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St. James's, November 29, 1786.

**T**HIS Day the King was pleased to invest the Earl of Ailesbury, with the Ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

His Majesty having signed the several Instruments for that Purpose, which were presented to the Sovereign by Robert Quarne, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod (in the Absence of the Secretary,) The Earl was then called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by the Marquis of Lothian, one of the Knights of the Thistle, and supported on each Side by the Duke of Queensberry and Lord Viscount Stormont, the two Senior Knights present, George Brodie, Esq; Rothsay Herald of North Britain, (in Place of the Usher of the Green Rod,) carrying the Sword of State. At the Entrance, a low Reverence was made, a second about the Middle, and, on being advanced up to the Sovereign, a third. The Earl being presented by the two Senior Knights, and kneeling down, the Herald drew the Sword, and (kneeling) delivered it to the Sovereign, who thereupon knighted his Lordship. The Earl having kissed His Majesty's Hand, rose up, and Green Rod administered the Oath to his Lordship. Then Green Rod, having received the Ensigns of the Order, presented the same (kneeling) to the Sovereign upon a Velvet Cushion, who put the Ribbon over the Earl's Left Shoulder, (the Earl kneeling;) upon which he had again the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand. Then the Earl rose up, and, making a low Reverence, withdrew in the same Manner as he had entered.

The Ceremony was performed, soon after the Levee, in His Majesty's Closet, most of the Great Officers of State and Court, and several of the Foreign Ministers, being present.

The following Address having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Sydney, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been presented to the King: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Principal and Professors of the University of Edinburgh, consider it as our Duty, in this first Meeting of our Senatus Academicus,

after our annual Vacation, humbly to approach the Throne with our warmest Congratulations on your Majesty's happy and providential Deliverance from the Danger to which your Royal Person was lately exposed.

We should be unworthy of the many Blessings which we enjoy under your Majesty's gracious Government, if we were insensible to your Majesty's unceasing Attention to the Happiness of your People, and if we did not cordially join our Fellow Subjects in offering up Thanksgivings to Heaven for the Preservation of a Life so dear to the Nation, and in praying, that Princes of the Illustrious House of Hanover may long continue faithful Guardians of our Rights, Sacred and Civil.

As this University has been distinguished by repeated Marks of your Majesty's Attention and Bounty, we are persuaded that the Mode of expressing our Gratitude, most acceptable to our Royal Benefactor, will be by instilling into the Minds of the Youth under our Care, such Principles as may form them to be virtuous Men and good Citizens, and dispose them to fear God, to honour the King, to reverence the Laws, and to love their Country.

Signed in our Name and Presence, by our Appointment,

*William Robertson, Principal*

College of Edinburgh,  
Nov. 20, 1786.

By the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of IRELAND,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.  
R U T L A N D.

**W**HETHERAS the Parliament of this Kingdom stands prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-first Day of November instant; We do publish and declare, that the said Parliament be, and accordingly the said Parliament is hereby further prorogued to Tuesday the Fifth Day of December next: Whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament are to take Notice accordingly.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the 20th Day of November, 1786.

By his Grace's Command,

*S. Haicrken.*

GOD Save the KING.