

conclude this a Happy Session. We bid you heartily farewell. Given at our Court at Kensington, the three and twentieth day of March 1693. And of Our Reign the Fifth Year.

By His Majesties Command,  
J. Johnston.

Directed thus,  
To the Lords Temporal, and the Commissioners  
of Shires and Burghs, Assembled in Parliament  
of Our Antient Kingdom of Scotland.

## The SPEECH of *William Duke of Hamilton*, His Majesties High Commissioner, to the Parliament of Scotland.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**Y**OU have heard His Majesties Letter, wherein He expresses a great deal of Goodness for Us, and particular; that He allows your Meeting in Parliament at this time, does show His intire Confidence in your Affection to Him and His Government, now Established in Church and State, which His Majesty has Entrusted me to assure you, He is firmly Resolved to support.

I think I need not Enlarge much to remember you of the Dangers and Fears you were in about a year ago of an Invasion, and the Attempts of Enemies at Home, I am sure there was then none that wished well to this Government, but was sufficiently convinced of the bad Posture we were in for our Defence, and would have been glad of this Opportunity, to have put our selves in a better Condition against the worst Events.

So, my Lords and Gentlemen, Let us in the First Place Return His Majesty our Heartly Thanks for Granting us this Session of Parliament, and let us lay aside all Heats and Animosities, and every thing else that may Obstruct our Answering His Majesties Expectations, whereby you will not only let the World see the Errors of those that were against your Meeting, but also disappoint your Enemies that would render your Endeavours unsuccessful. And since you cannot expect this to be a long Session of Parliament, His Majesty recommending to you Dispatch: Therefore, my Lords and Gentlemen, I beseech you begin with these things that are most necessary for the King's Service, and your own Security, which I Judge to be the giving of Supplies of Mony, and the putting of the Kingdom in a Posture of Defence.

The Chancellor will propose to you the fit Methods of your Proceedings.

## The SPEECH of the Earl of *Tweddale*, Lord High Chancellor to the Parliament of Scotland.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**T**HE Kings Majesty hath made appear His Care of the Welfare, Happiness, and Security of this Kingdom, by Calling You together, when Himself is so necessarily absent beyond Sea, that you may provide for your own Safety and Prosperity. And hath fully Instructed His Commissioner to Concur with you in whatsoever may Contribute thereto.

I shall therefore in all Humility, and with Submission, put you in mind, That avoiding all Animosities and Misunderstandings, you may apply your Selves with Unanimity and Chearfulness to your Work and Business, which I take to be in the first Place,

To put the Kingdom in a Posture of Defence against Foreign Invasion, and of Security against Intestine Commotion.

Then by making of such good Laws, as may tend both to the Settling of Peace and Unity in the Church, and to the Strengthening the Authority of the Government, and for Recovery and Raising the Trade of the Nation, so much Decayed, even to Ruine almost, and making it to Flourish again.

As to the Concerns of the Church, a sober and quiet Temper of Mind, full of Charity and Humility is necessary.

And for your Safety and Security, a competent Additional Force to what you have, with a suitable Fond-to maintain them, and if it shall be thought fit, to set up a Country Militia again, Methods must be thought of for Training of them with less Trouble and Expence than hath been formerly.

And for Recovery of Trade, and Support thereof in Time of War, it will be Worthy of your most Deliberat and Serious Consultations, to fall upon the readiest Means for Effectuating the same, as how some Ships of War of competent Force, to Defend our Coasts from Privateers, and to Convey our Merchant Ships, may be provided now, and more built hereafter, which may not only serve for that use in the time of War, but be employed for Trade in the time of Peace.

If you set about these Things Vigorously and Cordially, His Majesty will put a just Value upon your Actings, as a Grateful Acknowledgment of what He hath done for us, and suteable Return to the Care He hath of us, and by the blessing of God, this Parliament will prove a healing and happy Parliament.