

*Letter under the Privy Signet of King James VI. addressed thus : ‘ To or. trustie and well beloved y^e. Pro-
‘ vest, Bayliffes, and Councill of y^e. Burrough of Dun-
‘ die *.’*

JAMES R.

TRUSTIE and well beloved We greate you well: Haveing resol-
ved, by God's grace, to fatisfie the hopes and wilhes of or. good and
loveing subjects by or. repaying to that or. antient Kingdome this
next approacheing somer, whereunto it is our earnest desire, and the
necessarie affaires of that or. estate do likewaies invit us. Soe We
have not bene careles and forgetfull of that which importes the
honor. and credit of or. said Kingdom, but have spent or. whole
Rents thair of, and bestowed other great sunes far exceeding the
Revenues of the same, in repaying of or. Houses, and provydeing
of

* From the original in the Antiquarian Museum.

of other necessarie preparations fit for o^r. receipte there, whereby the Noblemen, strangers, and others who will accomanie us, may neyther see marks of incivilitie, or appearances of scarcitie and want dureing o^r. abode amongst you. And although for these necessarie preparations there is as much alreddie undertaken by o^r. Officers as o^r. Coffers may convenientlie afford; yet, upon examination of particulars, we find many things unprovdyed which the rents of that o^r. Crowne are not hable to furnish, the consideration whereof hath moved us to appointt a convention of the Estates of that o^r. Realme to be at Edin^r. the fyfth day of Marche nexte, to Advyse and resolve upon the best meanes wherby with leaste hurte to o^r. good subjects all defects may be supplied, and the hono^r. and reputation of that o^r. Kingdome may be preserved. And therefore these to will and require you to send yo^r. Commissioners to the said Convention, instructed with ample power, according to the order, that yo^r. said Commissioners may preciselie keepe the said dyet, and be in Ed^r. the fourth of the said month, that they may be reddie on the morrow thereafter to meete with the rest of the Estates, as you respect o^r. obedience and service. We bid you farewell. Given at o^r. Pallace of Whitehall the last of December 1616.