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Unto his grace James Duke of Queensberry her majesties high commissioner and the most honorable estates of parliament the humble address of petitioners and commoners in the parish of Monckhouse within the shire of Cleveland

That it being the privilege of all Subjects to petition as the same is declared in our claim of right we crave liberty to lay our mind before you. However as to the great matters you have now in hand which concern us all in the first place we are not against one honorable and sage union with England consistent with the being and civil liberties of this United Kingdom whereof we are natives and in which the providence of god hath preserved us as a distinct nation for more than two thousand years when many others who were a greater people than we have been scattered abroad and their memory extinct and consoling not our covenanted work of Reformation for which our fathers have trod and spent their blood and laid down their lives and in defence of which we resolve to venture our lives and all that is dear unto us and in the next place we heartily own her majesties authority over us as our lawful sovereign and the government under her to which we have payed and are still ready to pay all due subjection in the Lord and to spend our dearest blood in the defence of her majesties person and estate and that we cannot suspect our consciences to any mortal wrong yet our fundamental rights and privileges which belong unto us by right of nature are are confirmed and established by law, and we now receiving that there is any breach of one unrevoked law of England laid before your grace and the honorable estates of Parliament which overturns to overthrow the very constitution of this dear United Kingdom suppress our affectionately esteeming as our parliament subjects all our fundamental rights overthrow our religion and liberly delivers the government of our church and the purity of its gospel and its ordinances and subverts all our precious interests and all that can be dear to us as Christians or men to the rule of your English in a British Parliament which is contrary to us honor and the law of our nation making this ancient and honorable Kingdom a poor despicable additional wind in the call of England and which is contrary to our most solemn covenants to the most high God we cannot sit silent under so great a detestation and irreverent insult without incurring the dreadful curse of perjury and drawing upon ourselves the curse of god and the stain of infamy to all after generations.

... of dying to an older generations.

We do crave leave with all our right hearte country men humbly to supplicate your grace and honors that no union be
hardely entered into wth England until upon mature deliberation it being known to be honorable and safe and that the lively agree-
ment amongst the Christians for Scotland and the Ministers for England and their people may be rected as carrying in it
resolution to this Kingdom in opposition to which we are obliged in conscience and natural duty by virtue of the Lawe
of God and of the Land and of the Bonds of the oath of God upon us to signēt heart and hand withall our faithful
brethren and fellow subjects for the preservation of Religion and Liberty and of the undoubted fundamental rights and priviledges
of Church and State undermined and ruin'd by the said treaty and for the assistance and defence of the same
we are bound as that manner for the same you say whose name shall be remained to all posterity
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