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**O**N Thursday the 28th past, being the Day appointed for the meeting of the Parliament, his Grace John Duke of Argyle, Her Majesty's High Commissioner, came to the Parliament-House, where his Grace's Commission was read, and recorded; after which a Commission to James Earl of Seafield to be Chancellor, Commissions to William Marquis of Annandale and Hugh Earl of Loudoun to be Secretaries of State, a Commission to David Earl of Glasgow to be Lord Treasurer Depute, a Commission to Sir James Murray of Philiphaugh to be Clerk Register, and a Commission to Adam Cockburn of Ormistonne to be Lord Justice Clerk, were all severally read and recorded as usual. There being many Members absent, his Grace the Lord Commissioner did not think fit to read the Queen's Letter, or make any Speech, but adjourned them to this day. His Grace was attended in his going to and from the Parliament-House by most of the Nobility, Barons, and Members of Parliament, to whom he afterwards gave a Noble Entertainment. This day the Parliament met, where Her Majesty's Letter to them was read, as followeth: And his Grace the Lord Commissioner and the Lord Chancellor made the following Speeches.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

It has been Our great Care and Concern ever since Our Accession to the Crown, to preserve the Peace, and promote the true Interest and Advantage of that Our ancient Kingdom; and above all, to have your present Establishment so secured, that both you and after Ages may reap the Benefit thereof.

You are now again met in Parliament, and no doubt with a full View of all your present Circumstances, which We heartily wish may be seconded with such Endeavours on your part, as what may best accomplish what we so really design.

In your last Meeting We recommended to you with the greatest Earnestness the Settling of the Succession of that our ancient Kingdom in the Protestant Line; and several Things having since happened which shews the great Inconveniency of this Matter's continuing in suspense, We cannot but at present most seriously renew the Recommendation of this Settlement, as being convinced of the growing Necessity thereof, both for the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, and the Peace and Safety of all Our Dominions: And for Defeating the Designs and Attempts of all Our Enemies, and to prevent any Objection to the said Settlement, that can be suggested from the Views or Fears of future Inconveniencies that may happen to that Our Kingdom from thence, We shall be ready to give the Royal Assent to such Provisions and Restrictions as shall be found necessary and reasonable in such a Case: And therefore We must still leave it upon you as most necessary for all the Ends above-mentioned, that you go to the Settlement of the Succession before all other Business.

We are fully Satisfied, (and doubt not but you are) that great Benefit will arise to all Our Subjects by an Union of

Scotland and England; and that nothing will contribute more to the Composing of Differences, and Extinguishing the Heats that are unhappily raised and fomented by the Enemies of both Nations, than the promoting of every thing that tends to the procuring the same. Therefore We earnestly Recommend to you to pass an Act for a Commission to set a Treaty on foot between the Kingdoms, as Our Parliament of England has done, for effectuating what is so desirable, and for such other Matters and Things as may be judged proper for Our Honour, and the Good and Advantage of both Kingdoms for ever, in which We shall most heartily give Our best Assistance.

The Supplies granted by the Parliament for maintaining the Forces, with the Forts, Garrisons and Frigats, are now at an end; and these being still necessary to be maintained, as likewise that the Magazines of Arms and Ammunition be duly furnished, for the Peace and Security of the Kingdom, specially now in time of War, we doubt not but you will provide the Supplies needful, in such manner as may be most easy and effectual.

We have named the Duke of Argyle to be Our Commissioner to represent Our Person in this Session of Parliament, as one, of whose Capacity and Zeal for Our Service, and the Kingdom's Good and Advantage, we are sufficiently assured, and no less hopeful, that he will be to you acceptable. We have fully empowered him to declare Our firm Resolutions to maintain the Government both in Church and State as by Law Established; and likewise to consent to such further Laws as shall be thought needful for that End.

We have also empowered him to give the Royal Assent to such good Laws as shall be concluded for the Advancement of Piety, and Discouragement of Immorality; for the better Encouraging and Improving of Trade and Manufacture, the further Securing of private Rights and Conveiances, and for Promoting the more easy and speedy Administration of Justice; and generally, for what may be found for the Good and Advantage of the Kingdom. In all which, and whatsoever else may contribute to the Happiness and Satisfaction of Our People, you shall have Our ready and cheerful Concurrency: And so We bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at Windsor-Castle the 18th of June, 1705. and of Our Reign the Fourth Year.

By Her Majesty's Command,

David Nairn.

The Speech of his Grace John Duke of Argyle, &c. Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the Parliament of Scotland.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HER Majesty has in Her most Gracious Letter expressed so much Tenderness and Affection towards this Nation, in assuring you, That She will maintain the Government, as Established by Law, both in Church and State, and acquiescing you, That She has been pleased to give me full Power to pass such Acts as may be for the Good of the Nation, that, were it not purely to comply with Custom, I might be silent.

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