

ant Country, sets before your daughter the prospect of a splendid, happy, and useful life, and promises to strengthen the interests of Protestantism, which we believe to be the interests of truth.

That your Majesty may long receive from God's gracious hand the choicest earthly blessings, be spared for many years to adorn the Throne, and to promote the welfare of your Majesty's wide dominions; be richly endued with the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and enjoy that peace of God which passeth all understanding, is the constant earnest prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland.

Signed in name and by appointment of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, at Edinburgh, the 27th day of May 1858 years, by

ALEX. BEITH, D.D., Moderator.

WHITEHALL, June 4, 1858.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by William David, Earl of Mansfield, K.T., Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, 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:—

*May it please your Majesty,*

THE gracious letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has been received by us with profound respect.

We can never cease to remember the gratifying terms in which your Majesty has annually assured our predecessors and ourselves, of the constant and undiminished interest hitherto taken by our beloved Sovereign in our National Church, and it cannot fail to be encouraging to us to be reassured of the continuance of the cordial good will and friendly spirit still animating your Majesty with a firm determination to uphold and secure to this ecclesiastical establishment the full enjoyment of all its rights and privileges, and to watch, with pleasure and with care, over its liberties and its interests.

We rejoice to know that the Lord God Omnipotent, whose dominion ruleth over all, has placed your Majesty in the high and responsible position of guardian of our Church, and that, far from looking on the proceedings of our Assembly as a matter of indifference or of slender importance, your Majesty has been deeply impressed with the loyalty and devotion which have characterized its counsels hitherto; and thus recognizing the claims it has established on the Royal confidence and support, your Majesty contemplates with satisfaction the session now commencing, in the full conviction that our efforts will be successfully directed to promote the efficiency of our ecclesiastical discipline, and the spread of pure religion among all classes of the people.

Fully assured of the eminent qualities and tried discretion of the Right Honourable the Earl of Mansfield, and having had experience of the dignity and kindness with which he has previously exercised his high functions, to the great satisfaction of this Church, we feel it to be our duty to receive him with every token of warm regard.

We receive with deep gratitude your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds for the reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and we

will earnestly study to apply this munificent gift to the purposes for which it has hitherto been specially destined.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Supreme King and Head of the Church, may pour down on your Majesty the most precious spiritual and temporal benefits; that He may also abundantly bless His Royal Highness the Prince Consort and all the Royal offspring; and that, when this world and its works shall have passed away, you may all be raised up to the glories and felicities of the everlasting kingdom of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is the 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

M. LEISHMAN, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 24, 1858.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 5th day of June 1858,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable Sir Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer Lytton, Bart., and the Right Honourable Sir John Taylor Coleridge, Knt., were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their respective places at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer Lytton, Bart., to be one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, he this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

DOWNING-STREET, June 3, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Girod, Esq., to be Police Magistrate for the city and parish of Kingston, in the Island of Jamaica; and Godfrey Hastings Kneller, Esq., to be Collector of Customs and Superintendent of the Pilotage Establishment of Her Majesty's Settlements in the River Gambia.

#### CRIMEAN AND BALTIC MEDALS.

AGENTS OF TRANSPORTS IN THE BLACK SEA AND BALTIC.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House, 3d June 1858.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to take a favourable view of the claims of the Officers who served as agents for transports during the late war, with reference to their having awarded the Crimean and Baltic Medal. Such Officers therefore as served as agents for transports in the Black Sea, between the 14th September 1854 and the 9th September 1855, or who served in the Baltic during the operations in that sea in the years 1854 and 1855, should make application to the Accountant-General of the Navy (producing a certificate of identity, and specifying the period during which they were employed in the Black Sea or in the Baltic, as the case may be), when, if their claims be satisfactorily established, the medal will be awarded to them.