

atesbury and other places, in the county of Wilts, and for diverting the line of part of the said roads.

An Act for continuing the term and altering and enlarging the powers of an Act of His present Majesty, for repairing the roads from Scaddow-Gate, in the parish of Ticknall, to the Burton-upon-Trent, and Ashby-de-la-Zouch turnpike-road, and certain roads therein mentioned, and to make and maintain other roads to communicate therewith.

And seven private Acts,

Whitehall, May 27, 1815.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, His Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Members of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, have received, with sentiments of the profoundest respect, the gracious letter with which your Royal Highness, in name and on behalf of His Majesty, has condescended to honour us, on this occasion.

It is peculiarly gratifying to us, to be assured that, while in the exercise of our constitutional rights, we are again assembled to deliberate on the affairs submitted to our judgment and review, your Royal Highness has thought fit, in the exercise of His Majesty's paternal care, to sanction our meeting; and we esteem it as a fresh token of royal favour, that this assurance is communicated to us by a Nobleman so eminently qualified to perform the duties of the royal representative as Francis Lord Napier. The long experience which the General Assembly has had of his piety, virtue, and regard to the interests of true religion, disposes us to listen with the most respectful deference to his admonitions, in declaring to us what your Royal Highness has commanded; and will render his name not less distinguished in the records of our national church, than that of his illustrious ancestor in the annals of science. We are satisfied, that the same fidelity in the discharge of his important functions, which has already so often merited and obtained the royal approbation, will, on this occasion, be still evinced, in a manner equally honourable to himself, and beneficial to us.

We are grateful to your Royal Highness for the high sense you are pleased to express of our loyalty, and for the assurance which has been given, at the same time, of your determination to maintain the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland pure and unimpaired. Your Royal Highness has also permitted us to believe that the proofs we have given of attachment to the supreme authority of the land, have inspired you with confidence, that nothing will be done in our ecclesiastical assembly, prejudicial to the royal authority or prerogative. These favourable sentiments, it will ever be our study to confirm in the mind of your Royal High-

ness; and strongly influenced by the gracious terms in which they are conveyed, we will anxiously endeavour to maintain, in all our proceedings and subjects of discussion, the temperance, moderation, and propriety, which have thus been honoured by your approbation, and which your Royal Highness has now so earnestly recommended.

While we conduct our deliberations in the spirit of freedom, under the protection of royal favour, our first object will be to promote the great interests of religion and virtue, in the sphere of our influence. We shall also cherish among our people, by all the means we possess, the spirit of loyalty, of submission to the laws and establishments of our country, and of attachment to our happy constitution, under which we enjoy such invaluable blessings civil and religious—blessings unparalleled in the history of man. In all our exertions for these highly important purposes, it will be a powerful encouragement that our labours for the advancement of true piety, in that part of the United Kingdom which is committed to our pastoral care, are animated by the unceasing countenance and support of your Royal Highness. And assured of your solicitude for all that respects the welfare and prosperity of our ecclesiastical establishment, we shall firmly persevere in the discharge of the important duties which we have undertaken.

The royal donation of two thousand pounds for the propagation of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we accept with the warmest gratitude, as a pledge of the anxiety of your Royal Highness to fulfil the pious and benevolent intentions of His Majesty, and we shall endeavour to apply it with all fidelity.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may bless, console, and restore our gracious Sovereign; that He may bless the Queen, your Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, and all the Members of the Royal Family; that He may direct and prosper the measures of His Majesty's Government, and maintain to the latest ages the national blessings we enjoy, 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
Lewis Gordon, Moderator.
Edinburgh, May 20, 1815.

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 our General Assembly, beg leave to approach the throne, to present to your Royal Highness the respectful expression of our loyalty to your venerable Sovereign, and of our attachment to your Royal Highness, by whom the Government is administered in his name and on his behalf.

While we condole with your Royal Highness, on the continued indisposition of your august Father, our most gracious Sovereign, and earnestly pray that the Father of mercies would visit him with His tender mercy, we regard it as a mark of the goodness of Providence to this realm, that we