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*Whitehall, January 20, 1862.*

THE following Addresses and Resolutions of Condolence, on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, to be laid before the Queen.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders met in the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, actuated by the feelings which now move the hearts of all your Majesty's subjects, desire humbly to approach the Throne with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy in this the time of your deepest sorrow.

Deploring the bereavement with which it has pleased Almighty God in his unsearchable wisdom to visit your Majesty and the Royal Family, by removing a Husband and a Father most justly beloved, we remember with gratitude the many virtues by which the great, the good, and illustrious Prince was distinguished; and while we reflect on the testimony which men of all classes have borne to his character and attainments, to his sagacity, his wisdom, his devotion to the best interests of this country, and, above all to his Christian faith and love, we are encouraged to hope that the memory of his private as well as of his public virtues may now help to soothe your Majesty's grief, and to strengthen the joyful hope that he is now blessed with the dead in Christ, "who rest from their labours, and whose works do follow them."

Bowing with humble submission to the will of God, and convinced how small is the consolation which the sympathies even of a loyal and attached people can impart, we are thankful, in approaching your Majesty, to be enabled to dwell on the comforting promises and declarations of God's Word, wherein we are assured that "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth," that though now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous, "nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby," and that "a father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows is God in his holy habitation."

And comforted we are to learn that these and such blessed truths are, through Divine grace, the means of enabling your Majesty to bear your irreparable loss, and to discharge the duties of a Sovereign and a Mother.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may comfort, support, and bless your Majesty, so that, as your sorrows have abounded, your consolations may much more abound; that His everlasting arms may sustain you amidst all the solitudes of your lofty station; that He may spare you to instruct and guide the children whom He hath given you, and that He may ultimately exalt you to a throne of glory in the kingdom where all the faithful in Christ Jesus shall be reunited, and dwell for ever in His holy presence, is the earnest prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and most obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this Commission, now met, of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

(Signed) *Colin Smith, D.D., Moderator of Last General Assembly.*

Edinburgh, 15th January, 1862.

And the following on the same subject: from

- The Inhabitants of Shepton Mallett.
- The Order of Foresters.
- The Ramsgate Temperance Society.
- The Inhabitants of Lowestoft.
- The Llanelly Board of Health.
- The Governor and Company of the Bank of England.
- The County of Kent.
- The Ministers and Elders of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Orkney.
- The Seamen's Hospital Society.
- The Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen, Common Council, and Inhabitants of the borough of Cowbridge.
- The Town Commissioners of Dungarvan.
- The Local Board of Health of West Ham.
- The President, Treasurer, Almoners, and Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.