

determination to deliver down unimpaired to posterity the character for loyalty and devotedness to their Sovereign, for which the Inhabitants of this ancient Borough have always been celebrated, but we feel ourselves particularly called upon to repeat it at a time when your Majesty has in the face of the nation solemnly engaged to support the Constitution of our Forefathers.

Long may your Majesty live to do so, and long may you sway the sceptre of these realms, the honoured and beloved Sovereign of a loyal and happy people.

*Wm. Geo. Morris, Mayor.*

[Transmitted by Earl Whitworth.]

To His Most Gracious and Sacred Majesty George the Fourth, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and illustrious Patron of the Ancient Order of St. John's Masonry for Scotland.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Annan Caledonian Lodge, No. 241, holding and constituted by charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, beg leave most humbly and fraternally to approach your Majesty's Royal Person and Throne in testimony of our sincere and unalterable attachment to your Majesty's government, and of our thankfulness to Divine Providence for the manifold blessings which we, in common with the rest of your Majesty's subjects, have enjoyed during the reign of the illustrious House of Brunswick.

In expressing to your Majesty our genuine sense of these blessings, great as they are, and highly soever as they may have been felt and appreciated; yet we can hardly find language adequate to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude at your Majesty's Royal condescension in becoming the Patron of the ancient order of St. John's Masonry for Scotland, an honour higher, and a condescension greater than any of your Royal Predecessors ever conferred, and which tends more and more to cement that union, loyalty, attachment and fraternal affection between your Royal Majesty's Person, and the ancient fraternity of Masonry, than was ever effected by any Sovereign in any era of British history.

For these reasons, and in full Lodge assembled, to celebrate the auspicious evening of your Royal Coronation day, we most humbly beg leave to present our most sincere wishes for the prosperity and stability of your Majesty's Person and Government, and fervently pray that your Majesty may long and happily sway the British Sceptre, that your Majesty's subjects of every denomination from the noble Peer to the humble peasant, may enjoy from the cornu copia of your great and magnificent Empire, the blessings of domestic peace, and that degree of happiness and prosperity which naturally springs from, and arises out of the construction of our unparalleled and glorious Constitution.

Signed and Sealed in our name, by our appointment, and in our presence in full Lodge assembled, this 19th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1821, and of light 5821.

*G. D. Rome, R. W. M.*

[Transmitted by W. R. K. Douglas, Esq. M. P.]

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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, R.

WHEREAS John Earl of Stair was duly elected and returned to be one of the sixteen Peers of Scotland, to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and is since deceased; in order to the electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his room, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood-House, in Edinburgh, on Thursday the second day of August next, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose another Peer of Scotland, to sit and vote in the House of Peers of this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said John Earl of Stair, deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall then be present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both constituent and proxy being qualified according to law), and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the name of the Peer so elected, and sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We strictly charge and command that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market-Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns in Scotland, twenty-five days, at least, before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such election.

Given at Our Court at Carlton-House, this ninth day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

Carlton-House, July 25, 1821.

CEREMONIAL of the Investiture of Major-General Sir Charles Philip Belson, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, with the Star of the Second Class of the Order.

By command of His Majesty, Major-General Sir Charles Philip Belson was conducted, with the usual reverences, to His Majesty, preceded by Sir George Naylor (the Officer of Arms attendant upon the Knights Commanders), bearing upon a crimson velvet cushion the star appropriated to the second class of the Order.