

also of offering our cordial congratulations that a life, so dear to your Majesty, and so precious to the country at large, especially to the people of Scotland, has been mercifully saved from the attempt of the assassin.

We humbly but heartily tender to your Majesty, the assurance of our deep sympathy with the anxiety and distress which the deplorable event has occasioned to your Majesty, and to the Royal family.

We render praise and thanks to Almighty God for having so remarkably interposed for the preservation of His Royal Highness from the imminent peril to which he was exposed; and we earnestly pray that his recovery may soon be perfected, and that he may be long spared to be a comfort to your Majesty, and, by a noble, useful, and Christian life, to strengthen more and more the ties which unite the Royal family to an attached and loyal people.

We gladly avail ourselves of this renewed occasion of conveying to your Majesty an expression of our warm attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and of our deep interest in everything that concerns the safety and happiness of your illustrious Family.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may keep your Majesty, and all who are dear to you, under His watchful guardianship and protection, and make all things work together for your temporal happiness and everlasting welfare; is the sincere prayer of,

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal, faithful, and obedient 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

*I. J. Barty*, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 25th May, 1868.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church in General Assembly convened, embrace the occasion of one of our earliest meetings to approach your Majesty with the expression of our sincere and most cordial congratulations on the merciful preservation of your beloved son the Duke of Edinburgh from the recent attempt on his life, when engaged on a visit of friendship to the people of Australia.

In common with all classes of your Majesty's loyal subjects we were filled with sorrow and indignation at the thought that any subject of your Majesty could be guilty of an attempt so atrocious, we have not failed to render hearty thanks to Almighty God, through whose protecting providence the design of the cowardly assassin was frustrated, and your Majesty spared the grief of a sore bereavement, and we pray that He who has so graciously preserved your Son from mortal injury, may continue long to spare him, to prove an ornament to his profession, and by his personal virtues and accomplishments, and his public services, to endear himself more and more to the hearts of the people of this country.

May it please your Majesty to accept the respectful assurance of our affectionate loyalty to your Majesty's person and family and Crown;

and that God may bless you abundantly in all your family relations, and may enrich you and all the members of your Royal House with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, is the constant and earnest prayer of your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Free Church in General Assembly convened.

Signed in name and by authority of the General Assembly of the Free Church at Edinburgh, the twenty-third day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight years, by

*William Nixon*, Moderator.

And the following on the same subject: from

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the borough of Daventry.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Lancaster.

The Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of the town of Winchelsea.

The Vestry of Greenwich.

The Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster.

*Crown Office, June 3, 1868.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*City of Dublin.*

Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Bart., in the room of Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, Bart., deceased.

*County of Worcester.*

*Eastern Division.*

The Honourable Charles George Lyttelton, of Hagley Hall, in the county aforesaid, in the room of the Honourable Frederick Henry William Gough Calthorpe (now Lord Calthorpe), summoned to the House of Peers.

*Whitehall, May 26, 1868.*

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Lewis Pugh Evans, of Abermaide, in the parish of Llanychaiarn, in the county of Cardigan, Esquire, and of Lincoln's Inn, in the county of Middlesex, Barrister-at-Law, Master of Arts of the University of Oxford, and in the Commission of the Peace for the said county of Cardigan, second son of John Evans, of Lovesgrove, in the parish of Llanbadarnfawr, in the said county of Cardigan, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the same county, by Eliza, his wife, daughter of Lewis Pugh, of Aberystwyth, in the said county, and sister and heir of Lewis Pugh, late of Aberystwyth aforesaid, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant for the said county, deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a direction contained in the last will and testament of his maternal uncle the said Lewis Pugh, take and henceforth use the surname of Pugh instead of that of Evans, and that he and they may bear the arms of Pugh; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College