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RESPECTING THE TESTIMONY.

“ BROUGHTON PLACE CHURCH,
Edinburgh, 20th September 1827.”

“ THE UNITED ASSOCIATE SYNOD met, and was constituted by the Reverend ALEXANDER DUNCAN, Moderator.

“ *Inter alia*, Having completed the reading and correcting of the Draft of a Testimony, the Synod unanimously enacted as follows:—That while they retain the Confession of Faith and Catechisms (as recognised in the Basis of Union), and the Summary of Principles, as their creed, or profession of faith, or Terms of Communion, and therefore do not elevate the Testimony to the place of authority which these standards occupy; they, having deliberately reviewed it, do adopt and sanction it as a defence and illustration of the principles and design of the Secession, and do earnestly recommend it to the candid and diligent perusal of all under their charge.

“ And further, the Synod agreed that a reference shall be made to said Testimony in the *Formula of Ordination*, and that the 5th question shall be expressed in the following terms:—“ Do you consider, as still valid, those reasons of Secession from the Judicatories of the Established Church, which are stated in the Testimonies emitted by the Secession Church; namely, the sufferance of error without adequate censure; the infringement of the rights of the Christian people in the choice and settlement of their ministers under the law of patronage; the neglect or relaxation of discipline; the restraint of ministerial freedom in opposing mal-administration; and the refusal of the prevailing party to be reclaimed? Do you approve of the principles and design of the Secession for the more full illustration of which, the Testimony, as adopted by the United Associate Sy-

nod in September 1827, has been emitted? and do you resolve through grace to prosecute the design of the Secession?"

"The Synod also agreed, that said Testimony shall be printed and published at a moderate price, for the use of the Churches under their care;— that the Basis of Union, the Formula of Ordination, and the Summary of Principles, shall be printed uniformly with the Testimony, and appended to it; and the Rev. Dr PEDDIE, ANDREW LOTHIAN, JOHN BROWN (Edinburgh), JOHN RITCHIE, and GEORGE BARLAS, with the MODERATOR, are hereby appointed a Committee, to take the proper measures to ascertain and to determine the amount of the edition, to transact and agree with a bookseller as to the printing and publishing of these documents, and to superintend the printing of them."

(Signed) "WILLIAM KIDSTON, *Synod Clerk.*"

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