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WHITEHALL, May 28.

The following address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, his Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Hon. Lord Pelham, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the King; which address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

The gracious letter with which your Majesty hath honoured this meeting of the General Assembly of our national Church, we have received with the utmost respect and gratitude.

The re-appointment of Lord Napier to be your Majesty's High Commissioner, and to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, we consider as a distinguished mark of your Majesty's gracious attention to our interest, and to our wishes. The proofs he has already given of zeal for your Majesty's service, affection for the Church of Scotland, and firm attachment to the true interests of his country, make this your Majesty's choice highly acceptable to us.

We rely with equal gratitude and confidence upon the declaration communicated to us by his Grace the Lord High Commissioner, that it is your Majesty's unalterable purpose and resolution to maintain the Church we represent in the full possession and enjoyment of all its rights and privileges; as by law established.

We intreat that we may be permitted to assure your Majesty, that the great importance of the objects of our deliberation shall excite in us the most zealous endeavours for their accomplishment. In the discharge of the sacred duty with which we are invested, of watching over the religious and moral principles of the people, we have clearly seen that no nation can be happy or prosperous without virtue, nor virtuous without religion: Impressed with a due sense of this awful truth, and consequently aware of the great end to which our labours ought to be directed, we will apply ourselves to the discharge of the high trust reposed in us with vigour and fidelity. Our exertions shall be animated by the approbation which your Majesty is pleased to express of our past conduct; by the assurance that our success will give satisfaction to our Sovereign; and by the trust that we shall at all times receive his most ready and cordial support.

We entreat your Majesty to accept of our warmest and most humble acknowledgements for your attention to the advancement of religious knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland: Your royal donation for this purpose we shall endeavour to apply to as most effectually to promote the design for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ, may direct your Majesty's Councils, and prosper your Government; that he may bless our gracious Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all your Royal Family; that he may long preserve your Majesty to reign over a free, a loyal, and a virtuous people; and that, through Christ, he may bestow upon you hereafter that Crown of Righteousness which fadeth not away, are the prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

(Signed) GILBERT GERARD, Moderator.
Edinburgh, 21st May 1803.

BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION.
For increasing the Militia.

GEORGE R.

Whereas it is expedient that the number of our militia forces should be increased without delay: And whereas the occasion thereof hath been communicated to Parliament; we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, to publish this our Royal proclamation; and we do hereby, in pursuance of the powers which are vested in us by an act passed in the forty-second year of our reign, entitled "An act for amending the laws relating to the militia in England, and for augmenting the militia," and of another act passed in the same year, entitled "An act to raise and establish a militia force in Scotland," order and direct that, in addition to the number of men already required to be raised under the said acts by the several counties, ridings, stewardries, cities, and places therein mentioned, there shall forthwith be raised and enrolled in the said several counties, ridings, stewardries, cities, and places therein mentioned, respectively, such a number of men as may amount to, but not exceed the proportion of one-half of the whole number of men required to be raised by the said acts in each county, riding, stewardry, city, and place respectively: And we do hereby further order and direct our Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants respectively, of the said several counties, ridings, stewardries, cities and places, immediately to assemble and forthwith proceed to apportion the number of men hereby required to be raised in their respective counties, ridings, stewardries, cities, and places among the several hundreds, rapes, lathes, wapentakes, or other divisions, and also among the several parishes, tythings, or places therein respectively, and thereafter to proceed to raise and enrol such men on or before the sixteenth day of July next ensuing.

Given at our Court at St James's, the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, in the forty-third year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

ORDNANCE-OFFICE, May 26.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major-General John Stewart to be Colonel Commandant, vice Straton, deceased; Brevet-Colonel Edward Stephens to be Colonel, vice Stewart; Brevet Lieut.-Col. William Bentham to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Stephens; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Edmund Lemoine to be Major, vice Bentham; Capt.-Lieut. Nathaniel Foy to be Captain, vice Lemoine; First Lieut. James P. Cockburn to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Foy; Second Lieut. Archibald M. Maxwell to be First Lieutenant, vice Cockburn; all dated May 17. 1803.

WAR OFFICE, May 28.

5th Dragoon Guards—Lieut. J. B. Irwin, from the half-pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Creagh, who exchanges, receiving the difference.

7th Light Dragoons—William Calcraft to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Cholmley, promoted.

16th Ditto—Captain-Lieut. Christopher Myers, from the half-pay of the late 23d light dragoons, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Emmerlon, who exchanges. Edward Charles Cocks to be Cornet, by purchase, vice M-Gillivray, promoted.

18th Ditto—Cornet Robert Dawson Bolton to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Long, promoted.

19th Ditto—Charles Townsend Wilson to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Harris, resigned.

20th Ditto—Walter Jacks to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Mathews, promoted.

1st Foot Guards—Brevet Major Alexander Dalzell, from the half-pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Bryan, who exchanges. Francis J. Needham to be Ensign, without purchase.

Coldstream Foot Guards—Edward Jenkinson to be Ensign, without purchase. Captain Charles Fane to be Adjutant, vice Stirling, who resigns the Adjutancy.

3d Foot Guards—Hon. Alexander Gordon to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Clithero, promoted.

1st Battalion 1st Foot—Lieut. Henry Harding, from the half-pay of the 4th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Sir John Gordon, who exchanges.

3d Foot—Thomas Macky to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Colville, promoted.

4th Ditto—George Eckerfall to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Smith, promoted.

5th Ditto—Lieut. John Hamilton, from the half-pay

[Price 6d.]

