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Made in the Third Session of the First Parliament of ANNE, by the Grace of GOD, Queen of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Holden and begun at Edinburgh, the 28th Day of June 1705,

By his Grace John Duke of Argyle, &c. &c. High Commissioner.



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In Favours of the Town of GLASGOW, for Two Pennies Scots upon the Pint of all Ale and Beer to be either browen, vended, or sold, within the said Burgh, and Privileges thereof.

AT Edinburgh, the twenty-one day of September, one thousand seven hundred and five years. Our Sovereign Lady, the Queen's Majesty, and the Estates of Parliament, taking into their consideration, that notwithstanding of a former act of Parliament, made and passed in favours of the town of Glasgow, upon the fifteenth of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three, for the better payment of their debts and burdens, Their Majesties, King William and Queen Mary, did thereby grant and dispone to the said town of Glasgow, and community thereof, the imposition of two pennies Scots upon the pint of all ale and beer to be vended and sold within the said town, and liberties thereof, ordaining the same to be paid to the said town and Magistrates and Council thereof, during such space of years as should please Their said Majesties to appoint, not exceeding the number of thirteen years after the first of November the said year, as the said act of Parliament of the date

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foresaid more fully bears; and that, in pursuance thereof, the said King William, by His letter direct to the Lords of Privy Council, upon the twenty-ninth of August, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three years, was pleased to declare, That it was His royal will and pleasure, that the foresaid imposition should continue and endure to the said town the hails foresaid space of thirteen years, as if the same had been therein absolutely set down; yet nevertheless, the said thirteen years, whereof there remains only one year to run after the first of November next, neither have been nor are like to be sufficient for payment of the said towns debts and burdens, and satisfying the end for which the gift thereof was granted, which happened partly through the great quantity of the debt wherein the said town stood then engaged, and partly through the payments wherewith the said gift was burdened; as also, by reason of many other incidents, which diminished the said fund, and the town's other publick good, and augmented the town's charges and expences, so that considerable sums were to be borrowed yearly for defraying what the common good of the town was deficient in: And Her Majesty, and the Estates of Parliament, being still willing, in regard of the loyalty and good affection of the said burgh witnessed on all occasions, that the foresaid town of Glasgow be relieved

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relieved and disburdened of its debts for its necessary support; therefore Her Majesty, with advice and consent of the Estates of Parliament, doth hereby further add, grant, and dispose, to the said town of Glasgow, and community thereof, and to the said Magistrates and Town Council of the same, and their successors in office, for their use and behoove, the said imposition of two pennies Scots money, over and above the Queen's annexed excise, upon the pint of all ale and beer to be either browen, or in-brought, vended, topped, and sold, within the said town and liberties, and suburbs thereof, excepting all ale and beer that shall be browen and vended in the Gorbels, or any other lands within the town's privileges that pays excise with the shire; imposing and ordaining the same to be payed to the said town and Magistrates and Council thereof by the brewers, vintners, sellers, or topers, of the said ale and beer during the space of sixteen years, beginning this new imposition from the ish and expiration of the said former imposition; that is, from and after the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and six, and so furth to continue during the whole years and time hereby added, and to be payed, uplifted, and gathered weekly, monthly, quarterly, or otherways, as the foresaid Magistrates and Town Council shall think fit to prescribe and order: Providing al-

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ways, likeas it is hereby specially provided, That, betwixt and the first day of November next, the Magistrates and Town Council of the said burgh of Glasgow shall be holden and obliged to make up a just and true list of the principal sums due by the said town of Glasgow preceeding the date hereof, and of the bonds granted therefore, and of the persons to whom the same is due, and that they shall deliver an subscribed double of the said list, to be recorded in the books of the Merchants' House of the said burgh, and another subscribed double of the said list, to be recorded in the books of the Trades' House, in order to the said respective houses their taking tryal of the extent, verity, and justness of the saids debts, in such manner, and by such persons, as shall be appointed by them for that effect: And that how soon any advantage shall arise to the said burgh by the above imposition now granted in their favours, that then, and immediately after the expiration of each year thereof, at least, betwixt and the first day of January after the said expiration, the saids Magistrates and Town Council shall be holden and obliged to make payment and disburden the said town of the principal sums following, out of the first end of the debts contained in the above lists, viz. Of the sum of ten thousand merks yearly, for the first five years of the said imposition; and of the sum of twelve thousand

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thousand merks yearly, for the next five years thereof; and of the sum of fourteen thousand merks yearly, betwixt and the said first day of January after the expiration of each year, during the remanent years of this grant and imposition; and that the said Magistrates shall be holden and obliged to instruct the said payment, and to retire and deliver bonds for the said respective sums, to be yearly payed as aforesaid, to the said two Houses against the first Tuesday of January yearly, after expiration of every year's collection of the said two pennies, that the said bonds may be cancelled and deleted out of the above respective lists of debts, beginning the first term's instruction of the said payment to the said Houses on the first Tuesday of January, one thousand seven hundred and eight years, for the year preceeding November, one thousand seven hundred and seven years, and so furth to continue during the hail space of the above act: As also it is hereby statute and ordained, That it shall not be lawful for, nor in the power of, the Magistrates or Town Council of Glasgow, to contract any debts, or to grant any bonds, for affecting the said burgh without consent of the said two Houses had and obtained thereto, by their act to be recorded in their respective books, and that only for the sums contained in the list of debts recorded in the registers of both Houses, and that there shall be publick intimation

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intimation given to the hail Merchants and Trades of Glasgow, whether members of the said respective Houses or not, to be present at the said annual meeting, upon the said first Tuesday of January yearly, in order to their satisfaction anent the payment of the yearly sums above appointed; and that it shall be leifum and lawful to the said two Houses, or any persons to be appointed by them, or any other burghs, to pursue the Magistrates and Town Council in case of their not observing of the above conditions, who are hereby declared lyable in repetition and payment of whatever part of the above respective sums appointed to be payed yearly as aforesaid shall be unpaid by them. And nominat and appoint the Duke of Hamilton, the Marquis of Montrose, the Earl of Glasgow, William Baillie of Lamington, Hugh Montgomery of Busbie, John Grahame of Dougalstoun, Colin Campbell of Woodside, and John Walkinhaw of Burrowfield, to be overseers of the said new imposition, and management thereof, three of the said overseers being always a *quorum*: And it is hereby declared, That the said Magistrates and Town Council shall farm and fet in tack the said imposition by way of a publick roup, at sight of the above overseers, or any three of them, not exceeding the space of three years together: As also it is hereby farther declared, That this imposition

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is granted with the burden of the payment to Mr. James Anderson writer to Her Majesty's signet, of the sum of three thousand six hundred pounds Scots money, to be payed in the first year of the said imposition, for enabling him to print and carry on *An account of the ancient charters and seals of this kingdom before King James the First, according to the characters in the original writs*. Extracted furth of the records of Parliament by me Sir James Murray of Philiphaugh, one of the senators of the colledge of justice, clerk to Her Majesty's councils, registers, and rolls.

*Sic subscribitur,*JA. MURRAY, *Cls. Reg.*

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The first part of the report deals with the
 general situation of the country and the
 progress of the work done during the
 year. It is followed by a detailed
 account of the various projects and
 the results obtained. The report
 concludes with a summary of the
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