

The Re-appointment of Lord Napier to be your Majesty's High Commissioner, and to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, we consider as a distinguished Mark of your Majesty's gracious Attention to our Interest, and to our Wishes. The Proofs he has already given of Zeal for your Majesty's Service, Affection for the Church of Scotland, and firm Attachment to the true Interests of his Country, make this your Majesty's Choice highly acceptable to us.

We rely with equal Gratitude and Confidence upon the Declaration communicated to us by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner, that it is your Majesty's unalterable Purpose and Resolution to maintain the Church we represent in the full Possession and Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges as by Law established.

We entreat that we may be permitted to assure your Majesty, that the great Importance of the Objects of our Deliberation shall excite in us the most zealous Endeavours for their Accomplishment. In the Discharge of the sacred Duty with which we are invested, of watching over the religious and moral Principles of the People, we have clearly seen that no Nation can be happy or prosperous without Virtue, nor virtuous without Religion: Impressed with a due Sense of this awful Truth, and consequently aware of the great End to which our Labours ought to be directed, we will apply ourselves to the Discharge of the high Trust reposed in us with Vigour and Fidelity. Our Exertions shall be animated by the Approbation which your Majesty is pleased to express of our past Conduct; by the Assurance that our Success will give Satisfaction to our Sovereign; and by the Trust that we shall at all Times receive His most ready and cordial Support.

We entreat your Majesty to accept of our warmest and most humble Acknowledgements for your Attention to the Advancement of religious Knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland: your Royal Donation for this Purpose we shall endeavour to apply so as most effectually to promote the Design for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may direct your Majesty's Councils, and prosper your Government; that he may bless our gracious Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princesses of Wales, and all your Royal Family; that he may long preserve your Majesty to reign over a free, a loyal, and a virtuous People; and that, through Christ, he may bestow upon 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 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

(Signed) Gilbert Gerard, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 21st May 1803.

Whitehall, May 28, 1803.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Oldfield, of Harrow, in the County of Denbigh, Gent.

to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, May 28, 1803.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Ridding, jun. of the Town of Southampton, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Admiralty-Office, May 21, 1803.

NOTICE is hereby given to all Sea Officers, who are absent from this Kingdom with Leave from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that it is their Lordships' Direction they return to England within Six Months after the Date hereof; and that in Failure thereof they will forfeit all the Half Pay that may be due to them.

EVAN NEPEAN.

Admiralty-Office, May 17, 1803.

HIS late Majesty having been graciously pleased, by His Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th Day of June 1723, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy; These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth, as also with the Clerks of the Checque, at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness, and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned may apply, by Letter to Mr. William Pearce, at the Admiralty-Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity, intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea Officers, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st of May instant; this is to give Notice, that any Widows, who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows, whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, as soon as possible, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon their Pension or Bounty.

Navy-Office, May 19, 1803.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 30th Instant, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for the Land and Water Carriage of about 37½ Loads of Oak Timber from Alice Holt Forest to His Majesty's Yard at Deptford.

A Form of the Tender may be seen at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed, unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, May 23, 1803.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy hereby direct, that such Masters in the Navy, as have had Leave to go into the Mer-