

May it please your Majesty,

THE Gracious Letter with which your Majesty hath honoured this Meeting of the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland was received with becoming Respect and Gratitude.

The distinguished Marks of Royal Approbation which your Majesty hath so frequently vouchsafed to give us, and which you 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 unwearied Attention to the great Cause of Religion and Virtue, and to embrace every Opportunity of testifying our Duty and Affection to your Royal Person and Government. We received with the most lively Gratitude the gracious Assurances contained in your Majesty's Letter, that the Continuance of so laudable a Conduct will always meet with your Royal Protection; and we rest with entire Confidence on the repeated Expressions of your Majesty's Determination to support and maintain the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, in the full and free Enjoyment of all her just Rights and Privileges.

We shall endeavour to maintain in all our Proceedings that Harmony and Unanimity which are so warmly recommended by your Majesty, which are so agreeable to the Spirit of our Religion, and so essentially necessary to the Dignity and Efficacy of our Deliberations; and it shall be our earnest Study to direct our Councils to the laudable Purposes of enforcing due Obedience to the Laws of our most happy Constitution, and inculcating on the People committed to our Care a conscientious Discharge of those Religious Duties which are inseparable from their Welfare and Happiness.

Your Majesty has given us a gracious Pledge of your favourable Disposition towards the Church of Scotland, by again appointing the Earl of Leven to be your Commissioner to represent your Royal Person, a Nobleman whose Fidelity and Zeal towards your Majesty, and whose Attachment to the Interests of the Church of Scotland, are universally known, and who has formerly discharged the Duty of the high and important Office which he now fills in such a Manner as to render him most acceptable to us.

Your Majesty's Royal Donation of One Thousand Pounds for propagating the Protestant Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we regard as a fresh Proof of your Majesty's paternal Attention to the true Interests of all your Subjects. We feel ourselves highly honoured in being made the Instruments of fulfilling your Majesty's pious Intentions; and we shall study to make the most prudent and effectual Application of the Sum with which we are entrusted.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Person and prosper the Administration of your Government; that He may bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and that, after reigning long with Wisdom and Felicity over a free, a grateful and a happy People, you may enter those blessed Regions where pious and virtuous Princes receive a Crown of Glory, are the earnest Prayers of,

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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

Geo. Hill, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 23, 1789.

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by the Earl of Leven, His Majesty's High Commissioner, to the Earl of Ailesbury, Lord Chamberlain

of Her Majesty's Household, has been by him presented to the Queen: Which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

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WE, His Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in National Assembly, presume to approach your Majesty with our humble Congratulations upon an Event most interesting to your Happiness, and most joyful to His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Recovery of our beloved Sovereign from His late alarming Illness.

The most exalted Station is not exempted from those pungent Distresses which, in this mixed State, are often occasioned by the most delicate and amiable Affections of the Human Heart. But the Distress of your Majesty was alleviated by those Consolations which true Religion opens to a devout Mind in the Hour of deep Affliction. The God of Grace, whom you had honoured in the Time of Prosperity, while He tried the Tenderness of your Nature, was pleased to support your Faith and Patience by that Strength with which He strengthens the Souls of His Servants; and the Deliverance which He hath wrought for us hath graciously rewarded that Piety which adorns the Throne, by giving you the Garment of Praise for the Spirit of Heaviness.

Your Majesty witnessed in the Solitude which all Ranks express during the Illness of the King, how truly He reigns in the Hearts of His Subjects. Your Majesty received, in the Sympathy with which a great Nation took Part in your Sorrows, and in the Gratitude, Respect and Confidence with which they looked up to your Character, the Recompense provided for those Qualities by which Greatness is rendered amiable; and your Majesty has now the Satisfaction of observing, that the Demonstrations of Joy for that National Blessing, by which God hath wiped the Tears from your Eyes, are mingled with Expressions of the most affectionate Interest in the Happiness of a Queen, whose Virtues have united all His Majesty's Subjects in Her Praise.

That your Majesty may long be preserved to be a Blessing to the King, to form the Minds of your illustrious Offspring, to be the Pattern of your Sex, and the Protectress of Virtue and Religion; that God, in whom alone the Families of the Earth are blessed, may perpetuate your Domestic Felicity; that you may taste the most exquisite Delight which a Mother's Heart can know, in beholding the Virtue and Happiness of your Posterity; and that, after enjoying the largest Measure of Good which can crown the most excellent Characters in this World, you may receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that Crown of Life which fadeth not away, are the earnest Prayers of,

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The following Address having been delivered to the Right Honourable Lord Sydney, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by him presented to the King: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE, the Ministers of the English Reformed Churches, by Law established in the Province of Zealand, beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that, with the utmost Cordiality and Satisfaction, we join
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