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THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the attainment of his Majority by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :

Unto the **QUEEN'S** Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful and devoted subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, in Commission of the General Assembly convened, desire to approach your Majesty's throne with the expression of our sincere congratulations upon occasion of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attaining his majority.

It is to us matter of joy and thankfulness that it has pleased Divine Providence to spare His Royal Highness, as well as your other children, to be a comfort to your Majesty under the severe bereavement with which it pleased Almighty God lately to visit you and the Royal Family, and also, as we confidently trust, to prove a solace and support to your Majesty under the manifold cares and anxieties incident to the Sovereign of this mighty empire.

We are more especially led to feel that, amid the countless benefits of your reign, your Majesty's domestic virtues constitute a peculiar claim on the affection and gratitude of all classes and races within the limits of your vast dominions.

It is our earnest prayer that His Royal Highness may be enabled faithfully to copy the bright example which has been set him by his illustrious parents; that he may be adorned with all those princely virtues and Christian graces which render kings objects of respect and affection to their subjects, and by which their thrones are established in righteousness; and that when it shall please the Supreme Disposer of Events to call your Majesty away from this temporal kingdom to that which is heavenly and eternal, the crown which you have so adorned may descend upon one who

is altogether worthy to wear it; and that, treading in your steps, he may enjoy the same ardent loyalty and affection which your subjects entertain universally for your Majesty's person and government.

In the Prince of Wales we cannot but take a most peculiar interest; he is more immediately destined, though we earnestly trust at a far distant day, to exemplify, for the welfare and happiness of this great empire, those lessons of piety and virtue in which all the members of your family have been so faithfully reared; and we hail with unalloyed delight the prospect of his soon entering, with your Majesty's consenting approval, on a state in which are involved issues momentous, not only for our country but for mankind.

That your Majesty may be long spared to reign over us, and that your family also may enjoy the favour of Almighty God, and may to many generations sit upon the throne of this great empire, is the sincere prayer of,

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful and most loyal servants and subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in Commission of the General Assembly.

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

J. A. Bisset, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, November 19, 1862.

And the following on the same subject: from

- The Royal Scottish Society of Arts.
- The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.
- The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Bridgwater.
- The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Northampton.
- The Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the borough of Leith.
- The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Sunderland.
- The Chairman and Commissioners of the town of Rhyl, in the county of Flint.
- The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Leeds.
- The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.