

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

LATHOM,  
Lord Chamberlain.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall, June 6, 1896.*

THE following Addresses of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, have been by him laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and attached subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly, acknowledge with deepest gratitude Your Majesty's most gracious letter.

We thank Your Majesty for the renewed and welcome assurance of Your unfailing regard for the Church of this Your ancient Kingdom, and for the manifest proof which You have given during Your reign of Your warm interest in its welfare.

It shall always be our aim to merit and retain Your Majesty's approval by the faithful discharge of our sacred duties and by constant devotion to the moral and religious well-being of Your Scottish people.

We thankfully receive Your Majesty's gracious gift of two thousand pounds which shall be carefully used in accordance with Your Majesty's gracious recommendations.

The appointment of the Marquis of Tweeddale to represent Your Majesty in our Assembly has given the greatest satisfaction to us, remembering, as we do, the manner in which on three former occasions he discharged the duties of Lord High Commissioner, his loyalty to the Church, in which he is an office bearer, and the experience we have had of his dignity, courtesy, and kindness, and the efficiency with which he discharged every function of his high office make his appointment peculiarly welcome.

We pray Him by whom kings reign and princes decree justice to grant your Majesty all temporal and spiritual blessing and to prolong for many years Your beneficent and glorious reign.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's loyal subjects and servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly.

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

L. S.

*Archd. Scott,*  
Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 26, 1896.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and attached subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly, desire to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss which Your Majesty, the Princess Beatrice, and the whole Royal Family have sustained through the death

of the beloved and distinguished Prince Henry of Battenberg.

All Your Majesty's subjects share in the sorrow which specially affects those to whom the Prince was dearest, for the Nation learned to appreciate his noble character, and it mourns the swift termination of a career so full of promise.

As Ministers and Elders of the Church of this Your ancient Kingdom of Scotland, we earnestly pray Him Who is the Giver of all consolation to minister rich comfort to our Beloved Sovereign, and to Her widowed Daughter in this sore bereavement, beseeching Him Who is the wise Disposer of all events to cause abundant spiritual blessing to flow from His fatherly chastening, which, although it may now seem grievous, is the dealing of a love which seeks the true profit of His children.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly.

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

L. S.

*Archd. Scott,*  
Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 26, 1896.

[This Order is published in substitution for the Order which appeared in the London Gazette of the 15th May, 1896.]

AT the Court at Windsor, the 13th day of May, 1896.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Charles Neve Cresswell, Esquire, Barrister, duly appointed in pursuance of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1882," as Commissioner for determining the boundaries of the Wards of the county borough of Wolverhampton, and for apportioning the Councillors thereto, has transmitted to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State his Scheme in the following terms:—

"MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACTS,  
1882 AND 1893.

"County Borough of Wolverhampton.

"WHEREAS a petition from the Council of the county borough of Wolverhampton praying for an alteration in the number and boundaries of the Wards of the said county borough has been presented to Her Majesty.

"And whereas Her Majesty has been pleased to refer the said petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council for consideration: and did upon their report, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in Her Majesty by 'The Municipal Corporations Act 1882,' as amended by 'The Municipal Corporations Act 1893,' and in pursuance of every other power enabling Her in that behalf, by Order in Council dated the eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six fix the number of Wards into which the said county borough shall be divided, and thereupon ordered and directed that the number of the said Wards shall be twelve.

"And whereas on the third day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley Baronet one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, did in pursuance of the thirtieth section of the Municipal Corporations Act of 1882 so