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Unto His GRACE,
Her Majesties High
COMMISSIONER

And the Right Honourable The Estates of Parliament,
The Humble ADDRESS of the Presbytry of *Hamilton*.

Sheweth;

THAT we heartily concur with the Addressees made by the Commission of the General Assembly to your Grace and Lordships; and do believe that there is a full Unanimity therein amongst the Ministers of this National Church, both as to the Matter of these Addressees and in their humble and earnest Desires that the Honourable Estates of Parliament may take them into further Consideration, to prevent the Fears and Dangers to this Church that may insue from an Incorporating Union with *England* in the Terms of the Treaty offered to the Parliament.

But that which more especially obliges us in Duty and Conscience, as Ministers of the Gospel of Peace most humbly to Interpose with your Grace and Lordships is, the Lamentable and Distracted State of the Kingdom and particularly the People under our Pastoral Charge, from the sad Apprehensions they have and have expressed in their several Addresses to the Parliament of the Woeful Effects, and Consequences of such an Union to their Liberties both Civil and Religious, and that it cannot be entered into by the Nation in the Terms without incurring the Guilt of National Perjury: And tho' hitherto we have endeavoured to keep them from breaking out, Yet the Ferment and Dissatisfaction doth so encrease amongst all, that we are justly afraid of what these things may turn unto.

We do therefore (after serious Supplication at the Throne of Grace) most earnestly implore, and with all humility beseech in the Bowels of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, That Your Grace and Lordships may compassionate the trembling State of this Church and Nation, and listen as it were to their dying Groans: God having put it in your Hands to allay their Fears, avert their Dangers, and prevent the dreadful Confusions that threaten this Land, by laying aside this Incorporating Union with *England*, as offered in the Treaty, and by Supplicating Her most Gracious Majesty (for whose long and happy Reign over us; We do, and alwayes shall most heartily Pray, and upon whose Royal Assurances in behalf of this Church, we do most cheerfully rely) that the Protestant Succession to the Sovereign and independant Crown of this Kingdom may be settled by an Act of our OWN Parliament: And that no Incorporating Union with *England* may be concluded until Her Majesty shall be pleased to call the General Assembly of this Church; which being the National Church Established by Law, and founded on the Nations *Claim of Right*, hath an undoubted Right to be consulted about Her own Securities, before any such Union be entered into with a Government of another Communion, where that Government is to be in a Manner sole Master of the whole Administration.

These things we most humbly beg of Your Grace and Lordships, as our Protectors and Patrons under God, beseeching you to hearken unto us, that God may hearken unto you, and give You Peace and Comfort in the Day of Your Accompts.

Sic Subscriptur,

Elders,
John Bogle,
James Park,
John Main,
William Pollock,
James Mack,
Hugh Baillie,
Robert Wilson,

Ministers,
John Muirhead,
David Brodie,
Archibald Foyer,
John Currie,
John Wiseman,
Matthew Connell,

Alexander Findlater Moderator,
Robert Muir,
Robert Wyllie,
Archibald Hamilton,
John Hamiltoun,
Francis Borland,
Robert Law,