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Letter from the
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against her in your Synod, as formerly in many of her own courts, are as destitute of truth as they are devoid of charity, and we feel refreshed with the meekness and the power with which you have exposed and refuted all such errors.

You have our best thanks for the able manner in which you have pleaded the cause, and vindicated the principles of our national establishment. The Church of Scotland continues to possess, as she has ever done, spiritual independence and spiritual freedom; and those who say that she has surrendered her liberty, either ignorantly misunderstand or wilfully misrepresent her condition. She is jealously alive to all undue interference with her rights and privileges, and as she never has compromised, so we trust she never will compromise, her character, by giving up what necessarily belongs to her as a Church of Christ. And adhering to her in her day of trial, you will be gratified to learn that almost all the vacancies created by the painful and extensive secession which took place in May, 1843, have been filled up with able and acceptable ministers, and that she is now in a state of as great efficiency as in the brightest days of her past history.

Attached as you are to our country by the ties of birth and kindred, and to our Church by a full approbation of her doctrines and discipline, we cannot doubt that the remembrance of former times will cause you to feel more than a common interest in all that is passing amongst us: and we beg to assure you that such recollections strengthen the affection we should ever cherish toward you, as they will increase our efforts to promote your peace and advance your prosperity. With you the harvest is great, and the labourers are few, and we feel ourselves called on, by every consideration, to assist you to the utmost of our power.

We are not ignorant of the means that have been employed to entice the people among whom you labour, to leave your ministry; of the efforts that have been made to sow the seeds of dissension among yourselves; and though these endeavours have been attended with partial success, we yet rejoice to think that so large a majority of the office-bearers of your Synod and of your people have resolved to maintain their connection and intercourse with the Church of Scotland. This resolution we regard as alike worthy of your

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