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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, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly, desire to renew our expression of loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's person and throne. There are no more loyal subjects in Your Majesty's vast dominions than the Members of this National Church, and we therefore specially welcome the gracious assurance in Your Majesty's letter of Your Majesty's interest in the work and satisfaction with the success of the Church of Scotland.

We render our most grateful acknowledgement for the continuance of Your Majesty's gift of Two Thousand pounds for the religious needs of the Highlands and Islands, and we can assure Your Majesty that the money shall be carefully expended in the manner in which Your Majesty has been pleased to direct.

The choice of the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird to be Your Majesty's Representative in the General Assembly has given to us sincere pleasure, as we recognise in him a Nobleman whose life has been devoted to the promotion of the best interests, religious and philanthropic, of the Nation.

From an experience of his courtesy, kindness, and hospitality in the past, we welcome his return as Lord High Commissioner.

We gratefully recognise the many benefits which Your Majesty has conferred upon our Nation, and we earnestly pray that a life so precious to the Country may be long spared in health, peace, and happiness.

That the rich blessing of Almighty God may sustain Your Majesty in Your Majesty's many labours and anxieties for the public weal, and may ever rest upon Your Majesty, Our gracious Queen Alexandra, and all the Members of the 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, will ever pray.

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

THEODORE MARSHALL, D.D.,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, 22nd May 1908.