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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 Honourable the Earl of Liverpool, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the King; which addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

*May it please your Majesty,*

The very gracious letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this General Assembly of our national Church, has been received by us with the most profound respect and gratitude.

That your Majesty has again thought fit to intrust to the Right Honourable Francis Lord Napier, your Commissioner, to represent your royal person on this solemn occasion, we regard as a renewed mark of that gracious attention which your Majesty has been accustomed to shew to our interest and to our wishes. On former occasions his conduct in the high office committed to him, has commanded our esteem; and on the present, we are confident that it will be such as to call forth our merited approbation.

We place the most perfect reliance on the assurance which, by your Majesty's command, he has again given us of your unalterable attachment to those principles of religion which are alone the means of directing the conduct of princes, those principles which are so intimately connected with the existence of our incomparable constitution, and which, by being invariably maintained by your Majesty, have preserved it amidst the destruction of all surrounding nations. Of the inestimable blessings resulting to this realm from your Majesty's scrupulous ob-

servance of the religious and political duties of your exalted station, we are fully sensible; and it is a subject of high satisfaction to us, that we live under a sovereign who so clearly perceives the necessary connection of these duties with each other, and so invariably adheres to them as the means of promoting the prosperity of his empire.

Your Majesty's solicitude to impress us with the wise and enlightened sentiments entertained by your Majesty on this important subject, will animate us to use our best endeavours to preserve the portion of your subjects committed to our pastoral charge, in that state of purity of principle and rectitude of conduct, which may long continue to them those blessings which they now enjoy; and to impress them with a deep conviction of the sincere and unshaken attachment which your Majesty has never ceased to entertain to all your subjects, but more particularly to that part of them whose spiritual guidance is committed to our care.

We shall not fail to assure them, that in the course of the contest which your Majesty has been compelled to maintain, they have suffered from the burdens unavoidably occasioned by a struggle so arduous and protracted, your Majesty has ever regretted those burdens, and that it has only been your conviction of the justice of your cause which has enforced their necessity. That cause, we are firmly persuaded, is founded on religion and political virtue; and while your Majesty prosecutes it abroad by all the means which the Almighty has placed in your hands, we shall cordially contribute at home our efforts for its success, by our fervent prayers to the Sovereign Ruler of the universe, by impressing sentiments of loyalty, unanimity, fortitude, and perseverance on the people committed to our pastoral care, and, above all, by the most zealous endeavours to recommend to

their acceptance the salutary and ennobling doctrines of the Gospel, which will continue to support them in the hour of trial. In the discharge of these our peculiar duties, it will be no small encouragement to us, that thus we shall justify the reliance which your Majesty condescends to place in our virtue and attachment.

We receive with sincere gratitude your Majesty's donation of one thousand pounds for promoting Religious Knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; and we shall endeavour to apply this mark of your royal munificence in the manner best calculated for promoting the pious purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty and prolong your reign; that he may bless the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that he may ever direct your councils, and prosper the measures of your government; that after a long and happy reign on earth, he may bestow on you a crown of glory in heaven; and that princes of the august house of Brunswick, formed on your Majesty's example, may to latest posterity sway the sceptre of this realm, are the fervent 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  
FRANCIS NICOLL, D. D. Moderator.

*May it please your Majesty,*

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the ministers and elders of the Church of Scotland, met in general assembly, beg leave to approach the throne with sentiments of the warmest attachment to your person, family, and government.

Price Sixpence.



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