Parliament's Complaints

Transcript of the first page of the Minutes of the Proceedings in the Scottish Parliament, 10 January 1701 (NRS reference PA3/6/26)

MINUTS

Of the Proceedings in Parliament.

Friday January 10. 1701

Prayers Said,

Rolls Called,

Minuts of the last Sederunt read.

The Consideration of the Affair of the Company of Scotland trading to Africa and the Indies again resumed, and a Proposal made, That it be resolved, that the Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of England, and their Address presented to His Majesty in December 1695, in relation to an Act of this Parliament establishing our Indian and African Company, and the Address of the House of Lords presented to his majesty in February last, were an undue Intermeddling in the Affairs of this Kingdom, and an Invasion upon the Soveraignity and Independency of our King and Parliament, The Resolve was read. Moved that the Address from the Lords and Commons of the Parliament of England presented in December 1695 with their Votes and Proceedings past at that time, and also the Address of the House of Lords presented in *February* last, be all read, and the same were accordingly read; thereafter the foresaid Resolve being again read, It was put to the Vote, Approve the same or not, and carried Approve *nemine contradicente*. An other *Resolve* proposed in the Terms following, *viz*. Resolved that the Memorial presented in his Majesties Name as King of Great-Brittain to the

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Senate of *Hamburgh*, the seventh day of *April* 1697, by Sir *Paul Rycaut* then Resident in that City, and Mr. *Cresset* His Majesties Envoy extraordinary at the Court of *Lunenburgh*, was most unwarrantable, containing manifest falshoods, and contrary to the Law of Nations, injurious to His Majesty, an open Incroachment upon the Soveraignity and Independency of this Crown and Kingdom, the occasion of great Losses and Disappointments to the said Company, and of most dangerous Consequence to the Trade of this Nation in all time coming, Read, *Moved*, that the said Memorial given by the said Resident and Envoy to the Senate of *Hamburgh*, be likewise read, and the same was accordingly read, and after reasoning, it was put to the Vote, Approve the said *Resolve*, or not, and carried Approve *nemine contradicente*.

An other *Resolve* proposed in these terms, *viz. Resolved*, that the Proclamations emitted in the *English* Plantations in *April, May, June* and *September* 1699, against our *Indian* and *African Company*, and Collony of *Caledonia*, were, and are Injurious and Prejudicial to the Rights and Liberties of the said Company, and that the Execution of these Proclamations against the Adventurers sent out by the said Company, was Inhumane, Barbarous, and contrary to the Law of Nations, and a great occasion of the Loss and Ruine of our said Collony and Settlement of *Caledonia*, read. *Moved*, that the Proclamations emitted by the respective Governours of the *English* Plantations in the *West Indies* in the said Months of *April, May, June...*

Glossary

nemine contradicente

unanimously

memorial

a written statement

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