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The following addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, his Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Hon. Lord Pelham, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the King; which addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

*May it please your Majesty,*

The gracious letter with which your Majesty hath honoured this meeting of our National Assembly, hath been received by us with all the respect and gratitude due for such a mark of Royal favour.

The approbation which your Majesty is pleased to express of the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland we feel as an animating motive to persevere in the conduct which procures for us the sanction of your Royal authority.

The appointment of the Right Hon. Francis Lord Napier to represent your Royal Person in this General Assembly we regard as a fresh proof of your Majesty's favour:—His zeal for your Majesty's service, his affection for the Church of Scotland, and his firm attachment to the true interests of his country, ensure to him the most respectful and cordial reception.

We rely with gratitude and confidence upon the assurance that it is your Majesty's fixed purpose and resolution to support the Church which we represent in the full possession and enjoyment of all its rights and privileges as by law established.

We feel most deeply the importance of your Majesty's paternal warning, that the prosperity of our Church will ever essentially depend upon the due discharge of the duties incumbent upon all the members of it in their several ranks and stations; and we shall not cease to pray, that we may be enabled, through the Divine Blessing, by a zealous and prudent exertion of the influence belonging to our sacred function to promote the accomplishment of an object so desirable.

At this moment in particular, whilst we endeavour to impress upon the minds of the people committed to our charge a due sense of gratitude to that Divine Providence which has enabled your Majesty to put an end to a long and arduous war, and to restore to them the blessings of peace, we shall not fail to remind them that nothing but a strict obedience to the will of God, a firm adhe-

rence to our reformed faith, a disinterested love of their country, and submission to its laws, can give these blessings permanence and stability.

We bless the King of Kings that we live under the Government of a Prince who recommends to our attention objects to worthy of all our care, whose ready concurrence will support, and whose high approbation will reward, every exertion to promote them.

We receive with much gratitude the royal donation of one thousand pounds for promoting the knowledge of the Protestant Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland: we shall apply it with fidelity and diligence to the pious and important purpose for which it is given.

That Almighty God, by whom kings reign, may preserve your Majesty's person and direct your Councils; that he may bless the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that he may continue to us the many national blessings in which your subjects now rejoice; and that, after enjoying long the affection of a loyal and grateful people, you may receive a heavenly crown, are the earnest prayers of,

*May it please your Majesty,*

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects,

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

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

JAMES FINLAYSON, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 22. 1802.

*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 the General Assembly, beg leave to approach the throne of our gracious Sovereign with every sentiment of warm affection and profound respect to congratulate your Majesty on the happy issue which God, in his providence, hath given to a bloody, extended, and expensive war, by restoring to Europe the blessings of peace.

When we consider the singular nature of the late war, which threatened in its progress the subversion of social order, and of every political establishment in the civilized world, we offer up the devout homage of grateful hearts to the Sovereign of the Universe, who, by his blessing on the wisdom of your

Majesty's Councils, on the splendid achievements of your fleets and armies, on the steady, affectionate, and zealous loyalty of your people, not only hath maintained our independence as a nation, but, from the furnace of war, hath brought us forth a people increasing in our numbers, united in our strength, growing in prosperity, attached with warmer affection to your Majesty's person and government, and animated by a steadier zeal in support of our unrivalled Constitution both in Church and State.

The Church which we represent has uniformly experienced, and we gratefully acknowledge the benign influence of your Majesty's auspicious reign. We bless the God of Heaven for having given us a King whose public and private virtues adorn the most exalted state of human greatness;—we renew the declarations of former Assemblies, that, in the faithful discharge of our duty, we will continue to cultivate in the minds of the people that reverence of God and zeal for revealed religion, that loyalty to our Sovereign and attachment to the Constitution, those habits of persevering industry and of domestic virtue which have stamped upon Britons a national character that is the glory of our country, and the admiration of the world.

As the servants of the God of Peace, we have, with deep commiseration of afflicted humanity, contemplated the workings of that spirit of insubordination which has convulsed the world; and in review of the late eventful contest we find, highly endeared to our affectionate veneration, a Sovereign who is the father of his subjects, and the watchful guardian of a Constitution which, built upon the permanent foundation of Religion and Liberty, shall, we trust, be preserved through ages a sacred pledge of the protecting care of Heaven, a majestic monument of the wisdom of our ancestors, by whose enlightened patriotism it was reared, an illustrious trophy of the valour of our contemporaries, by whom it has been so bravely defended, and a blessing to the succeeding race of Britons, who, we hope, shall receive it unimpaired as a rich inheritance of their fathers.

That Almighty God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may prolong your Majesty's life, and prosper your administration; that he may bless the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all your Royal Family; and that, after an useful

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