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THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, to the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, 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 met in General Assembly, beg most respectfully to acknowledge Your Majesty's gracious letter, and the assurances therein contained of the interest Your Majesty is pleased to take in our Annual Meeting.

We desire to express the satisfaction we feel in Your Majesty's declaration of Your Majesty's approval of the wisdom and prudence which have characterised our proceedings in times past. And we earnestly pray that the same spirit may pervade this Assembly, and that all our deliberations may result in the fulfilment of Your Majesty's hope that, under the Divine blessing, the moral and religious improvement of Your Majesty's subjects in Scotland will be thereby promoted.

Having already experienced many proofs of the ability, courtesy, and dignity wherewith the Earl of Rosslyn discharges the duties of Your Majesty's Commissioner, we are much gratified that he has been again called to represent Your Majesty in this Assembly.

For Your Majesty's gift of two thousand pounds for the benefit of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, which has proved the source of so much good to these districts for many years, we have once more to offer our grateful thanks.

That God may abundantly bless Your Majesty and all the members of the Royal Family is the fervent prayer of

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal 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

Archd. Watson, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 24th May, 1880.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 19th day of May, 1880.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of the Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That when, with respect to his own diocese, it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme, in writing (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration), describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent-charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates, and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall on full