

as of the value of ten shillings of like lawful money, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at Our Court at Carlton-House, the fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Whitehall, May 24, 1821.*

**T**HE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by George Earl of Morton, Knight of the Most Ancient Order of the Thistle, 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 the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Members of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, have received with sentiments of the profoundest respect, the gracious letter with which your Majesty has condescended to honour us on this occasion.

It is peculiarly gratifying to us to learn, that your Majesty, strengthened by experience in your favourable disposition towards this Church, has repeated at this time your fixed resolution to continue to our Ecclesiastical Establishment your royal countenance and support, and to maintain it in all its rights and privileges. Nor is it less a subject of satisfaction to this Assembly, that your Majesty has expressed your confidence, that in the prudence of the measures which we shall adopt, your Majesty will see cause for still further enhancing your royal affection towards our Church; and that you are persuaded, that we will apply ourselves with temper and moderation, to further the good ends for which we are assembled, namely, the advancement of Religion and the service of Almighty God.

Permit us, accordingly, to assure your Majesty, that in this view, agreeably to your Majesty's paternal admonition, we will sedulously endeavour to avoid all unnecessary debates and contentions; and that our deliberations shall be anxiously directed to the wisest and most efficient modes of checking the growth of vice and impiety, of promoting the practice of all Christian duties, and of keeping alive that respect for the ordinances of Religion and those who administer them, together with that deference to the Civil Magistracy, which, founded on the principles of the Gospel, is so essential to the peace and good order of society, and must ever conduce to the happiness and prosperity of your Majesty's dominions. To the diligent and faithful performance of our duty in these respects, your Majesty's most gracious assurance, that our exertions shall never want your fatherly aid and protection, is a most powerful motive in our minds.

It is truly a ground of joy and of gratitude to Divine Providence, that an end has been put to the

treasonable conspiracies, which in the course of the last year existed in some parts of this island, growing out of a disposition to subvert the happy Constitution of the kingdom as by law established. Your Majesty may rely on all the influence which you are graciously pleased to ascribe to the Ministers of the Church, being exercised in preventing the renewal of similar attempts; and in our inculcating to the utmost of our power, the duty of obedience to the Constituted Authorities of the land.

The re-appointment of a Commissioner, so eminently qualified by his loyalty, integrity, and zeal for the service of your Majesty, as the Earl of Morton, to represent your Royal Person on this occasion, is highly acceptable to the General Assembly, from the experience we have had of his fitness to discharge this important trust, and from our personal knowledge of his affection for the Church of Scotland.

The royal donation of £2000, for the propagation of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we accept with the warmest gratitude as a pledge of your Majesty's anxiety to promote the extension of pure religion, and we shall apply it with all fidelity to the pious purpose for which it is bestowed.

We have only to add, that, under God, no exertion shall be wanting on our part to fulfil the hope expressed by your Majesty, that, by our proceeding in the business before us with that charity, brotherly love, and unanimity, which your Majesty has so graciously recommended, we may bring this Meeting of the Representatives of our Church, to as happy a conclusion as that of any former Assembly.

That Almighty God may bless your Majesty and all the Members of the Royal Family; that He may ever direct and prosper all the measures of your Majesty's Government; and that He may maintain, till the latest ages, the national blessings we enjoy, are the fervent prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

*Duncan Mearns, Moderator.*  
Edinburgh, May 19, 1821.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and affectionate subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, eagerly embrace this opportunity of approaching the Throne, to renew the assurance of our cordial attachment and unshaken fidelity to your Majesty's Person and Government.

In common with all the well-disposed and loyal part of your Majesty's subjects throughout the realm, we have beheld, with sentiments of the deepest concern and unfeigned abhorrence, the criminal attempts to undermine the religious principles of the people, and to create a spirit of disaffection and hostility to our invaluable institutions, sacred and civil, so frequently made by unprincipled