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THE following Address having been transmitted to Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by Mr. John Stephens, Preses of the Burgh and Parochial Schoolmasters of Scotland, has been presented by His Lordship to the King, and most graciously received:

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Burgh and Parochial Schoolmasters of Scotland, met at Edinburgh, on Friday the 15th of September 1820.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Burgh and Parochial Schoolmasters of Scotland, beg leave to approach your Majesty with feelings of the deepest reverence and affection towards your Majesty, and of heartfelt sympathy for the many and severe afflictions with which it has pleased Divine Providence lately to visit the Royal Family. In common with all your Majesty's loyal subjects, we beg leave to express our most sincere condolence on the much-lamented death of our late venerable Sovereign, and of their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Kent and Duchess of York.

The act by which we are incorporated limits our meetings to one day in the year, a circumstance which may give the appearance of tardiness to our present Address. We are however disposed rather to rejoice than to be displeas'd at a delay, which enables us with perfect propriety to mingle, with our condolence, our warmest congratulations on your Majesty's accession to the Throne.

We humbly assure your Majesty that we are most sincerely grieved that in any part of your Majesty's dominions, and more especially in Scotland, sentiments of impiety and disaffection should, for a moment, have usurped the place of that fear of God and love of their Sovereign by which Scotsmen have always been characterised, and that any of our countrymen should have been found so foolish and wicked as to attempt the subversion of a system of Government which is justly the admiration of the world, and under which your Majesty's subjects have hitherto enjoyed a degree of

security and happiness unparalleled in any other state ancient or modern.

Conscious that it is the imperative duty of all ranks of your Majesty's subjects to oppose, to the utmost, the diffusion of the impious and disloyal principles by which these infatuated men have been actuated, we shall always continue to make it our most earnest study and endeavour to train up the youth committed to our care in sentiments of piety towards God, and of attachment to your Majesty's illustrious House.

It adds greatly to our happiness, on the accession of your Majesty, that we are not left to doubtful conjecture with regard to the future character of your Majesty's Government, and that in the splendour which accompanied the delegated authority of your Majesty when Prince Regent of these realms, we have the best possible assurance of a happy and prosperous reign.

That God, to whom all human power is subordinate, may give stability and permanence to your Majesty's Government, and that under the direction of your Majesty's councils, this great and populous nation may be as highly distinguished for the blessings of peace, as it has hitherto been for the triumphs of war, is the sincere prayer of, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Burgh and Parochial Schoolmasters of Scotland.

Signed, in our presence, and by our appointment, by *John Stephens, Preses.*

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 12th of July 1820,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the first year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to continue until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, An Act of the fifty-seventh year of His late Majesty for regulating the trade and-commerce