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Whitehall, June 1, 1874.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, 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 National Church of Scotland met in General Assembly, beg to tender our humble and hearty thanks for your gracious communication.

Your Majesty's expressed determination to uphold the forms of our Presbyterian worship, government, and discipline demands, as it secures, our most grateful acknowledgments, the zeal and prudence which your Majesty condescendingly ascribes to our deliberations only encourages us to deserve, in any measure, your Royal approbation, and under a yet higher motive, we shall strive so to regulate our proceedings as to spread a knowledge of spiritual things more and more among the people, and induce them more earnestly to attend to their highest interests, both for time and eternity.

Holding the constitution of every country bound to acknowledge and support that religion which enforces honour to the Sovereign and obedience to the laws, we rejoice that your Majesty not only recognises our Supreme Court, but that your Royal person is represented in its midst. This becoming homage to the King of Kings is paid in the person of a Scottish nobleman, well qualified to discharge the duties of Lord High Commissioner, and whose appointment we therefore hail as a renewed augury of your Majesty's interest in our venerable establishment.

Your Majesty's continued grant of two thousand pounds, for the spiritual enlightenment and progress of our Highlands and Islands, of which be pleased to accept our warmest recognition, shall be conscientiously devoted to the purposes of the generous donation.

That Almighty God, by whom kings reign, may preserve in health your gracious person, in

peace your immortal soul, in stability your noble Throne, and in efficiency your Civil Government; that you may be enriched with every blessing here and in heavenly places, is the sincere wish, the ardent prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful 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

Samuel Trail, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 25th May, 1874.

Whitehall, June 1, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Ambrose James Johnson, B.A., to the Perpetual Curacy of Hempton, in the county of Norfolk, and diocese of Norwich.

India Office, May 30, 1874.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India:—

To be Knights Commanders:

Robert Henry Davies, Esq., C.S.I., Bengal Civil Service, Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.
Colonel Richard John Meade, C.S.I., Bengal Staff Corps, Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg.
Colonel Lewis Pelly, C.S.I., Bombay Staff Corps, Agent to the Governor-General for the States of Rajpootana, and late Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To be Companions:

The Honourable Ashley Eden, Bengal Civil Service, Chief Commissioner of British Burmah.
Rajah Romanath Tagore, Member of the Council of the Governor-General of India, for making Laws and Regulations.
Vernon Hugh Schaleh, Esq., Bengal Civil Service, Member of the Revenue Board, and of the Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, for making Laws and Regulations.