

“ of the Province, will appoint for them a Collection through all
 “ their Churches, or grant them *And* some other Way. But as,
 “ after all, they cannot expect to obtain near such a Sum, as shall
 “ be sufficient for effectually executing their extensive Plan, with-
 “ out the Assistance of their Mother-Country, they have solicited,
 “ though in the most modest Terms, the Society in *Scotland* for
 “ propagating Christian Knowledge, to apply in their Behalf to the
 “ General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*.

“ The Society persuade themselves, that the Venerable Assembly
 “ will shew the most favourable Disposition towards an Undertak-
 “ ing, which so much concerns the Advancement of the Kingdom
 “ of CHRIST, in the dark Places of the Earth, that are full of
 “ the Habitations of Cruelty. The amazing Success, with which
 “ GOD has been pleased to bless the *British* Arms in those remote
 “ Parts, strongly pleads for our warmest Returns of Gratitude: And
 “ surely, no Testimony of our Thankfulness can be more peculiarly
 “ suitable, than improving the signal Advantage we had gained by
 “ these Conquests, for spreading the knowledge of GOD and of JESUS
 “ CHRIST, and promoting the best, the eternal Interests of Mankind.
 “ If *Britain* and her Colonies shall exert sufficient Vigour in this ge-
 “ nerous Design, it may be hoped, that Providence will preserve in
 “ our possession, for the good of the Conquered, as well as for our
 “ own Benefit, a considerable Part of these important Acquisitions:
 “ Certain it is, that nothing can tend more to secure to us the Af-
 “ fection of the *Indian* Tribes, and to lessen the Influence of the
 “ *French* over them, than the spreading among them our holy,
 “ Christian reformed religion.

“ It is therefore hoped, that the Venerable Assembly will give
 “ all Encouragement to a design of such Importance to the Interests
 “ of Religion and of Mankind, and to the Peace and Prosperity
 “ of *Britain* and her Colonies; and will be pleased to grant such
 “ Assistance to it, by appointing a Collection to be made in the
 “ several Parish-Churches, or otherwise, as they shall think meet.”

THE General Assembly having considered what is above repre-
 sented, did unanimously agree to grant the Desire of the Society:
 And do accordingly appoint, That a General Collection be made
 in all the Parish-Churches of *Scotland*, for this most charitable Pur-
 pose: That the Money collected be transmitted to Mr *John David-*
son Writer to the Signet, and Treasurer to the said Society:
 That the Collection be made within the Bounds of the Presbytery
 of *Edinburgh*, on the first Sabbath of *February* next; and by the
 other Presbyteries, on a Day to be named by them, such as they
 shall judge most proper for answering the Design, betwixt and the
 first of *April* next. And the several Presbyteries are hereby required
 to make Report to their respective Synods, concerning their Ob-
 servance of this appointment. And the General Assembly ordains
 this Act to be read from the Pulpits of the several Churches, on the
 LORD'S Day immediately preceeding the Day appointed for the
 Collection, with suitable Exhortations. Extracted by

GEORGE WISHART, *Ch. Ecc. Scot.*