

James 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 Delaval, Sir Willfrid Langton
 Sir William Garton & Sir William Bromme Knight, Joseph Wemynton, Edward Craig-
 of marpeth, Adair the Archdeacon of Eastmestrit John Garton of Amiffeld &
 Edion Murray of Elhamst Esqrs, and also of your greatings persons by the sayde
 Honor of the Kingdoms of England and Scotland, in subjection and Allegiance (by
 the providence of god, under our Imperiall Crowne in one royall person, the lawes or
 usages of the late marches or borders instituted or tollerated while the said seynes,
 and divided under severall Kinges for the space & tranquillitie therof, and utterly
 frustrated and expired, and yett many of both nations dwellinge neare the late borders
 or marches (of the same is custome) doe continue their former godly lawes, and dis-
 ordered courses of life, who by the ordinarie and speciall proceedings of either countrey
 cannot as the necessities of the cause require) be they so speedily brought to the knowledge
 of god & obedient to his & our lawes (which we especially desire) or else as will not be re-
 laymed so soon out of by the sword of justice, least the infernal obiect, as by joyninge
 certayne of our lovinge subjects of both nations, in one Commission for that purpose, whom
 god hath alreadie conjoynd as members of one body under one head, and for as much
 as one of the greatest causes, of their offense is the hope of impunity, and the greatest
 motive of their hope is after murders felonies Riots Routes unlawfull assemblies, or other
 offenses, committed in either countrey, to escape punishment, by fleeing into other, we for
 as much as the said lawes & usages of the late borders & marches, have varied and decreed,
 and for that it apperteyneth to our high office, to care and provide that all our loyal &
 obedient subjects may live in peace & tranquillitie without feare of violence 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 causes of straugnes, and matters of division between the said nations, as also
 to take away all subterfuge, and quene all the speakes of any hope of escape from
 punishment in any of the said offenses, to joyn together in one Commission certayne of either nation
 for the establishment and perswasion of our peace in the seynes, and for the better
 suppression and prevention of all such exorbitant offenses, & disorders, or else for the
 apprehending and sending of such offenders, as shall assist in their wickednes to
 the countrey and place where they offended, to receive their condigne punishment, for
 their diversity, 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 Delaval, Sir Willfrid