

His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable Thomas McKinnon Wood, 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 faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, acknowledge with gratitude Your Majesty's most gracious letter delivered to us by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner.

We thank Your Majesty, for confidence in our loyalty so graciously expressed, and we feel encouraged by Your Majesty's interest in the manifold enterprises in which we are engaged.

We assure Your Majesty that it is the earnest desire of the General Assembly that the spiritual and material interests of the people of Scotland may be promoted. It will be our constant effort to direct the attention of the Church to the accomplishment of this object.

The General Assembly has been much gratified by the renewed appointment of the Right Honourable Lord Glenconner as Lord High Commissioner, and by the sympathy of His Grace with those high interests to which the Church of Scotland is devoted.

We beg once more to express grateful appreciation of Your Majesty's munificent gift of two thousand pounds, which will be used for the benefit of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, as Your Majesty has been pleased to direct.

We earnestly pray that Almighty God may protect and bless Your Majesty, our Gracious Queen Mary, and all the Royal Family.

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.) A. Wallace Williamson, D.D.,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, 23rd May, 1913.

*Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, May 30, 1913.*

The Board of Trade hereby give notice, that with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the following situations are added to Schedule B to the Order in Council of the 10th January, 1910, viz.:—

All temporary and non-pensionable situations under Part II (Unemployment Insurance) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 29, 1913.*

H. 7040.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated the 26th May, from His Majesty's Consul-General at Alexandria, stating that quarantine measures have been imposed against Cavalla, Dedeagatch and Bourgas.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 29, 1913.*

H. 7041.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated the 24th May, from His Majesty's Minister at Havana, stating that the quarantine measures on arrivals from Colombia have been removed.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 29, 1913.*

H. 7054.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Notice issued by the Swedish Board of Trade on the 20th May declaring Aden and Hong Kong to be infected with plague, Yokohama to be free from cholera, and Shanghai and the Island of Porto Rico to be free from plague.

Admiralty, 27th May, 1913.

In accordance with the provisions of Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 28th November, 1887—

Lieutenant Ernest Algernon Constable has this day been allowed to assume the rank of Commander on the Retired List.

The undermentioned Staff Surgeons have been advanced to the rank of Fleet Surgeon in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Hugh Prideaux Turnbull.

Charles Railton Sheward, M.B.

Sidney Roach.

Eustace Arkwright, M.B.

Edward Dominic Joseph O'Malley.

Walter Kempson Hopkins.

Walter Henry Ormonde Garde, F.R.C.S.
Ed.