

*Whitehall, May 22, 1839.*

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery Lord Belhaven, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen; which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

*May it please your Majesty,*

THE gracious Letter which your Majesty has been pleased to transmit to this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has been received by us with deep and grateful respect.

We trust that your Majesty's favourable estimate of our loyalty and attachment to your Royal Person and Government, and of the benefits accruing to the Church of Scotland from our deliberations and counsels, will be fully justified by our proceedings, and that while it is our first desire to obtain the guidance and aid of our Master who is in Heaven, the sanction of our Sovereign will never be withholden from our meetings.

The assurance of your Majesty's undiminished regard for the Church of Scotland, as established by law in this kingdom, and the expression of your Majesty's warm satisfaction in the interest which this Church takes in the diffusion of Christian knowledge throughout all parts of your Majesty's dominions, cannot fail to stimulate us to abound more and more in the most strenuous efforts for the furtherance of the Gospel.

We earnestly hope that, through the grace of God, we shall be enabled to verify your Majesty's confident anticipation of the calm and temperate spirit in which we will address ourselves to the questions of deepest importance which it will be incumbent on us to discuss, with a view to the adoption of such measures on our part as shall tend to the good of the Church, the maintenance of the authority of the law, and the advancement of the true interests of christianity among the people of this land, for whose souls we are bound to watch, as they who must give an account to God, the Judge of all.

The appointment of Lord Belhaven to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly is very gratifying to us, who well know how faithfully and zealously he has discharged the highly important duty which has been frequently confided to him, and how firmly he is attached to the constitution of this national church.

We have gratefully received your Majesty's grant of two thousand pounds, for propagating Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; and it will be our anxious endeavour, in the administration of this fund, to promote the pious end for which it has been placed at our disposal.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Supreme King and Head of the Church, may abundantly bless your Majesty, that in these most difficult times His everlasting strength may sustain your spirit amidst the cares of government, that the Divine wisdom may ever guide the Counsellors and Ministers of State, and the High Court

of Parliament; so that peace and truth, godliness and honesty, may universally flourish in this favoured land; and that, after a long and prosperous reign, your Majesty, through the merit of our Lord and Saviour, may receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most dutiful and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

*Henry Duncan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.*

Edinburgh, 18th May, 1839.

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The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Sir Arthur Farquhar, Knt. Rear-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of Her Majesty's Fleet, Companion of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, and Knight of the Royal Swedish Military Order of the Sword, Her royal licence and permission, that he may accept and wear the insignia of a Knight Commander of the said Royal Swedish Military Order of the Sword, which His Majesty the King of Sweden hath been pleased to confer upon him, in testimony of His Majesty's approbation of his services, especially at the siege of Gluckstadt; and that he may enjoy all the rights and privileges thereunto annexed:

And also to command, that Her Majesty's said concession and especial mark of Her royal favour be registered, together with the relative documents, in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

*War-Office, 24th May 1839.*

*Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, Charles Earl of March to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Bradford, who retires. Dated 24th May 1839.*

*12th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet Howard John St. George to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Peyton, who retires. Dated 24th May 1839.*

*Cornet and Adjutant Sydney Augustus Capel to have the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 25th May 1839.*

*Ensign Francis Delaval Gray, from the 32d Regiment of Foot, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice St. George. Dated 24th May 1839.*

*Scots Fusilier Guards, Ensign and Lieutenant William John Ridley to be Lieutenant and Captain, by purchase, vice Lord Walter Butler, who retires. Dated 24th May 1839.*

*The Honourable Spencer Lyttleton to be Ensign and Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Ridley. Dated 24th May 1839.*

*5th Regiment of Foot, Second Lieutenant Hugh Percy Baker to be First Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Eyre, who retires. Dated 24th May 1839.*