

and we shall apply it with all fidelity to the pious purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God may bless your Majesty, your Royal Consort, and all the Members of the Royal Family; that He may ever direct and prosper your Majesty's Government; and that He may maintain, till the latest ages, the national blessings we now enjoy, are the fervent 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

*James Wallace, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May 21, 1831.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in this General Assembly, cordially approving of the conduct of the Commission of the last General Assembly, in having conveyed to the Throne those sentiments of respect and attachment which are so justly due to your Majesty's Person and Government, and which are universally felt by the Members of this National Church, embrace with alacrity the earliest opportunity which our annual meeting affords, of expressing our condolence on the death of our late illustrious King, and our congratulations on your Majesty's auspicious elevation to the Sovereignty of the United Kingdom.

The retrospect of the many signal advantages which we enjoyed under the Government of your Majesty's Royal Brother, during a series of the most eventful years in the history of our land, while it excites our gratitude to the Supreme Governor among the nations, cannot fail to revive the sorrowful impressions with which all of us contemplated an event most afflicting to your Majesty and the Royal Family, and deplored as a heavy public calamity throughout the whole extent of the British empire.

It is with no common emotions of delight that we recognise in your Majesty the Son of a venerable Monarch, who, in the course of a reign of almost unprecedented duration, was eminently distinguished by his pure faith and fervent charity, by his vigilance and firmness in the most difficult times, by the mild lustre of his domestic virtues, by his reverence for the laws and constitution of this happy country, and by the bright combination of virtuous qualities which engaged the veneration and love of his subjects; and we gladly anticipate from your Majesty the same fidelity and zeal in fulfilling the arduous duties of your elevated station, the same resolute adherence to every honourable purpose, the same generous encouragement of every pious and beneficent undertaking, and the same countenance, protection, and favour to the Church of Scotland, for the defence of whose rights and privileges the most solemn pledge was given in the first act of your Majesty's administration.

We beg leave most earnestly to express the high value which we attach to the assurances of your

Majesty's determination, to preserve inviolate our Ecclesiastical Establishment, which, under the fostering care of Divine Providence, has had the felicity of enjoying complete security ever since the period when the British Crown was transferred to your Majesty's illustrious Family, a Family to which the Members of this Church have uninterruptedly maintained the most steadfast fidelity. Highly as we estimate the benefits derived from the constitution under which it is our happiness to live, we feel the sacred obligation of exemplifying and inculcating, along with that fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, the duty of honouring the King, and submitting to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, "as free, and not using liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God."

That the Lord God Almighty, whose kingdom ruleth over all, may give your Majesty length of days, riches, and honour; that He may establish your throne in righteousness; that He may eminently bless our Gracious Queen and all the Royal Family; that He may impart to you, in rich abundance, the consolations and hopes of the Gospel; and that, after a long and prosperous reign, He may receive you to the glories and felicities of the Heavenly Kingdom, 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.

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*Whitehall, May 27, 1831.*

THE following Addresses, thanking His Majesty for having dissolved the late Parliament, have been laid before His Majesty, and graciously received:

- From the Freeholders of the County of Durham.
- From the Electors and Inhabitants of the Parish of Acton.
- From the Inhabitants of the Village of Wishawtown, in the Parish of Cambusnethan, Middle Ward of Lanarkshire.
- From the Burgesses and other Inhabitants of the Royal Burgh of Nairn.
- From the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Markinch.
- From the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Eaglesham.
- From the Inhabitants of the Village of Yeildshiels and Neighbourhood, in the Parish of Carluke, and County of Lanark.
- From the Inhabitants of Denny and Neighbourhood.
- From the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Burgh of Dunbar.
- From the Deacon, Collector, Masters, and Members of the Incorporation of Fleshers of the City of Glasgow.
- From the Deacon, Collector, Masters, and other Members of the Incorporation of Cordwainers of the City of Glasgow.