

Constitution of Synod.

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Session I. — 1809.

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Philadelphia, 24th. May, 1809.

All the ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America being present, with ruling elders delegated from different sessions, as follows:

— — — — — Northern Presbytery. — — — — —		
Ministers.	Elders.	Congregations.
Alexander McLeod Gilbert McMaster William Gibson	Andrew Gifford — — — — Thomas McKeith	New York. Duanesburgh. Ryegate.
— — — — — Middle Presbytery. — — — — —		
Samuel B. Wylie " — — — — — — — — — — John Black Matthew Williams	Thomas McAdam Robert Orr John Renfrew Thomas Hagleton — — — — — — — — — —	Philadelphia. " Conococheague. Cannonsburgh. Pittsburgh. Pine Creek, Union, etc.
— — — — — Southern Presbytery. — — — — —		
Thomas Donnelly	— — — — —	Rocky Creek.

did unanimously agree to constitute a Synod; and the senior minister, the Rev. William Gibson, did constitute the court by prayer in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church.

1. Resolved, That this Judicatory be hereafter known by the name of the "Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America."

2. Resolved, That the three Committees erected by the Reformed Presbytery shall assume the form and powers of distinct Presbyteries under the inspection of this

Synod, and shall be designated the Northern, Middle and Southern Presbyteries.

The Court appointed the Rev. Gilbert McMaster, Moderator, and the Rev. John Black, Clerk of Synod.

3. Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Court to report at next meeting of Synod the state of religion in their respective bounds, both in general in the Country around them, and more particularly among their own Connections.

4. Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Court to inquire whether any, and if any, what security of fidelity shall be given to the constituted authorities of this country by the aliens of our Church, if demanded.

5. Resolved, That Mr. Reilly be delivered into the hands of the Northern and Middle Presbyteries, and that his time may be equally divided between them.

6. Resolved, That the Court appoint the next meeting to be held in the city of New York, on the third Wednesday of May, 1811, at 5 o'clock P.M. The Moderator, Mr. McMaster, is to open the Synod with a sermon respecting universal salvation; and that sometime during the sessions of Synod, the Rev. S. B. Wylie shall deliver a discourse illustrating the duty of providing for the Church an able and learned ministry.

7. Resolved, That the Clerk be ordered to procure a book for the purpose of keeping a fair statement of Synod's Minutes, and that he draw upon the Treasurer for the cost thereof.

8. The Court do hereby recognize and approve the several acts and deeds of the Reformed Presbytery.

The Moderator concluded by prayer.

(Signed).

Gilbert McMaster, Mod.

John Black, Clerk.