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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES'S PALACE, May 24, 1882.

OTICE is hereby given that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Levee at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Saturday the 17th of June next, at two o'clock.

It is The Queen's pleasure that Presentations to His Royal Highness at the Levee shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

WHITEHALL, June 10, 1882.

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by John Campbell, Earl of Aberdeen, to the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, 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 dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, acknowledge, with respect and gratitude, the gracious letter of Your Majesty, assuring us of Your sincere affection for our Church, and of Your confidence in the loyal and devoted spirit which has hitherto marked our Councils.

We heartily unite in Your Majesty's prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may rest on

our labours, and that, by His Grace, our consultations, conducted in a spirit of wisdom and prudence, may promote the cause of the Protestant Religion, and forward the improvement of the moral and spiritual condition of Your faithful subjects in Scotland.

We thankfully accept Your Majesty's annual gift of two thousand pounds for the diffusion of religious knowledge in the Highlands and Islands, and shall carefully endeavour so to dispose of Your Majesty's bounty as shall best secure the pious objects for which it is designed.

We hail with much pleasure the re-appointment, as Your Majesty's Commissioner, of a Nobleman whose hereditary title to the confidence and attachment of the Church of Scotland has been confirmed by the courteous manner in which he has, in person, discharged the high duties of his office, and the cordial interest he has manifested in all that pertains to the welfare of our Church.

That Almighty God may long spare Your Majesty, our beloved Queen, to reign over us; and that Your Majesty, Your children, and Your children's children may enjoy every blessing in this world, and in the world to come, life everlasting, is the earnest prayer of

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal 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

WM. MILLIGAN, D.D., Moderator. Edinburgh, 31st May 1882.