

A Special meeting of Vestry was held in Seagrave Parochial Schoolroom on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1893. The Archdeacon of Down in the Chair - Convened by letter to consider and adopt (if approved) the Protest of the standing Committee of the General Synod against the "Government of Ireland Bill".

Present

Archdeacon of Down Chairman - Rev. Dr. Quirk

Messrs. James Ulbin - Geo. Calvert - James Collins - Jas. Lavery - Joseph Monroe, Jas. Montgomery - Tho<sup>s</sup>. Montgomery - William McCann - Capl. W. Reid

Letters of apology for inability to attend received from Messrs. James Atkinson and A. Macoun both approved of object of meeting

The following Protest adopted by the standing Committee of the General Synod, which had been sent to the Select Vestry of every parish in Ireland was read to the Vestry by the Chairman

Church of Ireland

Protest "Against the Government of Ireland Bill"

We the Select Vestry of Seagrave in the Diocese of Down, hereby declare our unwavering adherence to the principles set forth in the Resolutions, unanimously adopted by the Bishops, Clergy & Laity of the Church of Ireland at a meeting of the General Synod, specially convened for that purpose on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1886, and we therefore consider it a duty, pending the next meeting of the General Synod to protest without delay against the measure which has just been introduced into the House of Commons under the title of "The Government of Ireland Bill". We are convinced, in common as we know with large numbers of our fellow Countrymen, who do not belong to our Church, that the revolutionary changes proposed in that measure if carried into effect would seriously imperil the safeguards of Civil & Religious Liberty, the security of property & life, and the integrity of the great Empire of which this United Kingdom is the Centre. We also believe, that these changes would tend to impoverish if not to expatriate many of those on whose support the maintenance of our Church, under God depends & would thereby disable her the effort she is making to supply the spiritual needs of her people. And we make this Protest not as the adherents of a party, nor in behalf of a class but as members of a Church numbering more than 600,000 Irishmen who holding various political opinions & following many different callings, are united

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37<sup>v</sup> in a common allegiance to the Throne and a common desire for the honour and welfare of their native land.

It was proposed by Mr George Calvert - Churchwarden seconded by Mr William & unanimously adopted,

That the Form of Protest forwarded by the Standing Committee of the General Synod & now read to this Vestry, is hereby unanimously adopted and the Chairman & Secretary are requested & empowered, to sign the said Protest on behalf of the select Vestry

The Chairman also submitted to the Vestry the Design of a stained Glass Window which Miss Carleton proposes to erect in the parish Church in the memory of her Father Mr Thomas Carleton. It was drawn by Mr. Myones (Repton Road Fulham London) one of two Artists recommended to her by Mr Tho: Dew. R. H. A. Architect of the Church - Last year the same Artist designed a Memorial Window for Gifford Church, which is much admired. The design is in keeping with the Architecture of the restored Church and the details are skilfully wrought out - on the motion of Mr Capel W. Reid and Mr Tho: Montgomery the design was unanimously approved of by the Vestry

The Chairman also reported to the Vestry that Miss Carleton had proposed with the Consent of the Vestry to have the entire walls of the Parish Church planted with ivy, Virginian Creeper, at her sole expence, this would be a great additional beauty to the fabric & would cover the incongruity of the old & New work - On the Motion of Mr John Savory and Mr James Collins it was resolved that the Vestry accept Miss Carleton's generous offer with cordial thanks

Meeting concluded with prayer for the present crisis in Ireland

A. Calvert - Chairman.  
James Wilson Sec.