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**H**IS Most Excellent Majesty our Royal Licentiate under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to the preface Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, was pleased to send therewith the following Letter to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, President of the said Convocation.

GEORGE R.

**M**OST Reverend Father in God our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousellor we Greet you well. Whereas by our Royal License to the preface Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, we have among other things empowered and authorised them to confer, treat, debate, consider, consult and agree of and upon such Points, Matters, Causes and Things as we from time to time should deliver or cause to be delivered to you in Writing under our Sign Manual or Privy Signet, to be debated, considered, consulted and agreed upon. we do accordingly hereby transmit unto you the Heads of such Matters as we think proper for the Consideration of the said Convocation, which are as follows:

The regulating Proceedings in Excommunication and Commutation of Penance.

The making Provision for preserving and transmitting more exact Terriers and Accounts of Glebes, Tythes and other Possessions and Profits belonging to Benefices.

The regulating Licenses for Matrimony, according to the Canon, in order to the more effectual Prevention of clandestine Marriages.

The preparing a Form for consecrating Churches and Chapels.

The better settling the Qualifications, Titles and Testimonials of Persons who offer themselves for holy Orders.

The making the 75th Canon relating to the Sober Conversation required in Ministers more effectual.

The making the 47th Canon which provides for Curates where Ministers are lawfully absent from their Benefices more effectual, as likewise the 48th Canon touching the licensing of such Curates.

Rules for the better instructing and preparing young Persons for Confirmation required by the 6th Canon, and for the more orderly Performance of that Office.

All which Points, Matters, and Things we do hereby direct to be debated, considered, and treated by the said Convocation pursuant to our License aforesaid, that when they shall be agreed on, they may be laid before us for our Royal Consideration: And so we bid you very heartily farewell. Given at our Court at St. James's the fifth Day of May, 1715, in the First Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Townshend.

Superfcribed, To the most Reverend Father in God, our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Counsellor, Thomas Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Metropolitan and President of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury.

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, that many and great Inconveniences have risen amongst our Forces for want of an exact Register of the Dates of all Officers Commissions, by Vertue whereof they have, or may take Rank in our Army; our Will and Pleasure is, That the Officers of our Army wheresoever now employed (whose Commissions are not already Registered) do enter the same with our Secretary at War, and with our Commissary General of the Musters, in the space of six Months from the Date hereof, pursuant to the 41st Article of War, which requires that all Commissions granted by Us, Our Captain-General, or Commander in Chief of Our Forces to any Officers in Pay, shall be brought to the Commissary of the Musters, and Secretary at War, who are to Receive and Enter the same in a Book fairly written; and that no Commission-Officer shall be allowed in Muster without a Commission from Us, or the Commander

in Chief for the Time being, and the same entered with the Commissary-General of the Musters, or his Deputies, and Secretary at War; and such Officers who have now Commissions in our Army, and do not enter the same as aforesaid, shall for such neglect lose the Benefit of such Rank as they may be entitled to by vertue of their respective Commissions; and all Officers who are now Abroad in our Service, are to transmit to our said Secretary at War, and our said Commissary General, Authentick Certificates of the Dates of their Commissions, signed by the Commander in Chief under whom they serve, or by any of our Deputy Commissaries of the Musters and our Secretary at War, our Commissary General, and all the Officers now in our Army, are required to take Notice hereof and govern themselves accordingly. Given at our Court at St. James's this 9th Day of February, 1714-15. In the First Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Wm. Lutkeney.

*Westminster, May 11.* His Majesty came this Day to the Houle of Peers; and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the Houle of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houle of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royall Assent to

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty, to be raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, for the service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ffteen.

And to two Private Bills.

The following Address has been presented to his Majesty.

An humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, High-Sheriff, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen met at the General Quarter Sessions held at Ilchester in the County of Somerset the 26th Day of April, was presented to his Majesty by John Hopkins and William Bellamy, Esqrs; Members of Parliament for the Borough of Ilchester, introduced by the Right Honourable James Stanhope, Esq; one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

*Naples, April 16.* We have an Account from Sicily by the way of Reggio, that the Regular Clergy there make great Disturbances, being divided among themselves about the Observation of the Pope's Interdict; while the Seculars and the People oppose the Reception of the Bull, by which the Holy See has pretended to suppress and annul the Tribunal of the Sicilian Monarchy.

*Rome, April 23.* Among the Ceremonies observed here in the Holy Week, the Pope gave a Dinner on the 15th to 12 poor Sicilian Priests, served them at Table himself, and afterwards gave each of them two Silver Medals; on the 16th and 17th a like Number had the like Entertainment, in recompence of their Zeal for maintaining the Ecclesiastical Immunity: Those of the Diocess of Girgento were chosen for this Function, preferably to the other Ecclesiasticks, who have been forced to leave that Kingdom for their Adherence to the Interests of this Court, because the first Contentions which gave occasion for fulminating the Censures of the Church, began in that City. On the following Days the Ecclesiasticks of Palermo, Lipari and Catania, were in like manner treated and served by the Pope, and by the Cardinals and Prelates.

*Turin, May 1.* The 27th past being the Birth-Day of the Prince Royal, who then entered into his 15th Year, was celebrated at Court according to Custom. The Prince of Carignan