

the Highlands and Islands, calls for the warmest expressions of gratitude, and we pledge ourselves to exercise the most vigilant and earnest diligence in the administration of this fund for the furtherance of the Gospel among the inhabitants of the mountains and isles of Scotland, who, in the absence of this munificent aid, might sink into under despondency, if the pressure of temporal destitution, with which so many of them have been visited, were aggravated by the deeper horrors of a famine of the Word of God.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose dominion ruleth over all, may, in the multitude of His mercies, impart to your Majesty, your Royal Consort, and all the Royal Family, the most precious gifts of His providence, and the unsearchable riches of His grace, that you may long sway a sceptre of righteousness and peace over a people enlightened and sanctified through the truth, and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, and that when time shall be no longer, the Lord Most High may, through eternity, be your exceeding great reward, is the fervent prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

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

Jas. Barr, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 24th May, 1853.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, embrace with pleasure the opportunity which our meeting in General Assembly affords us, of approaching your Throne with our cordial congratulations on the birth of another Prince.

Attached to your Majesty's person and Government, no less by affection than by the principles of duty, we cannot fail to rejoice in whatever contributes to your domestic felicity; and regarding every increase of your Royal Family as a further security to our religion and liberties, we feel called upon at the present time to express our gratitude for that Divine goodness which has given us an additional pledge for the permanent continuance of the United Kingdom under the government of that august house to which, under God, we owe our national prosperity.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty's person, prosper your reign, and establish your throne in righteousness, that the dew of His blessing may descend upon your Royal Consort Prince Albert, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and that after a long and happy reign upon the earth, you may come to the inheritance of an incorruptible crown, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and most faithful subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

Jas. Barr, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 24th May, 1853.

Whitehall, May 27, 1853.

THE following Address of congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Birth of another Prince, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, was presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bailiff, the Jurats of the Royal Court, the Clergy, the Queen's Procureur, and the Deputies of the several parishes and cantons of your Majesty's island of Guernsey, in the States assembled, beg most humbly to congratulate your Majesty on the Birth of a Prince, and to assure your Majesty, that though in language and institutions differing from others of your Majesty's subjects, the people of Guernsey yield to none in their steady attachment to the Crown of England, or the sincerity with which they rejoice at any event that contributes to your Majesty's happiness.

In offering these our humble congratulations, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we only utter the sentiments of the inhabitants of the island at large, who, while they present the example rare in your Majesty's dominions, of an entire population trained to the use of arms, and ready as in times past to meet any emergency, in the defence of their country, will yet never cease to pray the Almighty Disposer of events, that, under His protecting Providence, your Majesty's reign may be crowned with the blessings of peace.—Court-House, Guernsey, 20th May, 1853.

*John Bell, Lieutenant-General,
Lieutenant-Governor.*

[Here follow the signatures.]

And the following on the same subject:

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Bolton.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster.

Whitehall, May 23, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing Cospatrik Alexander, Earl of Home, to be Keeper of the said Seal.

Whitehall, May 25, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be made use of in the place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing the Right Honourable Fox, Lord Panmure, to be Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland.

Whitehall, May 25, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to grant the place of one of the Lords of Session in Scotland to George Deas, Esquire, Advocate, in the room of John Cuninghame, Esquire, resigned.