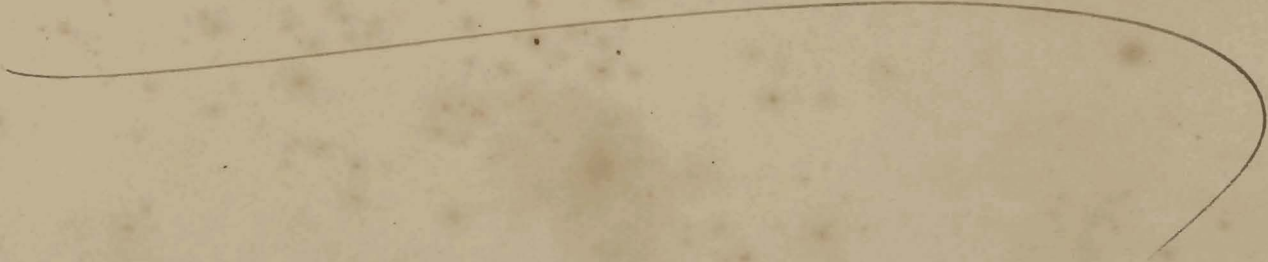


Presented by me to the Kirk session
of Dornoch, - and to be
preserved by them among their parochial records. -
12.th Jan. 1866.

George Dempster



22th September
1843 3

Reasons and Objections by the sub-
scribing Parishioners of Dornoch against
the Presentation and Inductions of the Reverend
George Munro to the Cure and pastoral Charge
of the Church and Parish of Dornoch.

1st That the Objectors solemnly and conscientiously believe that the appointment of the Reverend George Munro to the Parish-Church of Dornoch, would not tend to the glory of God - the great good of the Church, the salvation of Souls, or the edification of the Parishioners, but on the contrary, they consider that the said Reverend George Munro's qualifications and gifts are unsuited for this particular Charge especially in the present spiritual condition of the Parish, and his appointment would be most unsatisfactory to the whole of the Parishioners - Would cause the utter desertion of the Church and compel the Objectors and Parishioners generally to seek ministrations elsewhere at great inconvenience to themselves and families, and much against their wishes they being most desirous to continue to worship in the Parish Church as heretofore and of receiving spiritual ministrations from any fit and acceptable incumbent appointed thereto.

2nd That it being of paramount importance that the Minister of Dornoch be an efficient and able Preacher of Gaelic, the Reverend George Munro is disqualified for this particular Parish, in respect that the gaelic congregation do not thoroughly understand the gaelic spoken and preached by him.

3rd That it is unusual and unheard of in the Highlands for a Minister to read his gaelic discourses, but the Reverend George Munro not having been accustomed to preach gaelic for thirty years back, is obliged to read his sermons from his general and acknowledged deficiency and incapacity to address a gaelic audience in that tongue.

4th That from the opportunity afforded by many of the Objectors of hearing the Reverend George Munro on Sunday the 3rd September instant, the Subscribing Objectors

Objectors are strongly impressed with the conviction and conscientiously feel that his doctrine is not such as to edify them or to advance their spiritual interest.

5th That the Church of Dornoch is very large and well known to be difficult to preach in, and the said Rev^d George Munro from a natural physical defect arising probably from his great age and from certain other causes is incapable of being so distinctly heard as to be followed or understood by a large proportion of the Congregation. That besides the above defect the said Rev^d George Munro's manner in the Pulpit is disagreeable and destitute of energy and life, and not calculated to arrest the attention necessary for edification.

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X of physical and mental energy far inferior to the late incumbent of this Parish, who several years ago required an Assistant and Successor to be appointed to him.

That the Parish of Dornoch contains nearly four thousand souls and is at least six miles square: That the Rev^d George Munro is upwards of sixty years of age and physically unfit to perform many of the most essential duties incumbent on the Minister of so large and populous a parish. He is in respect

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That the Reverend George Munro by attempting to gain admission into the Church and Parish of Dornoch not by the people's wishes, but in the face of their earnest remonstrances has shown great apathy and indifference which is particularly characterised and denounced in Scripture language.

8th That although the late Pastors of the Parish thought proper to leave their Charge the Members adhering to the establishment highly respected their great ministerial gifts and usefulness, the Objectors attachment to the Church of their Fathers alone restrains them from following their late Pastors as so many others have done, and the subscribing Objectors knowing the influence which the late Pastors will exert in increasing the amount of secession in this place unless their Successor in the Parish be not only highly gifted, but wholly acceptable which is not the case in regard to the Reverend George Munro.

9th That

9th That the late extensive and lamentable secession from the Church of Scotland has been partly occasioned by the intrusion of unacceptable and objectionable men into parishes contrary to the wishes and well founded objections of the Majority of the people, and the Objectors consider that Mr. Munro's intrusion into this parish would have the effect of increasing the amount of secession in it. Whereas his rejection on the grounds above set forth, and the appointment of one better qualified and more acceptable would bring back many who have already left the Establishment.

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~~James Munro~~

John Mackinlay Elder
James Kirkwood, P. Schoolmaster.

David Young Teacher
Thomas Barclay Shilbo
Henry Hall Farmer Coull

William Farmer Donoh
John Munro do

David Ross Dornoch Tenant
Donald Dimpson Smith do

George Campbell Smith
Donald McMeizer Carter

John Ross the offer
George Ross Tailor

John Sutherland Fisher
Robert Nicolson Mason

Donald Munro Gardener
John Henderson Tenant

George Barclay Shilbo
Angus Leslie Torball

William Ross (can be seen) Dornoch
John Brandere Embler
John Hall Miltown of Evelix
Robert Ball do

Isaac Brown Smith
Archd. Frazer, Chancellor

William M. 1110 Merchant
James Rose B.

Geo. S. Anderson
DEBOTS

Robert Leslie Miller
Robert Leslie Saddle

Angus Murray Weaver
William Murray Haberdasher Coull

Alexander Ross
Thomp Mackinnon Officer

George Gunn Fraser
Robert Leslie, House Carpenter

William Forbes Carpenter
Mrs. Gray Merchant

James Leslie, Clerk, Dornoch
Alex Gray Carpenter

James Clark Dornoch
James Halyburton Coachmaker Mithery

Hugh Ross Black Hill
James Ross do
Wm Ginnie Clothier
Wm Watson Clothier

John Macintosh, Innkeeper, Clashmore
John Gordon, Gunter, Clashmore

John Robt Millwright Clashmore
William Cuthbert Manager Skibo

William Robertson Gardener Skibo

Donald Murray Gamekeeper Skibo

Donald Murray Groom Skibo

David Tennant Farmer Ferry town

John Paterson Blacksmith

John Murray Farmer Cuthill

David Murray Farmer Cuthill

Donald Murray Miller Skibo

Ally Macintosh Pot Distiller

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