

Jamet by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, etc.  
 To our trusty and wellbelov'd Counsellors, Sir William Selby, Sir Robert Delarable, Sir Willfrid Lampton  
 Sir William Barton, & Sir John Wilton, Thomas Knight, Joseph the Remington, Edward Craig  
 of Murepeth, Adam the Archdeacon of Costnesbitt, John the Archdeacon of Amiffeld &  
 Edeon, Maury of Ellbank Esqrs, and other of your greatnesse, peticioners by the happy  
 memory of the Kingdome of England and Scotland, in subjection and Allegiance (by  
 the providence of god, under our Imperiall Crowne in our royall person, the lawes or  
 usages of the late marches or borders inhabited or tolled whyle the said Kingdome,  
 and divided under several Kinges for the space of tranquillitie heretofore, and utterly  
 frustrated and expired, and yett many of both nations dwellinge neare the late borders  
 or marches (possessors of the same) doe continue their former godly lawes, and dis-  
 cretarye courses of life, whiche by the ordinarie due course proceedings of either countrey  
 cannot be the necessary of the cause required) be they so speedily brought to the knowledge  
 of god & obedient to his & our lawes (whiche we especially desire) or they will not be re-  
 claymed so soone out of by the favour of justice, least they infect others, as by your  
 verbaunt of our lordings subjects of both nations, in one Commission for that purpose, whom  
 god hath already conjoynd as members of one body under one head, and for as much  
 as one of the greatest causes, of their offences is the use of Iniquitie, and the greatest  
 motive of their hope is after murders felonies, Riots, Vouts, unlawfull assemblies, or other  
 offences, committed in either countrey, to escape punishment, by fleeing into either, we for  
 as much as the said lawes & usages of the late borders & marches, have vanisshed and decayed,  
 and for that it apperteyneth to our kinghly office, to have been provided that all our loyal &  
 obedient subjects may live in peace & tranquillitie without feare of wronge and spoyle,  
 and danger of their lives, and that murderers, felons, & other delinquents may be punished  
 according to our lawes respectively in that behalf, we have therefore thought good aswell to  
 remove all occasion of straignes, and matters of division betwene the said nations, as also  
 to take away all subterfuge, and geveing all the parties of any hope of escape from  
 punishment in any of the said offences, to joyne together in one Commission verbaunt of either nation  
 for the establishment and perservation of our peace in those partes, and for the better  
 suppressing and preventing of all such exorbitant offences, & disorders, or else for the  
 apprehending and punishing of such offenders, as shall assist in their wickedness to  
 the contrarye due place where they offended, to receive their condigne punishment, for  
 their delinquency, according to law & justice respectively in that behalf, know ye therefore  
 that we trustinge in your wisdoms fidelitie & discretion, have constituted authorized  
 and appointed you the said Sir William Selby, Sir Robert Delarable, Sir Willfrid