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*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
May 29, 1907.*

The following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable John Sinclair, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the King, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, have received Your Majesty's most gracious letter with profound gratitude and respect.

We heartily thank Your Majesty for Your gracious assurance of undiminished regard for the Church of Scotland, Your desire for her well-being, and Your sympathy with the labours of her Ministers.

We shall continue to endeavour to discharge the sacred duties which devolve upon us with all faithfulness and to merit Your Majesty's approval by our devotion to the temporal and spiritual welfare of Your Scottish Subjects.

We acknowledge with great thankfulness Your Majesty's munificent gift of two thousand pounds. We shall endeavour to administer the gift in accordance with the important purposes indicated in Your Majesty's gracious letter. It shall be devoted to the benefit of the Highlands and the Islands of Scotland.

We have heartily welcomed the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird as Lord High Commissioner to this General Assembly in succession to Lord Colebrooke, who with Lady Colebrooke so greatly commended themselves to the Assembly of last year. We venture to assure Your Majesty that we regard him as a most worthy successor to the long line of distinguished Noblemen who have for so many years represented the Crown in the General Assembly.

We earnestly pray that God may continue to bestow His richest blessings upon Your Majesty, our gracious Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Members of Your Royal House.

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly.

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

(L. S.)

J. Mitford Mitchell,

Moderator.

Edinburgh, 25th May, 1907.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, May 29, 1907.*

The KING has been graciously pleased on the occasion of the presentation by His Majesty of new Colours to the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Commander:

Colonel Frederick Ivor Maxse, C.B., D.S.O.,
Commanding the Coldstream Guards.

To be Member of the Fourth Class:

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable William Lambton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

To be Members of the Fifth Class:

Lieutenant Gilbert Burrell Spencer Follett,
1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards.
Lieutenant Guy Payan Dawnay, D.S.O., 1st
Battalion, Coldstream Guards.