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THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery Lord Belhaven, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Most Honourable Constantine Henry Marquess of Normanby, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen; which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in this General Assembly, have received with deep gratitude the gracious letter, conveying the assurance of your Majesty's lively interest in the prosperity of this National Church, and in the momentous deliberations on which we are about to enter.

We humbly trust, that through the influence of Divine Grace, we will be so directed in all our acts, as not to forfeit the confidence which your Majesty reposes in our anxiety for upholding the true interests of the Church of Christ, and for avoiding whatever may disappoint your Majesty's favourable expectations, and whatever may prove derogatory to the character of an ecclesiastical body, which, in the most perplexing and perilous of the times which are past, has been regarded with veneration by the people of this land.

As your Majesty has been pleased to remind us of the grave and serious import of the matters on which we are called to deliberate, it becomes us to proceed to this solemn and responsible duty in the exercise of profound humility, devoutly invoking the guidance of the wisdom which is from above, which is first pure and then peaceable, that our discussions may be conducted with sound judgment, and tempered with calmness and moderation, springing from that fervent charity which is not easily provoked,

and which, in bearing all things, and hoping all things, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

We unite with your Majesty in offering up prayers to Almighty God, that He may guide all our consultations and proceedings to such a conclusion, as shall tend to secure permanent stability to the Church, and fix it more and more deeply in the affections of the people of Scotland.

The re-appointment of Lord Belhaven, as your Majesty's High Commissioner in this General Assembly, is most acceptable to us, who are fully aware of his attachment to the Church of Scotland, and who have already had ample experience of his prudence, courtesy, and tried fidelity in the execution of the honourable and important duties with which he has been charged.

We have received with becoming gratitude your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds for the reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and we will faithfully study to apply this liberal donation to the advancement of the sacred purposes for which it is destined.

That the Most High God, who ruleth in the kingdoms of men, may ever remember your Majesty with the favour which He beareth to his chosen, and visit you with His salvation, that He may multiply to you the comforts of the present life and enrich you with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; and that, after a long and prosperous reign over a loyal, pious, and happy people, He may exalt you to a state of everlasting blessedness and glory, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your 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 *Angus Makellar*, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 25, 1840.