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Kensington, June 12.

THE following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to the Right Honourable the Earl of Holderness, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's most gracious Letter to this Assembly was received with that humble Respect and Gratitude, which is due from loyal and happy Subjects to the best of Sovereigns.

It must animate us with more ardent Zeal to discharge our Duty to God and your Majesty, that the Conduct of former Assemblies is honoured with your Royal Approbation, and that your Majesty is pleased to take favourable Notice of our undoubted Loyalty and Attachment to your Person and Government.

Your Majesty's countenancing the Meeting of this Assembly with your Royal Authority and Approbation, is a fresh Instance of your paternal Regard to this national Church, and of your pious Concern for the Interests of true Religion.

We have an intire Reliance on your Majesty's firm Resolution to maintain the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, in all its just Rights and Privileges; and we humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that thro' the Grace of God, we shall be directed by the same good Principles and Dispositions as heretofore; by these we are prompted to exert ourselves to the utmost, in Defence of your Majesty's Sacred Person, and in Support of that happy Constitution and auspicious Government, under which we enjoy so many inestimable Blessings.

The Choice your Majesty has been pleased to make of the Lord Cathcart, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, gives the highest Satisfaction to us, and to every Member of the Church. The repeated Proofs your Majesty has had of his Abilities, Fidelity, and Prudence; and the Knowledge we have of his Zeal for your Majesty's Service, as well as affectionate Concern for the Welfare and Prosperity of the Church of Scotland, cannot but render him intirely acceptable to us, and to all the true Friends of our happy Establishment in Church and State.

Your Majesty's Renewal of your Royal Bounty, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and Places where Ignorance and Popery still too much abound, we accept with all Thankfulness; and shall employ the most proper and effectual Means, in our Power, for answering the important Ends of so pious and charitable a Donation.

To justify the Confidence your Majesty is pleased to repose in us, your Majesty may be assured, that we shall most heartily concur in our Endeavours, to advance the Interests of Religion and Virtue, which is the great End of our present Meeting.

That the God of all Grace, the Father of Mercies, may pour down his choicest Blessings upon your Majesty's Person and Royal Family; That your precious Life may be long preserved for a Blessing to these Realms; That your Councils may be directed by Divine Wisdom; That your Fleets and Armies, under the Conduct of the Lord of Hosts, may be successful and victorious; and that the Calamities of War may be soon and happily terminated by a safe and honourable Peace; That God may abundantly bless their Royal Highnesses, George Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Branches of your Royal Family; and that after a long and prosperous Reign upon Earth, you may at last be received into that Kingdom, which cannot be moved; and that a Race of Kings of your Royal Line, Guardians of Religion, Liberty, and their Country, may always sway the Scepter over these Lands, are the sincere and hearty Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most Faithful, most Dutiful, and most Loyal Subjects,

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

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

Edinburgh, Geo. Kay, Moderator.

May 26, 1759.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of Exeter, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of Exeter, in Chamber assembled.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Distinction which this City hath, by Your Majesty's gracious Indulgence, so long enjoyed, of being admitted under the more immediate Protection and Patronage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, emboldens us, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, to approach Your Throne, and to join in the joyful Acclamations of Your People, on the happy Occasion of his Royal Highness's having attained that Period, which the general Tenour of our Laws hath fixed as the Age of mature Understanding and Ability.

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