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**T**HE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Alan Plantagenet, Earl of Galloway, to the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, 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:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

We, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened, acknowledge with profoundest respect your Majesty's most gracious letter, and the expression therein contained of your determination to uphold all the ancient rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland, of its ministers, and of the congregations committed to their charge.

Your Majesty's firm reliance on our loyalty and affectionate attachment to your Royal person and Government it shall be our earnest care to justify. The zeal and prudence which your Majesty has been graciously pleased to ascribe to the deliberations of former Assemblies, we trust, in dependence on the Great Head of the Church, will mark the deliberations of that also which is now convened. Our prayer is that, in all our proceedings, we may be guided by the Wisdom that cometh from above, and be enabled to advance the glory of God and the sacred interests of His Church, and to promote still further the present and eternal welfare of your Majesty's subjects in our beloved land.

It affords us sincere gratification to welcome as

your Majesty's Commissioner and representative in this Assembly the distinguished Scottish nobleman, Alan Plantagenet, Earl of Galloway, whose courtesy and kindness has won our cordial regard. His presence among us, as your Majesty's representative, we hail as not only a recognition of our right of assembly, but as a becoming expression of homage to the King of Kings, and of that happy union between the Church and the State, which we hold to be in full accordance with the Word of God and eminently promotive of the best interests of the nation.

Your Majesty's donation of two thousand pounds for the reformation of the Highlands and Islands we receive with great thankfulness, and we beg to assure your Majesty that it shall be our endeavour, by the faithful application of your Majesty's gift, to promote the important purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may enrich with all spiritual and temporal blessings your Majesty, your children, and your children's children, and long preserve you in health and strength in this present world, and after a prosperous reign on earth, may confer on you a heavenly crown, is the 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 COOK, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 22d May 1876.