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Whitehall, May 31.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Sydney, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been by him presented to the King: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

THE gracious Letter with which your Majesty hath been pleased to honor this Meeting of the General Assembly was received with becoming Respect and Gratitude.

The distinguished Marks which your Majesty has given of your Royal Approbation of the Conduct of former Assemblies, and which you graciously condescend to repeat at this Time, afford us the most sincere Satisfaction, and are a most animating Motive to induce us to persevere in our earnest Endeavours for the Preservation and Advancement of true Religion and Virtue, and to embrace every Opportunity of testifying the ardent Zeal which we feel for the Support of your Majesty's Government and Royal Person.

Upon your Majesty's renewed Assurances to preserve to the Church of Scotland all it's legal Rights, Dignities and Privileges, we rest with that entire Confidence which is due from Subjects to a Sovereign who makes the Laws the Rule of His Government; and we bless the King of Kings that we live under a Prince who shows himself the true Nursing Father of the Church, by recommending to us as His earnest Wish, and as the most effectual Method of securing the Continuation of His Protection, that we should hold forth an Example of Christian Charity, and every Incitement to pursue the Paths of Christian Virtue, and that we should give every Discouragement to Idleness and Vice.

We gladly embrace this Opportunity of offering our humble Thanks to your Majesty for your late Royal Proclamation for the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue, and for preventing and punishing Vice, Profaneness and Immorality, which is truly worthy of a Christian Prince, and a strong Proof of the same watchful Attention to the best Interests of your Kingdom, which is so fully expressed in your Majesty's gracious Letter to this Assembly. Deeply sensible that Righteousness exalteth a Nation, and that Sin is the Reproach of any People, we beg

Leave to assure your Majesty that we will most cheerfully exert ourselves to the utmost of our Power in recommending and enforcing your Majesty's pious Commands, by promoting among the People under our Care a sacred Regard to the Institutions and Laws of our Holy Religion.

We have had so much Experience of the many amiable Virtues by which the Right Honorable the Earl of Leven is distinguished, and his Love of Virtue, and real Attachment to the Good of his Country and the Interests of the Church of Scotland, are so generally known, that we receive your Majesty's Re-appointment of him to the very great and interesting Charge of Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, as a gracious and acceptable Mark of your Favor.

Your Majesty's Royal Donation of a Thousand Pounds, for the Propagation of Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we receive with the sincerest Gratitude, and we shall be careful in applying it to the pious Purposes for which it is bestowed.

Convinced that Unanimity and Brotherly Love are becoming our Characters, as Ministers of the Prince of Peace, and will give Dignity to our Proceedings, we shall study to observe your Majesty's Recommendation, and to conduct our Business in such a Manner as to bring the Assembly to a happy Conclusion.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Person and establish your Throne in Righteousness; that He may pour down His best Blessings upon our gracious Queen, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and that, after reigning long with Wisdom and Felicity over a free, a dutiful, and an affectionate People, you may enter those happy Regions where pious and virtuous Princes receive an unfading Crown, is the earnest Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty;

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

Arch. Davidson, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 24, 1788.