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WHITEHALL, MAY 30, 1807.

The following Addresses 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 Hawkesbury, one of his Majesty's Pricipal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the King, which Addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

Your Majesty's most gracious letter to this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland hath been received with the strongest feelings of respect and gratitude.

The renewed appointment of Francis Lord Napier to represent your royal person in this Assembly, we regard as a most acceptable proof of your Majesty's approbation and favour. Our experience of the ability with which he executes the duties of his high trust, and of his zeal for maintaining the privileges of the church of Scotland, have insured to him our respectful and cordial attachment.

The approbation which your Majesty is pleased to express of our exertions in promoting the objects which, on former occasions, your paternal wisdom has recommended to our care, while it excites our gratitude, and strengthens our affection towards your Majesty, will animate our endeavours to perpetuate the happiness which hath long been experienced by all ranks of people under the blessings of an invaluable constitution. We will inculcate among those committed to our care the indispensable necessity of a due submission to the laws, and a just veneration for all constituted establishments and authorities. We acknowledge with thankfulness and joy the encouragement afforded by your Majesty to all who labour to esta-

lish, upon a firm and sure basis, those blessings which, under Divine Providence, are enjoyed in this happy land; and we rely with the fullest confidence on the assurance which your Majesty is pleased to renew of your unalterable attachment to the Christian Religion, and of your unceasing regard for the peculiar privileges of the Church of Scotland. Under the sanction of your royal authority, and the blessing of that Divine Master whom we serve, we trust that success will crown our exertions to disseminate those principles of true religion and piety, on which alone our national welfare can securely rest. If there be other principles, which some have not feared to trust to and to teach, we are well assured that such men have been blinded by the delusive novelties of false philosophy; and, although the enemies of God's holy word may increase our labours, and multiply the difficulties with which we have to contend, we trust that, through the influence of Divine Grace, we shall be enabled to prevail against them, by showing out of a good conversation our works with meekness of wisdom.

We feel all the importance of the trust reposed in us by your Majesty, and all the value of that praise with which your Majesty is graciously pleased to honour us; and we pray earnestly to Almighty God, that he would fit us to lead our people in the ways of righteousness, and to support them, by the wholesome doctrines of the Gospel, in the hour of trial.

We entreat your Majesty to accept our humble acknowledgment for your continued attention to the religious interests of the highlands and islands of Scotland. It shall be our endeavour to apply your royal bounty so as most effectually to promote the object for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty's person, and prosper your government; that he may

bless abundantly our gracious queen, the prince and princess of Wales, and all the members of your illustrious house; that he may long continue to us the blessings which we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious reign; and that he may bestow upon you hereafter a crown of glory, 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 National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

JAMES SHIRREFS, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 23, 1807.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty:

May it please your Majesty to accept the humble expression of the dutiful and loyal sentiments with which the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland presume to approach their gracious Sovereign.

It is the happiness of your people that, during an auspicious reign of forty-seven years, the conduct of your Majesty has been uniformly governed by the principles which placed the house of Brunswick upon the throne of these realms; and the ministers and elders of the Church of Scotland, attached to those principles from conviction, as well as by their habits and institutions, recollect with peculiar satisfaction that your Majesty has exhibited the brightest example of a sacred regard to the Protestant Reformed Religion. While, in the series of indulgencies to your Roman Catholic subjects, which has marked your Majesty's reign, we recognize the enlightened operation of a mild and tolerant spirit, we have always found your Majesty the faithful guardian of the Protestant Establishment. We have lately seen the fences of that establishment upheld by the firm and dignified exercise of the constitutional preroga-

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