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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS William Duke of Queensberry and James Earl of Abercorn were duly elected and returned to be Two of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of Great Britain: And whereas the said William Duke of Queensberry hath, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing Date the Twenty-fifth Day of August, in the Twenty-sixth Year of Our Reign, been created a Baron of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Stile, and Title of Lord Douglas, Baron Douglas, of Amelbury in the County of Wilts; and the said James Earl of Abercorn hath, by like Letters Patent, bearing Date the Twenty-fourth Day of August, in the said Twenty-sixth Year of Our Reign, been created a Viscount of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Stile, and Title of Viscount Hamilton; by Means whereof the said William Duke of Queensberry and James Earl of Abercorn have respectively ceased to sit in the House of Peers, as Representatives of the Peerage of Scotland, whereby their Seats in that Character are become vacant: Now, in order to the Electing Two other Peers of Scotland, to sit in their Room, We do, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holy Rood House in Edinburgh, on Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of March next, between the Hours of Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, to nominate and chuse Two other Peers of Scotland to sit and vote in the House of Peers of this present Parliament of Great Britain, in the room of the said William Duke of Queensberry and James Earl of Abercorn, by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers that shall then be present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent, (such Proxies being Peers) and producing a Mandate in Writing duly signed before Witnesses, and both Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law. And the Lord Clerk Register, or such Two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his Name, are hereby respectively required to attend such Meeting, and to administer the Oaths required by Law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their Votes, and, immediately after such Election made, and duly examined, to certify the Names of the Peers

so elected, and sign and attest the same in the Presence of the said Peers the Electors, and to return such Certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We do strictly charge and command, that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns in Scotland, Twenty-five Days at least before the Time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such Election.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Sixteenth Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, in the Twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

St. James's, February 17.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint William Bamford, of Bamford Hall, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, Esq; to be Sheriff of the said County, for the Year 1787.

Whitehall, February 17.

The King has been pleased to present the Reverend Robert Pearson to the Church and Parish of Lady-Kirk, in the Presbitery of Chirnside and County of Berwick, vacant by the Death of the Reverend John Todd.

The King has been pleased to appoint James Stewart, Esq; to be Commissary of the Commissariat of Orkney and Zetland, in the room of Patrick Græme, Esq; deceased.

The King has also been pleased to appoint George Pratt, Esq; to be Deputy Keeper of the Register of Seafines and Reversions, in the Shire of Kinross, in the room of Charles Cooper, Esq; deceased.

The King has been pleased to grant to the Reverend John Hammond, of Charlcote in the County of Warwick, and his Issue, His Royal Licence and Authority to take and use the Surname of Lucy, and to bear the Arms of the Reverend William Lucy, late of Charlcote aforesaid, deceased, pursuant to a Proviso contained in an Indenture of Settlement made upon the Marriage of the Reverend John Hammond the Elder, Father of the above-mentioned John Hammond, with Alice, Sister of the said William Lucy, (such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds Office;) and also to order that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.