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THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, 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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, now convened in the General Assembly, have received with heartfelt gratitude and respect your Majesty's most gracious letter.

We fully confide and heartily rejoice in the renewed assurance which your Majesty has been pleased to give us on the recurrence of our annual meeting, of your Majesty's earnest desire and intention to afford the Established Church of Scotland your Royal countenance and support in the enjoyment of its just rights and privileges.

In the consideration of the important subjects which will be brought before us, we earnestly look for the aid and counsel of Almighty God, and we trust that all our deliberations will be guided by that spirit of wisdom and moderation to which your Majesty is graciously pleased to refer as having won the just confidence of the country at large, and as best conducing to the harmony and welfare of the Church of Scotland.

The munificent gift of two thousand pounds which your Majesty has again conferred upon us, for promoting the religious interests of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we receive with the liveliest feelings of gratitude; and we shall be careful to apply it in such a manner as may by the Divine blessing tend most effectually to accomplish the pious and beneficent purpose for which it has been so liberally bestowed.

The choice which your Majesty has again been pleased to make of the Right Honourable the Earl of Haddington, to represent your Royal Person as Lord High Commissioner in this General Assembly, we hail with the most cordial satisfaction, acknowledging his claims to our confidence and acceptance, alike from his proved ability and great courtesy in the discharge of the same distinguished office in the last assembly, from the unfeigned esteem with which personally he is

regarded by us, and from our cherished remembrance of services generously rendered, and sufferings nobly endured, in behalf of our National Church by his venerated and devoted ancestors.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who rules supreme in Heaven and on the Earth, may encompass your Majesty with favour as with a shield, and plenteously enrich you with all spiritual and temporal benefits; that it may please Him abundantly to bless the Prince and Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family, and greatly to comfort your Majesty in the affection and happiness of your Children and your Children's Children; and that after a long and prosperous and distinguished reign He may vouchsafe to bestow upon your Majesty a Crown of, unfading glory in His Heavenly Kingdom is the sincere prayer of,

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

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

I. J. Barty, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 25th May, 1868.

Whitehall, June 4, 1868.

THE following Addresses of congratulation to the Queen, in reference to the atrocious attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met together in this General Assembly, beg to approach your Royal presence for the purpose of expressing the horror and indignation with which we have heard of that atrocious crime, by which the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has recently been endangered, and