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THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by the Most Honourable John Marquess of Bute, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Sir James Robert George Graham, Bart. one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the Queen; which Addresses Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in this General Assembly, have received with deep gratitude the gracious Letter conveying your Majesty's assurance, that the security and welfare of the Church of Scotland, so intimately connected with the peace and eternal interests of a large portion of your Majesty's subjects, engage your Majesty's constant care and affectionate anxiety.

We remember, with heartfelt satisfaction, that your Majesty, on your accession to the Throne, recognised the solemn obligation which binds the Sovereigns of this country to maintain the Church of Scotland inviolate in all its rights and privileges as by law established.

We feel grateful for your Majesty's confidence in our loyalty, and for the expression of your Majesty's satisfaction in the prospect of our meeting; and we humbly trust that, through Divine Grace, our deliberations will be directed to the advancement of piety and virtue, and that in all our proceedings we will be guided by the love of religious peace, and by the spirit of Christian charity.

We assure your Majesty of our being fully aware that the happiness of your Majesty's sub-

jects in Scotland will be promoted by our concord; and we earnestly pray that Almighty God may so guide our hearts, and rule our decisions, that unity in the Church may be preserved, and that the harmony, which is so conducive to the furtherance of religion, may prevail among us.

We participate most fully in your Majesty's sympathy with the sufferings of many of the working classes in some districts of Scotland, and we have accordingly appointed collections to be made in all the Churches in which your Majesty's benevolent wishes for their relief have not been already anticipated.

As office-bearers of this Church, it will ever be our study to watch over the interests of the poor and destitute, and we shall not fail to inculcate on our respective flocks the duty of freely contributing to the relief of their poor brethren.

We hail with satisfaction the appointment of the Most Noble the Marquess of Bute as the Representative of your Majesty's Person in this General Assembly, a Nobleman who, from his tried ability, prudence, and courtesy, and from his well-known attachment and large liberality to the Church of Scotland, cannot fail to be acceptable to us in the execution of the important trust committed to his care.

We acknowledge with the warmest gratitude, your Majesty's renewed grant of two thousand pounds, for the reformation of the Highlands and Islands; and it will be the object of our anxiety, to apply this liberal donation in such a way as may most effectually promote your Majesty's pious and benevolent intentions.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all Comfort, may ever gladden your Majesty's heart

with a sense of His favour; that He may abundantly bless you with domestic happiness, and public honour; and that, after a long and prosperous reign, you may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most dutiful and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by *David Welsh*, Moderator.
Edinburgh, 21st May 1842.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly, beg leave to offer our most cordial congratulations on the birth of a Royal Prince, who, we trust, has been raised up by Divine Providence to inherit, at a period not far distant, the Throne of his illustrious Progenitors. We feel ourselves bound to express our gratitude to the Governor among the Nations, who has hitherto watched over your Majesty's health and safety; and we earnestly hope and pray that your life may be long preserved as a blessing to the British empire, and to the other kingdoms of the earth; and that the Prince, whose birth has been the signal for universal rejoicing throughout the land, may be so wisely trained, under your Majesty's parental inspection, and so beneficially influenced by your Majesty's example, as to become, in due season, the faithful guardian of the sacred interests and privileges of the people, and the enlightened patron of all the great national institutions, which, in times past, have contributed so essentially to the power of the British nation.