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Whitehall, May 23, 1952.

The following Address was presented to Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Friday the 16th instant:—

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of The Church of Scotland, beg leave, on the occasion of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne of these Realms, to tender to Your Majesty an expression of our devoted loyalty and attachment.

We humbly offer to Your Majesty our sincere condolence in the great loss which Your Majesty and all Your subjects have sustained by the death of Your beloved Father, His Late Majesty King George the Sixth, of gracious memory, whose courage, devotion to duty, and quiet example in his own home, endeared him as a father to all his people. We gratefully recall Your Father's affectionate regard for the National Church of his ancient realm of Scotland; his presence, in the office of Lord High Commissioner, at its General Assembly; his share in the historic ceremony which completed the Reunion of The Church of Scotland; and his custom, when in Scotland, to worship with his Scottish people.

With humble duty we beg to assure Your Majesty that Your Majesty is already and will continue to be surrounded by the same deep affection as was inspired in us by Your beloved Father.

We desire, with loyal respect, to greet Your Majesty's Consort, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, whose personal links with Scotland are a source of pride to us. In the hearts of Your Scottish Subjects Your Majesty's children already hold a secure place of warmest affection.

It has been most pleasing to us to learn how willingly Your Majesty at Your first Council promised to maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the true Protestant religion with the government, worship, discipline, rights and privileges of The Church of Scotland.

We recall, with gratitude, the many evidences already given of Your Majesty's high sense of public duty, and the noble words in which Your Majesty has declared that Your whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to the service of Your people and of the great Imperial family to which we all belong. We desire, humbly, to assure Your Majesty that, in the fulfilment of that vow, Your Majesty will have the unflinching support and the prayers of Your faithful subjects in Scotland.

We pray that the Blessing of Almighty God, the King of Kings, may rest upon Your Majesty, on His Royal Highness Your Consort, and on the Royal Family; that Your Throne may be established

throughout all these Realms, in righteousness; and that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign in the hearts of a free, loyal, and contented people.

May it please Your Majesty.

Your Majesty's Most Faithful and Loyal Subjects, The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name by

W. White Anderson, Moderator.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I am deeply grateful for the Loyal Address which you have presented on behalf of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

It is a consolation to Me to know that My beloved father's life of devoted service so endeared him to the Church, for whose well-being he was constantly concerned.

For your generous references to Myself and My family I offer you My thanks. The assurances which you give Me of the loyalty and affection of the Church of Scotland will strengthen Me in My determination faithfully to discharge, under God's guidance, the duties of My high office.

16th May, 1952.

Whitehall, May 23, 1952.

The following Addresses were presented to Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday the 21st instant:—

CONVOCATION OF CANTERBURY.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, approach Your Majesty with dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Four months ago, a new Convocation, as its first duty, had prepared and adopted a loyal address for presentation to the Sovereign: but before it could be presented, Church, Nation and Commonwealth were plunged into a common sorrow by the death of our beloved King.

We desire to tender to Your Majesty, with Her Majesty the Queen Mother, Queen Mary and all the Royal Family our heartfelt sympathy in your personal bereavement. We are sure that Your Majesty and the Royal Family have found great comfort in the worldwide manifestations of deep respect and admiration for our late Sovereign. In this country and throughout the Commonwealth the King's death has brought a profound and personal sorrow for the loss of a Sovereign deeply loved; and a thankful remembrance of all that his peoples owe to him.