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Dublin, May 4.

THIS Day the Lords Justices took the Oaths in His Majesty's Court of King's-Bench.

The same Day their Excellencies published the following Proclamation.

By the Lords Justices General and General Governours of Ireland,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

Hu Armach. R. West. C. Wm. Conolly.

WHEREAS His most excellent Majesty hath thought fit to signify His Royal Pleasure, That the Parliament of this Kingdom, which at present stands prorogued to the Seventeenth Day of May Instant, be further prorogued to Thursday the Eleventh Day of August next; We do therefore hereby publish and declare, That the said Parliament be, and accordingly the said Parliament is hereby further prorogued to Thursday the Eleventh Day of August next; Whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament are to take Notice accordingly.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the Fourth Day of May, 1726.

By their Excellency's Command,
Tho Tickell.

GOD save the KING.

Whitehall, May 14. On the 5th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. William Mitchel. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun was read, as was likewise his Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator; and a Committee being appointed, drew up a dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter.

The High Commissioner's Speech.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,

YOU have the Happiness, at the Opening of your Meeting, to receive Assurances of His Majesty's Protection, and fresh Marks of His Royal Favour.

The Manner in which His Majesty, in His most gracious Letter, has been pleased to take Notice of the many Proofs you have given of your Zeal and Affection for His Person and Government, of your Care and Concern for the Peace and

Welfare of the Church, for the suppressing of Prophaness and Immorality, and the preventing the Growth of Popery, must undoubtedly make you with great Cheerfulness lay hold of all the Opportunities your Stations may afford you of giving new Proofs of your Loyalty and Affection to His Royal Person and Government, under which you have the Means put into your Hands to promote Ends so worthy of your Profession, and which so nearly concern the Honour of God, the Peace and Quiet of His Majesty's Government, and the Welfare of His Subjects.

I am authorized and commanded by His Majesty, and I do with great Satisfaction renew to you the Assurances of His Royal Intentions to maintain inviolably the Government of this Church, as by Law establish'd, together with the full and free Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges.

That you might be the better enabled to prevent the Increase of Ignorance and Growth of Popery in the Highlands and Islands, His Majesty did last Year grant Warrant for One Thousand Pounds to be employed for the Entertainment of Itinerant Ministers and Catechists, in the Manner which I had the Honour to acquaint you with at that Time; I doubt not the Application of it has been made so, as to shew your real and sincere Concern in so considerable a Branch of your Duty as Ministers and as good Subjects.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant a Warrant for the same Sum, and for the same good Purposes this Year, which is in my Hands, and I must desire you to appoint a Committee for the Management of it according to the Terms of the Grant.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,

His Majesty has been pleased again to confer upon me the Honour of representing His Royal Person in this Assembly; your Conduct in former Assemblies, and particularly in those where I had the Honour to bear the same Character, encouraged me to undertake this great Trust.

The Unanimity, Moderation, and Prudence usual in your Assemblies, as they will give great Weight to your Proceedings, so they will the better enable me to be serviceable to this Church, to the Interests of which I have always had a peculiar Regard.

The Assembly's Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and faithful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, do, as in all Duty bound, return your Majesty our most