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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, June 5, 1877.

**O**RDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Thursday next, the 7th instant, for Her late Majesty The Queen of the Netherlands, viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, white Gloves, black or white Shoes, Feathers, and Fans, Pearls, Diamonds, or plain gold or silver Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to wear black Court Dress, with black Swords and Buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning on Thursday the 21st instant, viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, with coloured Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments, or grey or white Dresses, with black Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to continue the same Mourning.

And on Thursday the 28th instant, the Court to go out of Mourning.

WHITEHALL, June 5, 1877.

The 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 :—

*May it please your Majesty,*

We, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful

subjects, the Minister 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 characterize 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 again 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 most gracious recognition of the