Two Acts of the Privy Council of Scotland, dated 20th November 1606, for establishing good rule on the Borders.—Communicated by Robert Pitcairn, Esq. F.S.A. Scot.

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Charge againis the Barronis of the lait marcheis.

Forasmeke as albeit the Kingis Majestic bestowis grite chairgeis and expenssis in the intertenying of commissionairis and ane garesoun vpon the lait bordouris of this kinglymome for reduceing of thame to quietnes and obedyence and establischeing of peace and Justice within the saime Yit the nomber of complenairis daylie sustening skaith and the Howmer of fugitiues and outlawis within the saidis boundis committairis of this skaith is verie great quhilkis fugitiues being avowed enemeyis to the peace of the estaite and aucht to be sua repute haldin and estimit to be accordinglie persewit and pvnist be all his Maiestis goode subiectis They haue notwithstanding thair resset and intertenyment verie frequent and common alswele within the boundis of the said lait bordouris and in other pairtis of the incuntrey be the countenance oursicht knawledge and tollerance of certaine personis within the saidis boundis quho professis thameselffis to be ansuerable and obedyent subjectis sua that be the grite nomber of thir fugitiues and be thair ordinair and commoun ressettis as said is the publict peace of the cuntrey is interruptit and hinderit heichlie to his Maiesteis offens and contempt And to the effect that the caus of the continewance of this misreull and the ressettis of thir fugitiues may be

Irone Yettis in the bordouris ordainit to be removit and turnit in plew Irisis.

Forasmeke as one of the chief and principal causis quhilkis encourageis the theveis and lymmairis of the lait bordouris to continew in thair thevische doingis proceidis from the releif and conforte quhilk they haif within thair houssis quhilkis being maid for strenth and defence with Irone Yettis It is verie hard and deaficle to his Majesteis commissionairis or garisoun to wyn and recover the saidis houssis and to apprehend the lymmairis being thairintill sua that verie oft quhen they ar persewit they eschaip and detenis and withhaldis the saidis houssis aganis his Majesties saidis commissionairis and garisoun And seing it can not stand with the peace and quiet of the cuntrey that ony lymmairis malefactouris and brokin men salbe sufFerrit to haue sic placeis of strenth and defence for thair releif Thairfore the Lordis of Secrite Counsale Ordanis the haill Yrone Yettis being vpoun ony houssis and strenthis within the lait bordouris pertening to ony persone or personis of brokin and disordourit claim is and to commoun people not being ansuerable baronis to be removit and turnit in plew Irisis or sic other necessar werk as to the awnaris sail assyme expedient And that no Irne yettis be sufferit to haue sic placent of streeth and defence for thair releif And ordanis the commissionairis and capitane of the garisoun to sie this present act put in executioun And ordanis letteris to be direct aganis the awnaris of the said Irone Yettis to this effect in forme as effeiris.

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