

the Emperor of Russia, and to restore Peace to Europe; We, therefore, adoring the Divine Goodness, and duly considering that the great and public Blessings of Peace do call for public and solemn Acknowledgments, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby appointing that a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His Mercies be observed throughout that Part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, upon Sunday the fourth day of May next; and we do earnestly exhort all Our loving Subjects in Scotland that they do reverently and decently observe the said Public Thanksgiving, on the said fourth day of May next. Our Will and Pleasure is, therefore, and we charge, that, this Our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all others Places needful, and there, in Our Name and under Our Authority, make Publication thereof, that none pretend

Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is that Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies of this Our Proclamation to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published; and We appoint them to send Copies thereof to the several Parish Churches within their bounds, that, upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the day above mentioned, the same may be published and read from the pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.