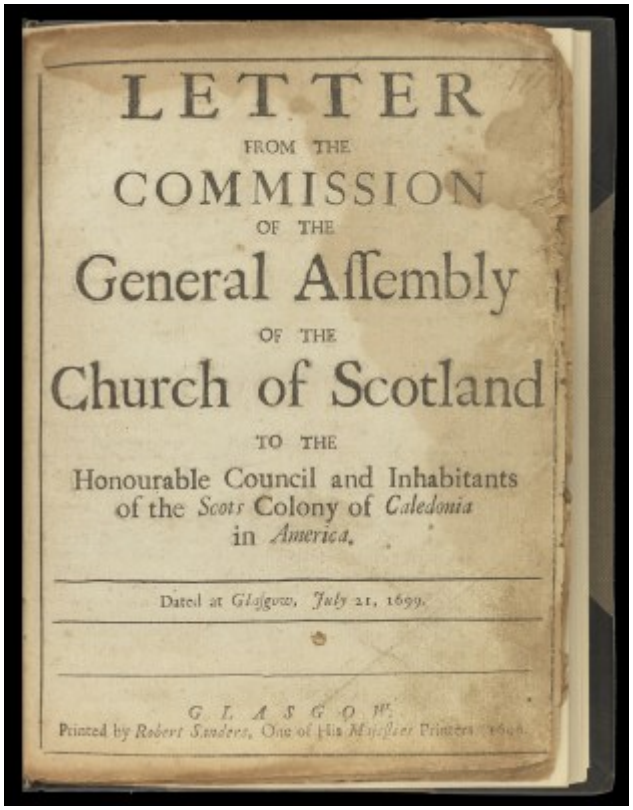

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OF THE
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goods, devastating epidemics of disease, and increasing shortage of food; it was finally abandoned after a siege by Spanish forces in April of 1700. As the Darien company was backed by about a quarter of the money circulating in Scotland, its failure left the nobles and landowners – who had suffered a run of bad harvests – almost completely ruined and was an important factor in weakening their resistance to the Act of Union of 1707.

Despite being harassed by the Spanish, a report was sent back to Edinburgh requesting supplies and portraying an upbeat tone. This document is the official reply to that report.

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