

and for the Defence and Security of Her Allies, with that unparalleled Goodness, that appears in all Her Resolutions and Actions, do promise us all Happiness under Her most auspicious Reign.

Her Majesty's Letter to the Parliament, gives all Her Subjects of this Kingdom, the most desirable Assurances of Her firm Resolution to protect our Religion, Liberties and Laws, and particularly the Presbyterian Government as now established, and this Her good Mind, Her Majesty thought fit to signify to Her People, knowing that this Loyal Parliament did establish our present happy Settlement, and hath ever shewed a firm Zeal to maintain the same, and by calling you together, Her Majesty hath afforded you this early Opportunity to Congratulate Her Accession and Entry to the Royal Government, and to make Her such Offers of Duty as are necessary for the Support of Her Authority and your own Preservation.

The present just and necessary War which Her Majesty was obliged to declare in all Her Dominions in pursuance of the Treaties made by the late King, does require sufficient Supplies for the Maintenance of such Forces, as are needful for the Security of the Government and the publick Safety of the Nation.

There is nothing can contribute more to the Interest of the Protestant Religion, and the Security of the present Constitution of the Government, than an Union betwixt the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England: It was amongst the last things recommended by the late King, and the first proposed by Her Majesty to the Parliament of England: You see how concernedly Her Majesty recommends it to you, and you all know how far the Parliament of England hath advanced in this matter, by empowering Her Majesty to Name Commissioners to treat with such as shall be empowered from this or any subsequent Parliament of this Kingdom.

I can assure you from my proper Knowledge, that there appears at this time a greater Disposition in the English Nation towards an Union, than could ever be discovered formerly, which is a very great Encouragement; And I hope you will give them suitable Returns.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It has pleased Her Majesty to honour me with this high Trust to represent Her Royal Person, as Her Commissioner. If Her Commands had left place for my Excuses, I had Reason enough to decline so weighty an Employment; But the Experience I have had of your Kindness, and Regard for me, while I was formerly employed in this Trust, and my own sincere Intentions to serve Her Majesty, and my Country, to the utmost of my power, are the principal Encouragements I have in this Undertaking; Therefore I resolve to maintain Her Majesty's Authority, and answer that Confidence She has been pleased to repose in me, with all Loyalty and Firmness. And I hope from your Prudence and Zeal for the Government, that Her Majesty shall receive Satisfaction, and the Nation Advantage.

The Speech of Patrick Earl of Marchmont, Sec. Lord High Chancellor, to the Parliament of Scotland, on Tuesday the Ninth day of June, 1702.

- My Lords and Gentlemen,

I had but too confidently hoped that I should never have occasion to speak from this Place to you under such Circumstances.

This Kingdom has lately got so sore a Wound in the Head, that it is impossible but the whole Body, and every Member of it, must have a deep Sense and be feelingly affected with it.

GOD has called from us our great Deliverer, a Good, a Wise, a Just and an Heroick King, to the Glory for which he was fitted; He went to fulness of Joy, and left us in a full Measure of Grief.

Never did People stand in greater need than we of a powerful and cordial Consolation, and the merciful GOD has been pleased seasonably to give us the most suitable One that our Hearts could imagine or wish for, by setting our Sovereign Queen ANNE, whose Right it is, upon the Throne, who has given so full proof in the whole course of her Life, of her stability in and fidelity to the Protestant Religion, as may convince us that there is a Blessing from on high about her.

Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter, and his Grace my Lord Commissioner his Discourse upon it, are so full and plain, that they need no Commentary or Illustration; so that there is little left for me to say.

Only I would entreat you to call to remembrance the great Dangers this Nation was in fourteen years ago, the great Deliverance it met with by the Hand of our late King of ever Glorious Memory; the great Benefits and Advantages which it has enjoyed in the Thirteen Years of his auspicious Reign, by the Excellent Establishment of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, upon the sure and solid Foundation.

I entreat you likewise to consider, that Her Sacred Majesty now Our Sovereign, gives us so express Assurance of Her firm Resolution to Maintain and Protect us in the

full Possession of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and of the Presbyterian Government of the Church, as at present Established; and that Her Majesty will aim at nothing more than the Preserving and Securing to us the Enjoyment of the Advantages we got by our Deliverance from Popery and Arbitrary Power, and having our ancient Rights and Privileges restored to us, that every one will rely upon it, and rest assured who is a sincere Protestant, and duly affected with the Goodness and Favour of GOD in erasing and accomplishing the happy Revolution.

After the Royal Word given of a Person of so known Probity as Her Majesty is, it may be thought unnecessary to add any thing; Yet I must say, it cannot be but a great Satisfaction to us to see that the Interest of Her Majesty and Her People are united to confirm Her Majesty in Her wise and gracious Resolution; and that Her Majesty adheres to the Alliances made by, and follows the Methods wherein Her Majesty's glorious Predecessor was necessarily engaged for Preserving the Liberties of Europe, for Supporting the Protestant Religion, for Maintaining the Interest of Her own Kingdoms, and for resenting the Indignity offered against Her Majesty and them by the French King, in his owning the pretended Prince of Wales as King of Her Majesty's Dominions.

Another clear Evidence of Her Majesty's gracious Intentions towards us, is, That she is so disposed to continue Her utmost Endeavours for accomplishing an Union of Her two Kingdoms in this Island, and considers it as a thing necessary for the Security and Happiness of them both.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am confident when you have duly pondered Her Majesty's Letter, and his Grace my Lord Commissioner's Discourse, that all Doubtings, jealousies and animosities will fly away, and you will be disposed to receive your Sovereign's Message with Loving Hearts, and resolve to act and give a kind, dutiful and suitable Return, by complying to all what Her Majesty has proposed in all the Parts of it, nothing being required by Her Majesty of us, but what is evidently necessary for our own Security and Happiness.

Her Majesty having so earnestly recommended to you the providing competent Supplies for maintaining such a number of Forces as may be necessary against the Design of Her and our Enemies, it is certainly requisite that we effectually do it so, as Her Majesty may be supported to the Utmost of the Nations Power, in prosecuting the War in which Her Majesty, Her Kingdoms and Her Allies are engaged.

If our Affairs in this Juncture shall be such as Her Majesty doth hope and expect, it will tend to our everlasting Reputation, a Foundation will be laid of that firm Union and true Understanding between Her Majesty and Her People as will advance the Happiness of both; and be of vast Advantage both to our Honour and to our Interest, by engaging to us the Hearts and good Will of Our Sovereign, and of our Neighbours in Her Dominions.

The Parliament met again yesterday, being the 11th, and proceeded to choose Committees for Security of the Kingdom, for Controverted Elections, for drawing an Answer to Her Majesty's Letter, and for Revising the Minutes. And received Overtures for the following Acts, viz. *Act* Recognizing Her Majesty's Royal Authority; *Act* of Adjourning the Court of Judicature called the Session; *Act* declaring this present Meeting of Parliament to be a Lawful and Free Meeting of Parliament; and *An Act* for Securing the true Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Church Government: Which were Read the First Time, and were this day Pass'd, Nemine Contrarietate, and Touch'd with the Scepter.

St. James's, June 16: The following Address was presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. John Mordaunt Esq; Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the English Factory at Lisbon, in the name of themselves, and other Your Majesties Subjects Trading in, and to the Dominions of Portugal.

As it pleases Your Majesty, to give us leave to declare before all the World, that as we do heartily agree with the rest of Your Majesty's Subjects in admiring the Virtues, and paying a just Veneration to the Memory of Your Illustrious Predecessor, so neither do we forget to bebind the most fervent and Zealous of them in a thankful Acknowledgment of that great Providence, which has preferred Your Majesty to the Throne after him; from whom we have Good reason to expect the same Succession of all these Blessings, which have graciously attended Your Majesty's late Majesty's Administration, and followed the Steps of the late of our former Prince; for Your Majesty hath already exceeded Your Care even to us, and your Majesty as we are at this distance, from the great Body of Your Subjects, do not fail to take of these happy Influences which descend indifferently upon them all. By Your Majesty's justifiable and extraordinary Interposition, we find our selves as ever now, as we were before before our late Majesty's death, and only unresolv'd, whether we ought to admire Your Majesty's great Goodness in Commanding, or Prudence in Commanding.