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THE following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly, having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable John Sinclair, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the King, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously :—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, have received with profound gratitude and respect Your Majesty's most gracious Letter, conveyed to us by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner.

We thank Your Majesty for Your gracious assurance of undiminished regard for the Church of Scotland, desire for her well-being, and sympathy with the labours of her Ministers.

We are encouraged in all our efforts for the good of the people committed to our charge by Your Majesty's interest in our deliberations, and by the expression of Your Majesty's Trust that we shall be able to advance true religion and sound learning, and to promote the concord that should reign among all Christians.

We deeply lament the death of His Majesty the late King of Denmark, and beg to express our sincere sympathy with Your Majesty and our Gracious Queen Alexandra under this severe bereavement.

We have heartily welcomed as Lord High Commissioner to this General Assembly the Right Honourable Lord Colebrooke, whose unflinching courtesy and kindness gain for him our esteem and affection.

We acknowledge with great thankfulness Your Majesty's munificent gift of Two Thousand Pounds, which we shall endeavour to administer for the furtherance for the purposes for which it has been bestowed. It will be used for the benefit of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

We earnestly pray that God may bestow for many years His richest blessings upon Your Majesty, our Gracious Queen Alexandra, George, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of Your Royal House.

May it please Your Majesty,—

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

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

T. B. W. NIVEN, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 26th May 1906.