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*Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
27th May 1925.*

**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 Sir John Gilmour, Bart., D.S.O., 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 devoted subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, desire to express the deep appreciation and gratitude with which Your Majesty's letter was received by us. Nothing could be of greater encouragement to us than Your Majesty's gracious interest in the Proceedings of our General Assembly, and in the service which the Church of Scotland seeks to render to the cause of true religion in our land. We most earnestly desire to assure Your Majesty that it will be our constant endeavour to be faithful to the trust committed to us.

Again Your Majesty has laid us under a deep sense of gratitude by the continuance of your concern for the religious interests of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and by your gracious gift of £2000 to be devoted by us to that cause. Not only in the General

Assembly is that gift deeply appreciated, but also by Your Majesty's loyal people in the Highlands and Islands this token of Your Majesty's continued interest will meet with grateful recognition.

The appointment of the Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to be Your Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to our General Assembly is one that could not fail to be received by us with singular gratification, as it brings to us one who bears an ancient and honoured name amongst us, who, by his own distinctive personal gifts, will adorn his high office.

We pray that the blessing of Almighty God may now and at all times rest upon Your Majesty, and uphold you in the midst of manifold labours for the good of all your people; and on our gracious Queen Mary, and all the members of your Royal House, we pray that the Divine blessing may be bestowed in rich abundance.

*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, and at our appointment, by

JOHN WHITE, D.D.,  
Moderator.

(L.S.)

Edinburgh, 22nd May 1925.