

Royal Favour to us, which we humbly accept with the greatest Thankfulness, and rely upon with the firmest Confidence, as esteeming your Majesty's Royal Protection to be, under God, our great Security.

Your Majesty does us the greatest Honour, when you are pleas'd to express the most intire Confidence in our Loyalty and good Affection for your Person and Government; and it shall be our Care, through Divine Assistance, so to acquit ourselves upon every Occasion, as your Majesty may never have Reason either to alter or to lessen it. These Sentiments are deeply rooted in our Hearts, and we shall most cheerfully embrace every proper Opportunity of shewing them.

To promote the Happiness of your Majesty's Reign, the true Interest of this Church whereof we are Members, and the Good of our Country, are great and desirable Ends, which we are always bound to have in View; and we think them so closely connected together, that not any one of them can be advanced without the rest; and we should be most unworthy of your Majesty's Favour, and of the Character we bear, if we had not the best Disposition to contribute all in our Power unto them; seeing the Assurance your Majesty gives us of your hearty Concurrence in whatever may tend to these great Purposes, is at once the greatest Encouragement and Obligation for us to exert ourselves in the most vigorous manner for accomplishing them. With Pleasure also we acknowledge your Majesty's Royal Wisdom, when you observe, that the preventing the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Vice and Irreligion, will in a particular Manner contribute to the Happiness of your Majesty's Reign, and the Good of our Country, as well as to the promoting the true Interest of this Church.

In this we are greatly animated by your Majesty's recommending them to us, and also by your Royal Proclamation emitted so early in the Beginning of your Reign, and in a special manner by your bountiful and princely Donation to this General Assembly, and the Intimation given us, by your Majesty's Royal Warrant directed to the Barons of your Exchequer in Scotland, of your Royal and gracious Inclination to contribute yearly so considerable a Fund for promoting the Knowledge and Practice of Religion in the Highlands and Islands of our Country: For this we beg Leave to return your Majesty our most humble and grateful Acknowledgements, and shall earnestly pray that God may abundantly reward you for so great a Charity to Souls. And we hope the due and faithful Application of it, to the pious Purposes for which it is granted by your Majesty, shall appear by the Accounts which shall be annually exhibited according to the Direction contained in your Majesty's Warrant, and the most effectual Care, that we can, shall be taken, that the Persons to be employed upon that Fund shall be duly qualified for serving the Purposes for which your Majesty hath been pleas'd to bestow it. And it is with great Pleasure we observe, that the same Endeavours which we use for preventing the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Vice and Irreligion, and for advancing the Knowledge and Service of God among the People under our Charge, do also contribute to make them sensible of the perfect Tranquility and other great Blessings which they now enjoy under your Majesty's happy Government and wise Administration, and to infuse into them these Principles of Duty and Loyalty, on which the Security of our happy Constitution and their own Welfare entirely depend; for next to the perswading Men to become faithful Subjects to our Lord Jesus Christ, our chief Care shall be to make them loyal and dutiful Subjects to your Majesty.

The Earl of Loudoun hath given such eminent Proofs of his Loyalty, Integrity and Zeal for your Majesty's Service, and upon many former Occa-

sions, of his Abilities for the Discharge of this important Trust, and of his most affectionate Concern for the Prosperity and Happiness of this Church, as render your Majesty's Choice of him to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly most acceptable and obliging to us, and we humbly acknowledge it as a particular Evidence of your Majesty's Goodness.

We are sensible how much Disputes and Contentions among ourselves would give Advantage to those who are Enemies to the Peace and Prosperity of your Majesty's Government, upon which our own Welfare, under God, does depend; and we humbly acknowledge your Majesty's Fatherly Tenderness for us, in being pleas'd to caution us against them. We pray and hope that the good Spirit of God, who is the Spirit of Love and Peace, will assist us to dispatch all our Business with that Unanimity, Brotherly Love and Charity, which become the Servants of the Prince of Peace, and which is so necessary to the bringing of our meeting at this Time to a happy Conclusion.

That the most High God, by whom Kings reign, may graciously preserve your Majesty's Person, direct all your Counsels, and bless your Government; That your Majesty may long reign a happy Prince over a loving and obedient People; That He may pour down his best Blessings upon your Royal Consort the Queen, upon his Royal Highness the Prince, and all your Royal Progeny; That there may never be wanting a Protestant Prince of your Royal Family to sway the Scepter over us; and, That your Majesty may late, very late, exchange the Crown which you now wear, for a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away, are and shall be the earnest Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Presence, in our Name and at our Appointment, by *Will. Wisbart, Mod.*  
*Edinburgh, May 4, 1728.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,  
The humble Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**T**HE great Concern which we, according to our Duty, have in all Events which happen to your Royal Family, obliges us to take hold of every proper Opportunity to express it; and the Death of our late gracious Sovereign your Majesty's Royal Father, of glorious Memory, with your Majesty's most peaceable and happy Accession to the Crown, having in Providence fallen out since the last Meeting of a General Assembly of this Church, we humbly presume to take hold of this first Occasion to give vent to these different Passions, which, even at this distance of Time, continue to work in our Minds upon Occasion of these important Occurrences.

It is with great Satisfaction that we understand, that the Commission of the late General Assembly did, according to their Duty, in the most respectful Manner they could, by some of their Number, present a humble Address to your Majesty upon an Occasion of so great Concern to us and all your Majesty's good Subjects; which your Majesty was pleas'd to accept very graciously, and which Address we have, in this our Meeting, unanimously approved: Yet we cannot forbear to take hold of this first Opportunity of expressing, in the most publick and solemn Manner, which our Constitution admits of, our own Sentiments upon this Subject, wherein, we are well assur'd, we have the hearty Concurrence of all the Members of this Church, whom we have the Honour in this our Meeting to represent.

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