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Whitehall, May 23.

HIS Majesty being come yesterday into the House of Lords and Seated on His Throne in his Royal Robes, the Black Rod was sent to require the immediate attendance of the House of Commons, who being come up, His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, as follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

After it pleased Almighty God to take to his Mercy the late King, my Dearest Brother, and to bring Me to the Peaceable Possession of the Throne of My Ancestors: I immediately Resolved to Call a Parliament, as the best Means to Settle every Thing upon those Foundations that may make my Reign both Easy and Happy to you, towards which I am Disposed to Contribute all that is Fit for Me to do; What I said to My Privy Council at My first Coming there, I am desirous to Renew to you; Wherein I fully Declared My Opinion concerning the Principles of the Church of England, whose Members have shewed themselves so Eminently Loyal in the Worst of Times, In Defence of my Father and Support of My Brother, of Blessed Memory, That I will always take Care to Defend and Support it: I will make it My Endeavour to Preserve this Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law Established; and as I will never Depart from the Just Rights and Prerogative of the Crown, so I will never Invaide any Mans Property; And you may be sure, That having heretofore Ventured My Life in the Defence of this Nation, I shall still Go as far as any Man in Preserving it in all its Just Rights and Liberties. And having Given you this Assurance, concerning the Care I will have of your Religion and Property, which I have chosen to do in the same Words I used at My first Coming to the Crown, the better to Evidence to you what I Spoke Them not by chance, and consequently, That you may the more Firmly Rely upon a Promise so Solemnly Made; I cannot Doubt that I shall fall of Substantive Returns from you, with all imaginable Duty and Kindness on your Parts; and particularly, In what relates to the Settling of my Revenue, and Continuing it during My Life, as it was in the Time of the King My Brother: I might Use many Arguments to Enforce this Demand, from the Benefit of Trades, the Support of the Navy, the Benefit of the Crown, and the Well being of the Government it self, which I must not suffer to be Præcatious. But I am confident, your own Consideration of what is Just and Reasonable, will Suggest to you whatsoever may be Enlarged upon. There is one Popular Argument, which I foresee may be used against what I As of you, from the Inclination My may have for frequent Parliaments, which some may think would be the best Secured, by Feeding Me from Time to Time by such Proportions as they shall think convenient; And this Argument, It being the First Time I Speak to you from the Throne, I will answer Once for All: That this would be a very improper Method to Take with Me, and, That the best Way to Engage Me to Meet you Often is, Always to Use Me Well; I Expect there-

fore, That you will Comply with Me in what I have Desired, and, That you will Do it Speedily, That it may be a short Session, and That We may Meet again to a. Our Satisfaction.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I must acquaint you, That I have had News this Morning from Scotland, That Argile is Landed in the West High-Lands, with the Men he brought with him from Holland, and that there are two Declarations Published, one in the Name of all those in Arms there, the other in his own; it would be too long for Me to Repeat the Substance of them, it is sufficient to tell you I am Charged with Usurpation and Tyranny: The shorter of them I have Directed to be forthwith Communicated to you; I will take the best Care I can that this Declaration of their own Treason and Rebellion may meet with the Reward it deserves, and I will not doubt but that you all will be the more Zealous to Support the Government, and Give Me My Revenue, as I have Desired it without Delay.

The Commons being returned to their House; The first thing the two Houses did was to resolve to return their most Humble and hearty thanks to His Majesty for his most Gracious Speech and Declaration. And the House of Commons taking into consideration that part of His Majesties Speech which relates to the Revenue, Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Revenue which was granted to the late King, be settled on his present Majesty for his Life, and that a Bill should be brought in for that purpose.

In the afternoon the two Houses attended His Majesty in a Body in the Banqueting House at Whitehall to return their thanks to His Majesty.

This day the House of Lords resolved to make the following Address to His Majesty.

His Majesty having graciously imparted to this House, That he is informed that the late Earl of Argile assumed of Treason, with divers other Rebels are Landed in Scotland, and are in Actual Rebellion. It is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That this House do wait upon His Majesty at five a Clock this afternoon in the Banqueting House at Whitehall, to give His Majesty their humble thanks for having imparted the same to this House; And do humbly offer to assist His Majesty with their Lives and Fortunes against the said Rebels and all other his Enemies whatsoeuer.

The House of Commons likewise after Reading of Argile's Declaration mentioned in his Majesties Speech, Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this House will stand by and assist his Majesty with their Lives and Fortunes against Archibald Campbell the pretended Earl of Argile and his Adherents, and all Rebels and Traytors and all others whatsoever that shall assist him or any of them. And that this House will in a Body attend his Majesty with this Vote.

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