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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1856.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH
OF SCOTLAND,—MAY 1856.

NOTICE is Hereby Given, that Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will hold his Levees at Her Majesty's Palace of Holyrood, on Thursday the 22d instant, at eleven o'clock A.M., being the first day of the meeting of the General Assembly; and also on Thursday the 29th, at the same place and hour, in honor of Her Majesty's Birth-day; on all other days, half an hour before the meeting of the General Assembly.

All those holding Her Majesty's Commission are expected to appear in Uniform, or Full Dress, on Thursday the 29th.

His Grace will attend Divine Service in the High Church, on Thursday the 22d and Sunday the 25th May, and Sunday the 1st June, as usual; but there will be no Levees or Public Entertainments on the Sundays.

By Command,

ROBERT RAMSAY, *Secy. and P.B.*

PALACE OF HOLYROOD,
May 1856.

LEVEES.

Noblemen and Gentlemen attending the Levees of His Grace the Lord High Commissioner are requested to bring with them two cards, bearing their name and address in full, one of which cards is to be left with an attendant appointed to receive the same at the entrance, and the other is to be delivered to the Usher in the Throne Room.

WHITEHALL, May 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Matthew Talbot Baines to be the Fourth Charity Commissioner for England and Wales, in the room of the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, resigned.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, May 8, 1856.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common Council, and Officers of the City of London, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was read by the Right Honourable J. A. Stuart Wortley, M.P., the Recorder, and which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive upon the Throne.

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, approach your Majesty's Throne with our humble but earnest congratulations on the close of the war.

By the successful negotiations and conclusion of a definitive Treaty, Peace is at once happily and honourably restored, while it is guaranteed for the future by the concurrence and cordial participation of all the Great Powers of Europe.

Compelled to enter into the war in defence of the violated territory of an ancient Empire, long bound to this Country by ties of amity and alliance, the Western Powers had no object of aggrandizement to seek; and your Majesty and your illustrious Allies, the Emperor of the French and the King of Sardinia, have given to the world a signal example of moderation and forbearance, by accepting in the hour of triumph, and when best prepared to pursue that triumph to its results, the intervention of a friendly Sovereign, and sparing to a gallant enemy the further humiliation that awaited him.

We thankfully recognize the hand of God in the successes achieved by our arms in spite of difficulties and sufferings rarely equalled, and arising chiefly from want of recent experience of war on so vast a scale; and, while we deeply sympathize with your Majesty's grief for the loss of the brave officers and men who have gloriously fallen, we proudly rejoice to record that in no former war has the generous and enduring bravery of the British soldier and sailor, vieing with that of their valliant Allies, been more brilliantly conspicuous.

We now look forward with renewed confidence to the further development of our Divine Providence and the continuance of your Majesty's mild and beneficent reign, of all the arts and resources of Peace; and we trust that in the

