

His Majesties Most Gracious
LETTER
TO THE
Parliament of **SCOTLAND.**

With the Speech of the Marquis of Tweeddale;
His Majesties High Commissioner:
And the Speech of the Earl of Annandale,
Lord President of the Parliament.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Continuation of the War still hinders Us from Pursuing Our Resolution of being amongst you in Person; And so Obliges Us to Call you together once more in Our Absence. Therefore We have appointed Our Right Trusty and Right Intirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, John Marquis of Tweeddale, to be Our Commissioner, and to Represent Our Person and Authority amongst you. The Proofs he hath given of his Capacity and Experience in Business, as well as of his Fidelity and Zeal, by his many and long Services to the Crown and Nation, and particularly to Us, since We made him Our Chancellor, will Render him very Acceptable to you. We Desire you to give him Intire Trust and Credit; for We have solly Instructed him with Our Mind. He has Powers to pass all such Laws for the Good of this Our Ancient Kingdom, as have been proposed to Us at this Time. He is to Ask nothing of you in Our Name, but that which the Interest of the Countrey makes necessary to be Done; And therefore We need not Mention to you, that the Subsidies for Paying the Forces are now Expired, and that your Peace and Safety Requires the Renewing of them during the War. You will be also Sensible, that there is a Necessity to have the Coast and Trade secured from Privateers. We are glad of any Appearances of a Disposition to Moderation and Union, about Church-Matters; We Hope you will Encourage it, and Promote it, by removing the Subjects of Differences as much as you can.

We are not unmindful of your Letter to Us in the close of the last Session. The known Interruptions We have had in Business this Winter, have been a great Hindrance to Us, but We are resolved to Do whatsoever may be for the security of the Government, and the Satisfaction of Our good Subjects. We Recommend to you Calmness and Unanimity in your Proceedings; and Doubt not, but that you'll Act suitably to the Confidence We have put in you, in Calling you again in Our Absence: And that as you have done upon other Occasions. so you will upon this, Give Us such bigial Testimonies of your Duty and affection,

as will convince all Men of the perfect Union and Understanding, that is betwixt Us and that Our Ancient Kingdom. Given at Our Court at Kensington, the 17th Day of April, 1695. And of Our Reign the Seventh Year.

By His Majesties Command,
Directed thus, J. Folsom.
To the Lords Temporal, and the Commissioners of Shires and Burghs,
Assembled in Parliament of Our
Ancient Kingdom of Scotland.

*The Speech of John Marquis of Tweeddale,
His Majesties High Commissioner to the
Parliament of Scotland; on Thursday the
ninth of May, 1695.*

My Lords and Gentlemen;

THE great Confidence the King hath in your Affection and Faithfulness to his Government, and the Trust he reposes in you, doth evidently appear in His calling you so frequently together, during his own necessary Absence beyond Sea, as well as His tender Care and Concern for your Safety and Welfare, in minding every thing which may contribute thereto.

Particularly as to the Concerns of the Church, that all Differences about Church-Matters, and amongst Church-Men may be composed; it being His Majesties Purpose to maintain *Presbyterian Government* in the Church of Scotland.

And that the Peace and Security of the Kingdom against Foreign Invasion and Intestine Commotion be provided for, by renewing the former or granting other Supplies for maintaining the Land Forces, and providing and entertaining a competent Naval Force for the Defense of the Coast, and securing of Trade.

And if you find it will tend to the Advancement of Trade, that an Act be passed for the Encouragement of such as shall Acquire and Establish a Plantation in *Africa* or *America*; or any other part of the World, where Plantations may be lawfully acquired; His Majesty is willing to Declare, That He will grant to the Subjects of this Kingdom, in Favours of those Plantations, such Rights and Priviledges as he doth grant in like Cases to the Subjects of His other Dominions.

And that the Judicatories Higher and Subaltern be so Regulated in their Proceedings, as Justice may be Administred with the greatest Dispatch, and least Charge to the People.

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