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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND,
WHITEHALL, June 1, 1891.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Most Honourable the Marquess of Lothian, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

May it please Your Majesty,

As loyal and dutiful subjects, we, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, welcome with the greatest satisfaction Your Majesty's most gracious letter on occasion of our annual meeting.

The expressions of goodwill which it contains, and the renewed assurances of Royal countenance and support to the Church of Scotland, afford us an additional incentive to duty.

We beg to assure Your Majesty of our continued loyalty, which, based on hereditary feeling and principles, has been intensified by the wise and kindly action of Your Majesty during a reign of unusual length and unparalleled success, the blessings of which have fallen in full proportion on our Land and Church, and for which we are most sincerely grateful.

It shall be our endeavour in this, as in previous General Assemblies, by the Divine blessing, to do our utmost to promote the highest interests of

Your Majesty's subjects in this ancient Kingdom of Scotland.

To represent Your Majesty as Lord High Commissioner, we welcome anew in our midst the Marquis of Tweeddale, already endeared to us by his ability, personal worth, and friendliness to our National Church, besides his great courtesy to all Members of our General Assembly.

We gratefully accept the grant of two thousand pounds made to us by Your Majesty, and it will be our endeavour so to employ it as to promote the best interests of the population in the Scottish Highlands and Islands, for whose benefit it is designed.

It is our fervent prayer to the Divine Head of our Church and Nation, who has already so signally blessed Your Majesty, that His favour may yet spare You as our Sovereign for many years to come, and continue those blessings, personal, domestic, and national, that now, as we recal them, fill our hearts with thankfulness to the Giver of all good.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in this General Assembly.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

JAMES MACGREGOR, D.D.,
Moderator.

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Edinburgh, 25th May 1891.