

most humble and hearty Thanks for your gracious Letter to us, and for your great Goodness in signifying your favourable Acceptance of the Zeal and Affection of this Church for your Majesty's Royal Person and Government; Duties which we account ourselves bound to by the strongest Obligations: And that your Majesty is pleased graciously to take Notice of this Concern we have shewn for the Peace and Welfare of the Church, for the suppressing of Prophanes and Immorality, and preventing the Growth of Popery, animates us to exert ourselves yet the more in these Duties, under the great Encouragements given us by your Majesty's approving our present Meeting, and countenancing the same with your Royal Authority; and it shall be our earnest Care to shew the like Dispositions as formerly to do all that in us lies towards the promoting these desirable Ends and Purposes. The Assurances your Majesty is graciously pleased to give us of your Royal Protection and Assistance in doing of the same, and of your Readiness to countenance us in so pious a Work, which so nearly concerns the Honour of God, the Peace and Quiet of your Government, and Welfare of your Subjects, make us deeply sensible of the great Kindness of Heaven in blessing us with such a Sovereign, and are such Encouragements from a Prince piously disposed, and who has so much at Heart the Weal of his Subjects, as must render us without Excuse, should we be remiss in our Duty.

It is most comforting to us, and gives us a full Confidence in your Majesty's Royal Goodness, that you are graciously pleased to renew the Assurances of your firm Resolution to maintain the Established Government of this Church in the full Enjoyments of all their Rights and Privileges; these being what we have exceedingly at Heart and do judge ourselves the more strongly obliged, by these your Majesty's gracious Assurances, to conduct ourselves on our Part with that Moderation, Unanimity and Prudence that becomes us, and which may entitle us humbly to hope for the Continuance of your Majesty's Royal Favour.

Your Majesty's pious and bountiful Donation to the last Assembly of a Sum to be employed in maintaining Itinerant Preachers and Catechists in Places where Ignorance and Popery prevail, for remedying these Evils, we humbly hope will be found to have been exactly managed according to your Majesty's gracious Intentions, as will appear by the Accomps of the Management ready to be exhibited to your Majesty's Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury, or to the Barons of your Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, as your Majesty was graciously pleased to direct: And now that your Majesty has; out of your Royal Goodness and laudable Concern for the Good of the Souls of your Subjects, been pleased to renew your Royal Gift to this Assembly for the like pious Purposes, which your Majesty's Commissioner has delivered to us, we accept it with the most profound Respect and Thankfulness, and shall endeavour not to be wanting on our Part; to employ it agreeably to your Majesty's Royal Will, and account for it, as your Majesty has appointed in your Royal Warrant; and in this we act with great Cheerfulness, seeing, as we are bound to promote Obedience to your Majesty's just Laws, the Tendency of our Endeavours is to make those upon whom we bestow our Labours, in so far as

we succeed by the Blessing of God, at the same Time better Subjects to your Majesty, as they are made better Christians. And for this End, all Care shall be taken by us, that none be employed in this Service but such as are unquestionably well-affected to your Majesty and your auspicious Government. And we shall be careful to take all those we employ strictly engaged to instill in the People the Principles of Loyalty and Duty to your Majesty.

Your Majesty's Choice of the Earl of Loudoun to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, we acknowledge thankfully as a special Mark of your Regard to the Good of this Church, having had Experience of his great Knowledge and Capacity; and of his Zeal for your Majesty's Service; and it gives us particular Satisfaction, that your Majesty is pleased to mention as a Reason of your Choice, his Adherence to the Principles of this Church, and Concern for its Prosperity, of which he has given many convincing Proofs.

That your Majesty's precious Life, which is so great a Blessing to all your People, and the whole Protestant Interest, may be long preserved; That the best of Heaven's Blessings may be plentifully poured out upon your Royal Person, the Prince of Wales, the Princess, and all your Royal Offspring; That your wife Councils and Undertakings for the Happiness of your own Kingdoms, the Relief of distressed and persecuted Protestants, the Welfare of all the Reformed Churches, and the Good of Christendom, may be crowned with remarkable Success; That the Designs of all your secret and avowed Enemies may be defeated; That your Crown may long flourish upon your Head, and at length you may inherit immortal Glory, are and shall be the earnest Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,  
Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,  
The Ministers and Elders met in this  
National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Presence, in our Name, and at our Appointment,  
by  
*Will. Mitchell*, Moderator.

*Edin. May 7, 1726.*

Trustees Office South-Sea-House, May 8, 1726.  
The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the Estates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others give Notice, That they intend to expose to Sale by Cart or Auction, to the best Bidder, in the Hall of the South-Sea-House, on Wednesday the 8th Day of June next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, the several Estates following, viz. A Freehold Farm at Whelpley-Hill, in the Parish of Chesham, in the County of Bucks, late the Estate of Francis Hawes, Esq; one of the said late Directors. Several Leasehold Houses in Basinghall-street in the City of London; a fifth Part of the Office of Marshal of the Marshalsea of the King's Bench in Southwark, late the Estates of Mr. Robert Knight, late Cashier of the said Company. One other fifth Part of the said Office of Marshal; a Leasehold Estate called Abland's-Court-Farm in the Parish of Sandherst in the County of Gloucester; Two Freehold Farms at Pitchcomb and Downhatcherly, in the same County; a Freehold Estate at Sandherst in the said County; late the Estates of Mr. Robert Sumner, late Deputy Cashier of the said Company. Particulars of the said Estates may be had at the Trustees' said Office.

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