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May 30, 1917.

THE following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable Robert Munro, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the King, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,—

WE, Your Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects, met in General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, have received with unbounded satisfaction the gracious Letter which Your Majesty has sent to us through His Grace the Lord High Commissioner.

We thank Your Majesty for the renewed assurances which Your Majesty's Letter contains of Your Majesty's purpose to maintain the Church of Scotland in the full enjoyment of all her just rights and privileges.

In these times of anxiety and strain we welcome Your Majesty's expression of thankfulness and pride regarding what Your Majesty is graciously pleased to refer to, as the self-sacrifice and devotion of the people of Scotland in connection with the war. With the deepest respect we assure Your Majesty of our unbounded loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Throne, and our high admiration of the noble work done, and self-denying example set by Your Majesty

to Your Majesty's subjects in every quarter of Your Majesty's Kingdom and Empire; and we pray Almighty God to give Your Majesty's Forces in the Navy, in the Army, and in the Air, fighting along with those of our Allies, a speedy and decisive victory, so that these troubles may be brought to an end, and a lasting peace may be assured.

We have received with the highest satisfaction the information that Your Majesty has been pleased again to appoint His Grace the Duke of Montrose to act as Your Majesty's High Commissioner to represent Your Majesty in this General Assembly.

That the blessing of Almighty God may evermore rest on Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Royal House, and that Divine grace and loving kindness may abound more and more towards Your Majesty, is our most sincere and earnest prayer.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We are

Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly.

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

L. S.

JAMES COOPER, D.D.,

Moderator.

Edinburgh, 25th May 1917.