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WHITEHALL, June 4, 1851.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery Lord Belhaven, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen; which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:—

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in this General Assembly, have received with profound respect and gratitude, the gracious letter which your Majesty has been pleased to address to us, expressive of unfeigned satisfaction on the occasion of our present meeting.

We humbly trust that, under the guidance of the Divine Wisdom, our proceedings will be so conducted as in no degree to impair the reliance which your Majesty has heretofore placed on the proofs given in time past by Assemblies of this Church, of loyalty to your Royal Person, and of prudence in their deliberations,—and it is our most earnest desire that we may be enabled to fulfil your Majesty's expectation of our strenuous endeavours to discharge our important functions in a manner calculated to promote the interests of the Protestant Religion, and the moral and religious welfare of the people committed to our charge.

It is to every one of us a source of unmingled gratification to receive in such emphatic terms, your Majesty's renewed assurance of countenance and support to the Church of Scotland, and of your determination to maintain it in the full possession of all its rights and privileges; and we pray that, under God's blessing, this National Church, which has long flourished under the protection of a race of Monarchs, from which your Majesty is sprung, may ever continue to be the means of upholding and extending the knowledge and the influence of true religion.

We regard the renewed appointment of the Right Honourable Lord Belhaven to the office of your Majesty's Representative and High Commissioner, as a special token of your Majesty's good-will and attachment to this Church, of which his Lordship has long proved himself to be a devoted, zealous, and stedfast friend.

We have received with deep gratitude your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds to be appropriated to the reformation of the Highlands and Islands; and it will be a great satisfaction to us to apply this munificent grant so as to advance the pious and beneficent purposes for which it has been graciously conferred.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Governor among the Nations, and the King and Head of the Church, may multiply to our beloved Queen, to the Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family, the most precious of earthly satisfactions, along with the spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, which have been promised as the everlasting inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of Glory, is the humble and fervent prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, loyal, and obedient subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in this General Assembly.

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

JOHN MACLEOD, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 28th May 1851.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 5th day of May 1851,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report from the General Board of Health, dated the nineteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, in the words following; that is to say:—

“To The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

“We, the General Board of Health, appointed for the purposes of the Public Health Act, 1848, have, in pursuance of the provisions of that Act, upon the petition of not less than one-tenth of the inhabitants rated to the relief of the poor of and in the parish of Ilfracombe, in the county of Devon, (the number of the said petitioners greatly exceeding thirty in the whole,) directed Thomas Webster Rammell, a Superintending Inspector appointed for the purposes of the said Public Health Act, to visit the said parish, and