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WHITEHALL, May 30, 1864.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, K.T., Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., 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,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, desire to acknowledge with the deepest gratitude your Majesty's gracious letter, in which you are pleased to express your unwavering attachment to the Church of Scotland, and your determination to uphold it in the enjoyment of its rights and privileges, and to countenance the General Assemblies of that Church with the same favour that they have ever enjoyed from your Majesty and your Royal ancestors.

With our sentiments of loyalty and cordial attachment to your Majesty's person and Government, we take the earliest opportunity since the birth of the Prince, the son of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, of presenting an Address to your Majesty on that event, regarding it as in some measure a security for the preservation of a direct line of descendants in your Royal House, destined, we trust at a distant period, to occupy the British Throne.

In discharging the important duties to which we are summoned, as the Supreme Council of the National Church, we shall find great encouragement in the confidence expressed by your Majesty that our labours will continue to be directed to the maintenance of the Reformed religion, and to the furtherance of the highest interests of your loyal and attached people.

The appointment by your Majesty of the Right Honourable Lord Belhaven, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, to represent your Royal person in this Assembly, we regard with unmingled satisfaction, not only from his high position, and the dignity with which it is maintained, but also from his well-known attachment to the Church of Scotland, and the fidelity and courtesy with which he has repeatedly discharged the duties of the high office to which he has been called.

We gratefully acknowledge your Majesty's gift of two thousand pounds, for the purpose of promoting the reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; and it will be our anxious endeavour to expend this munificent donation in the way that seems to us best fitted to accomplish the important object contemplated by your Majesty in renewing this valuable gift.

That Almighty God, the Father of all, may enrich your Majesty with all spiritual graces, and preserve you long to reign over a loyal, attached, and pious people, is the earnest prayer of,

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

W. R. PIRIE, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 23, 1864.

WHITEHALL, May 30, 1864.

The following Address of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales having given Birth to a Prince, has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, and has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and devoted subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by our present meeting to renew the expression of our loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and Government, and to offer, in all humility, our cordial congratulations on the birth of a Prince, the son of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

We rejoice in an event calculated to be highly gratifying to your Majesty, and to the parents of the Prince; and while regarding, with deepest interest, the promise thus given of a direct line of descendants in your Royal House, we fervently trust that throughout all succeeding ages this

