

To All our Loving Subjects

Whose so had an undoubted Right to the Imperial, Crown of those Roalny, upon the Decease of our Royal Father, which we' claimed and asserted in our Declaration of (blank space) and which we have since (renewed ?) in our Declaration of (**blank space**) and in several attempts intended and begun by us to vindicate our own Just Rights, and to rescue our kingdom from the Heavy Calamities of two most destructive wars which were the necessary consequences of the Usurpation in 1688.

But as the Progress of that Rebellion lay hitherto kept us out of the Possession of our Crowns, so it is with the greatest grief that we have beheld the Manifold (Miseries ?) intailed on our subjects by it. And we shall not receive more joy in the Recovery of our own Rights, than in rescuing our people from those evils under which they now (grow ?), and averting those dangers, which by the Artificio of (Nicked ?) and designing men, they were falsely made to apprehend from us, but which they are actually involved in by their Rebellion against us.

We have always (imputed ?) the late Usurpation to the crafty management of a particular lot of factious men, and the (continuous ?) of it, to the Subtility and treachery of some, who for Private views disappointed for a time, the good intentions of our royal sister, and the wishes of, no doubt, the greatest part of our good subjects for our restoration.. So therefore we cannot disengage ourselves from the (___?___) and a concern for a people, whom God and nature and the fundamental Laws of those Nations, have committed to us. And as we are now come (with the blessing of God) to assert our Title, and to hazard our person for the relief and defence of our subjects, and that we cannot doubt the assistance of heaven in so just a cause; so we are fully determined to make the Felicity of our people, which is the true end of Government, the constant object of our care, and to use utmost endeavours, **that together** with the

Monarchy, the former peace and happiness of the nations may be restored to them.

In pursuance of these our steadfast resolutions immediately after our Father's deceased, we began our Reign with an Act of Favour to the Church of England, in our instructions of the third of March 1702, which we repeated and confirmed in our letters of the of May 1711. We now begin our actual exercise of our Royal Authority, with full assurances of protection and encouragement to her. We then engaged to maintain and support the Church of England in all Her Rights and Privileges, and in the sole possession of all churches, universities, colleges and schools. We also remitted to for during our Reign, all the First - (___?___) and tenths paid by the Bishops and clergy to the crown, which moved our (sister ?) then on the Throne, to remit them by Act of Parliament for ever, which as it at first proceeded from us, we most willingly confirm. And for Her further security, we (___?___) willing to have *Our Right* to nomination of Bishopricks and other dignitaries and Beneficos in the disposal of the crown. All which assurances we renew (more?) solemnly in this Our Declaration to the Church of England, now that she is in apparent danger, and in the power of her mortal enemies from whom she was with great difficulty rescued by our *Royal Sister* then in possession of the throne. And with Her own assistance, no hope to prove Her second deliverer, from the storm now more nearly impending. We are sensible that great part of her sufferings is upon our account, and for those principles (which we are well acquainted) which oblige Her to it; and which have (preserved ?) great and usual remains of loyalty in the breasts of vast numbers of our people, under all the difficulties and discouragements of so long an Usurpation. We invite them now to come in to us, and (___?___) the Blessing of God on our, endeavours, we shall be pleased to owe Our Restoration to Our Crowns, to the return of our Good subjects, to (y__symbol ?), True, Old, Orthodox Principles of their Church. And that they may be more cheerfully induced to it. We hereby oblige our selves in the presence of the Almighty, to protect them also in the full and free Enjoyment of All their Civil Rights, Liberties and Prosperities, and to make the Known laws of the Realm the standing Rule of our government.

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And that none may be deterred from return to that Duty and Allegiance which they owe to us, from a sense of what they have done amiss, we hereby grant a full and

free Indemnity and our gracious pardon to all persons for what they have acted against Our Royal Father and our self this day. Nor shall we make any exception in this our General Amnesty, but as we earnestly desire, that all our subjects deserve clemency, if there shall be any found, who have had so large a share in the confusions, and sufferings of these nations, as not to merit Impunity from Them, we wave them (entirely ?) to the Justice of a free Parliament, which we resolve to summon with all (convenient ?) speed. For tho we resolve never to protect any person, against the legal inquiries of Our High Court of Parliament, we must declare at the same time, that we shall not exercise our (prerogative ?) with so much pleasure, as that of forgiving. And to evidence that we are unilaterally fixed in our Resolution, to (secure ?) All Our subjects in the possession of their Properties, and considering the public funds are now become the private interest and support of many particular and innocent persons. We are willing for the good and quiet of our people, that they should stand and be made good, and that all persons who have Annuities, or other shares in those funds, should enjoy the same provided they return to their duty to us, upon the terms expressed in this Our Royal Declaration. And we hope that all our subjects will embrace our gracious offer, but should any still obstinately persevere in their disobedience, we have firmly purposed in our own breast, that the forfeitures of the desperate shall be applied by us, to the Honour and Interest of (___?_symbol) government and nation. And if it shall appear, that Any have great shares in those funds by defrauding and robbing the public, in the unfaithful administration of the treasure of the nation, or other indirect practices, we remit the inquisition of it, (entirely ?) to our Parliament, and readily consent that all such discoveries should be applied to the payment of the public debt, which lie so heavily on the nation, and which cannot be more justly and equally discharged then by laying the greatest load, on those who have most contributed to them and unfairly profited by them to the utter ruin of many thousand families, and the

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general impoverishing of the nation.

We further promise to confirm all titles and promoting of honour, made to any of our natural born subjects of these kingdoms, be gone the First Day of August 1714. provided that they repair to our Royal Standard, or otherwise declare for us within the space of--

We also refer to our respective Parliaments, the consideration of all laws and judicial proceedings since 1688. And do hereby engage on Our Royal Word, to ratify with our sanction, such bills, as they shall offer us, for Perpetuating Laws already made either for the public good or for the benefit of private persons; establishing the present quiet and settlement or providing for the future peace, welfare and happiness of these nations.

And as we have all in our power, and are still willing to do whatever shall be so, for the benefit of all our subjects, we cannot but expect suitable returns of affection and duty for our (condescensions ?) and tenderness towards them. We therefore strictly charge and require all persons whither poors or commons, immediately to withdraw themselves from that Riotory and Illegal Assembly convened at Westminster, under the name of a Parliament, by George Lewis Duke of Hanover, falsely, and (insolently =insultingly ?) assuming to himself the title and Authority of King of those our Realms. Hereby declaring that pretended Parliament be dissolved, and that whatever lay (beon = beyond ?), or shall hereafter be voted, ordered adjudged or enacted therein, to be void and of none effect, and to be deemed and taken accordingly by all our loving subjects. We also annul and dissolve the late union of our two kingdoms, which contrived by a Faction, to the prejudice of our just rights, and of our (antient= ancient) Kingdom of Scotland, without any benefit or

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advantage to our Kingdom of England.

We hereby also summon All our Loyal Subjects cap- able to bear Arms, to repair forthwith to Our Royal Standard, as they shall be able to make their way. Excepting from this, our gracious pardon all those who shall seize or any way molest them in so doing. All judges, magistrates, jurors, witnesses, or others who shall contribute or assist in the trial, conviction or condemnation, of any for their Duty and Loyalty to us. As likewise all those, who, after their knowledge of this Our Declaration, shall aid or assist the (usurpor = usurper) against us, with the Council, money, actual service or any other ways. Or shall

voluntarily and without compulsion pay any more taxes to the usurper, for his use, or to any assisting or employed by him. Hereby indemnifying all persons for what resistance they shall make in such cases, even to the death of the Exactors.

We also strictly charge and command all persons of what degree or quality soever, appointed to manage collect or receives any of the revenues or public money of our kingdoms to pay the same unto us or to such as we shall appoint, or *keep* it in their hands to be disposed of as we shall hereafter direct. And as a further Encouragement to all Collectors and receivers to pay the public money to us, or to our order, besides their pardon, we grant to them a reward of three Shillings in the Pound out of all such public money to themselves, and it will go an Inducement to us, to continue and prefer them in our service as there shall be occasion. And in the case of the failures of such collectors and receivers, we hereby authorize All our loving subjects to seize upon the Public revenues wherever they shall find them, and bring them to us, or to whom we shall appoint to receive them for our use and service. And we grant for their encouragement and reward the sum of five shillings in the pound for themselves. And if any of our loving subjects shall on occasion bring in to us, or deliver for our use, to any principal officer or person appearing for any part in of our Dominions, any money, plate, horses, arms, ammunition or other (necessaries ?) for war, we do hereby Promise,

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that God blessing us with success, they shall be fully repaid for the same with interest for their Ready Money, and for the value of their flats, and of all other things they shall so furnish for our service. And as we proposed a gratuity of five shillings in the pound, to those who shall bring in any of the public money to us, or to those commissioned by us. We hereby *promise* a reward of seven shillings in the pound to all who shall bring in and advance their own money for our service. And all our Generals and other Chief Officers and Ministers are hereby ordered to give reports in our name for a pound sterling, for every thirteen shillings they shall so receive by way of loan for our service.

And for a further encouragement to her subjects to return to their duty to us, beside our gracious pardon already granted, we promise to all and every of the officers of the Army, who shall repair to our Royal Standard, or to that of any of Our Generals declaring for us in any

part of our Dominions, that they shall not only be continued in their respective commands, and enjoy under their lawful (sovereign ?), the land commissions they now have under the Usurper, but even be further advanced as they shall behave themselves. And we are resolved to have a more especial regard to those who shall be among the first in returning to their duty and who show a good example to others. Every private foot soldier who comes in to us, shall have forty shillings in hand, and every Dragoon or trooper who comes in with his horse and arms to us, shall receive Five Guineas in Hand, & to further taken Care of. And To all fons & foldion Whe, thun sroolily to their why, Wo Proming to take Care hal they shall bo hayo ili mban Jus them from the lower. And Alt Distanda hics and Socions, and to Officers toret to sell by the lurper art included in thing Conditions, as art also all Governours and Commanders in Island, Towns, Castles Forts & Gamson and all ond Lieutenants and Deputy fioultrants of Conhos.

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Pay for their lives, You shall not be defrauded of their Wages, and shall be advanced preferably to all others. For We will know and consider, that this Chief Strength and Power of England is in her Fleet and that Graciousness for Wealth, is our Encouragement and the Increase of which shall be our constant Aim and Endeavour

And in All these, we not only follow our own Inclination, but perform with great Satisfaction, the Suggestions of the King Our Father, which he layed upon us in his Last Will and Testament, who is God recommends to us to forgive all Injuries done to Him or to any of His Subjects and to assist them in the Enjoyment of their Religion, Rights

, Liberties and Privileges, and to use all our Power and Authority, that we may see the King our Father's Will executed, and that His Majesty may be satisfied with the Performance of our Duty. Furthermore we will and do hereby declare, that we will not consent to any such Thing, as shall appear Instrumental in the Breach of our

Right.

We have paid all that we can in regard to our Declaration to those so reasonable Injunctions of a Dying Father. And we persuade our selves, that it will remove all Suspicion or Doubts which may be suggested by our Enemies) of our not performing our Duty, when I shall be in our Power, as it is in our Possession, all that we have to do solemnly promise

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