

labour to convince all Men of the Advantages which result from a due and proper Obedience to the Laws and Ordinances which Wisdom has established; happy if by the Sobriety of our Lives we shall be favoured, like the faithful Men who have gone before us, as the Instruments of Divine Providence in discouraging the Principles which tend only to the Subversion of all good Government and social Order.

From the great Experience of your Majesty's faithful Representative in these and other Matters, which concern the Interests of our Church, we confidently expect high Encouragement in the Discharge of the difficult Duties recommended to us by your Majesty. He has fully satisfied us of your Majesty's Determination to support us under every discouraging Embarrassment, and of your Royal Conviction that by timely Caution and the firm and prudent Conduct recommended to us by your Majesty, our public Ministations may be blessed of God to make the virtuous and upright more steadfast, and to reclaim those who may for a Time have wandered in Search of pernicious Novelties.

Firmly convinced of the indissoluble Connection which must ever subsist between the temporal Welfare of a People and the faithful Discharge of their more sacred Duties, we shall exert our most strenuous Endeavours to maintain and improve that happy Union by impressing a just Sense of the blessed Effects of it upon the Minds of all those that are committed to our Care; admonishing them, as they value the distinguishing Privileges of an excellent and admired Constitution, to cultivate and extend the Observance of those spiritual Obligations which alone can render these Blessings permanent or themselves happy.

The condescending and indulgent Communication of the pious and benevolent Sentiments by which your Majesty is animated at this momentous Crisis, has made a deep Impression on our Hearts; binding us by new Ties of Affection to your Majesty's Person, and calling forth a more ardent Zeal in behalf of your Government. While we feel that, from the general Aspect of the Times, our Duties as Pastors of the Church of Scotland are multiplied, and that our Responsibility is increased, we feel also that our Minds are invigorated by the firm Reliance which your Majesty is pleased to repose in our Wisdom and Fidelity.

We rejoice in the renewed Assurance, that the Good of the Church and the Welfare of your People are the Objects of your Majesty's constant and most anxious Care; and we have learned, from long Experience, that no Services are more acceptable to your Royal Mind than those which are conducive to these great Ends of your Government. Under this Impression, we shall labour with united Effort to promote by our Deliberations the particular Interests of the Church of Scotland, and the Prosperity and Happiness of that Portion of your Subjects who have been accustomed to receive from it, through us, the wholesome Precepts of the Gospel.

We receive your Majesty's Royal Donation for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge and the Principles of the Reformed Religion, in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, as a pleasing Expression of your Majesty's unremitting Attention to the best Interests of your People. It shall be our Care to secure, by a faithful Application of this Bounty, the valuable Objects for which it has been bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty's Person, and prosper the Administration of your Government; that he may bless abundantly our Gracious Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Members of your illustrious House; and that, after a long and happy Reign over a loyal and affectionate People, you may at length be received to the Glory of the Heavenly Kingdom, are, through Jesus Christ, the united and fervent 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

(Signed) *Hugh Meiklejohn*, Moderator.
Edinburgh, 19th May, 1810.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, embrace the first Opportunity of approaching our Gracious Sovereign, to join in those heartfelt Congratulations which were lately so universally expressed by an attached and loyal People, on the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of these Kingdoms. Satisfied that a virtuous and religious King is one of the greatest Blessings which the Almighty can bestow upon a Nation, we regard your Majesty's lengthened Reign as a peculiar Mark of the Favour of Heaven, for which we are grateful to God, who has added this to the many distinguishing Advantages conferred upon us as a People. During nearly Half a Century, your Majesty's Subjects have had displayed to them from the Throne, an Example of every public and private Virtue; an Example which has excited their Respect and Veneration, and by its powerful Influence has been of incalculable Benefit in promoting their Happiness.

Your Majesty has been called to discharge the Duties of a highly important Station, in one of the most eventful Periods to be found in History; a Period during which ancient Institutions have been destroyed, Thrones levelled with the Ground, and all the Relations which had for Ages connected the great Commonwealth of Europe torn asunder. In the midst of this general Convulsion, Britain, under the auspicious Rule of a wise and just Monarch, has remained secure. Her unrivalled Constitution has been preserved—her Territory enlarged—her Commerce, under the Shelter of a triumphant Navy, spread to the most distant Regions—her Agriculture and Manufactures carried to an unexampled Degree of Perfection, whilst the peaceful Pursuits of Literature and Science have been fostered, the pure Administration of Justice secured, and the Temples of Religion, where our Fathers worshipped, untouched by the Hand of Sacrilege, have remained open to their Posterity, to offer up their Adorations to the Author of these varied Gifts. This envied Situation, Sir, in which Providence has been pleased to place our Country, cannot fail of being truly gratifying to a Sovereign who, as the Father of his People, rejoices in their Happiness; and this Gratification must be greatly increased by the Reflection, that your Majesty's conscientious and faithful Discharge of your high Duties has contributed so largely