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For a New
Election of Magistrates

In the TOWN of
E D E N B U R G H.

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E D E N B U R G H, April 5. 1689.

THE which Day, the Meeting of the Estates of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, taking to their Consideration, the great Invasions that have been made of late Years, upon the Priviledges of the Royal Burrows, particularly these of *Edinburgh*, in the Election of their Magistrates, by Recommendations and Nominations made by the late King, in an Arbitrary and Despotick way, contrary to the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom; so that the present Magistrates and Council of the said Burgh, are not their true Magistrates and Council, by them freely Elected, but plainly such as have been (at least by Progress) imposed by the aforesaid Court-Methods and Practices; and the Meeting of the Estates, considering, That the Constitutions, Liberties and Priviledges of the said Burgh, being so far violated and perverted, the only natural and just way to Restore the same, is to allow and authorize the Incorporation it self, and whole Members thereof, to whom the said Liberties and Priviledges were originally granted, to make a new Choice and Election of Magistrates and ordinary Council; Therefore the said Estates, Do hereby Authorize and Require, Sir *James Rocheid* and *Aneas Mcleod*, present Town-Clerks of *Edinburgh*, to convene the whole Burgeses, who has born, and does bear Burgage-Duty, and are lyable to Watching



Watching and Warding within the City, (excluding from this number, all Honorary Burgeſſes, with the Town-Servants, Penſioners, Beed-men and the like) to meet upon *Wednesday* next, the tenth inſtant, at eight a Clock in the Morning, in *Saint-Geils-Church*, with continuation of Days, to the effect, that the ſaid Burgeſſes, and each of them may give in their ſubſcribed Liſts of twenty five Perſons, to be the Magiſtrates and ordinary Council of the ſaid Burgh, according as the plurality of Votes ſhall determine, and that they give in their Burgeſſ-Tickets to the Clerks timouſly, that they may be Inrolled before the Diet of Election. And the Eſtates Do Nominate and Appoint the perſons after-named of their own Number, viz. The Lords *Barganie* and *Belheaven*, Sir *John Maitland* and the Laird of *Richartoun*, Mr. *James Ogilvie* and Mr. *James Smollet* to be preſent, and to ſee the foreſaid Election made; and Appoints the foreſaid Magiſtrates and Council, ſo choſen, to continue until the firſt *Tuesday* after *Michaelmaſs* next, that then, on that day, a new Election for the enſuing year, of both Magiſtrates, Council and Deacons of Crafts, may proceed in all Points, conform to the *Sett* and *Decreet Arbitral*, pronounced by King *JAMES* the Sixth; The Liſts of the Magiſtrates then to be Choſen, being always made of ſuch who are capable to be Elected, with power to the perſons above-named, to Iſſue out, and publiſh all Orders neceſſary for this effect. And it is hereby Declared, That the Magiſtrates and Council to be Choſen by Warrant of this preſent ACT, as ſaid is, ſhall be reputed, and holden als lawful and ſufficient in all reſpects, as if they had been truly and duly Elected at *Michaelmaſs* laſt, conform to the aforeſaid *Sett*, Customs and Priviledges of the Burgh in all Points. And Ordains the preſent Magiſtrates to continue till the ſaid new Election be made: And Appoints theſe Preſents to be immediately Publiſhed at the *Mercat-Croſs* of *Edinburgh*, by Macers, or Meſſengers at Arms, in the uſual Way.

*Extracted out of the Records of the Meeting of Eſtates,
by me,*

Ja. Dalrymple, Cls. 1689.

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