

of the Royal Family, that he would direct and prosper all the measures of His Majesty's government for the public good; that after a long and happy reign over a free and loyal people, he may at last obtain a glorious and unfading crown in Heaven, and that the throne of the British dominions may be occupied for ages to come by princes of the same illustrious house, who may imitate his piety and virtue, are the sincere and fervent prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

Wm. M. Morine, Moderator.
Edinburgh, May 23, 1812.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His 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 the throne with expressions of the most sincere affection and respect for your Royal Highness.

We sincerely sympathise with your Royal Highness on account of the continued and severe malady with which it has pleased God to visit your royal father, our most gracious Sovereign. We were justly attached to his person, revered his virtues, and were happy under his government—the more afflicting now is our grief for the severity of his indisposition, and the loss which we sustain. On this occasion, as in other calamities, this is our consolation, that the Great Ruler of the World arranges and conducts all events with infinite wisdom, rectitude, and goodness.

It has been no small alleviation of this great calamity, that your Royal Highness came forward at the desire of the nation, to preside in the empire and administer its affairs. The promptitude and energy, the prudence and the mildness with which you have hitherto acted, the warm interest which you have taken in the welfare of the state, and the uniform regard which you have shewn to its admirable constitution and laws, all assure us of the continued maintenance of our invaluable rights and privileges, civil and sacred. We deeply lament the calamities of war, and that inordinate and insatiable ambition of the enemy which precludes the near prospect of a safe and honourable peace. Yet, amidst all the dangers which have threatened us, and the hardships under which we have laboured, we will remember with gratitude that Providence has continued to protect and prosper us. Our resources for maintaining the arduous and protracted conflict have never failed; the arms of our country by sea and land have been so successful, as to deprive the enemy of all his colonies and foreign commerce; and the recent brilliant achievements in the Peninsula have thrown an additional lustre on the British name. Neighbouring nations have already caught a portion of our spirit; and we trust that this may diffuse itself over other kingdoms now unhappily subjected to the enemy; they may yet rally around us, assert their own independence, and aid us in humbling the common foe, and in securing

for ourselves and for the world the invaluable blessings of peace.

We deplore those acts of insubordination and licentiousness, of riot and outrage, which have lately disgraced some parts of the United Kingdom; and we particularly lament the fall by assassination of a Statesman, distinguished no less for his virtues than for his talents. We mourn the loss which his family and his country sustain by his untimely death; and deeply regret that a crime so atrocious could have been perpetrated by any individual in this favoured and enlightened country. Aggravated, however, as it is, we have some consolation in thinking, that the criminal was instigated not by any connection with other men, but by personal malice only.

We beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that no spirit of insubordination has appeared in this part of the empire, and that as far as in us lies, we will exert ourselves in maintaining loyalty and subjection to the laws. For this purpose we will employ all our personal influence, as well as the faithful and assiduous discharge of our ministerial duties; we will inculcate on our people, old and young, the doctrines of our holy religion, and endeavour, with the aid of Divine Grace, to fix deeply in their hearts those principles of morality derived from the Gospel, which are powerful to regulate the conduct of men, to bring them under due subjection, and to preserve order and peace.

That the God of all power and grace may bless your Royal Highness, and establish the dominion of His Majesty, under your direction, in the affection and loyalty of his subjects; that princes of your illustrious house, to the latest posterity, may sway the British sceptre; and that after a long and happy life on earth, you may obtain at last eternal salvation and happiness through Jesus Christ our Lord; these are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

Wm. M. Morine, Moderator.
Edinburgh, 23d May 1812.

[MEMORANDUM.—Fifty-three signatures were annexed to the address from the county of Berks, presented by the Earl of Radnor, and inserted in the Gazette of Tuesday last.]

Carlton-House, May 29, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was this day pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood on the following persons, as proxies for eight of the Knights of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath at the ensuing Installation:

Alexander Campbell, Esq; (Lieutenant-General in the Army), proxy for the Earl of Wellington:

Thomas John Cochrane, Esq; (Post-Captain in the Royal Navy), proxy for his father the Honourable Sir A. F. Cochrane: