

A Copy of the Faculty of Advocates's Recommendatory Approbation.

Edinburgh, 16 Day of November 1708.

AT a Meeting of the Faculty of Advocates, The Dean and Faculty having taken into their Consideration, a Proposal Emittid by Mr. William Forbes one of their Society, for Compiling a Complete Body of the Law of Scotland, containing the Harmony thereof, with, and Differences from the Civil and Feudal Laws, and shewing how far the Scots and English Law do Agree and Differ; with Incident Comparative Views of the Modern Constitutions of other Nations, &c. They are of Opinion, that the Performance thereof will be of Universal Use, and very Satisfying to all British Subjects in General, and to Members of Parliament, Statesmen, Judges and Lawyers in particular. And being sufficiently Convinced of the said Mr. William Forbes's Ability to Accomplish such a Work, from their particular Knowledge of his Learning and Industry, and the Fair and Ample Specimens he has given of both, in clearing the Difficult parts of our Law, viz. Church-Lands and Tithes, Bills of Exchange, and the Duty and Powers of Justices of Peace, by Three Distinct, Learned and Useful Treatises already published: They are of Opinion, That he Deserves publick In encouragement from the Government to Prosecute and Finish with all Expedition, That Vast and Useful Undertaking, wherein much of his Time will be spent. Signed in Name, in Presence, and by Warrant of the Faculty by their Dean.

Rob. Bennet I. P. F. I.

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Comprehending the publick Law.

The Publick Law is that which primarily Regards the
Constitution of Church and State in their Civil and Ecclesi-
astical politics. The Various Matters of this Law may be
variously Divided according to the Different Views under which
they are considered: but I shall Divide them into five sorts
viz those relating to the Government and General policy
of the State and order thereof. 2^o Courts of Judicature and
the order of Judicial proceedings therein. 3^o Corporation
and bodies politic. 4^o Rank and precedence. 5^o The criminal
Law.

Part 1.

of Matters relating to the Government, and
General policy of the State and order thereof.
1^o To consider the nature of the Government, which is the subject of this part, and to treat of Concerning
in this first part I propose to treat of Concerning
the King, Queen Consort, and the Prince who is the King
Deputy: The Parliament, Convention of Estates and
Privy Council: The function and duties of Officers of
State and the Crown: Taxes and publick burdens: 2^o of publick
and State called, Required by Law for the support of the
King's Government. 3^o of Commerce, the policy relating
to the use of the seas and Rivers, Under which may be com-
prehended the Regulations about Shipping, the Rights
and functions of Masters of Ships, of Shipbrokers, &c.