

*Ancient Kingdom, and the present Constitution of the Church; If any thing be wanting for the Ease and Satisfaction of Her Majesty's good Subjects, I am sufficiently instructed, and empowered in what may be thought expedient to be proposed for that End.*

*The close Conjunction of the two Monarchies, which in their Turns have design'd to Enslave Europe, and Extirpate our Religion, made it just and necessary for Her Majesty to be engag'd in the War; and Her Early Appearance gave Life and Vigour to the Confederacy, and a particular Encouragement to the Protestant Princes and States: God has bless'd the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies with glorious Success both by Sea and Land; so that there is a Stop put to the Victories, and a Check given to the encroaching Power of France.*

*It cannot but be great Satisfaction to us, to be under the benign Government of a Protestant Queen; We enjoy the Comforts of Peace, and feel neither the Effects of Tyranny, nor the Disorders of War, in which so many are involv'd; But we ought not to be too Secure; and it were to tempt our Enemies to form Designs, or make Insults against us, if they see us in no Condition of Defence.*

*All Her Majesty proposes to you, is for your selves, without mingling any particular Concern of Her own; it is to continue the Provision for the Forces on the Establishment, and to furnish and repair the Forts and Garrisons, which is so necessary, that I cannot doubt of your ready Compliance with Her Majesty's Desires: And your cheerfulness in it will be very acceptable to Her Majesty, observable to the World, and a great Evidence of your Loyalty and Affection, which will add much to the Value of what you offer.*

*The Decay and present low Condition of Trade, requires Your prudent and special Consideration. Her Majesty on Her Part is willing to concur with You in any thing that may contribute to encourage and restore it, either by making new Laws, or Amending the present One.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

*It has pleas'd Her Majesty to honour me with a Character to represent Her Royal Person in this Session of Parliament; I am very sensible of the Great Weight and Difficulties which do attend that Trust, but my Encouragement is from the Confidence I have of Her Majesty's Goodness, in believing my Sincerity and Zeal for Her Service, and that in Her Royal Wisdom She is so careful of Her People, that I am not charg'd with any thing that can be construed to be against the Interest of the Kingdom, which gives me assurance of Your hearty Concurrence, and I shall very faithfully report what Services are done by every Person to Her Majesty and the Nation.*

The Speech of James Earl of Seafield Esq. Lord High Chancellor to the Parliament of Scotland, on Thursday the 6th of May, 1703.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**H**ER Majesty's Accession to the Throne of Her Royal Ancestors, is the great Happiness of all Her Majesty's Dominions; She has ever firmly adhered to the Protestant Religion, and may justly be called the Defender of the Protestant Interest in Europe; and all who have had the Honour to have more immediate Access to Her Majesty's Person, or who have duty considered the whole Steps of Her Majesty's Government, must be convinced, that it is Her Majesty's chief Design to make all Her Subjects happy.

You have heard Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter, and his Grace my Lord Commissioner his Speech, and it must certainly give you who are the Representatives of this Kingdom, convinced by Her Majesty's Authority, great Satisfaction, that Her Majesty does give

you full Assurance of Her Royal Resolutions, to Maintain Her People in the Possession of their Religion, of their Laws, and of their Liberties; and has also frequently promised Her Protection to the Government of the Church: But if any thing be yet needful for the Ease, Contentment, and Satisfaction of Her Majesty's Subjects, Her Majesty has given full Instructions, as my Lord Commissioner has signified; so that nothing is wanting on Her Part, and nothing is proposed or demanded by Her, but what is necessary for the Security and Prosperity of this Kingdom.

Her Majesty is engaged in a most just and Necessary War, for the Defence of the Liberties of Europe, against the formidable Power of the French King; and as we are to be thankful to GOD for the Success Her Majesty's Arms have had, so we ought to give Her Majesty all the Support and Assistance in our Power, it being so necessary for our own Defence: And all that Her Majesty demands, is, That you provide for your own Security, by giving such Supplies as may be further necessary for maintaining Her Majesty's Forces, and repairing and providing for the Forts and Garrisons; the doing of which will be a convincing Proof of that entire Union and Confidence, which is betwixt Her Majesty and Her People, and will be the most effectual mean to disappoint the Designs of our Enemies, and to preserve the Peace and Tranquillity we now enjoy.

The Trade of this Kingdom does deserve your particular Consideration; the Advancing and Improvement of it is the only mean to increase the Wealth and Riches of this Nation, and in the doing of which, you have full Assurance of Her Majesty's Concurrence. Our Manufactories are very much Improved, and ought to have all Encouragement; but we have almost no Foreign Trade, and all our Towns and Incorporations are thereby much impoverished. You have now an Opportunity of doing what you shall think necessary in this Matter, either by making Laws that may be prejudicial to Trade, or by making new ones, or revising such as are in desuetude.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Seeing Her Majesty's chief Care is to make all Her Subjects Happy and Contented, let us therefore, in compliance with Her Majesty's just Demands, cordially and unanimously Concur to support Her Majesty's Authority and Government, to advance Religion and true Piety, to discourage Vice and Immorality, to promote and improve Trade, and to do every thing that is necessary for the Honour, Interest, and Security of this Kingdom; that so all may be concluded that comes before you, to the Satisfaction of Her Majesty, and the Good and Welfare of Her People.

After which they returned to Her Majesty's Palace in the same Order, where my Lord Commissioner had prepared a Noble Entertainment. At one end of the Room was a Table raised two or three Steps, where his Grace sat alone, and was served at Table by his Grace the Duke of Argyle, as Master-Household, who gave the first Glais kneeling, the Earl of Marr served as Carver, the Earl of London as Cupbearer, the Lord Boyle as Comptroller, and Sir William Enstruther, Baronet, as under Master Household: Down from the Commissioner's Table there was a Table about 120 Foot long, where the Nobility, Barons, and Burgeses sat. From the Parliament House to the Nether-bow there was a Lane made with the Citizens in Arms, and in good Order, and from the Nether-bow to the Palace of Her Majesty's Foot Guards: Never was such Crowds of Spectators as was seen in the Streets and Windows, who came on this Occasion from all Parts of the Kingdom.

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