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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS William Marquis of Lothian was duly elected and returned to be one of the sixteen Peers of Scotland, to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and is since deceased; in order to the electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his room, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood-House, in Edinburgh, on Thursday the eighth day of July next, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose another Peer of Scotland, to sit and vote in the House of Peers of this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said William Marquis of Lothian, deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall then be present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent (such Proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both constituent and proxy being qualified according to law), and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the name of the Peer so elected, and sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We strictly charge and command that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market-Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns in Scotland, twenty five days, at least, before the time

hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such election.

Given at Our Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and the fifth year of Our reign,

GOD save the KING.

At the Court at Carlton-House, the 25th of May 1824,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable Sir William Draper Best, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

WHITEHALL, May 29, 1824.

**T**HE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by George Earl of Morton, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, His Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Robert Peel, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

*May it please your Majesty,*

The gracious letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this General Assembly of our National Church, has been received with the utmost respect and gratitude: The assurances so graciously conveyed of your Majesty's paternal regard for the Church of Scotland, and of your Majesty's approbation of our exertions to promote the great concerns of religion, we humbly and thankfully acknowledge. It shall be our earnest

study to deserve your Majesty's favour and protection, by infusing into the minds of the people committed to our pastoral care, those civil and religious principles which are essential to their temporal and eternal happiness.

We receive as a gratifying proof of your Majesty's attention to our welfare, the re-appointment of the Earl of Morton to represent your Majesty in our General Assembly.

We thankfully acknowledge the assurance which your Majesty is graciously pleased to renew, that the Church of Scotland, as by law established, will always meet with the firm support of your Majesty in the full enjoyment of all its rights and privileges.

In obedience to your Majesty's paternal admonition, we will faithfully endeavour to maintain that temper and moderation, that unanimity, harmony, and brotherly love, which have gained for former Assemblies the high honour of your Majesty's approbation.

The royal donation of two thousand pounds for the propagation of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we receive with all due thankfulness, and shall endeavour to apply it so as most effectually to advance the pious purpose for which it is given.

That Almighty God may bless your Majesty and all the Members of your Royal House, that he may direct and prosper all the measures of your Majesty's Government, and that he may maintain, till the latest ages, the national blessings which we enjoy, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and most obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

*And. Duncan, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May 22, 1824.