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K I N G;
And likewise,
A L E T T E R
T O T H E

Right Hon. the Earl of *Bute*;

C O N C E R N I N G

The very hard Case of an eminent
Divine of the Church of *England*.

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Consider of it, take Advice, and speak your Minds.

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REVISED
PETITION

TO THE

MINISTERS

OF THE

SECRETARY

OF STATE

Requesting the Hon. Secy. of State

to take the following

into consideration and to

bring the same before the

Legislature at its next

session.

Very respectfully,
Submitted by
[Signature]
[Name]
[Address]

Witness my hand and seal
this [Day] of [Month] 18[Year].

[Signature]
[Name]
[Title]

To the King's Most Excel-
lent Majesty, &c. &c.

“ *Most Gracious Sovereign,*

“ **B**Y the Constitution of this
“ Realm, it is the un-
“ doubted Right of e-
“ very *Englishman*, when labour-
“ ing under Injuries and Oppres-
“ sion, especially from his Fellow
“ Subjects, to approach the Throne,
“ and with all dutiful Homage and
“ Submission, to tell his Grievances:
“ Relying, therefore, upon this
“ Privilege, and your Majesty's na-
“ tural Love of Justice, and up-
“ right Intentions, this Petition
“ B craves

“ craves Admiſſion to your Royal
 “ Ear, and moſt humbly ſheweth:

“ THAT your Maſteſty's Peti-
 “ tioner is the Son of a late repu-
 “ table Citizen of *Oxford*, who,
 “ during the Rebellion in the
 “ Reign of King *George* the Firſt,
 “ ſuffered uncommon Hardſhips,
 “ and ſuſtained great Loſſes, by
 “ his unwearied Service and ſingu-
 “ lar Attachment to that illuſtrious
 “ Prince, your Maſteſty's Great
 “ Grand-father: All which has
 “ been atteſted in Writing by Per-
 “ ſons of high Rank in *England*,
 “ who were then embarked with
 “ him in the ſame Cauſe, The
 “ Maintenance of the Proteſtant
 “ Succeſſion in the Houſe of *Ha-*
 “ *nover*. And yet, notwithſtand-
 “ ing that his Loſſes were ſo great,
 “ and his Services ſo well atteſted,
 “ he

“ he never had the least *Recom-*
 “ *pence* for all his Sufferings; which
 “ so much impoverished his *Fa-*
 “ *mily*, that your Majesty’s Peti-
 “ tioner, when very young, was
 “ obliged for his Mother, and his
 “ Father’s Children, to make a
 “ Provision out of his own little
 “ Income. And what added to
 “ his Misfortune was, that before
 “ he was established in the World,
 “ another Rebellion broke out in
 “ the Year 1745, when it was his
 “ Turn to be a Sufferer, in his own
 “ Person, for the same Principles.

“ Led by his Father’s Example,
 “ and the hereditary high Esteem
 “ and Affection which he had che-
 “ rished from his tender Years for
 “ the Royal Family, he likewise
 “ espoused the Cause of the House
 “ of *Hanover*; how strenuously

“ and effectually was acknowledg-
 “ ed by the opposite Party, and
 “ by all the World beside, except-
 “ ing *two* of his late Majesty’s Ser-
 “ vants, who ought to have been
 “ foremost in their Acknowledg-
 “ ments, and whose Reasons to
 “ the contrary, your Majesty’s Pe-
 “ titioner would be glad to hear,
 “ if it were possible, in your
 “ Royal Presence.

“ For, it is well known to the
 “ World, that your Majesty’s Peti-
 “ tioner being appointed to preach
 “ before the University of *Oxford*,
 “ on the 5th of *November*, 1745,
 “ when the Rebels were advancing
 “ to *Derby*, did, by his Sermon,
 “ then and there delivered, not only
 “ keep the unthinking Youth of
 “ that Place from straggling over
 “ to the other Party, but also gave
 “ such

“ such a Shock to the whole Fa-
 “ brick of their Cause, that the
 “ Seniors and Upholders of the
 “ same procured a Prohibition a-
 “ gainst printing the said Sermon
 “ at the University Press in *Oxford*;
 “ and not only they, but the Fac-
 “ tion throughout *England*, found
 “ themselves so much hurt by his
 “ Arguments, that anonymous a-
 “ busive Letters were sent to him
 “ from all Parts of the Country,
 “ and all the disaffected News-
 “ Papers and Journals of that Time
 “ filled with Invectives against
 “ him; insomuch that his Writ-
 “ ings, which he was obliged to
 “ compose, in Answer to these
 “ Libels, did not amount to fewer
 “ than three Volumes in Print:
 “ All well esteemed, not only by
 “ his Majesty's Friends in *England*,
 “ but by the Learned, in other
 “ Countries,

“ Countries, as appears by *Latin*
 “ Letters from the late excellent
 “ Baron *Mosheim*, Chancellor of
 “ the Univerſity of *Gottinguen*,
 “ who, in the Year 1750, was ſo
 “ moved with the Caſe of the Pe-
 “ titioner, that he went from *Got-*
 “ *tinguen* to *Hanover*, to ſolicit
 “ for him ſome Preferment from
 “ the Hands of the *Engliſh* Minif-
 “ try ; but, unfortunately ! the
 “ ſame Perſon was there attending
 “ the King, who in the Rebellion
 “ in the Year 1745, could ſee your
 “ Maſteſty’s Petitioner ſtruggling at
 “ *Oxford* with the adverſe Party,
 “ and give him up as a Sacrifice
 “ to their Reſentment. So that
 “ at that Time, being deſerted by
 “ Friends, and circumvented and
 “ perſecuted by Party-Enemies,
 “ (for others he had none) he was
 “ forced to quit the Univerſity,
 “ his

“ his native place, travelling like a
 “ *Scythian*, with his Wife and Fa-
 “ mily, in a Waggon, to *London*,
 “ in order to teach a Grammar-
 “ School in *Southwark*; having
 “ the Mortification soon after to
 “ behold one, who was no Friend
 “ to your Royal House, yet through
 “ the Interest of the late Mr. *Pel-*
 “ *ham*, and the Duke of *New-*
 “ *castle*, preferred at *Oxford* to a
 “ good Canonry.* Whereas your
 “ Majesty’s loyal Petitioner, total-
 “ ly disregarded by these Ministers,
 “ and the late HIGH Chancellor,
 “ who together engrossed to them-
 “ selves the Preferments of the
 “ Crown, could never procure a
 “ Living of the Value of Fourscore
 “ Pounds the Year, though he has
 “ been near Thirty Years in Or-

* Dr. *Richard Newton*, the Mock Founder of *Hertford-College*, made Canon of *Christ Church*.

“ ders,

“ ders, and about seventeen of
 “ that Time Doctor in Divinity,
 “ and withal so fair and regular in
 “ his Behaviour, that his worst
 “ Enemies could never fix any just
 “ Reproach upon his Character.

“ And herein he has been as
 “ much neglected by the great
 “ people in the Church, as the
 “ great people in the State ; which
 “ he can attribute to no other
 “ Cause than their Dread of of-
 “ fending his Enemies in Power.
 “ For he has always been an Ad-
 “ vocate for the Church ; entered
 “ lately into a troublesome and ex-
 “ pensive Controversy in Defence
 “ of it's Doctrines, and has other-
 “ wise so well acquitted himself
 “ as a Clergyman, that his Sermons
 “ and theological Works, pub-
 “ lished upon important Subjects,
 “ are

“ are reckoned to have as much
 “ Merit as the Works of many
 “ who in this Age, have risen
 “ to higher stations than ever he
 “ aspired to. In this Situation,
 “ thus unrecompensed by the State,
 “ though a Sufferer in it's Support,
 “ and though *the Lord hath or-*
 “ *dained, that those, who preach the*
 “ *Gospel should live of the Gospel;**
 “ —yet, *starving* by the ALTAR,
 “ your Majesty's Petitioner has
 “ none to vindicate his Cause but
 “ God; and, under God, your
 “ Majesty. Therefore, casting him-
 “ self at your Royal Feet, he ear-
 “ nestly begs Redress; which, be-
 “ ing granted, he, as in Duty bound,
 “ shall ever pray for your Majesty's
 “ most precious Life, and a long
 “ Accumulation of all temporal
 “ and spiritual Blessings, which may

* 1 Cor. ix 14.

“ render either the next State de-
 “ firable, or the present easy.

“ The humble Petition of

* * *

“ Doctor in Divinity.

“ *Scri, si* propria Manu, et dedi

“ ut *Solemne Factum meum,*

“ apud *** *Ap. 11, 1761.*”

REMARKS of the Editor.

THIS is a Copy of the Petition which was presented to the King, on *Sunday*, the 12th of *April*, 1761.

The *Latin* at the Bottom signifies, “ that the Petitioner had written his Case with his own Hand, “ and delivered it as his solemn “ Act and Deed ; ” —thereby to remind his Majesty that he was seriously asserting a Subject’s Right, and had Respect to the Obligation, which the Kings of *England* have laid

laid themselves under by *Magna Charta*, and other *Acta Regia*, TO DENY NO MAN JUSTICE.

His Majesty was pleased to receive this Petition very graciously ; and that the Petitioner, notwithstanding the perishing Condition of some of his Dependents, has not as yet received any Manner of Redress, is owing partly to such Causes as he could never have suspected ; namely, his Adherence to the Church of *England*, and Writing in it's Defence ; for which, tho' it appeared to him to be his Duty, as he was a Member of the same, he was maligned, it seems, by a certain Churchman, who, notwithstanding he eats the *Bread* of the *Establishment*, advised, as we are told, " That the ROYAL INDUL-
" GENCE should be shewn to all
" Religions alike." Which Coun-
sel could not be warranted, unless

he thought, that “ *they were all true alike.*”

Quid Domini facient audet cum tale Sacerdos ?

—This Conversation, which transpired in a very odd Manner, is alluded to in the following Letter, wherein the *Petitioner* addresses himself to my Lord *Bute*, in his *publick Capacity* of one of the *Ministers* of STATE, which supposes a frequent Access to the *Royal Presence*, requesting him *to renew his Suit* to the KING, being solicitous to know to whose Account he was to place it, that his Case continued to be still so much neglected.

This Letter was dated *June 26, 1762*, and delivered on *Monday, June 28*, at Lord *Bute's* House in *Hill-Street*, to his chief Attendant, by the *Petitioner* himself.

“ My

“ MY LORD,

“ **A** Ccompanying this Letter I have
 “ inclosed the *Copy* of a Pe-
 “ tition, which was presented to His
 “ MAJESTY, on *Sunday*, the 12th of
 “ *April*, 1761, now above a Year ago.
 “ It is printed, but not yet made pub-
 “ lick, nor perhaps, ever will, if the
 “ Petitioner should at length meet with
 “ any Redress.

“ In the Estimation of the KING’s
 “ *ancient* Friends, the Matter is such
 “ as deserves the Attention of a MI-
 “ NISTER OF STATE, *zealous* for his
 “ Master’s *Honour*, and the *Interest* of
 “ *his Family*; which are not a little
 “ hurt, when those, who in *Times* * of
 “ *Danger*, cheerfully hazarded their
 “ ALL for the Support of that *Family*,
 “ are seen, notwithstanding, to meet

* In the Rebellion in 1715, the Father of the Petitioner had his House beat to pieces by the Mob, and suffered a total Loss of his Business for some Years, through a Combination of the enraged Party never to employ him.

“ with

“ with no better Returns, than a long
 “ Train of Disappointments, and *Ap-*
 “ *plications* without *Success*.

“ The *Petitioner* did not wonder at
 “ this Treatment while the *Pelham-*
 “ *Faction* continued in Power ; as he
 “ had been taught to know, that it
 “ was little or no *Recommendation* to
 “ them, that a Man had been a Friend
 “ of the KING’s : Since his first Merit
 “ must be, that of appearing at *all*
 “ *Adventures* a *Creature* of their own.
 “ This *iniquitous* CONDUCT, on their
 “ Part, animated the *Petitioner*’s Re-
 “ sentment so far, that he at length re-
 “ solved to go in Person to *his Majesty*,
 “ and deliver his Petition himself. His
 “ MAJESTY was pleased to receive it
 “ very graciously : And that the Peti-
 “ tioner, notwithstanding the perish-
 “ ing Condition of some of his Depen-
 “ dents, has not as yet, received any
 “ Redress, was owing, as he conceived,
 “ to the Influence of the DUKE of
 “ *Newcastle*,

“ *Newcastle*, and the late *Chancellor*,
 “ Lord *HARDWICKE*, and the Power
 “ they still retained at *COURT*; or to
 “ some of their *Sycophants*, who might
 “ have Access to the *KING*.

“ He heard indeed about a Year af-
 “ ter the Delivery of the Petition, from
 “ a Quarter, where he little imagined
 “ such a Transaction could be known,
 “ that *HIS MAJESTY* had consulted
 “ some *Bishop* or *Archbishop*, upon the
 “ Subject of the Petition, who advised
 “ *his Majesty* to pay so little Regard to
 “ it, that it was ordered *to be thrown a-*
 “ *mongst the waste Papers*.

“ This *Bishop*, my Lord, could not
 “ be Dr. *Hayter*, the late Bishop of
 “ *London*. For he lamented the hard
 “ Fate of the Petitioner, being well ac-
 “ quainted with *his*, and his *Father's*
 “ *Sufferings*: But if it were an *Arch-*
 “ *bishop*, who could do such an *ungra-*
 “ *cious evil Office*, I should soonest sus-
 “ pect the *Archbishop of Canterbury*,
 “ not

“ not only because he affects to be al-
 “ ways at the Ear of the King ; but
 “ because of the *premier* Part he took
 “ in a late Affair, which, if proper
 “ Reparation be not made to the in-
 “ jured Person, may sooner or later
 “ come under the *Notice* of the LAW,
 “ or the Notice of an House of Com-
 “ mons.

“ But let this lurking Adversary be
 “ *Bishop* or *Archbishop*, it is but just that
 “ the *Petitioner* should see him *Face* to
 “ *Face*. For if through the *Artifice*
 “ of such evil Counsellors, the solemn
 “ Petition of a Person of no mean
 “ Rank and Character, should be so
 “ lightly regarded, it must do *Disbo-*
 “ *nour* to the *King*, as well as *Injus-*
 “ *tice* to the *Subject*, and bring his *Ma-*
 “ *jesty's* Government into Contempt.

“ By your *Lordship's* coming into
 “ the Administration, we hope for bet-
 “ ter Times : and therefore I make
 “ my *Application* to your *Lordship* to
 “ renew

“ renew my Suit to the *King* ; that it
 “ I am to be debarred from *Ecclesiasti-*
 “ *cal* Preferment, which indeed, con-
 “ sidering the present *motley* Figure of
 “ the Church, is not an Object so de-
 “ sirable as it was : Yet that some Re-
 “ compence, at least may be made up-
 “ on the Footing of common Justice
 “ and Equity, either to *Me* or my *Fa-*
 “ *mily*, for the Damages sustained in
 “ *two* *Rebellions*, and the State of De-
 “ pression under which we have groaned
 “ from the Year 1715 to the Year
 “ 1762, solely on Account of our At-
 “ tachment to the *Royal Family*.

“ My Lord, I would not take up
 “ the Time of a great Statesman with
 “ one unnecessary Word : and there-
 “ fore, only reminding your Lordship
 “ how much I confide in your Honour
 “ and Integrity, I beg Leave to sub-
 “ scribe myself, Your Lordship’s

June 26,
 1762.

“ Most Obedient Servant.”

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Lord

Lord BURE's Answer at his *Levee* in the *Treasury* on the *Wednesday* following, was, as near as the Petitioner can remember, in these very Words, or to this Effect.

“ Doctor, I should be glad to do
 “ all the Service I can to Gentlemen
 “ in your Station, but this is an old,
 “ a very old Affair, Doctor, I don't
 “ know where to take it up, nor how.”
 —To which the Petitioner replied,
 “ My Lord, the Effects are likewise old,
 “ I feel them still.” Upon which he
 paused, and the Petitioner saying
 “ that he left it to his Goodness,” —
 took his Leave.

He might have added, however, that
 “ DEBTS of *so long standing*, ought in
 “ *Justice*, to have been discharged the
 “ *first*.” But as old as this Affair might
 seem, and liable to be forgotten, *Dis-*
affection in another Person, though per-
 haps of *as old* Date, was remembered
 to *Advantage*, and bore away the Prize,
 which was due to LOYALTY. Within a-
 bout a *Month* after this Interview and
 Remonstrance on the Part of the *Peti-*
tioner,

tioner, to shew him the FOLLY of his *Attachment* to the HOUSE of HANOVER, and the *Idleness* of claiming any Merit for suffering in *such a Cause*, it appeared in the Publick Papers, that a PENSION of 300l. *the Year* was settled upon a *Person*, as remarkable for his *opposite Principles* and bitter *Invectives* against the ROYAL FAMILY, as the *Petitioner* had been for his *seasonable Apologies* in their Defence.

These FACTS, therefore, as they discover a *System of Policy*, too *surprizing* and too *dangerous* to be concealed, are now communicated to the *good People* of ENGLAND, particularly the OLD FRIENDS of the *present ROYAL FAMILY*; that they may take into Consideration, as they arise from the *Premisses*, the following QUESTIONS :

1. Whether distressing the KING's *Friends* for Services rendered to their *Sovereign*, in *Times of Danger*, and alienating the Affections of his Subjects by *ill Usage*, will not come under the same *Denomination* as *aiding and assisting his Enemies* ?

2. Whe-

2. Whether giving *Comfort, or Assistance, and adhering* to such Enemies, be not expressly declared by the LAWS OF ENGLAND to be *High Treason*?

3. Whether procuring a *Pension* of 30*l. per Annum* to such Enemies, be not giving *Comfort and Assistance, and adhering* to the same?

4. What is the *Character* of those, whom the Law supposes to be guilty of *High Treason*?

5. Whether Persons of that *Character* ought to be *trusted* with the *Disposal*, or have it in their Power to *make subservient to their Purposes*, either his MAJESTY'S *private Bounty*, or the *publick Preferments* of the NATION, which the LAW supposes to be by them betrayed?

The EDITOR of these *Papers* has nothing more to add at present but the Admonition from Scripture: *Judg. xix. 30. Consider of it, take Advice, and speak your Minds.*

F I N I S.

