

touching which purpose we have writen to the Erle of Marr, capten of that castell: And for your see doing, &c.—Whitehall, the 8 of December 1629.

To our trustie and weelbeloved Sir Henrio Bruce, Maister of
our Arteillerie in our kingdome of Scotland, &c.

TO THE ERLE OF MARR.

Right, &c.—Whereas we are credibillie informed that . . . Maister James Hannay, minister at our church of Haliwoodhous, hath at the desire of our Commissioners of Exchequer repared the said church at his owne charges upon thare promise of satisfactione, as wee formerlie directed them by our lettres wryten to them for that purpose: And we being unwilling that his pious and forward proceedings in soe good a work (which wee accompt as good service done unto us) should any wayis be discouraged, the same being by him undertaken in hop and confidence of our princelie care of his satisfactions: Oure pleasure therefore is, and wee doe heirly will and require you that after our saidis Commissioners of our said Exchequer have receaved and hard the accomptis of his debursmentis, and allowed the same as in ressonne and conscience they shall think fitting, you mak present payment thereof to him for his encouragement in our service, he now being willing as wee have required him to re-employ the same againe in finishing the said wark by building upp the rwin at wast gavell of the said church, and doing whatever hath been found necessare by the Lordis of our Counsell, whoe by our former directione wer appointed to survey the same: And for your see doing thir presentis, with the said Maister James his acquittance, shalbe unto you a sufficient warrand and discharge in that behalf.—Whitehall, the 8 day of December 1629.

TO THE ADVOCAT.

Trustie, &c.—Haveing beer informed in regard of the act of parliament made concerning proscriptions, which is shortlie to expire, that if we shall not before the expyryng thereof tak a course to enable Francis Steuart, eldest sone to the late Lord Bothwell, to plead for these thingis whereunto he doethe pretend right; though wee should be pleased thereafter to extend our favour towardis him for the recoverie thereof, yet he shalbe utterlie disabled from any benefitt wee can conferr upon him thereafter for that effect, not onlie in the landis, tithes, reversiones, or others possessed by . . . the Marqueis of Hammiltoun and the Erles of Roxburgh and Balcluch, but likewise in all thingis that are clamed by him that is possessed by any other persone: Therefore being resolved, till wee shall think fitt to expres what we intend to doe heirin, to reserve still the possibilitie of doing thereof in our will, it is oure plesour that you, haveing hard the Advocattis for bothe parties, shall with all diligence adverteis us likwayis whither he be in such danger by the said act as is alledged, or not; and if you find it to be soe, to adverteis us likewise what is fitt for us lafully to doe for preventing any inconvenient that may come in that case, soe that wee may, as wee have it now, have it still in our plesour to doe what wee think fitt to doe concerning them or him: And soe recommending this speedelie unto you, &c.—Whitehall, the 8 December 1629.

TO THE EXCHEQUER.

Right, &c.—Whereas wee wer formerlie pleased to signifie our plesour unto our privie counsell touching the accepting of . . . the Marqueis of Huntlie his submissione and acknowledgment unto them of his oversight, concerning which they of before did wreyt unto us, that upon his submissione and acknowledgment unto