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FROM FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1822.

At the Court at Holyrood House, the 17th August
1822,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day, the Right Honourable Charles Hope, Lord President of the Court of Session, was, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

HOLYROOD HOUSE, — August 19, 1822.

The following Address of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has been presented to his Majesty on the Throne.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met as a Commission of the General Assembly, and the representative body of the whole Church, beg leave, with profound respect, to approach your Majesty's Throne, and to present to your Majesty the strongest and most solemn assurances of our veneration, affection, and loyalty.

We most sincerely and most joyfully congratulate your Majesty on your safe arrival in Scotland; and we congratulate Scotland on that most auspicious event: An event in which we feel the highest exultation, and from which we anticipate the happiest consequences.

To this day, your Majesty's subjects in Scotland have looked forward with joyful expectation: And to this day they will look back as a day of glory to their native land.

At the annual meetings of our national Church, we have esteemed it a high honour to behold your Majesty's representative; and through him to receive your Majesty's most gracious assurances of maintaining inviolate our rights and privileges as by law established: But we cannot express what we feel, when, within the precincts of your ancient kingdom of Scotland, we behold your Majesty in

person: A king distinguished by every splendid endowment, and graced by every elegant accomplishment,—at once the safeguard of our country, and the bulwark of our Church.

From the first moment that your Majesty undertook the charge of public affairs, the providence of God has beamed upon you with a bright effulgence. By the wisdom of your Majesty's counsels, and the vigour of your arms, your Majesty was enabled, by the blessing of Almighty God, to frustrate the formidable attempts of a gigantic power, which, grasping at universal empire, threatened to destroy the independence of Europe: And that same Providence, we trust, will still continue to encompass your Majesty as with a shield, and over all your glory to create a defence.

As a portion of your Majesty's subjects, we express our warmest gratitude for the honour your Majesty has done to our country, by most graciously condescending to visit it. And we trust, that when your Majesty returns from your Scottish dominions, you will be able to say, that in this part of the united kingdom you have seen a people who love their God, their country, and their King.

As the constituted representatives of the Church of Scotland, we present to your Majesty our heartfelt thanks for the many signal favours which your Majesty has been pleased to confer upon us: And, as the best return which we can make for your Majesty's goodness, we beg leave to assure your Majesty, that it shall be our study, in our respective districts, to discharge with fidelity and zeal the duties committed to our trust; and to encourage loyalty and submission to the laws, as equally indispensable to both public and private prosperity.

We will labour to impress upon the people committed to our care a high sense of the invaluable blessings of our glorious and happy constitution. We will teach them to fear God, to honour their King, and to connect the principles of religion with a dutiful obedience to the laws of their country.

That your Majesty may long sway the regal sceptre over a great, a free, a loyal, a happy, and an united people: That your Majesty may long enjoy the blessings of health, and every comfort which this world can afford: And that at length

your Majesty may inherit a kingdom which cannot be moved, and a crown of glory which fadeth not away, are our most sincere and fervent prayers.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, the Seal of the Church of Scotland being affixed thereto, by
DAVID LAMONT, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 19th August 1822.

To which address his Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.—

“ I thank you for these expressions of fidelity and attachment, in the sincerity of which I place implicit confidence.

“ It is with the utmost satisfaction that I avail myself of this opportunity of confirming in person the assurances I have given through my Representative, that I will maintain inviolate those rights and privileges to which the Church of Scotland is entitled by the most solemn compacts.

“ In your continued exertions to promote true religion, and to inculcate loyalty and obedience to the laws, you may rely on my constant support and protection.

“ I cordially unite with you in grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for his signal protection of my people in the time of general peril and calamity, and in an earnest prayer, that through his divine assistance I may be enabled to protect their liberties, and to advance their prosperity and happiness.”

HOLYROOD HOUSE, — August 19, 1822.

The following Addresses from the University of St. Andrews, the University of Glasgow, the University and King's College of Aberdeen, the University of Edinburgh, and the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen, have been presented to his Majesty on the Throne.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Principals of Colleges,