

*Whitehall, June 4, 1856.*

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 Sir George Grey, Bart., 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,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in this General Assembly, beg leave to express our most grateful acknowledgments for the honour conferred on us by the gracious letter delivered to us by your Majesty's High Commissioner.

It is peculiarly encouraging to us on this occasion to receive the assurance of your Majesty's satisfaction with the proofs of our zeal in support of the Protestant Religion and our loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and authority, and it is not less cheering to us to be favoured with the renewed expression of your Majesty's determination to sanction our present meeting with entire approbation, and to continue the fullest protection to the Church of Scotland, as by law established.

Most cordially do we share in your Majesty's feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God, for having enabled your Majesty, in conjunction with the other Allied Powers, to bring the War to an honourable and happy termination, and to restore to our gracious Queen and to our beloved land, and to other agitated and suffering kingdoms, the inestimable blessings of peace. We confidently trust that, while according to your Majesty's expectation, we implore, without ceasing, the Divine favour and protection to our country, we may also be enabled, under the influence of grace, to cultivate and promote within the sphere of our influence the righteousness which exalteth a nation, and to adopt such measures as are best calculated to advance the glory of God, and the social, moral, and religious welfare of the people committed to our charge.

We feel ourselves deeply indebted to your Majesty for having again appointed a nobleman so worthy of our confidence as Lord Belhaven, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, as he has heretofore given most ample proof, not only of courtesy and kindness to the members of former Assemblies, but of steadfast attachment to our National Church.

We have received with much gratitude your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds, to be applied towards the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and it shall be our anxious endeavour so to distribute this munificent grant, as to advance the pious and benevolent purposes for which it has been so graciously bestowed.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice, may ever compass our beloved Sovereign with his favour as with a shield,—that He may also pour down abundantly the choicest gifts of His providence and His grace on the Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family,—and that after being blessed with length of days, and the honour which cometh from God,

you may all, through the grace of our Lord and Saviour, be received into the kingdom of eternal glory, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and obedient subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

*John Crombie, D.D., Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May, 30, 1856.

*Whitehall, June 5, 1856.*

THE following Address having been presented to The Queen, Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of Glasgow, beg most dutifully to convey to your Majesty our warmest congratulations on the joyful event of the restoration of Peace.

We humbly trust that the result of the triumphant achievements of your Majesty's Arms and those of your great Allies, and of the Treaty now happily concluded, may be the permanent independence of nations and freedom of their people, the progressive influence of enlightened principles of policy, and the general well being of mankind.

It has afforded your Majesty's subjects in this part of your dominions peculiar satisfaction, that from the city of Glasgow a very considerable number of the population cheerfully went forth to the portentous conflict now successfully terminated. And we have observed, with great delight, that the heroic sufferers on the battle-field have, from time to time, been the objects of your Majesty's most gracious condescension and generous sympathy.

We fervently pray that the Peace which has been restored may be as enduring as it is honourable; that the choicest blessings of Heaven may be showered upon your Majesty and your illustrious family; and that your Majesty may long sway the regal sceptre over a free, a loyal, and a happy people.

Signed by me, Lord Provost of the city of Glasgow, in name and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council of the said city, this 6th May, 1856.

*Andrew Orr, Lord Provost.*

*Foreign-Office, May 23, 1856.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Robert Boyd Lamb, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Island of St. Thomas.

*Downing-Street, June 5, 1856.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Fletcher Whitley, Esq., to be Receiver-General and Treasurer for the Bahama Islands.