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*Whitehall, May 31, 1873.*

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by David Graham Drummond, Earl of Airlie, K.T., to the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, 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, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in the General Assembly convened, beg to acknowledge with profound gratitude your Majesty's gracious letter, in which your Majesty is pleased to convey a renewed expression of your attachment to that church: We assure your Majesty that, appreciating as we do the benefits conferred on the nation by your beneficent and auspicious reign, we are animated by sentiments of devoted loyalty to your Majesty's person and government. We are greatly gratified by your Majesty's recognition of the services which the church established by law is rendering to the Scottish people, as well as by the sympathy your Majesty is pleased to express with the labours of its Ministers. We are fully persuaded that the important qualities of christian prudence and charity which your Majesty has stated as having characterised former General Assemblies will be manifested in the present, and we trust that in all our deliberations about the interests of a church which has been so signally owned and blessed by its Divine Head as an interest of good to this land, we may be guided by that wisdom which cometh down from above, the wisdom that is first pure, then peaceable, and profitable to direct.

It affords us sincere gratification to welcome as your Majesty's Commissioner and representative in this Assembly, David Graham Drummond, Earl of Airlie, whose courtesy and kindness, as your Majesty's representative on a former occasion, so eminently entitle him to our cordial support.

We renew the expression our thankfulness for your Majesty's annual grant of £2,000 to be applied to the reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and we trust that it may be so dispensed as to promote not only the temporal, but the eternal welfare of an interesting race, who in their remote solitudes are thus reminded that they have a large share in the consideration of love which your Majesty entertains for all your people.

That your Majesty may long be preserved to reign over a free, a loyal, and a happy because a moral and religious people, is the earnest prayer of Your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in this General Assembly,  
Signed in our name, in our presence,  
and at our appointment by  
*Robt. Gillan, D.D., Moderator.*  
Edinburgh, 26th May, 1873.

*Whitehall, May 31, 1873.*

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Charles Gavan Duffy, Esq., lately Chief Secretary of the Colony of Victoria.

*War Office, June 3, 1873.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Richard Owen, Esq., Superintendent of the Departments of Natural History at the British Museum, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

*Downing Street, May 31, 1873.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Sir Benjamin Chilley Campbell Pine, K.C.M.G., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Natal.

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*Marine Department, Board of Trade,  
Whitehall Gardens, May 31, 1873.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon, containing a Quarantine Notice declaring the ports of French Guiana "infected" with yellow fever since the 8th March last.