

# Case Study

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## Scottish Parliament / NAS

### Making the Act of Union 1707 Interactive Kiosk

#### Background

The passing of Acts of Union by both the English and Scottish Parliaments led to the creation on 1 May 1707 of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

Three hundred years after they were signed the Acts that officially joined Scotland and England together were on display side-by-side in Scotland for the first time in an exhibition at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. The exhibition was a joint initiative between the Scottish Parliament, the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the National Archives of Scotland.

#### The brief

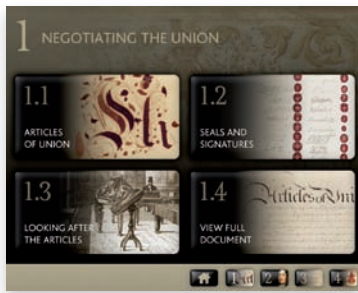
Having already successfully completed a number of digital and print projects for Royal Commission for Ancient and Historical Scotland, and National Archives of Scotland, **Moriarti** were asked to design and produce an interactive kiosk for the Making the Act of Union exhibition at the Scottish Parliament.

The aim of kiosk was to allow visitors to learn about and interact with a number of very precious important historical documents in a tangible physical way that otherwise is not possible.

The interactive also had to allow the user to learn about the people behind the Act of Union and their motivation behind unification of the Parliaments.



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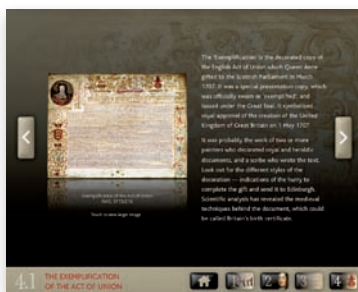
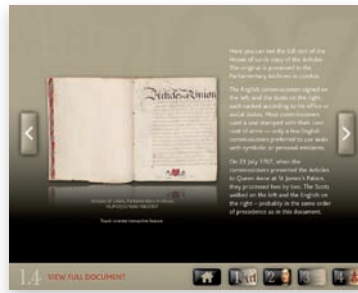
## The response

**Moriarti** produced an engaging interactive experience that allowed the user to directly interact with a number of historical documents that have not been shown in public for hundreds of years.

These documents, due to their delicate state are not allowed to be handled by anyone and were shown under glass.

To get round this, **Moriarti** produced 'virtual' versions of the documents that can be examined in very fine detail though an on-screen magnifying glass. These documents were displayed in their entirety and the user has the ability to flick through the full pages of the Act and signature documents.

In addition to this, the user can view biographies on the signatories of the Act of Union, the supporters and opponents, as well as in-depth scientific analysis of the Exemplification document using hyper spectral imaging.



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"Events being held to mark the 1707 Act of Union offer people the chance to learn about this significant event in Scottish history and the changes that have taken place as a result of devolution.

A particular highlight of the exhibition is the interactive feature designed by **Moriarti**, which will give visitors the opportunity to look closely at the historic documents and learn more about their history."

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