

# Hints of Bribery

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## Transcript of 'A Letter from a Gentleman in the town to His Freind in the Countrey', December 1706 (NRS reference GD406/M1/253/14)

### Transcript:

A Letter From a Gentleman

In the town

To

His freind in the Countrey.

Sir

I have yours, and will acknowledge That our actings here may  
justly surprise yow, and if yow would incline still to doubt, yett I must  
assure yow That the printed articles of the unione instead of being treated  
by the parliament as yow think they deserve, meets with the most favourable  
receptione; and not only so butt they who cannot think so well of them  
are immediatly proclaim'd freinds of a popish prince, and pensionaries  
to France, and this is the more strange That those who are not satisfied  
with this incorporating unione are not a few, Butt I may very  
safely say three parts of four in the natione if not more, Butt  
yett that a considerable majority in parliament appears to be for  
it is true, I cannot so certainly tell yow, how it comes to be so well  
received there, Butt shall observe that of these who approv'd the first  
article, above seventy had place or pensione; And without great  
breach of charity I may say some that has none att present expects  
them, and yow see by the 15<sup>th</sup> article four hundred thousand  
pound Sterling as ane equivalent to be given to Scotland for

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The Union of 1707

coming under the same customes and excises with England,  
is appropriat for paying the publict debts and satisfiying  
the losses of the proprietars of the African company, And  
seeing severall of the members of parliament have either  
debts owing them, or are sharers in that company, a great  
part of that soume I beleive will go into their pockets, This  
may help them to have a better opinione of the unione; In the next  
place the principall contrivers and now the most violent promoters  
of it hope, by sinking our parliaments to be for ever safe from...

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