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TUESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1927.

*Privy Council Office,
14th June, 1927.*

CROWN OFFICE ACT, 1877.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that, after the expiration of 40 days from the date hereof, the Committee of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, constituted under Sections 4 and 5 of the Crown Office Act, 1877, propose, in exercise of the powers in that behalf conferred upon them by Section 5 of the said Act, to make an Order entitled the Crown Office Rules (Preparation of Documents) Order 1927. On account of the urgency of the matters dealt with by this Order it comes into operation forthwith provisionally in accordance with Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893. Copies of the Draft Order can be obtained by any Public Body within 40 days from the date of this Notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

*Scottish Office,
Whitehall,
10th June, 1927.*

The following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, having been forwarded by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Secretary of State for Scotland for presentation to The King, has been presented

accordingly to His Majesty, 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 most devoted and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly have received with much appreciation and deepest gratitude the most gracious letter of Your Majesty which has been presented to us through His Grace the Lord High Commissioner.

We value greatly your Majesty's assurance of interest in the work of the Church of Scotland and your resolution to maintain her rights and privileges.

That you have favourably commented on our efforts to extend the Kingdom of God has encouraged us much, and we assure your Majesty that no labour will be spared by us to realize more fully the Rule of Christ over all lives and interests committed to our care.

Deeply exercised over the divisions of our Presbyterianism in Scotland, we are eagerly engaged in negotiations to secure such a Union between our own Church and the United Free Church of Scotland as will contribute more largely to that concord and brotherhood which your Majesty desiderates, and we trust that ere long now these negotiations will be brought to full fruition.

We have noted with much admiration and satisfaction the triumphal progress of the Duke and Duchess of York in their visit to the British Dominions of the Commonwealth of Australia and of New Zealand; and we express