

His MAJESTIES Most Gracious

# LETTER

TO THE

## Parliament of Scotland.

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*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**W**E have ever since Our coming to the Crown of that Our ancient Kingdom, been firmly Resolved to go to it, and to Hold a Parliament in Person, that Hearing in Our own Presence all that concerns your Happiness and Prosperity, fully Reasoned upon, We might be the more able to Judge of the Laws that are fit to be Made, and of the Measures to be taken by Us in the Administration. But hitherto, the Necessities of Our Affairs, either of Our Presence Abroad, during the time of Action, or of Our Presence in this Kingdom during the Session of Our Parliament here, have hinder'd Us from being amongst you; However We persist still in the same Resolutions, and will not give over, hoping to find a seasonable Opportunity for pursuing them, since We take them to be so necessary for the full Settlement of that Our ancient Kingdom. But in the mean while, lest the Affairs of Our People should suffer Prejudice by delaying your Meeting any longer, We have thought fit to Call you together, though in Our Absence from *Britain*, such is Our intire Confidence in your Affection to Us and Our Government, of which We have had sufficient Proofs in the former Sessions. We have therefore Nominated and Appointed to be Our Commissioner, Our Right Trusty and Right Intirely Beloved Cousin *William Duke of Hamilton*, the President of Our Council, whose Abilities and Experience in the discharge of such a Trust are well known to you, and of which We have had good reason to be satisfied, as well as of his Faithfulness and Zeal for Our Service, and the good of the Kingdom. Him we have fully Instructed in all things that seem to Us necessary to be done in this Juncture, for the support of the Government, and the safety of Our People, Reserving what is omitted, and which admits of delay, to Our Own Presence amongst you. We doubt not but that you will heartily concur with Our Commissioner, in the pursuance of his Instructions, for securing the Nation against the Designs of bad Men at Home, and of Enemies from Abroad. And in whatever else he shall propose to you in Our Name, for the common Interest of Us and Our People. In order to this, We do in a particular manner, recommend to you, Moderation and Unanimity, that by your Example, as well as by the Authority of Laws, Factions and Animosities may be Suppreffed. And since Church-Matters are in a great measure the subject of Contention, We doubt not of your Care to find out proper and healing Remedies for the Disorders that have sprung from them. We do also recommend to you Dispatch, and that you will employ the time which you can reasonably expect to fit, in doing the things that are most necessary, and in shunning such Matters of Debate as will require the Consulting of Us, since the distance We shall be at, will not allow time for doing it. Thus not doubting, but that by your Diligence and Calmness in your Proceedings, you'll Evidence to the World your Zeal and Union in all that concerns Us and Our Government, and so conclude