We can assure your Majesty of our stedfast loyalty, and of our earnest purpose to do all that in us lies to justify your Majesty's confidence in our discretion and forbearance, by maintaining unity amongst ourselves and peace and good order amongst all ranks of society wherever our influence extends.

Cordially participating in your Majesty's feeling of deep concern on account of the sufferings and privations with which it has pleased Divine Providence of late to visit a large portion of the inhabitants of this country, we rejoice that these sufferings have hitherto been borne with exemplary patience, and that, through the generous contributions of all classes in the community, much has been done to mitigate them. We can assure your Majesty, that no effort of ours shall be wanting, whether in the way of public admonition or otherwise, to provide a remedy for those privations which so large a portion of the land is at present afflicted.

It is regarded by us as a special token of your Majesty's favour towards our National Church, that the high honour of representing your Royal Person in this Assembly has again been conferred on the Right Honourable Lord Belhaven, a Nobleman who, both on account of his personal qualities and as a tried and honoured Member and Office-bearer of the Church of Scotland, possesses our fullest confidence and respect.

We tender our best thanks for your Majesty's renewed gift of two thousand pounds for the promotion of religion in the Highland and Islands of Scotland, and we pledge ourselves to adopt those measures which to our judgment shall appear the best fitted to accomplish the important purposes to which your royal bounty has been destined.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may bless your Majesty, your Royal Consort, the Prince of Wales, and all your Royal House; that your reign may be distinguished by peace, prosperity, social improvement, and, above all, by the righteousness which exalteth a nation; and that, after a long and glorious reign on earth, you may be received into the eternal blessedness of the Kingdom of God, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, loyal, and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders, convened in this General Assembly, of the Church of Scotland.

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

John Paul, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 25, 1847.

War-Office, 4th June 1847.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Captain Charles Kerr Macdonald, from half-pay Unattached, to be Captain, vice George Rushout, who exchanges. Dated 4th June 1847.

Lieutenant John Farrer to be Captain, by purchase, vice Macdonald, who retires. Dated 4th June 1847.

Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Henry Dorrien Streatfield to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Farrer. Dated 4th June 1847.

Sir William Augustus Fraser, Bart. to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Streatfield. Dated 4th June 1847.

7th Dragoon Guards, Captain Arthur Cavendish Bentinck, from the Cape Mounted Riflemen, to be Captain, vice Atwood Dalton Wigsell, who retires upon half-pay of the 60th Foot. Dated 4th June 1847.

16th Light Dragoons, Regimental Serjeant Major George Lamb to be Quartermaster, vice Rosser, appointed Paymaster. Dated 4th June 1847.

6th Regiment of Foot, Augustus Davies, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Davern, appointed to 53d Foot. Dated 4th June 1847.

18th Foot, Lieutenant William Tyrrell Bruce to be Captain, without purchase, vice Evans, deceased. Dated 15th May 1847.

30th Foot, Francis Topping Atcherley, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Coventry, promoted. Dated 4th June 1847.

53d Foot, Ensign and Adjutant John William Follows to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lucas, who retires. Dated 4th June 1847.

Ensign Avary Jordan Davern, from 6th Foot, to be Ensign, vice Follows. Dated 4th June 1847.

67th Foot, Thomas Blatherwick, Gent. to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Webb, appointed to the Staff. Dated 4th June 1847.

76th Foot, Ensign James Cumming Clarke to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Burdon, who retires. Dated 4th June 1847.

Walter Montford Westropp, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Clarke. Dated 4th June 1847.

78th Foot, Assistant Surgeon James M'Nab, M. D. from the Staff, to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Bowie, deceased. Dated 4th June 1847.

89th Foot, Assistant Surgeon George M'Clure has been allowed to resign his commission. Dated 4th June 1847.

90th Foot, Lieutenant Thomas Ross to be Captain, by purchase, vice Pugh, who retires. Dated 4th June 1847.

Ensign Richard Rodes Wyvill to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Ross. Dated 4th June 1847.

William Pattison Tinling, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Wyvill. Dated 4th June 1847.

93d Foot, Lieutenant William Thomas Wodehouse, from half-pay as Paymaster of 1st Dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Brown, promoted. Dated 4th June 1847.

Ensign Warner Westenra Carden to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Wodehouse, who retires. Dated 4th June 1847.

William Donald Macdonald, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Carden. Dated 4th June 1847.