

Your Majesty's gift of two thousand pounds for the religious welfare of the Highlands and Islands has been gratefully received, and will be distributed according to the best of our judgment, so as to fulfil Your Majesty's gracious purpose. As in former years, we shall gladly follow Your Majesty's suggestion by devoting a considerable portion of it to the encouragement and support of young men preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel in the Highlands.

We desire to convey to Your Majesty the assurance of the loyal welcome we give to the Lord High Commissioner who represents Your Royal Person in the General Assembly, and especially of our gratification that in the Marquess of Breadalbane You commission a Scottish Nobleman who is intimately acquainted with all that concerns us, and one whose personal qualities enable him to fill his high office with attractive courtesy and consideration.

We humbly beg to renew the expression of our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person, Family, and Throne, and of our gratitude to Almighty God that the dynasty which brought personal liberty and religious freedom to Scotland has been so long endeared to the whole nation by Your Majesty's wise, beneficent, and humane occupancy of the Throne.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland rejoice that they are addressing the Queen upon Scottish soil, and they pray that in our Scottish air and scenery Your Majesty may receive strength for the discharge of the duties of Your high station to which You have so faithfully devoted Your life.

That all blessings of heaven and earth may rest on the head and enrich the life of our beloved Sovereign is the prayer of

Your Majesty's loyal subjects and servants,
the Members of the General Assembly of
the Church of Scotland.

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



*John Marshall Lang, D.D.,
Moderator.*

Edinburgh, 23rd May, 1893.

*Office of the Secretary for Scotland,
Whitehall, May 29, 1893.*

THE following Address of Congratulation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, on the approaching marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, K.G., and the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Otto Trevelyan, Bart., Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, for presentation to the Queen, and has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has received the Address very graciously:—

May it please Your Majesty,

THE General Assembly desires to present to Your Majesty the humble and hearty congratulations of the Ministers, Elders, and Members of the Church of Scotland on the approaching marriage of Your Majesty's Grandson, His Royal Highness the Duke of York. All that concerns the Royal House is very dear to the people of Scotland, and the marriage of one with the prospect of so great future eminence in the Kingdom and Empire as the Duke of York, stirs the heart of the nation. As the General Assembly has

approached Your Royal Person with the assurance of sympathy in sorrow, so does it now venture to lay before You the humble and heartfelt congratulations of the Church of Scotland, on the near prospect of an event so joyful as the marriage of His Royal Highness with one who has already drawn to herself the affections of Your Majesty's subjects.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's loyal subjects and servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by
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Edinburgh, 23rd May, 1893.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 27, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 16th May, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Sofia, enclosing the following Notice, relating to quarantine:—

*Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Sofia,
4/16 Mai, 1893.*

Circulaire.

Le Conseil Sanitaire de la Principauté dans sa séance du 30 Avril dernier a pris la décision suivante:—

“La quarantaine de 11 jours imposée aux provenances du littoral asiatique ottoman de la mer Noire est réduite à 5 jours.”

A cette occasion le Ministre Princier des Affaires Etrangères croit devoir porter à la connaissance de l'Agence Diplomatique d'Angleterre à titre de renseignements, que les mesures quaranténaires actuellement en vigueur dans la Principauté sont les suivantes:—

1. Les voyageurs arrivant des ports russes de la mer Noire et du Danube sont soumis à une quarantaine de 5 jours.

Remarque. Si les voyageurs arrivent par les ports bulgares du Danube, ils seront soumis à une quarantaine de 3 jours.

2. Les bagages ainsi que les vêtements des voyageurs soumis à la quarantaine sont désinfectés soigneusement à l'étuve.

3. Les marchandises et les colis-postaux arrivant de la Russie ainsi que des endroits contaminés de la Turquie d'Asie, sont désinfectés pièce par pièce, après avoir subi une quarantaine de 24 heures.

4. Les articles dont l'entrée est prohibée ne pourront non plus à l'avenir être introduits en Bulgarie s'ils proviennent de la Russie et de la Turquie d'Asie.

5. Toutes les mesures quaranténaires édictées à l'égard des Etats autres que la Russie et la Turquie d'Asie, sont rapportées.

(H. 4513.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 30, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 29th May, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Sofia, stating that the quarantine of five days on arrivals from Asiatic Turkey in Bulgarian ports is replaced by strict medical inspection and disinfection of