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FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1909.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
May 27, 1909.*

The following Address 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 John, Baron Pentland, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the King, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in General Assembly met, beg respectfully to acknowledge Your Majesty's most gracious letter and to express our gratitude for Your Majesty's interest in the work of the Church and determination to maintain Presbyterian Government in Scotland.

We thank Your Majesty for Your Majesty's sympathy with the Church in the loss of our late Moderator and for the mark of respect to his memory which Your Majesty has graciously shown by appointing a representative to attend his memorial service.

We receive with deep gratitude the intimation of Your Majesty's gift of two thousand pounds, and we shall endeavour to spend the same in such a manner as to extend the blessings of religion in the Highlands and Islands.

Your Majesty's renewed appointment of the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird as Lord High Commissioner has been received by the General Assembly with the utmost pleasure and satisfaction, as the Assembly has had in the past years the experience of his ability, interest, and courtesy.

We beg to assure Your Majesty of the continued loyalty and devotion of the Ministers and

Elders of the Church of Scotland to Your Majesty's person and throne, and we are deeply conscious of Your Majesty's constant efforts for the welfare of all classes of Your subjects, and for the promotion of peace among the nations.

That the rich blessing of Almighty God our Heavenly Father may rest upon Your Majesty, our gracious Queen, and the Royal Family will ever be the prayer of Your Majesty's faithful servants the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

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

*James Robertson, D.D.,
Moderator.*

Edinburgh, 22nd May, 1909.

Westminster, May 25, 1909.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein