

the ports of Italy shall immediately cease, and be suspended, and that it shall be lawful for His Majesty's subjects to trade in the same manner as they had before traded in times of peace, between His Majesty's dominions, and the ports of Italy from which the British flag is not excluded:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Judges of the Courts of Vice Admiralty, are to take the necessary measures herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Chetwynd.

Carlton-House, May 23, 1814.

This day His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of the King, was pleased to invest the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Abergavenny with the ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The Prince Regent having signed the several instruments for that purpose, which were previously to the ceremony presented to His Royal Highness by Robert Quarne, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod (in the absence of the Secretary), the Earl of Abergavenny was called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by the Earl of Morton and the Dukes of Atholl and Buccleuch, three of the Knights Brethren of the Order, and supported by the Duke of Gordon and the Earl Poulett, the two Senior Knights present. Upon entering into the Royal Presence, with the usual reverences, the Earl of Abergavenny was presented by the said two Senior Knights, and, kneeling down, his Lordship was knighted by the Prince Regent with the sword of state; his Lordship having kissed His Royal Highness's hand, rose up, when the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod administered the oath to his Lordship; then Green Rod kneeling, presented the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion to the Prince Regent, who put the riband over the Earl's left shoulder; and his Lordship, having again had the honour of kissing His Royal Highness's hand, withdrew, with the usual reverences, in the same manner in which he had entered.

The ceremony was performed in His Royal Highness's closet, several of the Great Officers of State and of the Court being present.

Whitehall, May 26, 1814.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, His Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Royal Highness,

THE gracious letter with which, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, your Royal

Highness has been pleased to honour this General Assembly, has been received by us with the greatest respect.

We acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the interest which our Sovereign has at all times condescended to take in our deliberations, and the paternal care with which he has watched over the interests of our establishment. The repeated expressions of his fixed determination to support our national church, and his fatherly admonitions, given in the spirit of benevolence and affection, have animated our people in its defence.

We rejoice in having been permitted to unite our humble exertions, with those of His Majesty's other faithful subjects, in working out the good work of peace. We rejoice in the arrival of a new æra.—Our Constitution and independence are no longer assailed by the domineering usurpation of tyrannical ambition.—Our establishments are unimpaired.—Our laws remain entire, and our religion is preserved. We adore the wise Dispenser of all Human Things, who, by His blessing upon the steadfastness of our national counsels, hath given these welcome triumphs to the cause of virtue and of truth.

It is peculiarly gratifying to us that the congratulations with which your Royal Highness is pleased to honour us upon these great events, are conveyed to us by Francis Lord Napier, a Nobleman whose long experience of his virtues and of his kindness endears to us. As he inculcated on us with assiduity those precepts which the wisdom of our Sovereign recommended in the hour of trial, we are well assured that he will perform with equal faithfulness the pleasing task of cherishing in us those sentiments which become the more auspicious moments of peace.

It shall be our study, in conformity with the paternal admonitions of your Royal Highness, to maintain the doctrines of the Gospel, that as we have been protected from the enemies of our faith, we may cultivate unceasingly those principles which are the foundation of the true strength and happiness of nations.

It will be at once an incentive to exertion, and a powerful aid to us in the discharge of our pastoral duties, in teaching our people the great and awful truths of religion, that we are permitted by your Royal Highness to encourage in them a conviction that our ecclesiastical establishment is honoured with the royal favour. We will endeavour to preserve among them a due obedience to the laws, and to persuade them that they will thereby promote the cause of religious liberty and perfect freedom. It shall be our earnest prayer that, through the Divine Blessing, we may be enabled to strengthen ourselves in the principles of virtue, and to direct those who are committed to our care, so that they may follow the paths of peace.

We have received with gratitude, and shall endeavour to apply with faithfulness, His Majesty's gracious donation of two thousand pounds, for the propagation of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may bless, console, and restore His Majesty the King; that He may bless abundantly the Queen, your Royal Highness, and all the Members of the Royal Family, that He may direct