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Edinburgh, April 27. 1686.

Yesterday about 10 in the Forenoon the Earl of *Morray* His Majesties High Commissioner came from *Dunbar*, attended by many of the Nobility and Gentry, who met his Grace betwixt *Belfort* and *Berwick* last Saturday, and waited on him during his stay at *Dunbar*: From whence the Lord *Ross's* Troop guarded his Grace to the Earl of *Winton's* House of *Seaton* (seven miles distant from this place) where they were relieved by His Majesties Life-guard of Horse commanded by the Lord *Livingston* in very good order. Upon the Road thither, his Grace was met and attended by several Noblemen and Gentlemen of Quality from several Parts of this Kingdom, besides the Gentlemen of *East-Lothian*, and the principal Inhabitants of all the Towns in that Shire on Horseback. At the Entrance into the Shire of *Midlothian* (five Miles distant from hence) his Grace was received by the Earl of *Perth* Lord High-Chancellor, and the Lords of the Privy-Council, and by the Lords of the Clergy, and all the Judges, with a great Train of Coaches, and the other Members of the Colledge of Justice on Horseback, and a little nearer to this place, by some of the Magistrates of this City with a Body of 5 or 600 of the principal Citizens on horseback. At the same place he was also met by the Gentlemen of *Midlothian*, and the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the Regality of *Adulsburgh*, near the Sands of *Leith* a Battallion of the Regiment of Guards was drawn up, who welcomed his Grace with three Vollics, as did His Majesty's Yacht the *Charlot*, commanded by Captain *Clement*, and several Ships now lying in the Harbour. Then coming within a mile of this City several small Guns prepared by the Magistrates, gave the Signal (by three Vollics) to another Battallion of great Guns that was placed nearer to the City which were thrice discharged. From thence His Grace coming through a Lane of the Trainee Bands, the Cannon from the Castle fired all the way till his coming to the Palace of *Holyrood-house*, near unto which was drawn up His Majesties Company of Fusileers of this City. Commanded by Captain *Graham*, with several Field-pieces, which were thrice discharged, besides the Vollics of that Company. At the Water-Gate his Grace was received by the Lord Provost, and the rest of the Magistrates in their Formalities, with a Guard of gilded Partisans. In the Outer Court of the Palace, a Bat-

talion of the Earl of *Dunbarton's* Regiment was drawn up, which welcomed his Grace with three Vollics, and concluded with their and the People's acclamations of Joy, after which his Grace was attended into the Palace, and at Supper, by many of the Nobility, the Clergy, and Gentlemen of the best Quality.

Edinburgh, April 29. This being the day to which the Parliament was Adjourned, the several Members attended his Grace the Lord Commissioner at the Palace of *Holy-Rood* House in the morning, and from thence, in their Coaches, attended His Grace to the Parliament-House, where His Majesties Gracious Letter being read, and the accustomed Ceremonies passed, his Grace the Lord Commissioner made this following Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE great Sense which His Sacred Majesty retains of your Loyalty, Duty and Zeal for His Service, and of your signal Affection to His Person and Interest, so kindly expressed in your proceedings of the last Session, hath determined Him to meet you again so soon in this; to the end that as you did then by very seasonable proofs of your dutiful Obedience, even during the raging insolence of an unnatural Rebellion, demonstrate your Loyalty and firm adherence to the Crown: So His Majesty would not be wanting on His part to shew his Paternal and Royal care of you His ancient and loving People, by giving you fresh opportunities of doing such things as may tend to the universal good of the Nation, as a generous return to your Affections.

As all the States and Ranks of Men in this Kingdom have been most eminent in their Loyalty, Love and Deference to His Majesty in their several Degrees and Capacities, both when He honoured you with His Royal Presence and since; So His Majesty is Graciously resolved that you shall in your several Stations, share of the effects and influences of His Royal Care, Tenderness and Protection, by marks of His Royal Favour, which He intends shall be as comprehensive and general for the security and happiness of you all, as your Duty and Kindness towards Him have been remarkable.

Pursuant to this, I am to assure you, that His Majesty doth endeavour with all imaginable care to open a free intercourse of Trade with His Kingdom of England,