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Whitehall, May 16.

ON the 7th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator the Reverend Mr. Robert Kinloch. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven was read, as likewise his Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. A Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Answer to his Majesty's Letter; which having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, was presented to his Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same most graciously. It is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's Goodness in taking Notice in your gracious Letter to this General Assembly, of the Loyalty and Affection of the Church of Scotland to your Royal Person and Government, particularly on Occasion of the late unnatural Rebellion, the happy Extinction of which gives us the highest Joy, we esteem as the greatest Honour that could be done us: And as our unshaken Zeal for the Service and Support of your Majesty's Government and Royal Family, is the natural and just Effect of your Majesty's unwearied Care for the Support, Defence, and Protection of your Subjects, in the full Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges both sacred and civil; we look on it as our Duty to manifest it on all Occasions, especially in the Meetings of our General Assembly, and place on it our Hopes of the Continuance of your Royal Favour to us, and of our Happiness under your auspicious Reign, which we pray God may long continue and prosper.

Your Majesty's kind Assurances of maintaining and protecting the Church of Scotland in the full Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges, do lay such Obligations on us to our Duty, as we shall endeavour better to express in the Course of our Actings, than now we are able to do by Words.

Your Majesty's Choice of the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, is most acceptable to us, he, following the Example of his noble Ancestors, having given the Church of Scotland many Proofs of his Adherence to their Interest, as well as of Fidelity, Abilities, Diligence, Prudence, and Affection to your Majesty, in the Discharge of that important Trust.

[Price Two-pence.]

We shall, on our Part, be wanting in Nothing that may be necessary for attaining the wished-for Success to your Majesty's tender Care and Concern for the Advancement of Religion and Piety, and hope, by the Blessing of God, to attain those good Ends for which we are at this Time assembled.

We acknowledge with humble Thankfulness your Majesty's great Goodness, in renewing, at this Time, your Royal Bounty for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and committing the Distribution of it to our Care, of which your Majesty's High Commissioner has given us Notice; and we shall endeavour to execute that Trust with Fidelity, Prudence, and Exactness, suitable to the Confidence your Majesty is graciously pleased to repose in us.

We beg Leave to add, that we daily put up our fervent Prayers, in Private and in Publick, to Almighty God, that as Divine Providence was graciously pleased to place your Royal Family on the Throne of these Realms, for their Deliverance, Protection and Defence from the threatened Calamities of Popery, Slavery, and Arbitrary Power; it may likewise please the Divine Goodness, in Reward of your Majesty's tender and fatherly Care for the Religion, Laws and Liberties of your Subjects, to pour down in Abundance, Heavenly Blessings on your sacred Person, on his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, his Princess and Royal Issue, and on all the Branches of your Royal House, and in particular for the Safety and Preservation of his Royal Highness the Duke, now in the Field at the Head of your Armies; and that Victory and Success may attend the distinguished Courage, wise Conduct, and indefatigable Application, with which his Royal Highness generously exposes his precious Life for the religious and civil Interests of his native Country, and the Liberties of Europe. And are, with the greatest Gratitude and most profound Respect,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

Robert Kinloch, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 9, 1747.

Hague, May 18, N. S. By all Accounts from Paris they are much struck at the News of the Revolution in this Country: The French King's Departure for the Army was still put off, and