

AT the Court at Brighton, the 28th of
February 1822,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His late Majesty's reign, cap. 57, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to suspend training, and to regulate the quotas of the militia," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders in Council, to suspend the calling out of the militia of the United Kingdom, or any part of the United Kingdom, or of any county, riding, shire, stewartry, city, town, or place, for the purpose of being trained and exercised in any year, and to order and direct that no training or exercising of the militia of the United Kingdom, or of any county or counties, riding or ridings, shire or shires, stewartry or stewartries, city or cities, town or towns, or place or places, specified in any such Order or Orders in Council, shall take place in any year, any thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the militia, to the contrary notwithstanding: And whereas it is deemed expedient that such training and exercising should be dispensed with in the present year, it is ordered by His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that the calling out of the militia of the United Kingdom, or any part thereof, for the purpose of being trained and exercised in the present year, be suspended, and that no training or exercising of the said militia do take place in the present year. *Jas. Buller.*

Whitehall, May 23, 1822.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Robert Peel, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty.

THE very gracious letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this General Assembly of our National Church, has been received by us with the most profound respect and gratitude.

We receive with heartfelt satisfaction the assurance which your Majesty has been pleased to express, that the great advantages which the Church of Scotland has derived from the wisdom of our annual deliberations, renders the period of our meeting one of peculiar interest and satisfaction to your Majesty; and it shall be our study that the result of our approaching labours may not prove less conducive to the maintenance and extension of the pure principles of the Gospel; and consequently to the real happiness of your Majesty's people, than upon any former occasion.

The appointment of the Right Honourable the Earl of Morton to be your Majesty's Commissioner and the Representative of your royal Person in our General Assembly, we regard as a new proof of your Majesty's favour, the experience we have had on former occasions of his meritorious services having secured to him our fullest confidence, and your Majesty may be assured that we shall gratefully pay to him that honour and respectful attention which are due to his high office. We have received from him, with the highest satisfaction and gratitude, the assurance of your Majesty's favour and protection, and of your steadfast purpose and resolution to preserve inviolably the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland, as well as the religious and civil liberties of all classes and descriptions of your Majesty's subjects.

We have witnessed with deep concern the wicked and persevering efforts which in certain parts of the Kingdom have recently been made to subvert the religious faith of your Majesty's people, especially in the humbler and more numerous classes of society, by means of publications replete with scepticism and blasphemy. We are sensible that it will require the most active exertions of every friend of religion, of every lover of his country, and above all the Ministers of the Gospel, who are specially called upon to exert themselves in such a cause, to combat and counteract so great and alarming an evil. Your Majesty may be assured that we will spare neither pains nor diligence in the religious instruction of that portion of our fellow subjects, whose spiritual welfare is committed to our charge, by enforcing upon them the full extent of their duty both to God and man. We will not fail to teach them the true value of the blessings they enjoy under our happy and envied Constitution, and that these blessings can only be preserved by a firm and zealous attachment to that Constitution, and a ready obedience to and support of the laws and ordinances of the State.

While it is our earnest desire that our proceedings may now, as on former occasions, be found characterised by temper and calmness, and dictated by a spirit of loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's Person, of love for our country, and zeal for the service of Almighty God. We rejoice in the assurance communicated to us that we may rely on your Majesty's zealous co-operation and support, in all our exertions to promote the great cause of religion.

We receive, with sincere gratitude, your Majesty's donation of £2000 for promoting religious knowledge in the highlands and islands of Scotland; and we shall endeavour to apply this mark of your royal munificence, in the manner best calculated for promoting the pious purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God may bless your Majesty, and all the members of the royal Family. That He may guide and prosper all the measures of your Majesty's Government, and that He may maintain to latest ages the national blessings we enjoy, 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.