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Whitehall, May 25, 1796.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by the Earl of Leven and Melville, His Majesty's High Commissioner, to his Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by him presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

THE gracious Letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was received with profound Respect and Gratitude.

The good Opinion which your Majesty condescends to express of the Benefits which, through Divine Providence, have resulted from this Supreme Ecclesiastical Court, the Renewal of the Sanction of your Royal Authority, and the Assurances of your Majesty's Determination to maintain our Church in the full and free Enjoyment of all it's Rights and Privileges, cannot fail to animate us in the Discharge of our Duty, and to confirm our Loyalty and Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We return our humble Thanks for the Confidence which your Majesty is pleased to repose in us, by entrusting to us your Royal Bounty for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; and we shall carefully endeavour to distribute it in such a Manner as may tend most effectually to accomplish this generous and pious Design.

We regard it as a Pledge of your Majesty's Favour, that your Royal Person is again represented in our Assembly by the Earl of Leven and Melville; a Nobleman who is at all Times most acceptable to us, not only from the great Affection to the Church of Scotland, and Zeal for the Interests of Religion,

which he has manifested on so many former Occasions, but also for his very exemplary Conduct in private Life.

We shall be studious to cherish among the People with whom we are connected a Spirit of dutiful and affectionate Allegiance to a Sovereign, who, deeply impressed with a Sense of the awful and important Nature of Religion, shews an Attention so paternal to the dearest Interests of his Subjects; and it will afford us the utmost Satisfaction, if, by a zealous and faithful Discharge of the great Trusts reposed in us, we shall be so happy as to confirm the favourable Sentiments, with regard to our Church, which your Majesty has been pleased so graciously to express.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Person and prosper your Government; that He may bless the Queen, the Prince and the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and that, after a long and a happy Reign upon Earth, you may rise to a glorious Immortality in Heaven, are the earnest Prayers 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

Wm. Greenfield, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 21, 1796.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met together in the General Assembly; take this first Opportunity of congratulating your Majesty on the late Increase of the Royal Family; by