

Ensign James Brooks to be Lieutenant.
Thomas John Whitby, junior, Gent. to be Ensign.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 25th Instant.

Loyal London Volunteers.

For *John Iale*, Gent. to be Lieutenant,
Read *John Idle*, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Whitehall, May 31, 1799.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by the Earl of Leven, His Majesty's High Commissioner, to his Grace the Duke of Portland, 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.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE Letter which it hath pleased your Majesty to address to this Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was received with the most profound Respect and Gratitude.

We account ourselves highly honored by the Representation of the Royal Person in our General Assembly as the gracious Symbol of the Connection between the Church and the State. We have beheld with much Satisfaction in many preceding Years this high Office committed to a Nobleman, whose warm Attachment to your Majesty, whose hereditary Affection for the Church of Scotland, whose steady Regard to Religion, and whose many amiable Virtues render him eminently qualified to answer every Purpose of the Trust with which he is invested; and we receive your Majesty's renewed Appointment of the Earl of Leven and Melvill as a Pledge of the paternal Love with which you have unceasingly regarded us.

We rely with entire Confidence upon the solemn Assurances of your Majesty's Determination to maintain and preserve the Church of Scotland in the complete Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges; and we shall study upon all Occasions to conduct ourselves in such a Manner as may entitle us to hope for the Continuance of your Royal Approbation.

Your Majesty's Donation of One Thousand Pounds, for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, was received with the sincerest Gratitude, as a renewed Instance of your persevering Attention to the religious Interests of the People committed to our Care, and it shall be our Endeavour to apply it with Fidelity to the pious Purpose for which it is bestowed.

Placed in the perilous Days so well described in your Majesty's most gracious Letter, when the very Principles of Religion and Morality are denied by some, and confounded by others; and when wicked Men have derided every Thing which is grave and just and holy, we have unspeakable Consolation in thinking that we live under the Reign of a Prince whose exemplary Piety adorns the Throne, who condescends to mention with Approbation the Zeal of the Church of Scotland, who calls us by his Authority to an undeviating Perseverance in the Discharge of our Duty, and assures us of all the Encouragement and Support which the Circumstances of the Times require.

We listen with the most profound Respect to the solemn Charge which we receive from your Majesty, and it is our determined Resolution, in Compliance with that Charge, and in fulfilment of the Duties of our sacred Office, that we will, through the Strength of the Lord Jesus, be instant at all Seasons in seeking after Truth, in defending, teaching, and spreading it; that we will labour by Precept and by Example, to aid the Cause of Religion and Virtue in the World; that we will endeavour to dispel the dangerous Delusions of an arrogant and vain Philology, and of Science falsely so called; and in all our Ministrations will direct the Minds of the People over whom we exercise the Pastoral Care to the revealed Will of Almighty God as the only infallible Standard of Truth and perfect Rule of Manners. We feel the sacred Obligations of which your Majesty is graciously pleased to remind us, that arise from our being, in the Words of our Great Master, "a City set upon an Hill." And we look up to Him for those Influences of His Spirit which may enable us so to frame our Decisions that they may secure the Respect of our Brethren, and may guide them in all Matters of Doctrine and Discipline.

Conscious that our Exertions, however unremitting and well directed, are of none avail without the Blessing of Heaven, we cease not to offer our fervent Prayers to the Supreme Disposer of all Events, beseeching Him to avert from these Kingdoms those Errors which have brought Ruin and Desolation upon all who have embraced them. We bless the Lord our God, who, because he loved us, hath raised up a Succession of Princes in the Illustrious House of Hanover to be the Nursing Fathers of His Church. We pray that it may please Him to prosper all your Majesty's Designs for the Good of the Church of Scotland, and the Advancement of the Christian Religion; and, relying upon His Almighty Protection, we trust that, under the wise and vigorous Administration of your Majesty's Government, our Ecclesiastical Establishment, which has been cherished with warm Affection by the People of Scotland, and which has been the Means of Difference amongst all Ranks, the Knowledge and the Principles of pure and undefiled Religion shall be preserved from being shaken by external Violence, or undermined by the Machinations of secret Foes.

That the best Blessings of Heaven may descend upon your Majesty, upon our Gracious Queen Charlotte, upon the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that your Majesty may long continue to reign in the Hearts of a pious, loyal, free, and happy People; and that after swaying the British Sceptre for many Years with Felicity and Renown, you may be received into those Regions where an unfading Crown awaits the Faithful, 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

William Moodie, Moderator,
Edinburgh, 25th May, 1799.