God for a blessing to the meeting, the roall of the ministers and ruleing elders being read and they severally called on by name, the present and absents wer as followes :—

Presbyterie of Kintyr : Mr Dug: Darroch ; Donald Mc William, Elder ; Mr James Garner ; John Cinigame of Halebith, Elder ; Martine mc Lachlan ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Cunnisoune ; Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Dunoon : Mr Eun Cameron ; Elder absent ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Elder absent ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard: mc Lean ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Cameron ; William mc Intyr, Elder ; Mr Alex^r mc Lean ; Dod: Campbell, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; Alex^r Campbell of Pennimore, Elder, absent ; James Stewart of Killchunlich, Elder, from Rothsay.

Presbyterie of Inverarey : Mr Dug: Campbell ; Elder absent ; Mr Alex^r Gordoun ; George Campbell, Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Callum absent ; Mr Joⁿ Duncanson ; Joⁿ mc Indoir, Elder ; Mr Andrew mc Lean ; Alex^r Campbell of Barichbayan, Elder ; Duncan mc Corquedall of Phantelens, Elder for Kilchranan.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Nicoll mc Callman absent ; Mr John mc Lachlan yonger ; Joⁿ mc Dougald, Elder ; Mr Ard: mc Callman ; James Clerk, Elder, absent ; Mr Ard: Rid ; Elder absent ; Mr Martine mc Illvrae absent ; Mr Hector mc Lean absent ; Mr Ferq^r Fredzar.

Presbyterie of Sky : All absent.

The synod proceeding to the electing of a new moderator, having lyted Mr James Garner, Mr Ard: mc Callmand, Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr Joⁿ Cameron, the said Mr Joⁿ by pluralitie of voyces was chosen.

The synod at Killmichall having deposed Mr Neill Malcolm from the charge of the ministrie at Kilchranan for the cause specificit in the act of the said synod, and having appointed Mr Ard: mc Callman to make intimatione of the same, and the said Mr Ard: being required to mak report of his diligence thereanent, at this dyat declared that he did accordingly.

The synod appoints the presbyterie of Couall to take further tryall of the so long continued scandall of adulterie alledged upon the Barron mc Gibbon, and to do their utmost to put it to ane poynt without any mor delay, and to call him before them, and if he prove refractorie and they find no cleering, to ceit him to the nixt provinciall.

The synod, considring that accompt of the vaccancies of Kilchalmanell and Killberrie come not dewly in, so as they are disapoynted to make use of them according to the Act of Parliament, Therfor recomends to Alex^r Campbell, bailzie of Cailislate, to call and try the officer of Cailislate anent the mony and meall resting unpaid by him of the vacancie of Kilberrie whereof accompt was not made to the former synod, and to call Mr Dug: Campbell, minister at

Knapdale, to give cleering in what is alledged to be uplifted by him, And lykewyse it is recomended to Mr Dug: Darroch, the Captine of Skipnish and the said Alex^r Campbell to call the officer of Kilchalmanell, the relict of umquhill Joⁿ Campbell and the people of the said paroach, and to take notice of all the vaccancies within the same, And appoints them also to take acompt of James Campbell of Ormesay in what was receaved by him of the vaccancie of Killberrie for building the bridge of Ormesay, And Mr Dug: Campbell is to call the said comitie for the first meeting, and thereafter they are to appoint their own dyats as they shall see necessarie.

The synod, considring that there are sevrall debtors of the schoole money that makes not paymentt of the annual rent of the saids mony to the schools to which they owe the same and that pretend the reason of there not paymentt is they know not to whom they should make paymentt, in regard the bands are blank as yett and unfilled up with the persons names to whom paymentt should be made, and remanes in Dod: Camerons hands and not in thes who are cravers, Therefore the synod recomends to Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Georg Campbell to wryte to the said Donald to come to Inverarey that ane meeting of ane quorum of the destributers may be called, who will receive his accompt and discharge him of his intromissione and the bands may be gott out of his hands and the blankes filled up. Recomends also the saids Mr Alex^r and Georg to use diligence to gett the said meeting of ane quorum called for this effect, that so the saids bands may be made forthcoming according to the destributers mynds expresst in the act made anent scholls.

In respect the paroach of Lochguilshead takes not ane effectuall course for setting up ane scholl there, It is ordained that intimatione be made to the said paroach that, if betwixt and the nixt synod they sett not up ane scholle, it shall be allowed for other places in Cowall where scholles are erected already, And lykwise it is further ordained that, if the presbyterie of Lorn doe not take course to sett up ane schooll or schoolls there, that

then it be desponed upon for the use of schooll in Argyll and Cowall which are to be erected in the most convenient places there, And this act is to hold genarllie in reference to the three foresaid presbyteries, that, where schoolls within the bounds of one presbyterie fails, the money allotted to these be allowed for the use of schoolls within the other that are or may be erected, that so the said annuall rents may be forthcoming for the use intended for them and not alienated from them.

In regard that there are sevrall fugitives from church censur within the province and have their recourse to Ila and Jura as places of shelter, Therfor recomends to the presbyterie of Kintyre, within whose bounds the said illes are, to tak tryall of such persons, and for that effect that they gete a list of their names that so they may cause them be conveyined befor them, and if they prov refractorie that then the presbyterie shall deliver the said list to Lord Neill Campbell and crave his concurrence for bringing them to obedience and sending them to the places where they have bein scandalous.

SESS: 2^a.

John mc Euin, being deserted by his wife and having supplicated for libertie to marie, is appointed to goe and try for his wife ay and untill he gett knowledge whither shue be dead or alive, and Mr Joⁿ Cunison is appointed to writt to the presbyterie of Dunkaill and Perth, and in particular to writt to Mr Alex^r Ireland, minister at Killclevin, about the matter for tryall if shue be within thes bounds.

The synod, considring that ane former act of their meeting at Kilmichell appointed Anguis mc Marquess, fidlar, to be excommunicat, and that the same was not yett putt in execution, and, having taken tryall of his cariage since, hes fund him to be nothing reformed, but continuing in his lewdness; In particular he is fund guilty of thes things: first, One adulterie comitted in the paroach of Inverarey with Effie ne Ivir; 2dly, His familiar conversing with one

ne Fadane, ane Mull woman, as if shue wer his married wiff in the paroach of Kilmodan for the space of one year and one half till he was discovered; 3dly, His relapse in adulterie with the said ne Fadane in the paroach of Killespikcarill in Lorn; 4ly, That he is given to drunkenness and fighting; 5ly, That he hants and converses with all gangrels that goe abroad where ever he meets with them in all artes, and generallie his lewd cariage throw all the bounds of the synod, All which being verified by the ministers of sevrall paroaches respective, Upon consideratione of thes particular premises the synod appointes the former act now to be put in execution summarlie and the sentence of excommunicatione to be pronounced against him summarlie on the nixt Lords day in the kirk of Inverarey, And intimatione be made therof in all the kirkes within the bounds of the synod.

The synod taking to consideratione the condition of Mr Ard: mc Lachlane, serving for present the cure at Kilberrie, and the former actes made anent him, and the comission given by the last synod to the presbyterie of Argyll concerning him, and his oun complaint and dissatisfaction with the uncertantie of his present condition through the delay of his settling, or els of giving him his leiv, Considring also the present unsettled condition and vacancy of the paroach of Killberrie through his abode thereunto and their great complaining that he is nether made sure to them as their constant minister, nor yet declared capable of doing for themselves otherwise while he is serving that charge, Doe think it fitting now to declare their judgment in the business, which is, that (all things being considred) they find it not fitting that the said Mr Ard: should be ane minister, or that he should expect to have any access to that calling within thes bounds, But nevertheless they are content that he exercis his gift for the tym in the place where he lives in, or in any other congregazione from whom he shall have ane invitatione for that effect, And does lykwise appoint him the years stipend where he serves (viz., the old stipend of Kilchallmanell and Kilberrie and the mentenance there yeerly so long as he serves in the

same or wherever els he shall be desired to serve), Provyding alwayes that the paroach of Kilberrie be in capacitie to give ane call to ane other for themselves when they please, and that his present abod there shall not be ane stope to their settling, And the said Mr Ard: is to declare the same unto the people and intimat the said charg vacant at his return thereunto.

John Keire in Rothsay, suspect for adulterie and obstinately declyning to compeir befor the judicatories of the kirk, denying also the chyld constantlie fathered upon him, The synod appointes the presbyterie of Couall to proceed further in the tryall of that bussiness and to cite him formally to compeir, and if he continue obstinate to process him with excommunicatione.

The synod, considring that the number of copies of [the] Irish Catechism are become scarce, and that many of the members have non undistribute for the further supply of their paroaches, have therefore appointed the said Catechism to be reprinted, viz., two thousand copies thereof, and that Mr Joⁿ Cameron writt to the printer at Edinbrugh that printed them of befor to see if he will undertake now to reprint the said copies without one attending him.

The synod, considring the great scarcitie of ministers in the Irishe languag in Kintyr, and being informed that there is ane hopefull yong man, Mr Joⁿ Thomson, who hath the Irish language, Does therefore appoint Mr Alex^r Gordun and Mr James Gearner to writt to the said Mr Joⁿ and to thes who hath power with him to deal with him to apply himself for the work of the ministrie in that language within thes bounds, and also that the leard of Ralstoun and goodman of Hillabeth take occacision to speak to him to that effect when they meet with him, And the synod does declare that, if he will engage himself to be for the use of thes bounds and in the [mean] tym think fit for a season to remain at the colledge for his inablement, they will help him in his maintenance for that effect.

The synod does also recomend to the presbyterie of Kintyr to try out for Mr Mathew Andrew, who is reported to have somewhat of Irish language, to try his skill in the

sam and what study he intends to follow, and to make report to the nixt synod.

Georg Campbell, having advanced to Mr Dug: Darroch threttie 4 pounds for to supply him in his cariage to Edinburgh in a publick imployment from the synod, and lying out of the same yet, Appoints his paymentt according to ane former act to be out of the vacancy of Inverarey this year.

SESS: 3^a.

Mr David Simson being desired by the synod to give ane profe of his knowledge in the Irish language, and having heard him on Heb. 3, 3 in Irish, did approve both of his mater and language, and did think much of his proficiencie in such a short tyme, he being formerlie altogether a stranger thereto.

Mr Eduart Kith, being appointed to preach on the nixt Saboth according to the act of the synod that evrie yong man be heard by the synod ere he be admitted, was heard and weall approven of.

In regard that the present exigencie requires that some yong men should be heard, whereby the presbyterie of Argyll was liberate at this dyatt of preaching on the Saboth, The synod recomends to the said presbyterie to provyd for the work of the Saboth at the nixt synod, it being their dyatt according to the act of the former synod.

The synod, considring that ther are divers disappointed of what portions of vacand stipends was allotted them by their actes out of I Collum kill, having as yet receaved nothing thereof from the paymasters, Therfor appoints that evrie person of thes who had portions allotted them out of the said vacancy have a particular warrand given them that they improve the same for ther own best advantage, And seeing there is resting and ouand be the pymasters in wholl the vacancys of seven years, whereof three by Mc Lean, viz., 1649/1650/1651, and four yeers by my Lord Marques, according to the accompt mad cleer out of the synod book, The synod resolves to use diligence to have

the saids vacaneys brought in, And for the present appoints that ane letter be written to the Tutor of Mc Lean anent his forsaid proportion and ane other to my Lord Marques.

SESS. 4^a.

The synod, considring that the presbyterie of Lorn hes at their own hand intromitted with the vacancy of Mull of the cropt 1654 without power from the synod (to whom belonges the disposeal of the same by Act of Parliament) and have appointed sex hundred markes to the ministers of Mull, Morvirn and Tyrie, And finding that the same is much prejudiciall to the maine intent of the Act of Parliament, viz., the training up of the youth for the work of the ministrie in thes bounds, They have thought fitt to rebuke them sharply for the same, and doe enjoinn them to restore the said mony for the training up of young men within ther own presbyterie and to deliver ther tickats thereupon in maner following, viz., by Mr Joⁿ mcLachlan to Mr Alex^r mc Callman two hundreth markes, by Mr Ard: mc Callman to Donald mc Illvorie two hundreth, and by Mr Ard: Rid to Neill mc Lachlan two hundreth marks, And the ministers of Lorn for ther securitie are to get a warrand to suit for the sex hundreth markes from the ministrie of Mull, Morvirn, Tirie, and to exact it of them, Certifieing them, if they refuse, they will be censured by the provinciall.

The assemblie ordaines that for the mor speedy gathering in of the vacaneys the sevrall presbyteries shall nominat and choise a responsible collector or collectors for uplifting the vacand stipends within their own bounds, and that these collectors shall be comptable to them for their intromissions, and that the presbyterie be comptable to the synod, And the presbyterie of Kintyr upon sevrall considerationes are licensed and allowed to dispose on all ther own vacaneys resting ouing of bygone cropts and years, as also this present year and cropt 1655, provyding that they be bestowed on the youth and students for the work of the ministrie in the Irish languag, provyding also that

they be comptable to the synod for the disposal, In the mine tyme that all former localities and appointments be excepted, as also one hundreth pundis that is allotted to Mr Dug: Campbell sons out of the vacanecys of Jura for this present crop 1655. They are lykwise allowed to intromitt with and despoise on the vacancy of Aran for the year and crop 1656 for the ends above specifit, if the congregations thereof shall not be provyded with ministers, they being always comptable to the synod.

James Crichtoun is recomended to the presbyterie of Lorn for tryall according to the act of the former synod.

SESS. 5^a.

Duncan mc Callum, ane excommunicat person, having supplicated the synod for relaxation and being dealt with and tryed, was not fund sencible nor ripe for the same but verrie ignorant, Therfor the synod refers him to the presbyterie of Inverarey to be taken paines upon and to bring him to the sence of his condition.

The synod, taking to consideratione the complaint of Mr Alex^r mc Lean against his paroacheners of Strachure and Stralachlan, did appoint a comittie for tryall of the ground of the samen, whilk comittie, having given in ther report, did declare that after examinatione of the business ther was not such ground as was pretended against his paroacheners, but his greatest occasion of discontent was the want of the 44 bolls dew to him by the synods promise for thes two yeers past, Therfor the synod does ordain that he remain with his charge as formerlie, the parochiners of Strachure making out the satisfaction that was offred in gleebe and mance within a moneth, and for his satisfaction for what is dew by the synod they have allotted him two hundreth markes out of the first end of my Lords part of the vacanceys of I Collumkill in compensatione of the twentie-four bolls and of the three hundreth markes out of Arran for which he had a former appointment, And for the more speedy settlment of this matter the presbyterie of Dunoon is appointed to meet at Killmaglash the

nixt week to tak ane effectuall course thereanent. The said Mr Alex^r took instruments that the appointment shall not be prejudiciall to his act of transportabilitie.

The synod, having apointed that each person for whom any part of the vacancy of I Collumkill was allotted doe gett their own warrand and make use of it for themselves sevrallie, they have fund in the synods books the students names and portions to be as followes: To Mr Joⁿ Cameron 4 hundreth markes, To Mr Andrew mc Lean 4 hundreth markes, To Mr Joⁿ Duncanson two hundreth markes, To Mr Duncan Campbell 2 hundreth markes, To Mr Patrick Campbell two hundreth markes, To Mr Don: mc Vicar 2 hundreth markes, And the synod provyds that their discharges with the said warrands shall be also vallid to the paymasters as if they wer subscribit by moderator and clerk of the synod.

SESS: 6^a.

The Laird of Glenurchy having sent a supplicatione to the synod for a minister to the paroach of Glenurqhy, The synod referrs the same to the presbyterie of Argyll.

The synod, considring the supplicatione of Joⁿ Obrolichan concerning his wife Margrat Ne Bridan for desearting of him, Apoint Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan to send the said Margrat (shue being in his paroach for the present) to the presbyterie of Kintyr, and they are to consider of the mater, And if the said Joⁿ desire adherence and his wife doe refuse, the synod recomends to the presbyterie in that case to give ane certificat of her refusall to the man to present to the civile judge.

The synod, considring the suplicatione of the paroach of Killchalmanell desiring their concurrence to move Mr Duncan Campbell to give a visite to the said paroach and preach there, having dealt with the said Mr Duncan for that effect, who hes condescended to satisfie the said desyr.

The paroaches of Killean and Kilberrie having supplicated in lyke maner for the said master Duncan, he hes also condescended to satisfie them in the said desyr.

The synod, considring the difference that is betwixt the paroches of Lochhead and Killeen anent the bounding of the said two paroches that is intended, doe think it fit to delay any determinatione in that businesse untill my Lord Marques his coming home, who is interested in the mater, that the mater may be settled by his Lordship and the parochers to satisfaction, And the synod recommends to Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Geórg Campbell to acquaint my Lord with the wholl business.

The synod, considring the desir of Georg Campbell, Tutor of Calder, and the rest of the gentlmen of that place anent Mr Adame Ritchie, does referr the answering thereof to the presbyterie of Kintyr, As also the payment of Mr Ard: Mc Alister his hundreth punds that was allotted him by the synod that yett he wants.

Mr Angues mc Queen having sent ane supplicatione to the synod anent Sir James mc Donald hes ¹ wrongous dealing with him in the matter of his stipend, as also his strange dealing in that he intromitts with their tithes, Therfor it is ordained that a letter be writen anent thes things to the said Sir James, and in particular that he give to the said Mr Angues his mentenance as formerly, or els according to the Act of Parliament.

The synod, considring how much the examinatione of session bookes is neglected by presbyterie so that it is not known what slacknes there is or if discipline be exercised and in vigour among the sevrall elderships, Therefor, according to the act of the generall assemblie, it is appointed that betwixt and the nixt synod all the session bookes be presented unto their sevrall presbyteries and examined by them, and that the presbyterie book bear the approbatione or disapprobatione of each of them when it is presented to the synod.

The synod, considring seriously how great a want there is of the excellent ordinances of singing psalmes in the Irish language among the people of thes bounds in regard scripturall songs have not hitherto been translated in

¹ *sic* for his.

meeter in the said language, and how beseeching it wer that our people should enjoy the benefit and refreshing comfort of that ordinance with the rest of the ordinances of God, have resolved that the psalmes of David be put in Irish meeter, and for this effect doe for the present appointe that 80 of them be made readie against the nixt synod as followes, viz., by Mr Euen Cameron the first twentie, by Mr Dug: Campbell the nixt 20, by Mr Alex^r mc Lean the following tenn, by Mr Ard: Rid the nixt following tenn, by Martine mc Lachlan the nixt tenn, by Mr Jonⁿ Stewart the tenn nixt to thes, All which are to be put in eight syllabes the one line and six the other, that they may answer and be sung with the common tunes that are for the Engliss, And they are to be brought to the nixt synod that they may be revised and corrected and made fitt for the press.

The synod, understanding that the Lard of Lochnanell doth yeerlie medle with the vacances of Ardnamurchine and gives no accompt thereof, Therfor appoints that a letter be written to him to make compt and paymentt thereof to the presbyterie of Lorn without more delay, otherwaies he shall be prosecuted according to the lawes of the cuntrey. The soum is 300 pund yeerly for 3 yeers, *inde* 900 lib. in wholl.

SESS: 7^a.

The synod, taking to their serious consideratione the condition of affaires in thes bounds, and the dispensatione of God in reference to the present unseasonableness of the weather¹ and that there hes not now been ane faste this long tym within thes bounds, Have therefore ordained that ane solemn publike humiliatione be kept within all the congregations of thir bounds the 22 of November for thes causes following: first, The great abounding of many grosse wickednesses in thes tymes of calamitie when God is froun-

¹ A severe frost in the spring had been followed by heavy and continued rains in the autumn.—See Chambers's *Domestic Annals of Scotland*, ii. 234.

ing on his wholl kirk (yea, more abounding now than in the tym of greater ignorance and lesser judgments), as incest, adulteries, furnicationes, swearing, profanatione of the Saboth day and the lyk; 2ly, The not reseaving of Jesus Christ offered in the gossell and the eminent unfrutfulness thereof amongst us beyond others as to the bringing in of souls; 3dly, The contempt and slighting of all maner of worshiping of God, publyk infrequenting the ordinances, privat in ther families and secreet by themselves; 4ly, The continuance of all thes sins notwithstanding of former judgments in thes bounds, of the late mercie of God through plenty esteemed by many judgment rather than mercy, of the present calamities and of imminent dangers through Gods apparent threatning the cuntrey with famine by reason of this extraordinar and unseasonable weather; 5ly, Wherefore we are to pray against thes sins and judgments and to deal with God to send mor plenty of the gossell and a pouerfull ministrie and to pour out his spirit on the ministers and people of thes bounds that the gossell may be effectuell where it is planted, and to pray that where it is not the Lord may send forth fathfull laborers unto his hearvest, And the synod lykwise appoints that vacant kirks be supplied by the presbyterie in keepin of the fast, And that ane letter be written to the presbyterie of Sky to keep the said fast and the causes be sent therewith.

The synod having seen Mr Martine mc Illvrae his excuse for his absence, did judg the samen relevant.

Whereas the former synod did rebuke Mr Alex^r mc Lean, for delaying the sentence of excommunicatione which should have been pronounced against Donald mc Keras for the faults containd in the act of his excommunicatione, viz., one confessed adulterie and the denyall of ane other adulterie anent which there was evident presumptions, as also drinking and swearing, and did appoint the said Mr Allex^r to proceed to the said sentence, and yet it being fund a little after the said appointment of the last synod that the said Donald did take away a part of the ground of the sentence by his profession of the formerlie denyed adulterie, with ane ample profession of repentance for that and all his

sins, and that befor the presbyterie at Kilfinan, Upon which, and for the further gaining of the said Donald and attaining of the native end of the said ordinance, The presbyterie was not against the delay of the sentence yett untill this synod, appointing withall ane tryall to be taken of his new cariage conform to his profession before the presbyterie, Therefor it is now ordained that the said presbyterie of Dunoon shall take tryall of his past and futur cariage since his confessione and professione, and upon the finding him guilty of swearing or of drunkenness or any other scandalous cariage, the said presbyterie furthworth¹ is to excommunicate him, But if they in their judgment can judge him penitent and his cariage blamelesse, then they are to bring him with evidence of his repentance befor the nixt synod, And for the furtherance of his repentance he is to repair frequently to the sevrall ministers within his presbyterie sevrallie to be conferred and dealt with, as also to all the sevrall meetings of the said presbyterie that shall be till the nixt synod.

The synod, understanding that there are sevralls who come for baptisme from ther oun vacant paroaches without ane testimonyall from their elders but only offers cautionrie that they shall bring ane against a sett day, Has therefor ordained that none such should have the benefite of baptisme to their chyldrine without ane testimonyall from the elders of the paroach where they dwell and no such cautione shall be taken by any minister, And it is further ordained that they be tryed in the grounds of religione, at least some of the cheife heads thereof, and be instructed who are fund ignorant, and that for that effect they come one day befor the Saboth, And this act to be intimate in vacant paroaches.

The case of Mc Couck in Arane, ane excommunicate person, is referred to the presbyterie of Kintyr.

The synod, finding that there are some roomes in Kil-michall paroach that, according to the new platt, pertaines now to the paroach of Kilmartine, does referr to the

¹ sic for furthwith.



presbyterie of Argyll to take such course therewith as the new plantatione be not obstructed nor the minister of Kilmartines admissiōe hindred to be according to the said platt. In the mine tyme that a letter be written to Mr Ard: mc Callum thereanent.

Mr Dougald Campbell having represented his want of a manse and his being over-burdened with the charge of two kirks, which he is not able longer to endure, as also that the letter written by the synod to [the] parochers of Knapdale concerning the said mance and the division of that paroach according to the new plott did take no effect, Therfor the synod ordaines that ane letter be written to the gentlmen and said parochiners to goe about the provyding of the said mance and division of the said charge with expedition and with certificatione that if they neglect the samen the synod will in leagall way proceed to doe it themselves, that the minister may be settled in ane of the kirks, or els that he shall be transported from them, and publick intimatione to be made heerof to the said paroaches.

In regard that the paroachers of Craignise have not yett taken course for compleiting ther mance to their minister, The synod appoints ane letter to be written to the saids paroachiners, and cheiflie unto the Captaine of Craignise himself, that untill it be made ready they tak course to provyd the most comodious way they can for his wintering, that he be not forced to remove from that place and leave his charge for the winter season.

For censur of the presbyterie according to the act of the generall assemblie, The presbyterie of Kintyr being removed and the sevrall members of the synod being required to declare what they know or hear of ther way and cariage in ther callings, They are found blamelesse and approven. The presbyterie of Couall, being removed and enquirie being made as aforesaid, are approven, being desyred to have care that ther be noe abuse of the Saboth within ther bounds.

The presbyterie of Argyll, being removed and enquirie made, is in lyke maner approven and desyred to use diligence to plant their vacand kirks.

The presbyterie of Lorn, being removed and tryall as afforesaid made, Are approven, save some scandalous mis-cariages that are within their bounds through slackness in discipline, whilk they are desyred to reform by a more vigorous exercise of the same.

In regard Joⁿ mc Euen, adulterer, is reported to be dwelling at Inverinane, a part of Mc Conochie Inraes ¹ lands, with his adulteress, The synod recomends to the said Mc Conichie to cause them seperate and put him to doe duety and to give publick evidence of his sorrow and repentance at Gillespicarell, which he undertakes to the synod.

SESS: 8^a.

The synod recomends to the severall ministers to try out in thair severall bounds for one Joⁿ mc Lean, fugitive from the paroach of Ochaghilie, relapse in adulterie, and to send him to the session of the said paroach.

The synod, understanding that in some places of the bounds there is sermone but once in the Saboth and in other places ther is no intermission betwixt dyates of worship, Therefore the synod appoints that, according to ane other act, each minister lectour half ane hour one the Catechism and preach twice one the Saboth according to the maner of other places, and that they have two sevrall dyates, especiallie in the sumer season.

The synod, considring the great prejudice suffered by the none ratificatione of the decreits of plantatione and that now at lenth they are compleited, Have therefore appointed 300 markes to be given to Joⁿ Zuill for his paines in writting and compleating the said decreits out of the vacancies, As also that Mr Alex^r Gordoun, Mr Collin mc Lachlan and George Campbell doe receav them from the hands of the said Joⁿ, and concurre in speaking to my Lord at his return, that his Lordship may according to his promise use diligence to gett them ratified.

The synod appoints a letter to be written to the Captaine

¹ Campbell of Inverawe.

of clane Ronnalde anent what he owes of the vacanceis of Arduinmurchin to be payed to the presbyterie of Lorne, viz., ane hundreth pundis yeerly, which amounts to 1000 lib., he having intromitted with the said stipend since Mr Duncan mc Callmans deposite.

The synod, takeing to consideratione the distribution of the vaccant stipends and finding that there wer divers appointments by former synods to particular persons for the reasons contined in the actes of the said synods that wer not made out, Does therefore renew the former appointments upon the same grounds, making aditions to the portions of some of thes as is efter mentioned, And doe also ordain for others who had nothing allotted them befor, and that according to the intent of the Act of Parliament. The persons both of the former and later consideratione their names and the portions appoynted them [are] as follows: *Imprimis*, Ther being ane appointment for Mr Donald mc Cloy of the date Aprill 10, 1651 Sess. 6, ordaining him ane chalder victuall yeerly during his lifytym of the vacanceis in the province, The which was granted in consideratione that the said Mr Don: be ther desyr did frelie demitt his beneficie unto which he had right by his office of the ministrie at Kilmodane in ther hands, lest his bruiking of the same should be obstructive to the plantatione of that kirk, And the synod finding that he hes gotten no paymentt thes four years past preceeding this present synod and that he is redacted to povertie, They have in contentatione of thes preceeding yeers allotted him four hundred markes to be payed out of the vacanceis of I Collumkill by my Lord Marques, Lykwise ther being ane appointment for Janet Campbell, relict to umquhill Mr Donald mc Illvorie, of ane hundreth markes and of ane other hundreth markes to Betradge Colchune, relict to Mr Euen Cameron, minister at Glenurqhy, because of ther povertie and necessitie, The synod does renew the saids appointments and addes ane other hundreth markes to each of them, so they are to gett ane warrand for two hundreth markes the peice to be pyed by my Lord Marques out of the said vacanceis.

Lykwise Williame Lowdune being redacted to verie great povertie and necessitie, and being a man of good report in the profession of godlines, is allowed to gett (besid the fourtie markes receaved formerlie) one hundreth pundis out of the vacancie of Inishale and Glenurqhy. For Mr Duncan Campbell is allowed (besyd the two hundreth markes allowed to him out of I Collumkill) other two hundreth markes to be receaved from Lochnanell out of the vacanceis of Ardnamurchine intromitted with by him. For the vacancie of Rothsay, which is but only the halfe of the stipend thereof, it is distributed thus, For Mr Patrick Campbell, in consideratione of his paines in preaching ther oft tymes, two hundreth and threttie markes, To Mr Archibald Bith for mentaining him at the colledge for the work of the ministrie one hundreth markes thereof, To James Stewart ane hundreth markes on the said accompt, and six score markes therof allowed to pay Mr Patrick Stewart his proportion to Ralstoun, in regard it cannot be gotten of himself at present till law take it of him, For Mr David Symson the sum of _____, the same being resting unpaid of bygones due to him and to be pyed to him out of the first of the vacanceis of Inverarey and Glenurqhy.

For reprinting of the Irish Catechism, two thousand copies thereof, ther is appoynted two hundreth and fiftie markes out of the vacancies of Inshael and Glenurqhy to be sent to Mr Ard: Campbell to Edinburgh for the paymentt of the printer when he hes done the worke, For Mr Euen Camerone in consideratione of his charges promised by the synod two hundreth pounds, to which they wer oblidged by band for his expenses at Edinbrugh for ther defence against Ralstounes pursuite,¹ and the said soume is to be payed out of the vacanceis of Mule 1655 and Mr Ferq^r Frezar is appointed to be collector of the same, For Mr Neill Malcome, in regard of his age, debilitie and povertie, the halfe of the stipend of Kilchranen for this

¹ I have been unable to get any particulars with regard to Ralston's lawsuit.

year, save fiftie pounds that Mr Donald mc Cloy is to gett thereof upon the foresaid accompt, whereof fourtie pounds is to be pyed by him as his proportion to Ralstoun, To Joⁿ Zuill three hundreth marks out of the vacancie of Ardchattan for his paines in writting of the decreits, To Mr Dug: Campbell his son out of Jura for his training up for the ministrie 100 lib., To Hector Fredzar, son to Mr Ferq^r Frezar, and Ard: mc Lachlan, son to Mr Coline mc Lachlane, upon the same accompt and consideratione appoints what Mr Euen son leaves of the vacancies of Mull and ane 100 markes out of Muidart to be equallie devyded betwixt them, For Mr Robert Duncanson, student, on the same accompt two hundreth markes out of I Collumkill, For Coline Campbell, son to Mr Ninian Campbell, in reguard he is far behind in his studeis through want of ane way of mentenance at the colledge, and that he may prove usfull in the ministrie in the Irish language in the said partes, The synod appoints him two hundreth markes out of the vacanceis of I Collumkill. For Malcome Fishers son for his uptraining at schoollis the odd hundreth markes that is in Archatane over and abov Joⁿ Zuils three hundreth markes, ther being ther 400 in wholl, For Anguis mc Lachlan two hundreth markes out of the vacanceis that is in Lochnanell hands.

For Duncan mc Lean two hundreth markes out of the same vacancie.

For Alex^r Cameron 200 markes out of the same.

For Joⁿ Lynsay for his service as clerk to the synod for two dyates, 20 lib. out of the vacancy of Glenurqhy.

For Mr Andrew mc Clean for his service for two full yeers, being four dyats, four score pundis out of the vacancy of I Collumkill.

For Mr James Flimine for his service fourtie pound out of the vacancie of Glenurqy.

And the synod appoints that the extracts of the sevrall particulars contained in the former act shall be given out to the sevrall parties having interest for the reasons therin contained and directed to the parties fore mentioned, Whilk extracts with the respective discharges shall be also valid

and sufficient warrand to the paymasters as if it wer given unto or discharged by the synod themselves.

Mr Ard: Rid, Mr Ard: mc Calman and Mr Jonⁿ mc Lachlan represented that they wer losers and much behind by ther tickats giving to the yonger men at the synods desyr for ther intromitting, or at least by giveing ordour to intromitt and dispose of the vacanceis for other ends then appointed by parliament and generall assembleie, the vacanceis disposed of by them not amounting to six hundred markes. The synod therefore for securing them of what are not to be made out to them by the ministers of Mull, appoints them to have fourtie pund of the vacanceis of Lorn.

The synod recomends Coline and Jonⁿ Campbells to the presbyterie of Kintyr to gett of thair vacanceis, in reguard they intend for the schoolls.

In reguard ther are sevralls that doe make applicatione to the synod to supplicate for some portion of the vacanceis for maintenance and training up at schools, of whom ther is no certain knowledge what ther capacitie is for literatur, It is appoynted therfor that whatever yong men or boys intend to supplicate the synod for the foresaid effect have thair recourse to the presbyterie within whose bounds they are to be tryed and examined for ther capacitie and proficiency by the presbyterie and to bring with them the presbyterie testimonyall concerning the foresaids unto the synod.

The synod refers the two adulterers, mc Cuilean and mc Millane in the paroach of Killberrie, to be absolved by Mr Dug: Campbell upon Mr Ard: mc Lachlanes testificate.

In reguard that ther are sevrall glibes in Kintyr that belong to the kirkes thereof and yet out of the possession of the kirk, The synod refers to the presbyterie of Kintyr to take some effectuall course consarning them.

SESS: 9^a.

The synod, taking to consideratione the verie sade and desolate condition of the paroach of Rothsay through ther

want of ane settled ministrie for sevrall yeers, and being of intention to have them supplied and to take course for that effect, have upon examinatione fund Mr Patrick Stewart ther former minister to be exceedingly obstructive in ordour to ther settlment. The synod, being moved thereby to tak the said Mr Patricks cariage to further consideratione, have fund him guilty of thes things : 1. That he not only keeps the paroach of Rothsay but is lyke to lay the wholl Isle of Boot desolate of ane ministrie by his pursheiw of Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister at Kingarth, very violently and most unjustlie ; 2dly, That the ground of his dimissione, viz., inabilytie of body, was but pretence and fals, the contrarie thereof being fullie evident ; 3dly, That he discharges not any ministeriall dewties as his bodily abilities will permitt ; 4. His base and ignominious reproaching of the synod, as his letter to ther last meeting at Kilmichale does fullie instruct ; 5. That he prosecutes ane stipend (viz. that of Kingarth) which was in the possession of two former ministers without any challenging of them in ther tym and without any right therto, yea altho he dimitted the said stipend befor the synod, ane evident prooffe of scandalous and detestable covetousness, All which being considered by the synod, They appoint ane comitie to be holden at Dunoon, consisting of the presbyterie therof and two members of the presbyterie of Inverarey, viz., Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr Joⁿ Duncansone, to take ane effectuall course for settling of Rothsay, As also for the emitting of three legall summonds against the said Mr Patrick to compeir befor them to hear and see what is to be laide to his charge, And the tyme of meeting of the said comittie is to be determined by the presbyterie of Dunoon, who is to advertise the foresaid two members of the samen.

The synod, considring how much Mr Joⁿ Stewart is wronged and lyke to be irrecoverablie indamadged by the unjust pursut of Mr Patrick Stewart against him, and that the Isle of Boot wold be in a most desolate condition if he also should be forced to remove from his own charg, has therefor appointed that the said Mr Joⁿ shall extract all

that he can gett for his own defence out of the bookes of synod and presbyterie and to use all legall courses to defend himself, And the synod does engage themselves to the said Mr Joⁿ that what expences he shall be at by the said defence and by lawyers or any other ways relating to that business shall be allowed and payed unto him out of the first [and] readiest of vacanceis, the said Mr Joⁿ giving ane cleer accompt of his charges, And if it should fall out that the vacanceis shall faill for the said effect, the members of the synod doe in that case oblidg themselves to mak paymentt to the said Mr Joⁿ out of ther own purses, And if the paroach doe not concurre in the charges for his defence against the said pursuor (as they in conscience and equitie are bound to doe), And if they doe not also rectifie what grounds of grivance the said Mr Joⁿ hes justlie against them, the synod resolves that he shall be removed from them.

The synod appoints Mr James Gearner to repair to the nixt meeting of the Synod of Glasgow as correspondent.

In regard that Mr Ard: mc Lachlan finds not occasion for settling himself in thes bounds and that he intends removall [and] desyrs ane testificate of the synod, Therfor it is appointed that he have ane testimony that he hes been diligent in teaching in thes parts where he was appointed by the synod.

The synod taking to ther serious consideratione that ther are severall considerable things in thes illes that are within ther bounds requiring present redress, and especiallie being informed that popery hes not only entred thes bounds by many preists and jesuits come frome Ireland and other places, but also is lyke to spread and increase exceedingly, Therefore, for remidy of thes things and prevention of the said heazard that thes parts are unto, The synod appoints ther nixt meeting to be at I Collumkill the last Wednesday of May nixt 1656, and that all members be ther under pain of severe censur, all excus being laid aside, And the synod hes also thought fitt to call the specialls of the gentlmen of the illes to the said meeting, and for this end letteres to be writtin to these persons, viz., the Earle Seford, Sir

James mc Donald, Mc Leoid, Tutor mc Laine, Mc Neill Barra, the Laird of mc Fingoune, Laird of Lochbuy, Capitaine of Clainrannald, to keep the said dyat that the synod and they may joyntly concurre and fall upon ane effectuell course for redresse and supressing the foresaid evils, As also that ane letter be writtin to the presbyterie of Sky to keep the said dyat without faill. It is lykwyse appoynted that those who were by the last synod chosen to visit the Sky be readie to take their journey from Icolmkill after the synod to the Sky, And for ther supply all the members are to take ther severall proportions that was appoynted for the said visitors alongst with them to the nixt synod.

Nihill hic deest.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLL
HOLDEN AT ICOLUMKILL THE 28 OF MAY 1656.

After exortatione had be Mr John Camrone, last moderator, and prayer for directione to the meitting, the roll of ministers and ruling elders being read and they severally called, the presents and absents wer as follows :—

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Dowgall Darroch ; Elder absent ; Mr James Gardner ; Elder absent ; Mr Edward Keith absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Cunisone ; Elder absent ; Martine mc Lachlane ; Mr Alex^r Campbell, Elder.

Presbyterie of Dunnoone : Mr Ewen Camron absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Neill Camrone ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard. mc Leane ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Camrone ; Elder absent ; Mr Alex^r mc Leane ; Elder absent ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Inverarey : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Elder absent ; Mr Alex^r Gordoune absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard. mc Callum ; Neill mc Kellar, Elder ; Mr Johne Duncansone ; Duncane mc Lachlane, Elder ; Mr Johne

Lindsay ; Mr Ard. mc Corquodell, Elder ; Mr Andra mc Leane ; Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Ferquer Frazer ; Elder absent ; Mr Martaine mc ilvra ; Elder absent ; Mr Hector mc Leane ; Ard. mc Leane, Elder ; Mr Ard. mc Colman absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Nicoll mc Colman absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard. Reid ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane ; Ewen mc Corle, Elder.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Do^d Morisone ; Elder absent ; Mr Allane Clerk ; Elder absent ; Mr Martaine mc Pherson ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard. mc Queine ; Elder absent ; Mr Angus mc Queine absent ; Elder absent ; Mr Neill mc Kinnowne ; Elder absent ; John mc Phersone absent ; Elder absent.

The synod proceeding to the electing of a moderator, and haveing listed Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Ard. mc Leane, Mr James Gardner, Mr Ferquher Frazer, Mr Dowgall Darroch, the said Mr Dowgall Darroch by pluralitie of votes was chosen moderator.

SESS: 2^{da}.

A letter was presented to the synod from Mr John Stewart declaring his inability because of sicknes to be at the synod, And because there was not a letter from his elder confirming the same, in regard of a former act that no minister should be excused by his owne letter unlesse his elder would signifie-the same which he averred to be the reason of his absence, his excuse is deferred till the next synod.

Mr Ard. mc Callums absence from the last synod, because it was notoriously knowne that he lay sick and could not be present, was excused.

Mr Hector mc Leanes absence from the former synod for severall reasones made knowne to the synod was excused.

The assembly haveing taken to their consideratione the oft and reittrated absence of the presbytrie of Sky from

many synods, and that not only in winter by ther comissioners, but also in summer by themselves, Did appoint ane comittie to heir them and trye ther reasones, The names wherof are, Mr John Camrone, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Ferquher Frazer, Mr Joⁿ Duncansone, Mr Coline mc Lachlane and the moderator, And ther report is to be to-morrow after noone.

The assembly haveing referred to the presbitrie of Cowall to take the readiest and best way to try the scandal of adulterie alledged on the Barron mc Gibbon, The presbytrie hes declared that that scandall is taken away by .

The former appointment anent the vaccancies of Kilberrie and Kilcalmanell and the same persones contained in the former, because they could not conveniently try these vaccancies hitherto, are continowed.

The act concerning the calling of a quorum of the distributers for cleiring of the bands of the schoolmasters moneys within the thrie presbyteries of Argyll, Cowall and Lorne and the same persones appointed to call the quorum is yet of new appointed, and their diligence to be made knowne at the nixt provinciall.

Appoints the presbytrie of Argyll to deale effectually with Sir Dowgall Campbell of Achinbreck to pay to the schoolmasters within the presbytrie of Argyll his byrune annual rents of thrie thousand marks which he hes of the money apointed to be a fundatione for the maintaining of schoolmasters within the said presbytrie.

The synod, considering that ther was a school apointed at Lochgoilshead at Cowell, and that the parochers of that paroch was deficient in making the apointment effectuell or in erecting of a schooll, notwithstanding of the incouragement they had by virtue of a former act apointing a quantitie of the annual rent of the fundatione money for schooles to them for that effecte, and seeing the money, at least the annual rents, was uselesse, and that there was two schooles at Kilmodane and Kilfinan and but small meanes to mantane the schoolmasters, for want wherof the saids two schools were like to decay, The assembly appoints the fourtie pounds Scotese allotted formerly at Lochguills-

head, now to be devided betwixt the said two schooles, viz., To Kilfinans school 35 marks and to Kilmodans schoole 25, and to receive payment therof Martimes 1655, and this act to stand in force ay and whil the parochers of Lochguillshead doe sett effectually about the setting up of a school, And then the forsaid money to returne to the use of maintinance of the schoolmaster of Lochguillshead.

Because there was apointed 3 schooles in Lorne and 3 thousand marks was allotted by the distributers for a fundatione to these 3 schools, to witte, the annual rent of a thousand marks (with the concurrence of the severall paroches) for the maintinance of each schoolmaster, and no effectuall course hes biene taken for erecting of the said schools, The assembly thought it expedient to denude Lorne of the priviledge of the fundatione, and did resolve to imploy the same for erecting of schools elsewhere, Yet, because ther is now some apeirance of the erecting of these schools as ane ingadgment given by the heritours of Lorne to the presbytrie ther for that effect does bear, which was presented to the assembly, the synod thinks it expedient to defer the executione of the former act till the nixt, And for the former carlesnes of heritours and others interested to erect the saids schooles, it is thought expedient that thrie yeers annual rent be taken from them and apointed to be a fundatione to the schoole of Kilmartine *hac lege* that that paroch do add thereto the soume of money that it may be a perpetuall fundatione for that schoole, failzing of which that the former annual rent be devided betwixt the schools of Cowall and Argyll as the assembly shall think fitt, And farder, it is thought fitting that what annual rents of the schoolmoney appointed for Argyll is un-employed be also for a fundatione to the school at Kilmartine.

The assembly haveing apointed by a former act to reprint the Catechise in the Irish language and that a certane sowme of the vaccancie of Glenurqhey, to witt, Clachandysart cropt 1655, was ordained for the said reprinting, Which being not obtained yet and so the Catechise not reprinted, [It] is apointed that a letter be

wretten to Glenurqhey youngest to cause his factors take up the said vaccancies of Clachandysert and send them to Mr Alex^r Gordoune to Inverarey that the Catechise may be reprinted, And Mr Alex^r is to be comptable for the superplus.

The assembly being informed of ane young man, Mr John Thamson, student of divinitie in the Colledge of Glasgow, who hes the Irish language, Apoint the moderator to writt ane letter to him to try if he would ingadge with the province for the work of the ministrie amonges them wher the Lord would call him to the ministrie, And apoint the presbytric of Kintyre to give him some incourragment out of the vaccancies for prosecuting of his studies if he shall in particular ingadge to that presbytrie if the Lord shall cleir him in his call when in a capacitie to receive the same.

SESS. 3.

The synod apoint the presbytrie of Sky to preach the nixt Lords day as followeth : Mr Do^d Morisone to preach on Fryday morning, Mr Ar^d mc Qucine to lectour on Sabbath before noone and Mr Alan Clerk to preich, Mr Neill mc Kinnone to lectour and Mr Martaine mc Pherson to preach after noone.

The synod haveing hard the report of the committie appointed for trying the reasones of the oft absence of the presbyterie of Sky is as followeth, That the presbyterie of Sky declared that ther absence was not in reference to any intended separatione from the Synod of Argyll (as was thought by some), but because of the trubles of the tymes and feir of the northerne partie, who was on foote and lay in the way, and likewayes trubles before that severall wayes, not certainly somtymes knowing the synods dyets, somtymes being informed that the synod did not sitt at all, with some moe of this kynd : The assembly, notwithstanding of these excuses, some wherof are in themselves frivolus, Does apoint thos of the Sky and Glenelge to be present alwayes in summer at the synod and are dispenced with in winter, For the first sumer absēce

without lawfull excuse to be suspended *a beneficio* for half a yeir, and those of Uist and Heries for twise absence to be suspended in like maner *a beneficio* half a yeir, And, in regaird of longe distance that is betwixt Leose and the maine land, the minister of Leose is exhorted to keepe as he may, And the assembly suspends the determinatione of his censure if he beis absent till they know his diligence and reddinesse in coming.

Because there hes ben severall acts in favours of the clerk of the assembly for some allowance to him in reference to that charge, and yet he for the most part frustrated of the same, The synod apoints each minister yeirly at the winter meitting to pay two mark to the clerk, beginning the first yeirs payment in October 1656, and the assembly at ther nixt meitting is to take some effectuall course for paying byrune allowances.

Because the presbytrie of Lorne did intromitt with the vaceaneies of Mulle, and did appropriat sixe hundereth marks therof to their owne privat use, contrar to ane Act of Parliament and the appointment of the province, hes given bands at the last synod to three severall young men to repaye the said 6 hundereth marks to them, being hopfull young men for the ministrie, And that according to the synods apointment, and payment not yet made to the prejudice of the young men and hinderance from prosecuting of ther studies, Therefore the synod apoints the ministers of Lorne to pay the six hundereth marks to the young men before the midst of Jully under the incurring of the censur of suspension for a quarter of a yeir, And that the ministry of Mulle do pay their proportione that they intromitted with of the said vacaneie to the ministers of Lorne on Lamas nixt under the paine of the same censure.

James Crichtowne who fled out of Cnapdall¹ and deserted his married wife, It being demanded of the severall ministers if they knew wher he was, Mr Ard: me Queine declared that such a man was in his paroch, a

¹ Knapdale.

servant of Sir James mc Donald, and had a wife and professed hir to be his married wife. The synod appoints Mr Ard: to send him to the presbytrie of Argyll, and a letter to this effect is apointed to be wretten to Sir James mc Donald that he would send him on the fifteine of August, And Mr Ard: [to] intimat to him, if he would not come against that tyme, that he should be sumarly excommunicat.

The synod being informed that one Margrat ne Bridane who wilfully deserted hir husband fled away out of Kintyre to Argyll, The assembly apoints the presbytric of Argyll to make search for hir, and to intimat in ther sevrall con-grigationes that shee be not harboured amongst them but sent back again to Kintyre, and if she refuse, to be processed with excommunicatione.

Mr Alex^r mc Leane haveing oft and divers tymes regreated the want of his accomodationes as glibe and mance unto the synod, and the synod referring him to the presbytrie of Cowall, and yet nothing effectually done, The assembly does seriously recomend yit to the presbyterie of Cowall to take some effectuall course for obtaining the complinrs desire.

SESS. 4^{ta}.

The assembly being several tymes informed that Sir James mc Donald did not thankfully paye his minister, Mr Angus mc Quein, of his mantinance, and Mr Angus haveing represented the same severall tymes not only to the presbyterie of Sky but also to the synod, and the synod haveing wretten to Sir James thereanent and no answer returned, The assembly yet apoints a letter to be wretten to Sir James not to wronge his minister in the mater of his allowance and mantinance, otherwayes the provinciall will hold it as a wrong done to them, and will joine with him in the defence of his allowed mantinance.

The synod recomend to presbyteries to revise the severall sessione books within the severall presbyteries or the nixt synod, and the presbyterie books to bear record thereof.

Because of the absence of some of these who were

appointed for translating of the psames in Irish in metter and of the disease¹ and sicknes of others, It is apointed that those who were formerly apointed for the worke indevoure to perfect ther taske against the nixt synod, And, because Mr Alex^r mc Leane gave some prooffe of his diligence in his translatione of some, it is recomended to him to translate other ten with the former ten, viz: from 80 to 90.

The presbyterie of Lorne declares that the Laird of Lochinnell will not pay the vacant stipends of Ardnamurchane, and that because the contract betwixt my Lord Marques and him oblidges Lochnell to pay a certaine sowme of money out of Ardnamurchan *decimis inclusis*, and if my Lord Argyll will allow any vaccand stipends he will be contente to pay it out of my Lords rents, The Synod apoints ane letter to be sent to my Lord Marques desireing his Lordship to cause Lochnell make payment of the fore-said vaccand stipand, in regaird it is prejudiciall to the propagatione of the gospell, as hindring the training up of young ones for that effect.

Wheras Do^d mc Kerras his excommunicatione was delayed upon expectatione of his repentance for his hynouse sinne of adulterie and other grosse sines, as the act beareth, and that the synod did referre to the presbyterie of Cowall, as they did find him sensible of his sine and miscariages, to admitt him to evidence his sorrow and grief for the same, And the presbyterie making report that they have as yit no evidence of his repentance nor sense of guiltines, And that he was alltogether disobedient to the synods apointment in coming to the severall meetings of the presbyterie and severally to each minister within the presbyterie, All which being joyned with the ground of his former sentence and his scandalous cariage since his confessione of the same and the littell expectatione of his reformatione, The synod apoints Mr Alex^r mc Leane, minister at Kilmaglash, immediatly after his returne to excommunicate the said Donald mc Kerras, and that under the paine of censure.

¹ sic for decease.

The synod having received severall grivances from people dweling in Ardnamurchan, Shunart and the parts adjacent to them, anent marriages that hes bein solemnized by Mr Duncan mc Calman, sometyme minister of these bounds, now deposed and excommunicated, that parties joyned by such a man some tyme will not adhere, and, there being many, severall inconveniencies and confusions are like to follow, The assemblie for reminding does recomend to the visitors apointed for these bounds to take tryall of parties so married, and recomends to the said visitors to put the following overturs in executione: 1, That if parties or either of them be so joyned by compulsion of parents, freinds or others interested, that paines be taken on them to adheire, and the visitors or any of them ratifie their marriage, But if they or either of them will not adhere willingly, that they be not urged but satisfie as fornicators; 2ly, If they be joyned with their owne consent and their parents and freinds consent, that they be not suffered to separat but to ratifie their mariage, giveing evidence of ther sorrow for so marring; 3ly, If they be so joyned with their owne consent, being younge, without consent of parents or freinds, that paines be taken on them and ther parents to adhere and to have the marriag ratified, Which refusing, that they be not hindered to separat, And the visitors are to intimat in all these places that such marriages by that excommunicat non-minister shall ever heirafter be nulle.

It being oftymes formerly regrated to the synod that the two kirks of Kilvicocharmick and Kilmichelinverlussa (being formarly the charge of one minister are ¹ now erected in two severall congrigationes by the subcomission of plantatione, which as yet is not pute in executione because of the not condescending of these interested in the tythes to give mantinance to such) is too weightie a charge for one minister, especially for Mr Dowgall Campbell their present minister, in regard of his age and infirmitie, and that he hes no accomodatione of manse or glibe with any

¹ read ' and ' for ' are ' ?

of them notwithstanding of much diligence used to have them, As also that there hes bein severall letters directed from this judicatorie to the parochers for that effect and nothing done, And that now its the earnest desire of the said Mr Dowgall to be liberat of one of those kirks and declared vacand, And that he desires to continowe at Kilmichelinverlussa, Therfore the synod for the former reasones ordaines the said Mr Dowgall to be frie from the charge of the ministeriall function at Kilvieocharmige and serve only at Killmichelinverlussa, And that the parishioners of the paroch of Kilmichelinverlussa goe presently about the desygning and meassuring of a gleib and erecting of a manse according to the possitive lawes of the kingdome and that or the nixt synod, Wherein if they failzie the synod declares Mr Dowgall transportable and capable of a call to any other parish within the province.

The synod, haveing formerly hard a complent from Mr Andra mc Leane, minister at Cragnise, that he wanted accomodatione of manse and gleibe, did recomend to the presbyterie of Argyll to cause designe his gleib and pute the parishoners to the erecting of a manse, which the presbyterie according to the synods apointment did essay to doe, And haveing sent some of their number with missorers to missur the gleib, the Barron of Barchibaine did impeded violently the missuring, alledging the land to be his propertie, Therfore the synod does apoint ane letter to be wretten to my Lord Marques that his Lordship would take a course how to redresse the wronge given both to the synod and presbyterie and put the parochers to it to provide a gleib and manse to their minister with the best conveniencie.

Recomends to the presbyterie of Sky to preach tuise evry Lords day, wherein hitherto they have been neglective, and that all the whole yeir, winter as summer.

The synod reneweth the act of the last assemblie anent the ratificatione of the decreits of the commissione of plantatione and ordains the same persons that were before intrusted doe seriously goe abowt the accomplishing of

that which was recommended to them, And a letter to be writtin to my Lord Marques for that effect.

The synod haveing formerlie writtin to the Capteine of Clainrannald anent the vaccancies of Muddert and Arresag and yet hes received no answer, It is recommended to Mr Ferq^r Frayser to speak to the said captaine and get a positive answer.

SESS. 5^a.

The synod haveing received ane letter from Mr Alex^r Gordone, minister at Inverarey, shewing his inability to keep our synod at Icolmekill by reasone of sicknesse, as some breithren testifie the same, his absencce is excused.

The synod, understanding that Mr Patrick Stewert continues his violent persewing of Mr John Stewert, minister at Kingarth, in the matter of his stipend, and that the assemblie in October last 1655 did apoint ane commitie for summonding Mr Patrick before them for the reasons contained in the act, Does appoynt the same visitatione and the samen persons to meet at Rothsey the second Wednesday being the day of July 1656, for that effect contained in the act, And the synod acts Mr John Cunnisone to be [on] the visitatione, and if a way cannot be laid out for his depositione, that they deall with the people to sie a way for a settled ministrie amongst them.

The synod refers Patrick mc Viccar and Marie ne Lawghlane to the presbyterie of Argyll:

SESS. 6^a.

The synod being conscious of the scandalous cariage of Mr Duncan mc Calman, somtyme minister at Ardnamurchy, now excommunicat this long tyme bygone, and exercises ministeriall dewties in Lochabour, Ardgor, Shunart and Ardnamurchy and in thes places where the word is not preached, And both by his scandalous cariage, as being a drunkard and rwnnagat excommunicat non-minister, he is obstructive to religione, a stumbling block

to ignorant and weake ones, a blasphemer of Gods name by his conversatione, and weakens the hands of the Lords servants, Therefore the synod does seriously recomend to the civill judge to execute justice in reference to the said Mr Duncan that he be not a scandall any more to the church of God.

The synod being credibly informed that the Laird of Glengarrie his whole familie is perverted with popperie and himself much suspected though he goes to church, and seeing now he reseeds within the presbyterie of Invernesse, It is recommended to the presbyterie of Sky to writte to the presbyterie of Inverness to cite the said lard before them and to try him upon the former suspicione.

The synod, haveing formerlie appoynted a visitatione to goe to the north Iles for trying the conditione of these bounds who are like to be infected with popperie, which visitors should come prepared to goe thither from thence, For severall considerable reasons hes delayed the same for this tyme and have thought fitt first to visit Lochabor, Ardgor, Shunard and Ardnamurchin, as being altogether desolate of the ordinances and in noe lesse danger then the Iles, Have therfore appoynted Mr Dowgall Campbell and Mr Ard. mc Laine to visit Lochabor and Ardgor for two monthes, viz., July and August, and Mr Coleine mc Lawghlane to visit Ardnamurchin and Shunart for that same tyme and monthes.

The presbyterie of Sky haveing informed the synod of the sadd conditione of severall places in the Iles in respect of popperie creeping in amongst them by thrie severall seminarie preists, viz., Frances White and Diarmid o Dovegan, who came over sees in companie of the Laird of Glengarrie the year 1651, and one father John mc Donald who came over within this quarter or thereabout, and one James Cumine who is now removed to the north, Thes preists doe ordinarlie reseid in Uiste, Barra, Mudart, Candort and Arresag where ordinances are not at all, and hes for the most part perverted these bownds and the chief men amongst them, as Captains of Clanrannald elder and yonger, McNeill Barra and Mc Ien vic Shemis and Glen-

garess whole familie, if not himself, For repressing of which and preventing of further infectione the synod hes over-terred as follows : 1. That the presbyterie of Sky immediatly after the home goeing doe meet presbiteriallie and call before them the forsaid gentlmen and all others who are either suspected or realie perverted with poperie and all other heretors or gentlmen conniving at these preists, and deall earnestly with them to make them sensible of their backslyding from the reformatione contrair to their oath and covenant, and that they renunce these eroneus wayes, And if after much paines taken they proove obstinate, that the forsaid persons as chief men there to the example of others be processed with excommunicatione. 2. That a letter be writtin to the ministers of Edinburgh requiring of them to procure letteres from the Englishes to the chief men in thes bounds for banishing thes preists and doing what in them lyes for recovering of thes perverted by them, As also because there are in the Iles severall excommunicat persones, such as Captans Clanrannald elder and younger, and Mr Duncane mc Calman with divers others, to deall with the forsaid Englishes in power to pute law in executione against them. Morover, to procure a letter from the forsaid in power to Seaforth, S^r James mc Donald, Mc Clowde and others, who hes not countinanced the said preists, to concurre and assist the presbyterie of Sky for repressing the forsaid infectione.

SESS: 7^{ma}.

The synod, taking to their consideratione ane letter derected to some of the members therof from the reverand brither at Edinburgh, Mr David Dickson and Mr Ro^t Dowglas, and ane other letter from Judge Smith, desiring the synod to try out amongst them two young boyes, able spirits and of good dispositione fit to be educated for the work of the ministrie, and that the Englishes will mantaine them at the schooles and colledges for that effect, and thes to be sent to Edinburgh or Glesgow in October nixt, Does seriously recomend to the severall presbytries to try out

amongst them three or foure in everie presbytrie of the ablest spirits and best inclinationes who allreddie hes made some proficiencie in learning, and to examine them before the presbyterie and bring a list of ther names to the nixt provincially with the presbyteries approbatione. Mr Coline me Lachlane is appointed to returne thanks to our reverent britherine for ther care and earnest desire to have the gospell promoted in thir desolat places, and also to shew that the list of the boys shall be sent in November.

Mr Ard. me Calman, who did shew by letter his sicknes and inabilityie to keepe the synod because of severall reasones contained in his letter, expresing his earnest desire to be present, And that there is not ane in his paroch who can subscribit or testifie his sicknes, his absence is excused.

The synod does earnestly recomend to the presbyteries of Cowall and Argyll to supplie the congrigationes of those ministers who are appointed visitors for Lochabar, Ardgour and Ardnamurchan.

SESS. 8^a.

The synod haveing hard a complent of Mr Ar^d me Alister, shewing the assemblie at Kilmichall Oetober 16 and 54 did apoint him ane hundereth pounds Seotes out of the vacancies of Ila crope 1654 which he had not received, because the Tutor of Calder did alledge he payed the same to umquhill Joⁿ Campbell, provost of Rothsay, who had a prior apointment, The assembly, calling to mynd that umquhill Joⁿ Campbells appoyntment was at Rothsay May 1653 to get of that yeir and crope, and Mr Ards apointment was crope 1654, does seriously recomend to the presbyterie to call the tutor to ane accompt for the same and to see his extract in reference to umquhill Joⁿ Campbell, and to see Mr Ard. gett payment of the said hundereth pounds, because the apointment of the crope 1653 ought not to be payed of the crope 1654.

The synod doe recomend to the presbyterie of Lorne to cite before them Joⁿ me Ewen, somtyme indweller in Inverinan, who is ane adulterer, and labour to convince

him of the horridnes of that sin, and after conviction to censure him according to the acts of the generall assembly.

The synod having received a letter from Mr Alex^r Gordoune, minister at Inverarey, wherin amongst other particulars he represented the sadd and deplorable conditione of the Irish congrigatione of Inverarey, lying desolat these many yeirs of the ordinances and now at last had given a call to Mr Patrick Campbell, desiring in the parochs name the synods concurrance in the said call, The assembly does heartily concurr, and layes it on the said Mr Patrick to accept, incurragment for his accepting not being deficient on the paroches behalf.

The Laird of Loupe haveing a commissione from the paroch of Kilcalmanell to shew the sadd conditione of the said paroch throwgh want of the gospell thire many yeirs, And now haveing given ane call to Mr Duncane Campbell to be ther minister, he in the parochs name desirs the synods concurrances, and to apoint that he may be put to his trayells in order to the said call, The synod does heartily concurre in the said call, And because of a motione of some of the members of the synod that this was the desire of Caradill, Saddall and Skipnish, which is a part of the paroch of Kilcalmanell, to have a kirk erected betwixt Caradall and Skipnish wher all the people of these bounds might conveniently meitt to heir sermon, and that the lowland paroch of Saddall promise to contrabute to the stipand of a minister to these places proportionable to ther lands, and Caraddell and Skipnish and all the adjacent bounds to contribute lykwayes with all other accomodationes, Which motione the assembly does intertaine, and apoint letters to be wretten to the paroch of Saddall, to Cardall and Skipnish for that effect. It is thougth fit to delay Mr Duncans admisionne for a whill to sie if this may be wrought, And does recomend to the presbyterie of Kintyre to do the utermost in prosecutione of the motione, and, if it be fund by them probable or faciable,¹ that forthwith they may proceed to the admisionne of the said Mr Duncane.

¹ *sic* for feasible.

The synod haveing received a letter from the Laird of Calder desiring their concurrence to the calling of Mr Andrew Rosse, student in the Colledge of St Andrews, to be minister at Killorowe in Ila, the presbytrie of Sky did pretend some intrest in that young man as being by them mantained at his studies, and alledged a tye upon him to come to ther presbytrie or then to refund what was bestowed on him, The assembly recomends to the presbytrie of Kintyre to visit Ila at ther home goeing, and, if the Laird of Calder will refund what was bestowed upon the young man by the presbytrie of Sky, Then the presbytrie is to concurre in the said call, as also that the presbytrie deall with Calder to mak the apointment of [the] comissione of plantatione effectual, that young men may have incurradgment to goe ther.

SESS. 9^a.

In regaird that the vaccancies of Icolmekill hes thir many yeirs bygone rested unpaid, and that the synod by divers former acts did distribute the samen for training up of the yong men for the work of the ministrie according to the Act of Parliament, yet the yong men, to the great prejudice of the propagatione of the gospell and hinderance of ther studies, hes been hitherto frustrat of the same, And seeing the Tutor of Mc Laine, who now is comptable for the same, was present at the synod, payment of all bygone rests was required of him for the use forsaide, who declares that umquhill Hector mc Laine, last laird, did obtaine ane discharge from my Lord Marques of Argyll of all yeirs preceeding his death, which discharge he sayes he hes, The synod apoynts Mr Martine mc Olvra to sie the discharge, and to send the dowble thereof to Mr Allex^r Gordone to Inverarey that it may be presented to the next synod.

The synod being informed that the heretors and other gentlmen of Mull, Morvern, Tirie and Coll was willing to have a schooll at Icolmkill, and the Tutor mc Laine openly in the face of the assemblie not only declared his willing-

nesse to the thing, but also to the maintenance to be contributed by them, Which motion the synod does cordiallie intertaine, and hes apoynted Mr Dowgall Campbell to draw up a draught of ane obligatione, and that all the heretors, fewers, taksmen and others within the forsaid bownds might subscribe, oblidging themselves for maintenance to a schoolmaster, And the synod promises to endevore to get a qualefied yong man to be their schoolmaster, and Mr Ferqher Frayser is to send the band to the severall gentlemen subscribers that it may be presented subscribed to the next synod.

After revising the presbiteriall book of Sky it was found informall in many things and defective in other things, as : 1. Ther acts wanting a narratione or ground when they were made ; 2. Want of presbiteriall exercise ; 3. Want of margin or marginall notts of their acts ; 4. Ther unfrequent meeting, scarce oncc or twice in the yeir, with many more censurable ommissions. Therefore the synod, for redressing of the same, does ordaine the forsaid presbyterie to draw up all their acts in a new book formallie with narrationes and grounds, with margine and marginall notes of their acts, and that they meet thrise in the yeir in ther full number, viz., [once] in the Long Iland and twice in Sky, And the assemblie does seriously recomend to them to preach twice every Sabboth, and to make use of the Irish Catechise, and cause their people get [it] by heart, and they catechise weekly ther congregationes and grownd them in the principles of religione, especiallie seeing popperie is like to creep in amongst them, As also the assemblie does recomend to the presbyterie imediatly after ther home goeing to summond before them John mc Pherson, minister of the Heries, for his scandalous cariage and wnechristiane conversatione unbeseeming ane minister of the gospell, and according as they shall have scandalls proven to depose him absolutly, and after depositione to intimat to him, if he shall exercise any poynt of the ministeriall functione, that furthwith he shall be excommunicated.

Mr Allan Clerk, minister at Glenelg, haveing regreated his conditione to the synod, that he was not able to doe

duetie to his paroch for want of mantinance, and that his stipend was detained from him, And the reason therof as he declares a strife that is raisand betwixt Mc Cloude and his mother, the lands shee hes for hir joyntur being formerly Mr Allans localitie, and shee alleadges to have the landes free of all things, throwgh which stryf Mr Allan is redacted to extrame pauvertie, The synod for his present subsistance does apoint him to the vacancie of Bracadall and Megnies crope 1656 for helpe to plead for his stipend at the law with Mc Clowd and his mother, and, if he shall not prevale in law against them, that the synod shall take his case to consideratione.

The synod referrs Duncane mc Inlea, adulterer with Margrat nin Duile vc Gowne, to the presbytrie of Lorne.

Rorie Beaton haveing deserted Affrick ne Millan, his married wife, now of a longe tyme and hes comitted adulterie with ane other, yit the said Affrick desires that hir husband should adhere to hir notwithstanding of his fall, yit he is most unwilling ever to adhere to hire, The synod apoints the presbytrie of Lorne to put him to adher to his married wife, otherwayes to processe him with the excommunicatione, because haveing fallen alreddie it is supponed that the reason of his non adherence is that he may still continow in adulterie.

The synod does recomend to Mr Martaine mc Illavra to deall with Joⁿ ban mc Echan vc Neill to adher to his married wife , and if he prove obstinat that he delatte him to the presbytrie of Lorne that they may processe him with excommunicatione.

SESS: 10.

The synod being informed of one Manis mc Raink,¹ shoe-maker in Ulva, that he did baptise a child to an other man, tooke on him, being a poore ignorant mane, to administrat the sacrament, ane odious thing to midle with holy things without a call, Therefore the synod apoints the presbyterie of Lorne to cite him before them, and being judicially con-

¹ Gaelic for Rankin.

victed, that they deall with him and hold out unto him the nature of the sine, and the punishment due to such a sine even in this world, and much more in that which is to come, And that the presbytrie apoint him to apaire publickly in every church within the presbytrie that he may be ane example to others.

The synod referre the suplicatione of Johne Beatone, who is prosecuting his studies in reference to the work of the ministrie, for suplie and helpe in tyme cominge, as also that what allowance the assemblie bestowed on him crope 1654 he hes gotten nothing of it, to the nixt synod ther consideratione.

Because the synod did give ane band to Mr Ewen Cameron of three hundreth marks for his charges, being employed by them in publict imployment of concernment belonging to the synod, and did apoint payment to him out of the vacancies of Mull with which Mr Martine mc Ilvra, Mr Hector mc Leane and Mr Ferquher Frazar did intromitte, The synod apoints Mr Martane and Mr Hector to deliver to Mr Ferqher at Lambas nixt all that they intromitted with of the said vaccancies, that it may be sent by the said Mr Ferqher to Inverarey to Mr Alex^r Gordoune for payment of the band forsaid, And the super-plus of the vacancie is apointed to helpe Mr Ferquhers two sones who are at the colledge : Mc Laine of Lochbuy the tythes of his lands, viz., the ministers part therof, is apointed to suplie Mr Coline mc Lachlane his sone, who is a student, and Mr Coleine himself is exacter thereof.

The synod being informed of the two Shirvans, townes belonging to Craiginterve, which was formerly within the paroch of Killmichell, yet by the subcomissione of plantation was disjoyned therefrom and annexed to Killmartine paroch, and did joyn in calling of Mr John Duncansone to be their minister, and in the call did promise encurragments, yet Mr Ard. mc Callume, minister of Killmichell, declares that they cannot be on his charge till the decreits be made effectuell by ratificatione, otherwise he is not but bownd to serve one of the thrie congregationes that was now by the subcomissione appoynted to be in Killmichell

paroch, which thrie was one paroch before, The synod thinks expedient that these forenamed townes, becawse of their disjoyning from the paroch of Killmichell by sub-comissione and becawse of their joyning in Mr John Duncansones call, that they shall be under the said Mr Johns charge and that he look one them as his parochers, But, becawse the acts of plantatione is not yet ratified, the synod thinks those townes not to be lyable to the contributing with the rest of the paroch of Killmartine to either gleib or manse to ther present minister.

The synod haveing heard Mr Ard. mc Callums greivance in reference to his present charge, desireing that he might have the benefite of the act conceived in Mr Dougald Campbells favours, that is, to be ordained to serve in one of the three new elected paroches of Killmichell, which before was one, and that it is not possible for him, in regard of the large extent of the bownds, numerousness of people, to discharge a dewtie to them, The assemblie for severall considerationes, and in particular till it be known if the decreits can be gotten ratified and made effectuell and what successe the act concerning Mr Dowgall shall have against the next synod, and at which tyme the synod will take the forsaid greivance to farther consideratione and endevore to take some effectuell course to satisfie the compleiner.

In regaird of the sad and deplorable conditione of the Ile of Collonsay throw the want of the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that oftimes they have resorted both to the ministers of Mull and Ilay, who denyed them either babtisme or mariage becawse of the want of testificars, and none being in the ile who cold testifie of any of them except one of another of themselves, by which many fornicators was in the cowntrey, and, though willing to marie, cold not gett the benefite thereof, many children unbaptised, For remedying of which in tyme comeing the synod appoynts the ministers of Mull and Ila to baptise and marie such as lawfullie may be married, and for that effect authorises John Campbell, bailie of the said ile, and Donald mc Prior to give testificats to such as are to be

married or those that hes ther children to babtise, upon the sight of which the forsaid ministers are to doe dewtie to them. John Campbell and the said Donald are to be countable either to the synod or presbyterie of Kintyre for ther testificats and the persons so to be married or get babtisme come to the minister on Saturday or Fryday to be instructed and catechised before mariage or babtisme, and if the persons to be married have sinned and committed fornicatione, that before their mariage they evidence ther sence and sorrow for the said sin at least one Sabboth.

The synod takeing to ther consideratione the petitione of Donald mc Leane, Tutor of Mc Laine, John Garve mc Laine, and John Beattone, desireing in name of the Ile of Icolmkill and Killvickkeone that Mr Hector mc Laine, now minister at Morvane, shold be transported from thence to Icolmkill, and that because the said Mr Hector was declared transportable alreadie by the synod, The assemblie declares that the grownd of Mr Hectors mc Laine declaracione of transportabilitie was not to transport him actuallie, but reither to put the people who were his parochers to doe dewtie to him, And therefore the synod, considering how difficult it wold prove to gett a minister for Morvane if Mr Hector were remooved, and that it is easier for Icolmkill to gett a minister then Morvane, doe desire the petitioners to cast ther eyie on some yong man, And the synod promises their concurrence and Mr Hector is to stay at his present charge.

The synod does appoynt John mc Olvra ther factor for the wplifting of the vaccancies of Icolmekill and Killvickkeone, Neill Beattone for the vaccancie of Killninchine, Donald mc Eane ve William for Toronsy and for this present yeirs 1656, and the forsaid to be comptable to Mr Ferq^r Frayser and the said Mr Ferq^r Frayser to be comptable to the synod. Mc Leane of Lochbuy is appoynted factor to the vaccancies in his owne lands. Donald mc Leane, tutor, haveing supplicated the synod to give him power to intromitt with the gleibs of the vaccant kirks of Killvickkeone and Killninchine as also the house belonging to the pretended bishop of the Iles

and now to the minister that is to serve there and the precincts belonging to the said howse, and that he wold pay rent for the gleibs and keep the howse watterfast and from decaying, The synod does grant the desire on thir conditions: first, That the said tutor pay yeirly dureing his possessione of the said tuo gleibs tuentie Scots marks to the synod, and for the house that he oblige himself to hold the house tight and sufficient. 2. That this grant shall continue but dureing the synods pleasure. 3. That the said tutor shall oblige himself, his aires and executors, to redeliver to the said synod, or any in their name haveing their power, the saids gleibs, house, precincts without diminutione, under the paines of tuo thousand marks money, and that without any impediment or actione of law, he being premonished fourtie dayes before May.

The synod recomends to the presbyterie of Lorne to try for the gleibs of Killeane and Toronsay, and recomends to them to supply the vaccant kirkes in Mull.

SESS. 11.

The synod recomends to Mr Alex^r Gordone and Mr James Gardiner to draw up ane draught of tuentie or thritie questions of the Shorter Catechisme and compendize the most considerable fundamentals that is most necessarie to be learned and known in the said Catechise to the forsaid number for the use of the comone people and old people who cannot gett the questions by heart, and that against the next synod.

Sorle mc Aleister, ane excommunicate persone thir fyve or six yeirs bygone, desiring to be relaxed from the said sentence, he is referred to the presbyterie of Kintyre, and they to enquire of his cariage since his excommunicatione and to try what sence he hes of his present conditione and accordingly to proceed.

The presbyterie of Sky did satisfie the cleark according to the synods appoyntment.

The next synod is by pluralitie of votes appoynted to meet at Inverarey the last Wednesday of October 1656.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLE HOLDEN
AT INVERAREY THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF
OCTOBER 1656.

After sermone had by Mr Dougall Darroch, moderator of the last synod, and incalling one God for a blessing to the meeting, the roll of the ministers and ruleing elders being read and they severallie called on by name, the present and absentes were as followes :—

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr James Gardiner ; William Ralstone, Elder, absent ; Mr Edward Keith ; my Lord Neill Campbell, Elder ; Mr John Cunnisone absent ; Mr David Simpstone ; Elder absent ; Mr Dug: Darroch ; Donald Hood, Elder, absent ; Martine mc Laughlane and his Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Ewine Camerone ; Elder absent ; Mr John Stewert ; Elder absent ; James Stewert, Elder for Rothsey ; Mr Neill Camerone ; William mc Ferq^r, Elder ; Mr Ard. mc Laine ; Donald mc Gibbone, Elder ; Mr John Camerone ; Elder absent ; Mr Alex^r mc Laine ; Alex^r Campbell, Elder ; Mr Coleine mc Lachlane ; James Campbell of Ardkinless, Elder.

Presbyterie of Inverarey : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Robert Stinsone, Elder ; Mr Ard. mc Callume ; Mr John Campbell, Elder ; Mr Alex^r Gordone ; my Lord Lorne, Elder ; Mr John Duncansone ; Patrick Campbell of Duntroone, Elder ; Mr John Lindsay ; Duncan Mc Arthor of Drumurk, Elder ; Mr Andrew mc Laine ; Alex^r Campbell of Barriehbyan, Elder.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Ferq^r Frayser and his Elder absent ; Mr Martine mc Ilvra and his Elder absent ; Mr Hector mc Laine ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard. Reid ; Euen Campbell, Elder ; Mr Ard. mc Calman ; James Cleark absent ; Mr Nicoll mc Calman and his Elder absent ; Mr John mc Lachlane elder and his Ruleing Elder absent ; Mr John Mc Lawchlan yonger ; Duncan Campbell, Elder, absent.

Presbyterie of Sky : Absent.

Correspondent absent.

The synod proceeding to the electing of a new moderator, haveing leeted Mr Alex^r Gordone, Mr Ard. mc Laine, Mr Dowgall Campbell, Mr Hector mc Laine and Mr James Gardiner, the said Mr James by pluralitie of voyces was chosen moderator.

SESS: 2^a.

Mr John Stewerts excuse by letter for absence from the last synod, being then found somewhat uncompleite throwgh want of elders testificatiōne according to ordour, is now found reall and therefore accepted.

The synod haveing appoynted that Alex^r Campbell, bailzie of Caileslat, with some others shold take inspexione of the vaccancies of Caileslat and make ther report, which in respect of his absence cannot now be had, and heiring that nothing is done thereunto does yet continue the for-said appoyntment in ordour to the same persons with the same power.

Mr Dowgall Campbell and Mr Dug: Darroch haveing been appoynted to take inspexione of the vaccancies of Killberie, for not going abowt of which ther excuses are approoven and they appoynted *de novo* to the same work.

Dilligence haveing been used anent Mr John Thomsone according to appoyntment and nothing obtained, it is yet ordained that further paines be taken by the same formerly appoynted for effectuating his resolutione to take charge in the bownds of this synod.

Mr Ard. mc Callume is appoynted to receave the clearks fiall from the members and to make report.

The particulares relating to the presbyterie of Sky whereof ane report was expected, is anent James Crichtone and others, must necessarlie be delyed because of the absence of the commissioner from that presbetrie.

Margaret Nc Breiden haveing of long tyme willfulie

deserted her husband and remained vaging through the cowntrey, It is appoynted that each minister at his return to his charge shall make intimatione that if shee doe not return and adhere to her husband within a quartere of ane yeir that shee will be procest with excommunicatione, and withall that it wold be looked one as scandalous that any shall cowntenace or give meantenace to the said women, and that the minister in whose bownds shee shall be fownd deall with her for repaireing to Kintyre and move the gentlmen interested to send her thither that the presbyterie there may use all means for cawsing her adhere to her husband, to whom shee is referred for the same.

It is referred to the presbyterie of Cowall to sie Mr Alex^r mc Leine peacablie possest of manse and gleib of Straquhir as the law does provyde.

Reported by the presbyterie that the session books are revised according to ordour, And appoynts that the act for reviseing the same stand still in force for the futtur.

The appoyntment of turneing the psalmes in Irish meeter not being yet come to the desired close, It is ordained that the translators with Messrs Archibald mc Callume, John Camerone, John Duncansone, David Simpsoe meat at Killfinane the first Wednesday of March for reviseing and correcting the work or some good part of it, which may be in readines against the next synod.

The assemblie haveing informatione that Lochinell is debter for the vaccancies of Ardnamurchin recomends to the presbyterie of Lorne that payment be had of him as others in the lik case.

Reported that Donald mc Kerass is excommunicated according to ordour, and appoynts his excommunicatione be intimat in all the kirks of the province.

Mr Dowgall Campbell his parochiners not haveing yet provyded him in manse and gleib, The assemblie yet does delay his transportatione till the parochiners have tyme to say ther mynd thereanent, The heiring of which and seitting ¹ them for the same refered to the presbyterie of

¹ *i.e.* citing.

Inverarey concerned, and they by ordinance to make report to the next synod.

The former act anent tuo sermons at severall dyatts each Sabbath is declared to be for winter and summer, and the severall presbitries are appoynted to take nottice of each minister in their bownds his observing the same.

It is recomended to the severall ministers in the province that they have sermone weekly at ther kirks besides ther Sabbaths exercise, it being tollerat for a tyme to some to have it only each fortnight, and the presbitries are to take ane acompt of ther members interested and report their dilligence.

Reported that Mr Duncan mc Calman his excommunicatione was intimated by the presbyterie of Lorne according to appoyntment.

Reported that Ardnamurchin and Lochabor were visited by Mr Dug: Campbell, by Mr Coleine mc Lachlane and Mr Ard. mc Leane according to appoyntment.

Reported that Mr Dug. Darroch, last moderator, did writt letteres to the gentlmen of the Iles as appoynted.

SESS: 3.

John Campbell, late proveist of Rothsey, haveing a precept from this synod for uplifting some vaccand stipends in Ila pyable by the Tutor of Calder for the cropt 1653, did receive from the said tutor one hundreth libs. of the vaccancies ther pyable for the cropt and yeir of God 1654, which is approven by the synod.

Reported John mc Leane in the presbyterie of Lorne is now in evidencing repeantance.

Reported that Mr David Simpstone is admitted to Killean as was recomended by the synod.

Reported that Laird of Calder is willing to erect kirks in Ila according to the act of the committie for plantatione.

Appoynted that Mr Alex^r Gordone, with the assistance of Jodge Campbell, speak to my Lord Marques of Argyll

anent the repaireing the fabrick of the kirk of Icolmkill, and that the tuo hundreth marks allotted yeirly for the same may be put to the use for which it was appoynted.

Whereas excommunicat persons doe travell to and fro in the cowntrey, and are throwgh ignorance conversed with as not excommunicate, Therfore appoynts that each minister get a leist of the names of the excommunicate persons from the clearks of the synod and presbitries, and that they intimate their excommunicatione in ther severall churches.

In respect that nothing was effectuated anent Rorie Beattone within the Iland of Mull in ordour to his willfull deserting of his wife, and that in respect of the absence of the breithren of Mull from the presbyterie of Lorne in the continent, The assemblie appoynts that the breithren within the continent call him before them and exerce their power over him for effectuating his future cohabiting with his wyfe.

Ther being nothing done according to ordour anent Manus mc Rankeine in the presbyterie of Lorne for abusing the sacrament in his pretending to baptize a childe throwgh the absence of the breithren of Mull from the presbyterie, Appoynts the former appoyntment to be furthwith put in executione by the said presbyterie.

Appoynts that the presbyterie of Lorne takes paines and exerce their power for makeing the gleib of Killeane and Torsay forthcomeing to the use for which appoynted.

Ordaines that thes formerly appoynted to draw wp some few questions of the principles of religione for the wse of the more ignorant and indocile and to deliver the copies to the commitie for the psalmes, and that they have them in readinesse for the review of the next synod.

Sorle mc Aleister, excommunicate, not haveing obeyed the synods order for compeireing before the presbyterie of Kintyre and thes things formerly enjoyed, Appoynts that he yet in the futtur obey the same.

Appoynts the presbyterie of Lorne to take tryall what is done by the Tutor of Mc Laine in repaireing the howse of the pretended bishop of the Iles in Icollmkill and that [if]

by them it is fownd requesit he be put to make out his engadgment to the synod.

Mr Ard. mc Allume haveing desired that he be fixed to one of the thrie paroches whereof now he stands minister, they being divyded in three by the late commitie of plantatione of kirks, The assemblie in their judgment does think it fitting that he be fixed to Killinewr, and that the parochiners be desired by the presbyterie of Inverarey to goe about the building of that kirk and to provyde ther minister in gleib and manse. In the mean tyme that he have as to the exercise of his ministrie a pastorile care of the other tuo, as formerly, till the act for divisione be made effectuall.

Throwgh Mr Johns Cunisones absence no report made anent the sending of John mc Leane to Killinan to Mr John Camerone.

SESS: 4.

The Barron of Barichbeyan being deallt with by the synod for possessing the minister of Craignes in his gleib and the not givinge ane satisfactorie answer to their demand thereunto, The assemblie refers to the presbyterie of Inverarey to sie the forsaid minister possesst in his gleib, and that they proceed for the effectuating thereof with thes parochiners of Craignes for makeing out thereof according to the law.

The assemblie does approve of the act of the presbyterie of Inverarey in ordoer to Mr Neill Camerone possessing the gleib of Glenurchy for some tyme dureing the vaccancie of that paroch, as also of the hundreth pundis alotted to him.

The two Shirwans annexed to the paroch of Killmartine by the act of the commitie for plantatione of kirks refusing to adhere to the same, Appoynts the minister of Killmartine to exerce discipline over them, and wpon ther refusall to submitt that he goe one to the processe of highest censure.

James Campbell of Ormesay haveing supplicate the

assemblie for establishing a minister in the paroch of Killberie, Appoynts Mr Dug: Campbell, minister at Knapedall, to goe thither for to preach and keep sessione amongst them, that they may goe orderly to work in pitching wpon some qualified man whom they may call to be their minister.

The synod appoynts that the presbyterie of Lorne exerce their power for makeing Duncan mc Beans wyfe adhere to him.

Recomends to the moderator to writte to Mr John Cunisone anent one Mr James Dicke, minister in Badzenach, that they may know in what presbyterie he is, that that presbyterie may be writtin to anent his cariage in Lochabor.

SESS: 5.

Being informed by the presbyterie of Kintyre of some feasieibilitie in the erectione of a new paroch betwixt Skipnadge and Caradall inclusive, and that wpon that ground Mr Duncan Campbells admisionne to Killcholmanell was delayed hitherto, and apprehending that yet the sudden admisionne of the said Mr Duncan may crush and stope the forsaid new erectione, Does therefore ordan that Mr Duncans his tryalls in ordour to the said paroch goe not one till the first Wednesday of Aprile, that betwixt and then the presbyterie of Kintyre may vse all endeavours to gett that new erectione that is conceived to be feasible made owt, and if against that tyme it take not effect, that Mr Duncans admisionne may goe throwgh, and that Mr Ard. mc Callum, Mr John Camerone and Mr Ard. mc Leane cuncurr with the presbyterie in the tryalls of Mr Duncan for that effect, and Killcholmanell to be the place for heiringe of his tryalls. In the meane tyme Mr Duncan is appoynted to resort thither, and to have the stipend allowed to him for his incouradgment, It is herby lykwyse left in the yong mans optione to take ane call from any other quarter, if it shall offer.

Recomends to the justice of peace of Cowall to seperate Evir Campbell from the woman he keeps in fornicatione

with him, And ordains the presbyterie there by some of their number to present the same to the justices, and that after separatione dilligence be used for bringing them to repentance.

Patrick mc Viccar and his wyfe, being non adherente as formerly related, does now before the synod openly declare their adherence and full resolutione to continue in the same, the said Patrick undertakeing to provyde for and meinteine his wyfe as becometh.

The Laird of Appine haveing supplicate the assemblie for a supply to the vaccant paroch of Killcolmekill in Durror, It is ordered that Mr Ard. Reid, sometyme minister of this conjunct with Leismoir, doe preach till the next synod each thrird Sabbath at the said Kilcolmekill, The parochiners theirow being appoynted to repaire at other tymes for worship to Leismor, recomending also to them to provyde the said Mr Ard. in ferrie and other necessars.

SESS: 6.

The gentlmen of Lorne haveing offered a protestatione against the former act of the synod relateing to ther schooll money, being fownd illegall, as half ane yeir posterior to the said act, is rejected and refused.

Donald mc Keras, excommunicate, being desirous to be heard by the assemblie after some by appoyntment had spoken to him in privat, and he wpon report being called hes given such evidence of repentance as we cannot but refer him to the presbyterie to be dealt with in ordour to relaxatione as they fownd expedient.

The assemblie, finding it needfull to send ane of ther number to Edinburgh in ordour to the vaccancies and other particulares, Does comissionat Mr Allex^r Gordone to repaire thither for that effect, and withall appoynts that his expences be defrayed out of the vaccancies if obtained, otherwise undertaking themselves to defray the same.

Donald mc Lawrnith in Bavuy, haveing for a long tyme deserted his wyfe and cohabited with ane other woman, Is appoynted to seporate and to be rebuked publictly each

Sabbath day till the next presbyterie of Inverarey, and there to compeir before the samen to be ordored as they fownd requisite.

Mr Martine mc Olvra haveing in judgment declared that the discharge the Tutor of Mc Laine pretends to have of the vaccancies of Icolmekill is nothing such, The assemblie does declare the tutor debter of the said vaccancies, to be prosecute for the same as others, and withall appoynts that the said Mr Martine take paines for getting a copie of the said discharge for that use the synod shall think expedient, and that the same be sent to Mr Alex^r Gordone.

Appoynts Mr Dowgall Campbell and Mr Dug: Darroch to show the parochiners of Killberie that Mr Ard. mc Lachlane, present preacher with them, is to remove, and that they exort them to their dewtie in paying his maintenance due for the tyme past and this present yeir 1656, Declaireing withall that it is lawfull for the said Mr Ard. to preach for a seaseone in any vaccant congregatiene within other bownds upon their invitatione.

SESS: 7.

The breithren of the continent of Lorne not having made payment to the yong men according to apoyntment and their own obligationes, The synod recomends to them to make payment to the yong men without any further delay, as also that the breithren of Mull make payment to these of Lorne as they wold not be looked on as scandalous in deteining of that which does tend so much to the planting of the gospell, permitting the yong men in the mean tyme to make what use of ther obligationes they find expedient.

Does appoynt that Ard. Hendrie shall have full ten pund sterling the next yeir for his meaintenance and so on forwards.

The synod, considering the exceeding slacknesse of the parochiners of Killehrenan in erecting a schoole there with that money that was allotted them for a foundatione, Does therefore appoynt that intimatione be made within the paroch kirk of Killehrenan that, if they goe not effectuallic

abowt the erectiōne of ane schoolle before the next synod, that the assemblie will then take it to ther consideratiōne to dispose of that money for the behoofe of the paroch of Killmartine.

It is apointed that fiftie pound of the vacand stipend of Kilchrenane that was granted as support to Mr Do^d mc Cloy and Mr Neill Malcome, that is yet laying in the tennents hands (as is alledged) untaken up, shall be resigned over be the said Mr Do^d and Mr Neill unto Mr Ard. mc Callum, to be uplifted by him for the relife of that proportiōne of Ralstones money payable out of the parish of Kilchrenane.

Mr Neill Malcomes supplicatiōne for a supplie to his necessitie is delayed till it may be knowne what may be gotten done anent the vaccancies.

It is ordained that for the makeing out of payment for the annual rent of Mr Ewen Camerons band to Johnstowne at Edinburgh, which is conceived to amount to 32 or 33 pounds Scots, that Mr Martaine mc ilvra and Mr Hector mc Leane gett the same out of the readiest of the vacancies of Mull, and particularly that they labour to have the same advanced out of the vacancie that lyes in the hands of mc William (allotting the rest of the vacancie that shall remaine in the said Mc Williams hand to John Beatone for helping to traine his childe at the schoole) to the end that the assembly be not longer trubled with it after this, Withall recomending to Mr Ewen Cameron to gett the band from Johnston and produce the same to the nixt synod.

In answer to a petitione of the people of the Brae Lochabar, it is recomended to the presbyterie of Lorne to send thither two of ther number, viz., Mr Ard. Ride in March and Mr Ard. mc Calman in Apryll, Recomending also that their abode there shall be two Sabbath dayes, on in each kirke, and that all the week be spent in catechising.

Catherine ne Cay, widdow, haveing supplicat for making ane apointment to hir umquhill husband, Neill mc Ewen, effectuall, twell bolls victuall being apointed him thereby anno 1652, The synod delays to give hir answer, declaring

that it shall be taken to consideratione when they cane have power of the vacancies.

It being fund expedient that the band of the gentill men of Mull, mortifieing a sowme of money for erecting a schoole to their owne behoofe, be drawne up of new, It is recommended to Mr Alex^r Gordowne to see it done, and to send the same with the minister of Mull that it may be subscribit and by him presented to the nixt synod.

SESS: 8.

Mr Alex^r Gordoune, minister at Inverarey, haveing presented some propositiones for the planting of the Irish congrigatione ther, The assembly does grant the same, Upon which the said Mr Alex^r does declare that there is no present cause shall make him endeavour to remove, so as he be not hindred by this declaratione to make use of causes of the same nature which now be for the future, alsweell as causes which may totally arise in future and have not as yet ther begining to be, And this shall no wayes oblige the synod to give him ane act of transportabilitie except they sie causes.

It is recommended to the comissioner for Edinburgh to deall for the erection of ane other kirke in Buit.

It is apointed that Messrs Joⁿ Lindsay, Alex^r mc Leane, Coline mc Lachlane, Joⁿ Duncansone, Joⁿ Camerone, Ard. mc Calman, each of them by turnes everie thrid Sabbath, preach at Inverarey for supplying Mr Alex^r Gordounes charge in his absence.

The presbytrie book of Inverarey, being revised, is approvine with a recomendatione to exercise frequently and visitation of kirks.

The presbytrie book of Cowall, being revised, is approven with a recomendatione for exercise and visitatione of kirks and to formalitie.

The presbytrie booke of Lorne, being revised, some things ar reproved and they exhorted to acuracie and dwetie.

The presbytrie book of Kintyre, being revised, is approven.

Each of the presbyteries being removed upon censure, the presbytrie of Lorne is fund culpable in diverse things, for which rebouked and exhorted to contrar dueties.

Do^d Campbell and James Lamond, being given up as scandaluse, are therefore recomended to the presbytrie of Cowall to be taken course with.

The apointment of the visitatione of the presbytrie of Lorne is to be delayed to the nixt synod.

The suplicatione of Mordoch mc Leane of Lochbuy for more frequencie of publict ordinances is referred to the presbytrie of Lorne.

It is recomended to the presbytrie of Cowall to supplie the vacant paroch of Buitt as they will be answerable to the synod.

It is apointed, upon the consideratione of the concernement of these things comitted to Mr Alex^r Gordoune wherewith he is comissionet to Edinburgh, that some of the adjacent britheren of the presbyterie of Cowall and Inverarey meitt upon his call for consultatione and advise as emergents shall require.

Mr James Fleming, formerly Clerk to the Synod, for his fiall is to be thought upon by the nixt synod.

Appointed that a lettere be wretten to Mr Patrick Gillespick, principall of the universitie of Glasgow, desiring his concurrance and advise unto our comissioner for Edinburgh, thanking him for former courtesies, and withall makeing ane asay if the synod can have in other two students in the place of bursors in their rounge who are this year to be lauriated.

Finis hic.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLL HOLDEN
AT KILLMORE IN LORNE, MAY 27, 1657.

SESS. 1^a.

After exortatione had by Mr James Gardiner, last moderator, and prayer for directione to the meeting, the

roll of the ministers and ruleing elders being read and they severallie called by, the present and absents were as followes :—

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Edward Keith ; Lord Neill Campbell ; Mr John Cunnisone ; Elder absent ; Mr David Simpstone ; Dowgall Campbell of Ineraw ; Mr Dug: Darroch ; Elder absent ; Mairteine mc Lachlane ; Elder absent ; Mr James Gardiner ; John Reid, Elder, absent.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Ewen Camerone ; Mr John Stewert ; Nineane Stewert, Elder ; Mr Neill Camerone ; Elder absent ; Mr Ard. mc Laine ; James mc Loy, Elder ; Mr John Camerone ; Rannald Campbell, Elder, absent ; Mr Alex^r mc Laine ; Ard. mc Lachlane, Elder ; Mr Coleine mc Lachlane ; Ardkinless, Elder.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Dowgall Campbell ; Anguise mc Ilvernock absent ; Mr Ard. mc Callum ; Ard: Campbell of Kernan, Elder ; Mr Alex^r Gordone ; My Lord Marques of Argyll, Elder ; Mr Patrick Campbell ; Dowgall Cleark of Braleaken, Elder ; Mr John Duncansone ; Ard: Campbell in Achinellan, Elder ; Mr John Lindsay ; Duncan mc Corquodill, Elder ; Mr Andro mc Laine ; Duncan Campbell in Killbryde, Elder.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Ferq^r Frayser ; Elder absent ; Mr Martine mc Olvra ; Elder absent ; Mr Hector mc Leane ; Joⁿ mc Leane of Ardg., Elder ; Mr. Ard. Rid ; Mr Do^d Campbell, Elder ; Mr Ard. mc Calman ; Do^d mc indoire, Elder ; Mr Nicol mc Calman ; Do^d Oochire, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Duncane Campbell, Elder.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Martine mc Phersone ; Do^d mc Quein, Elder ; Joⁿ mc Phersone.

Correspondent absent.

The synod proceeding to the electione of a new moderator, and haveing litted Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Joⁿ Stewart, Mr Johne Duncansone and Mr Dougall Campbell, the said Mr Dowagal was by pluralitie of voices chosene moderator.

Mr Nicoll mc Calman, being accused for his absences for many dyets, did pretend his age and infirmitie to be the cause, which excuse was so accepted off as that he should at least indevore to keepe the sumer synod in tymes coming, And, if incident sicknes or other relifant excuses should impd him, his excuse to be sent under the hand of some of his elders.

Mr James Garner his report anent Mr Joⁿ Thomsone, whom he was apointed to speek unto, is that the said Mr Joⁿ is now gon to Irland, and when he was spoken to gave no sure answer in reference to that that was required of him. It is appointed of new again that, if occasione offers, he be dealt with by the said Mr James or any brother for the same effect.

In regaird it is fund there is a great neglect of presenting the session books to the presbyteries respective, It is now ordained that they be brought and presented at the second dayet of their meiting from this furth at the furthest under the paine of censure.

The appointment relating to the setteling of Mr Alex^r mc Leane in his glibe and manse to the presbyterie of Cowall is renewed, and recomended that they speek my Lord thereanent.

As tuching the meetering the psalmes in the Irish language, wherin some diligence hes bein used by some of them that were appointed thereunto, the others came short wherethrow nothing could be browght to any satisfactorie complitenesse at this tyme, Therefore, least so good and necessare a work should ly over or be slighted, it is appointed that against the nixt synod ther be ane full hundreth of the psalmes meetered, and to this end appoints Mr Dowgall Campbell, besides those that were formerly injoynd to him, to take from 53 to 60 inclusive, and Mr Johne Stewart from thence to 85, and Mr Alex^r mc Leane from thence to the 100: And for the perfeating of this taske against the said dayet, it is ordained that the said translators shall meitt togeder for conferring thereupone at Kilfinane the first Wednesday of August nixt, and have adjoynd to them Mr Ard. mc Callum, Mr Joⁿ Cameron,

Mr Joⁿ Duncansone and Mr David Simsone to consider upon their labours, And that they goe aboutt the samen accuratly, taking tyme and leasure thereunto as shall be fitting and neidfull, And what they cannot exped with on dayet that they shall make appointment as they shall think fitting thereupon, untill they have outread the worke, And that their charges and cures should be served by their presbyteries respective whill they are about the said task, And what cost and expense they shall be at during their attending thereupon shall be taken to consideratione at the nixt synod.

In regard that it is thought a verie pious and profitable worke to have the Bible translated in the Irish language, wherunto all diligence possible would be contributed, Therefore it is recomended to everie man who hes any facultie in that language to be indeavoring his best heirunto, And in regard that there are sundrie parcells translated allreddie be some in former tymes, which may be fund out by search and inquirie, and namly in the registers at Edinburgh,¹ It is therefore recomended to everie brother to find out what he may any where, and namly to Mr Alex^r Gordowne to find out these that are in the registers, and everie mans diligence to be reported to the nixt synod.

SESS: 2^d.

It is referred to Mr Alex^r Gordoune to pursew before the Shireff for the deficiencie of making payment of the resting vacand teithes of Killcallmanell and Kilberrie, And that the said Mr Alex^r gett informatione from Mr Dowgall Darroch and others that knowes best the case of the said tithes.

The long and intricat debate and mutuall desertione betwixt mc obrolachan and Margrat ne Bridan, funded upon her alledgiance to be that shee was forced to be married by the threatnings of hir two uncles, shee being

¹ The reference may be to the public records, or to the earlier registers of the General Assembly produced at the Assembly of 1638 and approved as authentic records.

younge, Is referred to be tryed to the presbyterie of Kintyre and as then they find clirnes to proceed thereinto.

The synod does think fitt as matters does now stand in these countries that session, marriage and baptismes shall be rather celebrated at the exercises and preachings on the week day then on the Lords daye.¹

The oft reiterated supplicatione of Patrick mc Viccar, complining on his wif Marrie ne Lachlan for not adhering, and pretending no ground for hir obstinacie, is now in end taken to this consideratione, That shee is judged censurable by excommunicatione, That the samen be followed out against her, and to be put in execusione after prayer being made for hir thrie Sabbaths as is ordinar, shee being all-reddie processed, And that the first day be served by Mr Andrew mc Leane, the second by Mr Johne Lindsay, the thrid by Mr Ard. mc Calman, who is to pronounce the sentence unles hir adherence prevent it, And these things to be done at Dallawich.

Renewes the former appoyntment anent Rorie Beattone to the presbyterie of Lorne, and they to summond him to compeir before them and to proceed with him as they shall find cause, As also that they goe one in trying, examining and censureing Manus Mc Rankine in reference to his scandall.

The businesse of Sorle mc Aleister excommunicate is gone aboute by the presbyterie of Kintyre as was enjoyned.

In regaird that the presbiteriall meeting in Lorne is oftentimes marred through the absence of thes breithren that are in the Iles adhering to them whose presence is stopped and hindered by ferries and stormes and longin-

¹ The First Book of Discipline (1560) recommended that marriage should be celebrated in 'open face and publick audience of the kirk,' and Sabbath forenoon was considered the most appropriate time. For obvious reasons it was soon found desirable to alter this practice, and while the Episcopalian Assemblies of 1602 and 1610 expressly authorised Sabbath marriages, the Directory for Public Worship (1645), reaffirming the Presbyterian attitude, recommends that they should not be celebrated on that day. With regard to baptism, the strict Presbyterian tradition has been that it should be administered in church on the Sabbath, failing which at a public diet of worship on a week-day.

quitie of way, It is thought fitting that thes breithren shall keep meetting amongst themselves for ordering of matters requisite by way of commitie, and these one the maineland do in the like maner amongst themselves at convenient dyatts, And being mett together presbiteriallie in one body at leist twise in the yeir, comunicate their proceedings together and register them in there presbiteriall booke, And that Mr Ard. Reid, being required, joyne with the breithren in the Iles.

The provinciall, weigheing seriously the greivance of Mr Ard. mc Callume formerly given in anent the heavinesse of his charge in former tymes, desiring to be eased of some of the burthen thereof, Thinks it fitt that he be astricted as minister to serve at the charge of Killineur allanerlie and liberate from the other tuo paroches appoynted by the Commissione of plantatione, not hindering his oun good will to these. In the meane tyme it is referred to the presbyterie to sie these places served as conveniently may be, And that the said Mr Ard. shall bruike his stipend, manse and gleib as formerlie ay and untill the plantatione be ratified and settled.

Mr Dougall Campbell, haveing obeyed the appoyntment of the synod fore goeing to Killberrie for makeing way to them to the calling of a minister, does testifie that they sett their eyes on Mr Donald mc Viccar, and for that effect did write a letter of invitatione to him.

SESS. 3.

Upon the supplicatione of the people of Appine, It is ordained that Mr Ard. Reid serve there ilk thrid Sabbath to the next synod, so being it be seen that they use dilligence to provyde themselves of a minister afterward, and that they be carefull to repaire to hear and partake of ordinances at Leismoir at other dyatts, Which things they failling into they are not to expect such supply afterward.

The difference betwixt the Laird of Cadaile and Mr Ard. mc Calluman anent the parsell of ground and eight kins grasse possessed by the said Mr Ard. at Kilespickerall, in

lieu of gleib, is thus decyded and settled with consent, viz., That the Laird shall give foure aikers of good arrable land with horse and kines grasse according to Act of Parliament for a gleib in tymes comeing, and that the said Mr Ard. keep what he hes to the said promise be made out and till satisfactiōe be made for the building that is there-upon, or that another manse be builded to him according to reasone.

The presbyterie of Cowall is found to have done what was enjoyned to them in reference to Donald mc Kerras excommunicat and upon evident signes of repentance have relaxed him.

In answer to the Laird of Mc Cows petitione regrating the want of preaching at Kilbryde, and desireing this to be remedied, The synod does recomend to Mr Nicol mc Callume ¹ to repair to the said kirk as he shall find himself in abilitie of body with conveniency to repair thither, and to advertise the people the Sunday before he intends to be there, And lykewyse ordains that the people of Kilbryde resort to Kilmore to heir preaching the Sabbath that the minister is not with themselves.

The paroch of Kilchrenane, intending to erect a schoole of new againe, is exorted to persist in such a good work.

Mr John Duncansone, not keeping the appoynted correspondency with the Synod of Glasgow, was reprooved and ordained of new agane to keep with them the next dyat of their synod.

The desire of Mr Robert Steuert, by his letter seeking a testimoniall, is referred for answer to the presbyterie of Cowall, who knowes best the wayes and conversatiōe of the man, he liveing within ther bounds.

SESS. 4.

The answer of Mr Patrick Stewert his letter, mentioning his actuall exercising of the ministeriall functione, finding himself now recovered to his strenth, as also of other

¹ *sic* for 'mc Calman.'

particulares fitting to be kept *in retentis*, Is referred to the commitie appoynted to keep the first Wednesday of August at Killfinane, with whom the presbyterie of Dunoone, Mr Alex^r Gordone and Mr Patrick Campbell is to concurr and they to consider of his desire in his letter.

The answer of Mr John mc Lachlane to the provincials letter, whereof they did signifie to him their deep sence of the desolat conditione of the people of these kirks whereof he had charge and desire to have them served with the ordinances wherefrae through his inabilityie he was forced to desist, Declares that he is willing and desirous that they shall proceed to find another and a manse for that use, That he shall condescend to give of his maintenance and stipend to any qualified persone that the people, presbyterie and province shall find and chuse out to accept that charge whatsoever share or portione they shall think convenient, And to this effect the presbyterie is desired to put the parochiners one work to goe about the seeking of one to suplie ther sad conditione.

Refers to the presbyterie of Kintyre to take nottice and tryall of one Nicolas Dunbarr, now in Ila, of whom the report goes that he is a professt papist.

The presbyterie of Lorne, being asked concerning some yong men amongst them how they emprove ther studies, and what expectatione may be of them for the work of the ministrie, declares that they have good hopes of them, And namely Mr Alex^r mc Calman did declare openly before the synod that he intends the said work if the Lord shall enable him, Whereupon it is ordained that he and the rest of that minde adrest themselves to the loulands to universities to fitt them thereunto, especialie thes who have gotten allouences ordained to them for that effect.

Anguise mc Marques, fidler, is recomended to the presbyterie of Argyll to be examined, and they to make report what they find in him to the next synod.

It being openly delated that Alex^r Rosse and Isobell Campbell, one mothers bairnes, have comitted incest together in Ila and the childe procreated be them left in

fostering in Lochaber, and they themselves fled away to Irland where they dwell in a toune neare the Derrie called the Insck, It is appoynted that a letter be writtin to the breithren in Irland to send the said incestuous persons to the presbyterie of Kintyre.

The synod, haveing heard the reasone of Mr Alex^r Gordones not goeing to agent the businesse intrusted to him by comissione before the Counsell of State in order to the plantatione, maintenance for highland boyes to the schoole and other particulares, namely, The late sitting doune of the Counsell and my Lord Marques his absence, And haveing heard his diligence in wrytting to the said Lord Marques some diverse tymes to that effect, and heiring my Lord Marques himself declareing that his diligence in that part, were satisfied, And therefore now of new ordains the said Mr Alex^r to goe about to make the tennor of his former comissione effectuell in so far as he can, and mainly in what relates to the plantatione and the businesse of the vacancies and others for the good of our kirk before the Counsell at Edinburgh, and whatsoever brother of our number shall happine to be there for the tyme concurrence with the said commissioner, And his cure in the meane tyme to be supplied according to the former act, whilk is only every thrid Sabbath wanting, and that by such as was formerly appoynted as the former act speciefies.

SESS. 5.

John mc Phersone, preacher of the Heries, being accused for celebrating mariage to excommunicat persons in the Iles, namely _____ did purge himself thereof, And being posed for his further cleareing to tell who did marie them, declaired openly that it was Mr Ard. mc Queen, For the whilk the presbyterie of Sky is to conveyne the said Mr Ard. before them and to proceed with him as they will be ansuerable.

The synod, out of their ounne good will throwgh the hope they have of the proficiencie of Ard. Hendrie, now at

schoole in Glasgow, have condiscended that the said Ard. be maintained on the provinces alouance at schooles, and that out of the vaccancies if they be had, which failling, to be contributed by the wholl ministrie, And that the moderator of every presbyterie make a way for proportioning the alouance according to the quantitie of the stipends, and that they collect the samen in the respective presbyteries to the effect forsaide.

The differences and discrepances of the bounding certean limits of the kirks of Lochhead and Killeane is referred to my Lord Marques, and the designing the place and stance for building the kirks for the heiland congregatiōe is referred to the presbyterie and the said Lord Marques his concurrence.

In face of the synod, Lochinell, being enquired anent the vaccancie of Ardnamurchy in former tymes since his entrie therto, who hitherto did pretend to have a right to all the teinds thereof by his tack by my Lord Marques to the said Ardnamurchy, my Lord did openly declare that he did not sett nor give in tack the ministers stipend, bot that Lochinell is lyable for any vaccancie that can be craved. The synod therefore does appoynt Mr Dougall Campbell and Mr Neill Camerone to goe and get Lochinells outmost answer anent payment makeing, and to receive from him such particulares as hes been ordered alreadie out of that vaccancie for the use of students, and accordingly to give aquittances.

The supplicatiōe of John Campbell, sone to Mr Dougall Campbell, sometyme minister at Letterkenizie in Irland, intending and promiseing to follow furth his studies according as he hath made a good deall of proficiency alreadie in a short tyme, being read and taking ¹ to consideratione, It is appoynted that his name be inrolled amongst the boyes that shall be selected.

Remitts to the presbyterie of Inverarey to sie Mr John Lindsayes gleib designed and to doe for his other effeireing accomodations.

¹ *sic* for taken.

SESS. 6.

The commitie appoynted to speake Mr Do^d mc Viccar, expectant, for moveing him to goe to Lochaber, as being ane whom they poynted at in their supplicatione, reports that they cold preveaile nothing with him in the maine, bot only that he yeilded to them upon requiest to stay till he were spoken to by the synod, And the synod, after speaking and exorting of him to the same businesse, finding him refractorie altogether, they doe think it fitt to leave it at his dore, and the presbyteries severally to take nottice of such cariage.

John Zuill is chosen as ruleing elder for to goe in the companie of Mr Allex^r Gordone to agent conjunctlie with him anent the matters of his comissione, and the synod is to the seeing¹ of his charges out of the vaccancies if obtained, or to some other feasible way at the next synod, as also for paying him of any former appoyntments due to him.

A letter to be writtin to the gentlmen of Morvarne to desire and encourage them to hold up the schoole ther erected, provyding it be not prejudiciall to the appoyntment and obligatione made at Icolmekill. Bot if they of Mull condescend that they erect ther schooles without concurrence of Morverne, the assemblie will agree therto, Bot if not, they condescend that rather Morverne shall want then that the schoole be prejudged.

The synod haveing seen the supplicatione of John mc Naughtane in name of the parochiners of Killmorrich and subscribit by him in their name, desireing that their present minister shall be peculiarly declared and fixed to the said Killmorrich or Lochguileside now erected in tuo severall charges by the late plantatione, The province considering herof (the minister haveing rolled himself over upon ther determinatione) have unanimously appoynted him to be minister at Lochguilshead as his proper charge in all tymes comeing, and Killmorrich henceforth to be

¹ sic for 'is to see to the paying'?

declaired vaccand, and the same to be intimated by Mr Alex^r mc Leane the next Sabbath immediatly after his returne home, And thenceforth the presbyterie to sie to the supplieing of the said vaccand charge untill it be provyded, and dureing the said vaccancie the gleib to be in Mr Coleine mc Laughlanes possession, And it be declaired also that the said Killmorich is in a capacitie to call any qualified persone that the people shall sett their eyes upon.

Ordaines that the ministers commissionat in Mull together with Mr Ard. Reid shall serve by turnes at Killeane and Killninchin and spend some tyme in catechiseing there at ther goeings thither, and that untill the next synod.

In answer to the supplicatione given in be Mr Alex^r Campbell in the name of the paroch of Killcholmanell, desireing now the admisionne and establishing of Mr Duncan Campbell after his tryalls are alreadie past and approoven, It is recomended to the presbyterie of Kintyre to goe about the same seriously, and to answer ther desire therein with all convenient celeritie, finding the former obstructions of accomodationes remooved.

In regaird that Daniell Mc Leane, tutor (as is crediblie declaired), hes not performed his promise according to his obligatione and the act of the provinciall anent the bigging of the house in Icolmekille called the Bishops house, and hes not made payment for the gleibs that were sett to him, The synod refers to these of the comitie of Mull to take their inspectione of this matter by either agreeing with others or continueing the former tacke, as they shall be answerable to the synod.

A complaint given in by the presbyterie of Kintyre anent Mc Naughtans refractoriness of returning to them for expeding and putting ane end to the evidencing of his repentance for his former tresspasses, The synod ordaines a letter to be writtin to him, desireing him to doe duetie with certificatione of his danger of debarring himself from church priviledges and encurring of outmost censures if he contraveen by obstinacie.

Seeing that Cornett Davisone was comissionate by

Donald o Giligane, formerly knowne to be a profest papist, to present his supplicatione read before this seat, and importing his conversione to the Protestant religione, and that accordingly he wold stand to any promise or undertakeing that the said Cornett wold passe in his name, The synod does appoynt that, for further evidencing of his sincerity in his conversione, he come to the presbyterie of Argyle the last Wednesday of June or Julie, where he shall be appoynted what further to doe in relatione to his petitione and promise.

Appoynts Mr Martine mc Olvra to send Do^d mc Laine to Kilmartine for purgeing himself of a scandall alledged upon him in the said paroch with one ne Intyre, ordaining him to be procest with excommunicatione if he disobey. In the meane tyme a letter to be writtin to Lochbuy to emprove ¹ his perswasione and power to move him to doe what is required.

SESS: 7.

The synod, understanding that by means of the presbyterie of Sky Mr W^m Rosse, expectant, is engadged to this province, Does discharge the said presbyterie to doe or act any thing that may rescind his said engadgment, and a letter to be writtin to the said Mr W^m that he come to the next synod.

It is appoynted that the breithren of Sky who are not here or are not able for the tyme to pay the clearks fie, that they send it with their commissioner to the next synod, And these of other presbyteries bring their proportion to the next synod.

Duncane mc Beane his greevance and complaint given in against his wyfe called Katherine ne Leich for not adhering according to duetie, her alledgeance being therefore (as is reported in her name) to be impotencie, which he denyes to be true, The synod, till further consideratione and tryall of the truth in this matter, does for the present

¹ Emprove is used in the sense of add.

appoynt the said parties to adhere and cohabbite together untill the next synod, and which of either partie shall faile herein shall be esteemed the persone guiltie of desertione, And, because the said wyfe is said to be for the tyme at Glenurqhy, a letter is appoynted to be writtin to the Laird there to cause her repaire to the place where her husband shall be resideing.

In regaird that ryfe greevances are given in before the synod from all quarters by parties desireing mariage by reasone of the breach of wedlock by them with whom they were married formerly, whereby they are obstructed to marie with others through want of legall divorsement, there not being a comissioner for passing sentences in such cases, The synod thinks therefore fitting that my Lord Marques be entrated for seeing a way for establishing a commissioner for this effect, if it ly in him so to doe.

Wheras the synod hes appoynted, upon the supplicatione of the people of Lochwhaber, to appoynt Mr Dowgall Campbell to repaire thither, there to exercise the ministrie, Therefore ordains that his charge be supplied by the ministers of the severall presbitries within the province every second Sabbath till his returne, and the presbyterie of Argyle to begine the first turne, Couall the next, Kintyre the thrid, Lorne the 4th, and the forsaid evry minister as he lyes neerest take the first place, and these ministers to be warned by the sessione of Innerlusse to keep their appoynted dyatts as shall be left to them in a roll, And the said Mr Dougall to have for the peoples accomodatione at Lochaber for heering of preaching tuo rounge houses, spacious and large, the one by the Castle of Inerloch, the other one ether side of the Bradford at Killmanevagg, And that for further accomodatione there be boats provyded on the water of Lochie for ferrieing and dilligence used for setling bridges upon other smaller rivers, which the people have condescended and promised to doe, And that the said Mr Dougall shall have for beareing his charges dureing the said space six hundreth markes of the readiest of the whole teinds of that countrey.

The synod thinks it fitting that there be a schoole erected

in the paroch of Kingarth for traineing up of children according to the Act of Parliament.

Wheras the appoyntment of the byrun anualrents of the schoole money of Lorne to Kilmartine does endanger the receiveing back of the bands of the whole soume, Therefore they recall the said appoyntment and the presbyterie of Lorne to have regresse to ther oun principall and anual rent, they putting it to the right use as is promised. Mr Alex^r Gordone is appoynted to offer the discharge to Do^d Camerone anent the schoole bands, upon the receiveing whereof he is to deall with my Lord and Geordge Campbell anent the forme of drawing up the severall bands by way of mortificatione of landes or wodsetts in securitie for the use of the schooles respective unto which the severall sowmes were appoynted.

It is ordained that my Lord Marques be spoken to by the ministers of Inverarey anent the repaireing and holding up the kirke of Icolmekill, and the vaccand stipend thereof restane in his Lordships hands thes bygone yeirs.

SESS. 8.

Haveing heard Donald Mc allan dui Camerone desireing licence to be maried to Nine Allan Ve W^m, with whom he did formerly cohabite and procreat children, it being found that she was maried to Ewen Bane Camerone by Mr Duncan mc Alman before his depositione, whom shee maliciously deserted, The said Do^d is therefore discharged under the highest censure to have meddling or cohabitatione with her afterward, and they to be followed with kirk censures for ther former trespassse.

The presbyterie of Sky being asked for ther presenting their presbiteriall booke, they declaire that it is in the clearks hands, who is lying sick for the present, and was found culpable that he sent not his excuse, And appoynts the booke be brought preseisly against the next summer synod.

The synod takeing to consideratione the case of John mc Phersone, minister of the Heries, and the former act made anent him at Icolmekill, and the letter of testifica-

tion of his behaviour from his parochiners and of his ruling elder, cleiring him of some of the delationes laid on his name, which made the presbyterie delay the enjoyned depositione, And because the synod is not satisfied with his cariage in many other things scandalous, referring to the presbyterie to proceed with him as they will be answerable, and that they retorne ther diligence and answer heirunto to the next synod, And the said John mc Phersone to be at the next summer dyat if not deposed, And the presbyterie is inhibited to accept of a dimissione from him, though he offer it, till a further consideratione.

The synod refers to the presbyterie of Kintyre to take order with the vile and odious letter of Archibald Campbell, brother naturall to the Laird of Caddall, against Martine mc Lachlane for his opprobrius slanders contained thereunto.

The desire of John Campbell and Ard. mc Ilvernack, supplicating that ther honnest endeavours towards ther studies may be helped and born through, they haveing noe means of ther oun to hold them at schooles, The synod recommends to Mr Allex^r Gordone and Mr John Lindsay to sie to a course for mainteining them at schooles till the next synod, and their supply to be out of the first of the vaccansies if obtained, whilk if not obtained the synod shall labour to sie to some course for exonoratione of the said burden tackers.

It is ordained that Mr John Camerone and Mr Pat: Campbell wrytte to Mr Geordge Campbell fore moveing him to mynde the scope of his studies to be for the work of the ministrie in thir bounds, when and where the Lord shall be pleased to give a call, and that to this effect another letter be writtin to Mr James Durhan to move and persuade him heirunto, and that the said persons speak to the said Mr Geordges father to this effect.

The supplicatione of Mr Duncan mc Allman, humbly supplicating his relaxione from that fearfull sentence of excommunicatione, being takeing¹ to consideratione, It is

¹ *sic* for 'taken.'

ordained that he goe and repaire to the severall ministers of Argyle and Lorne, who are to conferr with him to bring him to further lenth of his sence of his horrid guiltenes and sins, and he to bring along with him ane testimoniall from one minister to another of his cariage and obedience, and to have all thes to be presented to the next synod be himself.

Mr Allan Cleark, regrateing the wrong he sustaines by the want of his stipend, for which he hes ¹ forced presentlie to repaire to Edinburgh to seek justice, The synod appoynts the moderator to writte a letter in his behalf to the ministers of Edinburgh to befriend him in seeking justice, and refers to the presbyterie of Skey to help him on what they can, according as he shall represent his conditione.

Delayes to take inspexione or accompt of the abridged select questions to be drawn out of the Catechisme to the next synod.

The synod, thinking it a duetie lying upon them to be serious and instant to sie children trained and educated in literatur and mainers at schooles, especiallie such as are of any considerable qualitie, Therefore recomends to the ministers to be diligent in this duetie into their severall paroches, and more particular that my Lord Marques be exorted to take a care that yong mc Leane be sent to schooles abroad.

Mr Ferq^r Frayser and Mr Martine mc Olvra are to be comptable for the schoole bands of Mull whilk they have in custodie till they be subscribit by the heretors.

The breithren of Mull, offering to restore back what they intromitted with of the vaccancies formerly dissaloued and to give debtors for what they received not to their breithren the ministers of Lorne in contentatatione and satisfactiōne of the bands whilk the said breithren of Lorne did give unto the yong men students upon the synods ordour, and further, to give their obligatiōne to them out of their receipts and what they have received and cannot now pay, and this

¹ *sic* for 'is.'

before their removall hence, The synod, thinking this reasonable, does agree thereto, and desires it to be accepted at ther hands.

Rorie Dou mc Innus tuaich,¹ being guiltie of foule incest and horrible murther as is aleadged, for the which he is fled out of Mull where the same was comitted unto some bounds within the presbyterie of Sky, The synod therefore ordains the severall ministers in the said presbyterie to summond and cite the said guiltie persone to compeir before their presbyterie and they thence to remitte him to Mull, And the said things being verified against him or his obstinacie in not compeireing being notified by the said presbyterie to the commitie of Mull, the said committie is to proceed against him with summar excommunicatione.

The next synod is appoynted to be holden at Inverarey the last Wednesday of October nextocum.

Nihil hic deest.

THE SYNOD OF ARGYLL HOLDEN AT INVERAREY THE 28 OF OCTOBER 1657.

SESS: 1^a.

After sermone hade be Mr Dug: Campbell and incalling on the name of the Lord for a blessing to the meeting, the assemblie entred upon the choysing of a moderator, and having lited Mr Ard: mc Callum, Mr Martine mc Illvrae, Mr Joⁿ Duncanson and Mr Joⁿ Stewart, the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart was by pluralitie of voyces chosen moderator. The roll of the members was read and absents marked as followes :—

Presbyterie of Dunoon : Mr Euen Cameron ; Archibald mc Kiney ; Mr Neill Camerone absent ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; John Stewart absent ; Mr Joⁿ Cameron ; Lairde Ottir

¹ Tuach is Gaelic for north countryman.

absent ; Mr Ard: mc Lean absent ; Mr Allex^r mc Lean ; John mc Olchanich ; Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; Laird of Ardkinglas absent.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Dug: Campbell, Mr Ard: mc Callum ; Duncan Lamond ; Mr Allex^r Gordoune ; George Campbell ; Mr Patrick Campbell ; Malcolme mc Wickar ; Mr Joⁿ Duncansone ; Zacharie mc Callum ; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay ; Joⁿ mc Callum ; Mr Andrew mc Leane ; Donald Campbell.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Ferq^r Frezar absent ; Mr Martine mc Ollvrae ; Mr Hector mc Lean ; Mr Ard: Rid ; Donald Stewart ; Mr Ard: mc Calmane ; Joⁿ Campbell ; Mr Nicoll mc Callum absent ; Joⁿ Oconichir ; Mr Ard: mc Lachlane ; Joⁿ Campbell.

Presbyterie of Kintyr and Sky absent.

The synod having read Mr James Gearners lettir of excuse, they delay the admitting thereof till himself be present, and appoints a letter to be written to the presbyterie of Kintyr bearing a reproofe and what further censur the nixt synod for ther absence shall think fitt.

Mr Ar^d mc Callmane having declared to the synod that he hes the bookes of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon translated in Irish, he is desyred to bring them to the nixt synod.

The processe of excommunicatione against Patrick mc Vicars wyfe sisted because she adhered.

Mr Joⁿ Duncanson was rebuked for not keeping correspondence with the Synod of Glasgow according to the appointment of the last synod, and is now againe appointed to keep correspondence at thir nixt dyat under the pain of censur.

The synod, finding that the presbyterie of Lorn hes done nothing effectuellie anent the supply of Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlanes charg, did seriouslie recomend the samen to their care.

SESS: 2^a.

The businesse relating to Joⁿ mc Phersone, minister in the Heries, and Mr Ard: mc Queen is continued to the nixt synod in respect of the presbyterie of Skys absence, And appoints a letter to be written to that presbyterie of this and severall other things, as ther want of ane commissioner, that ther book be brought.

Mr Ar^d mc Leans absence because of his sickness is excused, the synod having read his letter, and being certantie informed of some of their number who saw his case.

In respect of the Laird of Lochnells absence, who promised to be present at this synod to give ane accompt of his intromissione with the vacanceis of Ardnamurchy, refers the same unto the nixt synod.

Refers to the presbyterie of Argyll to see to Mr Joⁿ Lindsays accommodatiene in reference to his gleeb and manse.

The synod appoints Duncan mc Bayne and Kathrein ne Inleich his wife to adhere and cohabite under the paine of being processed with excommunicatione, Which censur the presbyterie of Argyll is appointed to goe about at ther meeting in Januar nixt, if not certifeid of thair coherence, and appoints a letter to be written to Glenurqhy to send the woman out of his bounds with her goods.

Appoints Mr Martine mc Ilvrae to process with excommunicatione Donald mc Lean, fugitive from the session of Kilmartine, in case he compeir not befor the said sessione, and appoints a letter to be written to Mc Lean of Lochbui to be instrumentall in sending him.

Ard mc Euen who went to Ireland to gett mariage with Marie ne Inleastare, with whom he fell in adulterie in her former husbands tym, is appointed to seperate and to evidence their repentance as adulterers under the pain of excommunicatione. The synod, for preventing of such mariages, appoints a letter to be written to the presbyterie in Ireland anent Mr Joⁿ Patons marieing of such unlawfull persons.

The synod appoints Mr Ard: Rid to preach each fourt

Saboth till Candlmesse, and thereafter evrie thrid Saboth till the nixt synod, at Killcollumkill in Duror.

The presbyterie of Argyll is appointed to deale with Mc Marques, fidler, and as they find him penitent to relaxe him.

SESS: 3^a.

The presbyterie books are not revised at this dyat in respect of the absence of the presbyterie of Kintyr and Sky, Appoints that the bookes be brought to the nixt synod.

Referrs the busnesse anent Anguis mc Laertich in the paroach of Kilmertine and Marie Campbell ther to the presbyterie of Argyll.

The synod, having heard Mr Alex^r Gordouns report in ordour to the comissione put upon him in agenting the busnesse of the vacande stipends and other things befor the councell, doe approve of his diligence, And in respect the said busnesse is in suspense the synod continues the said Mr Alex^r thair comissioner, and for his depursments the synod oblidges themselves to pay the same at the giving in of his accompts, His charg in the mine tym during his absence is to be supplied in this ordour, Mr Joⁿ Camerone, Mr Alex^r mc Leane, Mr Ard: mc Lean, Mr Joⁿ Lindsay, Mr Ard: mc Callman, Mr Ard: mc Callum, Mr Andrew mc Lean, Mr Dug: Campbell.

Donald O Guligan, papist, is referred to the presbyterie of Inverarey according to the synods former appointment concerning him.

SESS. 4^a.

Recomends to the presbyterie of Argyll and Lorn to deall with Mr Duncane mc Callmane, excommunicate, to bring him to a deeper sence of his sin, and to make report to the nixt synod.

The synod considering the paucitie of ther number and that Mr Patrick Stewart is in ward for the tym, continues

the report of the comitie appointed to sitt at Rothsay the nixt synod, against which tym Mr Patrick Stewart may be advertised and at libertie.

Mr John mc Lachlane is appointed to receave the collection appointed by the synod and promised by the presbyterie of Lorn to Alistir Roy mc Lachlane.

It is condiscended to by the members of the provinciall that Ard: Hendrie be maintained at schooll till the nixt synod upon ther charges.

Recomends to the presbyterie of Argyll to uplift of the schooll money some helpe of meintenance to Ard: mc Illvarnock, Anguis mc Lenan and Joⁿ Campbell. The synod appoints out of the vacanceis of Rothsay ane hundereth markes to Joⁿ Stewart and ane other hundreth to Neill mc Dougald for helping them to ther studies.

The synod does licentiat Mr Ard: mc Lachlane to preach at Rothsay till the first dyat of the presbyterie of Couall, and is to have allowance till that tym proportionable as Mr James Jonstoun gott according to the presbyterie appointment, Certifeing the parochiners of the forsaid Rothsay that if they goe not effectuellie about the getting of a minister that he shall stay no longer, And, in respect ther was a libertie granted to the said Mr Ard: of preaching any where within the synod wher he should be invited, The synod declares that it is with this proviso that the samen be with consent of the presbyterie within which the paroach that shall invite him is, as also that it be not obstructive to the plantation of that kirk.

The synod, being certainly informed that Nicolas Dunbarre is ane profest papist, appoints a letter to be written to the presbyterie of Kintyr, desyring that they processe the said Nicolas with excommunicatione, And also that they take tryall if ther be any infected by him, especiallie of one Patrick Smith.

The synod, considring how necessar it is that the intended translatione of the Psalmes in Irish meeter wer seriouslie gone about, doe appoint Mr Dug: Campbell, Mr John Stewart and Alex^r mc Lean to meet at Inverarey the first Wednesday of Januar nixt 1658 and continue at the said

work the space of six weekes, And upon ther advertise-
ment Mr Ard: Rid, Mr Ard: mc Callum, Mr Joⁿ Camerone
and Mr Joⁿ Duncansone are appointed to come for revis-
ing of the samen, And as for ther charges the synod
appoints the samen to be payed out of the vacanceis, and
failzing therof the synod oblidges themselves on ther
accompt to pay it themselves. In the mine tyme ther places
are to be supplied as followes : Knapdale by Mr Joⁿ Dun-
cansone, Mr Ard: mc Callum, Mr Andrew mc Lean, Mr
Joⁿ Lindsay and Mr Patrick Campbell; Kingarth by Mr
Neill Camerone and Mr Ard: mc Lean *per vices*; Stralachlan
by Mr Colline mc Lachlane.

SESS. 5^a.

The synod, considering that ther was a discharge, sub-
scribed by a number of the destributors of the schoole
mony and by sevrall of the ministers, that was presented
to Donald Camerone, and that the said discharge was
delivered to Hendrie Christie to gett Glenurqhys hand to
it, and his sone wes appointed to be sent expressly to
Hendrie Christie to gett the said discharge, which is
recomended to Mr Alex^r Gordoune.

The synod for defraying of Joⁿ Zuills charges as comis-
sioner at Edinburgh does allotte and appoint him fourtie
punds to be payed out of the vacanceis if gotten, and, if
not, by themselves at the nixt synod. The synod also
promises to see his payment of three hundreth markes
endew for the decreits.

The synod appoints ane letter to be written to Ard-
kinglas, desyring him to make out the act of the comittie
of plantatione in reference to Killmorsche, he having sub-
scribit the book of plantatione and quate his intrest to the
teinds, as also Mr Patrick Campbell and Mr Alex^r Gordoun
are appointed to speak to him theranent. In the mine
tym Kilmorich to be supplied till the nixt synod by Mr
Patrick Campbell, Mr Coline mc Lachlane and Mr Alex^r
mc Lean, viz., Mr Patrick once in the quarter, and by the
other two twice in the quarter. It is also recomended to

the presbyterie of Argyll that, if they prevaile not with Ardkinglas, they make use of the law to put the act of plantatione in executione, the parochiners of the said paroach bearing the expences and charges at law.

The Laird of Mc Naughtane desyring to clear himself of any thing that the presbyterie of Kintyr had to challenge him with, The synod delayed the same till ther nixt meeting where the said presbyterie will be present.

SESS. 6^a.

The synod appoints Lochabir to be supplied by the members of the presbyterie (excepting Mr Ferq^r Frezar and Mr Martine mc Illvrae), viz., each of them to preach ther two Saboths befor the nixt synod.

The synod, considring that the brethren of Mulle, Tirie and Morvairne hes not made paymentt to the brethren of the presbyterie of Lorn in the continent of the money given to them by the three yong men, Does recomend the brethren so wronged to the civill judge for getting satisfactione of them.

The synod recomends to the presbyterie of Lorn to see to the adulterie comitted by Daniel mc Lean, Tutor of Douart, with Lady Anna Grahame, wife to Sir Mungo Murra, and that they call the said Daniel befor them and emitte summonses presentlie at ther home going and use them ether at his dwelling place or the paroach kirk, and to dispatch the said processe with the best expeditione, As also appoints a letter to be written to the presbyterie of Dumblane anent the said particular.

Appoints that a letter be written to the presbyterie of Sky to desyr them to look out for Rorie Dow mc Inuse Tuaich, who is guilty of adulterie and murder, as also for one mc Donald vc Fingown vc Brion, who murdered a poor chapman called Mc Mulldonich more, who, as the synod is informed, shelters within the bounds of the said presbyterie, And being found out, they be secured by the civill magistrat ther and sent to Mull where the murthers wer comitted.

Recomends Mr Joⁿ Stewart to the presbyterie of Couall for getting of ane declaratione of the equitie of his cause in the defence of his stipend.

Recomends to the sevrall ministers to be diligent in making use of the Catechisme.

Appoints Mr Duncan Campbell to preach at Kilberrie to gett the maintenance thereof till the nixt synod, at which tym the synod is to get the presbyterie of Kintyr reasons why they did not admitte him to Kilchollmanell according to the former appointment.

Appoints the nixt synod to hold at Inverarey the last Wednesday of May 1658.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF ARGYLL HOLDEN AT INVERAREY THE 27 OF MAY 1658.

After sermone hade be Mr Joⁿ Stewart, moderator of the former synod, the members of the synod being called are as followes :—

Presbitry of Dunoone : Mr Euen Camerone ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Mr Joⁿ Cameron ; Thomas Scott ; Mr Ard: mc Lean ; Ard: Campbell of Kildalvan ; Mr Alex^r mc Lean ; John mc Keras ; Mr Coline mc Lachlane ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Dugald Campbell ; Joⁿ mc Kavish of Dunardarie ; Mr Ard: mc Callum ; Ard: Campbell Kernane ; Mr Alex^r Gordoun ; My Lord Marques of Argyll ; Mr Patrick Campbell ; Dug. Clerk of Braeleckan ; Mr Joⁿ Duncanson ; Zacharie mc Callum ; Mr Ro^t Duncansone ; Coline Mc Lachlane of Inschonill ; Mr Andrew mc Lean ; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay ; Dun: mc Corquodale of Fantelan.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Ard: mc Caliman ; James Clerk ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane yonger ; Duncan Campbell. All the rest absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyr : Mr Eduard Kyth ; Col: Robert Hakate ; Mr Dug: Darroch ; Nicolas Tod ; Mr James Garner ; John Rid ; Mr David Sympson ; Dug: Camp-

bell of Inraw ; Mr John Cunison ; Martine mc Lachlane ; Allex^r Campbell.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Martine mc Phersone ; Mr Ard: mc Queen ; Mr Angus mc Queen. All the rest absent.

Correspondents from the Synod of Glasgow and Air. Mr Ro^t Watsoun, minister at Caldros.

nihil deest.

After calling the rolls the synod did proceed to the election of a moderator, and having listed Mr Dug: Darroch, Mr Ard: mc Callmanne, Mr Ard: mc Callum, Mr Martine mc Pherson, Mr Joⁿ Camerone, Mr Allex^r Gordoun, the said Mr Allex^r was nominate moderator.

The correspondent having complined of the absence of the correspondent, viz., Mr Joⁿ Duncansone, from the last Synod of Glasgow and Air, his excuse being heard is judged relevant.

The synod finding that the presbyterie of Sky hath not made any procedure in the tryall of the supposed insufficiency and bruted scandalous cariage of Joⁿ mc Phersone, minister of the Harish, according as it was recomended to them be the last synod, the occasione of their not procedor being the disapoyntment of some meeting for that effect throw the necessar absence of some members of the presbyterie and the want of witnesses (they being in Kintyr) to prove his alledged drunkenesse, Therefore it is over again recomended unto the presbyterie to put the said Joⁿ to tryall and to proceed [according] to the rule of the generall assemblie, and, if they cannot find sufficient legall ground of sentencing him, that they cite him to compeir befor the nixt synod, And Mr Dug: Darrach is heerby appoynted to bring the deposition of thes in Kintyr to the synod who, as is informed, did see the said Joⁿ drunk.

The synod, considring the absence of the wholl presbyterie of Kintyr from the last synod, does sharpley rebuke them for the same, with certification of further censur if the lyk generall absence be efterward.

Duncan mc Bean and Kathrine ne Inlich, having been formerly appointed to be processed with excommunicatione by Mr Joⁿ Lindsay for none cohabitation and adherence, Which process being stopped through adherence since and now broken of, are appointed to be processed of new.

The synod, finding the presbyterie of Sky not to have made use of the Catechisme translated in Irish for the synod for the instructing of ther people, doe seriouslie recomend that, all other Catechismes¹ being laid aside, the same allenarlie being made use of by them.

SESS. 2^a.

The synod, having seen a lettere from Mr Allane Clerk, doe excuse his absence, and recommends to the presbyterie of Sky to grant unto the said Mr Allane ane act of transportability, provyding that after all means assayed there cannot means of livelyhood be obtained to him in his present paroach to remaine minister therein, Also it is provyded that the said act of transportabilitie bear a restrictione that he may not have libertie to goe to any paroach without the province.

It is appointed that the presbyterie of Sky cause cite James Crichtoon, adulterer, to compeir before the presbyterie of Argyll, because ther his adulterie will be best proven, And Sir James mc Donald is to be written to to use his power for the said James Crichtoons compearance.

Mr Archibald Mc Queen, being posed² by the synod anent his marrying of the Captine of Clane ronald yonger, being excommunicat, as was informed against the said Mr Archibald the last synod, confessed himself to have married the said excommunicat captine, but declared himself to be ignorant of his being excommunicat. The synod, considring that Mr Archibald should have known thereof, doe rebuke

¹ They were probably using the Skye version which had been submitted to the Synod in May 1652. See p. 3.

² Scott's *Fasti* (new ed. vii. 179), following the Synod's transcript, has given currency to a fictitious deposition of Archibald MacQueen. The reading of the earlier manuscript is quite clearly 'posed' (*i.e.* questioned).

him, and recomends to him to be more advertent in tym coming.

The synod having seen a letter directed to them from Sir James mc Donald, wherein he desyres, first, libertie to remove the kirk at Kilmorie to Duntallim for the greater accomodatione of the people, upon which he shall build the kirk and provyd the minister in necessar accomodatione, The synod does recomend to the presbyterie to tak notice of the expedience of his removell, and if it be by them fund fitt and the paroachers condescend and that Sir James make out his promise in building the kirk and provyding gleeb and manc and other necessares to the minister, In the¹ cases the synod condescends to Sir James his desyr. As to the second particular in the said letter anent the seminarie preists in the South Uist and Barra, It is recomendet to Sir James that he and the rest of the justices of peace deal with thes preists and papists according to the ordour of the councell lately emitted for that effect, As to the thrid particular, anent Sir James desyring some fitt persons to be sent to some isles in these bounds to catechis the people, The synod recomends to the presbyterie to choise some fitt boys, who either have the Catechisme be tounge or can read the same, to be sent to teach the people from house to house, according as it is practised in other parts within the synod.

SESS. 3^a.

It is also recomendet to the presbyterie of Sky to send some of ther number to thes partes which are infected with poperie to endeavor their right informatione and reducing² these people from ther poperie, And it is appointed that in their answer to Sir James letter it be recommended that he endeavour the protectione of the ministers to be sent for the effect abovesaid, As also that he use his power for gathering of the people to the ministers abovesaid.

¹ *sic* for 'thes.'

² *i.e.* leading back.

Donald Mc Phersone and Dirvale Nc Vurich, excommunicat persons, petitionat the synod for relaxatiōne, But efter tryall taken of their reapnesse, and not being fund yett reape, they are referred to the presbyterie of Argyll and to each of the brethren to be instructed and dealt with in private, And report thereof to be made to the nixt synod.

Whereas it was appointed by this synod that the paroach of Kilchallmanell in Kintyr, having called Mr Duncane Campbell to be thair minister, his tryals should be taken by a comittie named for that effect and he admitted being fund qualified, Which admissiōne being delayed on some controversie anent the stipend and gleib, and he upon removall of that difficulty againe appointed to be admitted to the synod held at Kilmore the former May, Which admissiōne the synod held October last not finding effectuat through Mr Duncan his laying down his call, least his settlment should obstruct the planting of ane other intended kirk, Which laying down of his call in as far as it is laid down by him and accepted by the presbyterie upon the accompt forsaid, the synod consenteth unto, yet so as paines be taken by the presbitere for the removall of that obstruction for the entrie of a minister to Kilcholmanell, viz., ether Mr Duncan if he shall of new reaccept the call, or any other as shall be judged fitt by the presbyterie or synod, And whereas the said Mr Duncan declared to the synod that he did accompt himself prejudged and wronged by a letter of some of the brethren of the synod sent to another concerning him, It is declared by the synod that (after tryal taken in the mater) ther being some mistakes betwixt the writer of the letter and the said Mr Duncan, and that as the said Mr Duncan is a yong man of a Christiane and pious behavior and of good qualifiōnes, being worthie to be so esteemed, so that the brother who did writt the letter had no scop or intention therin to wrong the said Mr Duncan, but to give his privat judgment anent the consonancie betwixt the presbyterie accepting Mr Duncan quating of that paroach and a testimoniall givine to him by the said presbyterie.

SESS. 4^a.

The synod having seen a letter subscribed be many gentlemen and others in Lochabir and backed by many of the subscribers, as also ane other letter from Major Hill, governour of Inderlochay Garisoun, shewing that sufficient stipend was prepared for two ministers in Lochabir and that ther was not any probabilitie for getting ministers therunto except by the concurrence of this synod, having made an assay elsewhere but disappointed, And also earnestlie desyring the transportation of Mr Dug: Campbell, minister of Knapdale, to be one of the ministers in Lochabir, and referring to the synod to pitch on some other fitt minister and to transport him also, The synod, considering the ever desolate conditione of Lochabir and considering that formalitie in everie poynt of procedure is not to be expected of that people, As also thinking it good to lay hold upon the oportunitie of settling ministers there, which is now made offer of, Doe appoint Mr Dug: Campbell his parocheners to be cited to compeir befor the nixt synod to giv the reasons, if they have any, against the transportation of ther minister to Lochabir, As also, efter mature deliberatione, the synod doth pitch on Mr Neill Camerone, whom they think may be fitt to be the other minister to be transported to Lochabir, And also appoints his parochiners to be cited for the same effect to the nixt synod, viz., to give in the reasons against the transportation of thair minister.

The synod having sein a reference from the presbyterie of Dunoon to this synod anent a call givine by the parichoners of Rothsay to Mr Joⁿ Stewart, minister at Kingarth, to come to be minister at Rothsay, which from the weightiness of the business the presbyterie, upon applicatione made to them for transporting the said Mr Joⁿ, did referr the same as said is, Which the synod considering and having called the parochiners of Kingarth to know what they have to say against transportation of thair minister, and none compeiring, although sumoned and called for that effect, The synod does by thir presents

transport the said Mr Joⁿ Stewart from the church ¹ of the ministrie in Kingarth to the charge of the ministrie in Rothsay, referring it to the presbyterie that with their best conveniencie they receave the said Mr Joⁿ to the charg of the ministrie at Rothsay according to the ordour of this kirk in the lyke cases, And besyd the stipend of Rothsay, which the said Mr Joⁿ hes right unto this cropt 1658, as being minister there, the synod does also allow unto him the said yeirs stipend of Kingarth, because of his great want and evill paymentt for bygone of his being minister ther.

SESS. 5^a.

The synod, considring the great prejudice to this cuntrey through the power of disposing of the vacanceis for training up of the youth its being taken out of thair hands, as also through the retardment in making effectuall the decreits of the late Comissioners of Parliament for erecting of kirkes in this province, Doe appoint Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr Joⁿ Camerone to repair to Edinburgh and to use thair best endeavours for obtaining the vacanceis to be disposed by the synod as said is and for to gett the abovesaid decreits made effectuall, As also for obtaining some proportione of the 1200 lib. sterling allotted by the states for the advancing of the gospell in the highlands, And to endeavour to doe in all and evrie of the foresaids particularly according to the commissions and instructions to be givine them for that effect, And for their enabling to discharge ther trust it is appointed that [they] be repayed of what charges they shall be put unto, both ordinar and extraordinar, in discharging the same.

For answer to the people of Glencaridale their petitione, The synod declares them resolved that, if a proportione of the abovesaid 1200 lib. sterling be gotten for advancement of the gospell in the highlands, that a part thereof shall be appointed for a stipend to a minister whereby Glancaridall

¹ sic for charge.

may be supplied of a minister, and desyres thes people to have a littel patience till it may [be] seen what this may contribut to ther help. In the meane tyme recommends to the presbyterie of Kintyr to supply the said peopls need as frequently, by sending ministers to preach to them, as they may.

Whereas Mr Dug: Darroch confesses himself to be lyable to the paymentt of two hundreth markes Scotess money with the anuallrent thereof from the yeir 1643 to 1658, which he sayes came to other 200 markes, and desyrs libertie to intermedle with the last crompt, viz. 1657, of the vaccancie of Kilcholmanell for defraying of the said debt, it being contracted in the synods service when they sent him to Edinburgh, The synod declares themselves to have no power of meddling with vacant stipends, yet that upon Mr Dug: instructing and making out the said debt to be contracted upon the accompt aforesaid, as also upon his taking the hazard of meddling with the said stipend in his own hand and the synod not to suffer any prejudice thereby, In thes cases it is yeilded unto that he intermedle therewith as said is.

SESS: 6^a.

The synod, considring the case of Mr Duncan mc Callman, lying under the sentence of excommunicatione, and that he is brought to some considerable sence of his case evidenced by the sevrall declarationes of these ministers he was appointed to have his adresse unto and now further evidenced befor them, Doe appoint him to be relaxed from the said sentence the next Lords day by Mr Dug: Darroch, who is to preach, and this to be done efter sermone.

It is appointed that letters be drawn up to the ministers in Edinburgh and to my Lord Warristoun and Broddie, requisting them to be assistante to the comissioners who are appointed to goe upon the aforesaid affairs of the synod and to afford them their best help.

It is also appointed that the charges of thes who are

to goe to Edinburgh be supplied by their respective presbyteries.

The synod, resolving that Lochabir shall be some way supplied at convenient occasione (untill ther shall be a mor constant way fund for ther supply) as hes been done thes two sumers past, Doe ordaine Mr Joⁿ Duncanson to repair with all convenient speed thither to labour in the work of the ministerie ther till the nixt synod, and he to be supplied in his expeditions as Mr Dug: Campbell was the former sumer.

As for Martine mc Lachlan, minister in Ila, his desyr of transportabilitie, he is referred to his presbyterie to doe therein as they shall judge convenient.

It is recomended to the severall presbyteries that they take care to supress the keiping of Zuill and other pretended holy dayes, as also the abuse of corronaching or crying at burials.

The synod, considring that the three iles brethren within the presbyterie of Lorn have no wayes been answerable to what was enjoyned them by the synod holdine at Kilmore the last year, viz., that, because of their great distance from thair presbeteriale seat, they should by way of comittie doe all particulars belonging to the presbyterie to doe within ther bounds and to give twice a year ane account therof to their presbyterie, Doe therefore rescind the said former act, appointing them to meit with ther presbyterie as formerlie, and that so much the more as ther presbyterie now becoming so few will be weakened by thair absence.

Recomends Mr Don: Mc Lean, student in theologie, to the presbyterie of Sky to be helped by them toward the prosecutione of his studies, and that out of the vacanceis within the presbyterie, provyding that they give him not above ane hundereth pund Scots without a new appointment of the synod for that effect.

SESS. 7^a.

The synod, considring that ther be severall urgent affairs belonging unto them calling for some present

supply of money for defraying the charges, also weall of some past undertakings as some others presentlie in hand, particularly to defray the charges of comissioners now appointed to goe to Edinburgh, Doe therefore recommend to my Lord Marques of Argyll to advance for the present necessity the soume of fyv hundreth markes Scots mony of the vacant stipend of I Collumkill pyable furth of the rents of the late Bishoprick of the Iles be his Lordship, And doe hereby empower Mr Alex^r Gordoune, Mr Joⁿ Cameron or any of them to receave the said fyve hundreth markes from his Lordship or from any his Lordship shall appoint for that effect, As also empowereth the said Mr Alex^r or Mr Joⁿ afforesaid to give discharges thereupon in name of the synod, and to dispose of the same as is heerefter directed them, And they to make thair accompt to the nixt synod.

It is appointed that 40 lib. Scots of the abovesaid 500 markes be given to Joⁿ Zuill for his charges the last sumer to Edinburgh, being sent thither by the synod, as also that other 40 lib. of the abovesaid 4000 markes be employed for paymentt of the last halfe yeirs burden of Ard: Hendrie, poor scholler.

The presbyterie of Lorn, being enquired what they had done anent the flagrante scandall of adulterie betwixt Daniel mc Lean, Tutor of Douard, and Dame [Anna] Grahame, wife to Sir Mungo Muray, did declare that the said tutor his emprisonment occasioned a stoppe in the tryall thereof, Therefore it is recommended to the presbyterie to follow forth the same when it falls out that the said tutor shall be free of his imprisonment.

There being ane reference from the presbyterie of Dunoon to the synod anent Malcolme mc Illbryd and Janet ne Kinlay, which Janet having borne a chyld and fathering the same upon the said Malcolme, which he denying, And the presbyterie, not getting the same brought to a close efter much paines taken in the same, did sumond them to the synod, Who being called and not compeiring, it is referred back again to the presbyterie to doe yet further to bring the businesse to a close.

SESS. 8^a.

Wheras the first 50 psalmes translate in Irish meeter being now perfected, and being revised and examined by the synod, are approven, Yett seeing they are defective in syllabicatione, and the synod judging the fittest for syllabicatione to be Mr David Symson and Joⁿ mc Marques in Kintyr, ane old man and able in the Irish language, Therfor the synod appoint two of the translators, viz., Mr Dug: Campbell and Mr Joⁿ Stewart. to repair unto Kintyr and to meit at Lochhead the first Wednesday of Julie, and thair, with the assistance of Mr David Simpson, John mc Marques and Mr Dug: Darroch, to transcribe a perfect copie for the press with ane epistle to the reader prefixed, in which they are to give ruls for right reading as need requires, Which being done, Mr Dug: Campbell at his return home, bringing the copie with him, is to send for Mr Ro^t Duncansone, whom he shall shew the right way of reading and what is further fitt to be known for the instructione of the printer, And the said Mr Ro^t is to repair to Glasgue and to attend the presse so far as is needfull for the printing of the psalms to the number of 1500 copies. It is moreover recommended to Mr Alex^r Gordoun and Mr Joⁿ Cameron to endeavour to agree with the printer ¹ as they pass through Glasgow to Edinburgh.

It is seriouslie recomended to the translators to doe what they can by themselves in translateing the nixt fiftie psalmes and to mak some considerable progresse therin against the nixt synod.

The presbyterie book of Doonun, being examined and revised, is fund defective in marking the sederunt, no examination of the sessione bookes is marked, sevrall members fund absent from the presbyterie frequentlie and not interrogat anent their absence, which the synod judges rebuke worthie, and therefore rebukes the presbyterie for the same and recommends amendment of the aforesaid faults. *In caeteris* approven.

¹ Andrew Anderson.

The presbyterie book of Inverarey, being examined and revised, is found defective in enumerating the pages and in margining thair books, in registratiōne of appointments for exercises and elections of ther moderators, in no registering the absence of some elders, whilk the synod recomends to be helped for efterwards. *In caeteris* approven.

The presbyterie book of Kintyr, being examined and revised, is found to be so curt in its actes that it is not weall intelligible, and therefor its recomended that they doe further extend thair registrats, Morover the synod, thinking the presbyterie to hav been to remiss in citing and prosecuting Nicolas Dunbarr, papist in Ila, as formerlie recomended to them, doe again seriouslie recomend to them the same. *In caeteris* approven, as also that they take mor nerow inspection of the south ends vacant paroach in Kintyr, whence sevrall scandalous persons go over to Irland for mariag and baptism.

The presbyterie book of Lorn being absent, it is appointed to be brought to the nixt synod.

The synod does sharply rebuk the brethren of Sky presbyterie now present for ther not bringing ther presbiteriall book according to a particular ordour anent the sam by the last synod held at I Collomekill, and therfor appoints it to be brought to the nixt synod.

Mr Angues Mc Queen having petitionate the synod to be relaxed from his sentence of suspension past against him. . . .¹

Whereas it was agreed between some of the non-conformeing ministers within the province of Argyll That the synods registers should be transcribed for keeping the records in case the principall registers were lost, And that the person to whome the transcribing of the second Synod Booke (beginning the 19th of May 1652 and continuing to the

¹ The remainder of the page of the manuscript is blank.

last Wednesday of May 1661 inclusive) was committed did not transcribe but to the synod the 27 October 1658 exclusive, and that now there is a necessity of deliverieing the said registers to the Earle of Argyle before they can be transcribed *ad longum*, Therefore the underscriber hath collected the substance of each act in form of minute of what was left untranscribed, viz., from 27 October 1658 to the last Wednesday of May 1661, reither than that nothing at all should be extant for after use, if the Lord give ane opportunitie.

(*Sic subscribitur*) Mr R. DUNCANSONE.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ARGYLE
AT INVERARAY 27 OCTOBER 1658.

After sermon, the members wer called and marked as followes :—

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Dug: Campb:; Mr Ar^d mc Callum absent; Mr Joⁿ Duncanson; Mr Alex^r Gordon; Mr Pat: Campb:; Mr And: mc Claime; Mr Ro^t Dunc:; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay; Mr Duncan Campb:. Ruleing Elders: My Lord Marquesse of Argyle; Do^d mc Cawis of Dunardarie; Joⁿ mc Indeor; Evir mc Evir; Duncan mc Corquidall; Joⁿ Campbell; Malcolm mc Kellar.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Masters : Ar^d mc Calman; Nicoll mc Calman absent; Joⁿ mc Lachlan elder, absent; Joⁿ mc Lach. yonger; Marteine mc Ilvra; Hector mc Claime; Ferquard Frazer. Ruleing Elders: Joⁿ Campb: of Kirktown absent; Coline Campb: of Lochanell: Dug: mc Illeis.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Masters : Dug: Darroch; Edward Keith; James Garner; David Simsone; Joⁿ Cunison; Marteine mc Lachlan. Ruleing Elders: My Lord Neill Campb.; Lachlan mc Neill absent; Goodman of Caldwell absent; Dug: Campb: of Ballimore absent.

Presbyterie of Dunoone : Masters : Ewin Cameron

absent ; Neill Cameron absent ; Joⁿ Stewart ; Joⁿ Camerone ; Ar^d mc Laine ; Alex^r mc Laine ; Coline mc Lachlane. Ruleing Elders : James Campb: of Ardkinlas ; Robert mc Farlan rul. eld. ; Do^d mc Gibbon absent ; Pat: Campb: ; James Stewart of Kilchunlick.

The whole presbyterie of Sky absent.

Haveing listed Mr Ar^d mc Calman, Mr Ar^d mc Claine, Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, Mr Edward Keith, the said Mr Edward was chosen moderator.

Mr Ar^d mc Callum his excuse for his absence is fund relevant.

SESS. 2^a.

Anent the appoyntment of the former synod to processe Dunc: mc Bean and Caterine ne Inleish with excommunicatione for non-adherence, It is declared by Mr Joⁿ Lindsay that the woman professeth herselfe willing to adhere, Therefore appoynts the presbyterie of Argyle to deall with both peirties, and Mr David Simson to try for the man in his paroach and send him to the presbyterie foresaid, and if he be unreasoneably wilfull to excommunicat him.

The presbyterie of Dunoone to visit Kilmorich paroach at the head of Lochfyne and to endeavore with the parties concerned to remove the impediments of its plantation with a minister, and in the mean tyme to supply its vacancy.

The presbyterie of Argyle to ask at Mr Ar^d mc Callum if he hes execut the ordour of the synod in October last anent Ar^d mc Ewin and Mary ne Inlester, cohabiters in adultery, and if not, to effectuat the same diligently.

Ane letter to be writtin to Sir James mc Donald (within whose bounds its said that James Crighton, adulterer and fugitive, doth reside) to cause the said James Crightone compeare before the presbyterie of Argyle.

Appoynted that all the ministers inquyre for testimonialls for all new intrant tennents, servants and others that comes to resid in their paroaches.

Whereas the man that cohabits with Marie nine Allan

ve William in Lochaber whom shee pretends to be her husband is not married to her, but that they cohabit in adultery, Recommends therefor to the presbyterie of Lorne to cite, instruct and censur them, and to endeavour their separationne.

Whereas Mr Ewin Cameron needs a colleague and that he quatt under his hand to the presbyterie as much maintenance as may maintaine another minister, Therefore a lettere to be writtin to the paroachiners anew to call another minister, And its recomended to the presbyterie to further it diligently.

SESS. 3.

The presbyterie of Kintyre strictly commanded to cite Nicollas Dunbarre, papist in Yla, and in case either of wilfull dissobedience to compeare or to renunce popery, he be processed with excommunication.

A lettere to be writtin to the principall of Glasgow Colledge for a bursary to Archibald Hendrie, poore scholler.

Margrat ne Inolis in the Irish congregation of Lochhead to be sumarily excommunicat be Mr David Simson for her vyleness, as 1, For adultery with Joⁿ mc Neill in the paroach of Lochgoyshead; 2ly, Two fornications with Neill mc Inreoch; 3, Adultery with the said Neill after his mareage; 4, Her fornications with Joⁿ mc Kellar in Killeen paroach.

Glencaradall supplicating for the synods concurrence for a minister, is delayed untill it be seen if they can have a maintenance from the estates out of the 1200 lib. sterling designed for planting moe ministers in the highlands, And in the mean tyme Mr Joⁿ Cunison is to preach to them as he goes and comes to and from the presbyterie betwen Kintyre and Arran.

A lettere to be writtin to the Dutchesse of Hamiltonne to make effectuall the decreet of the Comission of plantation annent the kirks of Arran, And that shee give ordour to her factor to pay the resting vacand stipend there to the synods collector.

SESS. 4.

Referrs to the presbyterie of Argyle the petition of Do^d me Arthor anent his wyfes refusing to adhere to him or cohabite with him.

The overtures of the Comitie appoynted for the settlement of the two kirks at Lochhead are approven, The tenor whereof followeth :—

It is judged convenient for the greater ease and bettir service of the highland people in and about Lochhead in Kintyre That a kirk be builded at Kilchenzie, to be in tyme comeing, at least dureing the lowland plantation, the parish kirk of the highland congregation, in regard moe of the highland people are accommodat thereby than discommodat, And in the mean tyme untill these who are by the foirsaid situation of the kirk at Kilchenzie discommodated, as said is, may be bettir accommodated either by excambion of dwellings with lowlanders, or by their annexation with the paroach of the southend, It is judged fitt that the minister of the highland congregation preach day about at Kilchenzie and at Lochhead, at which tymes when he is necessarily to preach at Lochhead dureing the necessity foirsaid he is to have the use of the kirk there becaus of the greatnes of the congregation, Except at such tymes as either My Lord or some of his children are there, and then to make use of the preaching hous which the lowland congregation is in present possession of, And for the further encouragment of the minister of the highland congregation, as also for eshewing of all debates and differences in this mater for afterward, It is provyded that the stipend allocated by the late Commissioners of Parliament for plantation of kirks within this province belong to the minister of the highland congregation: 1, In regard the lowland plantation is more alterable and lyklier to cease; 2, Because the stipend of the lowland congregation hath no decreet of the said commissioners as to its appoyntment, Lykewayes it is provyded that there be as sufficient a gleeb and manse appoynted for the mini-

The overture
anent two
kirks of
Lochhead *ad
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ster of the highland congregation at Kilkenzie as he possesses now at Lochhead, And in the mean tyme, so long as he shall be necessitat to preach day about at Lochhead as said is, That he brook the possession of the house he presently dwells into for his accommodation when he comes thither, and lastly, That the highland congregation shall ether be satisfied and be payed for what they have bestowed on the adorneing of the kirk at Lochhead on their quisteing the same to the lowland congregation, or else have the libertie of the same to the kirk at Kilcheinzie, Moreover, becaus the division betwixt the said highland congregation at Lochhead and the paroach of Killeen hes been hitherto suspended untill aggreement anent the situation of the kirk of the said highland congregation, It is declared that the division be the town of Clengart inclusive to Kilchenzie, But that the said minister at Kilchenzie shall not be tyed to take charge of the people in Clengart untill he go to serve at Kilchenzie.

The synod (as appeares by the act of the former synod) haveing pitched on Mr Neill Cameron as one of the ministers judged fitt to be transported to Lochaber but delayed his transportation at that tyme, partlie that the said Mr Neill might consider on it, partly that his present paroachiners might have ane heareing, and partly to know the mind of the people of Lochaber therein, and now also haveing pondered all the reasons presented against his transportation and compared the same with the constant desolat case of Lochaber, so that the necessity thereof and the reasons of his being transported thither are greater than what hes been heard in behalfe of the paroach of Innerchelan, Do therefore by thir presents transport the said Mr Neill Cameron from the charge of the ministry at Innerchelan to the charge of the ministry at Lochaber, And ordaines him to transport himselfe thither betwixt and the next synod, provydeing he can get accommodation for his family betwixt and then, or if not, that as soone as there is accommodation provyded he do remove.

Mr. Neill
Camerons
transporta-
tion to
Lochaber
ad longum.

SESS. 5^{ta}.

It is recommended to Mr Alex^r Gordon and Mr Pat: Campbell to get letteres of horneing renewed on the Act of Parliament which layes down a course for erecting of schooles at every paroach kirk.

Do^d mc Pherson and Dirvaill ne Vurrich, who (being excommunicated by ordour of the synod) did (conforme to severall appoyntements) travell among severall ministers and wer instructed by them, And now the synod, haveing seen the testificats of the severall ministers in wryte and the declaration of the presbyterie of Argyle concerneing them, and haveing heard their own confessions and expressions of sorrow, Does appoynt them to be relaxed by the minister who preaches the next Lords day in Irish at Inneraray.

Appoynts Mr David Simson to be payed out of the readiest of the vacand stipends payable preceeding the crompt 1656 of ane yeares allowance which remains unpaid of what was ordaned to him for his maintenance at his studies.

Appoynts Mr Dug: Darroch to uplift 3 lib. 12 ss. sterling of the stipend of Kilcolmanell for defrayeing the charges of these appoynted by the synod to meet at Lochhead for writing and syllabication of the psalms for the presse.

Recommends to the presbyterie of Lorn to setle Mr Dunc. mc Calman, schoolmaster, at ane of ther three kirks ¹ founded on the publick money, and for the first yeare to have the annualrent of 2000 marks.

The report of Mr Alex^r Gordon and Mr Joⁿ Cameron (the synods comissioners) their diligence at Edinburgh being heard is approven, and in consideration of their charges, ordinare and extraordinar, for their works sake, being six weeks abroad in summer and three weeks in a 2d journey, does besyd what formerly they received allow them Fyve hundreth marks Scots out of the vacancies in regard they used much diligence annent the same vacancies.

¹ *sic* for schools.

SESS. 6.

Mr Neill Cameron did in the beginning of this session verbally appeall from the act past in the 4 session for his transportation to Lochaber and desyred to mark the same.

In reference to the call given by the people of Lochabber to Mr Dug: Campbell in ordour to which his present parochiners compeared to make objection, The synod, considering how necessary it is that the said Mr Dug: be in the countrey for joyneing with others in turneing the psalmes in Irish meeter and translateing the Byble in Irish, because of his skill both in Irish and in the originall languages, And withall considereing the affection of the people of Lochabber to him and how fitt he is to fitt and dispose them for another minister hereafter, Therefore its appoynted that the said Mr Dug: transport himselfe to Lochaber and remaine there till a kirk be builded and other accommodation for a minister ordored and the people be brought to some comely ordour, and then to be called back to the works foirsaid, And in the mean tyme that they be on the way of setleing another minister for that people.

The synod, haveing warrand from the concell to uplift and dispose of former and future vacancies till further ordour, Does appoynt Joⁿ Zuil collector with full power to ask, uplift and receive the same and to call and pursue therefore before any judge competent, transact and agree for what is owing before Martemes 1656 with the speciall advyce and consent of Mr Alex^r Gordon and Mr Pat: Campbell and George Campbell, shirrefe deput of Argyle, and generally to do all that the synod would do themselves, Promiseing to hold firme and stable, astricting him with advyce foirsaid to disburse the said vacancies according to the synods appoyntment and to be comptable for his intromissions, And for his paynes allowes him the tenth pennie of his intromissions and shall allow to him incident and extraordinary charges bestowed on sub-collectors or otherwyse, And the double hereof is to be given him for

his warrand, and it is to be subscribit be the moderator and clerk.

The supplie of the vacancies of Yla is referred to the presbyterie of Kintyre.

Marteine mc Lachlan his excuse for his absence, being heard and verified, is judged relevant.

The synod in the mean tyme (untill it be seen by the collectors accounts how farre the vacancies may extend for the traineing up of youth at schooles and colledges for the use of this countrey), Hath condescended that these following be maintained, and allowed them the proportions annexed, To Mr Neill Gilleis and Mr Ar^d Beith, students in divinity, to each of them ane hundreth pundis Scots, To Ar^d Hendrie, being now to enter to the colledge, ane hundreth pounds for this yeare, besydes what charges he hes been at unpayed in attending the schoole preceeding the date hereof, To Ar^d mc Lachlan 80 lib., To Ar^d Lamont at the colledge 80 marks, To Joⁿ Stewart who is at the colledge 100 marks, To Alex^r Campbell 100 lib., To Ar^d mc Ilvernock 100 lib., besyde what upon account will be fund unpayed in his attending the schoole preceeding the date hereof, To Duncan mc Arthor, scholler, 80 marks, To Joⁿ Campbell to the next synod 40 lib., To Alex^r Cameron 100 marks, To Duncan mc olbreid 50 lib., To Ard: Campbell 80 marks, To Joⁿ Campbell, son to Donald mc Ilespie, 40 lib., As for other boyes attending the synod, such as Allan Cameron, David Stewart, Joⁿ mc Cloy, Joⁿ mc Lachlan, Do^d mc Laine, James Duncanson, Do^d mc Kellar, They esteem that their progresse yet is but small, and, being unwilling to overreach the maintenance, does delay them for the present, Resolveing that when some of the above mentioned shall come off, or when the extent of the maintenance shall be known, that then the hopefulest of them shall be preferred to others that may be presented *caeteris paribus*.

It is appoynted that in the payment of these allowances respect be had to the most indigent in the first place, that they shall be ready when called to undergoe examination and tryall, and that none shall be taken in untill they have

at least learned their first principle of grammer, except they be of more than ordinaire expectation, or except the maintenance may reach them without prejudice of others farder advanced.

SESS. 7^a.

The collector is appoynted to pay to James Dalglish, collector of the vacand stipends in Scotland, his charges in comeing to this countrey anent the vacancies of this province according to the councells ordour for that effect, provyded that he give him not above four hundreth marks Scots, but the collector, with the concurrence of the two ministers of Inneraray and George Campbell, is to labour to obtaine as much ease of him therein as they can.

Because some persones indebted for the vacancies may obtaine suspensions possibly, Therefor its appoynted that William Hamiltoune of Wishaw, agent in Edinburgh, shall be employed in the busines of the vacancies, and the collector is to pay him.

Whereas the eleven thowsand marks Scots of the voluntar contribution (which was appoynted to be a fundation for schooles and for the maintenance of a doctor to the gramer schoole at Inneraray by act of the comitie of the shyre, as is to be seen in the 2^d sess: of the synod at Inneraray May 9, 1649, where also the synods act designeing the schooles according to the comittees reference is to be seen) was laid out on securitie to severall personnes upon bands to blank creditors, and that thereby the schooles were hindred, because debtors would not pay annualrents without the filling up of the bands, and hindred also because Do^d Cameron, collector of the said contribution, had not a discharge from the Commissioners of Parliament for distribution thereof, Therefor the synod ordaines Mr Alex^r Gordon to do diligence for procureing a discharge, and, if obtained, he and Mr Pat: Campbell to give it to George Campbell, tutor to the said Do^d Camerons children, in whose hands the bands are, and to give their receipt to

George on their receipt of the bands, And that also they use diligence to count with the severall debtors, to receive annualrents, to dispose of them to their proper uses, and if need bees to borrow names to the saids bands and also to endeavour to renew the said bands with advyce of George Campbell foirsaid, and to report their diligence with the bands to the next synod.

The counsell haveing referred to the governors of Innerlochy and Dunstafneis to consider the necessity of the erection of some kirks designed by the late Commission of Parliament for plantation of kirks, the erection whereof is opposed by these who are lyable to pay stipends, Therefore the synod appoynts Mr Dug: Campbell, Mr Ard. mc Callum, Mr Ard. mc Calman, Mr Alex^r Gordoune, Mr Jo. Cameron and Mr Jo. Duncansone to attend the dyet appoynted be the said governors for these purposes to give such light, information and futherance therein [as] they can.

Catrine ne Pherson, who is said to have committed adulterie three severall tymes, and that with persons in three severall presbyteries of Lorn, Argyle and Cowall, Is therefore referred first to the presbyterie of Lorne for instruction and conviction, and then to be sent to Argyle and thence to Cowall, and, being fund sensible, That shee be put to make publict profession of repentance in the foirsaid three presbyteries respective.

The coppie of the psalmes being fitted for the presse, and the corrections of the Catechise added be Mr Dug: Campbell and Mr Joⁿ Cameron, Then Mr Ro^t Duncansone is to go therewith to attend the presse and the collector to pay his charges, William Brown in Inneraray being to aggree with the printers and to sell the bookes to the number of 1200 coppies of each.

The Captaine of Clan Ranald yonger, being under excommunication, is referred to the presbyterie either of Lorn or Sky as he can most conveniently come too, And they to endeavore to make him sensible of the sin for which he was excommunicated, and to give a report of their judgment to the next synod.

SESS. 8^{va}.

The synod, having the power of disposing the vacant stipends of this province by Acts of Parliament and renewed by the councell, Considering that the 24 bolls and 100 marks money which used to be payed be Sir Do^d Campbell of Ardinmurchan to the minister serveing the cure at Kilchoan and Ylandfinan out of the lands of Ardnarmurchan and Swanairt, being a pairt of the said paroach, is that which the last minister declares himselfe to have received from the last Sir Donald, And now that the said lands hes been in possession of Coline Campbell of Lochnell from 1653 to 1658, and that the said lands was wasted by rebels and not fully planted the said yeers, And considering the [said] Coleine Campbell his helpfulnes to the synod for ingathering the vacancies of the presbyterie of Lorn, Therefor the synod doth agree that the sowme of sex hundreth marks ready payment being made to the collector in contentation of the 24 bolls victuall and 100 merks for the yeers abovespecifit, Then the said Coline be discharged simpliciter of all bygone clame or interest in the 24 bolls and 100 marks abovespecifit, payeable out of the lands of Ardinmurchan and Swanart preceeding the cropt 1659 exclusive, Provydeing hereby that also the said Coline make also yearly payment of 300 marks dureing the vacancy of the foirsaid paroach in contentation still of the abovesaid 24 bolls and 100 marks, the first terme of payment being Martemesse 1659 yeers.

Mr Marteen mc Ilvra is sharply rebuked for ten weeks absence from his charge on privat secular affaires without leave asked or given by the presbyterie, And also for grosse unchristian asseverationnes, Certifieing him of summare deposition if he shall be [a] month absent from his paroach againe without leave asked and given by the presbyterie on good and reaseonable grounds.

A lettere to be writtin to the bailzie of Jura to send any scandalous persons their to the presbyterie of Kintyre to be censured, and that he suffer non to reside there without testimonialls from the paroaches they lived into.

Recommends to the paroachiners of Kilmacocharmick to call a minister to that paroach as bounded by the decreet of plantation, because the last synod held at Ikollumkill astricted Mr Dugald onely to Kilmichael in Innerlussa.

The collector to pay 80 libs. Scots out of the old resting vacancies to Mr Andrew mc Laine as clerk to the synod.

Recommends to Mr Hector mc Laine to preach some-tymes to the people of Ardnamurchan betwixt and the next synod.

Recommends to the presbyterie of Argyle to suplie the paroach of Kilmichael in Innerlussa after Mr Dugald removes thence.

Recommends to the collector to uplift 50 lib. of the vacancy of Dallaich resting unpayed, which was given by the synod to Mr Do^d mc Cloy and which is allowed for the said Mr Donald for payeing his proportion of the money dew to Ralstoune, and to be given to Mr Coline mc Lachlane and Mr Joⁿ Stewart who have payed the same to Ralstoune already.

Appoynts Mr Ro^t Duncanson, minister at Dallaich, to corresponde with the next Synod of Glasgow and Aire.

The next synod to be at Inneraray the last Wednesday of May next, 1659.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ARGYLE HOLDEN AT INNERARAY THE 25 MAY 1659 YEERS.

After sermone by Mr Edward Keith, moderator, and incalling the name of God, the members were called and marked as followes :—

Presbyterie Argyll : Ministers : Dug: Campbell ; Ar^d mc Callum ; Andrew mc Laine ; Joⁿ Duncanson ; Ro^t Duncanson ; Joⁿ Lindsay ; Alex^r Gordoun ; Duncan Campb. Ruleing Elders : Anguis Campbell ; Zacharie mc Callum ; Joⁿ Campbell ; Joⁿ mc Kellar ; Joⁿ mc Arthor ; Laird of Glenurquhy ; George Campb. ; Nicoll Zuile.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Ministers : Ar^d me Calman ; Joⁿ me Lachlan yonger ; Hector me Laine ; Joⁿ me Lachlan elder, absent ; Nicol me Calman absent ; Ferquhard Frazer absent ; Marteine me Ilvra absent. Ruleing Elders : Joⁿ Campbell. The rest of Ruling Elders absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Ministers : Edward Keith ; Dugald Darroch ; John Cuineysone ; Marteine me Lachl. Ruleing Elders : James Wallace ; Lachl: me Neill. All the rest of the Ruling Elders, together with Mr James Garner and Mr David Simson, absent.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Ministers : Coline me Lachlane ; Alex^r me Laine ; Ar^d me Laine ; John Camerone ; Mr Neill Cameron ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart absent. Ruleing Elders : Joⁿ me Alister ; Ardkinlas absent ; Pat: me Lucas absent ; William me Ferq^r absent ; Joⁿ me Inuire, with ane Elder from Dunoon paroach.

Presbyterie of Sky all absent.

Correspondents from Glasgow : Mr Joⁿ Wallace, Minister at Largs ; Sir Ro^t Mountgumery, Ruling Elder.

The synod listing Mr Ar^d me Calman, Mr Ar^d me Callum, Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, Mr Ar^d me Laine, the said Mr Ar^d me Laine was elected moderator.

Mr Joⁿ Stewarts excuse being read and verified, is judged relevant, as also Mr James Garner and Mr David Simsone.

The former appoynted ¹ annent Ar^d me Ewine and Mary ne Inlester is obeyed.

Appoynts that the names of such as bring not testimonials to paroaches with them, nor cannot get testimonials within a competent tyme, be given up to the justices of peace that they may be punished.

Appoynts the brethren who are to goe to Lochabber to censur and separat Mary nine Allan ve William and her pretended husband.

¹ sic for appoyntment.

It is further recommended to the presbyterie of Kintyr to follow furth there processing of Nicolas Dunbarre, papist.

The former synods appoyntment anent Margrat ne Kinolis is executed and obeyed.

It being regrated by Sir Ro^t Mountgumery of Skermilrie that there be some people in Arran who never here sermon, The synod appoynts Mr Joⁿ Stewart to go thither for two Sabbaths in June, and Mr Alex^r mc Laine for a Sabbath in July, and to preach to and instruct the people in the grounds of religion, especially to the people about Lochransey.

Mr Pat. Campbell to cause renew the letteres of horneing against all heretors in paroaches which want schooles, according to Act of Parliament, and to cause execut the same.

Renewes the appoyntment anent ne Pherson in Glenurchy, trelapse in adulterie in three several presbyteries.

SESS. 2.

The presbyterie of Kintyre to take notice of scandalous persons in Jura, because many scandalous persons flee thither for shelter.

Glencaradalls petitione in behalfe of the highland people in that paroach yet suspended because of Mr James Garners absence, who is mainly interested, Onely a lettere to be writtin to him and the petition inclosed in it that he may think of some overtures in answer thereunto againe the next synod, And in the mean tyme all the ministers in that presbyterie who have the Irish language are to preach each of them 2 Sabbaths ther ere the next synod.

Seing the Lady Dutchesse of Hamilton hes condescended to provyde a stipend for the paroach of Killmorie in Arran, Therefore a lettere to be writtin to the parishioners to use diligence to call ane minister.

The synod considering the sad condition of Yla throw ignorance and scandalous enormities, as is represented be Ard. Campbell there commissioner, Therefore they seriously

recommend to the presbyterie of Kintyre to hasten their visitation thither and that betwixt and the 25 of June, And whillas the said Ard. desires the synods concurrence to the inviteing Mr Neill Gilleis, student of theology, to be their minister, They declare they not much concurre till he give tryall of his abilities, but approves the motion and desyres the presbyterie to have respect to Yla in reference to that notion.

To the correspondent from Glasgow desyreing the synods concurrence in a supplication against tolleration, It is answered, that as things now stand the synod thinks the same not to be needfull.

The synod, considereing the present and frequent absence of the presbyterie of Sky after many rebukes, warneings and indulgences granted to them for their ease and exhortations to more ordour, and particularly considereing ane act of the synod at Icollumkill, May 28, 1656, sess. 3^d, wherein with their own consents [it was ordained] that the ministers of Sky and Glenelg should be at every sumer dyett, and for any of their absence for the first fault without ane sufficient excuse to be depryved of halfe a years stipend, and the ministers of Uist and Herries to underly the lyke censure for two sumer dyetts absence (*vide* the act), Therefore the synod doth hereby actually depryve them of halfe a years benefice, Appoynting them to bring the halfe years stipend to the next summer synod to be employed for pious uses, with certification, if they failzie, of greater censure as the synod shall judge fitt.

The presbyterie of Sky to be rebuked in a letter for neglecting to proceed against Joⁿ mc Pherson, minister of the Herries, as they were formerly ordained to do, And requyreing now to use diligence to send ane accompt thereof in wryte to the next synod, with certification of severe censure to the whole presbyterie if they failzie.

SESS: 3tha.

The paroach of Kilmorich at Lochfynshead, being before in the presbyterie of Dunoone because of its annexation

with Lochgoylshead, Is now, with consent of the presbyterie of Cowall and all parties having interest, adjoynd to the presbyterie of Inneraray, being a distinct paroach by itself and dismembered from Lochgoylshead.

The synod, considereing the sad condition of Ardinmurchan and Swanairt, Mudairt and Aresaige throw ignorance, enormities and increase of poperie, Appoynts Mr Ro^t Duncanson to go thither to travell among these places, preaching and catechiseing and instructing them for two months this summer, and Mr Hector mc Laine to joyne with him therein during his being in Mudairt and Aresaige, and others to the personnes married by preists to take the course prescrybed to the brethren sent to Lochaber by the synod at Icollumkill *anno* 1656, And a lettere to be writtin to Major Hill, governor of Innerlochy, for his the said Mr Roberts encouragment and maintenance, allowing him 100 marks each month for his charges and expenses throw these bounds, And his paroach at home to be supplied each 2^d Sabbath as followes, viz., Mr Ard. mc Calman first, Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan 2^d, Mr Joⁿ Lindsay 3^d, and Mr Dunc. Campbell 4, Mr Pat: Campbell 5th, Mr And. mc Laine 6th, as they shall be warned by the session of Dallaich.

The synod, considereing the insolent and profane careage of the paroachiners of Killean in Kintyre [to their minister] in refuseing to come to church on a solemne fast day appoynted be the presbyterie, and in working their ordinarie work thereon, those in the yle of Gigha refuseing to transport the victuall due to him there, refuseing to ferrie him over when he is to preach to them, in not prepareing a house to preach into in that yland, and delayeing to build the kirk, Do recomend to the presbyterie to use diligence and seriousenes in censureing the faultie persones for the first article, And appoynts a lettere to be writtin to my Lord Marquesse of Argyll, and in his absence to my Lord Neill Campbell, for redresseing the said things.

A supplication being presented in name and behalfe of the paroachiners of Kilmelfort and Kilniniver, regrateing that the presbyterie of Lorne had declared their minister,

Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane yonger, transportable, as also his apparent removall on a call given to him by the paroachiners of Lung and Seill, The synod does find that the presbyterie had ground to transport him because of the want of manse, gleeb, and a house or church to preach in for many yeares notwithstanding of many warneings and admonitions, which these paroachiners are desyred to help against Michaelmes next, and, if so, Mr Joⁿ declares he will be satisfied and will not make use of the act, But if not, then he is not to be hindered to any other paroach except that of Lung and Seill where his fathere and predicessors were before him, because, considering the temper of the people, he will not probably have so much comfort there as elsewhere, nor they so much advantage.

Referrs Anguis mc Marcus, fidler, who is under excommunication, to the presbyterie of Argyle for further instruction, conviction and sense of his sin and sentence, and to be relaxed by them if they find him rype.

SESS: 4.

Mr Joⁿ Lindsay, minister at Kilchrenan, haveing represented the want of his manse and gleeb, as also the vexation he is put unto by changeing of the locality of his stipend, is referred to the presbyterie of Argyle.

Whereas Coline Campbell, son to umquhill Mr Ninian Campbell, hes sent his desyre to the synod to be inrolled among the youth kept at schooles on publick maintenance, The synod appoynts he come to the next synod to be examined, and that the presbyterie of Kintyre in the mean tyme take tryall of him and make report to the next synod, at which tyme his desyre will be taken to further consideratione.

The synod, being informed of the scandalous careage of Mr Neill mc Lachlan, paedagogue to mc Laine of Dowart, Appoynts a letter to be writtin to Mc Laine Lochbuy and to the rest of Mc Claine of Dowairt his curators, requyreing them to remove the said Mr Neill from his pedagogrie and to look for some honest qualified yong man who shall be

tryed and approven by the presbyterie, with certification if they fail to remove him as said is.

Appoynts Joⁿ Zuill, collector, to give to Mr Donald mc Ivory, to maintaine him at the colledge of divinity this ensewing yeare, 200 marks Scotts out of the readiest of the vacancies.

Because the synod hath been often disappointed of the boyes who received publick maintenance, Therefor appoynts that bands be drawn up which every boy and student with their parents or freinds shall subscrybe, binding them to prosecut their studies with diligence and to walk soberly, And if they shall neglect their studies or grow profane or alter their purpose contraire to the scope of the synod in giving them maintenance, *i.e.* shall ether leave the bounds of the synod or not imploy their abilities obtained by their studies as they shall be advysed by the synod, or betake themselves to any secular imployment when they may be otherwyse usefull, To restore and make payment of all sowms which they shall receave by ordour of the synod, And that the collector shall sie these bands subscrybed and keep them in faithfull custody, and to keep all discharges of the boyes to instruct their receits.

Whereas Mr Dugald Darroch intromitted with the sowme of of the vacancie of Kilcolmanell of the cropt 1657 for satisfieing debts contracted by him at Edinburgh in prosecuting the affaires of the kirk, which the synod cannot allow, seeing by act of cowncell the vacancies are astricted to other uses, Therefore refers to the collector to endeavore Mr Dug: satisfaction out of the arreires of the vacancy preceding Martemes 1656, which is already compted for, and, if it cannot be gotten done, that the collector persew the said Mr Dugald for his intromission, but in the mean tyme to spare him till the former overture be endeavored.

To the commissioners from Knapdall, desyreing the synods concurrence to their calling a minister since Mr Dug: Campbell is gone to Lochabber, It is recommended to use their best diligence to call a fitt minister, and the synod shall concur as they will see clearnes then.

In regaird that Mr Ro^t Duncanson hath been at the charges of 100 marks in his attending the presse at the printing of the psalms and Catechise, as he was appoynted by the former synod, and that he gave all diligence and paines for furthering that work, Therefore appoynts the collector to advance to the said Mr Ro^t the abovesaid sowm of 100 marks out of his intromission with the vacancies till it be seen how the same may againe be repayed some other way.

The synod, haveing examined these following students, Ar^d mc Lachlan, Alex^r Campbell, Alex^r Cameron, Duncan mc Arthor, Dug: Campbell and Joⁿ Campbell at the gramer schoole of Inneraray, Declares their satisfaction with them all except Archibald mc Lachlan, who is exhorted to be more painfull, and the said John Campbell, who, considereing his age and his now declared indifferency as to these studies, is with his own consent layd asyde.

Ane hundreth pundis Scotts allotted to Duncan mc Dugall, a boy in Yla who hes been a year at the colledge, and is for his support for the next yeare, being the 2^d year, beginning at Martemesse next.

SESS: 5.

Mary nic Neill, excommunicat person, referred to the presbyterie of Argyle for further instruction and relaxation as they shall see cause.

Appoynted that the presbyterie of Lorne do not burden Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan with supplieing vacand kirks more then they do the rest of the members of the presbyterie, as they did heretofore to the prejudice of his own charge.

Appoynts the collector to give four score marks to Dunc. Campbell, son to Coline Campbell, in the paroach of Dunoon, to mantaine him at schoole in Inneraray till the next synod.

Appoynts Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, Mr Ro^t Duncanson and Mr Dunc: Campbell to concurre with the presbyterie of Lorne (because of their paucitie oftentymes) in the admission of Mr Alex^r mc Calman to the paroach of Lesmore, as they shall be warned by the said presbyterie.

For the bettir collection of the vacancies a lettere to be writtin to Mr Pat: Gillespie (who hes professed his readines to help therein), desyreing his help to prevent suspensions against the collectors legall pursuite, or to get them quickly discussed, Resolveing to send him a roll of the boyes with their respective progresses, if he call for it.

The collector to go to Edinburgh to discuss suspensions raised by the Dutchesse of Hamiltone against the charge given her for payment of the vacancie of Arran, As also to procure ordour for uplifting bygone vacancyes of Glenurquhy.

Ardkinlas is appoynted to give 50 marks of the annual-rent of the schoole bands to the relict of umquhill Neill mc Dugald, schoolemaster of Glendarowail, which was due to him before his death.

In respect of the sad condition of Mr Do^d mc Cloy, late minister at Kilmodan, throw a gangren which did eat away a great pairt of his face, and his povertie in this condition, Appoynts the collector to give him 100 libs. Scots, and that each minister at their first presbyteriall meeting give to their respective moderators ane dollor, which the said moderators are to send to the said Mr Dugald.

nc Inalais, haveing desyred relaxation fra excommunication, is referred to the presbyterie of Kintyre.

Sess. 6.

SESS: 6^{ta}.

Act 1. Appoynted that the 50 Irish psalmes which are now printed be made use of in congregationes and families, and that the severall ministers bring home some coppies of them and send for as many moe as their congregationns will need, and because of the peoples present unacquaintance with the said psalmes, That therefore so much as is to be sung at a tyme be first read and breefly explained, that the people may joyne in singing them with the bettir understanding, and that the rest of the psalmes be translated, Wherefore its appoynted Mr Ard. mc Callum and Mr Joⁿ Duncanson to joyne in turneing from the 50 psalmes exclusive to the 60 inclusive, and Mr Joⁿ Stewart from the 60

to the 80, Mr Alex^r mc Clane from the 80 to the 90, Mr Ar^d mc Laine from the 90 to the 100, and Mr Dug: Campbell, with the help of his son Mr Dunc., to translate the last 50 psalms, Which translators, together with Mr David Simsone, are to meet at Inneraray 15 dayes before the next synod to compare their translations together, and to present so much as shall be finished by them to the synod.

The Laird of Mc Nachtan, petitioneing either the effectuating of the decreet of plantation anent Kilmorich or else to adjoyne Glenshiro thereunto as formerly, promising to build a kirk if this be done, Is referred to the presbyterie of Argyle to labour for the effectuating the decreet of plantation foirsaid.

A lettere to be writtin to the presbyterie of Sky, ordering them to send for 100 coppies of the Irish psalms and Catechises bund together againe the first of August next at fardest, and to acquaint them with the name of the seller of the books and their pryces.

The presbyterie book of Lorne, examined, hes these informalities and escapes, viz., 1, Paragraphes are fund too farre distant so that any new mater may be inserted; 2, Too generall in designations of things and persons; 3, Every scandalous person upon their first appearance and confession gets high commendations for their sorrow and furwith put to publick profession whill the contrare is weell known in common experience; 4, Some blanks in the midst of lines; 5, Presbyteriall exercises seldom kept; 6, Faultie persons not formally processed *pro 1^o, 2^{do}, 3^{tio}*; 7ly, It beares nothing of the tryall of particular ministers, which they are to amend, In the rest it is approven, and because of their paucity therfore Mr Ro^t Duncanson is to concurre with them at least for two dyets at Kilmore before the next synod.

SESS. 7.

Mr Do^d mc Viccar to go to Lochabber with Mr Dug. Campbell to make a visit and supplie their present neces-

sity, and for his maintenance its recommended to Mr Dug. Campbell to endeavor his getting a proportionable share of what the contrey provyded for Mr Neill Cameron in case he had gone, But this is not to liberat the said Mr Neill or any other who were appoynted to have gone to Lochaber from the obligation thats on them so to do.

Presbyterie book of Cowall commended, onely its desyred
1, That their acts be more largely drawn up ; 2, That their book bear the censur of absent members ; 3, That their appoyntment of presbyterie dyets and not kept be amended ; 4, That record be made of obedience to their acts ; 5, That persons who are the subjects of acts be still named and designed.

Presbyterie book of Kintyre approven, but the presbyterie reproved for neglecting the visitation to Yla, Jura, Colonsay, and to supply their vacancies.

The presbyterie book of Argyle approven and the brethren encouraged.

Mr Hector mc Laine sharply reproved for his intangling himselfe so much in secular affaires, especially in the management of Mc Claine his house and estate, occasioning his frequent absence from his charge and from the two last synods, With certification of condigne censur in the lyke case hereafter.

The debate anent the child brought furth by Cristine ne Ilvaine in the paroach of Dunoone, which she alledges to be gotten by Duncan mc Kellar their (who is a married man), but denied by him, is referred to the presbyterie of Cowall for further discovery.

The synod considereing the great varietie of the celebration of the Lords Supper in this province occasioned much throw the peoples ignorance, Therefore its recommended to the ministers to be laborious in catechiseing the people that they may be in the bettir capacity to participat in that ordinance.

Mr John Duncanson to correspond in behalfe of this synod with the Synod of Glasgow and Aire.

The next synod to be at Inneraray the 2^d Wednesday of October nextcome.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF ARGYLE AT
INNERARAY THE SECONND WEDNESDAY OF
OCTOBER 1659.

After sermon and incalling on the name of God, the members present and absent were as followeth :—

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Samuel Ferguson, Ruleing Elder, absent ; Mr Marteen mc Ilvra. All the rest of the presbyterie absent.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Coline mc Lachlan ; James Campbell of Ardkinlas ; Mr Neill Camerone ; Mr Alex^r mc Claine ; Mr Ar^d mc Laine. All the rest absent.

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Mr Alex^r Gordon ; My Lord Marquesse of Argyle ; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay ; Joⁿ Malcolme absent ; Mr Ro^t Duncanson ; Joⁿ mc Kellar absent ; Mr Andrew mc Laine ; Mr Duncan Campbell ; Mr Pat: Campb: Mr Joⁿ Duncansone absent.

Presbyterie of Sky all absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre all absent.

Having listed Mr Coline mc Lachlan, Mr Ar^d m Calman and Mr Patrick Campbell, the said Mr Pat. was chosen moderator.

Mr Joⁿ Duncanson lettere of excuse is judged relevant, as also Mr Joⁿ Cameron and Mr Joⁿ Stewart their excuses.

Renewes the former appoyntment annent letteres of horneing against heretors in paroaches without schooles.

The appoyntment annent a lettere to be writtin to the paroachiners of Kilmorrie in Aran is renewed.

Mr Robert Duncanson, after his returne from Ardinmurchan, Swanairt, Mudairt and Aresaig, haveing reported severall abuses in these places, particularly parents not holding up their own children to baptisme from a corrupt principall, in causing other privat persons baptize their

children or doing it themselves when they want ministers,¹ putting salt in the water used in baptisme, which is much occasioned by the oversight and inadvertency of the ministers of the presbyterie of Sky adjacent to them, Therefore a lettere to be writtin to them thereannent, and another to the Laird of Lochiell for his interest in these places to rectifie the said abuses.

The act annent the ordinar absence of the presbyterie of Sky and annent Joⁿ mc Pherson to be read at the next meeting.

Mr Robert Duncanson haveing proposed some dubious cases anent persons in adulteries, fornicationnes in Ardinmurchan, Mudairt, etc., and the synod not being cleare to determine in them because of the persons absence, Referrs therefore to the presbyterie of Lorn to cite the persons before them, and the said Mr Robert to inform them of the cases and of the persons names.

Mr Robert Duncansons diligence in Ardinmurchan, Swanairt, Mudairt and Aresaig is approven by the synod.

A lettere to be writtin to the Laird of Lochnell to labour for establishment of a setled maintenance for a minister for the use of the people of Ardinmurchan and Swanairt.

It is declared by my Lord Marquesse of Argyll that the grounds of Mr David Simsons greivances against his paroachiners, mentioned in the former synod, is removed, and that his Lordship was present in the presbyterie at the doing thereof.

Anguis mc Marcus, violer, his relaxation from excommunication to be intimate in the severall paroaches.

Mr Joⁿ Lindsaye his greivances annent the want of a considerable part of his stipend payable out of Inshale, and the danger he is into of repayeing some teynds which he uplifted, is referred to my Lord Marquesse of Argyle, And his greivances annent pairt of his gleeb is referred to the presbyterie of Argyle.

Referred to the presbyterie of Lorne to processe Mr

¹ Compare Munro's Description of the Western Isles (*circa* 1549) as to the inhabitants of Hirta—'and if they want a chaplaine they baptize ther bairns themselves.'

Neill mc Lachlan for the scandalls that are abroad of him, and to get the extract of what was made out against him before the shirrefe depute and accordingly to depose him from his paedagogie, with certification if he dissobey to proceed with further censur against him.

Referrs to the presbyterie of Argyle to get information from Mr Joⁿ Duncansone whether or not Mary ne Neill be relaxed from excommunicatione, and to intimat the sam in the severall paroaches.

The appoyntment anent Mr Alex^r mc Calmans admission being suspended because of want of manse and gleeb, which now is almost cleared, is renewed againe.

It is appoynted that at every synodically meeting hereafter the minuts of every session be framed in formall acts between the severall sessions, that being read and approved in the beginning of the next session they may be registrated, becaus of som inconveniencies following on the neglect hereof formerly.

The former appoyntment annent the presbyterie of Sky there sending for coppies of Irish psalmes is renewed.

It is recommended to the presbyterie of Cowall againe to try the suspected adultery of Duncan mc Iuleor with Cristine ne Ilvaine.

SESS. 2^{da}.

The draught of the bands to be given by the boyes maintained on the vacancies to the synod, being seen, is approved, And appoynted that each boy present wryte and subscrybe a double thereof before the synod, and be examined for prooffe of their progresse, And it is recommended to Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Pat. Campbell and Joⁿ Zuill, collector, with advyce of George Campbell, to cause the boyes now absent and their cautioners to subscrybe before they get their proportions.

The appoyntment of some members to meet for mitreing the psalms in Irish haveing failed, It is now appoynted that the same members meet altogether at Inneraray the first Wednesday of February next that the whole psalms

may be fitted for the presse against the next synod, at which tyme their charges will be payed, And the moderator is appoynted to warn so many of the said brethren as are now absent.

The answer to the petition of the commissioners from Appine, requyreing that the minister to be admitted to Lesmore to preach to them each 2^d Sabbath as a pairt of his charge, is suspended for this tyme till once he be admitted, And in the mean tyme the presbyterie of Lorn to supply them as a vacand paroach till the next synod.

The references of the former synod which concerne the presbytries which are absent are appoynted to be marked and read at the next synodicall meeting.

The appoyntment of a lettere to Mr Pat. Gillespie mentioned in the former synod is renewed.

Appoynts the collector to pay out of the readiest of the vacancies to Mr Do^d mc Cloy so much as is unfulfilled to him of the appoyntment of the former synod.

SESS. 3^d.

Alex^r Cameron, Dugald Campbell, Duncan mc Arthor, Jonⁿ Cmpbell, and Duncan Campbell, boyes maintained on the vacancies, being examined, are approven for their proficiency.

Whereas Mr Alex^r Gordon and Mr Pat. Campbell have ventured to cause Anguis mc Marteen, a boy exceedingly desyreing to learne in ordour to the ministry, and haveing a litle of the Irish language (who was recommended to them by some of the ministers and gentlemen of Lorn), To cause (I say) the said boy to stay at the schoole of Inneraray untill this synodicall meeting, The synod therefore, haveing tryed the boy, appoynts the collector to pay his bypast buirding, viz.¹, and for afterwards he is referred to the presbyterie of Lorne to be maintained by them to the next synod to see what his progresse in Irish and other learneing may be, And for his present encouragment the collector is to give him twenty punds Scots for cloathes to him.

¹ This should probably read 'his bypast buirding fies.'

A lettere to be writtin to the yong Laird of Glenurquhy and the Tutor of Cadall to cause their factors uplift the vacand stipend of Lesmore and to send it to Joⁿ Zuill, collector, And my Lord Marquesse to be desyred to wryte also to them thereanent.

Appoynts to speake my Lord Marquesse that he cause Mr Ferquhard Frazer to pay the money which his Lordship appoynted him to pay in recompence of a part of the bygane vacancy of Icollumkill, and this present yeares vacancy also of the said yle.

The synod have modified a maintenance out of the vacancies for this following yeares to the inrolled boyes as followeth : For Mr Neel Gilleis, student of theologie, 100 lib. For Mr Ar^d Beith 100 lib., For Mr Do^d Moreson 100 marks, For Mr Ar^d mc Lachlan 200 marks, For Alex^r Campbell, son to Cruachan, 200 marks, For Ar^d Hendrie at the colledge 200 marks, For Ar^d mc Ilvernock at the colledge 200 marks, For Ar^d Lamount at the colledge 80 lib., For Joⁿ Stewart, son to Kilchunlick, 100 marks, For Duncan mc Arthor to enter to the colledge this yeare 200 marks, To Dugald Campbell 200 marks, For Ar^d Campbell, son to Mr Dug. Campbell, 200 marks, For Alex^r Cameron 200 marks, For Joⁿ Campbell, son to Do^d Campbell in Arichammis, 100 marks, For Dunc. Campbell, son to Coline Campbell in the paroach of Dunoon, 100 marks, For Dunc: mc olbride 40 lib., For James Campbell, son to Glenfalloch, 100 libs., For Joⁿ mc Lachlan, son to Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, 100 marks.

Distribution
of vacancies
to boyes.

The synod, haveing seen a lettere from Major Hill, governor of Innerlochy, Appoynts ane answer to be writtin to him, wherein it is to be shewed that it is the synods desire that he cause pay Mr Ro^t Duncansons charges in these bounds, That the synod appoynted some to supplie Glengarrie, Appine and Duror on application made by them or their commissioners, As also that, if he would send them the double of their own lettere to him, they would easily reconcile the contradiction which he supposes to be between there lettere to him anent Mr Dug. Campbell and, their act anent the said Mr Dug., And for his hopes of

Mr Do^d mc Viccars settlement there the synod is content it be so, and appoynts the presbyterie of Lorn to admitt him when matters are mature for it, And for the yong man whom he offers for tryall, the synod wishes he be sent to the comittee to be at Inneraray the first Wednesday of February next or to the synod to meet *ibidem* the last Wednesday of May next, And that the yong man bring with him a testificat from the colledge he was at and presbyteries which he lived into since, And it is to be intimat that the synod does not admitt of his chargeing them as being in the guilt that a minister is not setl'd at Lochabber, because the impediment lay still at the people who would not provyde manse nor gleib nor maintenance for their accommodatiōe, And in regard he was pleased to signifie his purpose to provyde Lochabber with a minister without consulting or owneing the synod, It is to be declared to him that the synod supposes no minister owneing the doctrine and discipline of the Church of Scotland (which any who may be usefull to Lochabber is obleidged to doe) will settle there without their concurrence, Otherwayes that the synod knowes how to make use of their authority in reference to them.

In regard Mr Rot^t Duncanson received not what was expected from Major Hill for defraying his charges in Ardinmurchan, etc., Therefor the synod appoynts the collector to pay the same to Mr Robert, and he to refound to the collector againe so much as he shall receive of it afterward from the said Major Hill.

SESS. 4.

The synod being informed by the Marquesse of Argyle that the Synod of Glasgow and Aire unanimously did motion to use endeavours for union and removeall of their sad divisōs, and therefore appoynt som of their number to correspond with other synods and with this synod, who yet came not notwithstanding the motion being so acceptable, The synod appoynted some of their members, viz., Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Joⁿ Cameron and Mr James Garner,

ministers, my Lord Marquesse of Argyle and the Laird of Ralstone, elders, to meet with other persons who may be delegat from other synods or presbyteries when and where they shall meete as they will be warned, And to concurre by all lawfull meanes for a happie union in this poore divyded church, They alwayes not sydeing in name of this synod with any one side of the said division, but to endeavore the removeall of the same and to make a report to the next synod of their diligence.

Whereas Glenurchy elder wrongously detained fra Mr Dunc. Campbell a chalder of victuall and 22 punds of his stipend for the last yeare, and threatens to do the lyke for this yeare, Therefore it is recommended to the Marquesse of Argyle hereanent, and that his Lordship cause his officers to areist the said two years proportions, viz., two chalders and 44 lib., in the tenents hands, that Mr Dunc: be not prejudged.

A lettere to be writtin to my Lord Selkrig to give to Mr Alex^r mc Laine the nyne hundreth merks money and two chalders victuall which was payeable to him by the synods allowance as a yeares stipend of the paroach of Kilbryde in Arran of the cropt 1652 when he served for the said yeare, Shewing that the said Mr Alex^r his dyscharge shall be to his Lordship as if the synod hath discharged him themselves.

SESS: 5^{ta}.

Whereas the schooles founded on the publict money suffers prejudice by the bands being blank, viz., one band given by the Laird of Ardkinlas of two thowsand fyve hundreth marks, and another by Pat. Campbell of Kilmory for the schooles of Lochgoylshead, Kilmodan and Kilfinan, a band by the Laird of Achinbreck of 3000 merks for Kilmichael in Innerlussa, Kilmichael in Glassery and Kilchrenan, a band of 1000 merks by the Captain of Inshconoull, and a band given by umquhill Joⁿ mc Lachlan of Craigintyrve of 500 marks for the doctor of the gramer schoole of Inneraray, a band of 1000 lib. by the Laird of

Ellangreig, and another of 1000 lib. by the Laird of Duntroone for Kilmore, Ardchattan and Lesmore, Therefore recommends to the Marquesse of Argyle, with advyce of George Campbell, to take the speediest and best course for renewing the said bands in such a forme as may best secure and appropriat the said sowmes for the said schooles, and report to be made hereof to the next synod.

The members appoynted to pay former rests of the clerks fiall at the first session of the next synod, afterward at every winter synod, which faillieing, he is hereby liberat from his charge.

Malcolme mc Finlay Oig in Craignais, who being relaxed from excommunication (under which he was for a long tyme for abomnable continued-in scandals) hath now againe fallen in adultery, Is therefor to be summarily excommunicat be Mr Ar^d mc Laine.

The former synods appoyntement of the severall presbyteries contributeing for Mr Do^d mc Cloy is renewed.

Whereas many of the Irish psalme bookes remains unsold in the hands of W^m Brown whom the synod encouraged to cause print them, Therefore every minister is appoynted to cause as many as they have of paroachiners that can read to buy some of them, And the presbyterie of Sky to send for their proportions.

Seing Mr Neill Cameron, who yet hes not actually transported himselfe to Lochabber according to the synods act of transportation of him, judges that the libertie of a visit thither before his actuall transportation of his family would much cleare him and contribut to his further settlement, Therefore the synod gives him liberty for the said visit betwixt and the next synod in case Mr Do^d mc Viccar return back out of it before then.

Mr Joⁿ Duncansone appoynted to correspond with the Synod of Glasgow and Aire the _____ of Apryle next, and to make report of his diligence to the next synod.

The next synod is to meet at Inneraray the last Wednesday of May (being the 30 day thereof) *anno* 1660.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ARGYLE AT INNER-
 ARAY THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF MAY, BEING
 THE 30 DAY THEREOF, ANNO 1660.

After sermon and incalling the name of God be Mr Pat. Campbell, moderator, the members wer marked as followes :—

Presbyterie of Argyll : Mr. Pat. Campbell ; Mr Alex^r Gordonne ; Mr Duncan Campbell ; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay ; Mr Ro^t Duncansone ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; Mr Joⁿ Duncansone ; Mr Andrew mc Laine. Ruleing Elders : The Marquesse of Argyle ; Laird of Glenurquhy elder ; Col. mc Lachlan of Inshconill ; Joⁿ Campbell ; Ar^d Campbell of Kernan ; Malcolm mc Kellar ; Alex^r Campb. of Barchybyan absent.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Ar^d mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan ; Mr Hector mc Laine ; Mr Doug. Campbell ; Mr Ferquhard Frazer ; Mr Martein mc Ilvra absent ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan elder, absent ; Mr Nicoll mc Calman absent. Ruleing Elders : John Campb. of Kirktown ; Samuel Ferguson absent ; of Glennivish absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Edward Keith ; Mr Dug. Darroch ; Mr James Garner ; Mr David Simson ; Mr Joⁿ Cunieson ; Marteine mc Lachlan. Ruleing Elders : My Lord Neill Campb. ; Ard. Campb, bailzie of Yla ; Lachl. mc Neill absent ; James Hamiltonn absent ; William Caldwell absent.

Presbyterie of Cowell : Mr Col. mc Lachlan ; Mr Alex^r mc Laine ; Mr Ar^d mc Laine ; Mr Joⁿ Camerone ; Mr Neill Camerone ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart absent. Ruleing Elders : Laird of Ardkinlas ; Coline Campbell ; Ranald mc Alister of Tarbert ; William mc Ferquhar ; Col. Campb. of Straquhire absent ; the Elder for Rothsey absent.

Presbyterie of Sky all absent.

Correspondents : Mr Pat. Simsone ; Joⁿ Rowan in Grinock, Ruling Elder.

Mr Joⁿ Cameron, Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, Mr Ferquhard Frazer and Mr David Simson being listed, the said Mr David is chosen moderator.

The appoyntment of the former synod of a lettere to be sent to the paroachiners of Kilmory in Aran is renewed and the moderator reproved for neglecting it.

SESS. 2^{da}.

Being informed that Mr Neill mc Lachlan, of whom mention is made in the former synod, doth now resid at Glasgow as paedagogue to Mc Laine of Dowairt, Therefore appoynts a lettere to be writtin to the ministers of Glasgow to endeavore to cause him compeare before the presbyterie of Lorn to answer for the scandalls of ordinary sweareing and drunkenes, as also the scandall of fornication, And adjoynes to the said presbyterie for their assistance therein Mr Ro^t Duncanson, Mr Joⁿ Lindsay and Mr Dunc. Campbell, as they shall be warned.

The relaxation of Mary ne Neill from excommunication to be intimatt by the severall ministers in their respective charges.

The former appoyntment of the synod for reviseing the psalms haveing failed, They now appoynt Mr Dug. Campbell and Mr Alex^r mc Laine to repare immediatly after the synods dissolution to Rothesay and there to join with Mr Joⁿ Stewart in the said work, to whom a lettere is to be writtin empowereing him to uplift their charges out of the vacancy of Kingarth resting for the preceding yeare and to make account thereof, Which failleing, he is to see them provyded there and the synod will see it satisfied.

The synod being dayly more and more sensible of the necessity of translateing the Scriptures in Irish, though hitherto that hes beine hindred throw multitud of great difficulties both as to the translation and printing and charges, nevertheles they resolve to assay it, And therfore appoynts Mr Dug. Campbell to make the first assay therein untill the next synod, And appoynts all the brethren who have any written parcells of the Old Testament beside

them formerly translated in Irish to send the said parcells to Mr Pat. Campbell who is to transmitt them to his fathere that ane account may be had of them at the next synod.

The presbyterie of Kintyre haveing reported the obstinacy and perversenes of Nicolas Dunbarre, papist in Yla, notwithstanding his being put to silence in poynt of debate, Therefore appoynts him to be processsed with excommunication between and the next synod, but the sentence to be suspended till the synod know what his after thoughts shall be then.

The synod approves the diligence of the presbyterie of Kintyre in rectifieing the disorders of the paroachiners of Killeen as was recommended to them.

SESS. 3th.

In regard there rests to Mr David Simson of the synods allowance to him in studicing Irish 440 marks, and that his present necessity calls for payment, Therefore appoynts the collector to pay to him the 300 marks payeable be Mr Ferq^r Frazer in my Lord Marquesse his name of the vacanicy of Icollomkill, and to pay the odde 140 marks to him of the readiest of the vacancie.

Malcolm mc Finlay oig, his excommunication to be intimated by all the ministers in their respective charges.

Appoynts that the severall schoolmasters teach their respective schollars to read the Irish psalms and Catechism, and where the schoolmaster hes not skill, that the minister of the paroach do it.

Mr Neill Cameron *de novo* to visite Lochabber in July next and to continue to preache there till the next synod for cleareing his own future settlement there, and his charges to be such as was appoynted others in the lyke cases.

Mr Ro^t Duncanson appoynted to go to Yla sex weeks to exercise all ministeriall duties and to processe Nicolas Dunbar with excommunication, and to be in Jura fifteen dayes teaching there, and recommends him to the Laird of Cadall for the ordinary . . . , And his charge in his absence to be

supplied fyve Sabbaths, as followes, viz., The first be Mr Ar^d mc Calman, the 2^d by Mr Duncan Campbell, the 3^d by Mr Pat. Campbell, the 4 by Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, the 5th be Mr Joⁿ Lindsay, and to come as they shall be warned by the elders of the said paroach.

In answeire to a lettere from the Synod of Glasgow, in which was inclosed the overtures made by the Synod of Lothian for union together with their acceptation and hearty embracing of the said overtures, and to another lettere from the said synod, desyreing to have these excellent endeavores accomplished and wishing the concurrence of this synod, for which effect they adjourned their meeting to the 3^d Twysday of June instant, The synod have ap-
poynted a comitteie consisteing of Mr James Garner, Mr Edward Keith, Mr Dug. Campbell, Mr Ro^t Duncanson, Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, Mr Joⁿ Cameron and Mr Alex^r Gordoun, ministers, the Lord Marquesse of Argyle, Lord Neill Campbell and the Laird of Ardkinlas, ruleing elders, to think on what other overtures and meanes may be fitt for the effect fairsaid and to make report to this synod.

SESS. 5^{ta}.

Appoynts the collector to pay to Coline Campbell, son to Mr Ninnan Campbell, fourscore marks Scotts to help to defray his charges while he was with mc Marquesse in Kintyre studieing the Irish language, and he to come to the next synod for farder tryall.

In regard that the Lard of Caradall hath often tymes represented the sad condition of the highlanders of the paroach of Saddall, who are the great pairt of the said paroach, and doth now of new regrate the same throw Mr James Garner, present minister of Sadall, his want of the Irish language, The synod, haveing tryed the said Mr James [his mynd] and desyreing some overtures of him for rectifieing thereof, who declared he knew no overture for it and yet how sensible he was of the peoples prejudice, and acquiesced to what remedies the synod thought fitt to fall on, and particularly he declared him-

selfe transportable if they shall think fitt, Therefore, finding no possible way for it otherwayes, they do declare the said Mr James transportable and capable to embrace a call to another paroach, But in the mean tyme a lettere is to be writtin to Mr Dunc. Campbell, son to Ardintenyne, expectant of the ministery, to go a whyle to preach to the said highlanders or any other vacand paroach in Kintyre as he shall be directed by the presbyterie, and the presbyterie to see to the defraying of his charges.

In answer to the petition presented by Ar^d. Campbell of Kilmund, Joⁿ Campbell of Ardintenzie yonger, Ar^d me Kiney of Ballibeg, in their own name and of the rest of the paroachiners of Kilmund, showing that in regard Kilmund is now a distinct charge fra Dunoone by the mere goodwill of the possessors of the teyndes when no law was to compell them, with the consent of the people of both paroaches, as the agreement writtin and subscriybed more fully proports, which paroaches was limited and bounded by the presbyterie on the said agreement as their act beares of the date at Kilmund, And withall that in regard they had the manse and glebe to provyde and of severall othere weighty reasons, Do desyre a proportion of the present vacancy of these paroaches for repaireing the church of Kilmund, which is wholly ruinous. The synod therefore doth approve the said paroachers their agreement thereinto and the division founded thereon, and for their encouragment and help doth allow them the old stipend of both the paroaches when united for the cropt 1660 with fyftie marks of the said old stipend for the following yeare to mak up 1000 marks victuall, And all which the synod grants on the singulare weighty reasons read and seen and considered by them, And therefore declares it will be no preparative for others.

Whereas both the Lairds of Glenurquhy have hitherto refused to make up the stipend of Clachandysart according to the new plott, whereby the present minister there is put to great difficulty of liveing, Which being represented to the Marquesse of Argyle, the said noble Marquesse declared that, Glenurquhys tacks being now expyred, all the teyndes

within the paroach of Glenurquhy belongs now to him, And declared that he did here judicially before the synod quyte his right unto and interest in all the said teynds for the use of the said kirk according to the decreet of plantation.

Whereas these appoynted be the former synod to renew the schoole bands and secure the money for the schooles desired to know whose names would be insert, since schoole-masters are very changeable and schooles are sometymes vacand, Therefore the synod declares they judge it fitt that the blanks be filled with the names of the minister and kirk session for the tyme, with the succeeding minister and kirk session of the kirk and paroach where the schoole is or shall be, and the bands to be renewed accordingly.

Whereas the Laird of mc Nachtane did uplift the stipend of the paroach of Kilmorich for the cropt 1658 and did violently detane the same fra Mr Coline mc Lachlan, then serving the cure there, Therefore the synod appoynts the collector to pay to the said Mr Coline the stipend of the said paroach for the cropt 1659, and that in compensation of that former yeare, and to persew the said mc Nachtan for the forsaid cropt 1658 and to make account for it at the next synod.

SESS. 7.

The synod, haveing considered the opinion and overtures made by the comittee formerly appoynted for answering the papers of the Synod of Glasgow and Aire for union and peace, Do approve the same as their judgment, and overtures and appoynts a double thereof to be transmitted with their lettere from this synod to the said reverend Synod of Glasgow and Aire, The principall draught of which judgment and overture followes.

The synod, haveing considered some papers sent to them from the adjourned Synod of Glasgow and Aire, dated Glasgow, 9 November 1659, containeing their sense of and concurrence with some overtures sent unto them from the Synod of Lothian of the date November 4, 1659,

and sent unto as therewith, Do heartily approve of and aggree unto their sense of the said overtures of Lothian, and particularly concerneing ane meeting of correspondents from all the synods for makeing up the desired union, And understanding from the last dyett of the Synod of Glasgow and Aire, held at Aire Apryle 4, 1660, that no such meeting is yet universally aggreed unto, altho it hath been the earnest desyre of severall synods, It is regrated by us that so hopefull beginnings should seem to take any stand, especially considereing the sad and lamentable condition of this distracted and rent church and the deplorable inconveniencies which follow and we feare may follow upon delayes in so weighty a matter, And altho we in this synod have just caus from many weightie reasons to look on ourselves as very unfitt to interpose in a mater of so great concernement, yet throw the ardent desire we have of incompassing a work so much for the good of this kirk, We account it our dutie to contribute with other reverend synods by casting our myte in this treasurie, and to offer our goats haire (to say so), were it but to be a covereing for the Lords tabernacle, In ordour whereunto we humbly offer as followes :—

1. That it is most necessary that all who singlie intend this desireable work have ane standing impression on there spirits of the very great necessity of expedeing this happie union from the consideration of the evils of the continueing division, as experience hath given lamentable prooffe thes yeares bypast, particularly as to the oppening a doore to error in great measure in this land, and especially from the apprehension and feare of what sad consequences may follow upon it, if we by not endcavoreing the healling of our breaches shall lay a temptation in the way of any to judge that a necessity is putt upon themselves toward that which may lead to the very great prejudice and hurt of the worship, discipline and Covenant of this kirk, as also from the perswasion all may have how exceedingly

contributeing the longed for union may prove to the preventing of the same.

2. That seing throw the Lords dispensation of late to these lands there is ground of hope that this church shall have accesse to her assemblies, It is necessarie that cordiall and vigurous endeavores be previously assayed and resolutely followed in ordour to the fore-said union, as becometh brethren who should be tender one of another, but especially of the Lordes work, that as upon the one hand the takeing of this way may give ground the more confidently to expect a comfortable blesseing upon that judicatory when it shall please the Lord to grant the opportunity of the same, so upon the other hand the neglecting thereof we feare may continue and increase these sad prejudices which this church hath formerly lyen under by reason of the division, yea and also may occasion others.
3. That, as we have great ground to rejoyce at and praise the Lord for the late gracious and remarkeable change of his dispensation toward our king and these kingdoms, so we hope that all the lovers of the precious interest of Jesus Christ in the land will be so farre from being more remisse upon this account in prosecuteing the work of union that they will look on this divyne dispensation as the Lords calling to them allowed to take . . . thence the more vigurously to pursue that eminently concerneing duty of fervand essayes to unite this distracted church in ane amicable way, that so both in church and state we may, throw the good hand of our God upon us, become ane happier nation and people.
4. That in regard the union of this church is to the conviction of all the lovers thereof so desyreable, and that all meanes to be used for the attainment thereof are so professedly resolved and should be vigurously essayed, That if nevertheles diligence in these means be not accordingly used, Then we hope it will not be taken in ill pairt That we professe ourselves uncleare

to concur in any thing that will be fund ane probable and lykely mean to uphold the present differences of this church and to marre a sweet union and lasting peace in the Lord, whether as to the continuance of censures inflicted merely on that occasion (which we are informed by a neighboring synod with whom we correspond are taken off unanimously among themselves, and concerneing which there are good overtures from severall other synods for doeing the lyke elsewhir), or as to the laying on of censures upon any within this church merely upon the account of what is herebefore passed and been done in the late differences, altho by this we intend not that any hereafter should take occasion to do anything that may tend to weaken the lawfull authority of the judicatories of this church, And therefore

5. We humbly conceive that, seing the beauty of the precious ordinances of Jesus Christ in the land doth so much depend upon this blessed union, That some prudent and peaceable way be aggreed upon for burieing in perpetuall oblivion the aforesaid sad and deplorable differences of this church with the consequences of the same, as is ordinarily used for a remedy in all generall distractions both in states and churches, that so this church may throw the good hand of the Lord be recovered to the happie estate wherein it was before whill united.
6. That ane solide and wyse course be overtured to the severall presbyteries within this kirk, so as to instruct their commissioners to ensueing generall assemblies, as the reviveing of the buried division, as also all new occasions of differences and animosities, may be prevented and suppressed.

These few things we do humbly propose as our judgment for the tyme, whereby as we think ourselves in some measure exonored, so we heartily wish the same may prove some way contributeing to the end for which it is intended, Earnestly desyreing that the Lord would

blesse this and all other measures and endeavors for the effect abovespecificit, That the Lord may yet take pleasure in us and delight to dwell among us.

The act of the former synod anent the meeting of correspondents for union is renewed.

Whereas the paraochiners of Strachurre and Stralachlan appeared complaneing that the presbyterie had transported their minister to Kingarth, The synod, finding ground for the presbyteries deed, do referre the matter to there said minister to make use of his act or not as he shall see clearenes.

SESS. 8.

Being informed that the want of a gleeb hinders the establishing of a minister in Lesmore, Therefore the synod dealt with the Laird of Glenurquhy, Tutor of Cadall and Laird of Appin therein, who are the persons interested, who judicially declare there willingnes to a gleeb according to the Act of Parliament and by the presbyteries designation, Provydeing that the three parcells of land already in the kirks possession be taken in the first place and as much land to be designed by the presbyterie of the next adjacent land as may suffice, and that the minister enter to the peaceable possession thereof immediatly after his admission without farder debate.

The collector is appoynted, when he gets in all the byrun vacancies of Glenurquhy, To pay to Mr Neill Camerone the hundreth pund Scots granted him by act of the former synod in recompence of building made by him of the manse whill he was minister there.

William Cock, James Duncansone and John mc Cloy, boyes in a readines for the colledge, are to be at the next synod for examination and to be inrolled if qualified, To the last of whom the synod presently appoynts to be given 40 lib. Scots remaineing unpayed of 100 lib. which the other yeare was appoynted for his deceased grandfather.

Duncan mc Kellar, a poore yong man haveing the falling sicknes and no meanes to help him to the physicians, Is on

his petition recommended to the severall kirk sessions and congregations their charity.

The synod appoynts the two ministers of Inneraray to take account of Joⁿ Zuill, collector, and to present it in readines to the next synod.

Cristine ne Inalais, excommunicat by the presbyterie of Kintyre for severall adulteries and fornications, has now fallen againe in fornication being under the said sentence, As also Pat. mc Ilchonill and Mary ne Intyre, cohabiteing in adultery many yeares and haveing many children therein, being under excommunication in the paroach of Ardechattan, doth yet so continue to cohabite, And Anguis mc Marquesse, who, being excommunicat for severall adulteries, was, on great appearance of repentance and after much paines taken on him, relaxed, hath now againe fallen in adultery with a poore woman in the very fitt of the falling evill, when shee was insensible of any thing, are all seriously recommended to the civill judge to be delt with according to law in such cases, and ane extract hereof to be given to my Lord Marquesse or his. . . .

SESS. 9.

The synod, haveing counted with my Lord Marquesse of Argyle annent the stipend mortified by his late Majestie for Icollumkill and payeable by his Lordship, does discharge his Lordship as followeth :—

At Inneraray the 5th day of June 1660 yeeres, Whilk day the provinciall assembly of Argyll calling to mind that my Lord Marquesse of Argyle did offer and was content to make thankfull payment of two thousand four hundreth marks money in satisfaction of the vacand stipend of Icollumkill mortified by his late Majestie King Charles the First of good memory furth of the rents of the late Bishoprick of the Yles, whereunto the said Marquesse hes right, and that for all years and cropts that the said vacand stipend is resting unpaid be his Lordship precedeing cropt ane thousand sex hundreth and fyftie nyne, And in regard that his Lordship and

others in his name and be his ordour have already payed be ordour of the former synod to the collector and others the sowm of seventein hundreth and fiftie marks in pairt payment of the sowm afoirsaid, and is content to pay the rest, being sex hundreth and fiftie marks, very shortly, Therefore and for good causes and considerations moveing the assembly, they have exonered and discharged, and be ther presents exoners and discharges, the said Marquess of Argyle of the said vacand stipend of Ikollumkill of all yeers and cropts preceding the said cropt and yeare of God 1659 yeers for ever, Provydeing that this prejudice not their collector to get payment of the said rest of 650 marks, on the payment whereof he is hereby warranted to grant ane discharge as in compleit payment of the said byruns, And also provydeing that this prejudice not the synod or their collector to recover and obtaine payment of the said vacand stipend of Ikollumkill of all yeers and cropts that the samine is and shall be fund to be justly resting unpaid be umquhill Hector mc Laine of Dowairt, as he who was obleidged for or lyable in payment of the same, and that from the aires, successors, executors or intromittors with the goods and geare of the said Hector.

It is appoynted that ane extract hereof be given to my Lord Marquess to be subscribit be the moderator and clerk if his Lordship shall desyre the same.

Some brethren, haveing declared that they were constrained to have contracted debts whill students of divinity on the failling of appoyntments made by the synod in their favours, and desyreing now payment of the sowmes then appoynted, Are remitted to the next synod, who shall take their condition to consideration.

The Laird of Cadall haveing presented ane account to the synod of what rests of the vacand stipend in Yla since his medling therewith preceeding the cropt 1659, Which count contanes severall particulars given to Mr Adam Ritchie who performed ministeriall duties there, so that by his account all is payed except four hundreth marks which the

Laird owes and one hundreth marks which Ard. Campbell, naturall brother to the said Laird of Cadall, rests conform to his band to the presbyterie of Kintyre, The synod, altho they gave no expresse ordour to give anything to Mr Adam Ritchie, yet, because he performed ministeriall duties there, does allow the same, provydeing neither he nor others presume to do the lyke afterward, and discharges him of all his intromissions with the vacancies of Yla, and that betwixt all yeers and cropts since his medling with Yla and the yeare and cropt abovespecifit, Provydeing he make ready payment of the 400 marks above specifit resting unpaid by him.

Mr Alex^r Gordon, having appealed from the presbyterie of Inneraray from whom he was seeking ane act of transportabilitie to the synod, hath passed from his appell, and the matter by consent referred to the synod, who is to take it to consideration at the next synodically assembly, And therefore the presbyterie of Argyle is to cite his paroachiners before the next synod to give in their objections.

SESS. 10.

The synod allows the collector to pay to Mr Ar^d mc Alister, old minister (in compensation of all former appoynts which wer not made effectually), 200 lib. Scots on his discharge of this and all former appoyntments, Allowing him also in his own hands what tithes he rests out of his own lands preceeding the yeare 1659.

Recommends to the severall ministers to cause so many of the people as have no psalms and Catechese and can read to send for the same, and Mr Ferq^r Frazer to receive 100 coppies to be transmitted to the presbyterie of Sky.

A letter to be writtin to the moderator to [the] presbyterie of Sky, expostulating with them for their so constant absence and their neglect in sending for coppies of the Irish psalms and Catechese and not payment of their proportions of the translators charges.

The collector inhibited to give to Allan mc Dougald in Yla the benefit of his appoyntment, because he went not

to the colledge the last yeare, Yet, if he go the next yeare and be here at the next synod to be examined and to give his bond, the collector, is to give him fyftie marks of his former appoyntment.

Recommends to the presbyterie of Lorn to caue Anguis mc Ilvaine vc Laine to compeere before the session of Kilmarteen anent the child procreat betwixt him and Catrine ne Intyre.

The presbyterie book of Argyle being revised and approven, and also the presbyterie book of Cowall, onely the presbyterie advysed to visit their kirks more frequently.

The presbyterie book of Kintyre approven, onely they are to supplie their vacancies better.

The presbyterie book of Lorne is approven, onely, whereas some of the brethren of that presbyterie hath been long absent from their charges anent civil affaires without leave asked or given by the presbyterie, The synod doth sharply reprove these brethren, with certification of sharper censure if they do so againe, And for the ease of the brethren who are farre from the presbyterie seat, they are to meet by course at Kilmore, Lesmore and the most convenient place in Mull as they shall aggree among themselves.

Mr Edward Keith and Joⁿ Cuningham of Hill of Beith correspond with the Synod of Glasgow and Aire.

The next synod to meet at Inneraray the 2^d of November next.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ARGYLE HELD AT INNERARAY 2^d NOVEMBER 1660.

After sermon be Mr David Simson and calling on God, the roll was read and the members marked as followeth :—

Presbyterie of Argyle : Mr Pat. Campb ; Malcolm mc Viccar, Ruling Elder ; Mr Alex^r Gordon ; Geo. Campb., Ruling Elder ; Mr. Dunc. Campb. ; Laird of Glenurqhy, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay ; Joⁿ mc Arthor, Elder ; Mr Ro^t Duncanson ; Joⁿ mc Kellar, Elder ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum absent ; his Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Duncanson

absent ; his Ruling Elder absent ; Mr And. mc Laine absent ; his Ruling Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Lorn : Mr Dug. Campb. ; Allan Cameron, Elder, absent ; Mr Alex^r mc Calman ; Mr Do^d Campb., Ruling Elder, absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Calman and his Elder absents ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachland absent ; his Elder absent ; Mr Ferq^r Frazer, Mr Hector mc Laine, Mr Marteine mc Ilvra with their Elders, absent.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Col. mc Lachlan ; Lard of Ardkinlas ; Mr Alex^r mc Laine ; Joⁿ Stewart, Elder, absent ; Mr Ar^d mc Laine ; Do^d mc Gibbon, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Cameron ; Laird of Ottar, Elder ; Mr Neill Cameron ; his Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart ; his Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyre : Mr Edward Keith absent ; his Ruling Elder absent ; Mr Dug. Darroch ; Hector mc Neill, Elder, absent ; Mr James Garner ; James Hamilton, Elder, absent ; Mr David Simson ; his Elder absent ; Mr Joⁿ Cunison and his Elder absent ; Marteine mc Lachlan ; his Elder absent.

The presbyterie of Sky absent.

Correspondents from Glasgow : Mr Ro^t Mitchell ; the Laird of Kilmuchew, who was appoynted to be Ruleing Elder, absent.

Mr Robert Duncanson by plurality of voices elected moderator to this meeting.

Mr Andrew mc Laine being absent (the grounds whereof being read *and instructed are judged relevant*) Mr *Ard. Keith*, student of theology, is nominated clerk in his place for this dyet.

Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Mr Ar^d mc Callman and Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan, their excuses for their absence are judged relevant.

SESS. 2^d.

It is recommended to severall ministers to see the former synods appoyntment in Sess. 3^d annent yong schollars

reading the Irish psalmes and Catechese duely performed wher ther be schooles.

The synod, being desyrus to take some effectuall course for translateing the Scriptures, and being informed that the pentayteuch and som other parcells are translated already, Does ordaine as followes : That the book of Josua be translated be Mr Alex^r mc Laine, Judges be Mr Ar^d mc Laine, Ruth be Mr Jo. Cameron, 1 Sam. be Mr Ro^t Duncanson, 2 Sam. be Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, 1 Kings be Mr David Simson, 2 Kings be Mr Dug. Darroch, 1 Chron. be Mr Neill Cameron, 2 Chron. be Mr Ar^d mc Callum, Ezra be Mr Hector mc Laine, Nehemiah be Mr Marteen mc Ilvra, Esther be Mr Alex^r mc Calman, Psalms be Mr Pat. Campbell, Ecclesiastes be Mr Dug. Campbell, Canticles be Mr Joⁿ Stewart, And ane account of their diligence to come to the next synod.

Recommends to the presbyterie of Cowall to put Mr Dunc. Campbell, expectant, to tryall of his gift in the Irish language.

SESS. 3.

The boyes being examined and approven, They are to have maintenance for the succeeding yeers as followeth : Ar^d mc Ilvernock, Ar^d Hendrie and Alex^r Campbell, each of them nyne score marks, For Duncan mc Arthor, Dug. Campbell, William Cock and Alex^r Cameron, each of them one hundreth punds, For James Duncanson and Joⁿ Fisher, who enter presently to the colledge, each of them fourscore libs., For Dunc. Campbell, Joⁿ Campbell, John mc Cloy and Allan mc Dugald (he being to stay at the grammer schoole for this yeare), each of them one hundreth marks, all Scots money, For Archibald mc Neill ane hundreth punds.

The synod haveing seen a lettere from the presbyterie of Sky directed to the former meeting of the synod shewing the grounds of their absence from the foirsaid meeting, together with severall queries wherein they desyre to be cleared, Ordanes ane answer to be made, First, that their excuse is judgèd relevant, And to there first querie anent the relaxation of the man whom they did excommunicat

for lyeing in naked bed with his sister after he was appoynted by them to abstain from such ane unseemly careage, It is answered, That the man, supplicatcing to be relaxed and evidencing repentance for his careage and no fact proven as their lettir grants, may be safely relaxed, To the querie of Mr Anguis mc Queen who demitted (as they say) on relevant grounds and the paroach declared vacand, It is answered, That he cannot be permitted to preach, exercise discipline, keep session, nor brook the benefice, for the grounds that were relevant for his demission are also relevant to exclude him from these, And for the supplication presented to them from the Herries anent Joⁿ mc Pherson, formerly deposed and referred by them to the synod, It is to be showed that it was not presented to us. The visitation desyred by them is delayed till the next synod, when they are to be present. As for James Crichtoun, scandalous person, It is the synods mind he be brought to Innerlochy in Lochabber the 2^d Wednesday of Apryle, the synod haveing appoynted a visitation to be there then, to which some of the presbyterie of Sky are to be commissionat.

SESS. 4.

Mr Dug. Campbell and Mr Joⁿ Stewart to meet at Inneraray the 15 January 1661 for perfyteing the Irish psalms, and the collector to give each of them two shillings sterling a day dureing their being at that work, and Mr Alex^r mc Laine to supply the said Mr Joⁿ his charge each 2^d Sabbath.

A lettir to be writtin to the facultie of the Colledge of Glasgow for acceptance of William Cock as a semie, haveing learned Greek at home.

The synod declares themselves unclear, as present circumstances stand, to concurre with Yla its invitation to Mr Do^d Moreson.

Ane appell presented by the paroachiners of Dunoone to the synod from the presbyterie of Cowall anent Mr Joⁿ Cameron his transportation to Dunoone from Kilfinan, Is on weighty reasons delayed till the next synod.

Compeared Nicolas Dunbarre, papist, who was processed with excommunication for his obstinacy, and who, having given evidence of his wilfulness before the synod, was appoynted to be actually excommunicated, but on his supplication and promising to use meanes of information more diligently and soberly and to com over sometymes to the presbyterie of Kintyre and to heare them more patiently than before, Therefore the sentence is delayed to the next synod, where he is to be present. In the mean tyme Mr James Garner, Mr Ro^t Mitchell and Mr Ro^t Duncanson are to confere with him er he leave the town.

SESS. 5.

Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Joⁿ Cameron and Mr Edward Keith are appoynted commissioners from this synod to attend the Parliament indicted by his Majestie to meet at Edinburgh the 12 day of December next, to plead in the matters which shall be contaned in their commission, which is to be drawn up conjunctly and severally, Who, if they see a necessity to call the synod *pro re nata*, that they write to the moderator to call the synod on the day that they name in their lettere, and the moderator is to acquaint the moderators of the severall presbyteries, and these to acquaint the respective members, and one of the said commissioners to be present at the said dyett of the synod. The heads of the commission followes :—

That they repaire to the forsaid Parliament and humbly supplicat for the ratification of the decreets of plantation of former Acts of Parliament made anent the vacand stipends of this province, if need bees, and to give in all informations, reasons and evidences necessary thereinto, and generally all and sundry other things requisite anent the premisses, and all other things that shall happin to occurre wherein this province and the good whereof or the kirk of God in this land may be concerned, To do, use and exerce in all just and warrantable wayes, astricting the said commissioners to be faithfull and diligent and to make report to the next synod.

The former appoyntment of 200 marks to Mr Ar^d mc Lachlan is renewed provyding he go to the colledge of divinity.

Martaine mc Lachlan licentiated to exercise his gift and perform other pairts of the ministeriall charge in the paroach of Kilberry so long as the synod or presbyterie shall see that this appoyntment doth not prejudice the people, and he is to have the present locall stipend for his service there, but they to use all diligence for a minister to themselves in a more settled manner.

In answer to the supplication of Yla seeking supply to their vacand kirks, The synod appoynts Mr Joⁿ Duncanson to go to Yla in the beginning of Apryle next, and there for to perform all ministeriall duties for the space of sex weeks, and that he have the ordinar allowances in such cases for his charges, out of the said vacancies of Yla, viz., 100 marks a month, and the presbyterie of Argyle to supply his charge in his absence.

SESS. 6^{ta}.

Jean Campbell, relict to umquhill Mr Ewin Cameron, petitioneing some supplie for her indigent condition, Which the synod considereing, with severall other weighty reasons not exprest in her petition, allows to her the halfe of the mortified stipend of Dunoon, viz. 500 marks, and that only for this yeare.

Whereas Mr John Stewart desires to know if he may mary one Andrew Stewart come from Barbatus without a testimoniall, desiring the benefite of marage. The synod declares that he may, provydeing he give oath before the session that he is a single person.

The collector appointed to uplift the stipend of the paroach whereof Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan elder, lately deceased, was minister, as other vacand stipends, there being no relict nor children unprovdyed for, nor any resting debt, nor generally any other cause why his successors should clame to it.

Whereas the Laird of Caradall doth yet represent the

sad condition of the highlanders in the paroach of Sadall (who are the most numerous pairt thereof) notwithstanding of the act of transportability granted to Mr James Garner, present minister there, as the 2^d act of the 5 Sess. of the synod in May last doth more fully proport, in regard the said Mr James hath not the Irish language, Therefore the assembly, considereing the case on both hands, haveing consulted Mr James himselfe (who declared himselfe ready to submitt to any remidy that the synod should think fitt), and seing no possibility to serve that people dureing Mr James his being their, Ordaines that in case the paroachiners of Sadall aggree in electing of a fitt man with both the languages to be there minister, That then the presbyterie declare the paroach vacand, Or in case the lowlanders do aggree to a man but not the highlanders, or *vice versa*, That then the presbyterie judge of the election, which, if they approve, they are to declare the paroach vacand, or at furdest, that the next synod do it, if need bees, After which the pairtie consenting is to prosecut the election before the presbyterie or synod, who are to use diligence to gaine the consent of the dissenting pairty.

Mr Dugald Darroch to get fourtie marks in name of Joⁿ Darroch, a boy, which if he please not the synod the said Mr Dug. is to refund.

Mr Ro^t Duncanson, haveing declared that he desyred one Donald mc Lachlan, a papist, to come to this synod, haveing had diverse conferences with him in Yla and being in hope of his conversion to the reformed religion, Desyred the synod to call the said Donald, who compeareing declared himselfe yet not fully cleared, but yet, being tender of his own soule, he was willing to use any meanes which the synod would prescrybe, particularly to read the Scriptures and to attend the publict ordinances, which he durst never do before, Wherefor the synod, after diverse conferences with him, appoynted him to abyde at Inneraray to be instructed by the ministers there and to be sent by them to some other neighbor minister, And the collector to pay his dyett at Inneraray and his charges when he should go abroad to the rest of the brethren.

The synod considereing a reference from the presbyterie of Argyll anent a child brought furth by Mary ne Lachlan, spous to Patrick mc Viccar in Glassery, which the said Pat: will not acknowledge as his own, because of some difference from the ordinary tyme, viz., the child being born about a week and seven months after their last being together (which case is more fully clear in the acts of the said presbyterie), Therefore the synod, considereing that the pairties are married and that the woman was never charged with any such scandall before, that her husband doth not give any presumptions thereof though requyred, Considereing also that the minister of Dallaich in whose paroach the child was brought furth declares that by the presbyteries appointment he examined the women present at the child's birth, and that they declared that it had the ordinarie tokens of ane unrype child (which is a presumption it was a seven month), And that the woman was willing if requyred to give her solemne oath before the synod that shee knew no other father to it but her own husband, Did therfore declare that her husband should be reputed father to the child, and ordaned him to do the woman and the child competent dutie, But in regard he pertinaciously refuses so to do, Therefore appoynts Mr Ar^d mc Callum to processe him with excommunication, but not to sentence him till the presbyterie appoynt it, who are hereby desyred to do it if he continue disobedient.

Malcolm mc Ilchallum oig in Jura, and Joⁿ mc Ilheanick there, triple fornicator with ne Laine (who had a promise of marriage of him), haveing gon along with Mr Ro^t Duncanson whill in Jura and Yla receiveing instruction and publictly professeing repentance, Compeared before the synod supplicating that their church censure might be put to a period and they relaxed, Therefore and in regard they cannot attend presbyteriall meetings because of the great distance, As also considereing that the said Malcolm mc Ilchallum oig his wyfe and also the woman with whom he committed adultery are both dead, The said Malcolme and Joⁿ with ne Laine repaire to the paroach of Craigneis for instruction and profession of

repentance, That being absolved, the said Malcolme me Ilchallum his childe may be baptized, and the other pairty married to prevent their after falling.

The synod declared their satisfaction with the report made by Mr Neill Cameron of his diligence in his visiteing Lochabber.

SESS. 7.

In answer to Mr Ro^t Mitchell, correspondent from the Synod of Glasgow, requyreing in their name a communication of thoughts annent the ministers imprisoned by the Comittee of Estates, The synod declares that they are ignorant of the grounds of the said imprisonment, Nevertheles, on their knowledge thereof, if they be such as the synod ought or lawfully may interpose into, then they resolve to concurre with other synods or presbyteries in the land or their commissioners thereanent in just and lawfull wayes which shall be unanimously aggreed upon.

Mr Ro^t Mitchell, correspondent, declaring that he is under a speciall necessity to hasten home and asking leave of the synod, The synod doth grant him leave, thanking the Synod of Glasgow for their correspondence and him for his attendance.

The collector and the ministers adjoynd to him appoynted to pay so much to Joⁿ Campbell, son to Do^d Campbell in Arechammis, of his former allotments as may pay his debts which is yet resting, in so far as they pre-judge not the rest of the boyes.

Mr Pat: Campbell, Mr Joⁿ Stewart and the present moderator are empowered to give further instructions to the commissioners appointed to attend the Parliament in reference to parochiall schooles and other things of comon concernement.

Letteres to be writtin to the bailzies of Jura and Colonsa to collect and hast in the vacand stipends there with the best convenient diligence.

The collector haveing made full and cleare accounts of his intromissions with the vacanyes since the synod in November 1658 to the date hereof, and evidently instructed

the said account by warrants and receipts (which receipts to be kept with the synods registers), The assembly approves him and continues him collector as formerly and discharges him as followeth :—

At Inneraray, 6 November 1660 years, Whilk day the provinciall synod haveing at length heard, seen and considered the account of the whole vacand stipends of this province collected and intromitted with by Joⁿ Zuill, their collector, and that from the meeting of the synod at Inneraray, November 1658, to the date of ther presents, And finding that the said Joⁿ hath made ane faithfull and true account of his intromissions with the saids vacancies and given out the same according to the synods warrands drawn upon him from tyme to tyme, as was sufficiently instructed at the fitting of the said account, Therefore the said synod hath exonered and discharged, and be this *present act exoners and discharges the said John* and his aires and executors of his haill intromission with the *said vacand stipends preceeding the date hereof* for ever conform to the *foresaid accompts which is to be kept in retention*, And the said provinciall synod have continued the said Joⁿ Zuill to be their collector of the foirsaid vacand stipends yet resting unpaid in tyme comeing conform to the power and warrand granted to him thereanent in the said month of November j^m vi^c and fyftie eight yeares in all points.

SESS: 8.

The synod appoynts Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, Mr Pat. Campbell, Mr Joⁿ Cameron, Mr Dunc. Campbell and Mr Ro^t Duncanson to receive from the collector the first halfe of their appoyntments (*vide* former synod, Sess. 9, act 2^d), onely that first he advance to the boyes so much as may help them throw in their studies for this next yeare.

Appoynts to Mr Alex^r mc Calman in compensation of all former appoyntments made in his favours when he was a student of theologie, One hundreth marks out of the Laird of Glenurqhys proportion of the vacancy of Lesmore,

which faileing, the collector is to pay it out of the Tutor of Cadalls proportion.

Appoynts to William Fisher, son to umquhill William Fisher, 40 marks to the next synod, and then to be inrolled if worthy.

The synod, considereing a supplication of the magistrats of Inneraray supplicating for some help of meanes for the management of severall pious and necessary works (some whercof concern the synod and some concern the whole shyre) which they are not able to bring to a period, Doth grant them the support of fyve hundreth pundis Scots out of the byrun vacancies resting unpaid.

After diverse overtures and assayes for filling up the schoole bands, The synod hath at length judged fitt that the bands be filled up with the name of some responseable gentlmen resideing within the bounds of the respective presbyteries wherein the schooles are to be erected, And the foirsaid gentlemen to give assignations of the saids bands to the ministers and kirk sessions of the paroaches respective wher the schooles are for the use of the schooles foirsaid, And therefore its agreed that Robert Campbell of Auchawilling his name be insert in the bands of Cowall containeing 3000 marks, and he to give three severall assignations, one to Kilfinan, one to Kilmodan and one to Lochgoylshead, That Coline mc Lachlan of Inshconill do the lyke to the three schooles of Kilmichaell in Glassery, Kilmichael in Inerlussa and Kilchrenan, And Joⁿ Campbell, Captain of Dunstafnitch, do the lyke to Kilmore, Lesmore and Archattan, each assignation being of ane thousand marks to each schoole.

Renews the former appoyntment to the presbyterie of Lorne annent Anguis mc Ilvaine vc Laine his compearance before Kilmarteen session.

A lettere to be writtin to the paroachiners of Kilmanevag in Lochabber and to these of the Braes of Lochabber and Glengarrrie with Mr Dug. Campbell anent payment makeing to Mr Neill Cameron of what the synod allowed for his charges there.

In answer to the supplication of the paroachiners of

Dunoon, supplicating some proportion of their own vacancy to be given to some yong man whom they may possibly invite to preach to them untill the next synod, The assembly refers to the presbyterie of Cowall, when they know and approve the yong man and the space he is to serve there, to modifie a convenient proportion to him, Which proportion the collector is hereby warranted to pay out of the fyve hundreth marks of the modified stipend of Dunoon resting uncarved on, And the presbyterie to be answerable to the synod here.

Whereas Mr Dug. Campbell, who was by act of the synod October 1658 to transport to Lochabber, could not nor did not transport himselfe till the spring followeing, but continued serveing in Knapdale, his own paroach, and therefore was not payed by the people of Lochabber but for halfe a year, viz., from the May day thereafter, Therefore appoints him to have halfe a yeers stipend of Knapdaill where he served, as justly due to him, to make up his yeare.

The synod refers the supplication of the paroachiners of Yla for Mr Ro^t Duncansons transportation to them to the ordinary course before the presbyterie of Argyle, where the said Mr Ro^t is a member.

Appoynts the collector to advance of the readiest of the vacancies four hundreth marks to the commissioners who are to attend the Parliament, for which they are to count to the next synod, allowing each of them halfe a crown a day, And the synod to consider if they be superexpended, and their paroaches to be served as follows, viz., Mr Edward Keiths be Mr James Garner each 2^d Sabbath, Mr Joⁿ Camerons be Mr Ar^d mc Lane each 2^d Sabbath and Mr Alex^r Gordons referred to the presbyterie each 2^d Sabbath.

Mr David Simson to supply the vacancy of Kilcolmanell till the next synod, and Mr Dug. Darroch the vacancy of Southend and Glencaradill.

Mr David Simson elected correspondent to the Synod of Glasgow and Aire.

Appoynts the collector to give seven or eight marks to a yong boy, cosine to Do^d mc Lachlan, papist (of whom mention is made Sess. 6) for his charges to Yla, being to

resid with the Tutor of Cadall till the next synod, untill it be seen whether the said Do^d and the said boy shall quyte their popish principalls yea or not.

Appoynts the collector to pay ane hundreth merks to Coline Campbell, son to umquhill Mr Ninian Campbell, once minister at Rosneath (haveing been using some diligence at his studies), but so as thereby the other boyes inrolled get no prejudice.

Mr Ard. Beith pleading to make former allotments to him effectuell, The synod, not remembering their quantitie nor number, appoynts in the mean tyme the collector to give him 40 lib. Scots untill he instruct the rest of his allotments.

William mc Lachlan, son to Captain mc Lachlan, his petition is referred to the next synodicall meeting.

A lettere to be writtin to the shirrefe of Buite to pay to Mr Pat. Campbell out of the stipend of Rothsay two hundreth and thrittie marks Scotts which he rested him long agoe by the synods former appoyntment.

Appoynts a visitation at Lochabber the 2^d Wednesday of Apryle next, consisting of the presbyterie of Lorne and Mr Pat. Campbell and Mr Ro^t Duncanson and a commissioner from the presbyterie of Sky adjoyned to them, and to bring alongs 100 Irish psalm books to be sold to the presbyterie of Sky, as the letter to them mentioned Sess. 3 doth bear, Which visitation are to decyde the difference there anent the situation of a church, and to take tryall of Mr Thomas mc Pherson, and to ordour other things in that countrie.

The next synod to be held at Inneraray the last Wednesday of May nextocome.

THE PROVINCIALl SYNOD OF ARGYLE AT
INNERARAY THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF MAY
1661 YERES.

After sermon and invocating on the Lords name for a blessing to the meeting be Mr Ro^t Duncanson, the roll was read and members marked.

Presbyterie of Argyle : Mr Pat. Campbell ; Nicoll Zuill, Elder ; Mr Alex^r Gordon ; George Campb., Elder ; Mr Dunc. Campb. ; Mr Joⁿ Lindsay ; Mr Ro^t Duncanson ; Mr Ar^d mc Callum ; A. C.¹ of Kernan, Elder ; Mr Joⁿ Duncanson absent ; Mr And. mc Laine ; Anguis mc Lairtich.

Presbyterie of Cowall : Mr Col. mc Lachlan ; Coline Campbell ; Mr Ar^d mc Laine ; Mr Alex^r mc Laine absent ; Mr Joⁿ Cameron absent ; Mr Neill Cam. absent ; Mr Joⁿ Stewart absent.

Presbyterie of Lorne : Mr Dug. Campbell ; Mr Alex^r mc Calman ; Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlane ; Mr Ferq. Frazer absent ; Mr Hector mc Laine absent ; Mr Martene mc Ilvra absent.

Presbyterie of Kintyr : Mr Edward Keith ; James Brown absent ; Mr James Garner absent ; Mr Dug. Darroch absent ; Mr David Simsone ; Mr Joⁿ Cuneyson, Marteen mc Lachlane ; his Elder absent.

Presbyterie of Sky : Mr Neill mc Kinnowne ; Mr Marteen mc Pherson ; Mr Allen Clerk. *Cæteri absunt.*

Correspondents absent.

Mr Archibald Maclain by plurality of votes elected moderator to this meeting.

Mr Edward Keith his excuse for his absence from the last synod was judged relevant.

The members of the Presbetry of Sky here present to take home with them as many psalm bookes as may serve there presbytrie.

The presbetry² formerly named for the translation of the Byble appointed to go on, and the presbyterie of Sky to divide the lesser prophets among them.

¹ Archibald Campbell.

² For 'presbytery' read 'persons'?

SESS. 2nd.

The synod refuses to concur with the readmission of Joⁿ mc Pherson, once minister of the Herries, being deposed for scandalouse careage, and discharges the presbyterie of Sky to readmitt him.

The presbyterie of Sky discharged Mr Anguis mc Queen to preach in his own paroach on a lyball given in against him by his own paroachiners and permitted him to preach elsewhere. The synod recommends to the presbyterie to consider their processe, and if they find not ground of deposition, that they declare him transportable and change their former act anent him.

A lettere to be writtin to the gentlemen in the presbyterie of Sky to concur with the ministers to cause parents to hold up their own children to baptisme, and the ministers to hold out the conveniency and necessity thereof.

The synod appoynts Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Pat. Campbell, and Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, or any two of them, to take ane account of Joⁿ Zuill, collector, of his intromission with the vacancies since the last synod and to report their diligence at the next.

SESS. 3^d.

The synod refuses to concur with the call of Yla to Mr Ro^t Duncanson (as things now stand), But appoynts Mr Joⁿ Duncanson to go preach there a month, and the gentlemen of Yla to see to his charge toward 100 marks or thereabout.

Mr Ro^t Duncanson, Mr Joⁿ Lindsay and Mr Donald Campbell, each of them appoynted to supply the paroach of Kilespekerrell on¹ Sabbath before the next synod.

Because the paroach of Kilmorich at Lochgoylshead cannot be otherwayes served in the mean tyme, Therefore the synod appoynts Mr Col. mc Lachlan to serve there as formerly, and Mr Pat. Campbell to go intimat this to the people on Sabbath come eight dayes.

¹ i.e. one.

Mr Dug. Campbell haveing regrated and represented that the people of Lochabber did not make out their promise of provydeing maintenance for him, and that he was not absolutely transported from Knapdall, nor never received in Lochabber as there minister, Therefore the synod recommends to him to return to and abyde at Knapdall till it be seen what diligence the people of Lochabber will do anent the foirsaid, and Mr Alex^r mc Calman to go to Lochabber to intimat the foirsaid the last Sabbath of June at fardest, And a letter to be writtin to the gentlemen of Lochabber thereanent, and their answer to be returned to Mr Dug. Campbell and the presbyterie of Argyle against the first Wednesday of August next at Inneraray.

Appoynts Mr Joⁿ mc Lachlan and Mr Alex^r mc Calman, Mr Ro^t Duncanson and Mr Joⁿ Lindsay to meet at Kilmore the 2^d Wednesday of June to try whether or not Mr Alex^r Campbell presumes publictly to exercise at his own hand as is reported of him, and to report their diligence to the next synod.

Appoynts William mc Lachlan and Joⁿ mc Calman, boyes at schoole, to be inrolled among such as are to be presented in our next adresses to the Parliament or privy councill for maintaneing of them at schooles.

Appoynts of new the brethren formerly appoynted for the translation of the rest of the psalms to meet at Rothsay in the beginning of August for accomplishing the said translation.

Appoynts publict proclamation to be made in all the paroaches for finding out of Donald mc Pherson and Dirval ne Vurich, inecstuous persons, being fugitives.

SESS 4.

Because the Parliaments appoyntment of the vacancies for the boyes is limited to this yeare to such of the boyes onely which were given them in a roll, Therefore appoynts Mr Pat. Campbell to go to Edinburgh and plead for . . . in these two former respects, and to represent the necessity

of getting some of the vacancies for the translation of the Scriptures.

The synod at length, after much tendernes and forbearance with Nicolas Dunbarre, does now for his contempt and disobedience and his unreasonable adhering to popery, Appoynt the presbyterie of Kintyre to excommunicate him the next presbyterie day after their home goeing, and this to be intimated to him in Yla be Marteen mc Lachlan in Yla and be Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, being to visit Yla, if the presbyterie cannot send one of their own number there.

The synod appoynts the presbyterie of Lorn to processe with excommunication Anguis mc Laine in Mull for his disobedience to the said presbyterie in reference to the child procreat in fornication betwixt him and Catrine ne Intyre in the paroach of Kilmarteen.

The collector appoynted to pay to Mr Andrew mc Laine four score pundis addebtid to him as clerk, and appoynts the present moderator to subscribe this act.

The former appoynt of supplying the Southend of Kintyre and Glencaradall be Mr Dug. Darroch is againe renewed.

The synod haveing heard and considered the account made be Joⁿ Zuill, their collector, of his intromission with the vacand.stipends since the last synod held at Inneraray October 1660, at which tyme he made his former account, Together with the report of Mr Alex^r Gordon, Mr Pat. Campbell and Mr Joⁿ Duncanson, who were appoynted to fitt and cleare the foirsaid account, And finding that the said Joⁿ Zuill hath truely and faithfully disbursed and given out all the said vacancies intromitted with by him since his former account according to the warrands of the synod, The synod therefore doth allow and approve the foirsaid account and haill articles thereof, And exoners and discharges the said Joⁿ Zuill, their collector, of all his former intromissions with the said vacancies for ever, And declares that ane extract of this act under the clerks hand shall be a sufficient exoneration to the said Joⁿ Zuill his aires and executors thercanent, And the synod ordaines the foirsaid

account with the whole instructions thereof to be kept in record with the synod book.

Mr Allan Clerk, being observed to be overtaken in drink before the synod, and being spoken to thereanent, Hes declared his conviction of his miscareage and his deep sense of the same with his resolution by the grace of God never to be fund in the lyke sin afterward, The synod therefore, after serious rebukeing him for the same, does exhort him to continue in his resolution, with certification of a sharper censure if he be fund in the lyke hereafter.

Here ends what was written in the Synod Book, which I have as truely as I could transcrybed in forme of minute (not haveing tyme to have drawn up the acts *ad longum* for the reason mentioned in the superscription of thir four sheet), beginning at the Synod 27 October 1658 inclusive to this very place that now I sisted at, The former pairt haveing been transcrybed *ad longum* by other hands before, Onely let it be observed that the acts which containes formal commissiones and discharges of vacancies and such lyke things are here also drawn up *ad longum verbum verbo*. This I assert under my handwryte and subscription.

Inverary
August 1
1667.

Mr Ro^r DUNCANSONE.

. joyntly with him revised
. Joⁿ CAMERON (?).

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REPORT OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH HISTORY SOCIETY

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY was held in the Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 12th December 1942, 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 :—

The Council are continuing the war-time policy, already intimated to members, of issuing a single volume each year. The Volume for 1940-41, *Two Missions of Jacques de la Brosse, 1543 and 1560*, edited with translation by Miss G. Dickinson, was issued last August. The interest of the *Discours*, which describes the mission of La Brosse and Ménage in 1543, lies in its account of the state of Scotland after the death of James V. The *Journal*, describing the siege of Leith in 1560, is of great topographical interest and also affords useful comparison both with the English despatches and with John Knox's *History of the Reformation in Scotland*, as shown in the comprehensive notes of the editor.

The Synod of Argyll Minutes, 1639-51, are being edited by Mr. Duncan C. Mactavish as the volume for 1941-42. Some delay has been caused both by present circumstances and by the illness of the editor, but the volume should be ready

for issue in the Spring of 1943. The exigencies of war have unfortunately made it necessary to postpone the issue of the *Letters of James III and James IV* (which the late Professor Hannay commenced), since the present editors, Mr. R. L. Mackie and Dr. C. Macrae, are unable under existing conditions to complete the volume satisfactorily. For the year 1942-43 Mr. Mactavish is therefore editing a second volume of *Synod of Argyll Minutes*, which will complete the period to 1660.

Thereafter the Council propose to issue a volume of Monymusk Papers, edited by Dr. Henry Hamilton, and two volumes of *Charters of the Abbey of Coupar-Angus*, edited by the Rev. Dr. Easson. Another *Miscellany Volume* is also in course of preparation, and it is hoped that Dr. W. C. Dickinson will edit for the Society a volume of *Aberdeen Burgh Court Records*.

Members of Council who retire in rotation at this time are Mr. T. Innes, Mr. Evan Barron, and Mr. R. C. Reid. The Council recommend their re-election.

During the year the Society has lost 21 members by death or resignation, while 6 new members have joined. The deaths of 2 members in the previous year have also been reported. The total membership (including 134 libraries) is now 461.

An abstract of the accounts for 1941-42, as audited, is appended.

The adoption of the Report was moved by Dr. H. W. Meikle, Chairman of the Council. Dr. Meikle began by referring to the volume *Two Missions of Jacques de la Brosse*, which he considered one of the most interesting to be issued by the Society. It told of the visits of Frenchmen at a time when Scotland was at the parting of the ways. Both a

brother and a sister had now edited volumes for the Society. He went on to speak of the forthcoming volume of *Synod of Argyll Minutes*, 1639-1651, saying that the ecclesiastical history of Argyll in the seventeenth century was practically unknown and that the volume would present many points of interest. After indicating something of future publications, Dr. Meikle emphasised the importance of maintaining the membership of the Society even in war-time and of the new world after the war having room for tolerance and the disinterested pursuit of truth.

Dr. W. K. Dickson seconded the adoption of the Report, which was carried unanimously.

The President then delivered an address on 'Agriculture in the time of Charles II.' After explaining that he proposed to draw mainly upon the wills of small farmers and tradesmen in the Stewartry he recalled the hardships of the period caused by Cromwell's campaign of 1650, the English Navigation Act of 1660, the exactions of Sir James Turner and his troops, the Highland Host of 1678, the expeditions of Claverhouse against the Covenanters, and the special tax called the 'new supply' which was reimposed in 1690. He gave reasons, however, for thinking that in Graham's *Social Life in Scotland* the poverty of the time was exaggerated. The walls were not always bare and fireplaces were found in innumerable small towers and houses of burgesses. Shiploads of French and Portuguese wine and brandy came into Ayr, Irvine and Dumfries. Ale and beer were mentioned in almost every domestic document; the Town Councils appointed cuniers to taste what the burgesses brewed for sale. The high standard of education was shown in 1645 by the appointment at Kirkcudbright of two masters to teach the Scots tongue, Latin and Greek, arithmetic and music to the country as well as the town children. Scottish officers

like young Balcarres found acceptance in Europe ; Trochrig was offered the chair of divinity at Saumur ; Pitcairn was invited to be professor of anatomy at Leyden. A letter written from Edinburgh in 1680 by Samuel Dépion, a Frenchman, dilated on the noble qualities of Scottish ladies.

Entering into details of the will made in January 1687 by a small farmer, John Riddick of Castlegour, Lord Bute showed that it was dictated to the local schoolmaster and included an inventory of the testator's cows, sheep and corn, with ' household plenishing and habiliments of body ' valued at ten shillings. He was owed £36 and himself owed 42 marks rent, 18 marks teind, one leg dollar to his brother, and to his servant Margaret Hannah 4 marks, 2 pairs shoes, one sark and one ell of linen. The next document showed the fieing at Girvan of John Grahame to Alexander McKie for a year from Lammas 1681. McKie bound himself to pay Grahame £24 Scots and provide him with a hat and sword, while Grahame was to furnish his own clothes. There was much evidence to show that payments in kind were on a definitely known basis and value, as, for instance, ' David McKail for his fie ane suit of grey clothes at £4, ane new sark 20 shillings, 2 pair of shoes 16 shillings, hose 12 shillings ' ; ' John Ashennan for pleugh food 40 shillings and one laid corn.' The amount spent on funerals was large. That of James Lindsay, who only left £82, cost £151, spent mostly on brandy, sweet sack, malt, meal, cheese, tobacco, pipes and other necessities. Gordon of Airds died insolvent but his coffin cost £12, 6s. 0d., the mortcloth £3, 14s. 0d., and the mourning clothes for his widow and children £100. Little value was set on the house-furnishing, generally between ten shillings and ten pounds. A detailed inventory of it was seldom given. A bed or a chest was sometimes mentioned

as a legacy. Chairs were never given, even in the case of smaller lairds.

An astonishing fact was that among some four hundred valuations of the belongings of small farmers there was only one mention of a plough and none of a harrow, spade, cart or sledge. The conclusion seemed to be that the farmer did the buying and selling and supervised, while the real work was done by cottars and bowers under contract with their own tools. A bower was one who took a farm but had no stock of his own. In 1582 the Town Council of Kirkcudbright appointed James Tait to hird all the beasts belonging to the townspeople, and in 1587 he was to be paid 3s. 4d. for every sowme of sheep not giving milk, but to pay the owners a stone of cheese for every six sheep which were in milk. So the thing was really put on the basis of a bowing. About 1680 a sheep was computed to give a return of £2, 2s. 6d. a year, made up of 3 lbs. of butter or cheese at 4 shillings a pound, 3 lbs. of wool at 1s. 3d. a lb., and 1 lamb at £1, 6s. 8d. There were continual changes in the value of money, but about 1670 one pound of butter was worth about 4 shillings, an old sheep £3, a goose 2 shillings, a hen 6 shillings, a dozen eggs 4 shillings, and a capon 8 shillings. That part of a lease which took the shape of so many days' ploughing, at the peat and so on, was often considered the last vestige of slavery on the part of wicked landlords, but really they all had a value that was well known.

Before ending, his lordship gave two extracts from inventories of the furnishings of the old towers so common all over the country, the first of which went to prove his case that the walls were not left bare, while the second was of interest as being that of the fine old tower built by the Maclellans of Bombie, lords of Kirkcudbright, which still stood in that town. Finally, he expressed the hope that he had shown

that a knowledge of the ways of country life was still available, if only the details were collated in some comprehensive form.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the President on the motion of Mr. T. Innes, who said that the address contained an immense amount of information which had importance for the present day.

**ABSTRACT ACCOUNT of CHARGE and DISCHARGE
of the INTROMISSIONS of the HONORARY
TREASURER for the year from 1st November
1941 to 31st October 1942.**

CHARGE.

I. Cash in Bank at close of Account for year ended 1st November 1941—		
1. Sum at credit of Savings Account with Bank of Scotland	£2 7 10	
2. Sum at credit of Current Account with Bank of Scotland	21 19 9	
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II. Subscriptions Received		429 9 0
III. Past Publications sold (including postages recovered from purchasers)		16 5 2
IV. Interest on Savings Account with Bank of Scotland		2 1 8
V. Miscellaneous		0 16 7
VI. Sums drawn from Bank Current Account	£629 16 10	
VII. Sums drawn from Bank Savings Account	£180 0 0	
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		£473 0 0

DISCHARGE.

I. Cost of Printing and Indexing Publications		
during year	£361	1 3
II. Miscellaneous Payments		43 15 7
III. Sums lodged in Bank Current		
Account	£647	13 11
IV. Sums lodged in Bank Savings		
Account	£229	9 6
V. Funds at close of this Account—		
1. Balance at credit of Savings		
Account with Bank of		
Scotland	£49	9 6
2. Balance at credit of Current		
Account with Bank of Scotland	17	17 1
3. Cash in hands of the Bank of		
Scotland, to meet current		
Postages	0	16 7
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EDINBURGH, 11th November 1942.—I have examined the Accounts of the Honorary Treasurer of the Scottish History Society for the year from 1st November 1941 to 31st October 1942, and I find the same to be correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

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