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FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1923.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
 30th May 1923.*

**T**HE 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 Viscount Novar, 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 loyal and attached subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, desire to acknowledge with profound gratitude Your Majesty's most gracious letter. We receive with heartfelt thankfulness the expression of Your Majesty's interest in the proceedings of the General Assembly, of your good wishes for the work of the Church of Scotland, and the spiritual wellbeing of the people of the land.

We are deeply moved by the trust that is expressed by Your Majesty that the Church in these days of great anxieties at home and abroad will carefully use its influence to soften every bitterness and to promote peace within our borders and in all the world. And supported by Your Majesty's gracious words and encouraged by the high example continually

set by Your Majesty, we shall seek with new energy the promotion of that sacred faith in which lie the fairest hopes of every heart and of the whole world.

Will Your Majesty also allow us to offer our congratulations on the marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, a happy event in which the Nation rejoiced and which was acclaimed with great enthusiasm by the Scottish people.

We would acknowledge with sincere gratitude Your Majesty's gift of Two Thousand Pounds to be used for the religious interests of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and would humbly offer our assurance that it will be our earnest endeavour to apply that gift to the best advantage among a people where there has always been marked conspicuous loyalty to the throne.

We are deeply gratified by the appointment of the Right Honourable Lord Elphinstone as Your Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to our Assembly, and are confident that his presence will contribute to the earnestness with which the deliberations are conducted and to the strengthening of our devotion to Your Majesty's person and throne.

We pray Him, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, to grant to Your Majesty all spiritual and temporal blessings and to prolong for many years your beneficent and glorious reign, and to protect and bless our Gracious Queen Mary, and all the Royal Family.