

EDINBURGH AND CANONGATE
ANNUITY-TAX ABOLITION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That it is intended to apply to Parliament, in the present or ensuing Session, for leave to bring in a Bill or Bills for altering, amending, or wholly or partially repealing, an Act of the Privy Council of Scotland, upon a reference from the Parliament of Scotland, dated the 18th day of March 1634; a Charter of His Majesty King Charles the First ratifying the said Act, dated the 19th day of January 1636; and an Act of the Committee of Estates of Scotland, dated the 28th day of December 1648; and the following Acts of Parliament, or some of them, viz., an Act of the Parliament of Scotland, dated the 19th day of June 1649, intituled "Act in favours of the Town of Edinburgh anent the Stipends to six Ministers out of the House Mails;" an Act of the Parliament of Scotland, dated the 6th day of June 1661, intituled "Act anent the Annuities to be uplifted within the Burgh of Edinburgh for Ministers' Stipends;" an Act passed in the 7th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for extending the Royalty of the City of Edinburgh over certain adjoining lands; and for giving powers to the Magistrates of Edinburgh for the benefit of the said City; and to enable His Majesty to grant Letters patent for establishing a Theatre in the City of Edinburgh or suburbs thereof;" an Act passed in the 25th year of the reign of His said last-mentioned Majesty, intituled "An Act for opening an easy and commodious communication from the High Street of Edinburgh to the Country southward; and also from the Lawmarket to the new extended Royalty on the north; and for enabling Trustees to purchase lands, houses, and areas, for that purpose; for widening and enlarging the Streets of the said City, and certain Avenues leading to the same; for rebuilding or improving the University; for enlarging the Public Markets and communications thereto; for regulating certain Taxes; for Lighting the said City; for providing an additional supply of Water; for extending the Royalty of the said City; and for levying an additional sum of money for Statute Labour in the Middle District of the County of Edinburgh;" an Act passed in the 26th year of the reign of His said last-mentioned Majesty, intituled "An Act for widening several Streets in the City of Edinburgh; for opening a communication from Queen's Street to Broughton Loan; for enlarging the Burial Ground; and for extending the Royalty of the said City over part of the lands of Broughton;" an Act passed in the 49th year of the reign of His said last-mentioned Majesty, intituled "An Act for extending the Royalty of the City of Edinburgh, for disannexing part of the Parish of Saint Cuthbert's from the said Parish, and uniting it to the Parish of Saint Andrew; for further regulating the Assessment for the Poor in the said Parishes; for erecting two new Churches; for discontinuing certain Churches and annexing the Parishes thereof to other Parishes; for further regulating the Revenues of the said City applicable to the payment of Ministers' Stipends; and for Draining the Meadow on the south side of the said City;" an Act passed in the 54th year of the reign of His said last-mentioned Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament for erecting and maintaining a new Gaol and other Buildings for the County and

"City of Edinburgh; for opening communications to the new Gaol; building a Bridge over the Low Calton; and for other purposes relating thereto;" an Act of the Parliament of Scotland, dated the 22d day of March 1661, intituled "Ratification in favours of the Burgh of Edinburgh of the custome of ane marke of each tunne and packe of Goodes;" an Act of the 1st and 2d year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to regulate and secure the Debt due by the City of Edinburgh to the Public; to confirm an agreement between the said City and its Creditors; and to effect a Settlement of the affairs of the said City and the Town of Leith;" an Act passed in the 3d year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for abolishing certain Petty and Market Customs in the City of Edinburgh, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof;" an Act passed in the 7th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 3d year of the reign of Her present Majesty for abolishing certain Petty and Market Customs in the City of Edinburgh, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof;" an Act of the 10th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abolish, reduce, equalise, and consolidate the Rates and Duties leviabie at the Harbour and Docks of Leith;" and an Act passed in the 10th and 11th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to enlarge and improve the Meal, Corn, and Grain Markets of the City of Edinburgh, and for other purposes in relation thereto;" an Act of the Parliament of Scotland, dated the 5th of October 1663, intituled "Act concerning the Stipend of the Ministers of the Canongate;" and an Act of the 9th and 10th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to authorize the construction of several Branch Railways and other Works in connection with the North British Railway;" and all other Acts or authorities which may, in any way, interfere with, or which may be affected by, the objects of the said Bill or Bills. By which Bill or Bills, it is proposed to abolish, in whole or in part, the Annuity Taxes levied within the Ancient and Extended Royalties of Edinburgh and the Burgh or Parish of Canongate, for the maintenance of the Ministers of the same; to fix the amount of the Stipends of the said Ministers and their successors; and to make provision for the payment of the said Stipends: And by the said Bill or Bills it is intended to make provision for the erection, by the Magistrates and Council of Edinburgh, of a Church in place of the Trinity College Church, which was removed for the purposes of the North British Railway Company, and for the application to that object of a sum of £10,000, or some other sum, part of the money received from the said Railway Company, as compensation for such removal; and provision will also be made for the due investment of the balance of the said money, and for the application of the said balance, or the interest thereof, towards payment of the said Stipends: And by the said Bill or Bills, it is intended to provide that the Annuity of £2000 derived from the Revenues of the Harbour and Docks of Leith, and applied, under authority of the before-mentioned Act of the 1st and 2d year of the reign of Her present Majesty, towards payment of the Stipends of the Ministers of Edinburgh, shall be applied, under authority of the said proposed Bill or Bills, towards payment of the Stipends of the Ministers of the Ancient and Extended Royalties of Edinburgh, and