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Specimen

PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS to Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Sir James Arthur David Hope, Baron Hope of Craighead, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Our High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Given at Our Court at

Buckingham Palace

this

Tenth

day of

December

2014

in the sixty-third year of Our Reign.

1. You are at the opening of the Assembly to assure them of Our great sense of their steady and firm zeal for Our service and of Our resolution to maintain Presbyterian Church Government in Scotland.

2. In matters of difficulty you are to advise with such of the Ministers of Our Crown or Members of the Assembly as you shall think fit.

3. The Assembly having passed the usual Act fixing the date of the next Assembly, and the Moderator having addressed you, you are to reply, concluding:

"Right Honourable and Well-beloved, your labours are now at an end, and I shall inform Her Majesty that, having concluded the business for which you assembled, you have passed an Act appointing the next General Assembly to be held upon

and now in The Queen's name I bid you farewell".