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fidei defensor acerrime & constantissime,

Serenissime & potentissime Rex, Domine clementissime, prævia paratissimorum nostrorum obsequiorum, officiorum & studiorum promptissima oblatione non possumus intermittere, quin R. Vam Mtem humiliter & submissè certiorem faciamus, illos cives nostros, qui ~~quotannis~~ cum ~~certis vicibus~~ ad R. Væ. Mtis. ~~Imperio Magnæ Britanniæ~~ subditis in ~~subjectam~~ Insulam Hit~~landiam~~ ~~navigant, & cum~~ ejus ~~habitatoribus ejusdem~~ commercia ~~vendendo, emendo, permutandoque~~ exercent, multum de novis præter morem antiquitus receptum, & libertatem, qua hactenus R. Væ. Mtis. singulari usi sunt benefi-cio & gratia, sibi impositis oneribus apud nos conqueri. ~~Etsi enim~~ Hactenus enim ab immemoriali tempore in recognitionem concessæ gratiæ, libertatis, & defensionis regiæ singuli nautæ nostrates istuc appellentes non nisi sex aureos nummos, Angelos nobiles quos vocant, & unum thalerum imperialem R. Væ. Mtis. præfectis Insulæ solverunt; nunc verò ~~Postmodum tamen lapsu, seu potius injuria temporum & dictorum præsidum eo non devenisse~~, ut dicto ~~[illegible]~~ tributo ~~sex Angelottorum & unius Imperialis~~ ~~addere~~ quatuor tonnas cerevisiæ, & duas farinæ, ~~singulas~~, ~~insuper~~ & binas ~~quam quilibet nautarum se sale firmiter induratas~~ pernas ~~suillas~~, unam pro navi, alteram pro casa, quam illic ~~quilibet~~ in suos usus ~~nautarum ad exponendas & conservandas in illa tum allatas venales, tum vicissim ad exportandum ibidem comparatas merces~~ in littore

insuper

amplis/ Senat L. ad Regem angliæ beschwerung sich über den neuen dem Hittlandsfahrern aufgelegt unordentlichen Impositionem unter dem [illegible]

1613 ~~[illegible]~~ 5. cal. Mart.

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singuli quindecim
~~[illegible]~~ extructā habet; nec non ~~[illegible]~~ ulnas ~~[illegible]~~ ~~&~~ optimi

praeterea
bijsi et ~~tandem~~ ~~his omnibus~~ deauratam ac sculptura

cogimur.
egregie ornatam longiorem bombardam addere ~~[illegible]~~.

onera praeter ~~[illegible]~~
Quae quidem ~~[illegible]~~ ~~sibi imposita gravamina~~ ~~licet~~

~~tantum~~ decet ~~sit~~
~~huc usque~~, ea qua ~~[illegible]~~ ~~&~~ modestia & patientia, ~~[illegible]~~

nostri sustinuerint,
~~nostri [illegible] animo~~, neque de iis ullam majorem in-

ea fore, ut
stituerint querelam; spe freti, ~~[illegible]~~, ~~haud [illegible]~~, ~~ut [illegible]~~

nova
~~finem [illegible]~~ ~~se quidem aequum est~~, hae in mulatas exactiones, vel prorsus

id quod essent
~~tandem~~, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~ut~~ ~~per se quidem aequum~~, ~~ut~~ tolle-

dae, ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ ~~alijs~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~& quidem nulli~~ gravioribus

verum ~~[illegible]~~
aug~~endae~~ ~~[illegible] omnibus~~: ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ipsa ~~[illegible]~~

de erunt,
esse in tantum ~~se~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~cives nostri [illegible]~~, ut etiam

superiori anno, praeter ~~jam~~ dicta & antiquata & nova onera,

insuper dicunt de
illud ~~[illegible]~~ tributum, Castumum quod ~~[illegible]~~, & ~~[illegible]~~

insolitis caeteris de omnium fam
~~[illegible]~~, ~~de [illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ mercium, quae in insulam

importantur & inibi distrahuntur, quam ~~quae~~ ~~ibidem~~ eve-

ibidem
hendi gratia ~~[illegible]~~ coemuntur, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

pro
praefecti insulae quinque, & ~~[illegible]~~ scribae, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~-

bus castumi testimonio ~~[illegible]~~, ~~de singulis~~

exigit,
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ quatuor ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~,

~~[illegible] huc usque~~ ~~[illegible] immunes fuerint~~, ab iisdem

~~[illegible]~~: nullo insuper habito respectu, quod aliae

nationes, quae tributum hoc castumi quidem persolvunt,

illorum onerum, quae nostris hominibus ~~alias~~ ~~[illegible]~~

sunt, immunitate prorsus quidem ~~[illegible]~~. ~~Quae cum [illegible]~~,

Marginal notes:

~~[illegible]~~

vel saltem nullis

cives nostri

in usum

sibi ~~illis~~
~~impossibile sit~~, non
minus, quam caeteris
populis
~~nationibus~~, qui ~~[illegible]~~
vel quis
~~illis~~ oneribus, quibus nostri
~~attamen~~
se ferre cogun-
tur, sunt immunes,
~~[illegible]~~ impositum
conquerantur.

Quando itaque praeter

~~[illegible] clementissimo Rege~~, & R.ª V.ª ~~Vestra~~ Maiestas,

ex voluntate tam haec insidiis opprimuntur, q

pro innata singulari sua clementia, & nec ~~nunquam~~ satis laudanda ~~laudandae~~ prudentia, tum justitiae & ac aequitatis quo ardet amore eximio ~~clementissime judicaturam~~,

nervisque penitus,

~~[illegible] omnino [illegible]~~ nostrates nautas & mercatores ~~duplici [illegible] onere & tam variis [illegible]~~ toties ~~subinde~~ adauctis tributis obrui, adeo ut si eam ~~afficit, quorum etiam~~ remissionem ~~justam~~ & vel moderationem ~~legitimam~~ minus ~~si non~~ impetraverint, ~~fieri non possit, ut solita in nominata insula~~

sua illic

commercia & more denique continuare ~~&~~ non possint, ~~[illegible] insulis merces [illegible] vehere integrum illis relinquatur, similiter nobis [illegible], sicut habemus~~, summis a R. V. M. contendimus precibus, dignetur ea clementissime ~~hoc apud animum suum benignissime expendere~~, ~~&~~ totam hanc rem ita moderari, ut liceat nostris antiqua receptaque libertate ~~& privilegiis, sine quibus commerciorum illis consistere vix aut difficulter admodum potest~~, porro ~~[illegible]~~ libere

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uti suis, tum praefectis insulae severe mandare, ne insolitum hoc custumi tributum ab illis exigant, sed ~~ut~~ persolutis ~~contenti~~ reliquis illis ~~exactionibus~~, ~~quae~~ ~~nostri habenti &~~ [illegible]

quae hactenus consueverunt

~~grate, si praeter~~ nihil ~~[illegible] de illis [illegible]~~, ~~animo persolvere paratos se offerunt~~, ab eo ~~dem~~ nostros ~~illos~~ ~~imposterum~~ liberos ~~[illegible] ac~~ relinquant. Quod si, ut submisse ~~animum induximus nostrum~~ confidimus, a R. V. M. obtinuerimus, summi id beneficii loco habebimus,

trescorum

& nullam non avidissime arripiemus occasionem, qua sub,
jectissimum ac gratissimum erga eam ~~ipsam~~ & + subditos ~~ejus~~
animum nostrum, ~~illa & vel minima ex parte,~~ declarare
nobis licebit: Cuj a Deo ter Opt: Max: & omnium
Regum Rege ~~summo~~ summo diuturnam, pacificam, &
felicissimam regnorum administrationem ex animo pre,
camur, simul exigua nostra servitia ac obsequia quaecunque
a nobis proficisci poterunt, summa cum animi promptitudine
ejdem spondemus ~~& pollicentes~~: Datae sub secretiori nostrae
civitatis sigillo 5 cal: Martij, A.o a nativitate Salvatoris

& domini nostri Jesu Christi 1613.

Vae: Altis:

Studiosissimi & obsequentissimi

Consules & Senatus Reipub:
Bremensis.

Serenissimo & Illustrissimo Principi ac Domino,
Domino Jacobo ejus nominis Sexto, Magnae Bri,
tanniae, Franciae, & Hyberniae Regi potentissimo,
fideique defensori acerrimo & constantissimo, Domino
nostro Clementissimo.

Ad Regem ~~Angliae~~ magnae
Britanniae

pro

Nautis in Hitlandiam
navigantibus

De dato 5 Cal.
Martij 1613.