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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 Viscount Sidmouth, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, which Addresses his Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE have received with the most profound respect, the gracious letter with which your Royal Highness, in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, has condescended to honour this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

It is a source of high satisfaction to us, that as we have been accustomed heretofore to meet in General Assembly, under the authority of law, and countenanced by the gracious sanction of his Majesty, so your Royal Highness has thought fit, in the exercise of the royal authority, to continue the gracious purpose which his Majesty has repeatedly been pleased to manifest towards us, and to extend to us your protection.

The re-appointment of the Right Honourable Francis Lord Napier to represent the person of the King, on this occasion, is most acceptable to us. While the manner in which he has repeatedly discharged the important duties which have been committed to him, has given satisfaction to his Majesty, it has also been advantageous to us; and your Royal Highness in confiding again to him the functions of his Majesty's High Commissioner, has given us the strongest pledge of your inclination to support the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland. We trust that these rights and privileges will be exercised and upheld under his admonitions, as they have already been, with a firmness and moderation of which you may continue to approve.

We are peculiarly gratified, that our temperate conduct in all matters appertaining to our spiritual concerns, has inspired you with confidence in our deliberations; and we venture to assure your Royal Highness, that being guided hereafter by the same

spirit that has obtained for us the honour of your approbation, it shall be our most zealous endeavour, that the people committed to our spiritual care may enjoy fully, and estimate justly, the blessing of peace and good will which his Majesty's paternal regard has unceasingly laboured to establish among them.

We shall be anxious to fulfil the wishes of your Royal Highness, by persevering in our attention to the advancement of piety, and the practice of all Christian duties, and particularly by impressing upon the minds of those committed to our care, the indispensable necessity of a due obedience, on their part, to the laws of the land.

It is deeply to be lamented, that there should have been found in any part of this highly favoured land, factious men, enemies equally to religion and social order, who have so far forgotten their duty, as to set themselves up in opposition to the laws, and to the constituted authorities of the country. But we trust that the wise measures adopted by your Royal Highness, in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, for maintaining peace and social order, have convinced them of their error, and induced them to abandon their fruitless and criminal purposes. We confidently hope, that among the people under our pastoral care, hardly any such deluded and factious persons are to be found. But should there be any such among us, our counsels shall be most affectionately tendered, to convert them from their misguided opinions and conduct. We shall endeavour to teach them by our precepts, that the legislative wisdom by which our excellent constitution has been established, is constantly employed in the support of it, and to convince them by our example, that by a uniform determination to defend our establishment in church and state, and to support his Majesty's person and government, they can alone entitle themselves to the exertions which your Royal Highness, in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, is continually making for the promotion of their prosperity and happiness.

The royal donation of two thousand pounds, to be employed in propagating religious knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we receive with the warmest gratitude, as a pledge both of the benevolent regard of our beloved Sovereign for the best

interests of his people, and of the anxiety of your Royal Highness, acting in his name and on his behalf, to fulfil his pious intentions. We shall be careful to apply it, so as best to promote the valuable purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may bless, console, and sustain his most Sacred Majesty the King, and render eminently successful the measures of his government; that he may bless abundantly the Queen; that he may protect your Royal Highness, and encompass you with his favour, and that he may bless the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, his 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

ANDREW BROWN, Moderator.  
Edinburgh, May 22, 1813.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, his Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, gladly embrace this opportunity of approaching the throne with sentiments of sincere affection and attachment to your Royal Highness and his Majesty's government.

We deeply regret the continuance of that malady with which our venerable Sovereign has been visited, so painful to the feelings of your Royal Highness, and all those who recollect the wisdom, rectitude, and benignity of his Majesty's character and reign. It is, however, our consolation under this afflicting dispensation of Providence, that the reigns of empire are held by a Prince, whose matured wisdom and experience have prepared him for the duties of his high station; and that, under the regency of your Royal Highness, we continue to enjoy the same just, mild, and paternal rule.

We congratulate your Royal Highness on that success and glory which have been obtained by his Majesty's arms, and those of his allies, in the Pen-

Price Sixpence Halfpenny.

