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THis morning about Nine a Clock (being the day appointed for opening of the Parliament) the Duke of Queensberrie his Majesties High Commissioner called a Council in the Abby, where a Patent under the Great Seal creating Secretary Lundin Viscount of Melfort, Lord Drummond of Giltoun, &c. Being read in Council, was ordered to be Recorded; And thereafter Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick of Clovelburn, and Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwelltoun, who had formerly received Patents from His Majesty as Barons, were Dub'd by his Grace with the Sword of State.

About Ten a Clock the Cavalcade began, The Streets from the Palace to the Neather Bow, being on both sides guarded by His Majesties Regiment of Foot-Guards in excellent order, and all very fine in their new Arms and Liveries from the Neather Bow to the Constables-Guard at the utter Gate of the Parliament-Court the Streets were Railed on each side and guarded by Twenty six Companies of the Trainbands and the City Militia Regiment; all in good order.

About half an hour before the rest, The Earl of Perth Lord High Chancellor, and the Marquis of Athole Lord Privy-Seal, The Earl of Kintore Lord Treasurer Deput, and the Lord Regiller now Viscount of Tarbet rode up in their Robes, The Chancellor Purse and Mace being carried before his Lordship, And the Lord Treasurer Deput carrying a White Rod being the badge of his Office as Comptroler of His Majesties Household.

Sometime thereafter the Cavalcade began in this manner.
 Two Trumpets in their Coats and Banners } Way
 bearheaded, }
 Two Pursuivants in their Coats with Foot- }
 mantles, } To usher the
 The Commissioners for Burghs, two and two }
 The Commissioners for Shires, two and two }
 The Lord Advocate and Lord Justice Clerk in } All very fine with
 their Gowns, } their Foot-Mantles
 The Lords or Barons of Parliament in their } and trapping
 Robes. } conform.

The Bishops two and two.
 The Viscounts in their Robes.
 The Bards in their Robes, two and two.
 The two Arch-Bishops.
 Four Trumpets in their Coats with Banners, bearheaded, two a-breast.
 Four Pursuivants in their Coats with Foot-Mantles, bearheaded, two a-breast.
 Six Heralds in Coats with Foot-Mantles, bearheaded, two and two.
 The Lyon-King at Arms in his Coat, Robe, Collar, and Batton. } Both bearheaded.
 The Usher upon the Lyons Best hand. }
 The Sword of State born by the Earl of Argyll. }
 The Scepter born by the Earl of Marr. } All bearheaded
 The Crown carried by the Marquis of Douglas. }
 Three Maces on each side of the Royal Honours bearing their Maces bearheaded.

The Earl of Drumlanrig bearing the Royal Commission in a Crimson Velvet Bag, bearheaded.

His Majesties High Commissioner, attended with Four Knights on foot, Two on each side bear, and Ushered by his Grace's Secretary and Gentleman of Horse, and attended by Pages and Footmen; And in his return to the Palace having the High Constable on his right hand and the Great Marshall on his left, with Permission Caps on their Heads.

The Duke of Hamilton in his Robes and Collar.
 The Captain of His Majesties Troop of Guards, on the head of the Troop with their Trumpets and Kettle-Drums, all very fine in their new Liveries.

The High Commissioner being come to the Constables Guard, his Lordship attended his Grace bearheaded to the Marshals Guard, and then both Constable and Marshall in their Robes with their Battons in their hands attended his Grace up to the Throne. At the utter Door of the Parliament-House the Lord Chancellor and the rest of the Officers of State received his Grace; The Trumpets, Heralds and Lyon in their Formalities going immediately before the Honours which were carried as is above set down. At the utter Bar the Lord Chancellor took the Purse (the Emblem of the Great Seal) in his own hand, and Ushered his Grace up to the Throne, where being set, all the Members took their several places, The Bishop of

Edinburgh having said Prayers, the Rolls were called by the Lord Regiller, and then the Lord Chancellor went up to the Throne and received the Royal Commission upon his Knee, which his Lordship delivered to the Clerk Regiller, who read the same. That being done, His Grace put on his Hat to represent his Royal Matters Sovereign Authority.

The Lord Regiller reading the Formula, the Lyon King at Arms standing on the steps of the Throne, Fenced the High Court of Parliament in the ordinary manner, and the Members having taken the accustomed Oaths, His Majesties most Gracious Letter to the Parliament was read, giving them entire Satisfaction. After which his Grace made an excellent Speech to the Parliament; signifying what he had in command from His Majesty to represent to them, and what was expected from them at this meeting extremely apposite to the greatness of the Occasion; And which was seconded by my Lord Chancellor in another very Loyal and Eloquent Speech, both which the Parliament desired might be Printed. And it being moved by the Marquis of Athole Lord Privy-Seal, That his Grace might name a Committee for preparing an Answer to His Sacred Majesty, He named them accordingly, Viz.

From the Clergy,
 The two Arch-Bishops.

From the Nobility,
 The Duke of Hamilton,
 Earl of Tweeddale.

From the Commissioners of Shires,
 The President of the Session,
 Sir George Lockhart.

From the Boroughs,
 The L. Provost of Edinburgh
 Provost of Linlithgow.

The Patent creating the Lord Regiller Viscount of Tarbet Lord Mc. Cloud and Cattlehaven, was likewise read in Parliament and delivered to his Lordship.

For the Articles were chosen by the Bishops
 The D. of Hamilton, Earl of Marre
 Marquis of Douglas, Earl of Strathmore,
 Earl of Errol, Earl of Southesk,
 Earl Marshall, Earl of Tweeddale.

By the Temporal Lords were chosen,
 The two Arch-Bishops, The Bishop of Aberdeen.
 The Bishop of Edinburgh The Bishop of Cathnes,
 The Bishop of Galloway, The Bishop of Breichen.
 The Bishop of Dunkeld,

Which Sixteen Lords Spiritual and Temporal, with the Officers of State (who are still supernumerary in all Committees of Parliament) made choice for the Shires of

General Dalryell, Sir David Balfour of Forer,
 President of the Session, Sir Thomas Stewart of Baleskie,
 Colonel Douglas, Sir William Bruce of Kierode,
 Sir George Lockhart, John Boyle of Kelburne.

And for the Boroughs
 Sir Geo. Drummond for Edinb. John Johnston for Glasgow,
 Fletcher for Dundie, James Boile, for Irving,
 Sir George Skein for Aberdeen, Sr. Pat. Murray for Drumfermling
 Alex. Miln for Linlithgow, Mr. Ja. Smalet for Dupbarton.

The Lord High Commissioner named a Committee for considering the debateable Elections, viz.

For the Clergy,
 Bishop of Edinburgh,
 Bishop of Ross,
 Bishop of Dunblain.

For the Nobility,
 Earl of Winton,
 Earl of Linlithgow,
 Earl of Belcarras.

For the Shires,
 Sir James Foulis of Redford,
 Sir Robert Dalryell,
 Will. Hamilton of Orbikoun,

For the Boroughs,
 Provost of Perth,
 Provost of St. Andrews,
 Provost of Culrose.

His Majesties High Commissioner recommended to the Articles to meet to morrow at Nine a Clock, and to the Committee for Elections to meet at the same time; and adjourned the Parliament till Tuesday at Ten a Clock in the Forenoon; And so His Grace rode down to the Palace attended in the same manner as is above set down, where his Grace being served in State by the Earl of Winton Master of His Majesties Household, attended