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THE Parliament met here the 6th instant; and Her Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Marquis of Tweddale, for representing Her Royal Person in this Session of Parliament, was read by the Lord Clerk-Register, and ordered to be Recorded. This Day the Parliament met again; and Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter was presented by his Grace the Lord High Commissioner, which follows:

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

ANNE R.

My Lords and Gentlemen,
NOTHING has troubled Us more since Our Accession to the Crowns of these Realms, than the unsettled State of Affairs in that Our Antient Kingdom.

We had, that the Foundations of Differences and Animosity, that to Our great Regret We discovered among you, did not lie so deep, but that by the Methods We have provided in, they might have been removed.

But instead of Success in Our Endeavours, the Rent is become wider; Nay, Divisions have proceeded to such a Height as to prove Matter of Encouragement to Our Enemies beyond-Sea, to employ their Emissaries among you, in order to Debauch Our good Subjects from their Allegiance, and to render that Our Antient Kingdom, a Scene of Blood and Disorder (merely as they speak) to make you serve for a Division.

But We are willing to hope, that none of Our Subjects, but such as were Obnoxious to the Laws for their Crimes, or Men of low and desperate Fortunes, or that are otherwise Unconsiderable, have given Ear to such pernicious Convincances. And We have no reason to doubt of the Assurances given Us, by those new Entrusted with Our Authority, that they will use their utmost Endeavours to convince Our People of the Advantages and Necessity of the present Measures; for We have always been inclined to Believe, that the late Mistakes did not proceed from any want of Duty and Respect to Us, but only from different Opinions as to Measures of Government.

This being the Case, We are resolved, for the full Contentment and Satisfaction of Our People, to grant whatever can in reason be Demanded, for rectifying of Abuses, and quieting the Minds of all Our good Subjects.

In order to this, We have named the Marquis of Tweddale Our Commissioner, he being a Person of whose Capacity and Priority, or Qualifications and Dispositions to Serve Us and the Country, neither We nor you can have any doubt. And We have fully Empowered him to give you unquestionable Proofs of Our Resolution to maintain the Government both in Church and State, as by Law established, in these Our Kingdoms. And to Consent to such Laws as shall be found wanting for the further Security of both, and preventing all Encroachments on the same for the future.

Thus having done Our Part, We are persuaded that you will not fail to do yours, but will lay hold on this Opportunity to show to the World the Sincerity of the Propositions made to Us, and that it was the True Love of your Country, and the Sense of your Duty, that, and therefore not the want of Duty to Us, for We shall always reckon these two inconsistent, that was at the bottom of the late Mismanagement.

The main Thing that We Recommend to you, and which We Recommend to you with all the Earnestness We are capable of, is, The Settling of the Succession in the Protestant Line, as that which is absolutely necessary for your own Peace and Happiness, as well as Our Quiet and Security in all Our Dominions, and for the Reputation of Our Affairs Abroad; and consequently, for the strengthening the Protestant Interest every where.

This has been Our fixed Judgement and Resolution ever since We came to the Crown; And tho' hitherto Opportunities have not answered Our Intentions, Matters are now come to that Pass, by the undoubted Evidence of the Designs of Our Enemies, that a longer Delay of Settling the Succession in the Protestant Line, may have very dangerous Consequences; and a Disappointment of it would infallibly make that our Kingdom the Seat of War, and Expose it to Devastation and Ruine.

As to Terms and Conditions of Government, with regard to the Successor, We have Impower'd Our Commissioner to give the Royal Assent to whatever can in reason be Demanded; and is in Our Power to Grant, for Securing the Sovereignty and Liberties of that Our Antient Kingdom.

We are now in a War, which makes it necessary to provide for the Defence of the Kingdom, the Time of the Funds that were lately given for Maintenance of the Land Forces being expired, and the said Funds exhausted, Provision ought also to be made for Supplying the Magazines with Arms and Ammunition, and repairing the Forts and Castles, and for the Charge of the Frigats, that prove so useful for guarding the Coasts.

We earnestly Recommend to you, whatever may contribute to the Advancement of true Piety, and the Discouragement of Vice and Immorality; And We doubt not but you will take Care to Encourage Trade, and to Improve the Product and Manufactories of the Nation; In all which, and every thing else that can be for the Good and Happiness of Our People, you shall have Our hearty and ready Concurrence: We shall only add, That Unanimity and Moderation in all your Proceedings, will be of great Use for bringing to a happy Issue the important Affairs that We have laid before you, and will also be most acceptable to Us: So We bid you heartily farewell.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, the 25th Day of June, 1704. And of our Reign the Third Year.

By Her Majesty's Command,
AL WEDDERBURN.

After which, Her Majesty's High Commissioner, the Right Honourable the Earl of Seafield Lord High Chancellor, and the Right Honourable the Earl of Cromarty, Principal Secretary of State, made the following Speeches:

The Speech of his Grace John Marquis of Tweddale, &c. Her Majesty's High Commissioner, to the Parliament of Scotland, on Tuesday the 11th of July, 1704.

My Lords and Gentlemen,
You have heard the Queen's Gracious Letter, Her Majesty therein expresses such a Concern for the Good and Welfare of this Nation, and gives such unquestionable Proofs of it, as prevents even your Wilhes. I do not in the least doubt, but when you duly consider the Import of this Letter, you will be all of the same mind with me; that it is now in our Power to make our selves and our Posterity happy. Such