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At the Court at Balmoral, the 4th day of June 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have represented to Her Majesty that, in order to carry out the terms of a postal convention with France, it is expedient that secondary standards of the weight of one-third of an ounce avoirdupois, and of two-thirds of an ounce avoirdupois, should be legalized, in pursuance of the provisions contained in sections six and eight of the Standards of Weights, Measures, and Coinage Act, 1866; and that new imperial weights of such denominations have been constructed, and have been duly verified and authenticated in the Standards Department of the Board of Trade, their weight in relation to the imperial standard pound having been accurately determined:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and by virtue of the said recited Act of Parliament, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby declared, that the said standard weights of one-third of an ounce avoirdupois and of two-thirds of an ounce avoirdupois respectively, shall be legal secondary standards of weight, from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act.

EDMUND HARRISON.

WHITEHALL, May 30, 1870.

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, met in the General Assembly, have received with the highest gratification your Majesty's most gracious letter, in which your Majesty is graciously

pleased to express that your Majesty gladly welcomes the opportunity which the meeting of the General Assembly affords for renewing the affectionate regard which your Majesty bears towards the Church of Scotland.

We trust that your Majesty will have no cause to abate the confidence that, in the consideration of the questions which may fall within the cognisance of this General Assembly, we shall be guided by the temper of wisdom and charity, and it will assuredly be our constant aim and our unwearied effort to improve the spiritual and moral condition of the Scottish people.

It affords us sincere gratification to welcome again as your Majesty's Representative and Commissioner in this General Assembly, the Right Honourable John, Earl of Stair, K.T., whose attachment to the Church of Scotland, and whose courtesy and kindness to its members, as well as his eminent Christian character, are universally known and appreciated.

We have gratefully received your Majesty's munificent grant of two thousand pounds to be applied to the reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and it will be our pleasing duty to apply this liberal gift in such a manner as may be found most satisfactorily and efficiently to fulfil your Majesty's expectations.

That the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ may long preserve your Majesty and the offspring with whom God has blessed you, that He may strengthen and support you in all your arduous duties, and may finally receive you to His Heavenly Kingdom, is the sincere and earnest prayer of

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

GEORGE RITCHIE, D.D., Moderator.

WHITEHALL, June 3, 1870.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Alexander Bryson to the church and parish of Alloa, in the presbytery of Stirling, and county of Clackmannan, vacant by the resignation of the Reverend Angus Gunn.