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Since our last the following Acts have been pass in the Parliament.

*An Act for Security of the Protestant Religion.*

**O**ur Sovereign Lord with content of his Estates in Parliament Convened, Ratifies and confirms all the Acts and Statutes formerly pass for the security Liberty and freedom of the True Church of God, and the Protestant Religion presently professed with in this Kingdom in their whole strength and Tenor as if they were here particularly set down and expressd.

*An Act containing a tender of Duty and offer of the Excise to His Majesty.*

**T**HE Estates of Parliament now Convened by His Majesties Sovereign Authority; Taking into their Consideration how this Nation hath now continued upwards of two thousand years in the unalterd form of our Monarchical Government, under the uninterrupted Line of one hundred and eleven Kings, whose Sacred Authority and Power hath been upon all signal occasions loved and assisted by Almighty God, that our Kingdom hath been protected from Conquest; Our Possessions defended from Strangers, our Civil Commotions brought into wished Events, our Laws vigorously Executed, our Properties legally fixed, and our Lives securely preserved; so that we and our Ancestors have enjoyed those Security and Tranquillity, which the greater and more flourishing Kingdoms have frequently wanted. These great Blessings we owe in the first place to Divine Mercy, and in dependance on that to the Sacred Race of our Glorious Kings, and to the Solid, Absolute Authority wherewith they were invested by the first and Fundamental Law of our Monarchy; Nor can either our Records or our Experience instance our being deprived of these happy Effects, but when a Rebellious Party did by Commotions and seditions invade the Kings Sovereign Authority, which was the cause of our Prosperity; Yet so far hath our Primitive constitution and fundamental Laws prevailed against the Innovations and Seditions of Turbulent men, as that these Interruptions never terminated, but either in the Ruine, or at least the Suppression of those who at any time did Rebel, or rise in opposition to our Government. And since so many Ages hath assured to us the great advantages which flow down to all Ranks of people from the happy constitution of our Monarchs, and that all our Calamities have ever arisen from Seditious Invasions upon these Sacred Rights; Therefore the Estates of Parliament for themselves, and in name of the whole Kingdom, Judge themselves obliged to declare, and they do declare to the World, that they abhor and detest not only the Authors and Actors of all preceding Rebellions against the Sovereign; But, likewise all Principles and Positions which are contrary or derogatory to the Kings Sacred Supreme Sovereign Absolute Power and Authority which none, whether Persons or Collective Bodies can participate of any manner of way, or upon any pretext, but in dependance on him, and by Commission from him; And as their Duty formerly did bind them to own and assert the just and Legal Succession of the Sacred Line, as unalterable by any humane Jurisdiction; So now they lay hold on this occasion for themselves and the whole Nation represented by them in most humble and dutiful manner to renew the hearty and sincere offer of their Lives and Fortunes, to Assist, Support, Defend and Maintain King JAMES the Seventh, their present Glorious Monarch, and his Heirs and Lawful Successors in the possession of their Crowns, Sovereignty, Prerogatives, Authority, Dignity, Rights and Possessions against all Mortals, and therewithal to assure all his Enemies who shall adventure on the disloyalty of disobeying his Laws, or on the Impiety of invading his Right. That they shall sooner be weary of their wickedness, than they of their Duty; And that they firmly resolve to give their intire obedience to His Majesty, without reserve against all his Enemies Foreign or Intestine. And they solemnly declare, that as they are, bound by Law, so they are voluntarily and firmly resolved, that all of this Nation betwixt Sixty and Sixteen armed and provided according to their abilities, shall be in a readiness for his Majesties Service, where and as oft as it shall be his Royal Pleasure to require them.

And since the Excise of Inland and Foreign Commodities granted to King Charles the Second of ever Blessed Memory, by the 10th Act of the Parliament 1661. during all the days of his life time, and prorogate by the 8th Act of the Parliament 1682. for five years thereafter will shortly terminate; And the Estates of Parliament considering the usefulness of this Grant to support the Interest of the Crown, do as the first Evidence of their singularity in the foresaid tender of their Duty humbly and unanimously offer to his most Sacred Majesty King James the 7th their present Monarch, and to his Lawful Heires and Successors in the Imperial Crown of Great Brittain the said Excise of Inland and Foreign Commodities expressd in the said 10th Act of Parliament 1661. to be collected in the manner prescribed by the said 8th Act of the Parliament 1681. for

ever; And his Majesty and Estates of Parliament by the Force of this Act have united, annexed and incorporated, and unites, annexes and incorporates the same to the Crown of this Realm, to remain therewith in annexed property in all time coming; And in respect that the alteration in the method of collecting the inland Excise from what it was by the Act 1661. to that prescribed by the 8th Act of Parliament 1681. will require some time to establish it in Collection; Therefore His Majesty with content of the Estates, continues the Collection prescribed by the 10th Act of Parliament 1661. of the inland Excise for three Months from the first of May next allanally.

*Act Concerning Citations and Processes for Treason.*

**O**ur Sovereign Lord with advice and content of the Estates of Parliament do hereby Ratifie and Approve the former custom used by His Majesties Commissioners of Judiciary in proceeding against Pannels already in Prison, and indicted for Treason upon twenty four hours; But for the future His Majesty allows such Pannels to be Cited on Forty Eight Hours. And if the Pannels represent such defences to the Commissioners of Judiciary within that time, as may need an Exculpation. His Majesty with advice aforesaid, Allows the said Commissioners to delay the Tryal till the daye eaple on which the Exculpation is to be raised.

*Act Concerning Witnesses.*

**O**ur Sovereign Lord, and Estates of Parliament, do Statute and Ordain, That such as being Cited to be Witnesses in the Cases of Treason, Field of Houf Conventicles, or Church Irregularities, do refuse to Depone; They shall be liable to be punished as guilty of these Crimes respectively in which they refuse to be Witnesses. It is always hereby declared that the said Deposition is emitted that not Militate against the Deponent himself any manner of way.

## A P R O C L A M A T I O N;

For putting the Kingdom of Scotland in a Posture of Defence against the Enemies of the King and Government.

**J**A M E S, by the Grace of God, King of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Messengers of Our Privy Council, Pursuivants, and Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as those Traiterous Conspirators, who designed the Horrid and Sacrilegious Murder of Our Dearest Brother, the late King, of Renowned and Eternal Memory, and the Destruction of Our Ancient Monarchy, continuing still in the same Hellish Project and Fury against Us, and Our Royal Government; Are now again setting their Designs on Work, to raise Commotions in this Our Ancient Kingdom, as being the last Strugglings of them, and their Execrable Party, and the outmost Effects of their absolute Despair: For preventing whereof, and bringing these Desperat and Execrable Traitors to just and Condign Punishment; We, with Advice of Our Privy Council, Do hereby strictly Require and Command, all and every of the Subjects of this Our Realm, That they be in a readiness in their best Arms to concur and assist Us against any the aforesaid Commotions, or Insurrections, as they shall be advertised; And particularly, We hereby Require and Command, all and every the Colonels of Our Militia Regiments of Foot, and Captains of Horse and the inferiour Officers and Soldiers under their Command, in the Shires respective underwritten, viz. The Merse, Teviotdale, Peebles, Solkirk, East, Mid, and West Lothians, Town of Edingburgh, Stirling shire, Fife and Kinrold Skires; The four Companies of the Low-Country, of the Earl of Perth Our Chancellors Regiment; and the three Companies of the Low-Country, of the Marquis of Athol, Lord Privy Seal, his Regiment; The Sheriffs of Forfar and Kincardin; and all the Heretors, Liferenters, Fewars and Woodsetters in the Shires of, Air, Renfrew, Cliddale, Wigtoun, Dumfries, and Stewartries and Bailiaries within the same, to be in readiness with fourteen Days Provision, so March when, and whither Our Privy Council shall give them Orders; And so that end, to have their Arms fixed, and their severall Companies of Our Militia, presently Mustered, and the Heretors and other

aforesaid, Listed, Modelled in Companies, and Mustered for the putting them in a condition of a greater readines. And further, We hereby Require and Command all persons, Fencible-men, betwixt sixty and sixteeh, within the Shires of Abderdene, Bamff, Elgin, Nairn, Inverness, Ross, Sutherland and Caithness, to be in readines in manner foresaid. As likewise, We hereby Require and Command all Our Liedges on the Sea-coasts of this Kingdom, or near to them, or to any of the Islands thereunto belonging, so soon as they hear, or get notice of any Vessels arriving at any place from abroad, or at home into any Coasts, Ports, Creeks, or Harbours, with Men, Arms or Ammunition, forthwith to Convocat, and rise in their best Arms, and to Beat them off, or seize upon, and secure the Ships or Vessels, and the Men, Arms and Ammunition, and give immediate Advertisement to Our Privy Council. And for their Security in obeying these Our Royal Commands, We hereby fully Pardon and Indemnifie them for ever, of all Slaughter, Blood, Mutilation, Fire-raising, burning of Ships, or such like Warlike Inconveniencies as may follow, in case they meet with Hostile opposition: And We hereby Require and Command all Our Collectors, Customers, or Waiters to make strict and Diligent Search and Inquiry in all Ships, arriving in any part of this Kingdom, for Traitors, Rebels, Fugitives, or Disaffected Persons, and for Arms and Ammunition, and to seize upon the Ships, Men, Arms, and Ammunition until they acquaint Our Privy Council, and receive their Directions thereabout: And to the effect they may the better be able to perform this Service, We do Require all Our Subjects nearest to them, as they shall be by them Advertised to Rise, Concur with, Fortifie and Assist them, who, and these so assisting, are hereby Declared to be fully Indemnified in manner foresaid. And that all the persons aforesaid may know their hazard, if they fail in any of the Premises. We hereby declare, That they shall not only incur Our high Displeasure, but also shall be punished with the utmost of severity, conform to their Demerit, and the Laws and Pradice of this Kingdom, and that the Heretors which shall be Deficient in sending out their Tenents, and other Fencible men, or shall not give advertisement as said is, and of any Rebels and Traytors appearing on their Lands, that they shall be punished accordingly. And to the end the said Desperate Traytors and Rebels may have no Refet, Harbour, Comfort or Refuge from any of the Subjects of this Our Realm. We hereby strictly Prohibit and Discharge all and every of Our Subjects therein, to furnish House, Meat, Drink, or any other thing comfortable to them, or to keep Intelligence, or Correspondence with them, by Word, Writ, or Message, or to Transport them to or from Ferries, or any ways to be aiding, abating or assisting to them, under the pain of being Reput and esteemed Ar and Part with them in all their wicked Deeds and Practices, and proceeded against, Demeaned and Punished accordingly, And that Our Pleasure in the Premises may be fully known to all our Leidges, OUR WILL is, and We Charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters Ken, ye pass to the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and all the other Mercat Crosses of the Head-Burgs of the Shires of this Kingdom (and all places else needful) and there by open Proclamation, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication of Our Royal Will and Pleasure in the Premises, that none pretend ignorance.

Given under our Signet at *Haly rude house*, the 28th day of April 1685. And of Our Reign the First Year.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii,  
WILLIAM PATERSON, Cl. Sti. Concilii,  
GOD Save the KING.

*Brussels, May 8.* On the 7th Instant, an Express came to the Marquess de Granz from the Elector of Cologne to demand passage through the Province of Limburgh for 3000 Men quartered in the Country of Zeige, being part of the 6000 which his Electoral Highness sends to the Emperors Assistance; The Express was soon dispatched with a satisfactory Answer, so that it's believed these Troops are by this time on their March, as we hear those are that have had their Winter Quarters in the Country of Munster. The last Letters from Vienna informed us that two Turks sent from Newheusel with Letters to the Bassa of Buda, being taken by some of Colonel Heufers Troops, were sent with their Letters to Vienna, which confirm the great want they are in at Newheusel, and that if they are not suddenly succoured, they will be forced to surrender the place. The Letters from Venice say that the Preparations the Turks make for the

Campagne are very great both by Sea and Land; And that the Grand Ignior has commanded two men out of every Village within his Dominions to serve in the War. We have an account from *Venice*, that some of the Troops of that Republick, which were marching to *Singn* in *Dalmatia* have been defeated by the Turks, and their Cannon and Baggage taken.

The Parliament Men for

Northampton,

Sir Roger Norwich Barronet.  
Edward Montague Esq;

*Salop, April 23.* The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, together with the Master and Wardens of the several Companies of this Corporation met at the Guildhall in the Morning, to Solemnize the day of Their Majesties happy Coronation. And from thence they were attended by the Trained-Bands to *St. Marys Church*, to Divine Service, and after Sermon returning to the Hall, were accompanied to Dinner by many of the Gentry, whilst several Hog-heads of Strong Liquors and Tables of Meat were placed in the Streets for the People, whose great Joy and Satisfaction was expressed by their continual Shouts, Acclamations, and other Testimonies of their Loyalty, together with Ringing of Bells and Volleys of Shot, which ended with Bonfires in the Evening.

*Whitehall, May 6.* This afternoon a Chapter being held of the Most Noble Order of the Garter to fill the vacant Stall, his Grace the Duke of *Norfolk* was Elected Knight-Companion of that Order, and was Invested with the George and Garter, having been first Knighted by the Sovereign.

*Whitehall, May 10.* The 6th Instant the Baron de Reek Envoy from the Duke of *Hanouer* had Audience of His Majesty, the 8th of the Queen; And this day of the Queen Dowager, being conducted by Sir Charles Cotterel Master of the Ceremonies.

The Baronde *Felbrucke* Envoy from the Duke of *Newbourg*, and the Baron de *Kestler* Envoy from the Landgrave of *Hesse-Cassel* had Audience of the King on the 8th, and this day of the Queen, Conducted by Sir Charles Cotterel Master of the Ceremonies.

*Westminster, May 9.* Yesterday and this day *Titus Oates* was Tried at the Kings-Bench-Bar upon two several Indictments of Perjury formerly preferred against him by the Command and Direction of the late King of ever blessed Memory, which should have been Tried the last Term had not his Majesties death prevented it, and now upon a full and clear Evidence the said *Titus Oates* was Convicted of Perjury upon both the said Indictments. The Tryals at large will be forthwith Printed and Published by the special direction of the Lord Chief Justice.

Advertisements.

Whereas divers parcels of Table Linnen, Pewter, and other Necessaries provided and used at His Majesties Coronation Dinner on the 23d day of April last, have been taken away from and about *Westminster-Hall*, and are yet concealed, All Persons are hereby required who have any of His Majesties Goods of what sort soever in their Custody, forthwith to bring them to *Whitehall*, and there give notice of the same at His Majesties Board of Green-Cloath, upon pain of being prosecuted according to Law. And if any Person or Persons shall there make discovery of any such His Majesties Goods so unlawfully detained by any Person or Persons whatsoever, they shall be well rewarded for the same.

Stolen from *John Pettipher* in *Chippingnorton*, a white Flea-bitten Mare about 15 hands high, with a short Sprig Tail, 11 or 12 years old; Whoever gives notice of her to *Mr. Norris* in *Pudding Lane*, or to the aforesaid *John Pettipher* at the *Talbot Inn* in *Chippingnorton*, shall have three Guineas reward.

A Lusty strong well spread Gray Gelding inclining to be Dapple, beginning to be Flea-bitten about the Head and Neck, about 14 hands and half high, with a Brand Mark on his near Shoulder, suspected to be Stolen, is now in the hands of *William Fyre Esq;* Bayliff of the Borough of *Southwark* in the County of *Surry*, and the Thief secured by him.

Stolen or strayed the 21. of April last, out of the Ground of *Mr. Westropes* in *Weltham* in the County of *Essex*, a black brown Gelding about 14 hands high, with his tail cut long, one White Foot behind, his ears cropped but three days before he was lost. Whoever gives notice to the said *Mr. Westrope*, or *Mr. John Nicholson* at the *Golden Anchor* at *London Wall*, shall have a Guinea reward.

Lost near *St. Martins-Lane* the 2d of May last, a small Spaoiel Lap Dog, dark Brown and White, full Blage, with a Spoe on his Forehead, Long Hairs, Shows his Teeth before, a Flag Tail, a short Turn-up Nose. Whoever brings him to *Vernons Coffee-House* in *Bartholmew Lane* near the *Loyal Exchange*, shall have a Guinea Reward.