

to the Queen, which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously :—

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened, acknowledge with profoundest respect your Majesty's most gracious letter, and the expression therein contained of your determination to uphold all the ancient rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland, of its ministers, and of the congregations committed to their charge.

Your Majesty's firm reliance on our loyalty and affectionate attachment to your Royal person and Government it shall be our earnest care to justify. The zeal and prudence which your Majesty has been graciously pleased to ascribe to the deliberations of former Assemblies, we trust, in dependence on the Great Head of the Church, will characterise the deliberations of that also which is now convened. Our prayer is that, in all our proceedings, we may be guided by the Wisdom that cometh from above, and be enabled to advance the glory of God and the sacred interests of His Church, and to promote still further the present and eternal welfare of your Majesty's subjects in our beloved land.

It affords us sincere gratification again to welcome as your Majesty's Commissioner and representative in this Assembly the distinguished Scottish nobleman, Alan Plantagenet, Earl of Galloway, whose courtesy and kindness has won our cordial regard. His presence among us, as your Majesty's representative, we hail as not only a recognition of our right of assembly, but as a becoming expression of homage to the King of Kings, and of that happy union between the Church and the State, which we hold to be in full accordance with the Word of God and eminently promotive of the best interests of the nation.

Your Majesty's most gracious recognition of the eminent success which has attended the efforts of the Church of Scotland, farther to extend the blessings of religious ordinances to destitute and remote parts of that portion of your Majesty's dominions, affords to the General Assembly the most lively and grateful satisfaction; and cannot fail to encourage the Assembly in those efforts towards Church extension which have been already successfully made; and in which they rejoice to be assured of your most gracious Majesty's interest.

Your Majesty's donation of two thousand pounds for extending the benefits of the Reformation to the Highlands and Islands we receive with great thankfulness, and we beg to assure your Majesty that it shall be our endeavour, by the faithful application of your Majesty's gift, to promote the important purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may enrich with all spiritual and temporal blessings your Majesty, your children, and your children's children, and long preserve you in health and strength in this present world, and after a prosperous reign on earth, may confer on you a heavenly crown, is the earnest prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal 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

K. McPhin, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, 28th May, 1877.

*Veterinary Department, Privy Council Office,
44, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.*

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that no further outbreak of cattle-plague in Great Britain has been reported to the Privy Council since the notice in the London Gazette of the 22nd of May last.

June 5, 1877.

(S. & C. 1563.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,
June 4, 1877.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Constantinople, reporting the prohibition of the export of grain from the Vilayets of Aidin, Kossova, Adrianople, and Salonica.

Admiralty, 1st June, 1877.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 5th August, 1875—

Captain Frederick William Wilson has been this day placed on the Retired List of his rank.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
5th June, 1877.*

Corps of Royal Engineers, Major Charles Elwin Harvey to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice H. T. Siborne, placed upon the temporary Reserve List. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Major Robert William Duff to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice J. P. Cox, placed upon the temporary Reserve List. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Captain Charles Edward Luard to be Major, vice C. E. Harvey. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Captain Bruce Brine, to be Major, vice R. W. Duff. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Lieutenant Henry Hardy Cole to be Captain, vice C. E. Luard. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Lieutenant Henry Charles Reynolds to be Captain, vice B. Brine. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Lieutenant Herbert Paget Knocker to be Captain, vice J. H. Satterthwaite, placed upon the temporary Reserve List. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Lieutenant Henry Pincke Lee to be Captain, vice J. D. Bowly, placed upon the temporary Reserve List. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Lieutenant Killingworth Richard Todd to be Captain, vice Andrew Abercrombie Jopp, placed upon the temporary Reserve List. Dated 6th June, 1877.

Lieutenant Francis Quintin Edmondes to be Captain, vice Albert Henry Hime, placed upon the temporary Reserve List. Dated 6th June, 1877.