

of the Parish of Canongate : And by the said Bill or Bills, it is intended to seek powers to appropriate and apply the revenues of the Deaneries of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal for Scotland towards payment of the Stipends of the said Ministers of Edinburgh and Canongate, under reservation of the rights of the present Deans of the said Chapel Royal, and to take away and extinguish all right or claim, competent to any other party or parties, to the said Revenues : And it is also intended by the said Bill or Bills to take powers to vest in Her Majesty and Her Royal successors the right of patronage of six, or some other number, of the Ministerial charges of the Churches of Edinburgh : And by the said Bill or Bills, it is intended to charge the Common good and patrimony of the City of Edinburgh with the payment of a sum of £6000 yearly, or some other sum, towards providing for the payment of the Stipends of the said Ministers of Edinburgh and Canongate : And it is also intended to take power to deal with the Fund mortified towards the endowment of a Church in Edinburgh, by the Lady Margaret Yester, in or about the year 1647, and to make such application of the said Fund as shall be expedient in carrying out the Scheme embraced in the said intended Act. And by which Bill or Bills power is intended to be taken to repeal, or alter, existing Tolls, Rates, and Duties, leviable under the said recited Acts, or some of them ; and to confer, vary, and extinguish all exemptions from payment of Tolls, Rates, and Duties, and other rights and privileges ; and for the purposes of the said intended Act, and in aid and relief of such Common good and patrimony, to levy from all Occupiers, including Members of the College of Justice, of dwelling-houses, warehouses, vaults, shops, cellars, stables, breweries, manufactories, workshops, mills, station-houses, and other buildings and property, and all yards and places where goods and property are deposited, or business carried on, situated within the Ancient and Extended Royalities of Edinburgh, and within that part of the Burgh or Parish of Canongate, in which the Annuity-Tax is at present leviable, an annual Assessment or Tax not exceeding £3 per centum on four-fifths of the actual yearly rent or value of such subjects, according to a valuation to be made by a Surveyor to be appointed for that purpose by the Magistrates and Council, or according to the valuation made up under authority of the Act of the 11th and 12th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled " An Act for more effectually Watching, Cleansing, and Lighting the Streets of the City of Edinburgh and adjoining Districts, for regulating the Police thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto," and with the exceptions in the said Act mentioned ; and which valuation the Commissioners of Police of Edinburgh, and their Surveyors and Assessors, acting under the said last-mentioned Act, will be bound, if required, to furnish to the Magistrates and Council of Edinburgh ; and it is intended to alter and amend the said last-mentioned Act accordingly. And it is also intended by the said Bill or Bills, to empower the owners of dwelling-houses and others aforesaid, the occupiers of which may be liable in payment of the said annual Assessment or Tax, to redeem the same in such form, and upon such terms, as shall be fixed by Parliament. And it is intended by the said Bill or Bills, to abolish the offices of Stentmasters for the City of Edinburgh, and for Canongate and Pleasance, to substitute the Surveyor to be appointed as aforesaid, or the Surveyor of Police, for the said Stentmasters, to make alterations in the existing provisions as to the imposition

and collection of the annual Assessment of one per centum, leviable in aid of the Common good and patrimony of the City of Edinburgh, under the Act of 25th George the Third, and other Acts before mentioned ; and also as to the imposition and collection of the Land-Tax leviable within the said Ancient and Extended Royalities of Edinburgh, and within the Burgh of Canongate, Pleasance, North Leith, Coal-hill, and Citadel, and to confer on the Surveyor to be appointed under the said intended Act, or on the Surveyor of Police, the powers conferred on the Stentmasters by the Acts of 25th George the Third, and of the 1st and 2d of Her present Majesty before mentioned. And it is also intended, in regard to the said Ministers of Canongate, to provide that, in addition to their respective Stipends to be derived from the sources before referred to, they shall be entitled to draw the proceeds of the Seat-Rents of the Church of Canongate, after deduction of the charges thereon, or, in the event of an additional Church being provided in said Parish, that each of the said Ministers shall be entitled to draw the free proceeds of the Seat-Rents of his Church ; and further, if necessary, to assign to the Minister of the first charge and his successors, the use and occupation of the Manse of the said Parish, and to the Minister of the second charge and his successors, the Victual-Stipend of the said Parish, or to make such other provisions in regard to the said Seat-Rents, Manse, and Victual-Stipend, as shall be sanctioned by Parliament, and also to take powers to uncollegiate the Parish Church of Canongate, and to provide a separate Church for the second Minister.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, That in order to provide a sum equivalent to the Revenues of the said Deaneries, until, by the falling in of the rights of the present Deans, the said Revenues can be applied towards payment of the Stipends of the said Ministers of Edinburgh and Canongate ; and in order also to provide for any excess of the Stipends to be fixed for the present Ministers of Edinburgh, beyond the Stipends to be permanently fixed for their successors in office, it is intended by the said Bill or Bills to take power to levy from all Occupiers, including Members of the College of Justice, of dwelling-houses and others situated as aforesaid, a further annual Assessment or Tax not exceeding £1 per centum, during such limited term of years as may be fixed by Parliament, and to be leviable from the same persons, in respect of the same property, and along with, and in the same manner as, the said annual Assessment or Tax not exceeding £3 per centum.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, That in addition to those Acts before mentioned, whereby any privilege or exemption from taxation is conferred on the Members of the College of Justice, it is intended to repeal, for the purposes of the said intended Act, the provisions of the following Acts of the Parliament of Scotland by which any such privileges and exemptions are conferred on the said body, viz. : an Act dated the 17th day of May 1532, whereby the said College of Justice was instituted ; an Act ratifying the institution of the said College, dated the 17th day of May 1537 ; Act, dated the 14th day of March 1540, intituled " Ratificatioun of the Institutioun of the College of Justice ;" Act ratifying the same, dated the 15th day of December 1543 ; Act, dated the 29th day of July 1587, intituled " Act in favour of the Sessioun for ratificatioun of thair privileges ;" with an Act of the same date, intituled " An Act in favor of sic of the Lordis of