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Whitehall, May 27.

ON the 16th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. Jo. Lumsden; his Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven was read, as was likewise his Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Answer to his Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported, was unanimously approved; and having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to his Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously. It is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

IT is with unspeakable Joy we received your Majesty's most gracious Letter. As our Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession in your Royal Family, is the Effect of Principle, Duty and Interest; to your Majesty's great Condescension in taking Notice of our Conduct, during the present wicked and unnatural Rebellion, and in putting so high an Honour upon us, as to give us Thanks for doing what we were unquestionably bound to do; we look upon as a great Proof of that distinguishing Goodness, which makes so bright a Part of your Princely Character: The Security of our Religion and Liberty is so closely interwoven with the Stability of your Throne, that we can claim no Merit when we fall in with our unquestionable Duty.

The ready Countenance which your Majesty is graciously pleased to give to our Meeting at this Time, cannot fail to animate us to give all possible Evidences of our unshaken Loyalty and inviolable Affection to your Majesty; and particularly, by exciting the People under our Charge to a due Sense of the Blessings they enjoy under the best Government, together with a just Abhorrence of the worst, and of all the pernicious Designs which tend to subvert our holy Religion and good Laws, in order to introduce Popery and Arbitrary Power.

We esteem the Choice your Majesty has again made of the Earl of Leven to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, as another

Instance of your Majesty's Goodness to the Church of Scotland; His known Zeal for your Majesty's Service; his firm Adherence on All Occasions to the true Interest of his Country, and especially during its late calamitous State; his great Affection to this Church; and the many and recent Proofs given of his eminent Abilities for discharging this high Trust, render your Majesty's Choice of him most acceptable to us.

The repeated Assurance of your Majesty's unalterable Resolution to maintain the Church of Scotland in the Possession of all her just Rights and Privileges, is a further Proof of your Majesty's Royal Favour, and, under God, the great Security against the Invasions of those who are equally disaffected to the Crown and this Church. As we do entirely confide in the Assurance your Majesty gives us, so they cannot but prompt us to exert ourselves in making all the Returns of Gratitude and Duty in our Power.

When we reflect upon the dismal Scenes of Blood, Rapine and Oppression, which so lately fill'd this Land with Horror; when we view our happy Constitution lately threatn'd with Destruction; and our Religion and Liberty ready to be offer'd up Victims to Superstition and Tyranny; and now have the happy Prospect of seeing a speedy and effectual End put to the present Rebellion, the Peace of our Country restored, and your Majesty's Subjects again fully possessed of their Civil and Religious Rights; we cannot but offer our sincere and humble Thanks to Almighty God, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for such inestimable Blessings, and contribute every Thing in our Power for attaining these desirable Ends. We must ascribe our present Tranquillity, under the Divine Providence, to your Majesty's Care, Vigilance and wise Administration, and to the Conduct and Valour of your Heroick Son Prince William Duke of Cumberland, our second Deliverer and Restorer of those Blessings procured us by another glorious Prince of that Name, at the late happy Revolution.

Your Majesty having been graciously pleased, by your High Commissioner, to signify your Royal Intention of continuing your pious Donation, in order to reform the barbarous Parts of our Country, whereof some have lately made the most unworthy Requital, engages us, by the strongest Ties, to return your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, and to promise