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**\*\* NOTICE** is hereby given, that the **LONDON GAZETTE** will be published on **FRIDAY** the 30th day of **JUNE** next ensuing, and will thenceforward be published on **FRIDAY**, instead of **SATURDAY**, in every Week.

*Whitehall, May 25, 1826.*

**T**HE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by James Ochoacar Lord Forbes, His Majesty's Commissioner, 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 gracious Letter with which your Majesty has honoured this meeting of the General Assembly of our National Church, has been received by us with the most profound respect and gratitude.

The approbation which your Majesty is graciously pleased to express of our loyalty and affection for your Person and Government, and of our exertions for the advancement of religion, piety and virtue, we feel as a most powerful motive for perseverance in the same course. The reiterated assurances of your Royal support and countenance will animate us in the discouragement of vice, immorality, and profaneness; and in strict adherence to the practice of true religion, which is essential to the welfare and prosperity of our country.

In the deliberations on which we are entering, we shall endeavour to profit by your Majesty's paternal admonition, by avoiding contentious debate, and by abstaining from all things tending to interrupt that harmony, which is indispensable in councils adapted for the furtherance of religion. It shall be our earnest study, by the union of zeal

in support of the Christian faith, with prudence and wisdom in our resolves, to seek the attainment of the objects best calculated to enforce a conscientious observance of those duties which true religion and the laws of the realm enjoin; and whereon, not only the general good, but individual happiness materially depends.

The renewed appointment of Lord Forbes to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, we gladly acknowledge as a fresh mark of your Majesty's paternal favour. The personal respectability which sheds lustre on his rank, and the fidelity and zeal with which he discharges the duties of his high office, ensure to him our most respectful and cordial attachment.

We receive with the deepest gratitude, and will endeavour faithfully to employ, your Majesty's munificent donation of two thousand pounds, for propagating the Christian Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

We rely with the fullest confidence on the assurance which your Majesty is pleased to repeat, that the Church of Scotland, as by law established, will always meet with your Majesty's support, in the full enjoyment of all its rights and privileges; and we shall endeavour to shew our gratitude for all the proofs which we receive of your Majesty's fatherly kindness, by maintaining throughout our proceedings cordiality, unanimity, and brotherly love, as means of securing a satisfactory conclusion of our present meeting.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may bless your Majesty, and all the Members of your Royal House; that He may guide your Majesty's counsels, and prosper your administration, and that, after a long and happy reign on earth, you may inherit a kingdom which cannot be moved, are the earnest prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and most obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

*Thomas Taylor, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May 20, 1826.