

Perfwade or Pervert them to the Popish Religion, or that they know any person guilty of any the Offences afore-mentioned, or any other Offences against the Laws to Depress Popery, that they do immediately reveal the same to some Magistrate, that the Offenders may be Prosecuted and Punished according to their Demerits.

And for the better encouraging of all persons that shall do their Duty herein, His Majesty will be Graciously pleased by His Letters of Privy-Seal, to Enable all the Judges of His several Courts at Westminster, to reward all Prosecutors upon the said Laws or other Laws made for Suppressing the Growth of Popery, according to their Discretions, out of such Forfeitures as shall from thence accrue to His Majesty, over and above what is already by the said Laws or any of them allotted to the Informer.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the One and twentieth day of December 1679. In the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Hamburg, Dec. 19. The Duke of Holstein has raised a Regiment of Foot, which he Mustered this day, and is to serve as a Guard to his Person upon his return to Gottorp, which he defers till such time as the Danish Troops have quitted his Countries, and in the mean time the Duke has sent two Commissioners to Copenhagen to endeavour to adjust all matters. From Sweden we have an account that the Treaty of Commerce between that Crown and Holland was ratified, and that the Rycks Chancellor Count Magnus de la Gardie was appointed by the King to go and fetch his Queen from Copenhagen. The Duke of Zell has not as yet Disbanded any of his Forces, and those of the Duke of Hanover (who is gone for Italy) are now likewise under his Command, which makes many people wonder to see such considerable Forces kept on Foot by these Princes.

Whitehall, Dec. 20. On Wednesday last His Majesty received the following Letter from His Privy Council of Scotland.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

Amidst those Confusions which we have felt amongst our selves, and heard of amongst your Majesties other Subjects, nothing could have rejoiced us so much, in your own necessary absence, as the happiness of having your Royal Brother amongst us, who have not for many years seen any of the Royal Family in this your Majesties antient Kingdom; and as he will certainly be a Patern for our Loyalty to imitate, so he will, we hope, be a witness of our Sincerity in it. Submission to all your Majesties Commands, and adherence to all your Just Rights being no less our Interest, then our Duty, a Scots-man being an Enemy to his Monarch, till he be one first to his Country, and his self. Nor can we fear that under the Influence of one of the Sons of our hundred and ninth King, any considerable number amongst us, can be again persuaded by malicious Impostors, that we have reason to fear Arbitrary Government under you, because we will not submit so it under them, who would bring upon us greater miseries then those they pretend to wish us to shun, and would practise in this age the Rebellion they learned in the last. Our going to attend your Royal Brother, as far as our Borders would allow us, and our Receiving him with all the Marks, and to all the Degrees of that Respect and Esteem, that we were capable to express, were a small part of the Duty we

owe your Majesty, and of the Esteem that is due to his Merit, whose Courage will add vigor, and whose Advice will add steadiness to the Resolutions that are necessary for your Service; and therefore we acknowledge the sending his Royal Highness to reside here; and the ordering that he should assist in your Majesties Councils by your Gracious Letter of the 30th day of November last, to be new Marks of your Protection and Kindness for this your antient Kingdom: And as all of us wished for this happiness with a zeal suitable to the greatness of this occasion, so we now return to your Majesty for it our most humble and hearty thanks, as becomes,

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

Your MAJESTIES

Edenburg, Dec. 11. 1679, Most humble, most Faithful, and most obedient Subjects and Servants.

SIGNED BY

Earl of Rothes, Lord Chancellor.	Earl of Dunblonald.
Marquis of Arthol, Lord Privy Seal.	Earl of Kintore.
Marquis of Douglas.	Lord Bishop of Edinburgh.
Marquis of Montrose.	Lord Elphinston.
Earl of Argyle.	Lord President of the Session.
Earl of Errol.	Lord Treasurer Depute.
Earl of Marshell.	Lord R gilter.
Earl of Marre.	Lord Advocate.
Earl of Murray.	Lord Justice Clerke.
Earl of Winton.	Lord Collington.
Earl of Linlithgow.	Lord Justice General.
Earl of Perth.	Mr. Drommond.
Earl of Wigton.	Mr. Maitland.
Earl of Strathmore.	Sir John Wauchope.
Earl of Airley.	Sir George Kinnaird.
Earl of Aboyne.	

And at the same time the Duke of Lauderdale received that which follows.

May it please your Grace,

THe Letter here enclosed to His Majesty from us, will inform your Grace with what extraordinary joy we see his Royal Highness sit amongst us. And as your Grace uses at all times to second as well as represent our addresses to his Majesty, so we hope upon this occasion you will, with a care suitable to the extraordinary respect which you do and have always born to his Royal Highness, assure the King, that nothing hindered us to say much more in favor of his Royal Highness, except his own presence, and extraordinary Modesty, having never found in our selves since His Majesties return, greater occasion and inclination then at this time for expressing our great satisfaction to its full height, and which all present may read more fully in our Countenance than in our Letter.

Edenburg, Dec. 11. 1679. We are your Graces Affectionate Friends.

Signed by the Lords of the Privy Council.

Advertisement.

THese are to give Notice, That the Creditors of John Lin-lay, are desired to meet upon the 31 day of this instant December, at Widow Kemps Coffee-house in Exchange Alley, at Three of the Clock in the afternoon of the same day, precisely, for as much as there will be something of importance to be communicated unto them about this affair. And they are desired either to come themselves, or to empower a Friend to meet for them.