

Reply for the Scottish Commissioners

Transcript of the reply to the English Commissioners by the Earl of Seafield, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, 16 April 1706 (NRS reference PA18/2 p.11)

My Lords

The L[or]ds Comm[issione]rs for Scotland have desired me to assure your Lordships, that they meet you on this Occasion with great willingness and satisfaction to Treat of an Union between the two Kingdoms, and of such other matters and Concerns as may be for Her Majesty's Hon[ou]r and the maintaining a good understanding between the two Nations.

We are Convinced that an Union will be of a great advantage to both; the Protestant Religion will be thereby the more firmly secured, the Designs of our Enemy's effectually disappointed and the Riches and Trade of the whole Island advanced.

This Union has been often endeavour'd both before and since the Kingdoms were United in allegiance under one Sovereign and several Treatys have been set on foot for that end, tho' without the desired success, but now We are hopefull that this shall be the happy opportunity of accomplishing it, Her Majesty hath frequently signify'd her good Inclinations towards it, and we are the more Encouraged to expect Success in this Treaty by the good disposition appeared in the Parliament of Scotland for it, and by the friendly proceedings in the last session of the Parliament of England, which gave General Satisfaction.

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Wee have great Confidence in your Lordships good Intentions
and we shall be ready on our parts to enter into such measures
with you, as may bring the Treaty to such a Conclusion as may
be acceptable to her Majesty and to the Parliaments of both
Kingdoms.

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