

L. c. 1515 London 27 March 1684

+The discourse is now Revived of the d: of Monmoths Intentions for fflanders to Act for the Spaniards the Approaching Campaigne & Its generally discourst that the Close of Last weeke his Grace went thitherwards divers Gentlemen are preparing also for fflanders vizt the Ld Brandon Gerrard Ld Lumley &c

This day Captain Bartue went for Paris to prepare Equipage for the E of Shrewsbury who with the D: of Grafton & others of the Nobility Intend for the ffrench Campe

The E of Ossory haveing been in A yatcht at sea & not Returneing for severall dayes it was very much feared the said yatcht was Cast away But Its now Certainly Advised he landed at dieepe in ffrance & Its said Intends for the Campaigne but is since Returned hither

14 new men of warr are forthwith ordered to be Equipped to joyne with the Ld dartmouths fleet when Arrived to secure the Channell this summer & Maintaine his Matyes late proclamation in Reference to Hostillities Comitted on o[u]r seas dureing the warr between ffrance & Spaine

Yesterday the Dutchesse of Modena Arrived at Whitehall

His Matye has Constituted the Honble Sr Dudley North one of the Comissioners of the Customes as supernumerary to the Rest

That which has been soe long discourst of in Relation to the Quo Warrantoes Agt o[u]r Citty Companies is now Confirmed there being already 14 writts taken out & most of them served some of them by scire ffacies

That Agt the Company of Goldsmiths being yesterday delivered to the Master & Warden they forthwith Called A Court & voted to lay downe their Charter at his Matyes feet begging his grace & faivor The same day A Quo Warranto was served upon the Company of Stationers who this day sumoned their Livery & Resolved upon A petition to his Matye that he would be pleased to Recall the said writt & Appoint such A Court of Assistant Clerks & others of the Company as he should thinke fit

The Company of diers have sold all that percell of land which their Hall & other edifices were lately built on

They write from Norwich that the E of Yarmouth had tryed an Action of scandalum Magnatum Agt one Stebbing of that Citty who was one of the forwardest in the delivery up of their Charter & had 10000 L damages for saying his Lordship was A whigg kept Company with those sort of people & fit to head A faction or words to that Effect

On Tuesday last his Matye touched for the Evill but the Concourse of people at the Mese [?] to get Ticketts was soe greate that 7 persons were Crouded to death in the press

Some dayes since the skin of A woman most Barbarously flead off was found by some youths in A pond neer Grayes Inn Lane, Greate Enquiry has been made for the Corps but not yet found Greate Resort has been to see the same but Its now ordered to be buried

L. c. 1516 London 29th March 1684

+Quo Warrantoes are already served on 14 Companies vizt Mercers Habberdashers Grocers Skinners Goldsmiths Drapiers ffishmongers Ironmongers Coopers Apothecaries Leather sellers Weavers Merchant Taylors & Stationers who are Cited to Appear the first day of the next Terme in the Kings Bench Court & Its Affirmed that the like writts will be Ishued out Agt most of the Rest there being in all 72 ffraternities one is already taken out Agt the vintners but not Actually served

The mercers have sumoned their whole Company to Impart this matter to them & most others follow their Example

Yesterday A Comittee Appointed by the Company of Goldsmiths to surrender their Charter Attended the Ld Keeper therewith & delivered it

accordingly praying his Matyes Grace & faivor

His Matye Intends for Windsor next Satureday The Councill have sate upon weighty affaires Relateing to fforreign Transactions & the fforreign Ambrs have been at Whitehall to take their measures & 10 dayes may give us the prospect either peace or warr in the Low Countries

The Dutchesse of Yorke is Reported to be Certainly with Child The Dutchesse of Modena her mother Intends to make her Constant Residence in this Kingdome

The Princesse of Denmarke being neer her time is to lye in at Windsor & will be Carryed thither in A sedan

On the 20th Instant was soe greate A storme at sea that divers ships were Cast away neer Yarmouth & some of them saved not A man

Capt Gunman [?] Comander of the yaught in Company with the E of Ossery from ffrance affirmes together with divers in the vessell that they saw 3 visible suns in the firmament on the 21st at 7 in the morning & that 2 Rowling seas Came Thwart each other & that 3 ships were Cast away neer Callis in their sight

A ship Arrived last Wednesday in the West gives Account that 8 dayes since he mett the Ld Dartmouths fleet in the bay of Biscay by which wee may Exspect his arrivall every houre

+A ffrench man by nation was this weeke seized & Comitted to Newgate being Charged with poysoning divers persons aboard one of his Matyes men of warr 7 of whome died there being such Clear Evidence Agt him that Its thought he Cannot Escape

His Matye hath now settled the Revenue & officers to Compose the new Hospitall of Chelsea Colledg which Estate will Amount to 12000 L p An & 700 persons together with the officers to Cohabitt & have maintenance therein & many of the souldiers who Came from Tangier are Already Admitted & will Comence Collegiatts at Midsomer next

L. c. 1517 1st Aprill 1684

+Yesterday severall Quo Warrantoes were served on More of o[ur] Citty Companies & more will be dayly brought Agt others The Grocers have since their being served Appointed A Comittee of 6 Aldermen & 6 Comoners to Attend his Matye to know what his pleasure is therein

mr secretary Jenkins has desired to be dismiss which is granted & mr Sidney Godolphin Advanced in his Roome

His Matyes Revenue of hearth Money which was performed by select Mannagers Expireing at Lady day his Matye hath dismiss his said Mannagers ordereing his Comissioners of Excize to performe that worke & thereby save A greate Charge

Letters from Bristoll say that the sheriffs of that Citty have made distresse of severall dissenting shopkeepers for above 100 L each as being Convicted upon the statute of 20 L p month for not Coming to Church

They write from Paris that their King has ordered 3 seperate Armies to Act in flanders of 90000 men & A 4th under Crequi on the Rhine of 62000 men & A 5th under Schombergh in Catalonia of 44000 men & that there is more Appearance of warr than peace

They write from the Hague that the Dutch troops are departed for Brabant That those of Amsterdam Continue stubborne as to the new Levy & Its supposed those of Groningen & Ommeland will also Continue the like

Letters from Hamburg say that the K of Denmarke was Come with his forces before Lubeck & had taken Mollem & Patzburgh & killed all the Troops therein & have also taken posts in the 4 dependant Counties of Hamburg which Allarmes all those parts The Lunenburgh troops are marching to their Assistance

Letters from Lintz say that the Assembly at Presburgh Ended not

with the successe as was Exspected That Teckley being Reinforced with 6000 Turks & Tartars makes Miserable Ravageing & has Burnt 13 villages & plundered as many Especially of those who have sworne Alleigance to the Emperor at Presburgh who dare not Returne home for fear of him & 2 Earles are Retreated into Poland

The Poles being all Retired out of Hungary for want of subsistance The Bassa of Buda has Certainly Releived Newhassell without any losse which Garrison by sicknesse & want were Reduced to 1000 Combatants

Letters from Constantinople say that almost every day one or other of the late prime viziers Creatures are strangled & that the next Campaigne is like to be very bloody

+Its Certainly Reported that mr John Lambert (formerly Generall for those Called the Rumpe parliamt) is dead

L. c. 1518 London 3d Aprill 1684

+This day the Company of Mercers mett to Consider what Proceed to make upon the Quo Warranto & the first question was whether they should first secure their Creditors or Attend the next Terme For A declaration & it was Carryed by 9 for the former & A Comittee of 5 Chose to Advise with Councill therein

The 2d question put was whether they should Attend to see what would be Alledged Agt them or forthwith petition his Matye which was Carryed in the latter by many votes & A Comittee Nominated to draw up the said petition which being Reported was Assented to the substance shewing That Richard the 2d founded their Company & they have since Enjoyed it successively till this time That they were sorry for his Matyes displeasure humbly beseeching to know the occasion & soe lay themselves at his Matyes feet & voted that the Master & Wardens should take with them whome they should thinke fit & forthwith Attend his Matye

Last Tuesday divers porpuses were seen by many spectators playing in the River Adjacent to the Custome house which people variously discant upon they were judged as large as A Bullock

mr Lambert Genll in the late Rebellious times died last weeke in St Nicholas Island neer Plimouth where he was Confined

Next Satureday Sidney Godolphin Esqr Enters upon his place as principle secretary of state in Roome of Sr Lionell Jenkins who is to Continue judge of the Admiralty Court his Apartment being prepareing at drs Comons & mr Godolphin also keeps his place as Comissioner of the Treasury

This weeke divers of the Citty Apprentices were Apprehended for Counterfetting & vending false Guyneys being Prince Ruperts mettell not worth 6 d

The Ld Dartmouth upon his Arrivall at Plimouth Imediately tooke post & Came to Whitehall Wee heare his Lordship has brought from Cadiz 600000 L in Bullion on Account of the Merchants

Last Tuesday Arrived in the Downes the ffaucon Captain Churchill Comander from Jamaica & brings Account that the Lawrence An English privateer or piratt in Conjunction with other nations since they mett with such good successe at Vera Cruz put to sea with designe to Attack Cartagena haveing only [digit or digits smeared] [ve]ssells upon which the Spaniards sent out 3 men of warr to Chace them away who Comeing towards the piratts they made A seeming flight & they thought sure of them but the piratts Turned suddenly upon the Spanish Admirall of 42 Guns being A head of the Rest & Boarded her before the Rest Could Come up & tooke her & with her Assistance seized both the other in this Action the Spaniards had neer 500 men slayne & the piratts only 17 & 36 Wounded & are with the Spanish ships pursuing their Enterprize

L. c. 1519 London 5th Aprill 1684

+This morning his Matye went for Windsor as doe the whole Court on Munday & all the Companions of the most Noble order of the Garter are sumoned to Attend there on Tuesday where will be held An Installment for Prince George & c

His Matye has Constituted the Prince of Denmarke Generall of all his foot forces in England The souldiers from Tangier will be disposed of in the severall Garrisons upon the sea Coast

Yesterday the E of Dartmouth Attended the King at Whitehall to Render An Account of his voyage & was Graciously Recd & tis said is made one of the Comissioner\$% of the Treasury

Yesterday the Ld Mayor sheriffs & Aldermen were at Whitehall to wish his Matye A prosperous journey & to Receive orders to governe the Citty in his Absence

Yesterday Sr Dudley North Master of the Mercers Company with the Wardens & c Attended the King with A petition from that Company upon the Quo Warranto brought Agt them which being Read his Matye Returned noe other Answer then that they should suddenly have one from his principle secretary of state

On Thursday the Ld Ch. Justice Returned from the Westerne Circuitt & Entred the Citty with above 200 horse besides Coaches with the Kings Trumpetts before them & has been since at Whitehall to Render his Matye An Account of his Circuitt & was Extreemly Carrassed by all The Councill have sate upon divers weighty affaires Especially the dispose of the Ld Dartmouths fleet some of which are to be layd up but others to be Revictualled to make up the summers Guard which is to Consist of 30 sayle & 40000 L is for the prsent sent to Portesmouth to pay off some of the seamen & the Lds of the Treasury will in few dayes provide A greater summe to defray the Rest of the Charges & Arreirs

One Capt Clifford who was Convicted & ffined 1000 L to the King & 1500 L damages Recovered Agt him by Madam Sinderfeild for forceably stealing away the said lady into ffrance with Intend to Constrayne her to Marriage being prisoner in the ffleet, yesterday divers Gent Came under pretence to see him who Attending them to the door they knockt downe the Turnkey & Conveyed the prisoner to the Water side where takeing boate he is not since heard of

This afternoone Arrived A Dutch post which sayes that they Attend Every houre for A Courier from ffrance which will tell them either warr or peace, if the former Prince Waldeck has promised to bring downe the forces of the Circles of the Empire to their Assistance & the d of Bavaria has Engaged to Advance toward Strasburgh

Letters fron Lintz say the vizier of Buda has sent word to the Governor of Raab that he has full power from his Master to Treat A peace or truce with the Emperor

+This day Arrived the ship Kempthorne from ffort st George in India Richly laden The Master mate Chyrurgeon & 20 seamen died in their passage shee Touched at Bantam & Battavia but the Dutch made it death to sell them pepper, They also Confirme that the Dutch have both the Kings of Bantam in their pession & are in sole Comand of the place

L. c. 1520 London 8th Aprill 1684

+This day the Attorney Genll sent the Master of the Mercers Company his Matyes Answer to their late petition being in substance, That his Matye has noe designe to Infring their Liberties but only Expects that they will signe & seale An Instrument to Impower his Matye when he should see occasion to place or displace their Master Wardens assistants & Clerke & then his Matye will Confirme their prsent Charters with such Additions as shall be for the Good of their Company

Yesterday the Royall Exchange began to be Rayled in to affix there

A pedestell for His Matyes portraiture given by the Hamburg Company

Yesterday began the sessions at Guildhall where proclamation was made for 100 Excommunicate dissenters to Render themselves or pay 20 L & with some every quarter will be doubled & when seized the whole be Levied

Many dissenters were tryed & found Guilty of Ryotts & ffined some 10 L others less & Comitted to Newgate till paid Construction being made that being at Worship is an Act & that Act being unlawfull such unlawfull Assemblies are Ryotts & where they are mett with Intent to performe such Worship it is A Route though noe preaching there

The Archbishop of Canterbury & Bp of London have ordered that all seditious Catichismes be suppress & that none presume to teach them in schooles & bills of Indictment are this sessions brought Agt some of the Authors

Dr Buck of the Temple being dead dr Sherlock will succeed, also the Bishop of Carlisle is lately dead

mr Wade of Bristoll mentioned to be Concerned in the late plott is seized at Mevis & bringing hither

Upon the Complaint of the Spanish Ambr here his Matye has ordered 5 men of warr to the West Indies to seize & take all those that they find Comitting Acts of Hostllity Agt his Matyes Allyes

Letters from Scotland say that their Parliamt is Adjourned from the 9th of Aprill till the 9th of Septembr That on the 28th of March Sr Hugh Cambell after A long & tedious tryall haveing Acquitted himselfe from all the Allegations layd to his Charge was by the jury brought in not Guilty at which the people Extreamly shouted, on which the Kings Advocate said he never heard of the like but at the Acquitting of that Traytor Shaftesbury in England, his Advocate moved for his discharge [but?] was told that being the Kings prisoner he must Attend his Matyes Pleasure The witnesses for not makeing good their Allegations Agt him were Comitted to prison

Last night A duell was fought between the Lds Shrewsbury & Chumley on the one side & mr Mathews & mr Churchill on the other the former were disarmed which Ended the fray without effusion of blood The Prince of Denmarke has bought the house in St James Parke Called the Cockpitt which was the E: of Danbyes & now the Princesse will lye in there

L. c. 1521 London 10 Aprill 1684

+Yesterday began the sessions at the old Bayly where divers Malefactors Received sentence of death & amonge them one that Received the Kings pay upon an Ancient statute for deserting his Colours

What was writt of one Wade of Bristoll being seized at Mevis as A Conspirator proves to be one Holloway A Linnen draper of that Citty who is Arrived & hath been Examined before the Councill & Its said hath made an Ingenious Confession of the whole & is this Evening sent to Newgate

The D of Grafton E: of Mulgrave E of Ossory E of Shrewsbury with divers Lds & Gent are Come from Windsor in order to their going to the ffrench Campe where there will be An Appearance of Abt 90 in very greate splendor

+The deane of Bristoll being dead mr Johnson of that Citty who was Cited to the late Parliamt will succeed

The Ld Brinkard [?] being dead his place of Master of St Katherines Hospitall judged to be worth 1500 L p An Comes to Sr James Butler steward of the Marshalsea

Yesterday the Company of Chyrurgeons were served with A Quo Warranto & this day divers others will Receive the like

The Company of Stationers have subscribed & sealed A paper yeilding that his Matye shall place or displace their Master Wardens Assistance

& Clerke & afterwards they proceeded to Regulate severall things in their Company displacing 6 of their Assistants who are judged to be Whiggishly Inclined & voted for Bethell & Cornish & Its Affirmed that 9 Loyall persons will by way of Mandamus be Affixed therein it being A greate Benefit to be An assistant & after their decease to their Widdows as Receiving A devident of the Companies stock which Amounts to A greate summe by the many Coppies of books which they have solely to themselves

Wee heare that the Ld Dartmouth was the last person on the Barbary shoar at Tangier But some of the Mines did not take Effect soe soon as the Garrison was shipt & the Moores not Regarding the danger began to Rush in but his Lordship sent Ashoar to Advise them of the Approaching Mischeife & they drew off but not soe suddenly but 50 Moores were blowne up by the springing of A Mine

His Lordship before his Coming off strowed many New Mild shillings Amonge the Rubbish that the Moores might see that his Matye did not demolish that place for want of money but other Reasons, The Mould Canot be seen at Low water marke & is soe Ruined as to be unserviceable to any other

The Spaniards at Gibraltar when o[ur] fleet was in sight Came downe with A greate Army to prevent any Attempt upon them

The ship Eagle bound for the East Indies haveing by A storme lost her mast & driven back into Plimouth Its feared the season will be lost before shee can be Refitted

L. c. 1522 London 12th Aprill 1684

+Yesterday the Company of Mercers mett to whome Sr Dudley North their master made Report of his Matyes Answer to their petition by mr Attorney Genll which affaيرة Admitted many & High debates but in fine they put it to the question whether they should Comply with his Matyes desire which Came to A poll & it was Carried by 18 in the affirmative

After which they Appointed A Comittee to Attend mr secretary to know in what manner they must proceed to Comply with his Matyes desire & to performe it Accordingly

On Thursday the Company of ffishmongers Agreed to lay their Charter at his Matyes feet & Appointed A Comittee to Attend the secretary who tis said has directions left him what Answer to Returne to Every Company in his Matyes absence

The Company of Ironmongers have Concluded much upon the like as wee hear will doe many other Companies

This day Arrived A Dutch post with Advice that the severall Ambrs at the Congress at the Hague upon many debates Considering that they can hope for noe further succour from England & that the Troops of Spaine & Holland Cannot be able to make their defence agt ffrance are Come to A Resolution of Agreeing A Truce with ffrance & deputed 12 of their body to Communicate the same to the ffrench Ambrs who first asked if they had full power from their principalls to Agree the same to which they Could not Answer in the Affirmative but however they Informed him with the project soe to Agree A Truce as that the Barryer might be Affixed from the Scheld to the Maas & prayed Mounsr de Avaux to signify the same to his Master which he Refused saying that if they Agree A Truce all things must Remaine as they are or his Master must looke upon it as A 2d declaration of warr but if they would Agree to what his Master had directly proposed he had orders to signe the same, upon which Answer the states Genll were forced to send an Expresse to Paris themselves

Holloway was on Thursday Comitted to Newgate but last night Carried up Againe to Whitehall where he was Againe Examined before the Councill

where he made A full discovery of the horrid Conspiracy & that more at large then hath been yet discovered insomuch that Rumsey is Comitted Close prisoner

The Ld Lumley is gone for fflanders whither the D of Monmoth is going his servants haveing been at Brussells to get provisions for 20 horses

L. c. 1523 London 15th Aprill 1684

+Letters from Dublin say that on the 7th at Night broke out A dreadfull fire in that Castle that in 3 houres Consumed the greatest part thereof to the vallue of above 100000 L & might have done much more dammage by the greate quantity of powder therein had not the personall Courage of the Ld Deputy the E of Arran Excited others to follow him & Removed the same Its said it began in his Lordships Apartment who himselfe narrowly Escaped

Tis said mr Holloway of Bristoll who is in Newgate hath Charged some persons of that Citty as Conspirators with him & has discovered that Rumsey & West Could have accused others & discovered more then they have done & next weeke his Matye is Exspected at Whitehall where they will be all 3 Examined in the meane time the keeper of Newgate hath orders not to suffer Holloway pen Inke nor paper & mr West & mr Rumsey are in Custody

Yesterday severall more Companies were served with Quo Warrantoes & on Sunday noe less then 8 Attended his Matye at Windsor with petitions to lay themselves at his Matyes feet & Acquies to the Regulations Exspected of them & Among them the Habberdashers & Peter Daniell Esqr one of o[ur] sheriffs prsenting their petition had the honor of knighthood

Yesterday one Captain Stisted [?] A late officer in the Custome house being displaced thence Came upon the key with the Act of Parliamt in his hand & made A seizure of ffrench wines & Caused A little disturbance but the wines were Carryed off notwithstanding his pretences

Yesterday one mr Hill A druggist in Budg Row was Arrested in An Action of 1000 L of scandalum Magnatum at the suite of his R: Highs but is at liberty upon bayle but Its said the Duke will declare next Terme for 50000 L

Yesterday Broome Whorwood Esqr late A member of Parliamt for Oxford died Agt whome An Information was Exhibitted in the Crowne office

Our Polish letters say that An Ambr from the Sophy of Persia was Arrived at Cracow & had Audience of the King & Assured him that his Master had fully determind to make warr Agt the Turks & to bring into the feild 100000 men & begin with the seige of Babilon

Letters from Lintz say that A greate Councill of warr was held the 27th March to Carry on the warr & it was Concluded that the Generall [R]andevouz of the Imperiall army should be on the 20th of May neer Gran & that they will begin with the seige of Newhassell Tis said the Turks are in greate disorders & finde greate dificulties in Raiseing men notwithstanding the greate Encouragemts they give

+They write from fflanders that the ffrench K will suddenly be there with his Army & that if the warr proceeds there will be as greate Action as Ever in those parts

[Note on outside of letter in another hand:]

Christopher Merry Weaver & Merry his Wife, & John Merry the son of the sd Chr. & E his Wife all of Arby in the [about twelve letters blotted]

Interest & Estate as well in possession as reversion, wthall & all manner of Claim & Demand whatsoever to a certain house with outhouses & large Orchard or Homsted or Home Close scituate & lying

between the land of the said R N in the tenure of Tho: Taylor husbandman on two sides of the Lane or Road now leading from Arby aforesd to Nuncaton on an other side & an old not used lane on the fourth side and a Slice or narrow peice of ground lying between an other part of the land of the sd R N in the tenure of Tho: Taylor aforesd on the one side & a spring or Coppice wood of the sd R. N: called Lagoes Rough on the other side

[Note in yet another hand on lower half of outside of letter:]

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11 yds 2 fo: 2 In Crost
8 yds 1 fo: Crost
114 yds 2 fo

129 yds 2 foot Crost

L. c. 1524 London 17th Aprill 1684

+Yesterday being the first of the Terme Coll Mildmay mr Braddon mr Caudron &c appeared which was Recorded

The greate Cause between the Lady Ivy & Esqr Neale for 4000 L p Ann is ordered to be on the 5th of May

Alderman Wright of Oxford Appeared & An Information was Exhibitted Agt him for writeing divers seditious Libells Agt the goverment which were found in his Closett & was Required to give 10000 L Recognizance himselfe & 4 sureties each 5000 L which not being Ready he was Comitted

The Conviction of Sr Samll Barnardiston being not Returned out of the Citty noe proceedings were had of him This day is held A greate Councill at Hampton Court where tis said will be debated the ffarming of his Matyes Revenue of England & Ireland some peers offering 2 Millions p Ann also mr Holloway is Carryed thither to be Examined before his Matye in Councill

mr Halley soe often mentioned in the Gazett to be missing is now found dead in the River Medway by Rochester naked save only Hose & shooes which Admitts of Various discourse

The Company of Weavers & divers other Companies are gone this day to Windsor to submitt to his Matyes Regulations

The D of Monmouth is now Certainly in fflanders Appeareing publickly at Brussells & Its Reported has his Matyes Leave to goe into that service & that the Marquess de Grana wrote to England before he would Receive him as himselfe

Yesterday A Letter Came from mr Ricott the English Consul at Algeirs with Account that the goverment have now Agreed A peace with ffrance & that the ffrench are to Restore as many Moorish slaves as they have of their owne Nation & that the Remainder the ffrench K is to buy at A Market price with some other Termes not Honourable for ffrance

Our Holland letters say that all posible Endeavrs are used to

Center affaires in A peace or Truce & Its said that Spaine Inclines to yeild to one of the Alternatives of ffrance

The M: de Grana has seized some persons Some say they are Jesuitts that had A designe to betray 6 Townes in fflanders to the ffrench when the King Come his progress which affaire will be strictly Examined

The ffrench K. hath made new Engagements with Denmarke & bestowed greate presents on his Councillors, The Duke of Saxony hath sent to the Danish Troops to Retire speedily out of the Empire or he will Constraine them thereto

+Our fforeign letters say that the Bassa of Buda hath Againe sent to the Emperor for A Treaty of peace between his master & the Emperor who Communicated it to the Popes Nuncio The Polish Ambr & other ministers at his Court who are more Inclinaire to pursue the warr then treatate of peace

L. c. 1525 London 19th Aprill 1684

+Yesterday severall motions were made at the Court of Kings bench vizt That noe Appearance be Entered to the Quo Warranto Agt the Citty of Yorke unless under their Comon seale which was granted

Alderman Wright of Oxford moved he might be brought from the Kings bench & give such security as was Exspected which was assented to

The buisness of the Earle of Macclesfeilds demanding special bayle for Sr Thomas Grosvenor upon the Action of scandalum Magnatum brought Agt the said Sr Thomas Grosvenor fforeman of A jury which prsented his Lordship as Aideing & Abetting in the Conspiracy of the D of Monmoth But the Court only ordered Comon bayle

mr Attorney moved for A Habeas Corpus to bring up mr Holloway who tis thought will be suddenly tryed

This day at the Kings bench barr Sr Samll Barnadiston was ffined 10000 L & to give sureties for his behavior dureing life

Letters this day from Poland say that there was prsented to that King the Hospodar of Wallachia taken prisoner by the Cossacks who offers for his Ransom 60 Polonian Noblemen prisoners in Turkey but being a Man of potency & like to doe much damage his offers are Refused Also that deputies were Againe Arrived from Count Teckeley who offers to submit to the Emperor on those Termes proposed just after the seige of Vienna

They write from Vienna that Coll Hemster had beate A Considerable body of Hungarian Rebels & that Coll Staffer had defeated 500 of the garrison of Newhassell & taken 80 prisoners who Report flesh is in that garrison at 2 L [?] A pound

Also that the Morlacks had seized A Constantinople Caravan & taken many Rich Turkey Merchants & plunder worth 200000 Ducketts of Gold

They write from Lintz that the Elector of Bavaria is hourelly Exspected to be Ready at the Generall Randevouz where the Emperor will have 64000 men of his owne proper Troops besides Auxilliaries mr Papillion & mr Dubois haveing brought their Actions & Arrested Sr Wm Pritchard when he was Ld Mayor in the very night the Riseing was to have been & not haveing declared Agt him he hath brought his Action & they have this day given what bayle to his Action also Alderman Wright of Oxford hath given what bayle the Court demanded

L. c. 1526 London 22d Aprill 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench mr Attorney moved for judgment Agt the Citty of Yorke on the Quo Warranto & if they doe not Appear within A weeke judgment will be Entred up

mr Holloway was brought up & the Court demanded what he Could say why sentence of death should not passe being Indicted for High Treason & by outlawry Attainted who Replied he had been beyond seas & Could not Appear by the time but the Court told him that by Law he was

Convict but however if he had anything to say the Kings mercy was such as to Wave the outlawry & let him have the Liberty of A faire Tryall he Answered he had made An Ingenious Confession such as he hoped would meritt pardon & Could say noe more soe judgment being prayed A Rule of Court was made for his Execution on the outlawry on the last of Aprill

mr Braddon was sentenced to pay 2000 L & mr Hugh Speake to pay 1000 L & both of them to find sureties for their good behavior for life & Comitted till paid

Langley Curtis Convicted for the pamphlett Entituled the Night Walker of Bloomesbury was ffined 500 L & to stand next Satureday in the pillory & to find sureties dureing life

+This day was the greate tryall between Capt Sands the E: India Interloper & the E: India Company but the Captain not proveing as was layd in the declaration he was nonsuited

This day the East India Company Chose Sr Joseph Ash Governor & Sr Josiah Child Deputy & to morrow they bring in their votes for Choyce of the 24 Assistants

Yesterday wee had severall fforreign Letters all which give A prospect of Warr in the Netherlands to be Almost Certain for the Courrier sent by the states to the ffrench K Abt the Result of the Congress at the Hague is Returned & brings Advice that his Most Christian Matye wholly Rejects their project of A Truce Confirmeing what his Ambr proposed from which his Matye will not Recede but pursue his Measures

And Letters from Madrid say that the K of Spaine Assembled his Councill & Acquainted them with the demands of ffrance & his Matye & one third of the Councill were of opinion to Comply but the Rest Concluded to Agree to noe such Termes but pursue the Warr

Also the Emperors Envoy at the Hague has given in A memoriall Agt one given in by the ffrench Ambr by which wee may discover the Low Countries are like this year to be Exposed to the Events of Warr & they write from Holland that if Spaine doe not Comply they will not Come into the Warr

L. c. 1527 London 24th Aprill 1684

+Yesterday the Rule of the Kings bench Court was delivered to the sheriffs of London for Execution of James Holloway next Wednesday & they have given him notice to prepare for his dissolution.

Yesterday at Guildhall 5 knights of the post were found Guilty before the Ld Ch: Justice there being A ffraternity of 17 discovered who engaged themselves to forswear men out of their Lives & Estates

This morning about 3 A Clock A fire broke out at A shoemakers in Aldermanbury & burnt 2 houses & 2 were Spoyled The Ld Ch: Justice liveing hard by was there as also the Ld Mayor who being very dilligent in Exciteing the men to worke & directing them was the maine Instrument of soe sudden A stop to it. It began in A Garret but how it Came is not knowne

His Matye hath ordered that what is burnt in the Castle of Dublin shall be Rebuilt in more splendor then ever & his Matyes Surveyor Genll hath Appointed A person to goe over to Expedite that worke

Letters from Scotland say that A party of Rebels were got togethger & A party of the Guards goeing to quell them they seized the Guide that Conducted the Guards & haveing Cut off his hands & killed his wife & Children they fled

One Captain Mac Donnell Comander of the faucon ffrigott is upon Complaint of the Ld Dartmouth put off his place haveing wrote some Reflections on his Lordship

They write from Leige that A Quarrell Arose Amonge divers Irishmen

who fought 3 of A side & that the Ld Purbeck who lately made his Escape from the Marshall of the Kings bench was slaine together with Sr Wm Denny & Sr Wm Kelly

This weeke mr Papillion & mr Dubois were Arrested by Sr Wm Pritchard for disturbing him by way of Arrest in his Mayoralty in order to Raise Comotions &c

Yesterday the D of Grafton set forward for the ffrench Campe & this day the E of Ossory & others who have 2 men of warr to Convoy them from being taken by the Ostend Capers

This day the D of Monmoths household plate with Armour & horses were sent to fflanders for the Spanish Campaigne

They write from Paris that before the King departed from thence the Popes Nuncio desired he would stay one month before he would Act anything Agt Spaine & the King Answered that he was Resolved by the first of may to be in the head of his Army in fflanders to make himselfe satisfaction by force of Armes for that the Spaniards had soe often Rejected his proposalls for Accomodation

They write from Ratisbone that the D of Brandenburgh sent word to the Emperour that he would Come to his Assistance with A powerfull Army Agt the Turks in Case A peace or Truce be Concluded with ffrance

L. c. 1528 London 26th Aprill 1684

+Yesterday the Marshall of the Kings bench Attended that Court to Answer the Complaint of mr Attorney for suffering the Kings prisoners to be at large on the Rules & thereby had the liberty to Caball Together & the Court was very sharpe upon him for suffering mr Bethell Pilkington Sr Samll Barnadiston, Hambden Braddon Speke &c to have anything of Liberty saying that his house was not the prison for such offences for where Imprisonment was part of the punishment they ought to be kept in Salva et Orde Custodia That Bethell goes abroade to the 9 d ordinary as though he was keeping his sherivealty That they heard Sr Samll Barnadiston should say since he Came hither that if he had been fined but 20 Groates he was soe well satisfied with the place he would not pay it, upon which the Marshall Acquainted the Court he had the night before most of them fetched into the prison house & the Rest should be forthwith

Another Complaint was that he suffered persons to Enter themselves as prisoners on purpose to Elude the Lawes Agt them for not Comeing to Church saying they Could not being in Custody soe the Court ordered the Attorney Genll to prepare An Information Agt him if he did not in all points performe what the Court had directed him in

The Wife of one Marshall obtained A Habeas Corpus to bring her husband out of the Custody of his father but it Appeareing that the said mr Marshall had Marryed A Leud woman & that his father preserved him from Laying violent hands on himselfe The Court would not Admitt her to goe to him save only with An officer of the Court to bring A True Report of the same

One Ward prisoner in the Kings bench was sentenced to stand in the pillory thrice for A Considerable Cheate & fforgery

The wife & father in Law of mr Holloway have made all posible Applications to the King for his pardon or Repreive but have Recd A positive denyall soe he will be Executed next Wednesday

Just now is Arrived A Holland post which brings A memoriall delivered by the ffrench Ambr to the states That his Master hath Given orders for the beseiging Luxemburgh the better to facilitate A peace takeing away the occasion from Spaine hereafter but does declare that if before the 20th of May the M: de Grana will deliver it up with the 15 villages dependent thereon his Matye will Restore dixmunde &

Courtray after he hath demolished them & will Relinquish his Claime to 40 villages neer Townes & hopes the states will oblige Spaine to Accept those his last offers or Cause their Troops to Comitt noe Acts of Hostillity Agt his which if they suffer his Matye upon the first breach thereof will Cause all their subject Effects & ships to be seized & looke on them as declared Enemies & of this he Expects An Answer in 15 dayes after which he will not oblige himselfe to any former or prsent proposalls

L. c. 1529 London 29th Aprill 1684

+Since the Ld Cheife Justices order to the Marshall of the Kings bench many persons who were prisoners for Nonconformity but out upon security & followed their severall Callings are Called into the prison & mr Pilkington Bethell Hambden &c put into the prison house

Yesterday at the Kings bench barr A motion was made That whereas there were some proceedings in that Court Agt the Countess of Anglesea for not goeing to Church That shee might have further time to plead & the Court gave till the latter End of the Terme

This day the sheriff of Monmoth shire moved that haveing brought up Sr Trevor Williams & 10 or 12 more with him he might be paid the Costs Sr Trevor desired he might be Turned over to the Kings bench which the Court would not then grant but ordered the secondary of the Kings bench to Tax Reasonable Costs

Its believed Holloway will be Executed to morrow The Confinement of Coll Rumsey is taken off

Letters from Yorke say that on St Georges day many greate guns as usually were fired from the Tower of that Citty which by 11 at night Appeared all on fire & had not the Wind stood Northerly it had Endangered the whole Citty The Tower is wholly burnt most of the Armes & all the greate guns fallen downe some into the ditches all the Carriages &c are burnt one man killed & severall wounded

His Matye hath bought the Cockpitt of the D of Albemarle & layd it to Whitehall where tis said Prince George will Reside

Yesterday the Companies of Glaziers & Coopers as also the borough of Ipswich surrendered their Charters

This day at the Court of Aldermen the buisness was in dispute abt Sr Wm Pritchards Arresting Papillion & Dubois & it was Agreed that 2 severall declarations be given Agt them & not both in one Tis said the Coroner that Arrested him & some of the Aldermen are goeing to some Remote place dreading the Ishue of the proceeding

One Capt Browne has brought into Dover A ffrench man of warr of Considerable force haveing on board her A greate quantity of English wooll Contrary to Law & some of her Crew are Comitted prisoners to dover Castle

+Our Holland letters bring us A memoriall delivered by the Spanish Ambr in Answer to the last ffrench memoriall that he has orders not to hearken to any of the unjust proposalls of the ffrench K & that his Master is Resolved Rather to hazzard the Rest of the Low Countries then suffer Law to be prescribed him by violence & ffraude &c. upon which they in Holland are divided some being for A Truce & some Agt it but our fforreign letters generally speake that there will be A peace

L. c. 1530 London 1st May 1684

+Yesterday James Holloway was hanged & quartered at Tyburne he behaived himselfe very Chearfully & made A speech in which he made his discourse Center in West & Rumsey That it was ill Company that brought him to that End, Acknowledged the late traytorous Conspiracy though not soe full in that part as the killing the King & seemed to justify the late Ld Russell & in the Close of his discourse pretended to give Advice to

the King in the Guideing of his affaires & being by the sheriff Rebuked said he hoped that the truth he had declared to His Matye would Conduce to the good of the nation & then delivered A Paper to the sheriffe & the like to his wife which Its supposed will be Published
+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr the borough of Sudbury had time given to the 10th Instant to Plead to the Quo Warranto Agt them & the Towne of Poole have till the 8th Instant

mr Kidd A Coffee man giveing bond to dr Pinfold of the Spirittuall Court that he would Conforme & not performeing it he put his bond in suite but Kidd Pleads he ought to have taken the bond in the Kings name &c And yesterday his Councill Acquainted the Court That dr Pinfold went on in the Spirittuall Court though the suite was depending here & noe judgment given upon which the Court ordered that all proceedings in the Spirituall Court should stopp

mr Cauldron steward to the E of Clare was tryed for High Misdemeanor

That he should say if the King had not been A Papist he would have passed the bill of Exclusion & also the bill for uniting Protestant dissenters & at another time upon the Election of Papillion & Dubois That in Olivers there was noe such stirr but every man Could sleep quietly under his owne vine & that he hoped ere long to see such times againe The former part mr ffox A blacksmith witnessed alone which had been Treason if 2 witnesses & the latter part the said ffox & one ffisher witnessed

mr Cauldron Pleaded they were persons of ill fame & did it out of Malice for not suffering them to become Tennants to his Lord & brought one Salisbury to Prove that ffox was subborned which he made not good & the jury Returned in A quarter of An houre & found him Guilty

On Sunday morning early A greate meeting was broke open in Leadenhall street & 25 of them served & Wilkins the Preacher Narrowly Escaped They are all bound to Answer it next sessions
+The discourse of ffarming his Matyes whole Revenue of England is now Renewed by Noblemen &c who have given in their Proposals

Our Dutch letters say the states are very uneasy the Events both of Warr & of peace seeming to threaten their Constitution &c That which most troubles them is the Elector of Collogne who is Resolved with the french troops to Invade them in Case they Come Into the Warr

Yesterday his R: Highs Came from Windsor & was at the Councell at Whitehall in Reference to fforreign affaires the fforreign Ambrs makeing greate Instances here.

L. c. 1531 London 3d May 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr mr Williams moved that mr Hambden was sickly & the Place he was Confined to Nasty & filthy & made him worse & prayed he might have the benefit of the Marshalls house which is granted

The Tryall Came on between the King & Wm Sacheverill Esqr & neer 20 others of Notingham upon An Information That the said mr Sacheverill with the Rest on the 27th Sept 1682 being the time for the Election of Mayor for that Corporation not haveing votes Came to the Place of Election & after Proclamation made for all persons unconcerned to depart they Continued there & as much as in them lay opposed the said Choyce & tooke away one of the sheriffs maces & swore A Mayor by their Old Charter after the New Charter Arrived

mr Wild (& other the Kings witnesses) deposed That he & severall of his bretheren the Alderman Caused Proclamation for all unconcerned Persons to depart

The defendants brought many witnesses who said they were there all

the whole & heard noe such Proclamation nor saw any disturbance

The Ld Ch: Justice summing up the Evidence left it very full Agt the defendants saying it was next door to Rebellion telling the Jury they must Either find them Guilty of A Ryott or the Kings witnesses of Perjury & the jury found them Guilty of A Ryott &c

This day Came on the Tryall between the D of Yorke & John Dutton Coult Esqr (A late member for Lembster) upon A scandalum Magnatum The words layd in the declaration were

That the Duke of Yorke is A Papist & before any Popish dogg should be successor to the Crowne he would be Hanged at his owne door & venture his life & fortune to prevent the same & at another time he spoke it over Againe

At another time if any member of Parliamt Come to any harme from that time I will begin to Cut the Throats of all the Papists I meet with if it be the d of Yorke himselve

At another time he said that if the King followed the Advice of tha Papist dogg his brother &c as he believed he did it would be the worst for him At another time he said That he would be hanged at his owne door before such A damned Rascall as the D of Yorke should Inheritt the Crown with severall words of like Tendency all proved by 3 witnesses

He brought witnesses that 2 of them should say they would not leave him worth 4d (he as A justice Punishing them upon some Pecuniary lawes) with much more of this nature In fine the jury found 100000 L damages

mr Pilkington moved to have Liberty of the Rules or Marshallsea which is not granted

Our Holland letters say that the states are Come to A Resolution to Accept of the Truce offered by ffrance in ffebr last & Acquainted the ffrrench Ambr who said he would send An Expresse to his Master in Regard affaires were much Changed since then The fforreign ministers Charge the states with breach of their Treaties & sollemn promises The New Levyes are noe more thought of

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L. c. 1532 London 6th May 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr Came on the Tryall between the King & mr Wynn an Attorney upon An Information that when mr Sidney was tryed he said the jury were A Loggerheaded Jury & had given A verdict Contrary to Evidence he was found Guilty but is not in Custody

This day mr Attorney moved for dr Pinfold Agt mr Kidd That whereas he had got A Rule to stopp Proceedings in the Spirittuall Court he supposed the Rule was to stopp all the Proceedings Abt the bond & that if they had occasion they might proceed upon some other matters Agt him which the Court Agreed to mr Dolben moved An Arrest of judgment for mr Cauldron but the Court Comitted mr Cauldron to the Kings bench saying he should Come up by A Rule of Court to morrow & then they might speake to it

mr Nosworthy is ordered to Plead to the Information Agt him for words on ffriday next

The quarters of Holloway are ordered to be Carried downe to Bristoll to be put upon the gates there

Yesterday his R: Highs Came to Towne on purpose to see his dutchess who tis said is miscarried being Abt 14 weeks gone of her time

The Countesse of Ossory is delivered of A daughter at Windsor where shee now lyes in

+Yesterday the Ds of Monmoth waited on the queen who Recd her very kindly

Our fflanders letters say the D of Monmoth was Recd publickly at Brussells by the M: de Grana with A greate deale of Respect being

Complemented by all the Generalls & till his owne Coach & furniture be Ready The M: de Grana lends him his Coach he hath taken A house for 12 months

Wee have A Report that the P of Orange &c has Raised the seige of Luxemburgh & killed 2000 ffrench & that the D of Monmoth had some honor in the Action but this wants Confirmation

The Ld Landsdowne is Arrived here from Vienna & Returnes speedily to Holland The King haveing given him leave to spend this Campaigne in the P of Oranges Army if there be A warr

+The ffrench Ambr hath Acquainted the states That his Master Could not now make good those offers he made in ffebr but leaves it to their Choyce to Accept either the Peace or Truce offered by him the 29th of Aprill Requireing their speedy Answer they being the Termes he cannot Recede from To which the Spanish Ambr made A very sharpe Answer & is Angry with the states & tells them they use his master more like A Pupill then An Ally & that his master will never Comply with those Termes

+Our fforreign letters Continue to Advise that the Turks will not be able this year to oppose the Christian forces & that both the Emperor & King of Poland are Courted for Peace but neither will hearken to any Proposalls

L. c. 1533 London 8th May 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr mr Atturney moved for judgment Agt those of Notingham which is ordered to be on Satureday next

Then mr Atturney moved for judgment Agt mr Cawdron & that he Appeared as Early in his offence as any man & prayed Corporall Punishment mr Caudron told the Court he had A large & sickly family & nothing to support them but his wages That mr ffox had done him A greate deale of wrong & was A very ill man. Judge Wilkins asked what Estate he had mr Williams Answered his Estate was A wife & 6 or 7 Children Then said my Lord wee must make the fine the less & the Corporall Punishment the greater & ordered he should Come up on Satureday for judgment

Actions being brought by Sr Wm Pritchard late Ld Mayor Agt mr Papillion & mr Dubois for Arresting him in the time of his Mayoralty in order to Cause Comotions & Interupting him in the due Course of his Administration declarations were yesterday severally filed Agt them to the damage some say of 20000 L each

Tis Affirmed A new Charter for this Citty is Agreed upon & now Engrossing which tis said will very little vary from the old save only that the Choyce of the Citty magistrates is Put into fewer hands & afterwards Restrained under the Tye of A Negative voyce

+Our fforreign letters say that the Algerines have Concluded A Peace with the ffrench & tis thought will break with the English

Our Scotch letters bring 3 Proclamations one Abt the sumptuary Act Another Abt the Militia & the 3d Abt Elders of Churches vizt

That whereas by the supremacy Inherent in o[ur] Crowne as one of the Prerogatives thereto belonging it solely Resides in us to Enact such orders for the Externall government of the Church & persons to be Employed therein as wee shall thinke fit &c

Wee Impower the ministers of each parrish to give in lists of such as are fit to serve as elders whome wee hereby ordaine & Comand to serve unlesse their Reasons to the Contrary be Approved by the bishopp Chargeing them in 15 dayes to Accept thereof in Paine of Rebellion

Our fflanders letters say the D of Monmoth is Highly Carrassed by the Spanish Generalls but the English officers in the service of the states doe not Come neer him & he hath taken A house at Brussells at

200 L p An & is Building stables Intending to have 40 horses & tis said the dutchesse is Exspected there in few dayes he is made Lieutenant Genll of the Dutch & Spanish Cavalry & tis said is Got into Luxemburgh which makes A stout Resistance

L. c. 1534 London 10th May 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr Edward Nosworthy Esqr late Member for St Ives in Cornwall was Indicted upon An Information That he discourseing Abt the Tryall of ffitzharris said he hoped next Parliamt to hang all the judges that gave it for Law for the Tryall of the said ffitzharris To which he pleaded not Guilty

This day mr Recorder moved for judgment Agt those of Notingham The Court said all but mr Sacheverill were strangers to them & they Exspected An Account of their Abilities & tooke their bayle for each other to Appear the first day of the Next Terme

mr Cawdron was not brought up

Its Confirmed that the Spaniards from Hispaniola & Cuba have seized the Bahama Islands of which the d of Albemarle E of Craven Ld Berkley Ld Astley Sr Peter Colliton & Sr Geo: Carteret were made Proprietors by his Matye the loss of which is of greate Consequence as to Jamaica

In the Proclamation Abt the Militia of Scotland is orders for the due Mustering of them they Consisting in all of 20 Regements of ffoot & 28 troops of horse

His R: Highs hath bought A Considerable Originall stock of the East India Company as also the E of Mulgrave which Causes their Actions to Advance from 200 to 220 L p Cent

Sr Samll Barnadiston mr Pilkington & mr Bethell have now the liberty of the Rules

Her R: Highs miscarryed on Thursday but the sex Could not be distinguished shee is now pretty well Againe

The son of the M: de Humieres is killed before Luxemburgh as also the Marquess de Sell Mounsr Montall & other Considerale officers The Place makes A stout defence

The Spanish Ambr here hath prsented A memoriall wherein he Endeavors to perswade his Matye That his master will never Accept of the ffrench Proposals The states Genll have sent to ffrance their Resolutions that if the King will Abide by his Proposals in Novembr they will Endeavor to Induce Spaine to Accept them if not they will Assist Spaine Agt them &c and have sent the P of Orange to Brabant to his forces but to Returne in 4 dayes & ordered all those who waited for Comissions to Attend at the Hague & Its hoped they will Instead of the 16000 new Levyes Agree to 35000, Amsterdam beginning now to be of the sentiment to repell force with force foreseeing if the ffrench get Luxemburgh they will gaine Antwerpe & shut up the Scheld & make that Citty the Generall Mart for Germany which being A Comodious Port will Exclude Amsterdam

This day dr Oates was Arrested at the suite of his R: Highs in A scandalum Magnatum for 100000 L & Carried to the Poultry Compter

L. c. 1535 London 13th May 1684

+Yesterday being the last of the Terme mr Cawdron was brought up to Receive judgment where An Affidavit was Read which Conteyned That he was descended of An Ancient & Loyall family That when he was Mayor of Waterford in Ireland he Refused the orders sent for Proclaiming Oliver Cromwell Protector with many other Peticulars of his Good affection &c In fine the Court ffined him 100 L & to stand 2 times in the Pillory & find sureties for the Good behavior dureing life

mr Jones moved for judgment Agt mr Samll Parker Convicted for

writing that his Matye had noe Negative voyce in Passing bills

mr Parker Alledged that what he wrote was out of Prinns booke. My Lord said he ought to have his eares Cropt as Prinns were & demanding what Estate he had mr Jones said none soe had only judgment to stand 3 times in the Pillory & find sureties for his good behaivor dureing life

ffour knights of the Post had judgment to stand in the Pillory & Another at drs Comons for forgeing letters of Administration

mr Vavasor & Peters Prisoners in Newgate these 3 yeares as Concerned in the Popish Plott but noe Processe Agt them are discharged +His Matye & the Court are in Health at Windsor where last Sunday it was declared That his R: Highs is made Ld High Admirall of England & Its Affirmed the Ld Dartmouth is made Vice Admirall & Capt Herbert Rere Admirall & that Samll Pepis Esqr is Restored Secretary thereto & Its Generally said the E of Rochester will be made Ld High Treasurer

Yesterday morning the Princesse of Denmarke was delivered of A Daughter which soon after died but shee is very well

dr Oates hath brought his Habeas Corpus & is gone over to the Kings bench

This day mr Holloways Confession was Published in 4 sheets +Our letters from Dublin bring A Proclamation Prohibitting the Transporting any Corne out of that Kingdome The Price of Corne being soe Raised thereby that A Peny white loafe which usually Conteyned 7 1/2 ounces was Reduced to 6 1/2 ounces which Rise on A sudden put the People into A greate Consternation

Last Sunday 31 persons were taken at A Conventicle & 28 of them were today at Guildhall found Guilty of A Rout

Its now said that the E of Oxford has Parted with his Regemt to the d of Albemarle & the duke his Place of Capt of the Guards to Prince George

mr Dutton Colt Agt whome his R: Highs had A verdict for 100000 L is escaped beyond sea. All our fforreign Posts are wanting

L. c. 1536 London 15 May 1684

+His R: Highs is not made Ld High Admirall as was Reported but Constituted as it were director of all affaires of that office which his Matye still Reserves in him selfe & will him selfe signe all orders & Comissions Relateing thereto

Most of the sea Comanders now in Towne have been to Congratulate his R: Highs on this occasion & also many other who have dependance on the Admiralty or seeking Employes therein

This morning his Matye Came to Whitehall where A greate Councell was held his R: Highs present

Its Reported dr Oates will be Prosecuted for some undecent words Agt his Matye

The severall single Companies will be formed into Regemts of which the Ld Dartmouth will Comand one & 6 of the Companies that Came from Tangier will be filled up & lye in Garrison at Pendennis Castle in Cornwall

Severall New Companies of Dragoons now Raising are Almost Compleate Wee have A discourse Abt Towne of A new Conspiracy but what grounds there is for it wee know not

All those in the Kings bench save Aaron Smith have now the liberty of the Rules

The New Charter for this Citty is now Engrossed & Gone through severall offices & tis said Agrees with the old save the Regulations which the Ld Keeper Required in his Speech to the Ld Mayor &c at Windsor last June

The Benchers of the Temple last weeke Called A Parliamt & Expelled

12 Gent Complained Agt as Ryotters the last Revelling

Our Holland letters say that severall of the Cittyes are for the Agreeing to the Proposall of ffrance & its believed the states will Agree to them the ffrench K: Assureing them That assoon as he is master of Luxemburgh he will Returne to Paris & meddle with none of the Barryer Townes

+In the meane time Its said Luxemburgh Cannot hold out 10 dayes & letters from the ffrench Campe say that they should be masters of it before those letters Come to us. The ffrench K Hunting neer Mons was in danger to be taken by A Party from that garrison

+This day at the sessions in the old Bayly Proclamation was made for those dissenters to Appear Agt whome writts were Ishued out of the Prerogative Court for Nonconformity but none of them Appeared

+The ship London is Arrived from East India very Richly laden & brings newes that the six ships the Company sent thither are Arrived there & fraughting & that the Company have bought up all the goods that the Interlopers must Returne without ffraught which hath Raised the Auctions of the Company from 215 to 225

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L. c. 1537 London 17th May 1684

+At the Councill at Whitehall on Thursday Its said 16 Articles of High Treason were Exhibitted Agt dr Oates & also some debates of very greate Concernment did Arise from the late James Hollowayes Confession & Papers Insomuch that severall Warrants are gone into the Country by Messengers to fetch up offenders & Its Reported that Coll Rumsey has not dealt Ingeniously with his Matye as to his discovery & that he will be brought to A Tryall very suddenly

After the Councill Arose his Matye gave A vissit to the Princesse of Denmarke & dined at the ds of Portesmouths Lodgings where also were the ffrench & Spanish Ambrs & that Night Returned Againe to Windsor

The E of Peterborough has brought his Action of scandalum Magnatum Agt mr Dangerfeild for what was Agt his Lordship in his Printed Narrative also Agt the booksellers who Published the same & Its said that some of the Popish Lds late in the Tower Intend to bring their Actions Agt dr Oates who has sent to most of his Acquaintance to be his bayle in the Action Agt him by his R: Highs but now are soe hardy as to Adventure The Words Agt him are said to be that Receiving A 9 d Post letter he said his money went for Maintenance of the Po[pish?] Rascall the d: of Y or to that or worse effect

Our sessions at the old Bayly Ended last night where the Grand jury made A prsentment Agt such who write false newes & Reflect on his Matye & the goverment

Our fflanders letters say That Luxemburgh made A stout defence & there is noe Appearance of their being Reduced to any Extremitie this month But our ffrench letters say That the Governor of Luxemburgh sent word to the M: de Grana that without speedy Releife he Could not defend the Towne & had for Answer to surrender on the best Termes he Could & Its beleived the Place will be surrendered as to morrow which Causes some to thinke there is an understanding between ffrance & Spaine & that Holland will be left as A Prey to the former The Dutch begin to be sencible That the opposeing the Prince was A ffrench Intreague to divide them Agt their Interest & should Spaine for An Equivalent give up the Province of Gueldres which is the barryer between the dutch & the ffrench Conquests they would be Exposed

+This day 3 persons stood in the Pillory being part of the 27 [?] who hold A Corporation to Swear for hire what was Prompted to them though it

were to the loss of any mans life or Estate

+The yong Ld Berkeley A Noble man of 18 yeares of Age haveing sometime since killed A Suttler [?] in the Savoy yesterday the grandjury found A bill of Indictment for Murther Agt him who must be tryed by his Peers soe soon as his Matye Pleases to Constitute A Court for the same

L. c. 1538 London 20th May 1684

+The Ld Chancellor Ld Treasurer Ld Privy Seale & others of the Nobility of Scotland in all 22 are Arrived at Windsor & Its said there is some difERENCE Among them & that some would Endeavor to get the Chancellor Removed They are to be heard before his Matye on [?] this day at Windsor

On Sunday last A quakers meeting was disturbed in Lumbarde street & Abt 120 of them seized & Abt 40 Comitted the Rest Promised one for another to Appear

Betwixt 20 & 30 stout merchants ship which were Ready to sayle hence for Venice to be hired in the Service of that state are stopt upon Application in de[ference?] to his Matye by the Turkey Company setting forth the ill Consequences it might have on the Levant trade &c

At the quarter sessions held at Chichester some scores of Gent &c were Indicted Convicted & ffined for A Ryott Comitted formerly in meeting the duke of Monmoth some small distance & waiteing on him into the Citty

Our fforeign letters say That Luxemburgh makes A stout defence & the governor hath sent word he will defend it to the last of Time & Count Waldeck hath sent word that he is Marched as far as Coblenz (which is Abt 40 miles from Luxemburgh) with 30000 men with orders & A Resolution to Releve Luxemburgh & would hasten his March thither assoon as he Could

The K of Spaine hath sent word to the M: de Grana that the warr should Proceed for he was Resolved to have An Honourable peace or hazzard A warr to obtaine it but there Appeares no disposition in the Dutch to Assist the Spaniard

Our fforeign letters Intimate That the ffrench want money & the dane finding money not to Come According to Agreemt hath disbanded some of his forces & will Alter his Resolutions & letters from Hamburg say That by the Interposition of the queens mother A good understanding is made between the 2 Northerne Crownes, Also that Abt Hamburg there are such greate quantities of Mice & Ratts that they have devoured most of the Corne & Although they have killed thousands yet they Rather Increase which makes the people fear A famine & that they make such A strong Noyse in the Night that People in the Country villages Cannot Rest

+here is A discourse that the Grandjury have found the bill of Treason Agt dr Oates

Its Generally discoursed that the ffrench K is very sick at Conde

All the Ports of this Kingdome are Narrowly watched but wee know n[ot] for what Reason

L. c. 1539 London 22d May 1684

+The ffrench K hath been Twice let blood at Conde being very dangerously ill of A Pestilentiall feavor

His Matye & the Court are in good health at Windsor his Matye diverts himselfe in Walkeing & the Touring in which the Courtiers are outdone by his Matye

Prince Georges Cheife diversion is Rideing the greate horse in which Its thought he will Excell

Sr Cornwall Bradshaw hath Major Huntingdons Place in the Excise

The ffrench fleet have orders to make warr on the state of Genova & are arrived there & have with their Bombes attacqued that Citty & done

greate mischeife in the harbour for which warr some Assigne 2 Reasons
first to give the Venetians A divertisement for Carrying on the
warr by sea Agt the Turks

2ly to make himselfe master of that Citty & Its Revenues who
Receive 1700000 L p An Constantly as Interest for money oweing them by
Spaine

The Citty have sent Ambrs to their Neibors to pray assistance

7 divers Apprentices haveing warned [?] their masters before the
Chamberlain Complaining they would force them [to goe?] to Conventicles
The masters are severely Rebuked & the servants ordered to goe to their
Parrish Churches & as occasion should offer to Renew their Complaints

Abt 100 of the quakers taken last Sunday have sent by their freinds
5 d Apeece it being the first offence & Abt 30 stand Comitted who were
old offenders

Luxemburgh holds out well & Count Waldeck is within 3 dayes March
of the Place But the ffrench are masters of the outworks & are lodged
in the Towne ditch Its Computed the ffrench have already lost 16000
men 36 officers & 240 yong Gent, all the English Lds & Gent in the
Campe are Extreemly kindly used by M: de Crequi who will not suffer any
to Expose themselves in danger but those that have Comands

A few dayes since one mr Vespritt A Romanist Comeing to the Kings
bench prison to vissit one Peters tooke occasion to give Reproachfull
Language to dr Oates & at Length Spitt in his face The dr tooke all
patiently only Replying I have nothing to doe with you but offering
to draw his Sword The dr got within [sic] him tooke away his Sword
& broke it This put all the Prison in Confusion & had not mr Vespritt
got away he had been beaten since which the marshall suffers none to
goe in either with A sword or stick

Two dayes since died the Countesse of Bedford whose death Its
thought was Hastned by that of her sons the late Ld Russell

L. c. 1540 London 24th May 1684

+This morning his R: Highs went for Windsor where A Councell is sumoned
to sit to Morrow The greate men from Scotland have not yet had their
heareing before his Matye They all Came to Towne with his R: Highs &
Returned this morning with him to Windsor

Last Tuesday his Matye dined with the Ld Ch. Justice Jeffries at
his house at Bulstrode Abt 6 miles from Windsor

On Wednesday his R: Highs goes to Debtford Woolwich Chattam
Portsmouth &c to order some ships of warr for the summers Guard

The Venetian Ambr hath Acquainted the E: India Company That he
hath orders to buy A greate quantity of Saltpetre & if they Please will
buy all they have upon which Sr Josiah Child yesterday Acquainted his
R: Highs where after some debate it was agreed they should have it &
what more should Come on by ships that are Exspected

Our letters from Genoa seem not to vallue the utmost the ffrench
Can doe in their Citty

The Report wee had of the Indisposition of the ffrench K is not
Confirmed nor now Creditted

Our fforreign letters say That Luxemburgh makes A stout defence
with their Cannon & hand Granadoes

That An Expresse is Come from the d of Bavaria to the M: de Grana
That his forces will soon be at Luxemburgh where is dayly Considerable
Action Exspected

The ffrench subsidies not Comeing to Denmarke Causes various
Apprehensions in that goverment In the meane time the Danish subjects
are dayly opprest with Taxes those who use but an Ellwand or A small Pare
of scales Paying 5 Rix Dollars

Also Its said the D of Brandenburg Espouses the Interest of the Empire though he has Received 60000 Rix dollars from ffrance

Our last Advices from Spaine say their queen is dead & that the ffrench have noe Cause to boast of the Action in Cattalonia

Tis said Lieutenant Coll Nicolson who was an officer in Tangier is to be sent to Morocco to Negotiate A Peace with that Emperor

They write from Scotland that A Proclamation is Published That whereas the E of Argile hath not only Consulted with the English Conspirators but hath been very Eminently Active therein & undertooke to Raise A Considerable force in Scotland for beginning & Carrying on that designe Therefore Comands many Noblemen & Gent some of which are to have 300 men others 200 & others 100 makeing in all 400 men to be Ready to March with 30 dayes Provisions when Required to assist the Respective Lieutenants &c

They write from Constantinople that their Army is Already 170000 fighting men with which they boast to effect greate matters this summer & have sent to Count Teckley with greate Promises of Large assistance to Induce him to stick Close to their Interests

L. c. 1541 London 27th May 1684

+Last night Came an Expresse to his Matye from the D of Grafton & E of Ossery that Luxemburgh was surrendred on the 16th Instant on very Honourable Termes

The ffrench Ambr here hath Assured his Maty his master will not make any further progress in fflanders & the ffrench Ambr at the Hague hath Assured the states of the like

Last Sunday Abt 4 afternoon A fire broke out in Deadmans Place in Southwarke which burnt part of mr Austins brew house & some few houses neer it & Burnt with greate violence for 2 houres

On Sunday Abt 11 at night A fire happened at Windsor which burnt only A few stables

+They write from Plimouth that on the 20th Instant 65 yong people of Padstow in Cornwall going in A ffisher boate to sea for Pleasure were all drowned Except 2 Boyes

On Sunday A duell was fought at Windsor between mr Brother & mr Staples & the latter killed also mr Darry & mr Parker 2 Gent of the Guards quarrelled & the former was killed

On Satureday night sate A Councill of Warr at Whitehall upon An Accusation Agt Sr Robt Holmes but for what or the Result is not said it being very private & sent that night to his Matye

His Matye hath made mr Pepis Secretary of the Admiralty with Power to Administer An oath to any Concerned on Anything Relateing thereto

mr Hugh Speake who was fined & Comitted to the Kings Bench is now Confined to his Chamber one dr ffaircloth (A prisoner also) haveing Its said sworne some words Agt him Relateing to the late Conspiracy

Since the affront Put upon dr Oates by mr Vespritt 2 other Persons have affronted him even to the breach of the Peace but the dr was quitt with them & the Marshall hath bound them over to Answer it at the assizes Its the Comon discourse that one if not both will be found Popish Preists

Yesterday one mr Jackson A warehouse keeper in Bow Lane was Executed for Clipping he died very penitent & to the last denyed either Clipping or Coyneing but declared it A Conspiracy in the Witnesses to take away his life

On this day the Company of Stationers mett & their Charter was Read which Contains That the Master Wardens Clerke &c shall be Approved by his Matye That the master & Wardens by warrant from the Ld Ch. Justice or Secretary are to search any shop warehouse &c & seize all

sedition books That none sell books or Pictures or keep A Printing Presse within 4 miles of London who are not free of that Company That all books be Registered &c

Its againe discoursed his Matyes whole Revenue will in A little time be managed by such greate men as will Advance A Considerable summe & Assure A Certain summe yearly into the Exchequer

L. c. 1542 London 29th May 1684

+Our ffrench letters say that when the Governor of Luxemburgh beate A Parly the M: de Crequi sent him A blanke Paper to write his own Conditions, mr Howard 2d son to the E of Carlisle was killed in the Trenches by A Musquett shott The ffrench were to take Possession of the Place on Satureday last

The ffrench King Intends to be at Versailles by the 8th of June & Its believed he will not meddle more though Its said here he designes the takeing of Mons in his way home

This day being his Matyes birth & Restauration the deane of Westminster preached before the Ld Mayor, who this day Invited the Ld Ch: Justice the Aldermen &c

Before his Matye at Windsor Preached the Archbp of Canterbury, at the Evening his Matye is Entertained with mr drydens new play the subject of which is the last new Plott

The King goes not to Winchester till the 7th June & stayes till the 14th then Returnes to Windsor & in August goes back to Winchester for 30 dayes

Yesterday mr Norton the printer master of the Stationers Company &c waited on his Matye with their Adresse of thanks for their new Charter who Recd them Graciously

The Borough of Linn have Agreed to surrender their Charter +Sr Tho: Perkins of Notinghamshire being A Witnessse last Terme for those Convicted of A Ryott at Notingham in whose defence he said he was there all the while & neither saw nor heard any of the things Charged &c upon which An Information is or will be Exhibitted Agt him this Terme as one of the said Ryotters

The Tryall of dr Oates on his R: Highs suite will Certainly be brought on this Terme but as to the Reports of an Indictment Agt him for Treason they are not beleived or Creditted

Yesterday the Ds of Modena Parted hence for Italy

One of the Breaches assigned Agt the Collony of Massachusetts in New England is their Coyneing money

Last Sunday A Barbarous Murther was Comitted by A Husband upon his wife They went to walke together & in A feild neer Tyburne he beate her with A greate Cane & soe broke her head that the very Braines Appeared & after Cut her throate where shee lay A sad spectacle But he was not discovered till Tuesday that An Ancient woman found the shape of A Cane neer the Place which shee shewing to severall was at last owned by A Gent who lent his Cane to the Murtherer who hath Confessed the fact & is Comitted

The d of Bucks went sometime since to Yorkshire designeing Privacy but was soon knowne by the Gentry who paid him very greate Respect & Entertained him Splendidly as also did the Citty of Yorke

His Matye hath declared that he thought it fit & for his service that his R: Highs should be prsent at the meetings of the Councill

L. c. 1543 London 31st May 1684

+Yesterday being the first of the Terme A jury was sworne to try that greate Cause between Esqr Neale & the Lady Ivy which in the declaration is mentioned for 400 messuages 400 Cottages &c in St Pauls Shadwell which is to be tryed next Tuesday

mr Attorney moved that the final judgment Agt the Citty of Chester might be Entred up & spoke as if the Citty would make noe defence & mr Williams being there said nothing to it soe it was ordered That unless Cause be shewed within A weeke judgment should be Entred up & the like is ordered Agt the Citty of Yorke if they also shew not Cause wthin A weeke

mr Sacheverill &c are to be sentenced next ffriday

mr Walter Williams A Barrister Concerneing some hardships in Chancery prsented A Petition to the King with A Printed booke for which he was bound to Answer at this Terme & Appeareing had A Reprimand by the Ld Ch: Justice as Reflecting on the late & prsent Chancellors & Advised him to waite on the Ld Keeper & make his peace & it would be better for him To which mr Williams seemed Ready to Comply

This day An Information was Read Agt Robt Julyan who Pleaded not Guilty for writeing A Libell Entituled old Symon the King which was Read & began The makeing of bastards greate & dutchesses every where &c my Lord was Extreamly Incensed at the Crime

The son of the late Ld Russell A youth of 8 or 10 yeares old is taken Extream sick & should he dye the Title of E: of Bedford will descend to mr Hen: Russell next Brother to the late Ld Russell which otherwise would be Extinct as Attainted by the Execution of the deceased Ld Russell for High Treason

A false Report haveing been spread Abt the Country that his Matye designed speedily to Call A Parliamt & that thereupon many Gent had made Interest in order to their being Elected his Matye hath Comanded Circular letters to be sent to all the Ld Lieutenants to Informe them that at prsent he hath noe such Intention but that when he thinks fit to Call A Parliamt they shall have timely notice & in the Interim Comands them to suppress all such false Rumors & to Punish the Authors

And his Matye haveing notice that some Persons were busy Promoteing A Tumultuous Petition for the sitting of A Parliamt hath also Comanded the Lieutenants to Enquire after the Promoters of such seditious Practices & to Put A stopp to the same

The ds of Yorke is very ill

The Company of vintners Petitioned his Matye that they might not be obliged to take Licences but to sell wine as ffreemen of London which is granted

Our Holland letters say that the States Genll declare that unlesse the ffrrench K will Assure them he will not meddle with the Barryer they will hazzard all to defend it The surrender of Luxemburgh is dubious being neither Confirmed nor yet Contradicted

L. c. 1544 London 3d June 1684

+A Rule of Court being made for the d of Bucks to shew Cause why A Supplicavitt should not be granted Agt him & 3 of his servants upon the oath of John Goodchild sweareing the duke &c Came with Blunderbushes & broke open A door to find Goodchild & kill him

Yesterday the duke Came into Court & his Councill moved That the said John Goodchild had been his Bayliffe & he had Contracted with him to make Provision for him & his family & Returneing out of the North to his house Called Cleveden found neither Provision for man nor beast & Enquireing for Goodchild heard he was in the Neiborhood & had in his hand A stick only The duke said that it was An Age of Wonderfull witnesses That as to his haveing Blunderbushes he said he always travelled with such & would not goe without

In fine the duke entred on 1000 L Recognizance & 2 sureties each 500 L to Appear in Court this day 12 months & in the meane time to keep the Peace towards John Goodchild & the dukes servants Entred into

Recognizances with the like Conditions

dr Oates hath Recd A very long declaration in his R: Highs Action which is layd in 5 wayes for words said to be spoken to A Postman who brought him A letter taxed 9 d

Mr Hugh Speake hath also Recd another upon the dukes Action which is to be tryed at Hertford In Sussex A writt of Enquiry is Executed Agt one mr Covett An Attorney of Chichester at the dukes suite & 100000 L damages given

This day Came on the Tryall betwixt the Lady Ivy & Esqr Neale which held till 8 at night & Its thought the verdict will be for the Esqr

Last weeke the Ld Chancellor of Scotland &c set forwards for Edenbrough Those who Its said Came to oppose the Continuance of the Ld Chancellor in that office haveing not been able to effect anything

Her R: Highs is pretty well Recovered

Yest the Princesse of denmarke was Churched

Last Sunday severall quakers were taken in Gracechurch street & severall Comitted

Yesterday severall quakers Appeared at drs Comons being prsented for not Comeing to Church The Court gave them till the 4th octobr to bring Certificates of Conformity otherwise processe should be Ishued out Agt them

The Westminster Royall feast is Appointed to be the 10th July +Luxemburgh was not surrendred on the 20th May as was Reported A diference happening as to Point of time But o[ur] ffrench letters this Evening say That the Prince de Chimay beate A 2d Parly on the 3d New Stile & the next day the Articles were signed & Hostages Given & the Garrison were to march out on the 7th on Honourable Conditions

They write from Gironne that the Spaniards suffered the ffrench to Enter that Place but beate them out with the losse of some thousands & Raised the seige

L. c. 1545 London 5th June 1684

+Yesterday morning the jury gave in their verdict for the Esqr Neale Agt the Lady Ivy There were on both sides 30 Councill & 60 witnesses Examined & abundance of deeds Read some of which were lookt on as forged & the Lady Ivy Proved A very bad woman & some of her witnesses worse who tis said will be Prosecuted for fforgery it Appeareing that 1/2 [?] of the Ladys seeming deeds dated the 2d & 3d of Phillip & Mary whereby shee Entituled herselfe to that greate estate were lately forged A woman deposeing that they put saffron into the Inke to make it Appear yellowish & to make the Parchment Appear to be Ancient they layd it all night on A Balcony to Receive Moysture & then held it to the fire to shrivell & after Rubbed it with Rusty Iron &c

Complaint being made Agt 4 Baylies in Somerseshire for breaking open A house to Arrest a Person there The Court was very Angry & ordered Attachments agt them all

The Court ordered that unlesse St Ives in Cornwall Pooll in dorsetshire & Scarbrough in Yorkshire plead to the Quo Warrantoes within A weeke judgment should be entred up

ffrancis Smith Senior has notice to take his tryall next Tuesday for Printing & Publishing the Ballad or Libell Called the Raree Show

One Peter Isam & one Brownstead haveing deceitfully obtained 30 L of the Charity money given to the Prisoners of the Kings bench were ordered to stand in the Pillory at Westminster & the R: Exchange

mrs Cellier formerly fined 1000 L & out on bayle moved for Arrest of judgment & the Court ordered the Coppie of their Exceptions to be given to mr Attorney & that he might have time to speake to it

The Warden of the fleet was severely Reprimanded for not

Returneing his writts as he ought & 2 houres after brought up Hilton the informer on A writt of Habeas Corpus telling the Court he thought it was Hiltons designe to be turned over to the Kings bench to wrong him of his just ffees &c who said he had spent all his money for the Publick however the Court said he must pay the Warden & Remanded him

This day mr Attorney moved that the Cause between the King & the Bermudas Company might be tryed this Terme which is granted +Its now Confirmed on all hands that Luxemburgh was delivered on the 28th Past The Governor marching out 800 men being the Remainder of 2500 who were in the Place The M: de Grana is Extreemly afflicted at Its loss being one of the strongest Places in his Goverment & the only Passing he had into Germany Especially that the dutch troops should lye still with whome he was at 50000 dollars p month Charge

The 2 ships lately arrived from East India on the Companies Account bring Advice that there are greater Numbers of Interlopers in those seas then ever & that they would trade there to the Irreparable damage of the Company

Yesterday 200 ffoot dragoons with Pole Axes & Granado shells in Pouches Mustered in Covent Gardens & are Equally divided into the 29 Companies of the Kings Regement

L. c. 1546 London 7th June 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr the Notingham Ryotters were Called & Wm Sacheverill, George Gregory & Charles Hutchinson Esqrs Appeared as also John & Wm Greaves Samll & Arthur Riccards &c The Court asked if Enquiry had been made into their estates The Atturney Genll answered That mr Sacheverill & mr Gregory had each Abt 1000 L p An & Hutchinson Abt 200 L p An & the Rest worth Abt 200 L or 100 L each The Court ordered the 3 first to Attend the Court next ffriday & the other 15 to goe home

Then the Grandjryes for the severall hundreds of Middlesex were sworne To whome mr justice withens gave the Charge in the usuall manner Concerning the offences Agt Church & state

This day at the Kings bench barr Arthur Anslow Esqr & his son Richard Appeared who being prsented at A sessions in Surrey as disaffected to the Government were bound over & this day moved to be discharged but were obliged to enter in new Recognizance of each 1000 L & sureties each 500 L to be of good behaivor 12 months It was mentioned Agt Anslow that he should say the Power was in the People & that the King had noe Power but from the people

mr Attorney Answered the Exceptions of mrs Celliers Councill in Arrest of judgment & the Court tooke time till next Terme to give their opinion

One Robt Nicholson & another both formerly servants of dr Oates are Comitted to the Gatehouse tis said for Treason

This day mr Wm Snow one of the doorkeepers of the House of Lds was taken into Custody by mr Atterbury the messenger tis thought to be Abt dr Oates

Mr Cooper doorkeeper of the house of Comons is dead

mr Dickenson who brings the Appeale Agt Scarlet for Murthering his Brother in drs Comons moved to have the originall mended but the Court would not grant it saying they would allow noe faivor to gratify the vengance of any perticular person

This weeke Capt Manly & another were stopt at Harwich upon suspition it being found that Manly gave his name backwards there being one in the Company that knew him to be A mighty busy man in London amonge the disaffected & at the Wapping treatate of the d: of Monmoth but at last they were dismiss & went for Holland

+Since the surrender of Luxemburgh the M: de Crequi is gone with most of his Army to joyne the ffrench Campe neer Mons on which place Its thought they have A designe but will attempt nothing till the time be Expired granted to the dutch

A generall Muster is Appointed of the Kings forces both horse & ffoot in all their Gallantry on the 15th Instant on Hounslow Heath halfe way to Windsor

Our letters from Edenbrough give A Large Account of the solemnization of the 29th May there That 55 old men in New blew Gownes went in way of Procession from the Abby to the new Church & Prayed for his Matye &c and the Privy Councill Majestrates &c treated at the Tolbooth where they dranke the Kings health &c

L. c. 1547 London 10th June 1684

+The states of Holland haveing formerly granted A warrant for securing Sr Tho: Armstrong mr ferguson mr Goodenough & mr Rumbald where ever found in their dominions The said warrant lay dormant in some hands who Watcht all their motions from Cleves & being Informed Sr Thomas was to [go?] by water to Leyden they went in the Passage boate with him & when they Came to the ffirst Place in the states dominions they seized him & he is this night brought hither & to morrow morning his Matye is Exspected at Whitehall where the Councill are to sit thereupon, ferguson & Rumbald were with him but escaped

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr A motion was made for A Tipstaffe to fetch up the Mayor & Bayliffs of Berwick for not obeying A writt of Habeas Corpus & the Court ordered that unlesse they show Cause by the first day of the Next Terme A Tipstaffe should be then sent

The Corporation of dunwich in suffolke are ordered to Plead to the Quo Warranto Agt them in A weeks time

The Tryall between the King & the Bermudas Company is to be next Munday

An Information being Exhibitted Agt one mr Butler of Northamptonshire for delivering of A Paper at the Election of Knights of the shire there in the name of the Electors to the Elected he is ordered to Plead to it before the end of this Terme

+The dukes Attorney or Solicittor Calling on dr Oates for A Plea he said he was Ready but Could not get any Councill to signe it & some say Added Tell your master I neither Love nor fear him, soe that Its believed he will suffer it to goe by default

This day Sr Edw: Herbert moved That wheras the said Oates Intends to let it goe by default he desired A writt of Enquiry for damages & the Court has ordered that oates should show Cause to morrow why A writt should not be granted

With one of Oates his former servants Its Reported is taken A list of all such as were his Benefactors Also there is A Report that A bill of Indictment is found Agt him at Westminster

+They write from Ireland that there hath been & still Continues A greate mortallity among their Cattle which hath Raised Provisions Extreemly Also that the Ld Mayor & Aldermen of Dublin have Agreed to surrender their Charter

+for 20 miles Round London there hath been A greate & generall Complaint by the farmers & Gardeners that the frutes of the earth are almost destroyed by Catterpillers

Since the surrender of Luxemburgh the ffrench & Spanish Ambrs Ply the states with memorialls but Its supposed the states will Comply with ffrance The Comonality being still Averse to the Warr unlesse the ffrench Enter into the Barryer

The Turks Receive discouragemts in all Places soe the Emperor is

at some ease on that side & how far he will act as to ffrance is now the greate question

L. c. 1548 London 12th June 1684

+Yesterday Abt 5 in the morning Sr Tho: Armstrong was brought from Greenwich to Newgate after which he was Carried to Whitehall to be Examined where was the d: of Ormond The M of Hallifax Sr Lionell Jenkins &c and severall questions being askt him he Refused to Answer any soe was Remanded & ordered to be brought to the Kings Bench barr on Satureday to shew Cause why judgment should not Passe Agt him on the outlawry he seemes Extreemly disspiritted & Expects nothing but death having already had his Matyes Pardon thrice & desires A souldiers Speedy death

Tis said his Matye hath ordered A Councell to morrow at Hampton Court & that he will be prsent & that Sr Thomas will be Examined there

Yesterday at the Kings bench barr A motion was made for An Attachment Agt Hubert, Harrison & Bullock & others for oppressions they used by vertue of writts of Poynes [?] out of the Bp of Canterburyes Court Also Complaints Agt some in other Corporations for the like oppressions which will be severely lookt into

Complaints being made also Agt many Bayliffs in many parts of this Kingdome perticularly in Cornwall for greate Irregularities & oppressions, Attachments were ordered Agt them unlesse they shew Cause by the first day of the next Terme

+This day Sr Edw: Herbert moved That whereas Oates had now shewed Cause why A writt for Enquiry of damages should not be Executed That it might be next Wednesday which is granted

dr Barebone Complained that upon Ringing of A Bell yesterday at Grayes Inn Abt 300 Gentlemen with Naked swords Came out & fell upon his workemen that were building in Red Lyon feilds & wounded severall of them 2 or 3 dangerously & 5 others Appeared in Court much hurt, My Lord said it was A Rebellion & Tipstaves were sent to seize as many as they Can find

depositions have been made before one Justice Stiles of High Treason Agt dr Oates which we hear he will be suddenly Charged with

mr Snow doorkeeper of the House of Lds is at liberty on bayle

Yesterday Arrived the ship Loyall Merchant from Turkey & brought from Cadiz 200000 peeces of 8

Yesterday the Princesse of Denmarke tooke the aire in her sedan it being the first time shee hath gone abroade since her lyeing in

Our Holland letters Advise that the States Provinciaall Carried it by A Majority of voyces for Concludeing A Peace or Truce upon the Termes Proposed by ffrance & it was beleived that the states Genll would Come to the same Resolution

L. c. 1549 London 14th June 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings Bench barr the Notingham Ryotters were fined vizt mr Sacheverill 500 Marks mr Gregory 300 mr Hutchinson 200 mr Charnell 100 mr Wilson 100 mr Turpin 100 mr Astlin being A Poor man 5 marks which 7 persons the Court said had noe occasion to be there being not Concerned in the old or new Charter

mr Attorney Acquainted the Court that mr Sherwin was A Principle man in the Ryott soe he was fined 100 L & The Rest some 20 Marks & some 20 Nobles each The 3 first being in Court Prayed till to morrow to pay their fines & Promised to give sureties for the good behavior soe were not Comitted

+one mrs Perk who was brought up from Abingdon upon Complaint that shee kept A Conventicle in her house was Comitted

This day Sr Tho: Armstrong was brought to the Kings bench barr & bid

to hold up his hand which he did & Required what he had to say why Execution should not be awarded Agt him he being outlawed for Treason he Answered that he had been out of the Kingdome & knew of noe outlawry & Prayed that the statute of the 5th of Edw: the 6 might be Read which Imports that if outlawed persons surrender themselves in 12 months they should be Admitted to tryall &c

This the Court overruled he haveing not surrendered himselfe but was taken & in fine A rule of Court was made for his Execution next ffriday

The Tipstaves went to Grayes Inn & dr Barebones workemen with them & the Hall was full of Gent but the Workemen Could not Charge any perticular person soe they did not meddle with any But the Building goes forward

They write from fflanders that the ffrench Army is Increased to 60000 men That Schomberg had orders to march to Brussells & Bombard that Citty upon which the M: de Grana Caused severall bridges to be made for Passage of the Army in Case of Necessity

The P: of Orange Continues with his Army within halfe A League of Brussells The divisions in Holland grow dayly greater some being for Agreeing with ffrance & some Agt it

Abt 3 weeks since A murther was Comitted in Scotland on A ffarmer who Returneing from Elgin Market found one of his servants in bed with his wife The wicked woman Instigates the Adulterer to kill his master which he did & Carryed him to the highway as if murthered there That night A Neibor dreamed the whole matter as it was Acted & the Murtherer was upon the dreame seized & forced to touch the Corps & it did not bleed but they being Informed that those that put some of the Murthered haire on the bodyes the Corps would not bleed soe long as it was there They thereupon stript him & found in each stocken A lock of haire & being after forced to touch the Corps it bled afresh Upon which he Confessed the whole was Convicted & Executed

L. c. 1550 London 17th June 1684

+When Sr Tho: Armstrong Appeared at the Kings bench barr & the statute Abt outlawries was Read he said he was within that statute & Prayed that Councell might be Assigned him to Argue it That he did Intend to have surrenderd himselfe & the time was not Elapsed by many months & that it was but A little while since the faivor of A Tryall was allowed to one outlawed who he thought was not soe Innocent as himselfe The Court Answered there was no need of Councell &c & made A Rule for his Execution

mr Attorney spoke as if his Matye would have allowed A tryall but that it Appeared That after the Kings Comeing from Newmarket sooner then was Exspected he was one that did Engage to goe & destroy him & that when he was taken severall letters were found Abt him that he had Correspondance with the Conspirators Agt the King &c

Yesterday the Lady Armstrong moved the Ld Keeper in Chancery for A writt of Error but it was not granted

At the Kings bench barr was the tryall between the King & the Governor & Society in the Citty of London for the Plantation of Bermudas The Kings Councell set forth that by Colour of An illegal order made at their Court they oppressed the Inhabitants with severall Taxes under Colour for support of Publick expence &c In fine they agreed A verdict should passe for the King & the defendants Agreed to Referr it to his Matye +mrs Perk of Abingdon hath given bayle to Appear this day 12 months & not to let her house in that towne for keeping A Conventicle

mr Attorney moved for judgment Agt St Ives in Cornwall which is granted

Last Sunday mr Hayes Eldest son of Alderman Hayes the Linnen draper was Comitted to the Gatehouse for Treason for Remitting money to Sr Tho: Armstrong & this day Appeared by Habeas Corpus & was Turned over to Kings bench & also mr Baker formerly A servant to mr Mountague is Comitted to the Gatehouse for Treason

mr Attwood A seminary Preist was Arraigned & Plead the Kings Pardon which is allowed

On Sunday A meeting was seized in Thames street & Abt 20 of the Cheife Carried before the Ld Mayor who bound them to Answer it at the sessions

Marshall Crequi hath made himselfe master of Tryers & is now demolishing that Place & the ffrench have seized on Barkervill & Cothick & Its beleived Cologne will be suddenly in their Posession

+The heates & Animosities Continue in Holland & the time is Past the ffrench gave them to signe the Truce which not being signed the ffrench Army have orders to Bombard Brussells or Lessines &c

The ffrench Army in Cattalonia is in A Sick & weake Condition by the heates

+The victory obtained by the Poles over the Tartars is Confirmed

+The d: of Lorraine with the Imperiall Army is marched directly for Buda

Tis said mr Sacheverills fine will be given to the building of Nottingham bridge & the Rest to Chelsey Hospitall

[A few figures in another hand appear on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1551 London 19th June 1684

+Yesterday the writt of Enquiry was Executed Agt dr Oates The witnesses were sworne

The first said that when the last Westminster Parliamt sate being in A Coffee house with Oates he saw him have A letter in his hand that Cost 10 d & said none were better for it but A traytor

The 2d said that being in Company with Oates he said the d of Yorke is A traytor

The 3d said that one Mountague asked Oates if all things did goe well he Answered no Not till the duke was either Banished or Hanged but that Hanging was the fittest for him

The 4th said that being at dinner with dr Oates & A Gente saying if his R: Highs Come to the Crowne how should they secure themselves from Popery Oates Answered they need not trouble themselves Abt that for he would be hanged before that

And further that Oates haveing Preached at ffoster Lane was after sermon Invited to dinner who asked if any of them had dined with the d of Yorke & they being silent he said that he would not eate with them that had eaten with the devill went away & dined at Another place

The 5th said that when his R: Highs was Prosecuted for A Papist & that the grandjury were discharged sooner then were Exspected he said to Oates what will you do now you are Nonsuited Oates Answered wee will doe well Enough & at him Againe & have noe more Regard to him then to A scavenger in Kent street

+The 6th said that Oates said he hoped to see Jemmy at the barr of the H of Comons & that there were better men there then him

The 7th said that Oates said that London was burnt by the duke & that the duke was the son of A whore & he should live to see him hanged & they would take the Posthouse from him & give it to the d of Monmoth

The 8th said that Oates said the duke was A Rascall A Papist & A Traytor & that he hoped to see him hanged

The 9th said that Oates said the duke had Ruined the nation & if the devill had one place in Hell hotter then another he hoped he would bestow it on him

The 10th said that Oates said the duke is A traytor

The 11th said that Comeing to Oates for A Plea to the Declaration he said he neither Loved nor feared the duke & if he were in for 100000 L he Cared not for it for if ever there Came A Parliamt he did not doubt but to have it forgiven him, The jury found 100000 L damages without goeing from the barr

Elephant Smith had judgment to stand 3 times in the Pillory to Pay 500 L & to find sureties dureing life

Sr Tho: Armstrongs lady Petitioned his Matye that her Husband might have A Tryall & afterwards Petitioned that his Matye would grant him A Pardon & he would discover the whole Conspiracy afterwards Petitioned that his body might be given her all which were Rejected & his head will be fixt over the horse Guards by Whitehall & his quarters sent to Stafford where he was Chose member

+mr duttoncoult who was Cast in 100000 L to his R: Highs is in Kings bench Prison

L. c. 1552 London 21st June 1684

+Yesterday Abt 10 in the morning Sr Tho: Armstrong was drawne in A sledge to Tyburne & there hanged & quartered he was habitted in A new black suite & short Perrewig & in his hand A Bible, all the way he Passed & at Execution he deported himselfe as A Gent A souldier & A Christian & much more of the last then was Exspected, dr Tennison minister of St Martins in the feilds was ffrequent with him & gave him the sacramt he Confessed that he had Lived very loosely & that the death of mr Scroope whome he killed in the Playhouse was much upon his spiritts That God was just &c

He delivered A Paper to the sheriffe & told him all he had to say was therein & then turned to the Executioner & bid him dispatch which he did & after he had hung halfe An houre he was quartered & his quarters brought back to Newgate which will be disposed of as in my last

Tis said the states of Holland have fined the Towne of Leyden & made A Placaert that for the future noe person shall be seized or molested for any Crime Comitted out of their jurisdiction as Sr Tho: Armstrong was

This weeke there was judgment given in Chancery Agt the Charter of New England

An Information is drawne Agt mr Williams tis said for Licencing Narratives when he was Speaker & perticularly one of Dangerfeilds wherein his R: Highs the E of Peterbrough & others are mentioned

The Scotch Noblemen who Came to Complain Agt their Lord Chancellor Prevailed & the E of Perth is made Ld Chancellor in his stead & the Ld Balcarasse [?] is made Justice Generall in Place of the E of Perth

Next Thursday the duke dines with the Artillery Company

This day Came in the Holland Post with Advice that the states Genll have Agreed to the Project of A Truce for 20 yeares which the ministers of the Allies are Much dissatisfied at & the Imperiall & Spanish Ambrs have left the Hague with greate disgust & Its said the swedish Ambr will doe the like The Spanish Ambr before he went delivered A sharpe memoriall declareing his Master would hazzard his Monarchy Rather then Submitt to the Termes of ffrance & the Emperor has Comanded all the Princes of the Empire to Arme Agt ffrance & will joyne them with 14000 of his owne. The ffrench K is to Restore the Principallity of Orange but the states to Pay 40000 Gilders p An for it The City of Amsterdam upon this Resolve & the delivery of their Papers have opened their banke of money, The Pope tis said has Called A Conclave & Excommunicated the ffrench K: for Attempting Genoa in that Hostile manner

The Turks are Come downe with A mighty force Contrary to all former

Advices

L. c. 1553 London 24th June 1684

+This being the day by Ancient Custome of this Citty for Choyce of sheriffs & other officers it was by some Exspected that some Choyce would have been made or declared by his Matye or directions to An Election but neither was done soe Its beleived that A new Charter will in A few dayes be delivered

Sr Tho: Armstrong desired of the sheriffe That the Paper he gave him might be delivered into the hands of his R: Highs & some say when his Matye had Read it he was very much offended & tore it into many Peeces There are Reports he died in the same opinion that Sidney did That the King had broke his oath & the people were noe longer tyed to their obedience his head is to be set up at Westminster & one of his quarters sent downe to Stafford & the other 3 to be disposed of at the discretion of the sheriffs

On Sunday morning Early An Anabaptist meeting was seized in Bishopsgate street & 15 of them bound to the sessions they Pleased there was noe Preaching but that would not doe

The same morning the quakers were seized at their meeting house in Gracechurch street & 6 of them bound to the sessions

A Quo Warranto haveing been Ishued Agt the Borough of Colvern [?] Wiltshire the Inhabitants Raised A summe of Money for some to Come up & surrender their Charter who Instead thereof Put in A Plea for which last weeke the meaner sort were fined 5 s 4 d A man & the Rest ordered to Attend next Terme also mr Hindmarsh the Bookseller who was Convicted for Publishing A Pamphlett Called the Presbiterians Pater Noster &c was fined 20 L

Our fflanders letters say the D of Monmoth gave A splendid Entertainment to the P of Orange & other Generalls &c That some Spaniards are landed at Ostend which make the Spaniards in fflanders 6000 effective That the states sent 3 deputies to the P of Orange to Acquaint him that Necessity obliged him to signe the Truce but they would take Care of his Concernes & ordered that their troops should Returne home he Answered what they Comanded Abt their troops should be Punctually obeyed & as to his Concernes they need not trouble themselves for he would take Care of them himselve

+The Coppie of the Articles of the said Truce are delivered to the Ambrs of England Denmarke & Cologne that they may Procure their masters to Guarrantee the same as they before Promised

The d of Ormond is to goe suddenly for Ireland

+mr Brisband who was ordered to goe his Matyes Resident to Lisbone is dead

His Matye hath made the son of P Rupert by Madam Hughes Capt of that Company in his Regemt of Guards lately Comanded by Capt street

Tis said mr Oates will be further Proceeded Agt for some Criminall affaires & the matter which he layd to the Queen brought in Evidence Agt him

Tis said mr Hayes will be brought to his tryall this Ensuing sessions for Corresponding with declared traytors

+Teckley makes such high demands that there is noe hopes of Accomodation with him

L. c. 1554 London 26th June 1684

+Yesterday the head of Sr Tho: Armstrong was set upon Westminster hall & his 3 quarters set upon Temple barr Aldersgate & Aldgate & the other quarter will be set up at Stafford

Tis said the Paper he gave to the sheriffe will be Published this night & Its the generall Report that therein he denyes all

This day the Artillery Company Exercized & his R: Highs was with them & had not only the shoute of the Artillery men but also the loud acclamations of the People

Yesterday died Sr Edw Deering one of the Lds Comissioners of the Treasury

Last Tuesday being midsomer day the Comissioners of the Excize & hearth money sate together being the first time since their Conjunction

Its the discourse Amonge the Gente of the Long Robe that 2 Informations are Exhibitted Agt mr Williams one for Lycenceing Dangerfeilds Narrative & the other for the 2 Last dayes votes when the Parliamt was dissolved & also that A declaration upon A scandalum Magnatum at the dukes suite is drawne Agt him

Tis said mr Oates will be Indicted for High Treason

Next Wednesday mr Hayes will be tryed at the old Bayly he says he Concerned himselfe noe otherwise then in way of trade

mr Hugh Speake Prisoner in the Kings bench under sentence of 1000 L for the King has notice to take A Tryall next Hartford Assizes upon An Action of scandalum Magnatum for 100000 L brought by his R: Highs

mr Malthus & mr Hancocke 2 booksellers neer the Exchange are Arrested on A scandalum Magnatum brought by the E of Peterborough for Publishing the Narrative wherein his Honor was Reflected upon but they hope to obtaine his Ldships faivor

Last Sunday the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries being at Windsor His Matye told him he was very well satisfied with his Conduct bidding him to Continue to Preserve him & his [illegible six-letter word] & gave his Lordship A Diamond Ring from off his owne finger

They write from Brussells that the d of Monmoth & severall others are going into Hungary

+They write from Constantinople that the Grand seignior was Resolved to have more formidable forces in the feild then he had last year & to Consist of 3 Armies one to Act Agt the Poles The 2d in Hungary & the 3d in Dalmatia

+Wee have a Report That the Venetian ffleet Comeing before Candia the Inabitants & Garrison Mutinied & let the Venetians in

Tis thought the Spaniards will not Comply with the Truce but Carry on the warr in Cattalonia to the utmost they being strong there & the ffrench Army in A very ill Condition

To morrow is A Councill at Hampton Court his Matye prsent & Its said mr Baker will be Examined there

L. c. 1555 London 28th June 1684

+The Paper Sr Tho: Armstrong gave to sheriffe daniell is not yet Published Its said he therein denyes all the fact he was outlawed for Reflects on the Ld How &c also denyes severall Reports that were spread Concerning him perticularly that of being false to his Matye in his Exile & Appeales to his Matye therein &c

The P of Orange is gone for Holland & tooke the D of Monmoth with him where he Remaines Incognito

They write from Holland as though the Algerines seemed as if they had A mind to breake with England upon Pretence that the Captives were not yet Redeemed

+Yesterday mr Hickeringill made A Recantation in the Publick hall at drs Comons of all his books lately Published & Read signed & sealed the same & Its this day Published in Print

Sr Cornwall Bradshaw is not one of the Comissioners of the Excize & hearth money but mr Bridges & mr Trant are but joyne not with the others till Michaelmas Next

mr Sheldon of Warwickshire died this weeke Leaveing A vast Estate

The Italian Princes being Allarmed by the ffrench Proceedings at Genoa begin to League together & the Pope Highly Resents the Action & the more for that the ffrench Ambr at Rome had declared his Master would not attack any Place in Italy dureing the Warr with the Turks

The Ld Ch: Justice being appointed for the Northerne Circuit Its said he Carryes with him A New Charter for the Citty of Yorke & that full authority is given him to settle that Corporation into Loyall hands as he sees Convenient &c

The dutch Ambr here hath desired to Renew Negotiations with our East India Company Relateing to Bantam desireing to have An Estimate in writeing what damages they have sustained therein to the End the Comissioners they send may be the better able to speake to the same but Its said the Company will not treate abt the Charge till Bantam be first Restored

+They write from Denmarke that 10000 men were Mustered neer Coppenhagen & 4000 were dayly Exspected from Norway The Intention of this sudden Preparation is not said only that some thousands are to be drawne out for the Fleet

+The Imperiall Army have taken Unegrade [?] & are gone to beseige Novigrade

The Tartars have Invaded Poland neer Leopold burnt many villages & Carried away much People

+The Councell at Hampton Court on ffriday was Cheifly Abt fforreign Affaires The ffrench & Spanish Ambrs were both there

Its affirmed dr Oates had notice last night to Prepare for his Tryall next weeke in the Indictment of High Treason

L. c. 1556 London 1st July 1684

+This day the Paper Sr Tho: Armstrong gave to the sheriffe is Published The substance is; He takes god to Witness he never had any designe to take away the Kings life Neither had any man soe much Impudence to Propose such A Barbarous & soe base A thing to him & that he was never in A designe to Alter the Goverment That what he was Accused of more he knowes noe other way but by Reports & Prints which he takes to be uncertain & that he died A Protestant forgave all the world &c

The d of Monmoth is with the P of Orange in Holland & noe man more Respected by him then he who eates drinks Hunts & does every thing but sleep with him

+Sr Gabriell Silvius parted this day for Holland & tis said he may be Charged with A message from his Matye to the P of Orange whose affaires are in noe very good Condition in Holland

The states have sent Agents to Acquaint their allies with their Reasons for the Truce & perticularly to the Emperour & Spain & with Impatience Exspect A Returne & the more for that all the Provinces have not Consented to the said Truce which may yet be matter of dangerous Consequence

some letters say the d of Lorraine has taken Novigrad & Pest & tis thought will take Buda before the Turkish Army under the Bashaw of Mesopotamia Can Come

+Letters this weeke say A fire at Hamburg has burnt above 500 houses

Wee doe not heare of any that is to succeed Sr Edw Deering in the Treasury but that assoon as the Accounts are Perfected there will be A New Ld Treasurer who tis said will be the M of Hallifax

sad Complaints Come dayly from divers Parts of Catterpillers & Its affirmed that off one Acre of Ground sowed with beanes in Buckinghamshire were taken 72 Bushells of Catterpillers

Its affirmed the D of Ormond will suddenly depart for Ireland & assemble A Parliamt of that Kingdome

Last Sunday the Kings horse & foot mustered in Hyde Parke where prince George Recd his Matyes Comission of Lieutenant Genll, The E: of Craven at the same time delivering up his

The K of Denmarke has Comanded most of his forces into the dukedome of Holstein which gives jealousy of A sudden surprize of An Adjacent Country which has Caused the Swedish fleet to put to sea with many Landmen aboard them

Yesterday began A sessions of Peace but nothing Remarkable yet transacted save only the Prosecution of Greate Numbers of dissenters who were Convicted for Ryotters & fined at the discretion of the Court

Its now said Oates will be tryed this sessions for Perjury of which if he be Convicted he will after be tryed for High Treason

L. c. 1557 London 3d July 1684

+The E of Shrewsbury Ld Lumley & others who went to the ffrench Campe are Returned & say the d of Grafton &c are gone to see the ffrench Court

There is A Report his Maty hath sent for the d of Monmoth Also that the Ld Hyde will be Ld Treasurer

Last Sunday the Mayor of Lynn & 12 members of that Corporation surrendred their Charter & kissed his Matyes hand & his Matye knighted mr Symon Taylor & Capt John Turner formerly Parliamt men for that Towne

Last Sunday Sr Richd Dutton Governor of the Leeward Islands set sayle from Plimouth for Barbados

The Matter in diference between dr Barebone & those of Grayes Inn abt the Buildings in Red Lyon feilds is to be heard before the Ld Keeper on Satyreday next & An Information for A Nuisance being Exhibitted Agt the dr he hath Promised to stopp the buildings till the said heareing be over

A ship Comeing lately from Guyney brings word that about 80 Interlopers were in those parts

The P. of Orange is gone to Dieren to Hunt to Passe away Malancholly which tis said has seized him since the Proceedings of the states have been soe Contrary to his Interest & sentiments

Tis thought Spaine will not Accept of the Truce for that Instead of the states Assistance they have the vast Advantage That ffrance being tyed not to warr in the Low Countries they may band all their forces to oppose him in Italy & Catalonia

The Italian Princes are Actually Leagued with Spaine & have therein been Animated by the Pope who in A late Conclave Wept & Prayd & Prayd & Wept till he had made them sencible the ffrench K: was An Enemy to the Cause of Christ & Produced A former Popes Bull wherein its Positively declared that what Prince soever shall Invade Another when the Turks are Invadeing Christendome he shall be Excommunicated but he would not Excommunicate the King but leave it to God Allmighty & the Armes of the Italian Princes to Punish him

+But hath Excommunicated all Persons who shall hereafter throw any Bombes into Genoa or any where in Italy & hath sent 100000 L to the Republick of Genoa to helpe to Repaire their damages

+They write from Lintz That Count Teckley hath lately prsented the Polish minister with 10000 ducketts & 300 Barrells of wine & Its beleived he is more then ever Inclined to An Agreement by Reason his souldiers every day desert him & haveing Recd A new supply from the Turks they Refused to be under his Comand & the Adjacent Bashaws have orders to have A vigilant eye on him they much suspecting his Revolt

The E of devonshire is dangerously sicke

L. c. 1558 London 5th July 1684

+His R: Highs haveing formerly Accepted A ffreedome of Chichester The Mayor & Recorder waited on him to know his Pleasure Abt the surrender of

their Charter & Abt A New one & he Consented to have his Name Continued on the new one & severall Noblemen haveing been formerly their stewards, At A Councell held there on Wednesday his R: Highs was unanimously Elected their High Steward & at the same time they Past A vote to surrender their Charter upon which the Ld Bishop Gentry & Clergie Congratulated them on this occasion & the Evening was spent with bonefires & Ringing bells

On Thursday the sessions ended at the old Bayly where 7 Received sentence of death & his Maty granted A Generall Pardon to the Rest which was Pleaded by 53 Persons on their knees & Among them was 4 seminary Preists formerly Attainted of High Treason also 2 quakers & 3 others Convicted of A Premunire

A New Comission of the Treasury is Constituted & the Commrs are the E of Rochester Sr Jo: Earnly & Sr Stephen ffox & 2 to make A quorum

The new Charter of this Citty is now draweing as also many others for o[ur] Companies & for Boroughs

Three more east India ships are Arrived Richly laden

This day was A heareing Abt dr Barebones Buildings in Red Lyon feilds & the Ld Keeper did not thinke fit to grant An Injunction to stopp the worke

+They write from Dublin that their greate fear of scarcity is now over haveing very great prospect of A Plentifull Harvest Insomuch that the Ld Deputy hath Recalled his Proclamation Agt the Exporting of Corne

Count Teckley has not only Refused all offers made by the Emperor but Renewed his Confederacy with the Turks Agt him & is in Upper Hungary with A body of 15000 men

Humble Application hath been made for A Pardon for the Ld Gray & tis said his ffather in law the E: of Berkeley hath been on his knees to his Matye on this behalfe

His Matye hath now before him divers stamps & mettells for new farthings & tis said his Pleasure will be declared this weeke & in Probability those of Tynn with A Copper spott in the Center will be Approved of

Severall vessells Comeing from the Streights say they saw A small Moorish ffrigott in the Bay of Tangier & that those people were hard at Worke Abt Repaireing the Ruined ffortifications

some nights since severall persons were defaceing the words Engraven on Londons Monument that the Citty was burnt by the Papists but were Interupted by some Watchmen before they had perfected their worke

Last Thursday A Treasonable Libell was seized here in Manuscript Entituled A Quo Warranto Agt the Booke of Comon Prayer the Rites & Ceremonies of the Church of England

L. c. 1559 London 8th July 1684

+Since the Mannagement of the Navall affaires have Come under his R: Highs Care such Methods have been put in Practice That tis said his Matye may in 8 dayes Put to sea 30 ships of Warr & some say wee shall have A fleet out this summer though it be soe late

To morrow his R: Highs goes for Tunbridg where his dutchesse is drinking the Waters

Last Satureday died dr Gunning Bp of Ely & dr Turner the prsent Bp of Rochester is to be Translated to Ely & dr Spratt deane of Westminster to be Bp of Rochester & tis said the deaneary of Windsor which dr Turner had in Comendum will be given to dr Tenison

dr Lake (not the dukes Chaplain) is made Bp of Bristoll in Place of dr Gulston

The E of devonshire Continues very ill

Last weeke at the sessions at Hicks hall & in Southwerke many Conventiclcers were fined as Ryotters

Our east India Company have given notice they will Put to sale 500 Tun of saltpetre on the 26th Instant & 500 Tun more on the last of August

His Matye hath Recalled Sr John Lender from the Isle of Jersey & Appointed the Ld Jermine in his Roome

+On Thursday Sr Edw: Herbert Cheife Justice of Chester setts forward for that Place

Tis said dr Cox the famous Phisitian is gone aside for 60000 L

Our fflanders letters say the Dutch troops are Returneing home to the joy of the Country people who were not fond of their Company That some of those that Marched from their Campe at Maastricht that Loytered behind were killed & others stript by the Boores

On the 10th the M: de Grana Recd An Account from the Emperor of the Greate victory obteyned by the d of Lorraine Agt the Turks on the 17/27 June upon the dukes Marching towards Novigrad the Turks had Posted 15000 men very Advantagiously neer Varria The d of Lorraine Attacqued them & killed 3000 of which some Persons of quality vizt the Bassa of Buda &c and 1500 taken & after that tooke Varria by storme, the d of Lorraines horse was wounded on the Neck with A Pistoll & some leters say Newhausell is since surrendred & that the d of Lorraine is Resolved forthwith to Attacque Pest

Our Holland letters say that the Truce is Ratified by the ffrench & that the states have desired the ffrench Ambr to Intercede with his Master to Restore the P: of Orange to his Principallity of Orange according to the Treaty of Nimeguen

The Genoesse in Conjunction with Spaine make Advantage on the ffrench by Land & sea but Its Reported Roses in Cattalonia is taken by the ffrench

L. c. 1560 London 10th July 1684

+Yesterday morning about one A Clock happened A most dreadfull fire which began in the Windmill which was at the uppermost part of the Waterhouse by the Thames neer Yorke Buildings which being of A vast height & all of Timber was soon of A flame & the Wind being southwest it Carryed the flame into Villiers street & thence tooke the Ld Willoughbys back Buildings which are burnt also the Greate Wood & Coale Wharfe of mr Swallows neer the Waterhouse tooke fire also & set fire to some houses in Hungerford Market & Continued burneing till 4 of the Clock but greate Assistance Comeing in & by the helpe of Engines & blowing up of some houses it was mastered before 8, Besides the Waterhouse there are 14 houses burnt & Abt 40 Almost spoyled The most Credable Report of its beginning is that A Careless servant left A Candle sticking to A Peece of Timber which fell upon A Trusse of Hay The losse is not Esteemed lesse then 50000 L of which tis said mr swallows losse is 4000 L

The Waterhouse was Ensured in dr Barebones Project for Ensurance from fire for 5000 L & the office hath Published this day that those that Ensured may have their money abateing Interest for the 2 months time they have to Pay it in

Tis said Sr Stephen ffox is Abt Crying Northumberland house & Intends to build A street from Hungerford market to Scotland yard

The d of Ormond is Prepareing for his Returne into Ireland & Its Reported the d of Monmoth is Comeing from Holland hither

Some Notorious libells Agt his Matye & the goverment & in vindication of Sr Tho: Armstrong tis said are Industriously dispersed & greate Care is taken to find out the Authors & dispersers & Its the

Comon Report that somewhat of such A Nature hath been sent by the Peny Post to persons of High Character

Wee have also A Report that the son of An Eminent Peer hath offered some Affront to mr Chudleigh at the Hague on Account of the said Sr Thomas Armstrong

Our Holland letters say that the states of ffreizland have Recalled the Troops of their Repairition [?] into their Province & by Publick Edict have disbanded them for not Comeing but the states Genll have sent A deputy to them to Represent the dangerous Consequences thereof as being directly Contrary to the Union but they Continueing to Adhere to it the states will send 10000 men to Reduce them to their duty +Some letters from Marselles say the Algerines have declared warr Agt the English & taken 2 or 3 ships but the truth is still questioned

Two ships from New England bring Account that goverment still Continues obstinate & are sending over Instructions to Mannage A Tryall Agt the Quo Warranto

L. c. 1561 London 12 July 1684

+On the 8th Instant A vessell Arrived at Plimouth from Malaga who Reports that 2 of o[u]r Men of warr had been lately at Algeirs & sent on shoar to know if anything had been done or acted Contrary to the Articles & had for Answer all things had been Punctually observed & they were well satisfied with the English whome they found very Punctuall in keeping the Agreement

Our Turkey merchants have Advice the Sally men of warr have taken 3 English ships But they write from ffrance those ships were taken by the Algerines designeing thereby to Cause the English merchants to fear A warr with Algeirs that they may send their Comodities for the streights in ffrench Bottoms

Yesterday at the Cuncell at Hampton Court was the Scotch Lord Middleton & Another Scotch Gentleman sworne Privy Councillors

Alderman Hayes Petitioned that his son might be Admitted to Bayle but it was Rejected

Our New Charter is Almost Engrossed

There are Tynn halfe pence & farthings now Coyneing in the Tower

Tis said his R: Highs hath forgiven mr Speake the words sworne Agt him & that mr Pilkington is or will suddenly be discharged of the 100000 L damages at the dukes suite

9 Companies of ffoot of those that Came from Tangier are ordered for Ireland

+mr Lurking [?] the Printer is Comitted to Newgate there being found under his Pillow & Ready for the Presse the Paper Entituled A Quo Warranto Agt the Booke of Comon Prayer & the Rights & Ceremonies of the Church of England

Tis said A Marriage is Concluded between the E of Pembroke & the only daughter of Sr Robt Sawyer the Atturney Genll

Most of the Inhabitants on London Bridg are Agreed with to quit their old Habitations & upon longer leases &c to Erect new houses without buildings Cross over [sic] which are found very Inconvenient

Tis now said the deanery of Windsor is given to dr Estcourt Minister of St Clements Danes

+The Emperor has declared his Resolution to Come into the Truce Provided it may be generall But the Spanish Ambr here declares his Master is Resolved not to Accept of it though all the Rest of the Allies should Count Teckley is Reinforced & bids defyance to all the offers of the Emperor & K of Poland the latter of which is much his freind & has A greate Honor for his Person & family

The K of Poland is perfectly Recovered & intends in 14 dayes to

follow the Army with 15000 ffresh men

His Matye designes not for Winchester till the 25th August
+The d of Monmoth has left Brussells but Its uncertain whither he is gone

L. c. 1562 London 15th July 1684

+Last weeke for severall dayes & nights wee had very High & strong winds & have since Advice of greate damages sustained on the sea Coasts

Twenty men of warr are fitted & soe disposed as to be Ready at 3 dayes warning & tis thought some Navall Expedition will suddenly Appear but Agt whome is not yet knowne

By letters from Lisbone wee have Advice That the Perle ffrigott hath taken the Vice Admirall of Sally of 26 guns & Abt 150 men & brought her into that Port shee had just before taken 3 English ships & one Dutch & sent them away There were 40 Christian slaves aboard

The Moores are in greate Numbers at worke in Tangier & Promise themselves to Reduce it in A few yeares into A Tenable Posture either for offence or defence

Yesterday the New Church built in German street was Consecrated by the Ld Bp of London & Named St James dr Tenison Preached & Administred the sacrament & 2 or 3 Marriages & as many Baptismes were also Celebrated

Last Sunday A Conventicle was broke up in Gravell Lane Houndsditch & their Preacher seized Together with divers women who were obliged to Pay each 5 L According to the Act but their Preacher was bound to Answer it Next Sessions

Some dayes since was held A feild Conventicle neer Newington like those of Scotland the Preacher takeing A very offensive text vizt 5 Micah 1 vers They not being discovered till after their departure none of them were seized but greate dilligence is used to find out the minister

The Cause between his R: Highs & mr Speake Came not on at Hertford Assizes his Highs Solicittor haveing given timely Notice he would not try it that Assizes which occasioned A Report mr Speake had begged Pardon & is forgiven but it Proved A mistake both wayes

Neither is mr Pilkington forgiven but has very Earnestly by Petition & ffreinds Requested it but wee heare of noe Answer Returned

Writts are Ishued out of the Exchequer for Levying the severall fines due the King from those that are Prisoners in the Kings bench
+The Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries has been Recd with Extrary Respect in all Places where he Came & at the Borders of Yorkshire the High sheriffe & neer 2000 Gentry mett & Conducted him to Yorke Tis said Sr Samll Thompson is by the New Charter made Ld Mayor & his Matye as in all other places Reserves to himselfe the Approbation of all officers

The d: of Lorraine hath taken Pest & is before Buda which he hopes to have in A Month the Turks being soe dispiritted & c That the Advantage thereof Inclines the Emperor to Comply with ffrance Provided all the Allies Come into the Truce

The d of Brandenburg is soe displeas'd at the ffrench Demolishing Tryers that he hath forbid the ffrench Ambr his Court

L. c. 1563 London 17th July 1684

+The d of Ormonds departure for Ireland Its said is fixt to be on the 3rd of August & tis said his Grace will before he goes Release mr Hetherington Now his Prisoner on A scandalum Magnatum

Yesterday died Sr Geo: Downing formerly Ambr in Holland & lately one of the Commrs of the Customs in which Capasity he died, one of meane Extraction but hath left A vast estate & lived to see his son Married to the sister of the prsent E: of Salisbury

The E of Devonshire is pretty well Recovered

The meeting seized last Sunday was at mr Pampions house in Gravell

Lane & was seized by 6 files of Musquetters from the Guards at the Exchange whoe entring the house had much Adoe to find them with Candles they haveing got into Cellars, most of the men Escaped but they tooke Abt 30 most ffemales most of which gave bayle to Answer it but those that Could not were Comitted The Preacher being one Barker An Independent gave 5 L to one to let him goe which he did but Informeing his Next man of it he seized him Againe

On the 14th Instant the New Charter of Lynn was Recd there with Extreame joy & the d of Norfolke is made Ld High Steward of that Corporation

Tis said his Matye hath Appointed Sr Phillip Howard to be Ld Mayor of Windsor for the Ensuing year

The Buildings in Red Lyon feilds Goe on But one of dr Barebones men that was hurt in the ffray with those of Grayes Inn is dead & the Person said to doe it is fled

Tis said the ffrench K: Proffers to send 30000 men Agt the Turks but that the Emperour will not trust them

Wee heare the Pope Contributes 60000 L p month towards the Charge of the Polish & Imperiall Armies & hath Comanded the 10ths of the Clergymens Estates to goe for that warr

Our German letters say the Imperiallists from Pest throw Bombes & fire upon Buda & the d of Lorraine Passed the Danube without opposition & was within A League of Buda with A Resolution to besiege it & understood there was in Garrison 10000 men & that 30000 Turks were Ready in the feild to oppose their designe

They write from Venice that their fleet had destroyed 3 turks men of warr & taken 3 more at the Island of St Maures which they tooke & greate Riches therein & are since sayled for A further Enterprize

Yesterday A ship of 400 Tuns laden with Sugar & Tobacco for Hamburg sayling downe the River Ran upon An Anchor & Imediately sunke & most of the goods were lost

This day the drums beate for voluntiers to serve his Matye in Ireland

L. c. 1564 London 19th July 1684

+Our letters from fflanders Advise That the d of Lorraine Passed the Danube without any opposition from the Turks who had severall Campes on that side but fled from Campe to Campe without strikeing A blow to Buda & set fire to the Lower Towne & Retired into the Citty The duke Entred the Lower Towne time Enough to Put out the fire without much damage & seized on the Cannon &c & on the 5/15 Instant and almost finished his Batteries & Placed his mines Agt Buda & Its judged he is master of it before this time

Also Generall Lesley hath soe farr Ruined the bridg of Esseck as to make it unpassable soe that the Turks Can Receive noe succors from Belgrade The duke being master of the Most Part of Hungary to the River Dravus little being left the Turks but Alba=Regalis Camisa & Zigeth Newhassell is not yet surrendered but in greate want of Provisions A Pound of Bread or of Beefe being sold for A Rix dollar which is 8 s & A Pound of salt for 6 stivers which is 7 d

The Pope hath sent 6000 sacks of Corne to the Morlaques who are soe Animated that they fell upon A body of Turks Routed them killed many & tooke A Bashaw who offers 5000 L for his Ransom

The Turkey merchants this day Recd letters from Smirna which Advise them to Remove their Effects from Constantinople aswell to be free from the Plundering that may happen from the greate disorders Among the Turks as out of fear of the Venetian ffleet & they write from Venice that if they Can take either of the Castles they will try what they Can doe at

Constantinople with their Bombes

Our Holland letters tell us of A fire which happened at Coeverden which Burnt 6 greate houses &c & that there have been fires at severall other Places & that 12 men have been seized at Berlin & in the Country of Lunenburgh who are found to be Incendiaries & upon Examination are found to be ffrench

Since the takeing of Sr Thomas Armstrong in Holland some persons have been at Amsterdam to Pray the Majestrates Aide Agt other English Traytors who Advised them forthwith to Retire for should the people discover their Buisness they would Certainly stone them to death & they should not be able to defend them

His Matyes journey to Winchester is Put off till the 26th August

Its Certainly Reported that his Matye hath forgiven mr Pilkington & also that his R: Highs hath done the same

A Quo Warranto being brought Agt the Charter of Grantham they have Agreed to surrender it & this afternoon Quo Warrantoes are Ishued out Agt all the Corporations in Cornwall & Devonshire Except Truro Bodnia & Saltash in Cornwall & okehampton [?] Plimpton & Belcaston in devonshire

The d of Monmoth is Hunting with the P of Orange at Dieren

L. c. 1565 London 22d July 1684

+On Sunday last his Matye declared in Councill That he would Remove Sr dudley North for being one of the Commrs of the Customs & make him one of the Lds Commrs of the Treasury as he would also Henry Thinne Esqr Brother to the Ld Weymouth & that he would have for Commrs of the Customs Peter Rich Esqr late one of o[ur] sheriffs in Roome of Sr Geo Downing & mr dickenson one of the Commrs of Ireland in Roome of Sr Dudley North

Yesterday died the Dutchesse of Ormond being neer 80 yeares of Age which may Posibly Retard the dukes Journey for Ireland her Corps will be sent into Ireland to be Interred at the City of Kilkenny Amongst the Ancestors of Ormond

The Report that his Matye & R: Highs have forgiven mr Pilkington Continues but he is Ignorant thereof

Last Sunday many quakers were taken from their meeting & Comitted as also severall persons at A meeting in Whites Alley in Little Moorfeilds where the Comon people broke downe the Pulpitt formes Benches &c Also A Conventicle was seized in Haydon Yard where the Preacher & severall of the Auditors being taken were bound to the Sessions

On Sunday last the Imperiall Envoy here desired his Matye in behalfe of his master to use his Interest with the ffrench K That all the Allies might be Included in the Truce hoping that if the ffrench K should Refuse it all the world would beleive he had noe designe to have A lasting Peace in Europe & that they would hold his Master Excused if he made Peace with the Turks this winter which he Can easily doe that soe he may be the better able to Protect his allies on this side

Wee have A Report this night that the Emperors Envoy hath Recd An Expresse that Buda hath surrendered

The Genoesses in Conjunction with Spaine Spaire neither men nor money to be able to be Revenged for their Burnt City & the ffrench as Resolutely bent to Ruine them & Its thought nothing Can Prevent A desolateing warr in Italy

+The Tynn farthings now Coyneing have A Copper Spott in the Center

Its affirmed that Quo Warrantoes are ordered Agt Hull Beverley &c in the County of Yorke also that A Custos is Appointed over the City of Yorke

+The effigies of the Kings of England are to be set up in the Royall Exchange as before the fire at the Charge of the Companies The Mercers

set up Queen Elizabeths The East India Company 4 & many other Companies each one Also the Grocers Intend to set up in their Hall the Effigies of Sr Jo: Moor with An Inscription of his Loyall Proceedings & Sr Jo: at his owne Charge & Cost Beautifies the same & setts up his Coate of Armes being A Lyon Guardant Passant sol which his Matye Honoured him with for his greate Services

L. c. 1566 London 24th July 1684

+Sr Dudley Norths Place in the Custome house is given to Sr Jo: Buckworth & not to mr Rich as was Currantly Reported also Sr Geo: downings Place in the Exchequer is Given to Hugh Ld Clifford son to the late Ld Treasurer but his Place in the Custome house to mr Dickenson as wee formerly said Tis said Sr Geo: downing died worth 6000 L p An & left asmuch Ready money

Yesterday Came Advice That Judge Windham is taken soe ill in his Circuitt at Norwich that his life is despaired of Last night his lady went out of Towne to him Also tis said dr Dolben Arch Bp of Yorke died suddenly of An Apoplexie

Last night his R: Highs Came from Tunbridg & is this morning gone to the Councill at Hampton Court where is this day A greate Councill where the Imperiall Spanish ffrench & dutch Ambrs will attend

The dutchesse of Ormonds Corps will be deposited in Westminster Abby & afterwards with the Corps of the Ld Ossory sent Into Ireland The dukes journey holds the 3d August

Yesterday mr Richd ffoot A Rich Merchant was sumoned before the Court of Aldermen for saying Sr Jo: Moor had Perjured himselfe in Betraying the Rights & liberties of the Citty & that he Better deserved A Halter then An Additional Court [sic] of Armes & the Court ordered An Information in the Comon Sergeants name to be brought Agt him in the Ld Mayors office & Its said that by Prescription A Majestrate of London may bring An Information Agt any Person that shall Traduce him & that they Can Implead Convict & sentence in as Large A manner as if layd in the Crowne office By vertue of which Its thought many Informations will be Exhibitted Agt others

They write from Dorchester that severall Appeared at the Assizes there who were Reckned disaffected to the Government & According to the Character Given to the judge by the Gent on the bench they were dealt with

Our Scotch letters say that on the 15th the Lds of the Councill sate where it was declared That the d of Monmoth The E of Aberdeen late Ld Chancellor The E of dondonald The Ld Maitland & the Bp of Edenbrough are noe longer Privy Councillors & in their Places are Put the E: of Arran Eldest son to D Hamilton & 3 others

Our Holland letters say that the Turks are in A body Neer Buda & it was beleived the Next letters will bring Account of A Battle with the d of Lorraine who is 40000 strong The states of Holland sent for the P: of Orange to be prsent in their assembly but he sent them word he Could not Come The Majestrates of Amsterdam Continue their Levyes & all the Inhabitants are ordered to Repaire to their Respective Colours on the first beate of drum & they Intend to Review their Trayned bands &c Its supposed they doe this upon some jealousy they have of the P of Orange

Our ffrench letters Intimate that their King is very severe upon the Protestants in Languedoc

L. c. 1567 London 26th July 1684

+Our letters that Came from Norwich yesterday say That Judge Windham was in A faire way of Recovery & wee hear nothing more of the death of the Arch Bp of Yorke soe Its hoped he is not dead

Little of Moment passed at the Councill on Thursday his Matye

staying but little there

The states of Holland have Recd Advice from their Ambr at Paris that the K: of Spaine Accepted the Truce but whether According to the Termes offered by ffrance or those agreed upon at Ratisbone is not knowne

The states Genll have Nominated 4 Commrs to Come for England to Agree the Affaire of Bantam with our East India Company but as yet they have not Recd their Instructions how to Proceed

The P: of Orange is gone from Dieren & with him the D of Monmoth to Aken to divert themselves there

This morning wee had A fflanders Post which brings us newes by Expresse from the Emperor to the D of Lorraine That some Bodies of Turks Attacqued the Christians Campe at Buda & at first did some Mischeife but were afterwards Put to flight 800 being killed on the Spott That the d of Lorraine with his Cannon & Bombes Attacqued the upper Towne of Buda which after 3 dayes he tooke but 5000 Janizaries Retired into the Castle which by Reason it wants the New Way of ffortification must speedily fall into his hands & at the Comeing away of the said Expresse The Turks Hung out A white flagg offering to surrender in 8 dayes if they were not Releived which the duke would not Accept hoping to be master of it in 48 houres.

The d of Lorraine has now in his Army 25000 horse & when some Regements of ffoot are Arrived which are on their March he will have 50000 men effective

This Evening Arrived the ffrench Post with letters That the M: de Schomberg had orders to march prsently toward the Rhine with 20000 horse where he will find A Greate Body of ffoot to joyne him on what designe is uncertain

dr Wood the Bp of Litchfeild & Coventry is suspended Ab officio et Beneficio for 3 yeares Its said to be for Nonresidency

The Turkey merchants have Advice that his Matyes ship the saphire mett with 2 Sally men of warr one the Admirall of 26 Guns & the other of 18 Guns both which shee fought & tooke the latter Together with A dutch Prize laden with Sugar & stranded the Admirall & seized the Captain 80 Moores & Abt 40 Christians & brought them to Cadiz, By destroying these 2 & takeing the Vice Admirall sometime since Its not doubted but it will force them to Accept of A Peace

This weeke Abt 200 voluntiers marched from hence from [sic] Ireland who are to be Armed there

L. c. 1568 London 29th July 1684

+Our fforreign letters Confirme the takeing of Buda with the Peticulars following

That the d of Lorraine haveing notice that Abt 25000 Turks were Comeing to Releive it Resolved to meet & fight them which they did & obteyned A Compleate victory & then soe Plyed the Castle of Buda with his Cannon that they desired to surrender on Termes which was denyed & they were forced to surrender on Mercy & most of the Garrison were Put to the sword which has struck such A Terror that Its thought all Hungary will quickly be Reduced to the obedience of the Emperor This newes Came last night by An Expresse from the M: de Grana The March of the M: de Schomberg towards the Rhine Tis beleived is to affright the Emperor to Accept the Truce without Limittations others thinke they have An Eye upon Cologne

A Warrant is Ishued Agt mr ffarringdon of Chichester & his Lodgings in London searched for him but he was not taken Its supposed Abt Habius the Informer for which he was formerly Acquitted at the Kings Bench barr

At the Assizes at Norwich some Gente of quality being together & Among them Esqr Beddingfeild & Esqr Barney A quarrell Arose betwixt

those 2 & was seemingly Reconciled but the former Going downe stayres the latter followed him & basely killed him for which he was Tryed & Convicted. Greate meanes hath been used to obteyne A Pardon but his Matye would not hear it The Person killed was well beloved &c His 2000 L p An is now fallen to his 2 sisters

The Royall Affrican Company at their sale [of?] Prized Barbados sugars the Highest at 21 s 7 d p hundred Antego sugars the Highest at 19 s 6 d p C Jamaica sugars the Highest at 23 s 6 d p C Guyney Wax at 5 s 2 d p C

In the times of Popery on the south side of the Roade at the hither End of Islington was A well which was had in very greate Esteeme for Its Medicinable qualities even to Adoration which soon after the Reformation was Covered & by successe of time wholly forgotten

Last year the well was Againe discovered & by Its Curious Carveing Enquired after & many Eminent Phisitians have Tryed the water by Rules of Art & say Its as Medicinable as any & Comes the Neerest in operation to that of Tunbridg & Its now Comonly vissitted by 2000 in A morning +The Ld O Bryan son to the E of Inchequen is married to A Merchants daughter & hath with her 8000 L prsent & 10000 L hereafter

On Satureday morning one mr Harris A shropshire Gentleman was found dead in his bed It Appeared he lay with 2 lewd women all night & too much Expençe of Spiritts put him into A Lethargie

Here is A Report that the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries will be Custos of the City of London also that he has Confined the Mayor of Yorke for some misbehavior abt their Charter

On Thursday his Matye goes to Winchester

L. c. 1569 London 31st July 1684

+Judge Windham is Certainly dead at Norwich & Its said Sr Tho: Jenner o[u]r Recorder will succeed him others say Sr Robt Wright will succeed

The d of Grafton is dangerously ill of A feavor at Euston

Next morning the d of Ormond goes for Ireland

Last Satureday was brought into Harwich by the Custome house officers A small sloop taken neer Orfordnesse laden with 22 Packs of wooll which is seized

Last Sunday A meeting was disturbed in Bishopshall neer Hackney where severall were seized & bound to Answer it next Sessions

Yesterday the justices of Peace held A Court in the Precinct of Spittlefeilds where they sumoned the Constables head Boroughs &c to Attend them & Comitted 15 of them for Refuseing to take the oath Ex officio

A Generall Collection is to be throughout England for Building St Pauls

One dr Boreman of Kent was fined last assizes at Madeston 500 Marks upon the Evidence of his servant for scandalous words Agt his R: Highs

By o[u]r ffrench letters yesterday wee had the Confirmation of the victory obteyned by the d of Lorraine but not of the takeing of Buda though in all Probability it is soe

The turkish horse that were in [?] Newhassell got out by night & Its thought are gone to Teckly & that the Garrison will not hold out long

The March of the ffrench towards the Rhine has not A little Allarmed the swisse Cantons they beleiveing them designed Agt their Religion & Government

The ffrench K has ordered 14 of the Protestant ministers of Languedoc to be broken on the wheele because that Contrary to A late Edict they openly Preached & Administred the sacramt

They write from Scotland the Councill have Ishued 2 Proclamations

The first That whereas severall Inhabitants of the western
shires Notwithstanding the greate Plenty Tranquillity &c The Justice &
Equity of o[u]r Administrations The greate Care of the Protestant
Religion in Its truth & Purity yet have Risen &c

But have not been Pursued by the Inhabitants to the Astonishment
of all good men &c Therefore Comands all to be Ready at 6 dayes
warning

The 2d is That whereas that in June last Abt 200 Armed Rebels
Presumed to March openly through severall shires for many dayes
together threatening the Orthodox Clergie & Murthering o[u]r souldiers
& at last disappeared &c Therefore Comands all persons to make discovery
by the 18th of August of them & their Abettors

The Emperors Envoy at the Hague hath presented A memoriall that his
Master is Ready to Embrace the Truce if the allies be Included which
the states Agreed to & Acquainted the ffrench Ambr therewith who
finding the states of Genoa & the Northerne Crownes Included declared
Agt it & that the Emperor & Spaine ought to Accept it without Including
their Allies.

L. c. 1570 London 2d August 1684

+This day o[u]r fflanders letters brought us the Confirmation of the d
of Lorraines victory with these Peticulars vizt

That Count Lesley haveing taken some Turks Prisoners who discovered
that 30000 horse & some ffoot were on their March for Releife of Buda
with the Ensigne of the horse Tayles the Badge of the Turkish Empire he
Informed the d of Lorraine that this body of Turks were to assault his
Campe & the beseiged were to sally out at the same time

Upon which the d of Lorraine ordered 12000 horse to Advance towards
the Enemy who haveing marched all night Charged them by breake of day
in their Campe who were soe surprised that after A small Resistance they
fled leaving 400 dead on the Place & Abt as many Prisoners with their
standards 30 Peeeces of Cannon & all their baggage

The Poles & Hungarians followed the Pursuite to the Bridg of
Esseck & since then Buda is taken

Count Lesley is beseigeing Vicovitza which is all the Turks have
left them on this side the Savus save the Towne of Esseck

Our forreign letters say the Poles have defeated 8000 Turks that
designed to Put Provisions into Camimeck & have taken above 1000
Waggons laden with all manner of Provisions which Its thought will
Cause Camimeck soon to surrender when the K of Poland Comes before it
Count Teckley has taken the strong Castle of Ungwarr & in it many
Hungarian Gentlemen who with the Garrison were all Put to the sword &
got in it Greate Riches But 5 dayes after Count Caprara the Emperors
Generall Retooke it & killed many of Teckleys men

Tis said the ffrench Army under Schomberg have beseiged
Phillipsburgh

Yesterday wee had Advice of the Arrival of 4 of our East India
ships & one Interloper; Two Dutch east India ships in their Returne
were A few dayes since lost on their owne Coast but the men & Part
of the ladeing saved

The d of Graftons distemper Proves the small Pox & all Conclude
he Cannot Live till morning & just now Its Reported he is dead

This weeke Sheriffe Dashwood was knighted at Windsor
+The discourse now is that Sr Robt Baldock or Sr Edw Herbert will
succeed Judge Windham Tis said he died very Rich & left only 2
daughters one Married to my Ld of Bristoll & the other to Coll Napper
A West Country Gent of A greate Estate

A Prodigious Increase of Buildings haveing been lately in & abt

Spittlefeilds & A very faire & Large Markethouse built on that ground
Comonly Called the old Artillery yard, yesterday A market was
Proclaimes there with greate Ceremony

To morrow the Ld Mayor Aldermen & sheriffs goe to Windsor but
their buisness is kept Private

L. c. 1571 London 5th August 1684

+The d of Grafton is still Alive & some say in A faire way of Recovery

His Matye haveing granted A Pattent to Sr Nicholas Butler for the
scavage [?] of the Citty A Place in the Customs & Enjoyed by mr Dawson
deceased The Ld Mayor & Aldermen waited on his Matye on Sunday Abt it
when his Matye declared he was not Rightly Informed of the Matter & would
doe nothing to the Prejudice of the Citty

At the Assizes at Newcastle An Information was given Into Court
Agt severall who entred into A Confederacy & Association Agt the
Goverment They Called themselves the Christian Society & mett every
weeke beginning with Prayer & Ending with thanksgiving They had An
Association which was burnt last year But one who had been of the
Society Produced A Coppie of it & made oath it was A true one & Accused
6 or 7 persons then in Court that Entred into it & also 16 or 17 more
who were in Towne who were all seized & Indicted for High Treason &
were to be tryed this assizes

The Ld Ch: Justice hath been in all places in his Circuit very
sharpe Agt all sorts of offenders

Last Sunday severall meetings were seized & the offenders bound to
answer it

A greate meeting wass seized in Trinity Lane Called mr Balls
meeting being Independants Abt 30 were seized & by Sr Jo: Moor bound
to Answer it at the Sessions the Ld Mayor being then at Windsor
+The Boroughs of Colchester Maldon & Harwich have surrendred their
Charters

His Matye hath granted 5500 L p An after 11 yeares being A Branch
of his ffee farme Rents in Ireland to the d of St Albans & his heires
forever

The d of Monmoth is with the P of Orange at Dieren where he is
very kindly Recd Tis said that ferguson Goodenough Pelthorpe [?] &c
are at Utrecht

Our East India ships lately Arrived bring Advice of Comotions in
those Parts as also that the Dutch have afresh Prejudiced the English
in their Concerne

The takeing of Buda is not Confirmed

The Spanish & Imperiall Envoys here Report that the Venetians &
turks fleet have had A fight & the latter most sunke & taken

Our Paris letters say the ffrench K is Resolved not to Comply with
the Termes offered by the Emperor & wee have Advice that 20000 ffrench
horse & 30000 foot are now marching to Phillipsburgh which if true will
Certainly Cause the Emperor to Clap up A Peace with the Turke
+mr Slaughter one of the 6 Clerks of Chancery lately fell off his horse
& broke his neck which Place is vallued at 5000 L & is in the disposall
of the Master of the Rolls

Our Scotch letters say that on the 25th Past mr Spence late servant
to the E: of Argile brought Prisoner from London was brought before the
Councill & Put to the Torture which he Endured to Admiration Averring to
know nothing to Confesse after which he with the Rest brought Prisoners
with him were Comitted Close Prisoners & none to Come to them

On the 26th the Councill sate Againe upon Important matters which
are kept very secrett

L. c. 1572 London 7th August 1684

+The d of Grafton is Recovereing

Tis said the Ld Mayor when at Windsor did humbly Informe his Matye that one of the Attorneys of the Ld Mayors Court was dead & also another officer both which Places by Ancient Custome did Revert to the Chaire That he had as Ld Mayor disposed of them But being Acquainted that the Ld Cheife Justice had Given out the Inhibition [?] desired in all Humility to know whether it was by his Matyes Speciall directions if it was he was Ready to submitt

That his Matye should Answer in the Negative & Added that it was Never in his thoughts to lessen the Rights of that Chaire or alter soe much as one Custome in the Citty unlesse he finde it of absolute Necessity for the more safe Government thereof & secureing the Honor Dignity & Rights of the Cheife Majestrates & the People in A Loyall obedience to the Lawes & them

The Island of Tobago in the West Indies is like to be made A Scotch Plantation

Its the discourse of the Towne that the English at Bombay in the East Indies have Disowned the Authority of the Company here & will owne noe other but the Kings & Its thought they have been Influenced thereto by Interlopers

+Our fforreign letters say the Emperor Princes & Electors will not Accept the Truce Proposed by ffrance But Its Certain the 56000 ffrench from fflanders are on their march to Phillipsburgh which will bring it to some Ishue

The ffrench in fflanders have soe Ruined the Country that there is scarce subsistance for either man or Beast & demand such Excessive Contributions that the People are not able to Pay them & for default threaten them with Military Execution

The ffrench Ambr to the states is at prsent at Amsterdam Contriveing some Intreagues with those Burgomasters with whome he hath had severall Private Conferences

+Its here discoursed that the ffrench K: by his Private Agent he sent to Poland Proffered that King A million of money to Withdraw from the Emperor which was wholly Rejected & Its supposed the occasion of A discourse as though the K of Poland was not firme to the Interest of the Emperor

The Kings ffoot Regements are ordered to have Cartridges & Wast Belts instead of Bandoleers as approved the best & quickest way of Charge

+Some letters from Venice say That Constantinople & the Parts Adjacent are in Rebellion & that the Janizaries have killed the Grand Seignior but Its not Creditted

Wee hear those of Sally have taken 6 English & 6 Dutch ships

This dayes bill of Mortallity is very High vizt 720 being 217 Increase

[A few figures appear in another hand on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1573 London 9th August 1684

+Our Scotch letters say that A sollemn day of Humiliation was kept throughout that kingdome for Imploring gods mercy on the fruites of the earth &c

That A Party of Coll Grahams Troope & A like Party of dragoons were Conducting 12 persons from Dumfreize to Edenbrough who were to be Transported But Comeing to A Narrow Passage within 10 miles of Dumfreize where but 7 men Could goe Abreast they were Attacqued in the ffront & Rear by 80 Armed Rebels Three of the Prisoners were killed & one Mortally wounded & the Rest Escaped & one of the souldiers was killed & 2 Mortally wounded

+The Councill have sent 3 squadrons of the life Guard horse & ordered out some of the standing forces in search of the Rebels & Prisoners Escaped

They also write that A fire was lately in Glascow which Consumed greate Part thereof

Yesterday Abt noon mr Culliford Rideing Surveyor of the Customs & designed for Ireland to supply the Place of mr dickenson was Comeing up water Lane from the Custome house when A fellow who had been A Tyde waiter & Turned out as Its said by mr Cullifords meanes Came behind him & shott him in the back with A Brace of Bulletts of which he is since dead The fellow never stirred & was by Sr Jo: Buckworth Comitted to Newgate

Yesterday the E of Rivers was marryed to the E of Lindsays Daughter A faire yong lady

This weeke Arrived 3 East India Interlopers very Richly laden

Some shippes Arrived in the Downes from the West Indies affirme that Abt 10 dayes since they had such Extrary Thunder & Lightning that all their sayles spread were burnt & the Cotton Aboard A Jamaica ship tooke fire & the ship had Perished if much Raine had not fallen

This Jamaica ship & 8 more that were in the fleet are missing A Thunderbolt fell on one of them killed 5 men & Rent the Masts in A 100 peeces &c

The Constables &c of Stepney Parrish that were Comitted for Refuseing the oath Ex officio will not give bayle Intending to abide there till the Ld Ch. Justice Comes home To whome they will Apply themselves

Wee have more fforreign letters that mention the Beheading of the Grand Seignior & the other Disturbances in Constantinople

+Yesterday the Lds of the Treasury made An order that the Pensions due to his Matyes household servants should be paid & the Poorest and most wanting first

Wee are wanting all o[u]r fforreign Posts [But see two sentences above.]

L. c. 1574 London 12th August 1684

+Our fforreign letters say Buda holds out still & seem to question whether the d of Lorraine will be able to Carry it & say nothing from Constantinople save that 40000 marcht through that Citty for Hungary

The K of Poland is att the head of his Army & upon some greate designe

mr Culliford is like to Recover

On the 26th the Court goes to Winchester Tis said the Princesse of denmarke is with Child

Wee hear of only one meeting disturbed on Sunday without Bishopsgate 3 of which being seized gave bayle to Answer it

On Sunday 7 night An Apothecaryes Apprentice Cassually Passing through A Place where souldiers were breakeing up A Meeting & saying something in faivor of meetings A souldier knockt him downe & broke his skull & he is dead

On ffriday last the Ld delaware died

Tis said Sr Stephen ffox hath Contracted for Northumberland house & Intends A square

The Waterhouse lately burnt is now Rebuilding with all the Speed that may be

Last weeke dr Barebone was bound over & 2 of his men Comitted for takeing the Gate off the Hinges in Holbourne Called the Kings gate which the dr says is part of the Ground he Purchased in Red Lyon feilds Abt which building is much Contest between the dr & the Gente of Grayes Inn

who yesterday served the dr with A Prohibition out of Chancery to stopp his Proceedings

On Satureday night & next morning wee had here greate & violent stormes with such Continued Thunders & Lightenings that it Amazed men. At the same time A Large New built house not finished in Goodmans feilds was burnt to the ground supposed to be fired with Lightening

Our Holland letters say the jealousies of those of Amsterdam dayly Increase Last weeke by order of the Grand Councell they ordered the houses of the Burghers to be vissitted to see their Armes are in good order They have Raised 2000 men of which A 3d Part are Constantly on Guard & the Capt of the Guard is not to open his orders which are given him sealed unless there be An Allarme & they suffer not A ship to Come in but they search it

The ffrench have Required the Electr Palatine to demolish 2 Bulwarks on the ffrontiers on the other side the Rhine or he will send his owne men to see his order Put in Execution

Our ffrench letters say that A courier was dispatcht to Ratisbone to know the Resolution of the diett & if they Comply not he was to goe to Marshall Schomberg who tis said has orders prsently to fall on Phillipsburgh

But those for Peace are in hopes of matters being Accomodated from the Promises of his Matye of Greate Brittain That he will use his utmost Endeavrs therein

are making for the same & Skinners hall taken for An office where the subjects shall Receive them

Last ffriday Esqr Barney who Murthered Esqr Beddingfeild at Norwich was Executed there he behaved himselve very Penitently & Exhorted all Gent to Avoyd the Prophanation of the Saboth by Immoderate Drinking &c of which he Confessed he had been too Guilty That the Justice of God had overtaken him desireing all that then saw or should hear of him to take Warning & breake off such Courses which otherwise would End in the destruction both of soule & body without the Infinite mercy of God

There is A decrease of 94 in the weekly bill of this day

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L. c. 1576 London 16th August 1684

+The Truce being signed the Emperor & Empire will be able to send all their forces Agt the Turks Also the ffrench K has Resolved to send many of his Troops Agt them under the Comand of the Electr of Bavaria & hath Assured the Dauphiness that her brother shall be at the head of the finest Army in Christendome

The states of Genoa are Included in the Truce for which they are obliged to o[u]r King who was very Instrumentall in obtaining it from the ffrench King

Wee have letters of the 4th Instant from before Buda which say the Turks defend the place like desperate men but that next day the mines would be Ready to be fired they were Resolved to storme it & A Courrier that Passed through Lintz for Ratisbone said Buda was taken by storme but it wants Confirmation

The designe of the Venetians is to take the Island & City of Candia in which Island are 30000 Greeks who offer if furnished to assist them being tired under the Turkish Tiranny & waite only for the oppertunity to Regaine their Ancient ffredome

They write From Leghorne they have Advice from Alexandria that Prester John haveing Advice of the Christians successe Agt the Turks dispatched his son & Nephew with 40000 men Agt the famous City of Halaba in Egipt which was furnished with Cannon & 18000 men which they Attacque & tooke in 24 houres putting all they found in Armes to the sword & tooke therein A vast treasure most of the Merchants of Asia & Persia haveing stoorehouses there which occasioned A greate dread in all Egipt & the said Prester John hath sent to Persia to Excite them Agt the Turks

They write from Venice their Ambr was Escaped from Constantinople also that many thousand Turks were sent to service the bridg of Esseck lookeing on that place as the only stay to preserve Belgrade

Out Scotch letters say the Ld High Treasurer hath set the Customs of that Kindgome for 5 yeares at 28200 L sterling p An

Its the discourse at Edenbrough That mr spence who was Put to the Torture hath since made very large Confession & also Read & Expounded the Many letters writt in Ciphers & taken since the Plotte was discovered & mr Walworth A Phisitian & mr Robt Stewart son to Sr James Stewart late Provost of Edenbrough are committed to Prison Its supposed from Spences discovery

+They write Dauphine in ffrance that the Bp of Valence very Eagerly Prosecutes the Protestants & severall of their Churches are to be demolished & their ministers & Elders Banished

Tis said the Bp of Winchester is Past Recovery

L. c. 1577 London 19th August 1684

+The City of Yorke is now Governed by a Comission aswell as London but his Matye declares they shall both Receive new Charters

A Quo Warranto being brought Agt the Charter of Exeter they

Immediately Agreed to surrender it; At A quarter sessions held there the Grandjury made A presentment not only of such as Come not to Church but also of such as behaved themselves Irreverently there Praying the Ld Bp to use his Authority &c since which his Lordship hath sent to all the Clergie in his diocesse that they Admonish such persons to have A due Conformity else they shall be Proceeded agt according to the Cannons &c

There was not one meeting secured last Sunday in this Citty The quakers mett unmolested also there was a Presbyterian meeting and no Information thereon

On Satureday mr Justice Withins Came to Towne and tooke bayle for those 15 Churchwardens Constables &c Comitted on the 30th July by Sr Wm Smith Sr Jo: Berry & 3 other justices for Refuseing to find sureties for their Appearance next sessions to Answer their refusall of the Oath Ex officio and have since brought their Habeas Corpus

Six persons have Contracted with mr Sadler in whose Garden the soe Much vissitted Water at Islington is for 600 L fine & 300 L per An dureing his lease which is 25 yeares

On the 16th Arrived the Josiah & the Herbert from E: India whose ladeings is vallued at above 300000 L

The ffrench have also 4 ships Arrived from East India

There is also arrived in the downes An Interloper Richly laden from Siam in E: India on board of whome Came 4 Ambrs The 2 Cheife to o[u]r King & the other 2 to the ffrench King with power to treat of Trade

The Interlopers are growne soe Numerous & Come home soe Richly laden that the Actions of the company are very uncertain Several ships are lately arrived from o[u]r Plantations which they left in good state & those of Virginia are Extreemly satisfied in their New governr the Ld Howard of Effingham some diferences are arrisen in Pensilvania between mr Pen & the Ld Baltemore the Governr of Maryland Abt their bounds & mr Pen is Comeing to make Application to his Matye

The states Genll have presented the Count de Avaux with A gold medall & Chaine of a great vallue & seem Extreemly satisfied in his conduct & and their owne in Rescuing those Provinces from a warr which threatened their Totall ruin

The Merchants Abt Spolato have made an Inroade in the Turkish Territories & made a great slaughter brought back many slaves & 3000 Cattles

L. c. 1578 London 21st August 1684

+The takeing of Buda Appears not soe Certain as not to doubt it

ffor though o[u]r Holland Post brought letters yesterday from Lintz of the 15th That Buda was taken by storme on the 9th & that the Garrison being 15000 were all Cutt to peeces & that the d of Lorraine made his Entry into that Place on the 13th

Yet o[u]r letters from Vienna of the 13th make not the least mention of it Also wee have letters of the 9th from the Campe before Buda which Advise That the Turks defended themselves soe vigourously that they obliged the Imperiallists to Abandon A Tower they had taken

That they were Extreemly disheatedened with the Continuall Sallyes of the beseiged That there were many Breaches in the Walls But the d of Lorraine did not thinke fitt to Hazzard an assault by Reason of the greate Retrenchments the Turks had made within That the Imperiallists were in greate want of Amunition forrage &c and orders given at Vienna for their supply &c

Also o[u]r fflanders letters this day mention nothing of Buda being taken

The dukes of Bavaria & Saxony will march at the head of their forces

& joyne the d of Lorraine who after Buda Intends to beseige Belgrade

Tis said the ffrench K offers 40000 men to serve Agt the Turks in Hungary at his owne Charge but that the Emperor will not Accept them

The K of Poland was marching for Camimeck but at the same time Recd Advice that 50000 Tartars were marching towards Poland

Some months since the Venetian Ambr here was hireing some of o[ur] Merchants ships to serve Agt the Turk but A stopp was put to it since which the stopp is taken off & there are now in the Thames 6 stout ships of each 42 guns & 100 men bound for Venice

Our letters from Scotland say That on the 11th was brought from Glascow to Edenbrough 21 Prisoners who were taken at feild meetings severall of which were wounded in opposing the souldiers that tooke them

mr Spence the E of Argiles servant Continues still in Prison

Our ffrench letters say the d of Northumberland designes to Returne speedily for England & that the ffrench K: has prsented him with A Rich sword set with diamonds

On ffriday last severall small guns Rarely wrought & richly guilt were showne to the King at Windsor with Rich harness for 6 Coach horses all which his Matye is sending to the Emperor of Morocco & tis said An Ambr will be sent thither

On the 17th died Sr Robt Wiseman the famous Civillian who was his Matyes vicar Genll for Ecclesiasticall affaires

some of our Turkey merchants are Arrived very Richly laden

L. c. 1579 London 23d August 1684

+The takeing of Buda is now Positively Contradicted for o[ur] letters from Vienna & the Campe before Buda assure us That the Turks Continue to defend themselves soe That there is little hopes of Gaineing it till the Army be Reinforced The d of Lorraine being in greate want of ffresh foot his Army being very much diminished by sickness & the Turks frequent sallyes. They have sprung severall mines with good successe & turned up A greate part of the Towne wall which fell Inwards but the Turks have made such Retrenchments within That there is little possibility of Carrying it by storme There being Its said 15000 men to defend it Tis said that many ffrench aswell Engineers as others are in Vienna

The d of Lorraine hath drawne all his ffoot out of Pest for Carrying on the seige also 15000 ffoot & 2000 horse are sent from Vienna & 13 Boates laden with Bombes &c also the d of Bavaria is sending greatest Part of his forces thither

They write that Count Teckley has taken Purnock & layd it in Ashes Carrying away the Garrison Prisoners which were 700 men & was marched to besige Zatmarr

The 4 Ambrs from India which Came aboard the Interloper are lodged in Arrundell street Two goe for ffrance & the other 2 for Windsor Tis said they Come to desire A ffree trade & not to be bound up to any perticular Company Also that they have brought Presents of A greate vallue one being A gold Box worth 3000 L

On Board one of the E: India ships is Come A Rhicinerous [rhinoceros] vallued at 2000 L at the Custome house & will be sold next weeke by Inch of Candle

Yesterday the Mayor &c of Guildford waited on the Ld Keeper North who is Baron of Guildford & prsented him with A Rich Box & therein A Coppie of his ffreedome & left with him their Charter to be delivered to his Matye

Tis now said mr Baron Street will be Removed into the Comon Pleas in Judge Windhams Place & that Sr Robt Wright will succeed him

+Tis said the E of Rutland & the Ld Willoughby haveing quarrelled are

going beyond sea to fight but his Matye hath sent after them Comanding the first they overtake to Come home

The E of Thanett hath marryed the D of Newcastles Daughter +the Electr of Collognes trops have entred Leige without any opposition the [three illegible letters]headed Multitude who kept the gates takeing their heeles upon their first Appearance

Our Scotch letters say that on the 15th the Lds of the Justiciary Condemned 3 persons who being at A feild meeting kild one mr Smith A Trooper who were Executed that afternoon who obstinately denyed to the last his Matyes Authority &c

Tis said mr Goslin the Kings Laceman will be sheriffe next year with mr Duncomb

mr Bridgman is going envoy to the K of Poland

L. c. 1580 London 26th August 1684

+Our letters from Vienna of the 10/20 say the Turks defend themselves very obstinately That most of the Nobility of Austria were lost in the seige That the d of Lorraine understood there was in it plenty of ffiggs & Rice for 12 months The Grand Seignior is using all wayes Imaginable for Its Releife & Its said if it hold out 2 months will be there himselfe. In the meane time many ffresh troops are marching to Reinforce the D of Lorraine who otherwise will probably be lost or at least be forced to Raise the seige

Count Teckley makes greate Havock in Upper Hungary Enriching his Army with Plunder

His Matye haveing signified by letter to the E of Radnor that he was willing to discharge him from the Presidentship of the Councell though he was highly sencible of the good services he had done & would Continue to him his Pension of 4000 L p An which he enjoyed as President

On Sunday was An Extrary Councell at windsor where the E: of Rochester was sworne Ld President & mr Sideney Godolphin made first Comm of the Treasury in the E of Rochesters Place & on Munday was made A Baron of England by the Name of Baron Godolphin of Godolphin

The E of Middleton secretary of state for Scotland is made secretary of state for England in mr Godolphins Place His Matye hath granted to the E of Rochester the summe of 16000 L to be Levyed on the Ld Grayes Estate

The Ld Gerrard is now Come over & Reports the d of Monmoth to be still at Dieren keeping A noble house Also that Sr Patience Ward & Starkey the bookseller are both at Utrecht

The d of Ormond is safely Arrived in Ireland

One of his Matyes Yaughts is gone for ffrance to fetch over the Ld Elland son to the Ld Privy seale who hath marryed A greate fortune there

The ffrench K: hath Put out An Edict ordering that the ffrench ministers of Charenton & all other Protestant Churches in ffrance shall be Changed every 3 yeares & they shall not hold any Consistory but when one of the Kings Comissioners is Present

The Rhinoceros lately brought from India was yesterday put to sale by Inch of Candle & bought for 2320 L by mr Langley one of those that bought mr Sadlers well at Islington & in A day or 2 will be seen in Bartholomew faire

The Ld Preston his Matyes Envoy at Paris hath Prepared A memoriall to present to that King to put him in mind of the Exorbitant demands of Contributions in the Spanish Netherlands

The K of Poland held A greate Councell at his Army where it was Resolved first to fight the Turks Army & leave Camimeck only blockt up

This day the K & Court Removed to Winchester

L. c. 1581 London 28th August 1684

+Our Holland letters Advise that the Imperiallists have already lost 7000 men before Buda, The Beseiged make sallyes in their shirts at Noon day & the beseigers loose some dayes 3 or 400 men soe that the d of Lorraine has hardly foot to supply the Trenches

The Enemies Resolutions are kept up by the greate Numbers of Wealthy jewes some yeares since banished Germany who Promise the janizaries very greate Rewards to save the Citty To which may be added the greate Number of Renegadoes who are sure to be hanged if taken The d of Lorraine designes upon the Arrivall of the Bavarian troops which are Exspected every Moment to make A generall storme & they say they doubt not but he will Carry it but if he doe is like to Prove A bloody Conquest

Count Lesley Its supposed hath A designe upon the bridg of Esseck

The Burgomasters of Amsterdam have been Round that Citty to view the walls & have given orders for Repaireing what they found defective They are also Building forts before their Gates

The ffrench K since the Conclusion of the Truce has abated 3 Millions p year of his Taxes & assoon as the Truce is Ratified will disband 26000 foot & 10000 horse

The ffrench Continue still in the Spanish Netherlands & have 3 or 4 Camps Neer Gaunt & demand 16000 L p month Contributions besides 580000 L for Reprizalls

They write from Paris that the Prosecution of the Protestants is Continued in all parts of ffrance with more severity then before & An Edict set forth forbidding all Protestant Ministers whose Churches are demolished from Preaching any more & forbidding the People if any of their ministers dye from Choosing others by which Its supposed that by death of some & silenceing others its designed to Extirpate all their ministers

There are 4 E: India ships Arrived in ffrance The E: India ships Arrived in Holland are Extreably Rich & brought 2000000 L of [pe]pper 100000 L of Cloves & Nutmeggs [three or four digits smeared]00 L of Mace & Cinamon 150000 L of Saltpetre &c

His Matye hath made mr Graham Principle of Cliffords Inn one of the Comissioners of the Excize in Roome of Major Huntingdon deceased.

The d of Grafton is Abroade Againe & hath sent for his Yatcht to meet him at Harwich in order to take the Aire at sea

The d of Northumberland is gone from Paris to Brussells & thence Intends to vissitte the P of Orange & soe for England

[Note on outside of letter in another hand:] Sr/I shall call about 5 o clocke at Arbury

L. c. 1582 London 30th August 1684

+Our fforreign letters say Buda still makes A stout defence & Almost daily with their swords in their hands without ffire Armes make sallyes & kill some hundreds. Count Teckley is at the head of some 15000 Chosen men & still seems Resolved to joyne with the Turks

There is A Malicious Report that the E of Radnor was soe dissatisfied with his being Removed that he should with some slight Refuse the Pension But he hath wrote A letter to his Matye full of dutifull & Loyall Expressions which soe Pleased his Matye that he Comanded the Lds of the Treasury to be very Punctuall in the Payment of his Pension

+mr Langley who bought the Rhinoceros not being able to Raise the Money forfeited the 500 L he paid in hand & this Evening the owners Procured A warrant from St James Smith & Carryed away mr Langley & afterwards Put up the beast to sale Againe by Inch of Candle for 2000 L but noe person bid A farthing soe lyes upon their hands

Last Thursday began the sale of the goods brought from E India by the Interloper which went off to A very greate Advantage to the owners

The Report now is that o[u]r Recorder will be made A Baron of the Exchequer & mr Crispe the present Comon Sergeant Recorder & one mr Browne An Atturney to succeed mr Crispe Also that Capt Legg the E of dartmouths brother will be made Lieutenant of the Tower & Capt Cheeke better Preferred

Our Scotch letters say that the Archbishop of St Andrews is dead

That Sr James ffleming the late Provost of Edenbrough is Arrested at the Prosecution of the King by the Cashkeeper there for not Paying in the fines Levied upon the dissenters whilst he was Provost

That mr Spence the E of Argiles steward hath deciphered some of the Earles Papers by which some discovery is made but Its kept secrett +The ffrench K is upon Actually disbanding 35000 horse & ffoot but Intends to keep himselve very strong at sea Especially in the Mediterranean & Its said will send some thousands of his souldiers to Plant Collonies in America which is the diversion Proposed by his greate ministers for preserveing Peace at home

They write from Dublin That they are like to have A greate Plenty of Grayne & the late Raines have Caused such Plenty of after grass that the Price of Hay is much fallen

+Tis said the Guards will be Entertained with ffree quarter dureing their stay at Winchester. On Tuesday next his Matye & R: Highs goe for Southampton thence to Portesmouth & soe to the Isle of Wight & c

L. c. 1583 London 2d Sept 1684

+The queen being last Satureday somewhat Indisposed was let blood & is now Perfectly well Againe

Sr Ralph Dallison of Lincolnshire haveing in his Wine dangerously wounded An Innocent Country fellow & being Carryed before the Mayor of Winchester for the same gave the Mayor 2 Boxes on the eare & he was by his Matyes Comand Comitted to the Dungeon

His Matye hath made Coll Kirke late governr of Tangier one of the Groomes of his Bedchamber

The Ld Ch: Justice hath Acquainted his Matye that he Comitted 4 Lancashire atturneys 5 in Cumberland & 6 in Yorkshire all for Irregular Practices the latter being Comitted upon A Complaint of the Archbishop of Yorke

By Comand of the Ld Mayor 2 Companies of the Trayned bands were Raised on Sunday & kept Guard in Moor feilds & Spittle feilds ever since By Reason tis said the Weavers had A mind to Rise & breake all the Loomes of the ffrenchmen for underworking them

A meeting was on Sunday seized in Starr Alley in the Minorities one Miller being their Preacher They had notice of the souldiers Comeing yet would not stirr 29 of them were bound to Answer it at the sessions

Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 17/27 say the bloody fflux Rages very much in the Campe That there hath not one day Passed since the seige in which above 57 have not been killed by the Enemyes Sallyes

That forrage is very scarce in the Campe That they want Miners & also skilfull Engineers to fire their Bombes most of them breaking in the Aire

Our letters from Vienna of the same date say the d of Bavaria was Exspected there that Evening & Intends to Hasten for Buda That the danube was Covered with vessells laden with his ffoot & Amunition & c & his horse are marching by land That 3 Turks Prisoners Informed the d of Lorraine that the Bassa who succeeded the late governr was killed by A Cannon shott & the Eldest Aga of the Janizaries succeeded That the

officers in the Towne held A Councell of warr & Resolved to defend it 15 dayes longer & then if not Releived to surrender it on the best Termes they Could get & have sent word thereof to the Turks generall who hath An Army of 30000 men beyond the bridg of Esseck but Intends to lead them Agt Count Lesley who is soe Posted as he feares not to be Removed by An Army of 50000 men

L. c. 1584 London 4th Sept 1684

+On Munday began o[u]r sessions at Guildhall & Ended that night by Adjournment till the 20th Instant where mr Recorder made A speech Pressing the Prosecution of meetings & that he hoped ere long to see them wholly suppress, Abt 100 who were taken at Conventicles were Indicted as Ryotters Convicted & ffined According to their severall abillities & those that Refused to Pay were Comitted to Newgate

Yesterday began o[u]r sessions at the old Bayly & also at Hicks hall where mr Goodman master of the horse to the ds of Cleveland who was Comitted for A Robbery on the High way some yeares since was Indicted but the Grandjury found the bill Ignoramus

+Last Tuesday being the Anniversary for Burneing the Citty in 1666 it was sollemly observed though not with that strictnesse as formerly In Moor feilds was A Conventicle seized where mr Jenkins the greate Nonconformist Minister was taken Preaching in the Habitt of A Country man haveing 3 of his Preachers with him &c

The 3 ministers & some of the hearers Escaped but Jenkins & abt 30 others were Carryed before the Ld Mayor who tendred them the oaths Some tooke them & were bayled & some Refused Among whome was Jenkins who was Comitted to Newgate The officer that tooke him was Proffered 40 Guyneys not to Carry him before A Majestrate but Refused it

+A meeting of the quakers was lately disturbed at Weymouth & 13 of them Comitted

They write from Paris that A declaration is Comeing out Agt the Protestants there

They write from Scotland that on the 27th Past their Parliamt was Prorogued from the 4th Instant till the 10th March next in which his Matye declares his Resolutions to Continue his R: Highs his High Comissioner till the End of that Parliamt

On the 25th at night 13 persons made their Escape out of the Prison at Edenbrough but 2 of them were taken next day & tryed who owneing the Rebellion at Bothwell Bridg & discovereing his Matyes Authority they were both sentenced to be hanged & Executed that afternoon

The Burgermasters of Amsterdam neglect nothing which may Contribute to their safety & make as greate Preparations as if they Exspect every moment to be Attacqued

Our letters from Ratisbone say the d of Lorraines forces are soe much diminished that he was not strong enough to withstand any more sallyes by Reason the Turks in the last greate sally killed 4 Earles & Cutt off halfe of the Regement of Staremburgh

+They write from Jamaica that Mounsr Gramont the ffrench Comander had assembled A fleet many of which were Privateers with ffrench Comissions & had 1800 land souldiers with designe to try their fortune once more at Carthagena

L. c. 1585 London 6th Sept 1684

+Yesterday at Hicks hall were tryed the Churchwardens Constables &c who Refused to take the oath Ex officio & An Indictment brought Agt them for Combineing together to keep up seditious Conventicles & for Refuseing to take Lawfull oaths for suppression of the same & also when they left the justices at their Comittment They said they would send the Poor to them for Releife & that Pursuant thereto above 30 of the Poor Came to

their houses & the Ministers & made greate Clamours in Nature of A Ryott
To which some Pleaded Guilty & had easy fines set on them not
Exceeding 5 Marks but others that stood tryall & were found guilty by
the jury one was fined 200 L others 100 L others 50 L apeece & for
Refuseing to pay were Comitted to New Prison & A beadle was ordered to
stand twice in the Pillory

The Person that shott mr Culliford in the back Recd sentence to
stand 3 times in the Pillory to Pay 400 L & lye in Prison 7 yeares

There is A Report that the Ld Comissioner Godolphin will be made
Ld Treasurer assoon as his Matye Returnes hither Also that the Ld Mayor
for the Ensuing year will be Sr James Smith & the 2 sheriffs Charles
Duncomb & Peter Paravisine Esqrs But that the sheriffs who were formerly
Chosen at Midsomer & Entred on their office at Michaelmas will for the
future be Prickt by his Matye with the County sheriffs & enter in the
Execution thereof when others doe

Our fforreign letters say that the K of Poland is at the head of
70000 men in his march for Constantinople & that Buda still holds out

The ffrench demand in fflanders asmuch for Reprisalls & Arriers of
Contributions to be paid in 3 months as hath been paid in 15 yeares warr

A Crocodile was this weeke brought over from the E Indies & showed
in the faire the like haveing never been seen before it is A yong one
Abt 4 ffoot long

The Ld Elland the M of Hallifax his Eldest son being Returneing
from ffrance with 2 ladyes one of which tis said his Lordship is to
marry The Ladyes Recd An order from the ffrench K not to goe further
then Callais which obliged his Lordship to deferr his journey & is much
offended & his ffather hath highly Complained thereof to the ffrench
Ambr here who said that upon Application to his Master he did not doubt
but the Ladyes would be Permitted to Come &c

L. c. 1586 London 9th Sept 1684

+Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 13th say the beseiged
Continue obstinate in their defence though by deserters they understand
the Garrison is Reduced from 8000 to 3000 men The d of Lorraine had 5
mines which would be Ready to Spring on the 25th & if they tooke effect
would make A Breach wide enough for A Battalion to Enter A Breast & he
Resolved to storne it before the Bavarians Arrived that they might not
have the Honr of it but if the Mines tooke not effect would assoon as
the Bavarians Arrived secure the danube from whence the beseiged have
all their water which will force them to surrender In the meane time
the D of Lorraines Army is much wasted & there are not 10 Captains
Remaining that Came soe before the Place

The d of Bavaria marched from Vienna on the 3d Instant with 10000
ffoot for Buda

Our letters from Count Leslyes Campe of the 20th Past Advise that
the Serasquier Bassa had attacqued his Campe & defeated 1800 Croats
which defended A Post between 2 Marishes & Attacqued the Maine body but
after A sharpe dispute were forced to Returne with the losse of 500 men
the Imperiallists looseing but 200 men

+On Saturateday last the Ld Ch: Justice Came to Winchester as also the
Attorney Genll Alderman Duncomb Sr Tho Jenner o[u]r Recorder mr Guy &c
& tis said the Ld Ch: Justice & mr Craddock had above An houres Private
discourse with his Matye the same night & that next day there was A
Cabinet Councill

Also that his Matye R: Highs Prince George & the d of Grafton were
to goe for Portesmouth on the 8th Instant & thence to the Isle of Wight
& the d of Grafton Intends thence for Holland where he Intends to stay
A month

The P of Orange & D of Monmoth are at Dieren

Since the Courts being at Winchester many Robberies have been Comitted on the Roades Leadeing to that Citty & tis said his Matye hath ordered A Proclamation Incerting the Names of some Notorious High way men with A Reward for their Apprehension

+The Actions of the E India Company are at 200 L of the Affrican Company 200 L & the Hudsons bay Company at 300 L p Cent

On Sunday the souldiers went into the Minories & dukes Place to seeke for some meetings but Its supposed notice was given & they were gone

The quakers assembled that morning in Gracechurch street in greate Numbers The souldiers seized 12 of the Cheife who were bound to Answer it at the sessions

The King Returnes hither on the the 26th Instant

L.c. 1587 London 11th Sept 1684

+Yesterday the Beadles of Spittlefeilds & Bednall Green stood in the Pillory for Refuseing the Oath Ex Officio

And this day Crusse who shott mr Culliford stood in the Pillory before the Custome house haveing A good guard over him but Instead of being pelted with Rotten Oranges &c The Carrmen Porters &c from the Wharfs thereabout Came & gave him A greate deale of Money Some were taken & Carryed before Sr Jo: Buckworth who Its said made Mittimusses for their Comittment to Bridewell but the Rabble grew soe Numerous that the sherriffs were forced to send for more helpe for fear of a Rescue

Esqr Culliford being well Recovered designes to set fforward for Ireland on Munday next as one of the Comissioners of his Matyes revenues in that Kingdome

Some talke as if his Matye were sending the d of Grafton to Holland to demand satisfaction for the Injuries at Bantam as also that the M of Hallifax will be made Ld Treasurer & the Ld Godolphin succeed the Marquess

Also that Prince George will be made Generallissimo of all the forces in England & have a Constant Guard settled Also that every Comission officer at land who for the future shall sell his Place shall pay 12 d p pound of the Money towards Chelsey Colledg & that the purchaser shall doe the like

The Recorder is this day come from Winchester who Its said hath kissed his Matyes hand as Baron of the Exchequer

The Inhabitants of Winchester are Contracting with An able Artist to set up his Matyes Portraiture in A Principle street there

This day his Matye returned from Portesmouth to Winchester

They write from Holland that the Ld Gray & the yong woman with him are at Cleves as also fferguson the Goodenoughs &c Also that many are outragious Agt the scoutmaster that seized Armstrong

+Langley that bought the Rhynocerus is Arrested at the Action of the E India Company

+Our last letters from Hungary say the Bavarians have joyned the d of Lorraine & they write from Venice that upon Newes of their ffleet the Grand Seignor Countermanded 50000 men designed for Hungary

+mr Penn is dayly Exspected here from Pensilvania The Ld Baltimore returning by vertue of his first grant of Maryland part of the ground Marked out by mr Penn for building a greate Citty part Allready built & called Philadelphia

L.c. 1588 London 13th Sept 1684

+The Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries is Returned hither & its said the Citty will have A New Charter & such A one as has been approved of by him

Dureing his Matyes absence 11 Companies are ordered to lye in the Tower

Our fforreign letters yesterday say the Waters are soe overflowed with greate Raines that noe letters Came from the Campe before Buda to Vienna

Last Tuesday his Matye with his R: Highs The dukes of Grafton Beaufort St Albans Richmond Albemarle Buckingham &c Came to Portesmouth in their yatchts & were Recd with all the joy Imaginable & by land Came the Ds of Portesmouth from Winchester

Tis said the d of Bucks will be made one of the Lds of the White staves & some give out as though he would be Comptroller of his Matyes household which the d of Ormond now Enjoys

Tis said the King Intends to give Sr Robt Holmes 10000 L to Resigne the government of the Isle of Wight & that the d of Grafton will be placed there

Our letters from Ireland say that Macnamarr one of the Irish Evidences was Executed at Waterford for ffelony before his death he Confessed his crimes & Averred that what he swore Agt Colledg &c was true but what he said of the E of Tyronne was not true & gave A Paper of his Confession to the sheriffe signed by himselfe

Our Scotch letters say that mr Gourdon of Earles towne Attempted to make his Escape on the 4th Instant at night but was discovered when he had Almost finished it The Next morning the Councell were Assembled & Gourdon was Examined who furnished him with the materialls used in his Attempt which he would not Confesse & was sent back to be Ironed & kept Closer Also mr Spence was brought before them whose Confession hath Procured the Pardon Also mr Castere A minister was that afternoon brought before them & Refuseing to declare on Oath what he knew was Tortured by the thumbs & next morning was Againe brought before them & threatened to be Tortured by the boote at which he seemed much Astonished & Appeareing to be Ingenious was not Tortured but made some Confession which is kept very secrett

Our fflanders letters say that the states of Brabant have Agreed to Pay the ffrench 1200000 fflorens for Contributions & the other Provinces are takeing the same Measures to Preserve their Country from Ruine

L. c. 1589 London 16th Sept 1684

+On Sunday last the Charter of Exeter was surrendred to his Matye & Quo Warrantoes ordered Agt the Charters of Litchfeild & Berwick

On the 25th Instant his Matye Comes to Whitehall & on the 1st octobr will take A generall Review of all his horse & ffoot at Blackheath where tis said P George will be made Generallissimo after which his Matye goes for Newmarket

Its Againe discoursed that the D of Newcastle D of Albemarle M of Hallifax mr Seymour &c are Abt ffarmeing his Matyes Revenue of England & Proffer 1000000 L p An into the Exchequer & will give besides 50000 L p An to Gratify the suffering Loyallists

Tis said Esqr Pepis hath given his R: Highs An Account what ships may in A short time be Equipped & that to man & Equippe 40 ships will Cost above 900000 L

The Middle price of Corne here is Wheate 36 s per quarter Rye 25 s Barley 20 s Oates 13 s 6 d Pease 40 s & beanes 39 s p quarter

Our letters from Dover say that the Ld Elland son to the M of Hallifax Arrived there out of ffrance with his lady whome he lately marryed being A greate fortune

Yesterday John Child the beadle of Spittle feilds stood in the Pillory at which the Neighbourhood were Enraged & some soe bold as to Attempt to breake the Pillory

An Interloper is Arrived from E: India Called the Lumley Castle of 50 guns worth 120000 L being the Richest that ever Came thence which

will very much Prejudice the Company

Our Paris letters say the ffrench K has Published A declaration forbidding the Protestants of Thoulouse to hold their Assemblies also 2 universities & many Churches are demolished in dauphine

Our Scotch letters say that on the 8th Instant Comissioner Monroe formerly one of the Lds of the session after A strict Examination Promised to declare all he knew of the late Conspiracy Also mr Castiers delivered A large Confession to the Ld Treasurer to his full satisfaction also that one mr Robt Bayly A Gent seized at London was Required to Answer upon oath & Refusing was ffined 6000 L sterling & to lye in Prison till paid Sr James Smith is to be Ld Mayor & the sheriffs are Prickt but their Names not knowne

+They write from Vienna that they have Account the d of Bavaria is Arrived before Buda That the beseiged make A stout defence That the serasquier Bassa was marching with above 30000 men for Its Releife but if he Came the d of Lorraine was Resolved to fight him & then end the seige

L.c. 1590 London 18th Sept 1684

+Wee had yesterday A Report Abt Towne that the Emperors Ambr had Recd An Expreste with Account of the surrender of Buda but wee have noe good ground for it

This day the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries Acquainted the Ld Mayor & Aldermen that he was Comanded by his Matye to Acquaint them that it was his Pleasure Sr James Smith should be Ld Mayor & that he did dispense with Sr Dudley Norths laying downe his gowne haveing occasion for his service Elsewhere

Sr Phillip Howard is Appointed Mayor of Windsor & Capt Legg Mayor of Portesmouth

+The Comissioners for makeing Tynn farthings are Proceeding with all the dispatch posible & greate quantities of Tynn is brought to their office at Leathersellers hall & Its thought that in 14 dayes some farthings will be delivered out

The Pattentees for makeing Saltwater ffresh have obtained a Pattent for 15 yeares of the states Genll

A few dayes since they gave a publick treatte to severall Eminent merchants & sea Comanders in London before whome they Performed the operation upon a Tunn of Saltwater which was made ffresh & all the fflesh fish pease &c which they were treated with were dressed in the same & after dinner many of them Entred into Contracts with the Pattentees for the same

The Dutch E: India Company are by order of the states sending Comissioners hither to Adjust the Buisness of Bantam with o[ur] Company who pretend to greate damages but the dutch Alledg they were soe farr from doing the English any harme that they Protected both their Persons & Estates

Our Scotch letters say that on the 10th at night A select Party of his Matyes Regemt of ffoot Guards were drawne up in the Grass market & Comanded to Charge with Bullett & were then marched 6 miles to the house of Sr John Drabrimple Son to the late Sr John Drabrimple President of the session whome they seized & brought away in his Coach & on the 10th Sr John & his Brothers were Examined 2 houres & sent with A strong Guard to the Towne Prison with orders to be kept Close & his 2 brothers Confined to severall Chambers.

+Our Paris letters of the 26th say The Ratifications of the Truce being Come from Spaine orders are sent to the ffrench forces to withdraw from fflanders & all other Parts of the Spanish Territories

+Walter Narbonne Esqr late member for Calne in Wiltshire being dead of the wounds he Recd in a duell with Mr Montgomery Comptroller of the

Temple last Christmas The Coroners Enquest have not yet given in their Verdict & A Warrant being out to seize mr Montgomery he is withdrawne
L. c. 1591 London 20th Sept 1684

+Our letters from Vienna of the 4/14 say that the d of Bavaria Advances apace with his Attacks Agt the Watergate at Buda That the beseiged want Provisions That the Serasquier Bassa understanding Coll Heuster had surprized 1500 waggons he had sent to Alba Regalis for subsistance of Army was Retired to the bridg of Esseck & had Comanded the Respective Bassas to Retire with their troops to their Respective garrisons

The K of Poland hath blockt up Camimeck with 20000 men & is marched with the rest of his Army for Wallachia

Our Scotch letters of the 13th Advise that the Confessions of mr Castiers the Presbyterian minister Comissioner Murray & mr Spence are very Considerable That mr James Murray of Phillipsburgh was brought in Prisoner & Examined for 3 houres & then Comitted Close Prisoner That the E of Tarras was also brought Prisoner & after A long Examination Comitted Close Prisoner to the Castle

That A Party of horse were sent to seize mr scott of Towrood [?] mr Hume & the undersheriffe of Lamerick they Could not be mett with That sr Hugh Cambells senior & junior were seperately Examined & seperately Remanded Close prisoners

Another Circuitt Court is to be held at Glasgow Aire Dumfreize & Ildbrough [?]

Our Holland letters say that 18 of their 36 ships ordered to be built are finished & A ffond ordered for Compleateing the Number of 36 The d of Monmoth Continues with the P of Orange

The Report of the d of Buckinghams being made steward of the household doth not hold but he is in greate faivor with his Matye & Attended his Matye at Winchester in very Splendid Equippage +Greate Preparations are makeing for the generall muster at Blackheath The officers & souldiers are to be in New Habitts &c Its said the Ld Churchills Regemt of Dragoons will Appear in most Excellent order & discipline

+Our letters from Portesmouth of the 18th say that on that day Came to Anchor at Spithead his R: Highs & the Prince & Princesse of denmarke his R: Highs weareing the fflagg of Admirall of England which he has not done since he layd downe his Comission of Ld High Admirall

His Matyes Pleasure Concerning o[u]r sheriffs will be declared on Munday & Its Confidently said that Charles Duncomb Esqr will be one
L.c. 1592 London 23d Sept 1684

+Our letters from Edenbrough of the 16th say that all the Ports are shutt up & A generall search made for some Persons Concerned in the late Plott & all Persons whatever forbid to stirr out of their houses on severe Penalties & Its beleived this discovery will affect some people here

Our Accounts of Buda are very various some say the beseiged are beholding to the sloath & Lazyness of the Germans that they are not masters of the place That the bloody fflux Rages violently in the Campe That they want Good Engineers &c others speake of the greate Courage of the beseiged & that the serasquier Bassa haveing Recd 10000 ffresh men was Hastning to Releive it & the dukes of Lorraine & Bavaria Resolved to fight him

Last night mr Justice Bailie of Ratcliffe mr Haviland mr Batts & another were after A strict Examination by the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries Comitted to the Marshalsea being all accused for kidnapping vizt sending Children to the plantations beyond sea

One mr Rosewell A Nonconformist minister haveing formerly been Accused for speakeing in the Pulpitt Treasonable words & A warrant sent

to seize him but absconded was this day taken in Redriffe by mr Atterbury the messenger & after Examination by the Ld Ch: Justice Comitted to the Kings bench prison

The Coroners Enquest have brought in mr Montgomery guilty of Murthering mr Narbonne

Yesterday Came Advice that the Diamond An Interloper of 300 Tuns was Arrived in the Downes Extreame Full & Rich laden

The E India Company had A sale last weeke but not soe Considerable as formerly

Its affirmed that Sr Robt Wright son in Law to the late Ld Ch: Justice Scroggs will succeed mr Justice Windham in the Comon Pleas

mr Vanderput A Rich merchant & mr Josselings of Pater Noster Row his Matyes Laceman are said to be Appointed sheriffs for next year

+Our meetings on Sunday Rested quiett though severall were known to be held in the out parts but they began either at 6 or 7 in the morning or at night

Letters from Winchester say his Matye & the whole Court are in good health & his Matye Extreame pleased with the diversions he mett with there & also the Carriage of the Country both to his Person & Attendance

The Charters of Totnes & Lancelton are surrendred to his Matye Orders are sent to Newmarket to Prepare his Matyes lodgings by the 9th of October he Intending to stay there 3 weeks

+An Expreste is sent to the ffrench King on some Important buisness but Its not said what

L.c. 1593 London 25th Sept 1684

+Yesterday their R: Highnesses & this day his Matye & the Court Returned hither in Good health

Its discoursed that at the Muster at Blackheath the Prince will be made Generall The d of Albemarle E of Oxford E of Craven & E of ffeversham Lieutenant Generalls & the Ld Churchill Major Genll

Our fforeign letters say the serasquier Bassaw was with 50000 men within 5 dayes march to Releive Buda But the d of Lorraine Intended to make A Generall Assault before the Turks Come That his Army with the Bavarians were neer 50000 men & Count Lesley is marching in the Rear of the Turks with neer 20000 men

Our Scotch letters say that mr Spence mr Castiers & Comissioner Munroe have Accused many Persons of Good estates & quality in both Kingdoms

On the 15th mr Murray of Phillipsburg was 3 times Examined & Remanded with orders that noe person speake with him also mr scott was Twice Examined & Remanded as the former & Its Reported they have both made Ingenious Confession also mr Pringle of Torwood is seized

On the 16th the Councill ordered the Gates of the Citty to be shutt & the Bp of Edenbrough & all the ministers Elders of the Citty were Convened & with them 3 of the Privy Councill To whome the Bp & c gave in A list upon Oath of such as they knew Irregular who were seized in their houses & brought before the Councill where some were discharged on bayle & the Rest Comitted

Tis said the Plott in Scotland was to take effect at the same time with the Plott here & 50000 men were to be in Armes there & the Cheife Persons Concerned are said to be the Ld Melbin The Ld Terras who married the ds of Monmouths sister The Ld Brodey The Laird Drant & Sr Jo: Cuthron +The E of Shaftesbury waited on his Matye at Winchester who Recd him very kindly & made him Comander of his Game 12 miles Round his owne house

Last weeke the house of Coll Danvers at Newington Green was searched abt 2 in the morning but he made his Escape

+mr Mann swordbearer of this Citty is made one of the Auditors of the

hearth money

Our letters from Rochester say the Royall soveraigne being Rebuilt & as fit for service as heretofore will be suddenly Launched

The Moores have Rebuilt A greate Part of the Wall of Tangier & Planted 8 Guns thereon Intending to make it a seate for Piratts

On Tuesday died the Bp of Winchester in the 85th year of his Age
L. c. 1594 London 27th Sept 1684

+Our Scotch letters say that on the 19th Instant Sr Hugh Cambell & his son were sent with A strong guard to the Castle of Bass The Ld Purkelay Gourdon of Earles towne, Weir of New Towne The Laird Alkenhayes & Comissioner Monroe were sent to the Castles of Blackness & sterling

Also that Monroe being Threatened with the Torture of the Boot Confessed all my Ld Howard swore in Relation to An Insurrection in that Kingdome

Severall Lds of the Councell are gone the Northerne & Westerne Circuitts & people are brought dayly in that are Concerned in the Conspiracy Tis said Abt 80 of the Nobility & Gentry are Accused of which Abt 20 already Comitted

Yesterday the Ld Mayor & Aldermen waited on his Matye to Congratulate his safe Returne & after waited on his R: Highs whose dressing Roome & Antichambers were Extreemly thronged with nobility & gentry

Yesterday his R: Highs P: George & the d of Albemarle went to Blackheath to make Choyce of the Ground where the forces are to muster on Wednesday & the d of Albemarle is Erecting A Large Tent in which his Matye dines that day & his Matye goes for Newmarket on Satureday where he will stay Abt 14 dayes

Sr ffran: Manly one of the judges of Wales is dead

A Comission is Past the seale for makeing mr Vanderput & mr Gosling sheriffs & his Matye hath Knighted them & they are to be Aldermen in Place of sr Dudley North who layes downe & Sr Wm Royston deceased

Tis said the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries is made one of the Cabinet Councell

The Charter of Exeter is surrendred & A new one Engrossing where the D of Albemarle is made Recorder in Place of mr Seymour & also Mayor for the year Ensuing & tis said the Duke will Personally Execute the said office of Mayor

+The Rhynoceros is much vissitted at 12 d Apeece & 2 s those that Ride him They get 15 L A day

The Moores Employ 3000 men dayly at worke at Tangier & have built up the Walls & made a very Regular fortification towards the sea & planted thereon 170 brass guns 100 of which they got out of A Spanish ship stranded neer Tituan [?]

+Wee are wanting all o[ur] fforreign posts so have nothing more of Buda
L. c. 1595 London 30th Sept 1684

+Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 19th & from Vienna of the 24th Advise That the Allarme was greate in the Campe upon the Repeated Advises of the serasquier Bassas Advance with his Army towards them & the d of Lorraine Marched with all the horse & Dragoons to fight him but in the End found him Encamped neer Alba Regalis with 15000 horse in Exspectation of the Rest of his Troops haveing A Considerable River before him & being strongly Encampt between the Towne & the River that it was Imposible to force the Campe Neither did the Turks make any motion whereupon the D of Lorraine left the P: of Baden with 10000 horse to Watch their motions & Returned with the Rest of the Army to the Campe to Press the seige very Closely

Last Sunday Sr Peter Vandeput & Sr Wm Gossling o[ur] New Sheriffs

were sworne on the Hustings Court & yesterday before the Barons of the Exchequer

Yesterday the Ld Mayor & Aldermen Assembled where his Maties Comission Appointing Sr James Smith Ld Mayor was Read & he Called forth who Accepted the same & on St Simon & Jude will be sworne at Guildhall &c according to Custome

Our meetings on Sunday Rested quiet not one being disturbed neither was Information given of any they being very private

A writt Excommunicato Capiendo is layd on mr Jenkins in Newgate

The Ground at Blackheath being found Inconvenient the Muster to morrow is Appointed on Putney heath

+Last night the Borough of Barnstaple surrendred their Charter & also the Corporation of Brewers in Exeter did the like

dr Lake Bp of Man being Translated to Bristoll dr Levoutz brother to Judge Levoutz is to succeed Bp of Man

Our fforreign letters say the d of Monmoth is Highly Esteemed abroad & all the United Provinces have Chose him their Representative in Nature of Ambr at the Greate Congress neer Hamburgh where he is to meet the Ministers of Denmarke Brandenburgh &c for Carrying on A Protestant League offensive & defensive & his Equippage is Prepareing for it

L. c. 1596 London 2d Octobr 1684

+Yesterday morning Marcht into Putney heath his Matyes Regemt of ffoot his R: Highnesses The E of Cravens & the E of dumbartons The life Guards of horse 2 Companies of Grenadiers on horseback The E of Oxfords Regemt of horse & the Ld Churchills of Dragoons They were drawne up 4 deep &

+This day his Matye went for Newmarket Her Matye hath been Indisposed for these 2 or 3 dayes & hath not been out of her Chamber

Last Tuesday the Countess of Elland A ffrench lady lately married to the M of Hallifaxes Eldest son kissed his Matyes hand & is made one of the ladyes of Honour

The dutch E: India Company finding delayes & makeing Excuses Abt Bantam o[ur] Company demand above 200000 L damages

mr Montgomery that soe wounded mr Narbonne that he died tis said Intends to Come in at the sessions at Hicks hall next Wednesday & take his tryall though Its said he is Advised to the Contrary

mr Rossewell the minister is to be tryed by Comission of Oyer & Terminier in Surrey & tis said Sr Tho Jenner o[ur] Recorder is to sit as judge That the words sworne Agt him if Proved amount to High Treason & were spoken in A sermon preached from 6 Micah 16 vers This Rossewell is A West Country man & succeeded mr Janeway

Our last Scotch letters say that in the last Circuit Courts there were 1600 persons denounced fugitives for Resetting the Rebels at Bothwell Bridg some have been taken & the Rest abscond but Its hoped that in these Circuitts many will be found of the old offenders & also of new ones for that the late Proclamation for sweareing masters of ships is soe strict that none will venture to Carry off any

Our ffrench letters say that after the King hath disbanded Abt 40000 horse & ffoot such of them as will worke shall be Employed in makeing An Artificiall Canall & Levelling some mountainous Places which hinder the Prospect from the Kings house at ffountainbeau [sic] & some other works which Require many hands which Its thought is for diverting the Active spiritts of the souldiers & to keep them together & in Labour till A fit occasion offer to Armes Againe

+The Emperor & the K of Spaine have desired his Matye to be Guarrantee of the Truce

dr Spratt being made Deane of Westminster & the Courts held by that Citty being the deanes he sate this weeke in Person it being the Custome soe to doe the first Court after A Change & by which the deane Entituleth himselfe to 1 d of every housekeeper in the said Citty & liberty

Our fforreign letters being not yet Come we have nothing more from Buda
L. c. 1598 London 7th Octobr 1684

+Monroe of Scotland hath owned all the damnable Conspiracy that was not only Carryed on there but here also & hath made very large Confession & is bringing up hither he hath Attempted to destroy himselfe to Prevent which he is Carefully lookt after

On Satureday night A Comittee of the Councell sate at Whitehall where his R: Highs was prsent & the discovery in Scotland under Examination & one Mathews An Eastland Merchant seized & Comitted +mr Chudleigh his Matyes Envoy is Arrived at the Hague he Passed by the P: of Orange without shewing him any Respect haveing such order The Prince haveing disgusted his Matye for his Extrary Carassing the d of Monmoth who is now at the Hague & will Reside there The Prince haveing given him A house that was his grandmothers that is fitting for him he lately going through Amsterdam was Highly Complimented by All the Burghers

The dutch have not only Bantam but are masters of most part of the Isle of Java in which that Citty stands

Here is A Rumour as though wee should have A Rupture with Holland Yesterday at the sessions at Guildhall Abt 60 taken at Conventicles were ffined & those that paid not were Comitted

On Sunday one ffaldo A Nonconformist Minister was taken in the streets & Refuseing the oaths was Comitted

Last Sunday the ffoot Guards & Marshalls men made greate search

for Conventicles & were without Bishopsgate Abt 7 in the morning at
severall places but seized none but at night 2 greate meetings were
discovered & seized one in New Gravell Laine & the other in Dunnings

quo Warrantoes are Ishued out vizt Agt Leicester & Leeds in Yorkshire &c

Most of o[u]r Companies have New Charters Engrossed & therein the Names of the Master Wardens &c are Inserted & also their Clerks who are New ones of undoubted Loyalty to this goverment in Church & state The Care of which hath layne most on the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries & mr Graham to Appoint

On Thursday night the Ld Digby Gerrard Ld Gerrard of Bromley & 2 other Gent Came to the Rose Tavern in Covent Garden abt 12 at night who had been hard drinking & Called for A dish of Buttered Eggs & Mulled sack which they eate & dranke & soon after fell asleepe in severall places in the Roome The first wakeing mist the Ld Gerrard & Calling the Drawer they lookt & found him dead & falne under the Table The Coroners Enquest found it that he died of suffocation

They write from Bristoll that A vessell Come from Antego & laden with sugars & Cotten fell on fire just as shee Came in & was burnt with all her ladeing of A greate Vallue the men Report it Came from the fire on the hearth

+mr Mathews the Hamburg Merchant hath been Againe Examined & it Appeareing he saw not mr ferguson since the discovery of the Plott he is discharged

mr Best Comonly Called the Protestant Hop merchant being Convicted Abt 2 yeares since for drinking A health to the memory of Stephen Colledg & absconded is seized at Hitching in Hartfordshire & bringing up hither +Warrants are Ishued out Agt Abt 120 Nonconformist ministers on the 5 mile Act

L. c. 1601 London 14th octobr 1684

+The Report wee had of Buda being surrendred proves false & o[u]r letters from Vienna of the 5th make some doubt of succeeding in the seige But those of the 8th Arrived this Evening give us greate hopes of the taking it within A few dayes The Emperor haveing Comanded to Presse on the seige Cost what it will & the d of Bavaria Resolveing not to Abandon it though he & his troops should perish there & letters from the Campe of the 5th say the serasquier Bassa was Retired beyond the Bridg of Esseck That the d of Lorraine followed him many Leagues & was not then Returned That the Christians upon the Arrivall of 4000 Swabians were Resolved to Redouble their Attacks That some Prisoners Advise there is such disorders in the Towne That in A Councill of warr it was Resolved if they were not Releived in 5 dayes they would take Measures According to their Necesities provisions being soe scarce that Horseflesh is sold for 9 slivers [?] A pound

+Last Sunday notice being given that the quakers being in Gracechurch street 2 Constables &c went & made Proclamation to depart but few going they seized 30 of them of which 24 Refuseing to give bayle were Comitted

The Title of the Ld Bromley Gerrard with A greate part of the Estate descends to one mr Gerrard of Staffordshire The Rest goes to his wife & daughter

The E: India Actions are at 210 L The Affrican Company 200 L The Hudsons bay Company 250 L p Cent Brandy at abt 33 L p Tunn English Hopps Abt 4 L p Cent The Price of Corne not Altered

His Matye haveing Advice of the queens being Indisposed sent A messenger to Whitehall who found her in A faire way of Recovery +one mr Wharton son of the Ld Wharton who was formerly ill Represented as being An Intimate of the d of Monmoths Ran 3 heates for 500 L each & wonne them all his Matye being prsent much Comended the horse upon which mr Wharton Allighted & prsented the horse to his Matye praying to kisse his hand The latter his Matye Readily granted but Refused the

former after which he kissed his R Highs hand

His Matye Returnes to Whitehall on the 25th Instant

L. c. 1602 London 16 octobr 1684

+Our ffrench letters say the Plague Rages in most parts of that Kingdome at Avignon are dead 4000 at Perpignon 6000 & other Places Proportionable & doth dayly Increase & spread further & further soe that Its feared in all that Kingdome

That King Continues to Prosecute the Protestants with Extreame Rigour & orders are frequently Ishued out for demolishing their Churches & An Edict Published that the Children of all Protestants shall be Baptized & brought up Catholicks That each Protestant ffarmer shall quarter 15 horsemen & noe Protestant shall depart ffrance without leave on Paine of death

The Warrants Agt the Ministers of this Citty Runs thus

Whereas Information hath been given that severall suspected to be Concerned in the late Horrid Conspiracy lye Lurkeing in the severall Precincts &c

These are therefore in his Matyes name to Require [about four letters illegible] to make dilligent search &c The Ministers names are dr Annesley dr Jocomb dr Bates Dr Singleton mr Watson mr doolittle mr Vincent mr Plant mr Collins mr Meade mr Baxter mr Baker mr ffrancklin mr Alsopp mr Mayo & 103 more

On Munday mr Child in Brick lane did hang himselfe he was formerly An Anabaptist Preacher but left them & wrote Agt them Pressing Conformity to the Church after which he fell into A Melancholly dispaireing Condition

Elephant Smith had like to have Escaped out of the Kings bench Prison being taken in the Act & since fettered

They write from Chester one Holiwell A shoemaker was set in the Pillory for saying the d of Monmoth was Imediate successr to the Crowne & not the d of Yorke

+The states Genll have ordered the P of Orange as Captain Genll to disband the 12000 Recruits Raised in 82 The states of ffreizland have Protested Agt it saying they never owned any such Comand as Capt Genll however the Prince hath Put the Act in Execution The d of Grafton is Arrived from Holland

+Wee have nothing more Certain from Buda

L. c. 1603 London 18th octobr 1684

+His Matye Continues in Extrary Good health at Newmarket but the ds of Portesmouth was very ill there of her old distemper the Collick that his Matye ordered dr Witherley & dr Short to be sent for with speed her Paine is much abated but shee Continues very ill

mr Chudleighs secretary hath brought from Holland Sr Tho: Armstrongs papers soe that next Terme mr Hayes will be tryed for Holding Correspondance with him

There is An order given upon ffresh Information Agt dr Oates to be tryed this Terme tis said for Perjury

+Sr Wm Pritchards Action Agt mr Papillion & mr dubois for false Imprisonment when Ld Mayor is to be tryed this Terme but tis said Mr Dubois died last Thursday night

Yesterday the Adjourned sessions was held at Guildhall where severall dissenters that submitted had easy fines set on them & were discharged others that were Refractory were Recomitted

The fines of those now Prisoners in the Kings Bench which were Estented [?] into the Exchequer are Returned & their Estates are to be Extended The officers being on that of Sr Samll Barnadistons already

+Last Thursday mr Craddock &c Attended the Court of Aldermen Abt

ffarmeing the Marketts & proffered 3000 L p An But one mr Kilmer unexspectedly Came in & proffered 3600 L p An & to pay one halfe downe & it was Agreed Kilmer should have it

The Court of Aldermen have ordered that all Widdows Orphans &c shall have their Accounts stated till Crismas & after that time to Receive 6 d p pound of their Principle yearely till the whole be paid

The Princesse of Denmarke is Againe with Child

The Lamentable End of mr Child is matter of much discourse for that his desperation was soe violent upon him that he said A little before his death his Case was worse then that of ffrancis Spica An Account of him is Provideing for the Presse

+Sr James Smith keeps his Mayoralty in Drapers hall being of that Company & they are Provideing A very fine show Agt the Ld Mayors day

Our letters from Vienna of the 12th say the Christians at Buda Resolve after the springing of 2 mines to make A generall Assault

Yesterday A ffrenchman A dutchman & A dutchwoman were seized & Comitted for Coyneing Guyneys they haveing 17 by them Exactly Counterfeited

The d of Monmoth Intends to settle at the Hague this winter

L. c. 1604 London 21st octobr 1684

+Our fforreign letters say the serasquier Bassa Takeing the Benefit of A Misty morning forced the Guards & Put 10 or 1200 men into Buda in which Action A greate many English Gente were wounded & many killed That Provisions are very scarce in the Campe & the bloody fflux &c Rage violently & that the unskillfullness of the Germans in makeing their Trenches was the occasion of the death of A greate many brave officers

The ds of Portesmouth is now in Towne & hath Recd noe Benefit by the Phisitians & is soe ill that Its beleived his Matye will be here before Satureday

His Matye hath knighted dr short & dr Witherley

Last weeke died dr Witty An Eminent Phisitian also dr Croome & dr Newton who was Eminent As A man midwife

mr dubois died on Satureday morning

Baron Gregory is soe ill that his Phisitians thinke him past Recovery

One Goodman formerly A Player & since the ds of Clevelands Gent of Horse that was Comitted for A Robbery & Cleared for want of Evidence is now Accused by An Italian Gent who deposed to the E of Sunderland he would have hired him to have poysoned the dukes of Grafton & Northumberland &c & was seized last Sunday in the ds of Clevelands Coach by warrant of the Ld Ch: Justice & Comitted to Newgate

Wee have nothing from Scotland

The Ld Mayor & Aldermen have ordered 14000 L p An of the Citty Revenue to Assist the Chamber Towards payment of the debts to orphans &c which amount to 800000 L & are to be paid by 6 d p C yearely soe those that have 100 L there are to Receive every year 50 s

The Spanish Ambr here hath desired his Matye in Behalfe of Genoa to be mediator with the ffrench K who Requires that they send their Duke & 3 or 4 of their Cheife senators to aske him Pardon which they are unwilling to Comply with

+An Information is Exhibitted in the Crowne office Agt severall Interlopers for Tradeing to India vizt mr Pennrug mr Booth mr Godfrey junior & 37 others, The Actions of the E: India Company are Risen to 212 Corne &c are at the same Rates as formerly,

Only 3 quakers were seized on Sunday & Refuseing to give bayle were Comitted,

one Sr Tho: Middleton is seized but wee hear not for what

L. c. 1605 London 23d Octobr 1684

+This being the first day of the Terme A Habeas Corpus was granted to bring up mr Rosswell to Plead to his Indictments to morrow & Another to bring up mr Montgomery from Newgate & Another to bring up mr Best from Hartford Goale & A Rule of Court for bringing up mr Goodman

mr Justin Bayly mr Haviland & mr Hastings Appeared & Pleaded not Guilty to the Informations Agt them for kidnapping

mr ffoster A Justice of Peace of Cumberland Appeared & An Information ordered Agt him for keeping Conventicles in his house & not Receiveing the sacrament in 2 1/2 yeares & not Baptizeing his Children & one Justice Cole of Lancashire being bound to Appear for not doing his duty in suppressing Conventicles by Reason of his Age his Atturney was Accepted & A Tipstaffe was ordered Agt the Mayor & Bayliffs of Berwick Refuseing A Habeas Corpus

mr Masters A woollen draper who witnessd Agt Colledg at Oxford has the Place of Clerke of Chyrurgeons hall Conferred on him by the Ld Ch: Justice it being worth 200 L p Ann & he may Employ one to officiate +The corporation of Bewdley have sent up their Charter

Tis discoursed that dr Oates will be prosecuted this Terme at the suite of the Lady Powis

Tis said A pattent is past the seale for mr Craddock to have 600 L p An out of the Marketts which are now farmed for 1000 L p An more then formerly

Last night Thompson the Printer was Comitted to Newgate by the Ld Ch: Justice Some say its for Printing the English Masse &c others say for words Agt the government

The dutchesse of Portesmouth Continues very ill insomuch that her recovery is much doubted off

The person seized is said to be a Relation of Sr Tho: Middletons and Concerned in the Scotch plott

+Tis said the Italian that Informes Agt Goodman Informes also that he knew of 100 Guyney which were Carryed from Goodman to the Person that Accused him as A Highway man to take off his Evidence

+This morning came A ffrench Post which Confirnes that 1000 men got Into Buda at the serasquiers last Attack but that the d of Lorraine Resolves to take it or lay his bones before it

This day his Matye Returned hither from Newmarket

L. c. 1606 London 25th octobr 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr was A motion that mr Hayes might be either Tryed or bayled which was Recorded

mr Williams haveing An Information Agt him for Lycenceing Dangerfeilds narrative pleaded specially saying what he did in Parliamt he is not to Answer for in that Court & it is to be argued by the judges

Nath Thompson Comitted to Newgate for Printing in English the Popish Masse booke The Popish Primer & A booke Agt the Kings Supremacy moved for A Habeas Corpus which was granted mr Langford A vintner was Comitted for Concealeing some that threw squibbs into Coaches & the Court Comanded that orders be made Agt throwing swibbs on the Ld Mayors day &c

This day at the Kings bench barr mr Rosswell was brought up & his Indictment Read in which were these words That he on the 14th Sept did declare these words

That the people flock to the King upon Pretence of Healeing for the Kings Evill but wee are those to whome they ought to flock because wee are Preists & Prophetts that Can heale their greifs That wee have had 2 wicked Kings like Jereboam but if you stand to your Principles wee shall be able to overcome o[u]r Enemies as in former times by

Rammes Hornes broke Pitchers & stones in A sling To which he pleaded not Guilty & is to be Tryed on the 18th Novembr

Our Holland letters say that the Heer Van Benninghen head of the ffrench Interest in Holland hath deserted it & discovered Intreagues of state to the P of Orange & wrought such An understanding betwixt the Prince & Amsterdam that yesterday that Citty Intended to give the Prince A Splendid Entertainment

That the stormeing of Buda was put off from the 12th till the 15th & then declined for the d of Lorraine & the 2 staremburghs were sent away sick to Raab & the serasquier Bassa within 5 miles of the Campe The K of Poland hath offered Termes to Count Teckley provided he will Act only defensively

The ffrench K: hath declared himselfe Protector of all such as professe the Roman Catholicke Religion

They write from Scotland the Proceedings in the Westerne & Southerne Counties are kept very secrett but 15 Indictyed [sic] ministers are sent up their Crimes not knowne

The ds of Portesmouth Continues ill of A vomitting & looseness
L. c. 1607 London 28th octobr 1684

+Yesterday mr Goodman was brought up Againe & Charged with An Information that he did designe the deaths of the dukes of Grafton & Northumberland & did hire one that might procure them to drinke 2 flasks of wine mixt with Poyson To which he pleaded not Guilty & was Remanded

mr Langford the vintner Comitted for Harboursing persons that threw swibbs into Coaches was after A severe Reprimand discharged

The Greate Case between the E India Company & Capt Sands Came on & the Attorney Genll made A long Argument for the Company

This day mr Williams Argued for the Interloper & Endeavoured to prove all merchants had A ffreedome to trade aswell as the Company but the Court thought fit to Consider it before they gave judgment

Severall dissenters of Abington bound over for frequenting Conventicles will be tryed by Certiorary at the Kings bench barr

This day by A Speciall Comission A Grandjury was sumoned at Guildhall & An Indictment of High Treason was brought Agt mr Hayes & they found the bill

The E India Actions are at 214 Affrican 202 Hudsons bay 404 Bread Corne & Mault are Risen

Last Sunday morning A fire broke out in the house of the E of Powis in Lincolnes Inn feilds which in 3 houres Consumed the said house & all the furniture His Lordship & all the family with greate dificulty saved their Lives The loss 30000 L It was A High well Built Brick house & the Contiguous buildings were scarce damnified Tis said it Happened by A Pan of Charcoale left at night in my Lds Closett to dry Painting newly done

Last ffriday night was such A storme that the ships in the downes were drove from their Anchors & 5 wholly lost

+Our letters from Vienna of the 19th say the Generall storme is Put off till the 24th That the d of Lorraine is gone off sick & the Prince of Baden is to Comand the Army That the serasquier was within 4 miles of the Campe haveing Recd 6000 fresh men & Cuts off the fforragers

That the d of Bavaria was Resolved not to Raise the seige by Extremity of weather but have sent for 12000 fresh men out of his owne Countries but that 2 ships laden with bread were driven Into Buda

L. c. 1608 London 30th Octobr 1684

+Yesterday nothing of Moment passed at the Kings bench The Ld Mayor was sworne & kept his feast as usuall

This day at the Kings bench barr The Case between dr Pinfold & mr Kidd was Argued upon A bond Given by Kidd to Pinfold as officiall of drs Comons

The Plaintiffe Cited severall Authorities to prove it A good bond The defendants Councell Cited many Authorities to Prove it A voyd bond for that it ought to have been taken in the Kings name but the Court gave judgment for the Plaintiffe

A Habeas Corpus was Granted to bring up one Nicholls & one dolby formerly servants to dr Oates but now in the Gatehouse for Treasonable words

The ds of Portesmouth Recovers

The Bp of Winchester Certainly died last Tuesday night

Baron street is Removed to the Comon pleas & Sr Robt Wright made one of the Barons of the Exchequer Tis said mr ffarrington one of the late new Sergeants is to be judge of Chester & that mr Powell is to be judge of South Wales

Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 13th doe not Agree with the Printed Relations for they write there is greate scarsity in the Campe That the Generall storme Cannot be made till the Bavarian & Imperiall forces Arrive That Provisions both for horse & man are very scarce in the Campe

+That severall Regemts that were 7 or 800 men each are now Reduced to 150 or 70 or but 60 That A violent storme broke their bridg over the Danube soe that for 4 dayes together there was noe bread in the Campe & they fear if they have not A very powerfull & speedy supply they must Raise the seige

But from Vienna they write that some of the Citty lately taken Prisoners being Examined doe all Agree they are in greate want Camells flesh being sold for 8 d pd & horseflesh for 2 s pd which makes the Christians deferr the Generall storme hoping to have it by surrender for want

L. c. 1609 London 1st Novembr 1684

+Yesterday A motion was made by the Kings Councell for A Habeas Corpus to bring up mr Hayes on Munday next

This day being Holy day nothing was done at Westminster

Yesterday wee had A fflanders Post with letters of 27th from Vienna which give Account the Turks are Resolved to Attempt the Releife of Buda once more & the d of Lorraine drew out all the Cavalry & Resolved to meet them upon the successe of which the fate of Buda will depend

Also that Generall Lesley was Exspecting A strong Reinforcement from Croatia & Stira & if the d of Lorraine were successfull would Hasten to the bridg of Esseck & Cut off the Turks Retreate

His Matye hath declared his Resolution of Recalling the Ld Shandois his Ambr at Constantinople & to send mr Soames late Envoy to the d of Savoy in his stead

The ds of Portesmout[h] is well Recovered

On Munday the Barons in the Exchequer Chamber Prick for High Sheriffs

Search was made this weeke in St Giles & St Martins Parrishes for persons Agt whome Informations have been for Clipping & Coyneing but at prsent they found none Tis said there is A Gang of 200

A duell being fought on Tuesday last between Prince Phillip son to the dutchesse of Soissons who is sister to the Ds of Portesmouth & the Count Barma [?] A yong Swedish Gentleman lately Arrived here The latter Recd A wound of which he is since dead & Prince Phillip is Retired

Our last Dutch Post Adviseth that the states have taken greate

Care of the Scotch souldiers that were disbanded home haveing hired A vessell to Carry them to Scotland & allowed them 14 dayes Provisions & A ducatoon for each souldier

They write from deale that there is not A man saved out of the ships Cast away on the Goodwin sands noe boate being able to make out then to sea

They write from Poland that the Cham of Tartary is joyned the Turks Army with 50000 men soe that King will be put to it to defend his owne Country

[A few figures in another hand appear on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1610 London 6th Novembr 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr mr Weston minister of the Minories moved That he being A vigorous Prosecutor of dissenters some persons had Libelled him in the Spirituall Court That he was not qualified According to the Church of England To which he hath Replied That the Minories Church is A Chappell Royall & he had A grant by letters Pattents from his Matye soe Prayes A Prohibition to stopp proceedings in the spirituall Court which the Court Granted unless Cause be shewed to the Contrary to morrow

mr Shore the undersheriffe of Lincolne shire Appeared upon A Complaint made Agt him by one mr Cary A minister of Lincolne shire who being A Prosecutor of Conventicles had many vexatious Actions layd upon him & was in Lincolne Prison but got A supersedeas which he showed to mr Gravener deputy to the undersheriffe who tore off the seale saying he would not obey it & that mr Shore did seem to Countenance him which is ordered to be heard to morrow

+This day the Action of Sr Wm Pritchard Agt mr Papillion was Tryed at Guildhall before the Ld Ch: Justice Jeffries & Keeling the first discoverer of the Plott deposed That there was A Consultation of 30 at Russells Abt Arresting the Ld Mayor where he was prevailed upon by the Party (Goodenough & Nelthorpe being there) to be made A speciall officer to Arrest Sr Wm Pritchard for the better Carrying on their Horrid designe The jury found for the Plaintiff & gave 10000 L damages

They write from Plimouth That the Mayor &c of Leskard understanding the E of Bath was there Came & delivered their Charter to him as did the Mayor of Lee Granpound & Tregony & Its beleived all the Corporations in Cornwall will follow

Our Scotch letters say the Circuitts are over but their Proceedings kept very secrett

They write from dover they dayly hear of shipwracks at sea

+Tis said dr Mew Bp of Bath & Wells will be Bp of Winchester

The discourse is very warmly Renewed that dr Oates will be suddenly Arraigned for Perjury

Wee have nothing from Buda

+Yesterday being the 5th Novembr it was kept as usually

L. c. 1611 London 8th Nov 1684

+Yesterday at the Kings bench barr Came on the Tryall of mr Goodman The Information was Read & Alexander Armadons sworne who said That being Intimate with Goodman he went to vissitt him in Newgate when Comitted for A Robbery & Goodman desired his Assistance in Paying the Prosecutors sister 100 L to take off the Prosecution but knew not whether it was paid

That after Goodman was discharged he desired him to Prepare 2 fflasks of the Best fflorence wine with Poyson to be Administred to the Dukes of Grafton & Northumberland & did make A Bargain with him for 100 Guyneys & then to goe beyond sea where Goodman was to make Provision for him In fine the jury brought him in Guilty

This day was A motion that the Tryall between the E of Peterbrough Plaintiffe & one Malthus A bookseller might be at the Barr & the Court gave 3 dayes to the defendat to shew Cause why it should not be at the Barr

+They write from the Campe before Buda of the 25th Past That the serasquier Bassa being Reinforced with 20000 Tartars & 7000 Janizaries had Come & put more men & Provisions into Buda & then Retired That the Mines made by the Christians are either Countermined or spoyled by the waters soe that now nothing is talked off but Raiseing the seige or at least Turneing it Into A Blockade this winter & tis said orders are Come to the Campe to Provide for winter quarters & tis feared they will hardly be able to bring off their Cannon The d of Lorraine is Already gone

Two dayes since the E of Arran Arrived from Ireland & was very Graciously Recd by his Matye & Acquainted the E of Rochester was to goe Ld Lieutenant of Ireland The d of Ormond by Reason of his greate Age tis said desireing to be eased of it

A Quo Warranto haveing been Ishued Agt the Charter of Boston in New England & they not Appeareing judgment is gone Agt them by default & they are to be under the same Regulations as other Corporations & tis said Coll Kirke late Governr of Tangier is to goe Governr Genll of his Matyes Islands in those Countries

The Charters of Newcastle & Salisbury are brought up to be surrendered

L. c. 1612 London 11th Novembr 1684

+Yesterday A Wiltshire jury Appeared at the Kings bench barr to try the Cause between the King & mr Nosworthy upon An Information Agt him for seditious words But the Kings Councell moved that A Materiall Evidence for the King was wanting & Prayed it might be Adjourned till Thursday

The 3 Grandjuries for the severall hundreds of Middlesex were sworne & mr Justice Withins Gave the Charge Sr Wm Smith is fforeman of Oswaston hundred Sr Charles Lee for Edmonton & Hen: Hodges Esqr for Elthorne

+This day one Isaack Camball who was formerly Convicted for A Notorious Barrettry had judgment to stand 3 times in the Pillory to Pay 1000 L to the King & find sureties for the good behavir dureing life & stand Comitted till all be performed

Its uncertain when the E of Rochester will part hence for Ireland it being left wholly to the D of Ormond when he will Returne hither & Its beleived it will not be till spring

Wee hear from Sussex Ireland & Holland of many shipwracks

Our letters from Holland give Account of the deliverance those provinces had of being swallowed up of the sea for the last greate storme bore soe hard on the Point of the Province of Holland that most people began to dispaire of Preservation & in some Places many persons were drowned

They also write that the D of Monmoth is now Resolved to Winter at Brussells

Tis said mr Kenn Chaplain to the late Bp of Winchester will succeed the Bp of Bath & Wells

Tis said Coll Kirke is Going with 6 men of Warr to settle New England & will be Comissioned their Governr

+This weeke one Phillips was seized by A messenger & Comitted to the Gatehouse some Papers being found in his Custody of ill Consequence

Yesterday the Ld Mayor was told by the Ld Ch: Justice his Matye was well pleased with the greate Care he tooke in keeping the 5th of Novembr free from all manner of disorders & desired him & the Aldermen to keep those dayes of jubile with the same Care & they should want noe

Assistance from that Court

Our fforreign letters Agree the Christians have quitted the seige
of Buda & Its Much feared the Turks will fall on them in their Retreat

L. c. 1613 London 13th Novembr 1684

+Yesterday one Knowles one of the Lady Iveys Witnesses was tryed &
found Guilty of Perjury

One Edw: Harris An Atturney in Windsor Court being formerly
Convicted That when the Kings Effigies was Going to be set up at
Windsor he said to his Companions letts goe see that little Comicall
fellow on Horseback & is sentenced to stand in the Pillory at Windsor
Abingdon Reading & Newbery & fined 20 Nobles being of A Meane estate
& to find sureties &c

in Person & that he gave every souldier that listed himselfe double pay Also that the Turks have lately Launched 30 new Gallies & 12 greate ships & that the Capt Bassa was at Smirna with the fleet takeing in the Troops of Asia to Transport them to Salonica

Our letters from Canterbury say their new Charter was brought downe by Coll Rooke who was mett 4 miles out of Towne by 4 or 500 horse & 40 Coaches The 6 Companies that Came from Tangier stood at the West gate to Receive the Coll whome his Matye hath Chosen Mayor of that Citty who was Attended to the Towne hall where he Chose the Aldermen & Comoners

The Charter of Yorke is brought up by the Ld Mayor thereof also the Charters of Leeds Hull Headon & Beverley are brought up +Sr Wm Estcourt Bart who was foreman of the Wiltshire jury for tryall of mr Nosworthy being last night at the Globe Taverene in ffilet street with 8 of the said jury A quarrell Arose & Sr Wm was Run through the Chest with A Rapier The Coroners jury have found him murthered & mr St John & mr Webb Guilty

This being the Queens Birth day Extrary ffireworks were on the Thames A greate Ball at Court & Bonefires in the Citty +Two persons drinking together Endeavoured to outswear one another one of them the next day fell distracted & in 2 dayes after died

Our Scotch letters say Gourdon Earlestowne hath got A Repreive A Pardon is Passing for him

L. c. 1615 London 18th Nov: 1684

+This day mr Rossewell was tryed at the Kings bench barr by A jury of Surrey for speakeing words in A sermon, He Excepted Agt 19 of the jury & Produced 44 witnesses to prove his Reputation others that he Prayed for the King in his family & c and others that heard him Preach this sermon & did not Remember he said the words But the witnesses for the King vizt Eliz Smith mrs Hilton & mrs ffarryer swore the words Positively & 2 of them Agreed Exactly soe the jury Returned in halfe An heure & brought him in Guilty

My Ld Chamberlain is Indisposed of A feaver & my Ld Hallifax is not well

Tis said An Information is in the Crowne office Agt Sr Scroope How for speakeing some Reflecting words Agt his R: Highs

The sad Account wee Received from the Imperiall Army since the quitting the seige of Buda is hardly to be Expressst for never Army that had A River open to supply them Endured such miseries Abt 25000 horses Perished for want of fforrage & had not the serasquiers Army been very much harrassed few of the Imperiall Army would have got off

Greate was the Consternation at Vienna upon the Newes & the Emper[or] hath Already writt to the Princes of the Empire & Italy to lay before them the deplorable Estate of the Empire & the dreadfull Consequences if he be not speedily supplied

The Imperiall Envoy here hath Recd A memoriall to prsent to his Matye setting forth the ill posture of his Masters affaires & to desire his Matye to take it Into his Consideration

+The Actions of the E India Company are now 214 L p C The Affrican 202 L The Hudsons Bay 430 L p C Brandy 36 L p Tunn New Hopps 4 L [?] p C [i. e., per hundredweight?] Mault Bread corne Pease & Oates are Risen & have A Prospect of being dearer

The quarrell Abt which Sr Wm Estcourt was murthered began Abt A Horse Match all the Gent that were in the Roome are out on Bayle Except Henry St John Esqr & Coll Webb

[Some figures appear in another hand on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1616 London 20th Nov: 1684

+When mr Rossewell was brought in Guilty he lift up his hands & Eyes saying God have mercy on this jury

Yesterday at the Kings Bench barr Nath Thompson moved by Councell for A Rule of Court to goe Abroade to Instruct his Councell for that notice was given him of A Tryall next weeke & by Reason he is not in Prison upon Execution it is Granted

One dolben formerly servant to dr Oates was tryed for speakeing the basest & most scandalous words both Agt his Matye & R: Highs that ever was in any Information which the witnesses swore Positively & the jury found him guilty without going from the barr

This day at the Kings Bench barr mr Best the Hop merchant was brought up to Receive judgment for drinking A health to the Pious memory of Stephen Colledg Oath was made he weas worth 200 L p An in Land & A Considerable personall estate

My Lord told him he had alwayes been A factious man &c

mr Best said that as to drinking the health it was in A time when there was greate Heates & Animosities Among the people & he was in Company where the Popes health was begun as he supposed to Teaze him & he in Returne began that of Stephen Colledg

In fine the Court gave judgment that he pay 1000 L to the King & to stand in the Pillory 3 times at westminster the Royall Exchange & Guild hall & each time one houre

Yesterday dr Trumball A Civilian was knighted & declared principle secretary for Ireland & mr Shaw the other under the E of Rochester & tis said the Privy Councell of Ireland will be Reformed

Tis said that yesterday Sr Harbottle Grimston Master of the Rolls Recd A Comand that he should noe longer suffer dr Burnet to Preach in the Rolls Chappell,

Last weeke the ds of somerset was delivered of A son to the greate joy of that family,

This weeke were Baptized 280 Buryed 364

+Our fforreign letters say frequent Councells of warr are held at Vienna where Resolutions are taken to have A more formidable Army next summer then the last the Princes of the Empire Promiseing Large supplies & Its beleived they will be early in the feild

Our ffrench letters give A Large Account of the splendid Reception of their Ambr at the Turkish Court by which it appeares there is A good understanding between those 2 mighty monarchs

L. c. 1617 London 22d Nov: 1684

+Yesterday mr Joseph Hayes was tryed at the Kings Bench barr he Challenged 35 of the Panell at last 12 were sworne mr Samll Sheppard foreman mr Hayes denyed every part of the Indictment There were 8 witnesses for the King vizt mr Ezekell Everitt who proved that Armstrong went by the name of Lawrence at Leyden &c others proved that the letter subscribed Hayes was taken out of Sr Tho: Armstrongs Pockett at Leyden The Rest Proved it was his hand

Hayes utterly disowned the letter in question & that he ever had any dealeings with Sr Thomas Armstrong by that name or by the name of Lawrence or soe much as ever dranke with him & Produced 5 witnesses to his Reputation vizt Ald: Jeffries & 4 others who said they alwayes Esteemed him of A very Honest life In fine the jury withdrew & after an houres stay they brought him in not Guilty

mr Attorney moved that mr Rossewell might Come up to Receive judgment & he is ordered to be brought up next Munday He petitioned his Matye last night but it was Rejected

This day at the Kings Bench barr were severall motions Agt Bayliffs in severall Counties for illegall Practices

Mr Oldfeild the life guard man Comitted for beateing one that served him with A subpena moved by Councell that he Confess his fault &c soe the Court fined him 3 s 6 d which he paid & was discharged but the Court gave him A Caution how he behaive himselfe for the future telling him that life guardmen & all others must obey the Kings Processe

mr Cox was brought up & pleaded not Guilty to An Information Agt him for kidnapping

On the 20th Instant the D of Albemarle Recorder of Colchester Came

for delivering A Paper to their Parliamt men assoon as Chosen of standing by them with their Lives & fortunes was fined 500 L affidavit being made he is worth 500 L p An

mr Polixfen Renewed his motion for A Coppie of Rossewells Indictment but the Ld Ch: Justice said he would not bring up new Customs but the Indictment might be Read to them againe

mr Nath Thompson was Tryed for printing A booke which Extolled the jurisdiction of the Church of Rome & was found Guilty

mr Justice Bayly mr Haviland & mr Braddock were found Guilty of kidnapping or Transporting the Kings subjects

This day mr Rossewell was brought to the barr & mr Wallop first Argued his Case quoting many Law Cases to Prove that the Innuendoes in the Indictment were nought & Instanced in these words vizt stand to your Principles & you will overcome your Enemies meaneing o[ur] Lord the King & the subjects [here a dash as long as six letters] as in former times [here another such dash] and insisted that these words had noe dependance

mr Polixfen made much the same Argument & Insisted they would not give judgment

mr Attorney mr Solicittr & mr North Cited severall Law Cases & Presidents to Prove the Indictment was well drawne & desired judgment

But the Ld Ch. Justice Answered it was A Case of Greate Consequence That severall Presidents had been Cited on both sides & they must have time to Consider before they gave judgment

Our Scotch letters say that some of the people Called Singers have Affixed A declaration of warr Agt his Matye in many townes & on some Church doores & some standing forces are gone to suppress them which gives at prsent some disquiet to the Government

Some Arrived from New England say the disorders there Increase upon which Coll Kirke is ordered with all Expedition thither

Our ffrench letters say that King Refuses to Come to any Accomodation with Genoa unless they yeild to all his former demands

L. c. 1620 London 29th Nov 1684

+On Thursday Sr Samll Astry Reported to the Court of Kings Bench Concerning mr Pax the Towne Clerke of Abingdon that Putting to him in his Interogatories to know if he were A faivourer of dissenters he said if he must Answer Positively he Confessed it & begged Mercy of the Court then Judge Withins said he must lye by it & Petition the Court

Yesterday mr Butler of Northamptonshire Came Into Court & by Councill moved for A Mitigation of the 500 L fine The Court said they were willing to Remitt it to 500 Marks but he must find sureties for his good behaivr after which he moved he was Ready to Pay the fine & the Court ordered that upon Paying the money he should be bayled

mr Nosworthy paid the fees & was discharged

Thomas Burt of Kingston upon Thames Appeared & An Information was Read Agt him for saying the Government of Oliver Cromwell was better then the Kings, he Pleaded not Guilty & was Comitted

Quo Warrantoes haveing been brought Agt the Charters of Wormesbury & Pooll it is ordered that unless they Appear next Terme judgment may be Entred up

Sr Phillip Howard Certainly Goes Governr of Jamaica & the d of Northumberland succeeds him in the Comand of the Queens troope

Last Tuesday the E of devonshire died

Our Scotch letters say that on that day Came An Expresse that A Party of Rebels was 13 miles west of Edenbrough & there barbarously murthered in their bedds 2 Gent of his Matyes life Guards of horse upon which 2 Companies of the Trayned bands are ordered to Guard the Gates of

Edenbrough

Letters of the 17th from Aire say that the Lds of the Circuit have made greate Conformity in that shire The Gentry haveing taken the Test & the Comons the Test or bond of Peace which is Equivalent yet there Appeared 2 Parties of the Rebels the one Abt 80 & the other Abt 20 who fly from place to Place & Cannot yet be Apprehended

+Our letters from Edenbrough of the 22d say that on that day the Parliamt of that Kingdome was Proclaimed to sit on the 10th of March next

Yesterday the Effigies of K James was set up in the Royall Exchange +Tis Reported the d of Monmoth hath been 7 dayes At this Court Incognito
L. c. 1621 London 2d dec 1684

+Last weeke in the Exchequer was Argued some Points of Law in the Case now depending betwixt the E of Macclesfeild & Sr Thomas Grosvenr fforeman of the Grandjury of Cheshire who prsented his Lordship They are to be further debated the first Wednesday next Terme

Wee have had these 5 dayes A Report that the d of Monmoth is in England & hath kist his Matyes hand but its not Creditted for that 10 dayes since the said duke Rode out of Brussells with 2 servants only & was set upon by 5 Grenadiers who demanded his Money, He gave them A ducatoon But that not satisfying he shewed them his George They said they Cared not for him nor his George Neither & offered violence upon which the duke killed one wounded Another & the other 2 Escaped but some letters say the Rencounter happened only between 4 of the d of Monmoths servants & 5 Troopers with the successe above mentioned

Our letters from Vienna give Account that most of the Princes of Germany have sent to assure the Emper[o]r of Assistance whereupon the Emper[o]r offereth to maintaine 60000 men The d of Bavaria 12000 The d of Lunenburgh 12000 The d of Saxony 10000 The Circles of Swabia 10000 Mayence 4000 & P: Palatine 2000 in all 120000 men

The d of Lorraine was Exspected there next day upon whose Arrivall A Councill of warr will be held to Enquire Into the Miscarriage of the seige of Buda & Count Staremburgh will be highly questioned

+The Account given to the Emper[o]r of the loss before Buda is 23000 private souldiers 679 officers & 147 voluntiers of greate Eminency

This day the Artillery Company dined at Merchanttaylors hall where his R: Highs P. George The dukes of Norfolk & Beaufort &c honoured them with their Presence

Our dutch letters say Amsterdam is fortifying it selfe in An Extrary manner & is now full of ffrench Protestants fled thither

To morrow is Exspected A Tryall at Guildhall between his R: Highs & Coll Whitly for A Considerable summe Claimed by his R: Highs as due from the Coll when he mannaged the Generall Post office

L. c. 1622 London 4th dec 1684

+An Information being Exhibitted Agt mr Williams late Speaker of the H of Comons for somewhat done under that Character he hath this weeke Put in his Plea that what he hath done by order of A superi[o]r Court An Inferi[o]r Court Cannot take notice off

Yesterday was A heareing before the Barons of the Exchequer between the King & Coll Whitly for 30000 L which was Alledged he recd of the Kings money dureing the time he mannaged the Post office & it being proved he Recd money for letters from the King which he ought to have Carryed free The Barons declared he should goe to An Auditr & Account for the same

Coll Kirke speedily Embarques for New England & Coll Douglasses Regemt & 6 other Companies which Came from Tangier are ordered to goe with him

The d of Northumberland is in Actuell Comand of the Queens Guards & Sr Phillip Howard out but Its Reported he hath noe Inclination to goe to Jamaica

They write from ffrance that scarce A day Passes but Edicts & orders Ishue out Agt the Protestants & are as frequently Executed & their Churches demolished & perticular Persons seized Especially in Languedoc where they have Razed some Castles & Gentlemens houses in which they used to meet since their Churches are forbid them

There is also An Edict forbidding all Protestant Lds to suffer any but their domesticks or their dependants on their hands to hear any prayers or sermons in their houses or Chappells in Paine of being deprived of the Exercize thereof It being Alledged that the Edicts made in their faivr have been Extorted from the Government in times when the Kingdome was divided Into factions but now they must submit to the Pleasure of the King

+Our letters from Constantinople say the Grand Seigni[o]r is Resolved to have 3 formidable Armies next spring Agt Poland the Venetians & Hungary & hath Comanded that for the future all Ambrs from Crowned heads shall have Audience with the sopha An Honr heretofore denyed to all

The K of Poland hath Put his Army into winter quarters but soe Posted them as to block up Camimeck Resolveing to be early in the feild next Spring also the Venetians Resolve to have A good Army next Spring

The Currant discourse is that his R: Highs will goe to Scotland to be there at the sitting downe of that Parliamt

L. c. 1623 London 6th dec 1684

+The last Scotch letters brought A Proclamation for all members of that Parliamt to Attend his R: Highs on the 10th of March next Requireing all members where new ones are wanting to Cause new ones to be Chosen

On the 25th Past 3 Companies of dragoons brought from dumfreeze & Kircowbright 77 persons for Refuseing the Test or Else the bond of Peace who are all Prisoners in Leith Also mr John Portonfeild of duchall & 3 others were found Guilty of High Treason as being Accessory to the late Horrid Conspiracy

Tis said his R: Highs will not stay above 3 weeks in Scotland but tis said P: George & the Lady Ann who Accompany him will Reside there

Wee heare from ffrance that the ffrench K has An Intention to Call An Assembly of the Clergie & Propose to them the Solution of 4 questions

1 what their opinion is Concerning the Legallity of that Kingdome

2 whether the Pope be Infallable or not

3 to give their opinion Concerning Transubstantiation

4 whether it is necessary to Pray for the dead

Last Thursday died in Ailesworth o[u]r Chamberlaine & mr Topham one of o[u]r Bridgmasters & tis said his Maty hath Appointed mr Rich late one of o[u]r sheriffs to succeed mr [word of about eight letters smeared] Ailesworth & mr Nicholson A Linnen draper to succeed mr Topham

dr Sudbury deane of Durham is dead & dr Greenvile Br to the E of Bath will succeed & Its beleived Sr Geo Wheeler will have dr Greenviles Prebendary

mr Stephens messenger of the Presse is turned out & tis said mr Sing will succeed

dr Gilbert Burnet hath Printed his sermon preached on the 5th Novembr last which sermon some say did occasion his being suspended from the Rolls Chappell

Abt 6 weeks since Sr Robt Payton being at A Taverne began the d of Monmoths health But Gent Refuseing Hott words Arose & were followed with 3 or 4 Passes & the Gent Wounded & Sr Robt was yesterday Comitted to

Newgate but since Bayled

One mr Covett An Attorney of Chichester being sued by his R: Highs on A Scandalum Magnatum & A writt of Enquiry haveing been Executed in Surrey The jury found 1000 L damages & this weeke mr Covett was Arrested & Remaines in Custody

The Levant merchant Comeing from Cadiz was lately Cast away but another vessell saved the men the silver & most of the ladeing But the ffreindship of Weymouth going for Wales was lost & the men drowned

Our fflanders letters say the Greate discourse there is of A Peace with the Turks this winter & most beleive it will be Concluded

L. c. 1624 London 9th dec 1684

+Last Sunday Abt 8 in the morning A meeting was broke open in Grubstreet where they seized Abt 20 persons most women who were bound to Answer it at the sessions

Yesterday the sessions of Peace began both at Guildhall & Hicks hall where Abt 200 dissenters at each Place were found Guilty & fined

Yesterday wee had Advice from ffalmouth that the Rainbow An English E India ship was Arrived neer that Place who Came out of Suratt in Company with 4 more of the Companies ships which are dayly Exspected

Shee brings Advice that Bombay had Revolted from the English & had taken some ships from us but one was Retaken of Abt 16 guns & it was not questioned but to subject them in A little time

Also that the Dutch in the E Indies are going to warr with the Persians

Here is A Report Abt towne that the English & dutch men of warr in the E Indies have had A sharpe Engagemt but at prsent it seemes A Report without ground

The Kings of England ffrance & denmarke demand above 3 millions sterling of the dutch for the Buisness of Bantam

Those of Amsterdam are making as much Preparations as if they were Actually to be beseiged & have Planted Cannon on their walls & on severall vessells built on Purpose in the River

Our E India Actions are at 210 L The Affrican 206 L Hudsons bay 400 L Brandy 35 L p Tunn The Middle price of wheate 49 s the quarter Pease 46 d Beans 32 d Rye 32 d Mault 25 d Barley 23 d Oates 18 d p quarter

Notice is sent to severall persons in staffordshire &c to Come up next Terme in order to give Evidence Agt dr Oates

Some say Stephens the messenger of the Presse is displaced because he saw the late booke Agt the Observatr in the Presse & did not stop it

Its this day Reported on the Exchange that 2 Eminent merchants are gone Aside tis said they are 2 of the Langleys

+Our ffrench letters Continue to mention the dayly Prosecution of the Protestants there who of all degrees as they Can get out of that Kingdome & Come some into England but most Into Holland

+The sickness rages very much in ffrance Especially at Rousillon & Perpignan where there dye 3 or 400 A day & at Thoulouse many Persons of quality

L. c. 1625 London 11th dec 1684

+Yesterday the sessions began at the old Bayly where Thomas Montgomery Esqr was found Guilty of Murther for killing mr Narborne & this day mr St Johns & Coll Webb were found Guilty of Wilfull murther for killing Sr Wm Estcourt Also Mr Hutchins who killed A waterman is found Guilty of Murther but mr Porter who killed Sr James Hackett found Guilty only of Manslaughter but An Appeale will be brought

scarse A day Passes but there is killing or wounding in one Part or other of the Towne which tis thought will sharpen the Edge of the

Law Agt Present offenders

Last night Capt Brampstone & mr Wiseman son to Sr Robt Wiseman 2 Gent of Essex Related were at the Lyon Taverne in fetter Lane & A diference Ariseing the latter was killed by one Mortall wound of which he Imediately died & Capt Brampston went from him in A manner distracted

mr Penn the quaker being Proprietor & Governr of Pensilvania is lately Come over Abt the diference with the Ld Baltemore & was last Sunday at A Conventicle in Westminster where he was seized & Carryed before A justice & Paying the 20 L as the speaker he was discharged

They write from Holland that the states have Advice from Guyney that their Generall there is dead & his Brother very sick in the Castle of Mina & Its beleived were both Poysoned by A Negro who was more Inclined to the English then the dutch

Our fflanders letters say the states of the severall Provinces are wholly taken up in Raiseing money to Pay their Contributions to the ffrench & are forced to Put severall places under military Execution to force them to send in their quota, Also they make ffresh Complaints of the ffrench that they still Live at Pleasure about Courtray & Pretend there is yet Another Arreir of Contribution money of 40000 Guilders which if it be not Paid they threaten the Inhabitants with Military Execution

The K of denmarke hath Renewed his alliance with the ffrench for 8 yeares & the ffrench are to Pay him Annually A very Considerable summe

The Emper[ors] Comissioners at Ratisbone have Acquainted the diett that by the bad successe at Buda the succours demanded last Septembr will not be sufficient to oppose the Turks & they must Consider Germany will be Inevitably lost unless A Proportionable supply be timely Raised

There died here this weeke 355

L. c. 1626 London 9th Janr 1685 [i.e., 1685/86]

+This day Came forth the Proclamation for Prorogueing the Parliamt till the 10th of May declareing his Matyes [now James II's] Pleasure that he Expects not their Attendance at that time but then Intends some further Prorogation unlesse some Extrary occasion Require their sitting whereof timely notice will be given by Proclamation

In the Breife for the ffrench Protestants 30 Comrs are ordered for distributing the money Amonge whome are severall Bishops

The Queen is Indisposed with A Cold

The Earles Named in the Comission for tryall of the Ld de La Mere are Shrewsbury Oxford Huntington Darby Pembroke Mulgrave Peterbrough Winchelsea Sunderland Craven ffeversham Rochester Gainsbrough Plimouth And some of the Lds are De La Ware Culpepper Arundell of Terrine Lumley Dartmouth Godolphin & Churchill, His Matye gives leave for Any Peer to be prsent if they will Come

mr Attorney Genll Continues ill Its Reported his Matye will grant him A quiettus Est from that Carefull Employment

The Venetian Ambrs have had their Audience of Conge Report sayth his Matye Acquainted them he Could not furnish them with neither men nor ships for it would Prejudice his subjects in their trade But tis said severall good Comanders have offered their service to that state & the Ambrs have given Encourageing Termes to them

They write from Scotland That the Criminall Processe Agt the ds of Monmoth her Children & others have been further Prosecuted in the justice Court

The dutch Comrs for the Affaire of Bantam have some time granted them [On outside of letter in a hand that is possibly as late as the twentieth century:] Note/ K. Charles II died 6 Febr. 1685. There is no word of his death or funeral among these letters. [Also two small columns of

figures appear in an older hand, as do these names and amounts:]

Wm Lucas

Whyatt Rent [?] to Wm Baker for 30 d [?]

Ric Brian 20 Abra: Mathers 5

Robt Paynos 7 Tho Vanbrinson 30

Tho Pauls [?] 10

Jno & Tho Halls 8

Wm Moor. H. Smith

I. Racon

L. c. 1627 London 18th ffebr 1685

+The judges Appointed for the Midland Circuitt are mr Justice Charlton & mr Baron Jenner The assizes begin at Northampton on Tuesday March 9th, at Leicester on March 25th at Coventry on the 27th March & at Warwick on the 29th

The Ld Ch: Justice Herbert & Judge Wright goe the Westerne Circuitt

The Ld Ch. Justice Jones & Justice Withins the Home Circuitt

The Ld Ch: Baron Montague & Baron Atkins the Norfolke Circuitt

+mr Justice Street & mr Justice Holloway the Oxford Circuitt

Mr Baron Nevill & mr Justice Bedingfeild the Northerne Circuitt

The E of Dumbartons Regemt Comonly Called Dowglasses Regemt is ordered to march for Scotland & will depart in few dayes

It is not A few Popish books that are Almost dayly Publishing, most of our Preachers Continue with greate boldness to Preach up Contrary to the Reformed Religion in opposition to Popery

+This morning his Matye Rode A Hunting & Returned at one afternoon

The Countess of Dorchester is Parted hence in order to Reside at Dublin

The Ds of Modena is suddenly Exspected here

His Matye hath bought Thanet house in Aldersgate street & Intends there to keep his Treasury for the Navy

Yesterday Saxon stood his 3d time in the Pillory where & at the 2 former places he mett with very Rude Treatement nor was the hangman spareing of the whip the day before & Its supposed will not spare him to morrow

24 ffrench Protestants in A small open boate ventured to sea from Diepe [grave accent over first "e"] & Arrived safe at dover to the wonder of all

+The number of ffrench Protestants Resident in Holland is Incredible & many more Come weekly The Ministers are perticularly Respected & Provided for

The dutch are very jealous of the designes of ffrance & are Provideing for the worst

L. c. 1628 London 20th ffebr 1685

+Yesterday was A Councell but the Person that designed to Assassinate the King was not Examined

Yesterday the E of Peterbroughs Regement of horse Came hither from Kent Essex &c where they have been in winter quarters

The D of Grafton hath A Pardon for killing Talbott

A quarrell Ariseing between the E of Northampton & mr Seymour formerly speaker Abt the Countesse of Conway & their fighting being prevented by one being Confined The quarrell was Espoused by mr Hutton Compton & mr Seymours son who fought on Thursday mr Butler was second to Compton & Soper to Seymour The principalls are desperately wounded & tis said mr Seymour Cannot live

Yesterday Saxon was whipt from Newgate to Tyburne & tis said will be sent into the West to be tryed for being in Monmoths Rebellion

mr Hambdens Pardon is Past the seales

They write from Edenbrough that on the 10th Instant 3 Companies of ffoot Came thither from the West The next day the Marqs of Atholl &c Came thither from Whitehall, severall have been put in Prison on Account of the Tumult & the Privy Councell have ordered all the Inhabitants of Edenbrough to subscribe A bond whereby every one doe oblige themselves to be Answerable for their servants & families & that they shall not in any manner be Accessory to the Raiseing of Tumults &c or act anything to the Prejudice of his Matyes Government & this under such Penalty as his Matyes Privy Councell & the Citty Councell shall thinke fitt

+Wee have A Report this day that Maastricht is Invested with 10000 ffrench horse till the ffoot Come up to make A formall seige, The drums beate in this Citty for voluntiers to Recrute the English Regemts in Holland

+They write from the Hague the states have ordered letters to be writt to Hambrough & to the d of Zell to let them know that this is not A time of day to quarrell with one another & they earnestly desire the diference between them might be Accomodated out of hand

L. c. 1629 London 23 ffebr 1685

+The discourse of the ffrench Investing Maastricht Continues but with this Adition That the now Bp of Cologne who is also Bp of Munster & Prince of Leige Claimes some Right to it & Calls in the ffrench to Assert the same others say he hath sold A small Towne Called Meane to the ffrench on which the said Maasticht is A dependance

Our last ffrench letters say that King is forced to keep his bed & hath also had A very sharpe fitt of the Goute which has put him to greate Paine & that his life is in greate danger also Mounsr Colbert is sicke of the Goute

Yesterday his Matye Rode into Essex A Hunting & this morning Rode Into Hyde Parke where 2 Regemts of ffoot were drawne up The d of Grafton prsent to whome his Matye gave orders how he would have them Exercized

Yesterday Jo: Hambden Esqr was bayled out of Newgate

Last Satureday 2 Messengers searched the Chambers of the Prisoners in the Kings bench for Treasonable & seditious Papers but wee hear not they found any

Wee have A discourse that 5 more of the judges will have their quiettus Est

+They write from Lime that his Matye[s] late orders with directions from the Ld Chancellr were Come thither vizt That none Concerned in the Rebellion should be molested they giveing bayle to Appear next Assizes (some persons only Excepted) which has Caused A greate joy there hopeing it the forerunner of A Pardon

mr Seymour & mr Compton who wounded each other in A duell are in a way of Recovery

Last weeke mr ffale Clerke of the Breifs was taken into Custody & An Information ordered Agt him for Causeing divers Coppies of the Breifs for the ffrench Protestants to be Printed before the same had Passed the seales some alterations being to be made before it was Published

There is A discourse there will be A Proclamation of Indulgence for the quakers

Last ffriday died Lemuell Kingdome Esqr one of the Comrs for his Matyes Revenue in Ireland who tis said hath left little estate behind him Herbert Aubery Esqr one of the prsent Burgesses for Hereford succeeds him in Ireland

The Campe on Hounslow heath will not be opened till the 25th Aprill & will not be above 8000 by Reason Hay & straw is soe dear

L. c. 1630 London 25th ffebr 1685

+ffor these 2 dayes last Past wee have had A very Warme Report the
ffrench K is dead & some say of A ffistula in Ano But our ffrench
letters of the 2d March New stile say he is now well Againe only A
little troubled with A Touch of the Goute & hath sent to Thoulon & Brest
for Equipping all his men of warr with all Expedition

Wee had A Report of A Riseing in Huntingtongshire but it Proves only
A Companie of Gypsies who mett in An unusuall manner & are Comitted to
Prisons

+Yesterday began o[u]r sessions at the old Bayly mr Seymour being dead
of his wounds & mr Compton in Custody The Grandjury found the
Indictment Manslaughter Madam Seymour who Prosecuted fell on her knees
in Court & was Extreemly Passionate at the verdict threatening An
Appeale

Tis said the Attorney Genll hath Instructions to Inspect the Lawes
in force Agt duelling & to Enquire what Power the Marshalls Court has
to Punish affronts

This day Sr ffran Clarke A member of Parliamt for Rochester fell
downe dead as he was Inspecting some Writeings

Tis said the Comission for Rebuilding St Pauls is to be Inspected
in order to the Hastning it & the setting more men at Worke there being
Considerable summes lately Come in

The Protestants in Savoy have Petitioned that duke humbly Praying
his severe Edict may not be Put in Execution Agt them

In the meane time the ffrench K has offered the said duke his
Assistance for Putting the said Edict in Execution & sent him 2
Companies of ffoot & 2 of Dragoons he had made use of in the same worke
some of the dragoons being in the Pursuite of some who were Escapeing
Into Switzerland [and?] were set upon by A Party of Switzers who Cut
most of them in Peeeces & forced the Rest to Retire without their Prey
+They write from Vienna they are in greate forwardnesse & hope to begin
the Campaigne with the seige of Agria 12000 Bombes & Currasses will be
Ready by the end of Aprill,

Teckley is Encamped with 7 or 8000 men at Greate Waradine & orders
are Gone to all the Christian Generalls to Assemble their troops &
Narrowly Watch his motions