

Yoke is still in Being, and might soon be made to fit their Necks again.

In this Affair I must do my Royal Master's Zeal ample Justice. — He has often declared to myself in the most solemn Manner, that the great Cause of the Restitution of Abbey-Lands shall never so much as come into Litigation; but that he will himself, as he is above the Law, take that Business under his own peculiar Cognizance; and that our Evidences and Records shall never be controverted, but that we shall have all the Reparation possible, for our long Deprivation and tedious Sufferings. His royal Word shall declare our Right, and his royal Power put us into immediate Possession. But whatever Lands are in Catholic Hands (which they must part with), shall be fully made up to them out of the Estates of the heretical Rebels. Of this I am commanded to order you to inform all that you dare trust with the important Secret. But I trust in the blessed Virgin that the Time is near at hand, when all these Kingdoms shall hear the same Thing pronounced from the Throne itself. Before I end this Letter, I can't help acquainting your Lordship, that I am appointed Abbot of Reading; I do it, my Lord, because I think you will be glad to hear that my constant and indefatigable Labours in the Cause are not forgotten. For I will be bold to say, that your Lordship, and myself, through the Weakness of the Usurpation, have, in our separate Stations, acted as openly and boldly, as even the most zealous could require at our Hands. Your Lordship has, in Defiance of all the pretended Laws, opened a constant Chapel at the Barb; officiated there for Years, as publicly as the Heretic Priests in their Churches; made numberless Converts, in Contempt of their Magistracy; and preserved all the Dignities of the Church in the Land of Infidels. Your Progresses, since your Elevation to the Mitre, have been open; you have visited your Flocks, and appeared in as public a Manner, exercising your Jurisdiction, as the Protestant Prelates themselves. In my lesser Sphere, I have acted with little Clat, but great Success, and may boast within these five Years, in the Parishes of St. George, St. Anne, and St. James, particularly, to have brought above 2000 strayed Sheep back to the Flock: The Remissness of their Pastors gave me great Advantages, and I found the poor Souls miserably ignorant, and consequently proper Objects of our Charity and Instruction. — For this I am rewarded. From this I hope my further Well-being both here and hereafter.

One Thing more I am commanded to acquaint your Lordship with, which you are desired also to communicate to all sincere Friends: The vast and oppressive Load of Debts which his Majesty's Subjects have long labour'd under, has always afflicted him very much, for Rebels as they have been, he has always felt a paternal Concern for the undutiful Children: He has thought of many Ways of easing them; but, upon the most mature Consideration, finds none so proper as an absolute Sponge, that will certainly at once take off the Load, and yet not lessen the Credit; for as the Debt was contracted by those who had no Power to contract it, it ought not, it should not, it cannot impugn, or shake the Credit of the true Owner. Put the Case in private Life: If a Person, seized of a tedious Possession, should, upon his wrongful Title raise Money, is the real and true Heir to it, when he comes to enjoy it, obliged to pay such a Debt? No; certainly; and when he has got his Title made clear, will any Man scruple to lend him Money again upon such a Title?

You are also to take Notice of the strict Justice of this Step. For 'tis certain, that this Debt has been wholly contracted by the most violent Enemies and Traitors to the Royal House of Stuart; contracted with the one View of continuing his present and late Majesty in their Exile; contracted to extend our holy Religion; in short, contracted to support the

and Heresy, and a Government equally detestable to God and his Church. These are the Arguments you are to use, together with any other that your great Wisdom can suggest.

Most of the Proceedings, since the unfortunate Year 1689, are, and have, for some Time, been under Consideration. The numberless Grants of the different Usurpers; the many Peerages, and other Honours, they have pretended to bestow: And as most of these Favours have been showered down upon the Undeserving, the most inveterate Opposers of our Cause, the greatest Supporters of Heresy; most, if not all, will meet with the Fate they deserve.

You will see by the Extracts I herein send you, that our Declarations, Proclamations, Manifestos, &c. (for I send you quite the Marrow of them), are drawn with great Caution, and as little Latitude as possible: And where we offer most, if you examine, you will find the Words subject to two Meanings, and something more. — For this, we are obliged to the Pen of Father *Imy*, of the Society of *Jesuit*; who is an excellent Writer, and has, upon all Occasions, been very serviceable to our Cause.

My good Lord, the Die is now cast. — Our all is at Stake. — 'Tis our dernier Effort. — We are to meet in Triumph, or Confusion. — Our *Smithfield* Fires shall again blaze, or our Enemies are to tread upon our Necks.

EXERT yourself then, inflame your Friends with a Zeal to destroy the Enemies of our Church and King, and to extirpate Heretics and Traitors: Declare to them what they are to do, and what they are to have: *Enforce* to them their Duty, both to God and to their Sovereign: Point out the Smallness of the Danger, and the Greatness of the Reward: Incite them to repair to the royal Standard, and swell the righteous Number by their Presence: Let them remember, that those who are not with us are against us, and will be looked upon as such: In short, bid them to come, for the Lord hath need of them.

Thus, my Lord, have I done according to the royal Command I have received. — I trust, from the Ability and Fidelity of the Messenger, this Letter will arrive safe to your Hands; so begging, upon my Knees, your Lordship's Blessing, I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient Servant,

And dutiful Son,

PATRICK GRAHAM.

Perth, Sept. 1,  
1745. O. S.

Portsmouth and Gosport Gazette, *Octob. 21. To the Author, &c.*  
AS you have so seasonably distinguished yourself in the Service of the present Establishment, I cannot doubt your interting the following, which will give Pleasure to several of your Customers, as well as to Yours, &c.

King GEORGE,

The PRETENDER;

LIBERTY and PROPERTY.

SLAVERY; WOODEN SHOES,  
and BEGGARY;

With the  
Free Exercise of our

A  
POPISH ARBITRARY  
POWER sent from *Rome*,

RELIGION,

France and Spain;

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and a bloody

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