

By the Unanimous Call of us the Subscribers - Inhabitants of the Harbor Parish  
the District of Pictou given to the Reverend Mr. Thomas McCulloch to be our Minister of  
Gospel; and he having fully assented and consented thereto; and having been duly  
regularly placed our Minister in said Parish - For the raising and paying a suffi-  
sum for the decent support and maintenance of him and his Family - We hereby  
conjunctly bind and oblige ourselves to pay or cause to be paid to him of lawful  
money of Nova Scotia, the certain Sum of One hundred pounds per annum, to be  
raised and paid in Manner and form as follows viz: each subscriber, in or [d?]  
make up the said hundred pounds, shall volun[t? -] ~~and~~ annex to his  
respective name <sup>such</sup> sum or Sums as [ - ] providence and discretion may think  
~~and~~ [ a - ] his means and ability; which he shall pay [ - ]  
paid to a Committee, which shall consist of three persons to be nominated and  
appointed yearly and every year, by a Majority of the subscribers, for the purpose  
collecting the Stipends. - It is to be understood that the said Sum of One hundred  
pounds per annum shall be levied and paid certainly, for the term of three years  
at the expiration of which, at a meeting of the subscribers appointed for taking  
matter into consideration, such further increase and addition [ - ] be made to  
said stipends, as the necessities of the minister may require, and the Congregation  
from [th - ] future ability and prosperity may be able to pay - And the Sums  
subscribed by us individually, shall be subject to be increased or diminished, accord-  
to the increase or decrease of the population of the Parish: - Which Sum shall, in  
future, be regulated by a Committee of five persons; also to be annually Elected and app-  
by a majority of the Subscribers, who shall take who shall take for their rule in  
Determining the amount to be individually paid - the original sum respectively  
subscribed; and the number of subscribers and others who can be actually made  
accountable for the whole amount to be raised - and the above Committee [ - ]  
of five persons shall make it their business [ - ]

determining the amount to be individually paid - the original sum respectively subscribed; and the number of subscribers and others who can be actually made accountable for the whole amount to be raised - and the above Committee [ ] of five persons, shall make it their business [ ] frequently into the state of the population [ ] Parish; and offer these presents to all new [ ], who may be inclined to join the congregation [ ] to their subscribing the sum. —  
~~And~~ The stipends shall be paid quarterly; and the collecting Committee, shall be invested with power and authority, to compel those legally to pay, whose delinquency, in not regularly paying their proportion may render it necessary for them to take legal —

measures. — But it is hereby especially provided that, if the above mode of raising the stipends, from experience, or any unforeseen Emergency, should be found not to be agreeable, convenient, nor effectual for that purpose; it shall and may, at any time, be in the power, of a Majority of the Subscribers, to advise together; and devise such other more adequate and eligible plan; as they in their deliberation shall think proper — which other plan so devised; shall be as valid and binding, upon all parties concerned — as if he or they had freely and voluntarily given — his or their special sanction thereto, and it is hereby specially provided, that any Subscriber or Subscribers, who may remove from being a Residenter or Residenters in the said Harbor Parish, shall be, and is hereby absolved, from all the Obligations and Burdens incurred, by being a Subscriber to these presents.

In Witness of all whereof we have subscribed these presents, and affixed our Seals, at Picton this 1st day of May, annoque Domini 1804.