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Mr. Fox has the honour of sending to your Majesty the Resolutions moved yesterday by the Lord Advocate of Scotland which were agreed to in the Committee & afterwards by the House upon the report. The Lord Advocate then moved for leave to bring in a bill of Pains & Penalties against Sir Thomas Drummond & Messieurs Whitehill & Perrin, & brought it in immediately. He also brought in another bill to prevent the Perrons aimed at from quitting the country or transferring their property for the term of one year. Much

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of the day was spent in conversation upon the proper mode of proceeding, and it was at last generally understood that the proper stage for Sir Thomas Rumbold to make his defence would be the second reading of the Bill. The principal Speakers were the Speaker who suggested this mode of proceeding from the Chair, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Jenkinson, Mr. Fox, Sir Thomas Rumbold, & Mr. Bingley who was the only Person who seemed inclined to defend the Persons accused. Mr. Fox would have rent your Majesty this account by the Meppenzer who went to Windsor this morning, if he had been able

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upon to procure by that time a copy of the Resolution.
was Mr. Sawbridge on this day made a motion
proper of censure upon the Pension granted to Mr.
be his Robinson, and was seconded by Mr. Filmer
the Honeywood. Mr. Thomas Pitt moved the
e previous question upon the ground of the
ceeding business not being important enough to
merit the attention of Parliament, and was
bold supported in this by Mr. Fox, the Lord
who Advocate, Mr. William Pitt and others. It
used was carried without a division. The Lord
This Advocate spoke very earnestly against any
ble inquiries that might tend to produce heats in
the house and destroy the unanimity which
now seemed to prevail; Mr. William Pitt

in one of the most eloquent speeches that
ever was made supported nearly the same
idea and said that it was better to provide
that future Ministers should not have it in
their power to do wrong, than to enquire into
the errors of the past. This conversation was
in a great measure drawn on by Mr. Fox's
declaring that an inquiry into the state of
the nation and the calamitous situation in
which your Majesty's present servants had
found the country was necessary in order to
justify those measures which they might be
obliged to propose to Parliament. - Mr. Thomas
Pitt moved a Committee to examine the state of
the debt & finances, which is to be balloted for tomorrow
at St. James's
11 o'clock P. M. 30 April. 1702.

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