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WHITEHALL, May 31, 1869.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by John, Earl of Stair, K.T., Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen, which Address 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 the liveliest gratitude your Majesty's most gracious letter. The expression of the affectionate regard in which your Majesty holds the Presbyterian Church by law established among the people of Scotland, cannot be otherwise than in the highest degree gratifying to us, and we rest with the utmost confidence in your Majesty's repeated assurances to former Assemblies that your Majesty will uphold the Church in the full enjoyment of all its just rights and privileges. We earnestly trust that under the guidance and blessing of our great King and Head, the proceedings on which we are about to enter shall be conducted in a spirit of prudence and charity, and so as in no respect to forfeit the confidence which your Majesty has kindly been pleased to repose in our loyalty and attachment, and it is our fervent supplication at the Throne of Grace that in all our deliberations we may be so directed as to be instrumental in furthering the interests of true religion, the well-being and efficiency of the Church of Scotland, and the highest good of the whole community.

Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds, to be applied in promoting the religious instruction of the Highlands and Islands, has been most gratefully received, and it shall be our anxious endeavour to carry out thereby the beneficent object for which it has been granted.

We hail with grateful satisfaction the appointment of the Right Honourable the Earl of Stair, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, as your Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, a Nobleman possessing many hereditary and personal claims on our esteem, and who, as an

Elder in our National Church, and a friend of her interests and just rights, commands our very special regard.

That the Supreme Governor among the Nations, the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, may vouchsafe to your Majesty the choicest gifts of His providence, and the inestimable riches of His grace; that He may abundantly bless their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the several members of the Royal Family; that your Majesty may be blessed in your children and your children's children; and that, after a long and prosperous reign, the Almighty may confer upon your Majesty a crown of unfading glory, is the very earnest prayer of,

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

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

N. MACLEOD, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 24th May 1869.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST JAMES'S PALACE, May 27, 1869.

Notice is hereby given, that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Levee at St James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Saturday the 19th of June next, at two o'clock.

It is the Queen's pleasure that Presentations to His Royal Highness at the Levee shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

#### REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVEE TO BE HELD BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY, AT ST JAMES'S PALACE.

*By Her Majesty's Command.*

The Noblemen and Gentlemen who propose to attend Her Majesty's Levee, at St James's Palace, are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names *clearly written* thereon, one to