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For a Free Communication of Trade:

August 30, 1703.

OUR SOVERAIGN LADY, For Clearing and Terminating all Questions and Differences betwixt Burghs Royal and Burghs of Regality, Barony and others, in relation to the *Communication of Trade*; And for making the said *Communication of Trade* effectual, doth with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, *Statute and Ordain*, That for hereafter, the Burghs Royal shall be Liberate, and Free of Ten Pounds of the Hundreth Pounds of the *Taxt Roll* of Burghs Royal: And they shall only be Lyable for Ninety Pounds of the said *Taxt Roll* in all Time coming. And that the said Ten Pounds of the *Taxt Roll*, which is taken off the Burghs Royal, shall be laid upon the severall Shires of the Kingdom proportionally, according to the *quota* of the Cels, the severall Shires pays; And Authorizes and Impowers the Commissioners of Supply, to be Named in this Session of Parliament, in the respective Shires, to Divide and Proportion so much of the *Quota* of the said Ten Pounds that is laid upon the Shires, first Amongst the Traders of the Burghs of Regality, Barony and others, within the Shire as they can reasonably bear; And the Superplus, if any be, to be imposed upon the Land Rent of the Shire, conform to the Valuation and Cels-Roll: And both what shall be laid upon the Traders in Burghs of Regality, Barony, and others; And the Superplus, if any be, that shall be laid upon the Land Rent, shall be uplifted with the Cels of every Shire; And all Execution competent in Law for uplifting of the Cels, shall be competent for uplifting of the said Ten Pounds of the *Taxt Roll* from the Traders in Burghs of Regality, Barony, and others, and from the respective Shires. And now that the Burghs Royal are Liberate, and free of the said Ten Pounds of their *Taxt Roll* Her Majesty with Advice and Consent foresaid, *Statutes, Enacts*, and Declares, That for hereafter, all the Inhabitants, and Indwellers of Burghs of Regality, Barony, and all others whatsoever, are als free to Trade in every respective, as the Inhabitants and Burgesles of Burghs Royal, And Rescinds Casses, and Anulls all Laws, Acts and Constitutions contrair to, and inconsistent with this present *Act*.

