

# THE S P E E C H

Of His Grace the Earl of MELVILL,  
His MAJESTIES High-Commissioner to the  
PARLIAMENT of SCOTLAND,

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*My Lords and Gentlemen;*

**T**HIS Session of Parliament had been Honoured with the Presence of my Royal Master, had not the great weight of Affairs on His Hand, the meeting of the Parliament of *England*, and the designed Expedition into *Ireland*, deprived you of that Happiness and Satisfaction He originally intended for you.

And tho' He still resolves, so soon as His important Affairs can allow Him, to visit this His Ancient Kingdom; yet, such a Regard hath He, to what may be for the Satisfaction of His People, that He would no longer delay your Meeting for giving such a Settlement to this Nation, as may be a real Security to its most valuable Concerns of True Religion, and Just Liberty.

Can you reflect upon the great Things that He, as the Instrument in the Hand of God, hath done for you? Can you think of those imminent Dangers to which (when living in the greatest Honour, Plenty, and Peace) He did Magnanimously expose Himself, for the rescuing you from the greatest of Evils, Popery and Slavery; and delivering you from the Fears you were ready to sink under; and not cheerfully concur in doing all things that may be for the Satisfaction and Safety of your Deliverer, when linked so much with your own Interest?

I believe there are few True Protestants, and Good Country Men, who would not give freely the half of their Estates, for so great a Blessing, were it to be purchased.

His Desires are confined unto, and regulated by your true Interest.

He demands a Subsidie; but it is only what is necessary for your Safety, the securing of what is dearest to you, and the support of the Government: He hath spared no Expence hitherto, for your Protection; and it is but reasonable, you should now have your effectual Assistance; let it never be the fault of our Nation, that the best of our Kings was the worst Treated.

He refuseth nothing that can be justly Demanded; His uncontroverted Rights are only valued by Him, as they are useful for your Good and Security.