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Whitehall, May 20, 1862.

THE following Address of Condolence on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, which has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before the Queen by Sir George Grey, and has been received very graciously by Her Majesty :

May it please your Majesty,

We your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the United Presbyterian Church assembled in Synod, approach your Majesty with profound respect, to tender our heartfelt condolence in the severe bereavement which has deprived your Majesty of your beloved and valued Consort, and the nation of its illustrious and honoured Prince.

As the ministers and guardians of religion and morality, it has for many years been our joy to witness the example of purity and of domestic virtue and happiness which adorned the royal house, and which shone so conspicuously, and with so wide and beneficent an influence in the Husband of our beloved Queen.

Loyalty had become an easy virtue when those to whom it was due were seen doubly ennobled by the most exalted rank, and by Christian excellence. And as the spectacle of these qualities in the Prince Consort had long drawn forth the universal respect and gratitude of the people, so the sudden intelligence of his demise turned the whole nation into mourners, and by no portion of your Majesty's subjects was the sorrow more sincerely shared than by the Ministers and Elders of this Synod, and by the members of the large fellowship of churches whom they represent.

In proportion to the reverence and love with which we regard your Majesty, is the respectful sympathy with which we now address you in the season of your deep sorrow. But our sympathy is mingled with devout thanksgiving to God, from learning that as the life of your illustrious Consort was adorned by the virtues, so his dying moments were sustained by the comforts of that divine religion which we deem our highest honour to teach. And our thankfulness has been increased by the belief that the comforts and supports of that religion have followed your Majesty into the privacy of your great grief, and that, when de-

prived of the most valued and trusted human counsellor, the grace of God has made your strength equal to your duties as a Queen and a Mother, and that from the Royal dwelling, which had so often been looked to as a model of domestic virtue, there now shines forth the example of meek endurance in affliction.

That your Majesty may continue to enjoy the consolations of the Divine Comforter, that you may see the virtues of your departed and lamented Consort reflected and perpetuated in the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the royal family; that your reign over a loyal, united, and free people, may be long and prosperous, and that your earthly crown may be exchanged at last for that Heavenly crown which fadeth not away, is the fervent desire of your Majesty's devoted subjects.

In the name and by the authority of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, assembled in their Hall on the 8th day of May, 1862.

*David Smith, D.D., Modérateur.
William Beckett, Synod Clerk.*

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 20, 1862.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed after Friday, the 30th instant, until further orders.

*Master of the Horse's Office, Royal Mews,
Pimlico, May 19, 1862.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Colonel the Honourable Alexander Gordon, C.B., late Extra Equerry to His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, to be Honorary Equerry to Her Majesty.

Foreign Office, May 12, 1862.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Andrew Archibald Paton, Esq., now British Vice-Consul at Lubeck, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Ragusa and the Bocca di Cattaro.