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WHITEHALL, June 1, 1886.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by the Right Honourable Thomas John, Lord Thurlow, to the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, 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 most loyal and devoted subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland now met in General Assembly, acknowledge with all gratitude and respect Your Majesty's most gracious letter assuring us of the continuance of Your affectionate regard for the Church of our Fathers. We have already had many touching proofs of that regard; but none has touched us more than the warm and affectionate tribute Your Majesty has paid to the memory and worth of the distinguished patriot and leader whose loss we now mourn.

We return our cordial thanks to Your Majesty for the unreserved confidence You repose in our zeal, prudence, and moderation, and we heartily unite in Your Majesty's prayer, that by the blessing of Almighty God we may be guided into all truth and directed in all our duty. It shall be our constant endeavour that our deliberations may be conducted in such a spirit of brotherly kindness and charity as may tend to promote the cause of true religion and the best interests of Your faithful loving subjects in this Your ancient Kingdom.

We accept with much thankfulness Your Majesty's annual gift of two thousand pounds for the diffusion of religious knowledge in the Highlands and Islands; and we shall endeavour to dispense Your Majesty's bounty with the utmost care and fidelity.

We welcome the appointment of Lord Thurlow as Your Majesty's representative at the meeting of the General Assembly, recognising in him the descendant of one who rendered valuable service to our Church, and in his noble lady the descendant of one of its most honoured and faithful Ministers.

That Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, may be pleased to grant to Your Majesty a long and prosperous reign, and to bless Your Majesty, Your children, and Your children's children with His choicest blessings both in this life and in the life to come, is the earnest prayer of,

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly.

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

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, D.D., LL.D.,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, 24th May 1886.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 19, 1886.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to