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*Whitehall, June 3, 1878.*

**T**HE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, to the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, 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 convened in General Assembly, have received with the highest gratification the gracious letter in which Your Majesty is pleased to assure us of Your cordial approbation of our meeting, and of the affectionate regard in which You hold the Church of Scotland.

In Your Majesty we recognise, not only our lawful Sovereign, to whom we are bound to give obedience, but a Queen, who by the purity of Her character and Court, by the tender sympathy which She shows to all Her subjects in distress, and by Her constitutional appreciation of the rights and privileges of the Church and people of Scotland, has won for Herself a place in the affections of the Scottish Nation, never before enjoyed by any British Sovereign.

It shall be our zealous effort and earnest prayer that our proceedings in this General Assembly may secure us the continued approbation of Your Majesty; and may fulfil Your desire for the advancement of the best interests of the Church, and of the moral and spiritual welfare of the congregations committed to our charge.

We welcome, with much pleasure, as Your Majesty's Commissioner, the distinguished Scottish Nobleman who twice previously represented Your Majesty in the General Assembly.

We gratefully accept Your Majesty's annual gift of £2,000 for the promotion of religious instruction in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and we will endeavour so to employ Your Majesty's well-bestowed bounty as to promote the spiritual interests of the population for whose benefit it is designed.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may long spare Your Majesty to rule over us, and that Your Majesty, Your children, and Your children's children may enjoy all the blessings of

this life and everlasting glory in the life to come is the earnest prayer of

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's 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

*John Tulloch, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, 27th May, 1878.

(S. & C. 1444.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,  
June 3, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople reporting that the decree of the 3rd October last prohibiting the export of cereals from Syria has been cancelled.

(S. & C. 1446.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,  
June 3, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Puerto Rico, with copy of a Royal Order confirming a Customs Regulation, by which it is provided that all merchandize brought to the Island, with the exception of articles imported by official bodies for the service of the State, or by well known persons, when not intended for sale, must be consigned to a merchant enrolled in the list of those paying the mercantile tax. Merchants not so enrolled can neither receive consignments of goods nor transfer to others such consignments to be cleared at the Custom-house.

*Admiralty, 1st June, 1878.*

*Royal Marines.*

Captain George Henry Elliot, Royal Marine Light Infantry, has been placed on half-pay on being appointed Paymaster, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Charles John Ellis, retired. Dated 26th May, 1878.