

we rely with entire Confidence on your gracious Determination to maintain the Church of Scotland in the perfect Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may direct your Majesty's Councils, and prosper the Administration of your Government; that he may bless our gracious Queen, His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, and all your Royal Family; that he may preserve you long to reign in Wisdom and Felicity over a free, loyal, and a virtuous People, and bestow on you hereafter that Crown of Righteousness which fadeth not away, are the 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
National Assembly of the Church of
Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our
Appointment, by

Robert Arnot, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 17, 1794.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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 your Majesty with sincere Sentiments of Attachment to your Person and Government.

In the interesting Situation of the Affairs of Europe at the present Juncture, we are thankful to Divine Providence for those Pledges of Security to the British Nation which we enjoy in your Majesty's Paternal Care, and in the Wisdom and Vigour of your Councils.

When the Rulers of the People of France avowed their Hostility to all existing Governments, and by an unprovoked Declaration of War against this Country obliged your Majesty to draw the Sword in Defence of the Constitution; we your faithful Subjects, with full Approbation of this necessary Exertion of the public Force, offered up our Prayers to Heaven, for the Protection of our Country, and have since without ceasing continued to implore Success to your Majesty's Arms. Fully convinced that our Religion, our Liberty, our Laws, and all that is dear to us as Men, and as Christians, are now at Stake, we consider the War with France as the most important Contest in which this Nation has ever been engaged. Happy in the Experience of those high Blessings we have long enjoyed, we look up with Gratitude to our Sovereign when he adopts the most effective Measures to repel any Force which threatens to endanger or to overthrow our unequalled Constitution.

Under these Impressions, we beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the Success which has attended your Arms, and more of your Allies in Europe, and on the Conquests which have been achieved by your Majesty's Forces in the East and West Indies; and we look forward with good Hope to such further Advantages as may enable your Majesty to bring the War to a Termination, which shall ensure Safety to Britain, and Protection from Anarchy to other Nations.

We cannot without Sorrow reflect that any Instances of Disaffection should have occurred among our People to deserve the just Reprehension of the Laws: But from what we know of the general Spirit of the Country, it affords us the greatest Satisfaction to be able to assure your Majesty, that the sound Principles

of Loyalty, and of Attachment to the Constitution in Church and State, are fixed in the Hearts of the great Body of your Majesty's Subjects in Scotland. These Principles it shall be our most zealous Care to cherish and to promote.

Our Prayers and Intercessions are offered up to God for our King and Country. May He who rules among the Nations give Success to the Means which are employed for resisting the Progress of Disorder, and the Spirit of Impiety and Anarchy which has gone forth in a neighbouring Country. May the Divine Blessing attend your Fleets and your Armies, and lead them to Victory in every Quarter. May your Majesty be long preserved to reign over this Nation; and may your Descendants, to latest Posterity, fill the British Throne, and ever prove the faithful Guardians of Religion, of Liberty, of Law, and of the Constitution. These are the fervent Prayers of,

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Westminster, May 23.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Mr. Quarme, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for saving to His Majesty the Duty of New Subsidy on Tobacco imported into that Part of Great Britain called Scotland.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to raise the Sum of Two Millions Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, for the Uses and Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to empower His Majesty to secure and detain such Persons as His Majesty shall suspect are conspiring against His Person and Government.

An Act for extending the Time limited by an Act of this Session, for delivering in Navy and Victualling Bills.

An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act, passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for better examining and auditing the Public Accounts of the Board of Ordnance, the Commissioners of the Navy, the Commissioners for Victualling the Navy, and the Commissioners of Sick and Hurt.

An Act to prevent the Removal of Suits from the inferior Courts in the County Palatine of Lancaster into the Court of Common Pleas of the said County Palatine.

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