

both these Presents, nor my concern in seeing, whereas it hath pleas'd GOD this way to call out of this Life, from the possession of his Earthly Dominion, to his fruition of an Eternal Crown of Glory. This late Majesty Our Royal and much beloved Brother Charles the second; We have thought fit to publish Our Royal Pleasure, That all Our Officers of State, Privy-Counsellors, Magistrates, and all other Officers whatsoever, both Civil and Military within Our ancient Kingdom of Scotland, do, and they and every one of them respectively, are hereby Authorized and Required to Affirm the things conform to the late Commissions and Instructions they had from His said late Majesty of Blessed Memory; until new Commissions from Us can be prepared and sent down to them. And so their so doing, This shall be to them, and every one of them respectively, a full Warrant.

Given under Our Royal Hand, at Our Court at Whitehall, the Sixth day of February 1684. And of Our Reign the Fifth Year.

By His Majesties Command,
Jo. Drummond.

A Letter to His Majesty from His Privy Council of Scotland.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,
Nothing could support us under this great load of just Grief and Sorrow, for the removal of our late Gracious Sovereign, who transcended all that ever Reigned before him, in Wisdom, Justice, and Clemency; But that He being thereby become without doubt, more happy and Glorious, hath left us under your Sacred Majesties most auspicious Government, who are the undoubted and just lineal Heir of his Authority and Sovereignty, and the true Successor of His Royal Virtues, with all those great Qualities which can fit a Prince for the Glorious Dignity of being Vice-gerent to Almighty God; In whom also the your ancient Kingdom cannot but be happy in a most especial manner, your Majesty being the lineal and legal Successor of that most ancient Race of Kings by whom for so many Ages this Kingdom hath been Governed, with so much Justice, and defended by so much valour; And your Sacred Majesty having been so instrumental in your own Person, to secure us against those Confusions and Distractions, in which we were involved, before your Majesty did us the Honor to spend some time amongst us.

We therefore Your Majesties Privy Council, being Authorized by your Gracious Letter, did meet, and in recognition of your just Right and Title we did renew to your Sacred Majesty your late Reigns the usual Oaths of Privy Counsellors, and thereafter attended by the Nobility and Clergy of this your ancient Kingdom, the Lords of your Council and Session, and the Magistrates of your City of Edinburgh, did at the Mercat Cross of this City, as usual, Proclaim and Declare your Majesty our King and Sovereign, binding our selves by a solemn Oath to hazard our Lives and Fortunes in the defence of your Majesties Title and Person, which was most Dutifully and joyfully seconded by the universal Acclamations of those great crowds of your Majesties Subjects, who were then present. After which, we likewise promulgated your Gracious Proclamation for continuing your Officers, Judges, and Magistrates in their former Employments; And also those wherein your Majesty is Graciously pleased to continue us, we shall make it our chief endeavour to improve the same with all Zeal and Faithfulness, for the good of your Majesties Service. And that Almighty God by whom Kings Reign, may preserve your Royal Person, and make your Government Glorious and Successful, is, and ever shall be the hearty Prayers of,

Edinb. 10th of Feb, 1685. May it please your Sacred Majesty,
Your Majesties most Humble, most Faithful, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

A Letter to His Majesty from the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland.

Most Sacred Sovereign,
Our deep and just Sorrow for the death of our late Blessed and Gracious King would certainly swallow

us up, did not the Righteous and peaceable Succession of your Majesty support us under our unexpressible affliction.

Had we the Honor and Happiness to prostrate our Persons at your Royal Feet, Our Tears would prove our best Orators for the former, as our Prayers and Thanksgivings to the only Ruler of Princes; and our best and most faithful endeavors to serve your most Sacred Majesty, shall ever express our Joy and Zeal for the latter.

Your pious Zeal for the Honor and Interest of your Royal Brother our late Sovereign now in Glory, and for this your ancient Kingdom, whilist we enjoyed the happiness of your Presence amongst us, as it did then deny no Grace You so be the best and most Obedient of Subjects; It did it prognosticate your being the Kindest, and most Rational of Sovereign Princes to your People.

At this distance from your Royal Presence, we are able in our present circumstances, to do no more than humbly to Address to your Majesty in Paper, to pay that Duty we owe upon so solemn an occasion, but are reserved (if your Sacred Majesty shall allow) to desire the Arch-Bishop of St. Andrews, (who is most desirous and ambitious to congratulate your most righteous Succession to the Thrones of your Royal Ancestors), to address himself to your Royal Presence, more fully to express our Sense and Duty, than a Letter can allow, and humbly to implore your Majesties Protection and Favour to this National Church, and to our Order and Persons; which we are humbly confident to obtain, when we reflect upon your Piety and Zeal for all these Interests, during your abode in this Kingdom.

To Honor, Serve, and Humbly Obey your Sacred Majesty in all our Capacities, as God's Vice-gerent over us, is not only incorporated into our Religion, but is the most zealous inclination of,

Most Sacred Sovereign,
Your Majesties most Humble,
most Loyal, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Edinburg to Feb.
1685.

Dublin, Febr. 11. His Grace the Duke of Ormond, Lord-Lieutenant of this Kingdom, having received last Night an Express with the sad News of our inestimable loss in the Death of our late Sovereign King CHARLES the Second, immediately summoned the Privy Council, and there gave the Orders that were necessary on this occasion. This Morning the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, the Privy Council, the Judges, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and the Officers of the Army, as many of each Degree as were in Town, with many other Gentlemen of Quality, all in the Habits proper to their several Capacities, attended his Grace in the great Hall of the Castle; and having there Ananimously subscribed a Recognition of the Indubitable Right and Title of His Majesty King JAMES the Second, took Hold in the Castle-Yard, and Riding out from thence, attended with the Herald, the several Banners of Authority, and the Trumpets and Kettle-Drums Proclaimed His Majesty in three places of this City, first at the Castle-Gate, then at the Toll, and lastly in the publick Corn Market, with Volleys of Shot from the great Guns at each Proclamation. The whole Procession was performed with all the splendor and solemnity the shortness of time would permit, and with all possible Demonstrations of Joy and Satisfaction. In the Afternoon the Council was summoned again, and two Proclamations were Signed to be sent forthwith to all the Counties of the Kingdom, the one for Proclaiming the King in all Shire-Towns and Towns Corporate, and the other for continuing all Magistrates and Officers both Civil and Military in their several Employments; and the Night was begun with Banners and ringing of Bells. The Recognition and Proclamation was according to the form used in England.

Whitehall, Febr. 17. This day was published the following Proclamation.

JAMES R.
WE Hereby the Commissioners of the Treasury of the late King Our Dearly beloved Brother deceased, Sidney Lord Godolphin, Sir John Ernely Knight, Sir Stephen Fox Knight, Sir Dudley North Knight, and Frederick Thynne Esquire, on the Fifth day of this instant February, for the better improvement of the Revenue arising by the Duty of Excise, did Contract, Conclude, and Agree with Sir Peter Apdley Knight, Sir Benjamin Bathurst Knight, and James Graham Esquire, That they the said Sir Peter Apdley, Sir Benjamin Bathurst, and James Graham, their

Executors