

cretion and kindness, and by unshaken attachment to the Church of his patriotic and noble progenitors.

We return our hearty thanks for your Majesty's liberal donation of two thousand pounds, to be applied to the reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and we pledge ourselves to the faithful administration of a fund devoted by our gracious Sovereign to an object so sacred.

That the Supreme Lord of heaven and earth, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may in the good pleasure of His will pour down the most precious gifts of His providence and the abundant riches of His grace on your Majesty, on your Royal Consort the Prince Albert, on the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that He may prosper the wise and vigorous measures of your Government, that wisdom and knowledge may be the stability of your times, and the fear of the Lord your treasure, that the time may soon arrive when nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, and when the olive of peace shall bud forth pleasantly throughout all the kingdoms of the earth, and that when time shall be no longer, your Majesty, and all who are most dear to you, shall inherit a kingdom which shall not be moved, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects,

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

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

JAMES GRANT, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 22d May 1854.

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly, embrace the earliest opportunity of approaching your Majesty's Throne, at this interesting juncture, to express our sincere and inviolable attachment to your Majesty's royal person and Government.

We join most cordially with our fellow-subjects in every affectionate testimony of loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, and of zeal for the honour and happiness of our country.

As servants of the God of peace we deplore the war in which your Majesty has recently been called to engage, and we contemplate with deep and most painful concern the perils and miseries with which it threatens to be attended. But feeling persuaded that it has been undertaken in support of the weak against a powerful aggression, and for the purpose of maintaining the independence of the States of Europe, we believe it to be unavoidable. We will not fail to commend the cause in which our country is engaged to Him who ruleth in the Kingdoms of men. It will be our fervent prayer that your Majesty's well concerted and vigorous efforts, combined with those of your Allies may, by the divine blessing, frustrate the designs and repel the unjust and oppressive movements of the enemy; and that your Majesty, supported by the wise and generous patriotism of your faithful subjects, may be enabled to bring the present formidable and alarming contest to a speedy, successful, and glorious issue.

We consider it to be our duty at such a crisis to be indefatigably diligent in the functions of our sacred office, that we may lead the people under our care to a just and devout consideration of the

awful judgments which are abroad in the earth, in order to impress them with a deep sense of their manifold transgressions, and excite them to such a reformation of heart and life as may, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, avert from our country the calamities which our iniquities most justly deserve.

That the Lord of Hosts may crown with victory your Majesty's fleets and armies, that the war which has arisen may soon terminate in an honourable and lasting peace, and that your Majesty may long continue to reign the beloved Sovereign of a free, loyal, religious, and happy people, is the sincere and earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects,

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BUCKINGHAM-PALACE, May 31, 1854.

This day had audience of the Queen:—

The Chevalier Bunsen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Prussia, to present to Her Majesty his letter of recall:

To which audience he was introduced by the Earl of Clarendon, K. G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K. C. H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

WHITEHALL, June 1, 1854.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Sir James Robert George Graham, Bart., G. C. B., Rear-Admiral Maurice Frederick Fitzharding Berkeley, C. B.; Rear-Admiral the Honourable Richard Saunders Dundas, C. B.; Captain Peter Richards, C. B.; Captain Alexander Milne; and the Honourable William Francis Cowper, to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions, islands, and territories thereunto belonging.

WHITEHALL, June 2, 1854.

The Queen has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Wells, empowering them to elect a Bishop of the See of Bath and Wells, the same being void by the death of Doctor Richard Bagot, late Bishop thereof; and Her Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend Father in God Robert John, Lord Auckland, now Bishop of Sodor and Man, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Bath and Wells.

ST JAMES'S-PALACE, May 30, 1854.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable Lord Foley, to appoint Henry Puget White, Esq., late Captain Madras Army, one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Foote Macdonald, retired.