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By the Queen,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Dissolving this present Parliament, and Declaring the Speedy Calling another.

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WHENCE We have thought fit, for divers Important, and Weighty Considerations, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Dissolve this present Parliament, which was prorogued to Tuesday the Seventh Day of July instant: We do for that end Publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and so hereby Dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the said Parliament, are Discharged from their Meeting on Tuesday the said Seventh Day of July instant.

And We being Resolved to Meet Our People, and have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our Loyal Subjects, That We intend to give Directions to the Keeper of Our Great Seal, for the Issuing out of Writs in due Form of Law, for the Calling a New Parliament, which shall Begin and be Holden at Westminster, on the Twentieth Day of August next.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Second Day of July, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Edinburgh, June 30. The following Letter from the Parliament to Her Majesty, in Answer to Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to them at the opening of this Session of Parliament, was read and approved the 18th instant, and has accordingly been transmitted to Her Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,
YOUR Majesty's most Gracious Letter was received
and accepted by us in this our first Meeting, after
the Death of our late Glorious Sovereign, as a high and
most favourable Favour.

The late King William of ever blessed Memory, by his Accession to the Throne, delivered us from imminent Ruine, and under his Royal Government we for many years enjoyed such a happy Settlement as in the times of War as well as of Peace, gave us the quiet and full Possession of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and all that could be dear-

But when so great a Loss did fill us with Sorrow and Fear, Your Majesty's Succession, by undoubted Right, to the Crown of Your many Royal Ancestors, under whose Sceptre this Your ancient Kingdom hath so long flourished, was in its Comfort whereof we were capable.

Your Majesty's firm Consciencie in the True Protestant Religion, is the great Satisfaction of all its Well-wishers; and You have, at Your Entry to the Royal Government, shewn that Care and Concern for the Interest and Prospects of Your Kingdoms, and for the Liberty of Europe, where every where received with a new Vigour whatsover sprung the Life of the late King was projected for these great Ends.

It is our misfortune that we are at this time deprived of Your Royal Presence; but Your Majesty doth so fully make up this Disadvantage by the benign Influences of Your Royal Favour, in giving us so full Assurances of Your firm Resolution to protect our Religion, Liberties and Laws, particularly the Presbyterian Government, as is established, as gives us only ground to regret, that in this necessary Diffidence we should be hindered to express Your own Presence our most Corall and Durable Acknowledgments.

We pleased the late King to continue us, during his Reign, in the Parliament and Representative of his People; and we still be working more for our Honour, and we hope for Your Majesty's Service and the Kingdom's Satisfaction, that You have been pleased to call us together at this time, and so graciously to Signifie by us Your great Majesties will to Your Subjects.

We have most heartily and unanimously imbraced this Opportunity to recognize Your Majesty's Just Rights and Title, and to congratulate Your Entry to the Royal Government, and withal, to offer our best Endeavours to maintain Your Majesty's Authority to the utmost of our Power.

At our first Meeting, some of our members not waiting to hear Your Majesty's Commission or Gracious Letter read did, without regard to Your Majesty's Authority and to the Authority and Dignity of Parliament, withdraw and remove themselves from their Attendance, and from Concurring, as in Duty obliged, to recognize Your Majesty's Right and Succession, or affixing to what appears so necessary at this time for the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and the Preserving and Securing the Peace and Safety of the Kingdom: But leaving this to Your Royal Consideration, we shall only assure Your Majesty, that their groundless Scandal shall enrage and strengthen our Care and Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, and what You have been pleased to recommend to us.

The growing Power and unbounded Ambition of the French King, and his most injurious designs the pretended Prince of Wales, as King of this and Your Majesty's other Dominions, having engaged Your Majesty in a just and Necessary War, we should be wanting to ourselves as well as to Your Majesty's Care for our Preservation, if we did not provide Supplies for our own Defence and Security.

The Union of the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England hath been long desired by all good Men; and the late King in his first Accession to the Government, and we, whoe convened as a Meeting of the Estates of the Kingdom, this Passage is one of the best Means for Procuring the Happiness and Settling the Peace of those Nations; and therefore we are resolved to prosecute Your Majesty's Recommendation, and the Advancement already made by the Parliament of England, with such a suitable Return as may best contribute to accomplish this great Design to Your Majesty's Satisfaction and Glory.

We take it for a singular Mark of Your Royal Favour, and a very promising Encouragement to all our Proceedings, That Your Majesty hath been pleased to appoint James Duke of Queensberry to be Your Commissioner to represent Your Royal Person in this Session of Parliament; We have been already Witnesses of his great Sufficiency, Fidelity and Zeal in the Discharge of this High Trust; and we assure Your Majesty, That next to Your Royal Person he is to us most acceptable.

Being therefore fully convinced, that all that Your Majesty Demands or Expecteth from us, is our own Security and Happiness; and that You give us all the Encouragements for these Ends that we can possibly desire, we doubt not but that all Matter shall be so managed and concluded in this Session of Parliament, as may be most for the Advancement of Your Majesty's Service, and the Peace and Welfare of the Kingdom.

Signed in Presence by Warrant, and in the Name of the Estates of Parliament by,

May it please Your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most Humble most Obedient, and most Faithful Subject and Servant,

Murchison, Cancell. ipd. Par.

The 19th, An Act for a Supply of ten Months and a half. Gcts upon Land-Rents, received the Royal Assent. The 23d, Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to the Parliament, which follows, was Read, and ordered to be Printed.

Her Majesty's Most Gracious Letter to the Parliament of Scotland.

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My Lords and Gentlemen:

Being inform'd that at your first Meeting, by Virtue of this Warrant of the 17th Act of the 6th Session of this current Parliament, and of Our Proclamation of Adjournment agreeable thereto, several Members of Parliament, after Prayers said, and declining to wait the Reading of Our Commission granted to James Duke of Queensberry, Representing Our Royal Person in this Meeting of Parliament, did presume to declare openly, That they did not conceive themselves Warranted to meet and sit in this present Session of Parliament; and therefore dissentient from any thing should be done or acted therein: And thereupon did take Instruments, and withdraw, and removed from their Attendance. We have thought fit to Signifie to you Our just Reproachment of this irregular, and Unusual Proceeding, and Our Resolution to own and maintain this present Session of Parliament, and the Dignity and Authority of the same, and of Our High Commissioner thereto, against

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late taken by the French Privateer at Dunkirk, was captured; Whereupon he directed he should according to the Act of Treason, & the Cases of Treason, Monday the 25th instant, plead to his Indictment.

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Her Majesty's Navy for Carrying on the Late Injustice; and bring their Bills to me.

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