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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 Lord 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, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, have received with deep respect the gracious letter with which Your Majesty has honoured us in this time of mourning. Even before Your Majesty's letter was read in our Assembly we were deeply moved by observing that the Commission to the Representative of the Sovereign was issued in the Name of Your Majesty's Royal father, and had been signed by him on the day preceding his greatly lamented death. We had met together mourning his loss, and to be again addressed in words from him touched our hearts. He had the loyal affection of our whole Church. We have lively remembrance of his customary presence in his Parish Church of Crathie, and of the most courteous recognition which it was his pleasure to give to representatives of our Church; and the value to us of Your Majesty's letter is greatly enhanced by Your

Majesty's express assurance that our late beloved Sovereign had the deepest regard for the Church of Scotland and the warmest interest in the deliberations of this Assembly.

It is very notable and welcome to us, that Your Majesty has on your accession to the Throne, and again in your gracious letter, renewed the solemn obligation to maintain the Church of Scotland in the full enjoyment of all its rights and privileges, and that Your Majesty assures us of your personal determination to continue undiminished to our Church the countenance and favour shown to it by your father of beloved memory and by your ancestors.

Your Majesty's trust in our attachment to your person and throne is, we earnestly assure Your Majesty, very welcome to us, inheriting as we do in full measure those feelings of loyalty which are traditional in our Church, and which have already been stirred in us afresh by what is known to all of Your Majesty personally, and especially by the interest which you and your Royal Consort have taken in the social well-being of your people.

We thank Your Majesty for your expression of interest in the labours of this the highest Court of our Church, and it is our prayer that the Spirit of God may so guide our thoughts, prompt our words, and rule our decisions, that all we do in this Assembly may be to the glory of God, for the furtherance of the Gospel, and for the welfare of the people in Your Majesty's ancient kingdom of Scotland.

We hail with satisfaction the appointment as Your Majesty's Representative at this General Assembly of the Right Honourable the Earl of