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THE Parliament met here on the 9th Instant in pursuance of Her Majesty's last Adjournments; and Prayers being said, the Duke of Hamilton immediately thereafter craved to be heard; and tho' desired by the Lord Chancellor to sit till Her Majesty's Commission was read, and the House constituted, yet he refused to read; that for avoiding of Contents he had a Paper to read; which Paper he read, as containing the Reasons of his withdrawing, and thereupon, and upon his withdrawing, took Instruments, but without giving in his Paper. Thereafter the Clerk Register, and several of the Members, declared, That they adhered to the Duke of Hamilton's Paper, and also took Instruments and withdrew. Then the Commission to his Grace the Duke of Queensberry to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to this Session of Parliament, was read, and Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to the Parliament was presented by my Lord Commissioner, which follows.

Her Majesty's most Gracious LETTER to the Parliament of Scotland.

ANNE R.

My Lords and Gentlemen,
 Ever the great Loss these Nations, and all Europe, have sustained by the Death of the late King, Our Royal and most Dearly Beloved Brother of ever blessed Memory, We were much Encouraged upon Our entering into the Administration of the Government of that Our Ancient Kingdom, by the hope of finding in you the continuance of that Fidelity and Zeal of which you gave so Signal Proofs in the Reign of Our Glorious Predecessor.

It should have been Our great Satisfaction at this Our Accession to the Crown, to have met with you in Person, That from Our own Mouth We might have given Our People full Assurance of Our sincere Intentions towards their true Welfare and Happiness. But the multiplicity of weighty and important Affairs, in which We are engaged at present, depriving Us of that opportunity, We would as much as we could avoid delay your Meeting any longer.

And that nothing may be wanting on Our part for the Satisfaction of Our Subjects, whose Affection We shall always look upon as Our greatest Security, and Value above all other Advantages: We give you full Assurance, That We are firmly resolved to Maintain and Protect them in the full Possession of their Religion, Laws and Liberties, and of the Presbyterian Government of the Church as at present established.

It pleased God to make the late King the great Instrument of delivering of Our People from Popery and Arbitrary Power, and of restoring to them their Ancient Rights and Privileges; And through the same Divine Grace, We shall in the whole Course of Our Reign aim at nothing more than the preserving to them these Advantages, and Contributing as much as in Us lies for their further Security in the Enjoyment of them.

The Exorbitant Power of the French King threatening the Liberties of all Europe, and his owning the pretended Prince of Wales as King of these our Dominions, influencing also Spain to Concur with him in that Indignity, tending visibly to the Subversion of the Protestant Religion, and the Ruine of Our Subjects in all that is dear to them, Have obliged Us, in pursuance of an express Article of the Treaty entered into by the late King, and Our Allies, to declare War in this, as well as Our other Dominions, against France and Spain, wherein We confidently expect a speedy Concurrence, and Assistance, both for the Honour and Safety of the Kingdom, not doubting but you are affected with the same Sense of these Wrongs and Injuries, and the other full Causes of War, as did appear in the many Loyal Addresses presented by Our Subjects upon that Occasion.

Wherefore being most assured of your Care and Concern in this Matter, We earnestly Recommend to you the providing Competent Supplies for maintaining such a Number of Forces as may be necessary for preventing and defeating the Designs of Our Enemies, and preserving the happy Settlement you now enjoy.

The late King, Our Royal Brother, did before His Death very earnestly Recommend to His Parliament of England the Consideration of the Union of the Two Kingdoms of Scotland and England, which being so necessary for the Security and Happiness of both, We did at Our Accession to the Crown again seriously Recommend the same to them, and they having proceeded to Impower Us by an Act of Parliament, to name Commissioners to Treat of an Union, We doubt not but you will do what is necessary on your Part, and We shall contribute Our utmost Endeavours towards the Accomplishment thereof, and shall esteem it Our Happiness to establish the Nations on so sure a Foundation.

We have appointed Our Right Trusty, and Right Intirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor, James Duke of Queensberry, to be Our Commissioner, to represent Our Royal Person in this Session of Our Parliament, being fully satisfied of his great Abilities and Fidelity for discharging that Trust and no less persuaded that the Proofs he hath given thereof upon the like Occasion, will render him to you acceptable. We have fully intrusted him with Our Mind, and have impow'ed him to give our Assent to such Laws as shall be proposed for the Security of Our Subjects in all their Concerns Civil and Religious: And therefore We desire ye may give him intire Trust and Credit.

It will be very satisfying to us, that effectual Methods be taken for promoting of Religion, Virtue, and true Piety, and suppressing Vice and Immorality, for advancing and encouraging Trade, and for employing and providing for the Poor: And seeing now in the beginning of Our Reign, We have Recommended nothing but what is for the Security and Happiness of that Our ancient Kingdom, We hope that you will with Unanimity dispatch what comes before You: And we expect by your Prudence and Conduct, this Session of Parliament shall be brought to such a happy Conclusion, as shall lay the Foundation of that firm Union, and true Understanding betwixt Us and Our People, as is necessary for the Happiness of both: And so we bid you heartily farewell.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the 15th day of May, 1702. and of Our Reign the First Year.

By Her Majesties Command,
 Sir Subscriber, S E A F I E L D.

Then Her Majesty's Commissioner, and thereafter the Lord Chancellor, made the following Speeches.

The Speech of his Grace James Duke of Queensberry, &c. Her Majesty's High Commissioner, to the Parliament of Scotland, on Tuesday the Ninth Day of June, 1702.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THIS being our first Meeting in Parliament, after the Loss of our late glorious Sovereign, we cannot forbear to console his Death, with the most tender and sincere Expressions of Gratitude and Esteem: He was the great Deliverer of these Nations, the Defender of the Protestant Interest, and the Support of the general Liberty of Europe; you have so often testified your Sense of his great Actions, by your dutiful Acknowledgments, that I need not insist for while Religion and Liberty are in any danger, King William's Memory must be in perpetual Honour.

Nothing could repair this Loss, and compose our Minds, but Her Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown, who from Her Infancy has given the most undeniable Proofs of Her Affection to the Protestant Religion, against the strongest and most insinuating Temptations: And it is a great Blessing that we have a Queen with such Principles of the Royal Blood and Line of Scotland, and especially a Princess who has been amongst us, and has a particular regard for us.

The first Acts of Her Majesties Government were ready and reasonable Encouragements and Assistance to Her Allies, in prosecution of the Treaty made by the late King; to unite and advance Europe against the exorbitant and increasing Power of France, so that Her Majesties Zeal for the true Religion, Her steady and evident Purpose to prosecute all Measures for advancing the Glory and Interest of His Kingdom,

...cken, Envoy Extraor- had Publick Audience produced by Sir Charles ... After which he hat of His Royal High- ... en has been pleased to George Prince of Den- of Dover Castle, and ... to grant Her Commis- Great Seal of England time being, the Lord Honourable Privy Coun- Keeper of the Privy Treasurer of England Treasury for the time or the first Commis- time being, Her Ma- are for the time being, for the time being, and the time being; Thomas William Lord Dartmouth, Blatbrayt, John Polles, and Robert Cecil, Esqs, Majesty's Commissioners ... to appoint the Hon. John ... of the Stannaries, and Duchy of Cornwall, and ... of Cornwall. ... to appoint the Rt. Hon. ... of the Stannaries, Charles ... well-Office, and Thomas ... ator in all Causes, Ma- and Civil. ... to appoint Sir John ... Munt, Isaac Newton Esq; ... Comptroller, ... aton Hains Esq; Weingar ... to appoint John Wjche Esq; ... th the Hans-Lewis. ... d to appoint Sir Charles ... of Essex, and Thomas ... of the County of Dorset. ... day the Rev. Mr. Williams ... life, was Consecrated ... Chapel of Lambeth, by ... of Canterbury, the ... of London, Norwich, Glou- ... in Council having been ... ize shall be taken of from ... ize Voyages; His Royal ... mark, Lord High Admiral ... does strictly charge and re- ... Her Majesty's Ships; That ... of Ships or Vessels that ... if they do meet with ... shall appear to them they ... Vessels, and that they are ... as follows:

Excise Bills as heretofore ... to the Eighth Com- ... Excise Bills, That ... they will pay one ... shall be lawfully detent ... of 31. per Cent. and ... of Contract; And such of ... Transferred: their 5. per ... tract, may then receive the ... is delivered out to the ... the Ninth Contract, dated ...

English Company Trading ... the Transfer-Bills of ... from the 23d Instant, to the ... make out Warrants for the ... and interest due at Mid- ... the 40 per Cent. in ... transferred to the Old Com- ... the said Transfers will ...

Stating, and Determining ... examining the ... several Regiments following ... to the end that all Re- ... Officers may be ... before the ... the Piazza, Colonel-General ... and Harcourt's (late Le ... Officers, and Forting ... Independent Company is ...