

L. c. 817      July 31st 1679  
London 29th July 1679

+There is A new discoverer Come In who is Kinsman to A Deane In somersetshire he was placed by some of his other ffreinds at st Omers to be A preist but the deane sent for him & hath Converted him to the protestant Religion since which he hath discovered severall things of the plott & swore before A Justice of peace In somersetshire he is Comeing or Come up to London

Yesterday Came out In Print the Trialls of sr George Wakeman &c, Wakeman haveing A passe is gone to ffraunce

There is lately A Booke handed about which Endeavours to prove that there is noe plott & that mr oates &c are Rogues & that 2 or 3 years hence it will be noe more beleevd then It is beleevd that the Christians fired Rome In Neroes time & wee have account from Paris that another Comedy hath been acted there Reflecting upon mr Oates &c

Tis said some have Endeavoured to Indict mr Oates for perjury but the Attorney Genll would not permitt it, and mr oates did last Tuesday shew to the Councill how much sr Phillip ffloyd Erred in appeareing agt agt him at the Triall of sr George Wakeman who still persists to talke very Highly to the scandall of mr Oates

Tis observed that the meanest popish preist that is Imprisoned hath 7 s p weeke allowed them apeece besides Common Charity which amount to 20 s A weeke

wee hear from Newbury that Coniers is there taken & is Comeing up to London

ffrom denbigh wee are advised that another preist was lately Executed there

The Trayned bands of the Citty are Reduced from 4 Companies at a night to 2 which Regulation began last night & this weeke the officers of the Trayned bands goe to Hunt their bucks In severall Parks

The King goes to morrow to debtford thence to Woolbridge to see 2 ships Launched Thence for Portesmouth &c tis said he will goe A 10 dayes voyage to sea some thinke to meet the dutchesse of yorke

The Mary yatcht haveing lately broughte over severall of the d of yorkes servants & goods Confirmes our Expectations of the dutchesse +wee hear from Windsor that the Earle of pembroke being too dareing was shott by one of the sentinells because he would not stand when the sentinell bid him

On ffriday last A Bayliffe who was by vertue of an Execution In possession of the goods of A Certaine woman who was servitor to the Kings Colledge of Westminster was set upon by the scollars & soe Cruelly beaten that Tis thought by this time he is dead

mr duke A Gent of A good Estate was lately drowned as he was swimming in the Thames

The Ld Roberts Patent is Already stopt one of the Kings sons being Already Earle of ffalmouth soe is the Ld Gerrards there being Already A viscount Newbury soe that they will be made Earles of other places

Here is an Ambr Arrived from the d of savoy

The Governors of Algeirs In their Letter to the Dutch say they have noe Inclination to treat of peace with England being they were A people without faith Not observeing their promises & have made warr upon them without Cause & that they observe In all their people A greate Averseness to peace with England

+The ffrench K hath given order for the ffortification of severall Townes upon the spanish ffrontiers & greate quantity of Timber is brought to Dunkerke to Build A ffortress to secure that Haven

+Those ffortifications make the dutch looke about the[m] & provide for

their security They have been much In Consultation about some weighty points Especially the makeing A strict Alliance with England which they Conceive will most Conduce to their Welfare but those of Amsterdam are very Averse to it being Composed Chiefly of dewitts faction & Noe ffreinds to England, Their plea is that England will be alwayes for setting up the P of Orange to be absolute over them

Things have an ill Aspect Many beleeeving that the ffrench K will Center his Army Into Cleves [?] Countrey for thereby he will with more facility subdue the Rest of Christendome to an universall Monarchy.

L. c. 818 August 2d 1679

London 31 July 1679

+mr Oates hath Complained to the Councill agt sr Phill ffloyd one of the Clerks that he Communicated his Matys Councils to others after Coppies of Examination & Information taken In Councill Relating to the plott & some Complaints will be made of him Next Councill of severall miscarriages In sr George Wakemans Tryall sr Phill to Excuse himselfe said he was proffered greate summs of Money by persons of quality to burne or hide Colemans letters but would not, Tis thought he will be forced to discover who made him those offers

The people here Continue to Reflect on the Ld Chiefe Justice saying the Portugall Ambr gave him 3 vissitts before the tryall & one since That his Ldpp hath disposed since the Tryall severall summs of Money & other things not fitt to be named

They say mr Dobbins one of the Jury is sr George Wakemans Landlord mr Avery the Kings Coachmaker mr Waite the queens Chandler others of them hold land of the Ld Powis now Prisoner In the Tower +some of the Jurymen will be forced to quitt their Habitations being much upraided of their Neibours

Tis said there is an order for takeing Wakeman if he be not gone Into ffrance

+yesterday A person was seized In the Citty for speakeing Treasonable words who is since suspected to be A preist

Two persons were lately taken upon suspition of haveing fired the houses In Ken[t]street upon their takeing ffresh lodgings the day after the fire & fireballs being found In their Trunks

Nell Gwyns Mother was last Tuesday found Drowned In A Ditch Near the Neat Houses by Chelsea & last night privately buryed In st Margaretts

On saturday last the Dutchesse of Cleveland arrived at Greenwich from thence shee went to Windsor & tis said is made groome of the stoole to the queen

The Ld Ossory is Nominated to be Extrary Ambr to spaine to Congratulate that King upon his Marriage

By the Marriage of the d of savoy to the Infanta of Portugall the subjects of savoy have Naturalization & may trade directly to Brazile & not Come first to Lisbone they are likewise permitted to bear all offices which is allowed Reciprocally to the Portugalls In savoy

Our letters from Rochelle of the 17th Instant say that A ship lyeing at sea sent to Rochelle for A Pilott to bring her thither which was done & shee proves the Dover of London John Harris Master of 200 Tuns from virginia & aboard 500 Hogsheads of Tobacco &c & 18 Turks aboard who say this ship was taken about 18 dayes since off Ushant by 2 men of warr & also 4 more English Plantation ships homeward bound, That they tooke out of this ship The Master 17 men & 4 women & put those 18 Turks aboard to Carry home their ship who lost their Company at sea & Intend to get home to sell the ship & Cargo here which tis thought will be granted them, what the other ships are wee Know not but wee misse 5 ships vizt The Concord & another from Virginia The supply Joseph ffreeman Master & another from

Barbados & the hopefull John Hudson Master from Gumbo The Insurance is  
Much advanced

On Tuesday his Maty Came to whitehall from Windsor where as some  
say he Commanded the Councill to adjourne sine die yesterday his Maty  
went to debtford & Named the New 2d Rate there the sterling Castle & then  
went Aboard A yatcht for Portesmouth which is Extraordinarily fortified  
of late his Maty hath taken but 12 Messes with him

The savoy house is prepareing to Entertaine the foot guards the  
Inhabitants since the late act Refuseing to quarter them

They write from Rome the ffrench Ambr was A long time with the pope  
In private but the matter Not Knowne

Letters from Hamburgh say the K of denmarke is now with an Army Neer  
that place but their feares that he had some designe agt them proves A  
mistake

ffrom Paris wee hear that the ffrench K haveing been In Consultation  
with his Cheife minester almost A whole night orders were sent to the  
Admirall to send account what ships he had abroad what men aboard &  
whither designed & what Condition they were In at home with an Account of  
what stoores & Ammunition he had & what men he Could Raise In all the  
Maritime Townes with orders to Keep In pay all fforreign seaman, All the  
states are willing to make A strict Alliance with England Except those for  
Amsterdam who out of feare the P of Orange will be set up by [England?]  
had Rather submitt themselves to the ffrench K

ffrom ffrankfort tis said the ffrench K is labouring all he Can for  
the Imperiall Crowne & it appeares he Intends an Universall Monarchy his  
subjects giveing him this motto (Non suffici Harbes)  
+The sealing of the Parliamt writts is putt off till to morrow & by  
saturedayes post they will be sent Into the Countrey they are Returneable  
the 17th October

L. c. 819 August 4th 1679

London August 2d 1679

+ffrom scotland wee hear that 800 of the Rebels are pardoned & set free  
That 400 that were under the Earle of Marsh are to be Transported That  
Kid & Lenox 2 minesters who were sorely wounded in the fight were both  
Exquisitely Tormented with the Boot to force them to discover something yet  
Unknowne but they Could Extort Nothing from them The first haveing his  
Leggs broke with it hath Contracted A violent feavor & the 2d is almost  
dead Those 2 with mr King were taken since the fight who with mr Cathart  
will be suddenly Tryed for their lives Armes are Every where layd downe  
most of the Rebels horse being fled into Ireland & severall Gentry  
suspected to have Animated the Rebels Come Dayly to Edenbrough to Justify  
& Clear themselves, There is noe greate Hast made In Building Conventicle  
houses there being only one begun by A Lord In one of his Townes

The East India Company haveing made A Rich Voyage have summoned In  
all their Creditors to Come & Receive their money but they misse 4 or 5  
of their ships which they feare are taken by the Algerines

The Turks have brought another English ship Into Brest Besides the  
Dover bound from virginia which they Carryed Into Rochelle 5 other west  
India ships being missing the merchants are In greate pains for them

Its said the occasion of the Comeing over of the dutchesse of  
Cleveland is about the marriage of the duke of Grafton one of her sons  
with the Earle of Arlingtons Daughter Those yong persons being Contracted  
about 4 yeares since & the duke being 14 yeares old & the yonge lady 12  
they must declare their Consents

+The Ld Berkely Nell Gwyns yongest son is dead

+Last weeke his Maty Knighted Counsellor stevens

dr Charlton Bp of Chichester hath Excommunicated Major Breman A

presbeterian Burgesse for Chichester In the last Parliamt to prevent his being Chosen againe but he declares he will stand & the people seem Resolved to Choose him

+The Tripolines have offerred to make peace with the ffrench upon the same Tearmes as Algeirs & Tunis have Done

A Jackdaw Lighting upon A minesters head as he was Reading In A Church neer Bury In suffolke Carryed away his Perewig which with some Trouble was Recovered

The Ld shaftesbury hath A warrant for 1000 L p Ann In Lieu of 12 dishes of meale which he should have every day as president of the Councill if the King Kept house & Its to Commence from Easter Munday

They write from Paris August 1st that his Maty hath sent orders to the generalls In Alsace to March all their Troops out of the Territories of the Empire & hath sent orders for the disbanding 10000 horse & yet Intends to Keep 120000 foot & 20000 horse In service

Tis said there are between 20 & 30 men of warr Neer the goodwin sands which makes the people about dover very Apprehensive of the ffrench

They write from Wesell August 2d That on the first Arrived there 28 Troops of the ffrench Horse who presently marched over the Rhine Encamping In the Meddow of Budwicke seizeing upon the poor Countries summers Crop which hath quite Ruined them

They write from Amsterdam August 4th the last Advice from Leghorne was that the ffrench gallies were still there & that Mounsr Vivonne was sicke but had Commanded the ships from Toulon To Joyne him which had Exceedingly Allarmed the Genoeses

There is lately arrived In the Texell A Hamburgsh ship from Greenland that hath taken 19 whales

+Tis said the writts for Chooseing Parliamt men are gone abroade Into most Counties of England

His Maty on Thursday went Aboard the Captaine ffregott A new ship Rideing Admirall & c sr Jo: Holms Comander & if the wind prove faire will saile In her to Portesmouth

The Councill Adjourned sine die till his Maty Returnes & summons them Afresh

L. c. 820 August 7th 1679

London 5th August 1679

+An English East India ship was lately blowne up by the Algerines on our owne Coaste with ladeing worth 100000 L, His Maty had not long before passed that way to Portesmouth also the Dutchesses of Cleveland & Portesmouth who Escaped them

sr Robert Holmes & 8 ffregotts are ordered to Cruise In the Channell to prevent o[u]r dayly losses

sr Jo: Narbroughs fleet are all paid off withoute any money out of the Exchequer

The Councill of scotland finding the Indulgence sent by his Maty to that Kingdome is not Convenient to be allowed them have sent to his Maty to Alter his Resolution therein the Issue wee Know not yet

Tis said that 30000 L was last weeke paid by the Bankers In Lumbard Street by order of the Papists to A person of greate quality

Tis Related by severall Citizens that A gentleman being at sr George Wakemans tryall & the Jury goeing out to agree their verdict this gentlemen went out amongst them but A person there beleeveing he was one of the Jury slipt A paper Into his hands sealed up which the gent putting up went away & found therein 50 Guyneys

Yesterday 5 pistolls Each of them Charged & primed with double barrells were found In the Earle of Danbies Chamber In the Touer hid with some fowle linnen Tis supposed he hid them out of A designe to make his

Escape with them

Mr Oates hath sent A petition to his Maty to grant him to Retire for sometime In the Countrey for his healths sake & desires he may have orders to the Justices of peace to send him speedy Assistance at any time for the preservation of himselfe & servants

On sunday morning about one A Clocke 12 ffrench men well Mounted with Every one A lighted torch In his hand were discovered In st Giles London by A Constable goeing his Rounds who Commanded them to stand but they Refused & fought the Watch but A sturdy Coachman Comeing up Encouraged the Watch who tooke 6 of them & secured them In the Roundhouse  
+On sunday morning A Waterman Rowing up the Thames saw A fiery Circle which as it seemed to them Encompassed the Earth for they Could discerne it till the Horizon terminated their sight

Tis said sr Tho: Armestrong Lieft Coll to the Earle of Oxford is dismiss his Command & forbid Comeing to Court for some words spoken which are not yet fully Knowne

They write from ffrance that 3 protestant ministers were Committed to the Gallies dureing life for haveing disobeyed his Matys order & other Crimes

They write from Hamburgh August 4th they had Advice that the duke of Brandenburg makes his pretence to the 3 principallities of scleswicke which were left by the Prince of Burgh lately deceased which the Emperor hath seized upon & shutt up above 300 protestant Churches but the Brandenburgs Resolve that if they Cannot Recover their pretence by faire meanes to doe it by force for which greate preparations are Makeing for warr both in Artillery & fireworks

+Last ffriday sr Evan ffloyd & his Kinsman Capt ffloyd drinkeing together fell to Diference & sr Evan left the Roome but the Capt followed him & drew upon him who was thereby obliged to doe the like & after 2 passes sr Evan Ran him through the belly that he dyed & sr Evan was seized but tis said has liberty upon bayle

On sunday morning A fflash of Lightening made such A furrow on the Ridge of A Brick house upon Highgate hill as if it had been with A plow In the Earth it melted all the lead In the Windows & broke the Iron Barr & left A sulphurous smell behind it, Also on Hampsted heath A House was set on fire with lightening which with much dificulty was put out A woman & her Child hardly Escapeing it haveing set fire on the childs blanketts about it

+The writts for Election of Parliamt men were last saturday sent out by the Kings messengers

L. c. 821 August 9th 1679

London August 7th 1679

+On Munday his Maty Came from Portesmouth & dined at Windsor & is this day at the Councill which he summoned to meet at Hampton Court wee are In greate Exspectations of this nights Resolutions for It is Reported his Maty is there to Contract A league offensive & defensive between his Maty & the states the Province of Holland Now Concurring with the Rest In it

Tis said they will also Enquire about the 5 pistolls that were found In the Earle of Danbies Chamber his son the Ld Dumbtaine saith he ordered them to be left there to be Called for but some thinke his Ldpp designed his Escape by secureing his Keepers

A person of honour hath lately made as Ample A discovery of the plott as Mr Oates & Mr Bedloe & discovered the whole bottom & ffraine of it to the Ld President & highly accuses the Lds In the Tower & sr George Wakeman & divers other perticulars which are yet Kept very secret Tis said he has an Assurance of Pardon but many thinke it will be very hard with him In Regard he did not discover sooner Especially what Relates to

sr George Wakeman on whose account the people are under stronge  
Apprehensions of the Ld Cheife Justice & Jury some saying In Publicke  
that the Ld Cheife Justice hath Recd 10000 L and that they will prove it  
& Caluminate him In A very grosse manner it were to be wished there  
were some Issue put to it In Respect to him if wronged

some of the Jury are troubled In Conscience & perticularly mr Waite  
saith that he had Rather have given halfe his Estate than have been of it

Wee hear that last night A warrant was ordered for takeing of Wakeman  
if he Can be found but he is Certainly gone for ffrance, when his Page  
went to acquaint her Maty his Master was ffreed her Maty gave him 5 Guyneys

On Munday In the afternoon there was another greate Thunder &  
Lightening by which A poore woman & her Child In Kentstreet In southwerke  
were Killed & 2 more persons strucke lame & one of them senceless & soe  
Remaines Also 2 men going to unstop A well In southwerke were by A  
sudden damp stifled by it

ffrom Hambrough wee have Advice that they are under great  
apprehensions of A seige from the danes feareing also that the  
Brandenburghs will Joyne them soe they are putting Themselves In the  
best posture of defence they Can & are listing of souldiers giveing  
greate Incouragemt of Pay

The Election of Parliamt men is begun In severall places yesterday  
they Chose for Amersham in Buckinghamshire Algernon sidney Esqr & sr  
Roger Hill

5 persons Intend to stand for Middlesex vizt sr Robert payton mr  
Gerrards sr wm Roberts mr Hawtreay & mr Daniell ffinch The 2 first are  
like to Carry it

sr Wm Waller thinkeing It too Chargeable to stand for Westminster  
is gone for Bristoll to stand for that Citty upon Encouragemt Given him  
by mr Bedlow who hath for some time past been there & much Ingratiated  
himselpe with those Citizens soe sr Phillip Mathews & sr Wm Poultney are  
like to be Chosen for Westminster

The blowing up of the Unicorne an East India ship is not yet Confirmed  
& yesterday wee had advice from virginia that the ship Hopefull was  
designed [about five words spoiled by crease in paper] Thomas Hudson &  
many of the seamen being dead Retarding her Comeing home, A few dayes  
since there was 40 L p Cent upon her & yesterday Morning 50 guyneys p  
Cent was Refused

mr John smith of Cheapside haveing paid his fine for sheriffe to  
morrow is the Choyce of A New sheriffe also of A Bridge master In  
Roome of mr Parsons deceased

+His Maty will make A step to Newmarket the latter End of this month

L. c. 822 Aug 14th 1679

London 12th August 1679

+The Councill is Adjourned till the 1st of October but are sometimes to  
meet In Comittees

The last Councill day the Ld President moved that his Maty would lay  
aside the Ld Cheife Justice scroggs & that his person might be secured  
which was opposed

One sindge that writes Newes writt A letter to Oxford In which he  
said that the Portugall Ambr went the day after sr George Wakemans Tryall  
to visitt the ld Cheife Justice scroggs & 6 pages with him Each haveing  
500 Guyneys In his Pockett with which he prsented his Ldpp which being  
A Notorio[us] & scandalous lye the vice chancellor tooke notice of the  
letter & hath sent it up to be delivered to the Ld Cheife Justice when he  
Comes to Towne

Before the Councill was Adjourned his Maty at their Request granted  
the lady Anne & her sister Leave to goe Over Into fflanders to vissitt

the duke their ffather & thence to Aixee La Chapelle to vissitt their sister the Princesse of Orange who is drinkeing the Waters there but are Commanded by his Maty to Returne backe before the sitting of the Parliamt

mr Jennison hath been Examined againe & hath given his Maty Ample satisfaction Concerning the whole substance of the plott who being heir to soe good an Estate takes away all objections of the papists that the witnesses Came in Out of Poverty & out of designe to be maintained

At quinbrough In Kent they have Chosen the Ld dumblaine son & mr Herbert son In Law to the E of danby & at Buckingham they have Chosen the Ld Lattimer another of his sons & sr Richd Temple

Greate Marlow sr hum: Wynch Jo: Burlace Esqr

southampton sr Benja: Newland mr Windham

Lugdershall Thomas Neild John Gerrard

Lichfeild Michaell Buddolph Esqr mr ffinch

They write from sussex that Capt Goreing son of sr Henery Goreing standing for Bramber gave ffree Entertainment there to all that would accept of it who were soe Rude & disorderly as became not men A woman was Ravished & A man & his wife In drinke set fire to A bed & burnt A Child themselves Narrowly Escapeing

The Grandjury for Wiltshire did at the Assizes prsent the undersheriffe for takeing Bribes & other undue & illegall practices the last Election

One Johnson A Condemned Preist at Worcester hath sent A petition that he would discover the plott if his Maty would grant him his Pardon upon which Judge Atkins is ordered to take his Examination & if it be materiall to suspend Execution & send him up

Our letters from Rochelle say that the 18 Turks that brought In the dover of London had leave to sell her there & that the ffrench Intendant of that province had given 17 of those Turks 400 Crownes to bear their Charges by land to Marselles the other Turk stayeing to see the disposall of the ship & goods they Reported that In 14 dayes they tooke 20 English ships In the Channell that they tooke out of them all the men guns Cables Anchors & sailes & then sunke the said ships

+Our letters from Plimouth say sr Jo. Berry In the Dreadnought with about 30 saile of Merchantmen are there safely Arrived from the streights

Our letters from scotland say that mr Jo [about seven letters smeared] Jo King both minesters haveing been put to the boot to make them Confesse were since brought to Tryall & Readily owned the Infamous declaration they had put forth & were found Guilty of high treason & Judgment passed on them that they should be hanged the 14th Instant at the high Cross of Edenbrough & being dead their heads & Right hands should be Cutt of to be disposed of as the Councill should thinke fitt The day before this Tryall dyed the E of Weimes [?] ffather In Law to the dutchesse of Munmouth & is generally lamented haveing Constantly Kept 1200 men Employed in [frayed edge of folio spoils eight words]

+The Ld Bellasis haveing Petitioned his Maty hath obteyned leave to goe with A guard Into the Countrey for 3 weeks In faivour of his health being at prsent very much Indisposed

L. c. 823 Aug 16th 1679

London Aug 14th 1679

+The Ld Roberts is Nominated to goe Ambr Into spaine & the Ld Hallifax is to succeed the Duke of Ormond In the Lieftenancy of Ireland the duke being Called home

mr Jennisons pardon is sealed & one is granted for his brother A preist In Newgate also for his ffather being A gent of 800 L p An In yorkshire his ffather & himselfe being Turned Protestants he hath Given In his depositions to mr smith the Councillor to be printed that the papists who Endeavour to put an End to the plott may be silenced

Letters Informe us that the Ld Cheife Justice scroggs hath Recd  
divers Indignities & affronts at severall places Especially Gloucester &  
Bristoll

One mr sands P Ruperts Chaplain spoke severall words abt the Ld  
Chiefe Justice his takeing of Bribes & was motioned In Councill to be  
taken Into Custody but there was another motion made that In Case they  
tooke one they should take the other soe the Matter fell  
+Wee have this further account of elections  
Essex Coll Mildmay & mr Howard that married sr Richd Wisemans daughter  
Hieth [?] sr Edw: Deering Capt Hales  
Tewkesbury sr Henry Capell sr ffrancis Russell  
Reading mr Blagrane mr Knight  
Wickam sr Jo: Burlary mr Lewis

This day dr Busby master of Westminster schoole & all his schollers  
were summoned to appear in st Margretts Church where being placed In their  
pewes & the Coroner & Jury being sate they Enquired Into the death of the  
Bayly formerly mentioned to be Killed by the schollers The Jury found it  
murther & the Witnesses swore agt 4 schollers one proves to be the Ld  
Mordants son, all 4 are Committed to the gatehouse  
+yesterday mr Dawes A Wine Cooper was Chosen sheriffe In place of mr  
Griffith that fined

The dutchesse of Munmouth is soe ill they despaire of her life

The Turks haveing taken A Dutch vessell tooke out all the men save  
3 putting In 33 Turks to Carry her home but those 3 men first violently  
slew the guard & then secured the forecastle where there were 10 Turks  
asleepe Then they seized the steeresman & threw him overboard Then  
they went to the Cabbin where all the Rest of the Turks were asleepe &  
Cutting their Throats made themselves masters of the ship which they  
brought to Cadiz & prsented the 10 Turks they had prisoners to the  
governour who much Commended their vallour

There hath been greate danger at Lisbon of An uproar because the  
Prince Regent would have Imprisoned 4 procurators for Refuseing to  
signe the Continuation of A Tax for A million of Crusadoes

They write from Mosco June 29th that since the disbanding of the  
German Army many officers Come thither for service but they have not  
occasion haveing 3 Armies In the feild Each haveing 100000 men agt the  
Turks

They write from Copenhagen that the sweds had beseiged Elsenborough  
& they were Informed that 6 of their men of warr Encountered 8 sweds &  
made them Retire with the losse of their Admirall A ship of 94 guns  
+ffrom Paris wee understand the peace between the Northerne Crownes is  
Concluded Its Confidently said orders are sent to Mounsr Vivonne to  
make all spanish ships strike to them both at sea & In all fforreign  
Havens

+Letters from the Hague of the 27th Instant say that o[u]r Ambr mr  
sidney desired Audience which he had this morning & made the Proposals  
by word of Mouth & also delivered A writeing which Cheifely Conteyned the  
sincere Inclination of his Maty Inviolably to Keep the Treaty made with  
the states & also to Enter Into A more strict alliance with them

The states haveing lately Convened to Consult whether to Joyne with  
ffrance agt us or to Joyne with us agt the ffrench were at A greate stand  
agt it feareing that if they Joyne with us it may Advance the P of Orange  
to A Kingly power & to Joyne with the ffrench agt us may prove fatall &  
is Contrary to their Conscience to assist A popish prince

L. c. 824 Aug 18th 1679

London Aug 16th 1679

+Wee have this further account of Elections



sr Albans Tho: Blunt Esqr & mr Grinston son to the Master of the Rolls  
Tamworth Tho Thynne Esqr & sr Andrew Hackett  
Lewis [?] Major Edw: Bridger Tho Pelham Esqr  
Cambridge Towne Ld Allington sr Tho: Chickeley  
Berkeley Phillip ffoley Esqre  
Evisham sr ffran: Rushant & Edw Rudge Esqr  
Leicester Jo: Gray & Hen: Beaumont Esqr  
Winchester mr Annesley son to the E of Anglesea & sr Jo Clavery

The Pole In Essex Ended not till yesterday noon when it appeared  
Coll Mildmay had 1000 more votes then any other & mr Honiwood were by 400  
then sr Ehab Harvey or sr Thomas Middleton for whome the d of Albemarle  
stood highly It was A mighty Election In point of Number & severall  
mischeifs had like to have happened, one mr Turner was soe rude that he  
strucke Coll Mildmay on the face & pulled him by the Nose giveing him  
very ill language

+His Maty designes for Newmarket Next weeke

This Morning wee have advice that the society & ffaulcon are safely  
arrived In the downes from East India

On Thursday last A pardon past the greate seale for mr Jennisons  
brother & A 3d person & orders is sent Into the Countrey to suspend the  
Execution of the Rest of the Condemned Preists there being A prospect  
that some of them will make A discovery

The savoy &c is fitted up for Lodging the Kings foot guards & they  
are building stables &c In Hydeparke for the horses

mr dawes that was Chosen sherriffe hath paid his fine & they have  
since Chosen ffrancis Wellington one of the Comrs of the Custome house  
His Maty hath Commanded double guards to be Kept at the Lds doores In  
the Tower

Its Just now Reported sr George Wakeman is Retaken at Rye

L. c. 825 Aug 21st 1679

London 19th Aug 1679

+Wee have this further account of Members Elected

Newcastle tine sr Wm Blacket sr Jo: Anderson  
Newcastle line [?] sr Tho: Bellott Loveston Gower  
Madeston sr Jo: Tufton & Tho: bane Esqr  
Marlbrough Ld Poriece [?] mr Bennet  
Bodmin ffrancis stoneham & Jo dellin Esqrs  
Oxford Broome Wharhood & Wm Wright Esqrs  
shoreham John sheale & Hales Esqr  
Gloucestershire sr Ralph Dutton sr Jo: Guise  
yarmouth In Wight sr Richd Mason & Lemuel Kingdome  
Newtowne sr Jo: Holmes sr Robt Holmes  
Leicestershire Ld sharrad sr Jo: Hartopp  
Woodstocke sr Littleton Osbalston Nich: Bailston Esqr  
Rochester sr Jo: Banks & serjt Barrell the Recorder  
Thetford sr Jos: Williamson & mr Harbourd

At Windsor mr Cary Master of his Matys Buckhounds feasted the Maior  
Aldermen & Burgesses In the Towne hall In A very splendid manner to  
obteyne their Votes yet they have pitched upon mr Winchley & mr George  
starkey for their members who are men that doe not at all please the Court

sr Nathaniell Hearne one of our Aldermen & A very worthy Merchant &  
Member of the late parliamt for dartmouth is dead

sr Thomas Player our Chamberlan is dangerously ill at Tunbridge

Christo Vane Esqr sone of the late sr Henery Vane who lives neer  
Tunbridge haveing Information that some persons were stealeing his deer  
went out attended with some of his servants to oppose them in which action  
one of the servants was Killed & himselfe & others Wounded after which

they Carried off A Bucke & soe Escaped

They write from Vienna Aug 10th they had Advice from Hungary that the Turks in the ffrontiers give greate Cause to the people to feare an Invasion

They write from Nimeghen Aug 19th that o[u]r Ambr Jenkins is gone from thence to Holland leaveing behind him the Reputation of A good Conduct & one that hath Contributed well to the Concludeing the Treaties of the peace

They write from Brussells Aug 18th that the Boores haveing gathered In their Corne begin to be In feares againe because the ffrench begin to make pretences & are fortifying

All our letters from Hamburg &c say that That Citty are under greate apprehensions of the designes of the King of denmarke & the duke of Brandenburg some say they will In Conjunction Endeavour by force to make themselves masters of those 2 places which if gained the dane is to have hamburg & the duke Lubecke

The Hamburgers are Resolved if attacqued to defend themselves to the last haveing greate Confidence In the strength of the place & their sure ffreind the D of Lunenburg who hath an Army of 20000 brave & well disciplined men at their Call The K of denmarke the duke of Croy the ffeild marshall Wedall & other greate officers of the Army went downe the Elbe takeing A view of the Islands & all places as they passed & Repassed which hath much allarmed those people

the Duke of Munmouth last Weeke Crossing the Thames In his Coach neer Windsor the 2 leadeing horses leapt over [?] the fferry boate & had not the Traces been suddenly Cutt had Endangered his life

The Ld Bellasis is still in the Tower & there is like to Continue there being not yet any warrant to the Lieft of the Tower for his delivery The Ld President being as some say soe politickly troubled with the Gout In his hands & feet that he Could not Come to Councill last thursday Nor finds [?] a warrant elsewhere  
+sr Phillip Lloyd who Aspersed dr Oates & Capt Bedlow is Now Removed by order of his Maty from his office of being one of the Clerks of the Councill

L. c. 826 Aug 23d 1679

London Aug 21st 1679

+Wee have this further account of Members Elected  
Gatton sr Nich Carey & Tho Turgiffe Esqr  
Arrundell Ben: Garroway & James Butler Esqrs  
East Grimsted Goodwin Wharton & wm Jephson Esqrs  
Barkshire wm Barker Richd southby Esqrs  
stamford sr Richd Crist & wm Hyde Esqr  
Wooten Basset Lawrence Hyde & st Johns Esqrs  
Notingham Robt Pierpont & Richd slater Esqrs  
Bath sr Rich speake & sr Walter long  
Chippenham sr Edw Hungerford & sam Ash Esqr  
Dorsetshire Tho: strangewayes & Tho: ffreake Esqrs  
Oxford university sr Lionell Jenkins & dr Parrott  
Huntington sidney Watley Als [?] Montague Lionell Walden  
staffordshire sr Walter Baggot sr Jo: Bowyers

Quinbrough Election was not till yesterday where stood sr Edw Hales James Herbert Esqr & mr Glanvile The 2 former were Elected The Electors were only 33 sr Edward had them all mr Herbert 17 & mr Glanvile 16 there is foule play suspected between the 2 last which may occasion some dispute +A Narrative of the Essex Election is printed At the Close of the Election the Ld Grey told the ffreeholders that they had Chose 2 gentleman that to their power would serve their Religion agt Popery & preserve them

from being Enslaved & had done this at their owne Charge which might be A president for other Countries to immitate Adding that formerly some spent 3000 L at an Election & Reimbursed themselves out of the ffreeholders purses, That since his Maty had promised ffrequent Parliamts The way to serve Religion & property would be to Choose unbyassed men & without Charge

Our ffrench letters Continue to Informe us of the severities that King putts on all his protestant subjects They have them out of all offices (though bought) without any Compensation

A protestant woman that was marryed to A papist Not haveing been at Masse since marriage was sentenced to be Bannished but first to doe pennance In prsence of the Hangeman which shee prevented by An Escape but A protestant minester for saying shee did wisely to Avoyd it, is ordered to have the same sentence Executed on him & A gentleman was lately Condemned to the gallies for perswadeing A papist to turne protestant & another hath his Estate Confiscated for the same offence

The ffrench K is prepareing all things very Magnificent for the Wedding the King will have A Cloake Emboydered with gold Lillies the Edges to be of Ermine Containing 27 Ells of velvett

Mounsr Lonvoy his greate Minester of state is soe ill they dispaire of his Recovery [&?] is often vissitted by his Master, Also Marshall Crequi is sicke neer Collogne

Letters from scotland say that 21 of the Rebels there have been Executed who dyed Rather Extenuating their Crimes then Confessing them & some of them Endeavoured to Justify their takeing Armes as Lawfull & to vindicate the Murther of the Archbp of st Andrews but others showeing some signe of sorrow had his Matys pardon

+The late Indulgence granted that nation being not soe ffrankly Recd as Exspected is Countermanded

Tis said the d of Lauderdale hath made his Estate to the Ld Roberts Now E of Carmarden

There is A proclamation Come forth pa[rdon?]ing all persons In the late Rebellion there Except the Murtherers of the late Archbp of st Andrews

+Johnson the Preist In Worcester Goale disownes the petition & declares he will not Confesse soe is ordered to be Executed

Alderman dashwood is dead & soe is mr Gold A greate Merchant & tis said sr Jo: Robinson is dead mr Millington fineing for sheriffe they have Chose mr Jo: ffreind one of the Mannagers of the Excise

+Tis said his Maty staves at Windsor till the 10th sept & then goes with the queen to Newmarkett

Goa In the East Indies is surrendred to the ffrench

L. c. 827 Aug 28th 1679

London 26th Aug 1679

+Wee have this further account of Members Elected

Cirencester sr Robt Atkins & Hen: Powle Esqr

Malmesbury sr Wm Escourt sr James Long

Montgomery Edward Vaughan Esqr

Cambridgshire sr Robert Cotton sr Lavinus Bennett

Cambridg university sr wm Temple sr Tho: Exton

yarmouth Richd Huntington George England Esqrs

salisbury sr Tho Montpesson mr Thistlewaite

old salisbury Ld Colraigne sr Eliah Harvey

stockbridge mr st Johns & mr stroude

Wilton sr Edw: Nicholas & mr Herbert

shropshire sr Vincent Corbett & Richd Newport Esqr

shrewsbury sr Richd Corbett & Edw Kinaston Esqr

darbyshire Ld Cavendish & wm sacheverill Esqr

Harwich sr Tho: Middleton & sr Phill: Parker  
Castle Riseing sr Robt Howard & James Holt Esqr  
Plimpton Jo: Treby & Jo: Polixfen Esqrs  
sussex sr Jo: Pelham & sr Nicholas Pelham  
Lincolnshire sr Tho: Meers & sr Hen Munson  
Eye sr Robt Reeves sr Charles Gandy  
Wallingford mr Barker & wm Lenthall Esqr  
Bedford sr wm ffrancklin & Pawlet sr John Esqr  
Nottinghamshire sr scroop How & Jo: white Esqr  
Dartmouth Jo: Upton & Edward Yard Esqe

last saboth day one Macharta An Irish Preist was taken by sr wm  
Waller & Committed to the Gatehouse

A Councill is to be held to take the Examination of mr Robert Jennison  
& some others who have made A further & greater discovery of the plott

Johnson the preist was on ffriday last at worcester & died stubbornly

The Holland letters tell us that the d of Brandenburgh demands his  
disbursemts of the states & being he hath been forced to surrender his  
Conquests he will not be put off with words but will force his owne  
satisfaction

ffrom Newcastle of the 19th Instant Its advised that about 300  
sayle of Light Colliers are there waiteing for their landing but by  
Reason some of the Keelers have lately made A greate disturbance abt the  
Measureing of Keeles the worke is stopt soe that the whole trade both for  
the Coast & over sea is at A stand

On Thursday last his Maty being A Hawkeing In Buckingham shire  
Returned to Windsor & walkeing Part of the Way In his boots it put him to  
A greate heate soe that at his Comeing to Windsor he found himselfe  
afflicted with A paine at his stomache which with some Cold he had that  
day taken tooke away his stomache soe that he Eate Noe supper & was that  
Night very Restlesse

On ffriday some of his Phisitians were sent for who Advised Bleeding  
which his Maty Refused some Prescribed manna which his maty tooke which  
had A good Effect workeing gently after which he found himselfe pretty  
well Eased from his Paine & tooke some Rest

on satureday he was somewhat ffeavorish & Indisposed but on saboth  
day he found himselfe soe well that he walked Into the Parke but In the  
Evening his feavor Returned & that Evening he tooke Little or noe Rest

On Monday he Continued ill but this morning wee have advice that he  
was very much Indisposed all the last night & Could not take much Rest  
upon which A messenger is Come for dr Middletwaite The 2 dr Needhams & A  
4th Immediately to Repaire to his Maty at Windsor when this Messenger  
Came away his Maty haveing sweated much In the night they were Changeing  
his Linnens Just now wee have advice that his Maty is much better that  
In appearance all danger is over The worst that is now feared is An Ague  
+A proclamation is suddenly Expected out for the Confinement of all  
papists to their Respective dwellings

L. c. 828 Aug 30th 1679

London 28th Aug 1679

+His Maty being not yet Recovered of his Indisposition our feares doe  
still Continue

On the 25th at 4 In the morning the Phisitians directed his Maty to  
be let Blood which was done accordingly, at 8 his Maty vommitted 2 or 3  
times but was very Chearefull

Yesterday morning he had A fitt of An ague but not soe violent as  
the former & his Maty Continued pretty hearty all the day after whether  
his fitt Returned againe this morning wee know not

There is A greate Resort of Lds & greate persons but the ld Chamberlain

is ordered to admitt but few the Kings Bedchamber being soe little that Company is offensive to him

mr Jennison In his Information saith that one mr smith that was his ffathers preist (But since the discovery of the plott Turned Protestant) knowes all he hath deposed to be True aswell as himselfe whereupon A letter was sent to him acquainting him therewith & Inviteing him to Come In & Give his testimony which on promise of Pardon he hath Engaged to doe whereupon last satureday morning his Maty Commanded A particular Messenger to be sent to him with orders to Come up forthwith

mr Jennisons ffather & sister doe Confirme his Testimony & when things are more Ripe 3 persons of quality will Come In with Indeniable Testimonies In vindication of those already Given by mr Oates mr Bedloe &c

This day the Councill mett according to their summons to Consult about the discovery mr Jennison hath made but the Result is not knowne

Two of the 4 Ruffians vizt Carney & Wilson will Come In

They write from Paris Aug 25th that letters Arrived there from de Estrees that he with his squadron of 14 men of Warr &c was Come before Martinico from whence he Intended for st Christophers to demand Restitution of the English for dammages done to the ffrench Inhabitting there

+They write also that 2 of his ships passing neer the Castle of Nevis without saluteing it the governour discharged some guns from the fort upon them whereupon the said ships fired so furiously upon the said fort that In 8 houres time they levelled it with the ground

Our letters from ffrance continue to tell us of the hard usage of the protestants there & that they have seized the protestant Hospitall at Montpellier & Its Revenues & take Children by force from their Parents to Educate them in the Romish Religion

By the diamond ffregott which touched at Tangier this day 5 weeks wee have account that the ffrench gallies at Genoa Under Mounsr Vivonne are designed for Tunis to Joyne with Mounsr de quesne before Tunis to Ratify the peace with that place & thence for Tripoli to demand satisfaction there & tis thought that the ffrench haveing 12 ships & 28 Gallies will Attacke the Towne which is very ffeazible at this time they being In greate feares of the ffrench Comeing upon them

+They write from Rochelle that there Arrived An Expresse order from the King forbidding the Turks to bring any prizes with them Into any of his Ports to sell them or any of their Ladeing soe the Turks that brought the English ship In thither must depart which will be hard for them to doe there being but 2 men & A boy Aboard her

+They write from hamburgh that Its Generally Beleevd the peace between the Northerne Crownes will be suddenly Concluded

This day the sessions began at the old bayly & tis said the tryall of the 4 schollars that killed the Bailiffe at Westminster is put off till the next sessions A pardon was there Read this morning for 37 persons Convicted of severall Crimes

+Duke Hamiltons Eldest son is married to the Lady Arbella Kentworth An Heiresse & A mighty fortune

L. c. 829 (1) sept 1st 1679

London 30th Aug 1679

+On Wednesday night his Maty slept very well & was up on Thursday but that afternoon he went to Rest againe & tooke the Jesuitts powder which putt of the fitt That on Thursday Night he slept Indiferent well & was yesterday In very good Temper soe tis hoped his Ague hath left him

Tis said his Maty Intends for whitehall Tuesday Next for though he mist his fitt yet his Phisitians Judge that Windsor Aire is too sharpe for him at this time of the year

The d of Albemarle is taken all In the same Nature that his Maty was  
 Wee have this further Account of Elections  
 North Alderton sr Gilbert Gerrard sr Hen Calverley  
 Aldbrough sr Bryan stapleton sr Godfrey Copley  
 Thrusle [?] sr wm ffrancklin & mr sanderson  
 Norfolke sr Jo Hubert sr Henery Glenne  
 Ipswich Gilbert Linfield & Jo: Wright Esqrs  
 Pomfret sr Jo downey & sr Patience ward  
 Hindon sr Richd How & his son  
 somersetshire sr wm Portman sr George speake  
 Tiverton sr Hen fford sr sam ffoote  
 Tavistocke sr ffran Drake & mr Russell  
 Grampound mr Tanner [?]& mr Hewle  
 Portesmouth Coll Legg & Coll Norton  
 Cardiganshire mr Vaughan Cardigan mr Hector Phillipps  
 Carmarthen shire Ld vaughan Carmarthen mr Anthony vaughan  
 Totnes sr Edw seymour mr seymour  
 stafford sr Tho: Wilbraham & sr Tho: Armstronge  
 Rippon mr stearne & mr Wansford  
 Heydon sr Hugh Bethell & mr Guy  
 Windsor mr Cary & mr Prawney & not mr starkey & mr Winwood & as was Expected  
 Calne [?] Double Returned by the Maior &c sr George Hungerford & mr  
 Allionell Duckett by the Commoners mr Hen Cleffers & mr Jo: Koreford  
 st Edmondbury A double Returne by the Maior &c sr Tho Harvey & mr Jermin  
 The Commoners Chose sr Tho: Cullum & mr Rotheram  
 Marlborough A double Returne the Maior &c have Chose Ld Bruce & mr Bennet  
 The Commoners Chose sr James Hayes & mr Wildman

The Councill of scotland have published A proclamation dated 14th  
 August Appointing 17 persons to take bond of the Rebels In the severall  
 shires never to bear Armes agt his Maty or his Authority & those 17  
 Comissioners to proceed agt those Rebels that doe not Come In to give  
 them their bond as aforesaid within the time lymitted by his Matys late  
 proclamation L. c. 829 (2) of Indempnity with the utmost severity  
 the law doth allow, and the Murtherers of the Archbp of st Andrews are to  
 be hanged In Effigie In all shires In scotland that they may the Easier  
 be discovered & Apprehended & his Maty hath promised A Reward of 10000  
 scotch Marks to those that shall take them dead or alive

The peace between the Northerne Crownes is looked on to be Concluded  
 & these following perticulers are Already published vizt That the K of  
 Denmarke shall Restore Landscroon Elsenbrugh Gotland Rugen & wismar In  
 Considderation of which the sweds to pay Toll In the sound besides which  
 the K of Denmark is to have A Considderable summe of Money In hand The  
 King of Denmarke is to Restore the d of Holstein all his Counties In the  
 same Condition they are Now In

ffrom Antwerpe they write that the Lady Bellasis is lately Arrived  
 there In An English yatcht to Give his R Highs A vissitt

ffrom Brussells they write that the Lady Ann & the Lady Isabella  
 are Arrived there but In their voyage were very sicke

Tis said dr Oates & mr Bedlow have been Adviseing with the Councill  
 about draweing up A Charge agt the L C Justice scroggs to be prsented to  
 the K & Councill that it may be In A Readiness agt the sitting of the  
 Parliamt

The Ld Cheife Justice Came yesterday from the Circuit to Windsor  
 but what Reception he had wee Know not

5 Tuns & 20 hogsheads of ffrench wines were lately staved at  
 southampton

+On Thursday mr Oates accused 2 persons at the Councill table The one of

Bribery & the other for Betraying his Trust but the Councill deferred the heareing thereof till the sitting of the Parliamt

one mr Pitts Comeing out of Hampshire on Thursday Night last his horse startled with the Thunder & hee fell A Curseing The horse ran away with him & threw him & broke his Necke

L. c. 830 sept 4th 1679

London sept 2d 1679

+His Matys distemper has quite left him & is In the Judgment of all his Phisitions past all daunger haveing had Noe ffitts since ffriday last 2 A Clocke there Remaining only some breakeing out since his Recovery His Maty hath since his Recovery Conferred the honour of Knighthood on dr Michelwaite one of his Phisitions

Last Night the duke of yorke landed at Harwich from whence he Arrived at Whitehall at 2 A Clocke this Morning from whence after some small time of Refreshment he proceeded to Windsor to Waite upon his Matye & Its said will Returne speedily to fflanders

A Comtee of Councill have ordered A Proclamation to be Issued out Calling In mr Carney mr Wilson Capt Levallen & mr Broghall accused by mr Jennison to be the 4 Ruffians Employed by the Papists to Assasinate his sacred Matye at Windsor who are Comanded to surrender themselves within 40 dayes or be Esteemed Traitors

On sunday last severall of the Kings Messengers & tis said sr Wm Waller was with them went to the ffrench Ambrs house his Excy being with his Maty at Windsor & about 11 or 12 at Noon demanded of the Porter to goe Into the Chappell where they were then at Masse to search for some English Papist preist & other English that were at Masse, But Notice being given severall of the Ambrs servants stood upon their Guard with drawne swords & swore they should not Enter neither the house nor Chappell if they did be it at their Perills which was thought not Convenient to doe but to waite some other opportunity

And In the afternoon sr wm Waller with the Assistance of Watermen & Constables seized on severall boates with passengers to the Number of above 60 persons & made them pay 5 d [?] Apeece for Transgressing the Lds day according to the late Act of parliamt which Happned well for the Poor of Westminster parish Amongst whome it was distributed

Wee have only this further account of Elections  
Hartfordshire sr Charles Cesar sr Jonathan Kent  
Hartford sr Wm Cooper sr Tho: Byde

At the Election for Hartfordshire many quakers Appeared who Refusing to swear they had 40 s p An within the said County Clear of all Reprizalls were not Admitted to Poll

They write from Rome August 12th that the pope hath sent to the Reliefe of the persecuted English Catholicks 60000 Crownes & is willing to Contribute thereunto out of his yearly meanes

They write from Wesell sept 1st that Marshall Crequi who hath been hitherto ill hath Recd orders from the ffrench K to follow the Army The officers say they are to Leave those Parts Next Month & In order thereunto the Brandenburgh troops have already taken possession of Rees Emericke & Cleves

Letters from spain say that Court is highly Incensed agt the dutch for not delivering Maastricht & tis thought there will be A Rupture

The ffrench K is drawing A greate body of his Army Into ffrance & they write from Lisle they will be drawne together to Compose A New Army to be Comanded by the duke of Orleans It is not Knowne what the designe is

ffrom Amsterdam wee have had former letters of the sickly times there but now they tell us that the Burialls decrease

ffrom Brussells wee hear sr George Wakeman is Arrived there & is

Carrassed by the Papists In A most Magnificent Manner

sr Jo: Peal is Chose Alderman of London In Roome of sr Nath Heine [?] deceased

The duke of Albemarle is very sicke of this new distemper & severall phisitions goe downe to Newhall to him It is the same with the Kings +The Ld Cheife Justice scroggs In his Returne home Called at Windsor but did not see the King

L. c. 831 sept 6th 1679

London sept 4th 1679

+Wee have this ffather account of Elections

Appleby Anthony Lowther & Jo Tufton Esqrs

Westmorland Jo: Lowther & Allen Bellingham Esqrs

Newcastle tyne sr Wm Blackett sr Ralph Carr

suffolke sr sam: Barnardiston & sr Wm spring

sudbury sr Jervis Elwayes & Jervis Elwayes Esqr

stening sr Jo fflagg & mr Tufton

Oxfordshire sr Jo: Cope & Tho: Hoard Esqr

The Election for Middlesex is at Brainford this day whither the Ld Gray of Warke is gone who went hence this morning with 3 Led horses In state & sr Robert Payton on his left hand followed by 10000 ffreeholders well mounted & tis Reported sr Wm Roberts will meet them at Brainford townes End with 1000 ffreeholders well Mounted & that they will Carry it from any other

Next Tuesday they Choose for Westminster where tis thought sr wm Poultney & sr Phill Mathews will Carry it

+On Tuesday night last being the day of the d of yorks Arrival at Whitehall there was A great Bonfire made In the strand Neer somersethouse which drew A Greate Resort of yong men to it They Enquireing wherefore the same was made & Receiveing noe other Answer then that it was their pleasure soe to doe The yong men before the fire was well Kindled taking it for granted that it was made only for Joy of the duke of yorkes safe Comeing Into England Immediately Kicked it abt the street & would not suffer it to burne

sr Jonas Moor surveyer of the ordinance was last tuesday night hanged in the Tower all the Guns being discharged as for such persons is Customary but many Reported it for Joy of the dukes Arrivall

On Tuesday last the Ld Maior sent the swordbearer to Windsor to Congratulate his R Highneses Arrivall Into England

mr Jennisons ffather is Come to towne & hath been with dr Oates to Conferr with him abt his sons Confession & what he had best doe abt his owne discovery

They write from Algeirs Dated August 6th that 6 prizes were brought In there whereof 3 Are west India men & Letters from Genoa say they had Advice that the Turks had taken & Carryed Into Algeirs an English ship Called the William & samuell James Pavers Master & 40 men aboard her

They write from Brussells sept 6th that the ffrench Exceedingly Enlarge & ffortify Dunkerke Intending to make it the Cheifest tradein[g] place In all Europe

They write from Paris sept 1/11 That Marshall Crequi is Worse then Ever his Wound he Recd before Treves breakeing out againe & that M: Humieres went thence on the 10th to beseige Hauberge & Bilch that belong to the d of Lorraine

Major ffreind one of the ffarmers of the Excize lately Chose sheriffe hath paid his fine & they have Chosen one mr Child an Apothecary In Leadenhall street

The Match is Renewing between the K of sweden & the K of denmarkes sister but some discurse that A marriage is Now proposed by the K of



sweden with the lady Ann 2d Daughter to the d of yorke

sr Richd Chiverton the Antientest Alderman of London is dead

The d of Brandenburg very much stomachs the states Answer & is bringeing his forces Into A body & will have A better Reply

+They write from Hamburg Dated sept 5th that there was Arrived In the Elbe 18 ships from Greenland with the product of 82 whales but 2 of those ships were falne Into the hands of some brandenburgh Capere for fear of whome some other of their Greenland ships are put In at Amsterdam & have permission there to melt their Oyles

+All danger of his Matys distemper is In all probability over & he holds his Resolution for Newmarket

L. c. 832 sept 8th 1679

London sept 6th 1679

+His Maty is perfectly recovered of his Indisposition & was yesterday at Tennis & the other day tooke severall Turnes In the Parke & is very Chearefull

Wee have this ffather account of Elections

Middlesex sr Robt Payton sr Wm Roberts

Worcester sr ffran: Winnington mr street

Norwich Ld Padson Alderman Bridges

southampton County Ld Russell sr ffran Rolls

Rye sr Jo: Dorrell Tho: ffreeman Esqr

Christchurch sr Tho: Clargis mr Banks

Aldbrough suffolke mr Bence mr Currance

Halsemore surrey sr Wm Moor mr dunslow

Ilchester mr stroude mr speake

Lestithiell sr Jo: Cary Waller Kendall Esqr

West Loo Coll Trelawny mr Trelawny

East Loo sr Jonathan Trelawny Hen seymour Esqr

Lancaster sr Hugh piper mr Coriton

Bodmin mr Roberts mr Glenn

ffoy sr Jonathan Rasliley & Jo Trefry Esqr

Tregony mr Boscomen mr Trevanian

st Ives mr Nosworthy mr Nosworthy ffather & son

Rutlandshire sr Abell Barker since dead mr sharrads

+Last Tuesday mr samuell Pepis was at Windsor to Kisse his Matys hand who was told by the ld Chamberlain he wondered he should presume to Come to Court before he had Cleared himsef being Charged with Treason who Replied that he Doubted not next Tearme when his tryall Comes on to make his Innocency appear as clear as the sun at Noon day & soe parted but by faivour of some Courtiers was brought Into his Matys presence but his Maty Turned from him with A ffrowne sheweing his great dislike at his appeareing there

The d of Munmouth being last Wednesday Hunting A stagg In Windsor fforrest & In Close pursuite the stagg being brought to A Bay he left over A Hedge with A drawne sword In his hand but there being A ditch on the other side his horse fell with him & In the fall the sword ran through the horses Necke that he dyed & the duke hardly Escaped the stagg which made at him

mr child hath paid his fine for sheriffe & yesterday was Chosen sr Jeremy snow dr Goldsmith & Banker In Lumberd street

+Letters from Marselles say the ship 2 Brothers William Carter Master An Interloper bound for Guyney was Carryed to Algeir also the ship Centurion & one from Kingsale & one from England Those 2 last bound for Rochelle & one from stockton to Bayonne & the next letters will give account of More

The william & samuell Mentioned In my last was A New ship of 26 Guns bound from Amsterdam to Cadiz & is the ship formerly mentioned to

be An East India ship blowne up In ffight, who being Attacked by the Algerines Cleared her selfe & upon A 2d Attacke blew up & lost 22 men by that accedent & It Cannot be immagined how it Came Except the Gunner heareing the Turks Cry quarter thought it had been his owne men & did it Rather then to be taken

Letters from scotland of the 22d August say that there hath been A very Terrible Earthquake which began abt Lithgow bridge & Continued 18 miles till A little beyond ffalkerke That It had Mouldred 2 Greate Hills & divers Colepitts were fallen In & had done Greate hurt on the other side of the River &c

+Also that the Lady Christian Hamilton had Killed her uncle the Ld fforrester with his owne sword & was Condemned to be beheaded but some write that it was done In her owne defence & it was hoped his Matys mercy would Interpose in her behalfe

Yesterday mr ffox steward to the d of Norfolke was seen by some workemen to take up out of the Ground belonging to Arrundell house A greate quantity of Gold & severall letters soe he is Committed to prison & the papers secured till the sitting of the Parliamt they haveing Relation to the plott sr wm Waller hath seized abt 1500 popish books In Holbourne some are In answer to the Answer of the 5 Jesuitts The New plott mr Langhorne's memoires &c

Tis said the d of Ormond will Come over before the Parliamt & Ld hallifax goe In his Roome

Most of the Courtiers have been to waite upon his R H & to Kisse his hand his R H Refuseing it now save [?] sr Tho Armstrong from whome he Turned away suddenly & lookd not at him

+The dukes Lodgings are prepareing at Windsor & st Jameses & the dutchesse is Exspected & Tis surmized the Duke will not Returne

L. c. 833 [no date at top]

London Sept 9th 1679

+His Maty Blessed be god Continues very well at Windsor & Intends for Newmarket on the 20th instant

Yesterday Came out In print A New pamphlet Called the Domesticke Inteligence In which were these words

On Thursday last the Citty Deputed sr George Jeffries to Goe to Windsor to Complent his R highnese upon his safe Arrivall

sr Thomas Player Attended by some Considerable Citizens waited on the Ld Maior & Court of Aldermen & haveing the Printed Paper In his hand delivered himselfe In very Apt Expressions Reflecting on the Danger the Citty was In & desired their Continuall Care over it Adding that he & the Citizens with him desired to Know if his Ldpp had ordered sr George Jeffries to goe to Windsor as In that Printed paper was Exprest which his Ldpp disowned & then sent for sr George who told them he did goe to Windsor to pay his perticuler Respects but not by order from the Citty whereupon sr Thomas desired that the Author of the Libell might be taken Into Custody & punished according to the statute for printing false newes &c

Letters from Paris of the 3d say that the peace between sweden & Denmarke is Concluded The dane Keeps his pretensions to Hamburggh but Returnes all he has got of the five sweds to pay halfe toll in the sounds The Inhabitants of schonen are Troubled to Come under the Crowne of sweden againe The sweds reportedly will send them to ffinland lapland & Liefland & people schonen with others

They are makeing greate Preparations at Brussells for A day of Rejoyceing upon the late Marriage of their King which is Intended to be with greate magnificence

Letters from spaine say the Galleons from the spanish West Indies

are Come Into Cadiz without the New spaine ffleet The Galleons have 22 millions of peeces of 8 Registred upon the Merchants account & 900.000 upon the Kings account the King is dayly Exspected where the King hath more upon his account

This day In place of mr Jeremy snow who fined yesterday was Chosen mr Edward Lee one who fined 5 yeares since which fine if he hold will be Repaid out of the Chamber of London

They write from Coppenhagen sept 9th that the Kings ffleet hath mett with A most violent storme Attended with Thunder & Lightning Neer Bornholme by which one of their greatest ships Called the Northerne lyon Mounted with 84 brasse guns Commanded by Admirall Spaen was stranded & most of the men lost The Admirall himselve hardly Escaping & lyes Dangerously sicke

They write further from Paris that they heard advice that Mounsr dee Estrees was Arrived at Martinico In the West Indies whence after some stay he setts sayle for An Island In the gulph [of] Honduras which though at prsent uninhabited will prove A Considerable post for the designes the ffrench K hath In those parts, de Estrees Intended to be backe at Martinico the midst of october following

At Brest are 4 men of warr more fitting out 2 Carry 80 guns & 2 60 guns Each & also severall other ships fitting out at Rochfort but the designe not yet Knowne

The Discourse is That the d of yorke will stay In England & that Coll Churchhill who Came over with him is sent to Paris to Complemt the new Married queen from whence he goes for Brussells to attend on the dutchesse & the Ladies Ann & Isabella who are shortly Exspected to Returne for England

The peace is fully Concluded between the Malecontents In Hungary who shall have free Exercize of their Religion & all their Rights & priveledges Not before Enjoyed soe the Emperor being ffree on that side they are the better Enabled to defend themselves from the danger of the ffrench which Notwithstanding the peace seems to Threaten him strasburgh being In greate feares of the ffrench Army that head that way with some seeming pretences to see the Bp of strasburgh settled In his Right

The City of London being under many feares & Jealousies the Leiftenancy are ordered to meet to morrow In order to the Doubling of their guards

[Some words and figures appear in another hand on outside of letter.]

L. c. 834 sept 11th 1679

[This letter is an almost exact copy of most of L. c. 833.]

L. c. 835 sept 13th 1679

London 11th sept 1679

+Yesterday began the Election at Westminster where stood sr Wm Waller sr Wm Poultney sr Phillip Mathews sr Jo: Cutler & mr Withers A Councillor The severall Parties horse & ffoot Appeared In most Parts of the Cittie & at last drew Into Tuthill ffeilds Into their severall Bodies & In view of sr Wm Waller had two to one agt all & next him sr Wm Poultney There were severe Reflections throwne on all 4 by Each opposite Party, They adjourned Into Westminster hall & began to Pole but the people were soe Rude that they broke In upon them soe they adjourned the Poll till this morning & are Polling In good order Its thought the Poll will last 4 or 5 dayes but that the 2 first will Carry it

Wee have this further account of Elections  
Worcestershire Thomas ffoley & smith sands Esqr  
Knaresbrough sr Tho: slingsby & Thomas stockdale Esqr  
Hull sr Mich Wharton & Tho: Gee Esqr  
Kent sr Vere ffane & Coll deering

Herefordshire Ld scudamore & sr Herbert Crofts  
Hereford Bidstocke Harford & Paull ffoley Esqrs  
Bridgnorth sr Tho: Whitmore & sr Wm Whitmore  
st Michaells sr Jo: st Aubin & Hen Burlace Esqr  
Weebley Coll Jo: Burch & Capt Booth

His Maty is displeas'd at the Carriage of the Borough of Windsor In the manangement of their late Election

The Kings Maty is very well & there is at Windsor A greate Court since the dukes Arrivall

The Liefttenancy of London upon A meeting apprehending noe grounds to Alter the guards have ordered them to be Continued only 2 companies Every night as it hath been lately but the Constables of Every ward haveing been summoned before the Ld Maior he gave them A strict Charge to Keep up their full number of Watchmen

There is A proclamation Come forth dated at Windsor the 8th Instant Commanding Capt Levalley Carnay, Brahall & James Wilson to surrender themselves before the 20th of october there haveing been Information given upon oath by which there is Just Cause to suspect them to be the 4 persons Contracted with to assassinate his Maty at Windsor

+His Maty promises 100 L to any that shall discover any one of them & if they shall Come In to Render themselves, Confesse & discover he will pardon him or them for their owne offence

ffrom fforreign Parts wee have advice that upon Advice of A greate defeate the Turks had Recd of the Muscovites the Grand seignor was soe Enraged at the Grand Vizier that he would have Immediately beheaded him but the mignon [?] Interposeing prevented him

They write from Naples that there is A scarsity of all manner of provisions The Haile & Wind haveing spoyled their vineyards & the Bandits are soe Numerous that the people are afraide to goe out of their houses to looke after their Corne

Also In scicily 400 desperate Messineses Ravageing up & downe the Countrey have Killed the Comissaries & doe at prsent prevent any provisions being brought to Messina by land soe that they have noe other provision then what Comes from Calabria

They write from Paris that upon Approval of the M: de Humeries with the ffrench Army neer strasburgh that Citty sent to Paris 4 of their Principall Members to begg his Maty to passe by all that had happened In the late warr & to Remaine their ffreinds how acceptable this submission may be is not yet Knowne most beleeeving his Maty hath A Reall designe agt that Citty which good words alone will not di[vert?]

They write from the Hague that the P of O[range] has been in the Assembly of the states of Holland & Goes for Breda to meet the Princesse Mounsr Troupe Capt of his Highness horse guards is dead & soe is the Heer Ailour Lieft Genll & Admirall of West ffreizland & P Manore [?] hath been dangerously ill but he is now much better

There are Greate Preparations at Newmarkett for Reception of his Maty who is Exspected there the 20th [?] Instant & tis said the duke of yorke will attend him

Tis now the Conjecture of the Best Inteligences that notwithstanding all Reports to the Contrary his R Highness will depart from England In A few dayes

L. c. 836 sept 15th 1679

London sept 13th [?] 1679

+Yesterday very strange & surprizeing Newes Came from Windsor That his Maty was pleased to order the d of Munmouth to depart the 3 Kingdoms the Reasons whereof are soe variously Reported that wee forbear to give account thereof as yet The Duke hath Already Begun to Pack up his goods

at Windsor & at the Cockpitt In order as It is said to goe to Hambrough  
A yatcht being prepared for that purpose, His Maty hath likewise taken  
away all his Commissions yet Its hoped that before his Departure some  
Mitigation may be found through the Intercession of some Greate persons  
The said duke being gone this morning to Windsor some say by order of his  
Maty what the Issue will be is much Exspected the people are generally  
troubled at it

Order is also given that sr Tho: Armstrong be bannished the Kings  
prsence & the Court forever

His R Highnese as tis said Intends for fflanders within A weeke or  
ffortnight at ffarthest soe doth not accompany his Maty to Newmarket  
The Ld President at his goeing Into the Countrey & at his Returne was  
guarded with 30 men well Mounted & Armed to prevent any designes that  
might be attempted upon him by the papists

In Ghent Newes was brought that o[u]r King was Certainly dead  
whereupon severall ffamilies of Papists were prepareing to Come over  
but Comeing to take shipping their Expectation was ffrustrated by  
Contrary Advice

Wee have this ffurther account of Elections  
Lesthard [?] sr Jonathan Trelawny John Butler Esqr  
Devonshire sr wm Courtney & mr Rolls  
Clithero sr Ralph Aston sr Tho: stringer  
Lincolnshire Ld Castleton sr Robt Carr  
Boston sr Anthony Jerby sr Wm Ellis  
Grimsly wm Broxholme George Pelham Esqrs  
Retford sr Wm Nevill sr Wm Hickman  
Wells Edward Berkely Wm Coward Esqrs  
Drotwich Hen: Coventry samll sands Esqrs  
Beverley sr Jo: Hotham & Michaell Wharton Esqr  
Downton sr Jos: Ash Maurice Bucklam Esqr  
Lime Thomas Moor Henery Henley Esqrs  
Corsecastle sr Nath Napier Nath Bond Esqr  
Andover sr Robt Henley Jo: Pawlett Esqre  
Newport In Wight sr Robt dillington Jo: Lee Esqr  
Bristoll sr Jo: Knight sr Robt Cann

mr Edmund Lee haveing sworne himselfe off they have Chosen for  
sheriffe mr simon Lewes of London Linnen draper there were many for mr  
Jenks A linnen draper but upon the Poll mr Lewes & had the most voyces

This day at the Common Councill to Chose A New sheriffe sr Thomas  
Player made Another Patheticke speech Recounting many things past  
Relating to the Plott & the prsent dangers new threatening the Citty &  
therefore prayed the guards might be doubled & greate Care taken the  
Ld Maior hath promised to Call the Lieftenancy againe on Thursday next

They are still Polling for Westminster & tis said will not have  
done till the latter End of Next Weeke

Letters from Coppenhagen of the 12th say that King is sending forth  
12 men of Warr Into the River Elbe to stop all ships passing that River  
to or ffrom Hamburgh & by letters from Hamburgh of the 18th wee understand  
they are much concerned & Apprehend themselves In danger & are provideing  
for their defence In makeing New ffortifications & Raiseing horse

Untill the peace Can be Actually Concluded betwixt sweden &  
denmarke they have agreed upon A Cessation of Armes upon severall  
Articles to continue till the Consumation be Compleated at schonen

Letters of the 21th Instant from strasburgh say that the ffrench  
Intendant In Alsatia ordered the Cheife Inhabitants of the Cittyes in  
that Province to Repaire to Paris & there take an Oath of Alleigance to  
that King

Also that the ffrench are abt to beseige Binch & Hamburgh  
(all left unconquered In Lorraine) & when taken to demolish them,

Jennisons Narrative of the plott is now printed & Next weeke will be  
published

+Its discoursed as if 6 greate persons were In the Kings disfaiavour

[Outside of letter is almost covered with figures in another hand.]

L. c. 837 sept 18th 1679

London sept 16th 1679

+The discourse of the Towne hath been these 5 dayes upon the d of  
Munmouth In Relation to the Circumstances he Lyes under at prsent with  
which the people seem generally Concerned wishing him all the Happiness  
that may be & Indeed he seems now more Popular then formerly

Various are the Reports Concerning him that which seems to Come  
Neerest Truth is that his Maty had Information that In his late  
sickness divers persons had conference with that duke upon Matters  
(which he seemed to Indulge) much displeasing him & he Immediately sent  
for the Duke where after some discourse his Maty Commanded his  
Commissions from him & he to withdraw out of the Kingdome which he Recd

liberties & defend the Protestant Religion with his life & also Charged them to be Carefull of the Citty, After which they Kissed his Matys hand his R: Highs being all this time at his Matys Elbow They offered to Kisse his hand also but his Highness Refused them whilst his Maty was there but afterwards all of them Kissed his Hand Except one after which haveing Refreshed themselves they Returned home by 9 A Clocke the same night

The ffrench K hath given order to all his merchants to Entertaine A 3d part more men aboard their vessells & he will pay them to the End he may have seaman Enough brought up to serve upon occasion

A pardon is depending at the signet office to be passed for the d of Lauderdale

+His Maty & the whole Court Comes to Towne to morrow & Goes In A day or two to Newmarkett

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

L. c. 838 sept 20th 1679

London 18th sept 1679

+Yesterday mr John smith late A Romish Preist & perticularly to old mr Jennisons family was before the Councill & his depositions taken by mr Justice Warcup Read, all which he owned The Ld Chancellor asked him if those depositions Contayned all he had to say he Answered In the Negative saying his Maty haveing by A perticuler messenger Commanded him up so he had Reserved something more of very Greate Moment which he Craved Leave to Communicate to his Maty alone which he doubted not but would give his Maty good satisfaction upon which they Replyed that his Request was modest & his Maty should be acquainted therewith

mr Jennisons depositions are in Print being 12 sheets Last Evening his Maty Returned to whitehall

There is A Report that the E of sunderland one of the secretaries of state hath delivered to his Maty some papers which In an Extrary manner Relate to the ffather discovery of the Plott & persons Concerned therein

One Talbott A great Jesuite who hath been long Concerned In the Plott being A prisoner In Ireland is lately bayled out & is gone for ffrance

Two or 3 Jesuitts are lately brought into Newgate & will suddenly Receive their tryall

The Report that all the aldermen Kissed the dukes hand At Windsor proves A mistake for the Ld Maior sr Tho Allen sr Robt Clayton sr Patience Ward Alderman Moor sr Wm Pritchard Ald smith & sr Richd How did not

But sr Wm Turner sr George Waterman sr Robt Hanson sr Robt Viner sr Robt Chaplin sr Jos shelden sr Robt Jeffries sr Jo: Peake & sr Chapman Kissed his hand

They are still Polling at Westminster the Election for southwerke is next Wednesday & for London the 6th october

serjt Barnell who was Chosen for Rochester being dead A new writt is ordered to Choose another

mr Lyman Lewes last Chose sheriffe stands

Tis very much discoursed that sr stephen ffox will be make Ld Treasurer

Wee have advice by Venice that on the 29th August last there Arose A most Terrible Hurricane In Germany which blew up severall people which were Moweing & Carts laden with hay & the oxen Into the Aire Overturning many Pallaces & howses from the very ffoundations bloweing the Bells out of the steephill A good distance off Carrying all the Materialls of the Pallaces &c Into the Aire Wounding & Killing many persons & destroying many Cattle The Aire was filled with peeces of Walls Timber boards Trees Men Women Children Cattle vessells & Whatever Esle stood In its passage

This very same day was the Earthquake In scotland & much harme Done

In England by Thunder & Lightening

Our Letters from strasburgh say that the ffrench have taken Hauberge & Binche which was all Remaining to the D of Lorraine of all his Countrey

Our letters from Italy say those princes have Joyntly offered A greater summe of Money to the D of Mantua not to Part with Cassall then the ffrench K is to give for it but o[u]r ffrench letters tell us that it was As good as Concluded that the ffrench K should have it

Letters from hamburg of the 19th Instant say That they had Recd Newes of A greate Rebellion Contrived at Mosco agt the Czar wherein many Clergy men & Noblemen were Concerned

+This day A greate foot Race was Run from London to Barnet between Whipping Tom & Bullen Tom got the Prize There is A pardon ordered for the d of Lauderdale with the Word Raptum [?] Inserted therein

This day the Lieftenancy mett abt doubling the guards but sr Tho: Player not being there nothing was done The d of munmouth hath summoned In all persons who have any demand of money upon him & his stewards are paying them off, The hamburg merchants have sent to his grace to accept of their Councill house which he thankfully accepted, Tis thought he will goe from Hence on Munday for Hamburg & thence for Berlin the Court of the Elector of Brandenburg & when he is gone tis said the d of yorke will soon follow but not before

This morning his Maty was In A Comtee of the Privy Councill where it was ordered that A greate Councill should be Called to morrow abt Enquireing Into the discovery of A new plott or the Carrying on of the old one

L. c. 839 sept 22d 1679

London sept 20th 1679

+His Matye looks very well yet Walkeing out yesterday morning Early Into the parke found the Aire Cold which made him Returne Ere he got to the Pall Mall yesterday his Matys Phisitians were Called before the Councill to give their opinions abt his Matys Intended Journey to Newmarkett which they did Conclude was not safe for him upon which Its put off for 10 dayes when Its thought It will be put off wholly the Cold Aire strengthening Every day more & more

This day his Maty went to Woollidge to see A ship lately Launched there & Returned

The d of Munmouth is frequently with his Maty & there appears Countenances as formerly betwixt them by which tis supposed his Matye is not soe much displeasd as he is Rendred by some to be but Rather some Reason of state which to the Wisdome of his Matye seems Convenient to Commend his withdrawing at prsent & on Wednesday next he goes for Utricht In Holland the Place formerly mentioned being thought not soe Convenient

The d of yorkes voyage to Brussells holds also & that he will take his Children with him

Wee have this further account of Elections  
Cheshire sr Robt Cotton henery Booth Esqr  
Cornwall sr Richd Edgecombe ffrancis Roberts Esqr  
Plimouth sr Jo: Maynard mr sparks  
Lincolnshire sr Wm Ellis sr Jo: Newton  
Dorchester ffran: Hollis Nich Gold Esqrs  
shaftesbury mr Merry mr stringer  
Milburne Jo: Hunt Henery Butler Esqrs  
Beer Alston sr Jo: Trevor sr Wm Bastard  
Cricklade hungerford Dunch & Edm: Webb Esqrs  
Monmoth shire sr Jo: Wynn  
Pembrooke shire sr Hugh Owen  
Pembrooke Arthur Owen Esqr



Haverford west Tho: Owen Esqr  
Denbigh shire sr Tho: Middleton

They have done Polling at Westminster sr Wm Poultney & mr Wilkins are Returned members which was proclaimed this night at Temple Barr & sr Wm Waller lost it by 105 votes

The D of Lauderdale's Pardon is for all Crimes until the 30th of August last

There are 5 or 6 more pardons passing by which it seemes A thing out of question that the Parliamt will sit at the time

Our last letters from Paris say that the french K was making great preparations for some great designe having made 50000 Bombes of 300 lb weight & hath likewise at worke 200 Carpenters to make small Bridges to Carry Waggons over Rivers as also 80 boates laden with shovells Pickaxes spades for sieges &c his designe is Judged agt Italy

Richard Talbott was to have been generall of the papist forces In Ireland & got his liberty there upon 30000 L Bayle & is fled Into france  
The Lady maynard Dyed this weeke

Wee have Advice that the Bilboa Merchant A small vessell of 80 tuns is taken by the Turks but the men Escaped In their long Boate  
+Here is published A Booke Conteyning 9 sheets Called A discourse of the Peerage & Jurisdiction of the Lds spirituall In Parliamt Endeavouring to prove that they have noe Right to Claime any Jurisdiction for Capitall matters In Answer to A booke Affirmeing the Contrary

The Councill have taken notice of 2 Books that are lately printed to Confute the plott one Entituled the summary of the Plott & the other some queries to the Protestants

+yesterday mr John smith was according to his Request In private with his Matye Neer 2 houres at his takeing leave his Matye Commanded sr Thomas Doberman to take perticular Care that A perticular pardon as large & Ample as his Matye Could give should be forthwith prepared for him Notwithstanding he was Inserted In mr Jennisons pardon before His Matye was observed to say to mr smith that something he had Imparted was new to him & he would take Care he should be safe In his person & liberty

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

L. c. 840 sept 25th 1679

London sept 23d 1679

+There hath been A Rumour abt the Towne that divers warrants were Issued out to seize severall persons of great quality but Its altogether false

On sunday last his Matyes Phisitians were Called againe Into Councill where they gave their opinions againe Concerning his Matyes Intentions of Going to Newmarkett Notwithstanding their Advice his Matye finds himsef soe well that he has taken A Resolution to goe with the queen & d of yorke to Newmarket on Thursday or ffriday next at furthest

Yesterday most of the D of Munmouths Baggage was shipt for Holland & to morrow at 2 A Clocke he setts forward himsef he hath been frequently In his Matyes presence & hath his Pardon granted him for all Crimes till the 13th sept It being usuall for all great persons when they leave their places to have their pardons

Tis said sr Wm Waller Intends to petition upon the Election of Westminster & pretends to make out severall Irregularities Especially that of the Courtiers Polling but the Deputies say they Exceeded not above 40 more & if the queries had been ballanced on both sides he would have made A generall Returne

There was Chosen for shaftesbury sr Mathew Andrews & Tho: Bennet Esqr & not mr Merry & mr stringer as was said

+for Taunton sr Jo Cutler & John Trenchard Esqr

The Election for the County of yorke began 8 dayes since where

stands the Ld Clifford the Ld ffairfax & sr Jo: Key of which wee have yet noe account

They write from stetin of the 11th Instant that the D of Brandenburgh hath obliged that Citty to pay him 18000 Rix dollars within 3 months & hath sent away all the Cannon & Ammunition &c out of that Citty to Calstrin [?]

Also that A Dragoon there being found dead Drunke In the street was buried but was heard to make A most Hideous Noise upon which he was taken up but he only sighed 2 or 3 times & died he haveing Beaten himselfe even to Death In the Coffin which was full of blood & had beaten all the fflesh off his hands

Letters of the 19th from Coppenhagen say that one of their men of Warr Called the Linx was by an accedent burnt & that there had been 2 dayes before A fire at Landscroone which they had suspition was done by Treachery

They write from fflushen of the 22d Instant that their vice Admirall Cornelius Evertson is dead

They write from Hamburgh of the 22d Instant that they are not A little Concerned at the Daneish ships which lye In the Elbe

One mr sergeant A secular Preist who hath writt severall books agt dr stillingfleet hath sent A letter to the E of sunderland That to his Knowledg the 5 Jesuitts last Executed vizt Whitebread Gaven &c died deservedly Notwithstanding their Equivocating speeches & that they Intended the destruction of his Matyes person & subversion of the govermt & this he is willing to make manifest if he may have his Pardon

Also one harris with some others have proffered to make A discovery to the same purpose

mr Jennison the Jesuite (Elder brother to mr Jennison of Graies

the Privy staires In order for fflanders he went on board the yatcht at Greenwich where the Comrs of the Navy waited to take their leave of him

To Morrow morning Early their Matyes goe for Newmarkett where they Intend to stay abt 14 dayes which is said to be the Reason that the Parliamt is Prorogued till the 30th october next

Wee have this further account of Elections  
Munmothshire sr Trevor Williams Wm Morgan Esqr  
Munmoth Ld Herbert of Ragland  
Leinster Tho Connisby Jo Duttencoult Esqrs  
Ashburton Tho: Reynolds Rich Duke Junior Esqrs  
Truro Wm Boscomen Edw Boscomen Esqrs  
Newport Ambrose Morriton Wm Contor Esqrs

The Election for southwerke is put off till wednesday

There is A double Returne for Penrin The Aldermen have Chosen sr Nicholas slanning & Charles smith Esqr & the Commoners ffrancis Bellasis & Rich vernon Esqrs

They write from Mosco August 12th that the Polish Ambr has Recd his Audience of the Czar by which It appeares they have A designe to joyne with the Turks unless the Czar will grant them these following conditions  
1 To Restore smollensko to them with all its dependancies 2 to provide severall Considerable summes of Money for the Maintenance of their Respective Armies 3 That the Muscovites shall Raise & maintaine A Certain Number of Infantry of their owne to Joyne with the Poles as occasion Requires & that the K of Poland will Command them In person with some other Considerations not yet Knowne

Yesterday was held A Councill at Whitehall where they took Into Consideration severall Matters Relating to the Plott & sent for one Turner A bookseller In Holborne who vended severall popish books Especially one Entitled A Compendium of the Popish Plott Endeavouring wholly to Nullify it being Cheifly A Compendium of the Remarks of the severall tryalls & at the End declares without Reason agt the Bp of Lincolnes books soe they Committed him to Newgate

had taken Menbo & It was discoursed that the Portugalls were Abt putting  
Goa Into their hands which if soe may prove A matter of very ill  
Consequence to our trade In those parts  
+Wee have this further account of Elections  
fflintshire Mutton davies Esqr  
fflint Coll Roger Whitley Esqr

Hague Its said he will be here againe by the Parliamt & that his Matye bid his dutchesse not be troubled for her husband had been longer from her then he was now like to be

There are 2 Instruments prepareing to passe the greate seale one to disable the d of Munmoth from acting by vertue of his late Commission The other for disabling the Ld Gerrand E of Maxfield from acting as his deputy some say that the Prorogation of the Parliamt was In Exspectation of A strict alliance with the dutch

But the dutch letters tell us that after all their Bogling they are patching up A treaty with the ffrench that he may be their protector & that they will Rather take any Conditions then to be Exposed to soe many adversaries as at prsent have Just quarrells Agt them & that to gratify france they will Render Maastricht to them for the spaniards  
+Letters from ffrance say that 8000 ffrench are on their March towards Truria being designed Agt Italy & that 15 protestant Churches were lately demolished & severall of their Minesters seized & that they are takeing away their universities

Also that the Plague was got Into the ffrench Army In Alsatia & began to spread it selfe over all germany there dyeing at Vienna 400 p day

Also that the bridge there is very much spoyled by the late unusuall Raines

The 8 Dutch East Indian ships which departed from Batavia the 13th ffeb last have In their Cargo

2445551 of pepper	1087196 saltpetre
5354370 of Nutmegs	686722 silke
349895 Cloves	815211 Japan Copper
371200 sinnamon	235042 siam Pewter
89543 Mace	&c

The whole Cargo vallued at 1400000 L sterling

Yesterday according to Custome was the Choyce of Ld Maior & sr Robt Clayton was Chosen who haveing the gold Chaine put abt his shoulders made A most Excellent speech which Immediately the prsent ld maior Answered with another

+Also the Recorder made A speech severely Reflecting on some late occurances In this Citty

On ffriday last according to Custome mr Jonathan Raymund & mr simon Lewis our 2 new sheriffs were sworne & tooke their Charge

By order of the Lieftenancy the guards of the Citty are doubled & 5 Companies are to goe out Every night

His Matye hath Granted A Patent to John Bellings Esqr & to Richd Hubbins Chirurgeon for the sole makeing & vending of Normandy glass for 14 yeares

dr Clarke Minester of shipney lately deceased gave all he had for Charitable uses giveing 300 L p Ann for small vicarages

dr spratt succeeds dr Outram the minester of st margarets Westminster

+The Ld Culpepper is gone Governour of virginia

+There hath been lately A greate fire at dantricke

Letters from hamburgh say they Intend to send deputies to the K of denmarke if posible to accommodate matters but they are also makeing all provision for defence they Can haveing ordered the Bakers to Bake 9000 tuns of Corne they pull downe houses & Cutt downe trees Abt the Citty & have 1900 or 2000 men at worke dayly Abt the ffortifications but they more fear fireworks that may be throwne Into the Citty then the Daneish force

sr Peter Wych his Matyes Resident at Hamburgh hath given his maty an account of the K of Denmarks Comeing In person with an Army within 5 leagues of that Citty to beseige it

Also the Resident & the senate of the Citty have written to the

hamburgh Company here upon which the Company is makeing application to his Maty who Its not doubted will Concerne himselve for the preservation of his subjects who have In that Citty vast Estates in trade &c

The ship Content bound for hambrough Richly laden sayling out of the River was stranded neer the Buoy In the Nore & the goods perished with her to the greate loss of that Company

+Letters from scotland say that there is discovered & seized there 6000 Armes & that Coll ffitz Patricke is fled for it

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

L. c. 844      October 4th 1679

London october 2d 1679

+Yesterday the Councill sate at Whitehall the Ld President being prsent where mr Oates mr Bedlow &c Reveied their former Complaints Agt severall persons & Complained of divers discouragements they had mett with & at prsent lye under which they Recd A very obleigeing Answer Also mr Justice Warcup gave Account of severall new discoveries

The E of shaftesbury being at his Comeing to towne told that the Plott was dead Answered that if mr Oates & all the Witnesses Known were dead yet he Knew Enough to prove the plott Its thought he hath one of the Ruffians who hath privately surrendred himselve to him & will appear before the day appointed

A person was observed to Come Into A Taverne last Tuesday night & A short time after mr Jenks & some other such men Came to him where they stayed till one or 2 In the morning In deep Consultation & the stranger is supposed to be the d of Buckingham

Our letters out of Buckinghamshire say that one Barton there has made oath That sr Richd Temple who is Chosen for Buckingham is A papist & that he did see him at Masse

They have Chosen at Guildsford In surry Morgan Randolph & Richd Ounslow Esqrs

Yesterday the Election began for southwerke where sr Richd How & mr Richd stand Agt sr John shorter & mr smith they are Polling In st Georges Church

Abt 30 highway men this weeke Robbed Bury Coach of severall Considerable summs of money

The order for Doubling the Citty Guards being not yet put In Execution Tis thought may be deferred till the sitting of the parliamt

Wee just now hear that sr Wm Jones is laying downe his Patent of Attorney Genll & sr Jo Temple sollicitter Genll of Ireland is to succeed him

The English East India Company have now finished their sailes which are Modestly Computed to Amount unto Neer 700000 L & have Appointed A Generall devidend of 40 L p Centum vizt 10d thereof as yesterday 20 L more this month & the other 10 L next month after which Every 100 L In storke will be worth 160p

+The E of yarmouth is made Ld Lieftenant of the County of Norfolke

Letters from scotland say the Councill have published A proclamaton Dated 23d sept 1679 for secureing all Herretors & minesters who acted In the late Rebellion

They write from Holland that those of Amsterdam & the Hague are soe Incensed at the late propositions made by his Matye for A Newer alliance with france that it was thought the Treaty for bringing us Into the guarrantly would be let fall

Our last ffrench letters say the ffrench K makes vast Preparations haveing ordered all his men of war to be Refitted & is formeing A New modell for Equipping new ones, Also he hath ordered an account to be taken of the names of all the seamen of his Kingdome & their Habitations

& ordered the officers of his Ports to take account what seamen Goe aboard Each ship whither bound & when they Returne

They further tell us that severall deputies were dayly sent to him to make Complaint of the greate pressures they lye under & beg for A mitigation but most of them had very Cold Answers & some were Returned without any at all

The deputies of strasburgh have had Audience & tis said the K hath promised to forget all that is past as to the Bridge & assured them they need not have any fear for the future

One of the Dauphines Mistresses lyeing In Complained shee wanted money to support her grandeur the Dauphine sent to A minester of state to desire 2000 Crownes who acquainting the K with it & for what use it was for ordered him to give the the Dauphine 4000 Crownes

His Matye Continues In health at Newmarkett & he is Exspected at whitehall some say next satureday but others say abt the middle of this month, The queen is Indisposed

Just now wee hear that A Jesuite is taken there suspected to have A designe Agt his Matyes life & that he was had before his Matye, the Result wee Know not

L. c. 845 October 6th 1679

London october 4th 1679

+Wee hear noe more of the Jesuite said to be taken at Newmarket Nor of sr Wm Jones laying downe his Commission soe suppose both to be false

His Matye Continues In health at Newmarket but his Returne is uncertain The Hambrough Company Had audience of his Matye last wednesday who hath granted them A fitt Accomodation for the preservation of the English at that Citty

His Matye is Resolved to Retrench the Expencc of divers places & offices & had Commanded all his horses In the Moores [?] (Excepting 2 set of Coach horses) to be forthwith disposed of & Its said that most of them are bought up for the use of the ffrench K,

Our Holland letters tell us that his Matys Ambrs at the Hague had soe far Prevailed that they had Concluded the Guarrantie for defence of fflanders & has pitched upon the Number of forces Each party was to maintaine but while they were In Consultation the ffrench Ambr demanded Audience & very boldly spake Agt it with some threatening words telling them this treaty with England was Inconsistant to that with his master & would Inevitably beget A warr by Reason it was Expresly Agt the last article of the peace betwixt the states & ffrance, which wished the states to Reassemble who after A long debate became soe Coole that Its beleevved they will make noe further alliance with Either of the Kingdoms

Tis said the d of Munmouth Intended to leave the Hague & visitt some of the German princes

The ffrench K hath by publicke Edict Commanded all his sea officers Not to strike sayle to any whatsoever which has been proclaimed at Paris & at his Maritime townes &c

They are still Polling In southwerke

There is A booke Come forth writt by one mr Petty price 2 s 6 d proveing by undeniable Testimony that the Commons of England are an Essentiall part of the govermt

The Councill have been very dilligent In the further Inspection of what hath been discovered & Its not doubted but the whole of the plott will be brought out barefaced upon the new discoveries last wednesday In Councill warrants were Issued out & 7 or 8 were Apprehended yesterday & this day seized In towne & messengers dispatcht Into the Countrey to seize others

The Councill have appointed next ffriday to have A full heareing of

the Complaint Agt sr Phill ffloyd

mr sergeant hath sent another letter In which he denies all he said before, Tis Reported the papers he sent to the E of sunderland are Commanded from sr Tho Doleman to sr Phill ffloyd

There is A pardon passing for A person of quality whose name for some Reasons is not yet made Knowne

The Ld Hallifax hath been ill but is something better yesterday sr ffran Leake Governour of Gravesend fort died

wee have much discourse of some letters lately from Ireland Intimateing some discoveries there & that 6000 horse & Armes are seized

Yesterday A ship from Roterdam bound for London was Cast away on the goodwin sands & 11 persons lost

Our last letters from hamburg say the senate have Agreed with the d of Brandenburg & have deputed 5 of their body to treat with the K of denmarke, They are In greate trouble for their Greenland fleet which they Exspect dayly They Exspect 600 horse & 6000 foot from the d of zell They hope by the Interposition of severall princes the Rupture may be prevented but if he demands to have the Citty under his soverainty it will not be granted

The proclamation In scotland Requires all persons that bear any office to take the oath of Abjuration of the Covenant before the 20th November or to loose their places

ffrom Brussells wee hear that the lady Ann & her sister are preparing to Returne for England before the sitting of the Parliamt & Just now wee hear the d of yorke was at the Hague with his dutchesse & family & that they were Embarkeing for Edenbrough In scotland where by this time Its supposed they are landed

L. c. 846 October 9th 1679

London October 7th 1679

+His Matye Continues In health at Newmarkett & is not Exspected here till saturday or Munday next Last saturday his Matye was at A horse Race between sr Robt Carrs blind ston horse & mr fframptons Gelding which was for 1000 L The last Got to the Post first yet his Matye gave it Agt him because he had Contrary to Articles Crossed before the other

The Report of his R Highs Embarkeing for scotland Continues & that he will Reside at Edenbrough

Wee have Advice from Holland that the dutch find greate dificulty In perfecting the league with us The Citty of Roterdam standing out not to have any at all whilst others are Insisting upon an offensive & not A defensive league some are for both & few are for Treating with the ffrench who use all Artifices Imaginnable haveing Remitted Greate summe of money In order thereunto

Its said that mr vernon the d of Munmouths secretary hath sent letters hither Intimating as if the ffrench are makeing preparations Agt us

A fresh witness is lately Come In & hath discovered Agt sr Tho Gascoine that there were many Meetings at his house where they tooke the Oath of secrecy In order to Murther the King & to Carry on the plott This witness sent A letter some time since to A person of quality which he Kept secret to himselfe

The Councill sate last saboth day & debated the Case of sr Tho Gascoine his sister the Lady Tempest sr Miles stapleton &c who Its said have notice given them to prepare for their trialls before the sitting of the Parliamt

some say that mr sergeant who was Comeing over to make A new discovery perished In the ship that Came lately from Roterdam & was Cast Away on the Goodwin, at the same time were 6 Colliers Cast away & others

last weeke died the E of Rutland In A very full Age & the Ld Marquess of Winchester lyes very dangerously ill The E of Exeter is Goeing for



ffrance

+The Poll Books of southwerke were this morning Cast up & It appeared that sr Richd How had 1878 votes Capt peter Rich 1826 votes sr Jo shorter 1617 mr smith 1539 soe the 2 first are declared duely Elected

This morning was the Election for this Citty at guildhall where the Electors were soe Many that the hall Could not Containe them where was unanimously Chosen sr Robert Clayton Maior Elect sr Tho Player Wm Love Esqr & Tho Pilkington Esqr The whole Election begun & Ended In less then An houre to the greate satisfaction of the Citty

for Honiton Borough is A double Choyce The Ld of the Towne haveing Influenced one party to Choose sr Walter younge & sr Tho Putt & the other have Chose sr Tho Putt & Coll Waldron

Its thought the K of denmarke hath A designe to Reduce Hamburg under sovereignty & that the K of Poland hath the same designe upon Dantzicke & the K of ffrance upon strasburgh

+On ffriday last A decayed Elme being by order blowne up with Gunpowder In st James parke one of the Branches flew soe far that it Killed an Ensigne

Letters from Jamaica Informe that the Court De Estrees Appeared before that Island with 14 Capitall ships &c whereupon this governour Commanded all persons in the Island that were able to bear Armes to leave all manner of Buisness & be Ready at An houres warning The Admirall sent A shallop Ashoar to desire they might water there which the governour In Regard of their Greate force denying they made A shew as if they would have attempted something but In the Evening they sayled Away Tis thought they are designed for some greate Enterprize

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L. c. 847 October 11th 1679

London october 9th 1679

+Yesterday morning the Councill at Whitehall Recd A letter from the E of sunderland Now with the K: at Newmarkett wherein by his Matyes Command he acquaints them that the d of yorke had prayed leave of his Matye to withdraw out of fflanders Into scotland & that his Maty was pleased to grant it

Wee understand from Holland his R: Highs & family Intended to Embarke at schevelin where Attended severall yatchts & also 2: men of war for their Convoy, His Highness Intends to Reside at holy Rood house In Edenbrough & Its said the d of Lauderdale is prepareing to goe for scotland forthwith part of his Retinue being gone already

Our letters from Ireland say nothing of the 6000 Armes said to be seized there soe wee suspend our Beleefs, But give account that one mr st johns The 2d son of the late oliver st Johns who died at Utrecht In Holland liveing In the County of Armagh was lately murthered by some Tories there

+sr hugh Bethell lately Chose A member for Heyden in yorkeshire is dead

The Poll In yorkshire for their Knights being adjourned to their severall Rideings proceeded soe far as that the Ld ffarefax had polled about 6000 & the Ld Clifford as many where sr Jo Key who stood Agt them gave it up soe that the said 2 Lds are duely Elected

On Munday last the Corps of sr Wm Lucy late Earle of downe In Ireland were Magnificently Carried through this Citty towards Gloucestershire

The Marquess of Winchester lyes desperately sicke but the Ld Hollis is Recovered of his late sickness

His Matye meets not with that diversion as was Exspected by Reason of the Extrary Raines

It seems the Accusation of dr Oates Agt sr Phill ffloyd is Abt Concealing 2 of Colemans letters Relating to the plott which is to be heard before the Councill to morrow

Tis said sr Tho: Gascoine sr Miles stapleton &c will be tryed Next Terme

Letters from Hambrough say that the K of denmarkes Army Consisted of 16000 men halfe of them horse & that the d of Brandenburg was advancing with 20000 men & the K of denmarke is Encamped within 3 miles of that Citty from the walls whereof they Can plainly see him The 5 persons they sent had audience of that King they shewing with all Respect that they were Come In An Amicable way to Render his Matye all Just satisfaction but haveing Continued many years under their owne Governmt they hoped his Matye would not Endeavour to Alter the Course thereof but Rather Establish their firme Tranquility & not Againe Involve Christendom in A warr which they have too lately felt the sad Effects of

They protested to his Maty that not to acknowledg him their soveraigne was not done out of any disrespect to him but to preserve Inviolably their Oaths to the Contrary which they should maintaine to the Utmost of their power

The King tooke this Answer seemingly with much displeasure which the deputies acquainted the Citty with as also with his demands that the Citty forthwith pay him 400000 Rix dollars & doe him Hommage In the same manner as they did his Grandfather &c The Citty are as strong within themselves as the King is without & Resolved to defend Themselves being Encouraged by the Emperor & the Repeated Assurances of the dukes of Luxembough &c They dayly Exspect to be attacqued & Its beleevd if the K Throw any fireworks Into the Citty they will make A Generall sally upon his Army

They Intend If They find A Reall seige to send away their women & Children Into the D of Zells Countrey & they are prepareing severall ships to be sunke In the Elbe to hinder the Neer approach of the danes & are makeing 4 Greate Bastions with Outworks &c haveing layd all the Outparts to the Ground & Burnt the Materialls, However Its hoped our next letters from there may give us an account of An accomodation

The E of Danby now prisoner In the Tower hath been & is still very much Indisposed Its Reported he hath sent for many writings but of what Concerne wee Know not.

some letters from Holland seem to Intimate that the Consultation of the new alliance with England is broke off

L. c. 848      October 13th 1679

London October 11th 1679

+Yesterday the dutchesse of Yorke the Lady Ann & her sister Arrived at Whitehall some say his R High Came with them to whitehall yesternight & went this Morning to Newmarket others say he Came with them into the downes & soe went Aboard A man of warr for scotland others say he landed at dover & went for Newmarcket but Its Judged he is now at st James

The Ld Lockhart & severall other persons of quality are Gone for scotland to prepare things for his R Highs Reception there

His Matye Comes to Towne on Munday Next & on thursday will be prsent at the Prorogation of the Parliamt

Mobery the schoolemaster of Ledds In Yorkeshire hath given A Clear demonstration of the Intended designe of Murthering the King & Carryeing on the Plott who being sr Tho: Gascoines Chamber Chaplain was privy to the whole designe & has paid 6000 L to severall persons In order to the Carying It on

+The Councill Upon this Evidence have ordered that sr Thomas & the Lady Ann Tempest his sister sr Miles stapleton & others shall be tryed before the Parliamt meets & Its said will be the begining of the Next Terme

Our letters from Hamburg say that Upon the Returne of their deputies with the K of Denmarks demands they Unanimously Resolved to Defend their Citty to the utmost Rather then to Alter the forme of

Govermt they had soe long Enjoyed

The K of Denmarke hath forbidden all passengers & provisions going to the Citty & the Citty have done the like to the Camp

One letter sayes the Brandenburg Resident there has assured the Majestrate that his Master is soe far from Joyning with the danes that he will oppose his Designes but they Know not how to give Credit to it, when those letters Came away the daneish fleet were not Come Into the Elbe but 1400 foot & 600 horse were Come Into that Citty from the d of Zell besides which they had 7000 hired souldiers & Can make up above 10000 Burghers & if the danes fling any fireballs Into their Citty are Resolved to sally out & give him battle

+The Hamburgh Company are very sollicitous to his Matye Abt it & sr Peter Wych o[ur] Resident there hath sent severall letters to pray his Matyes Aide & yesterday the Councill tooke it Into Consideration but deferred the further debate thereof till Munday

The d of Lauderdale is going for scotland & Its said will have A Comission to Call A Parliamt therein within 40 dayes

The Councill haveing Appointed yesterday to hear the Complaints of mr oates Agt sr Phill ffloyd have adjourned the same till Next Wednesday that his Matye may have A full heareing thereof Also mr oates Complained of sr Thomas Williams his Matyes Chimist that sr Thomas Pretended severall messages from his R Highs to mr Oates & from mr Oates to his R Highs when In Reallity there was noe such thing Its Reported sr Tho: declares he will Justify himselfe by declareing who Employed him to mr Oates

They write from Constantinople dated 3d sept that they are Exceedingly Allarmed at the generall peace In Christendome & yet discourse of A warr Agt Persia

The sessions of the peace for Middlesex Ended last Thursday where many Papists were prsented but they declared themselves to be protestants & went to Church but were not discharged till next sessions to see that they take the sacramt according to the Church of England

Wee have this further Account from Jamaica that on the 8 July the ffrench fleet appeared to that island Next morning they discovered A small fregot standing In for the Harbour which was mett by his Matyes fregot the Hunter to whome the fregate sent out their long boate with 4 Gent who desired wood & water & A Pilott to A placed Called Blew feilds the most proper place for wood & water The governour Came up to them & demanded their Buisness In the West Indies & one of them who was Major Generall of the land forces told him that their fleet Consisted of 8 men of warr Comanded by de Estrees & Was part of A greate fleet Under Marshall schomberg Commander In Chiefe of all the french forces In the West Indies & were going to the Habanna to demand their prisoners & freedome of trade & had orders to force it The governour sent them A Pilott to blew feilds to wood & water where the french were at Anchor when those letters Came away The Island is much allarmed & beleeve that the french Aime was there They are all at Worke In fortifying the Island which they doubt Not but to maintaine Agt all the force that Can appear Agt them

The dutch are Very Backward In perfecting the Alliance with England & will hardly Conclude it till they see how his Maty agrees with his Parliamt

L. c. 849      October 16th 1679

London october 14th 1679

+Yesterday his Matye (praysed be god) Returned at 4 In the afternoon In good health to whitehall & Abt 2 houres after her Matye & the whole Court

The Necessary preparations for the d of yorks Journey for scotland are makeing notwithstanding Its thought by some he doth not goe at all thither But Its said A parliamt will be speedily Called there though it

is not yet said who shall be the Commissioner

The Duke of Munmoth hath sent for his hounds & his Hunting horses being Recovered of his late Indisposition

ffrom ffrance Its advised that the Navall preparations of that King are very greate & that the discourse there was of A designe Agt England he haveing deterred the Hollanders from makeing an Alliance with us by the Threats of an Immediate warr & has lately Commanded all his sea officers to strike sayle to noe ship whatsoever though In the Narrow seas & hath layd A greater Custome Upon English ships for his product then any other nation Insomuch that the Master of An English ship being In Port st Lewis was not able to ffreight his vessell but was Constrained to sell her In Harbour to A ffrenchman

The Emperor hath sent to the diett at Ratisbonne Now Assembled that he haveing made A peace with ffraunce Upon severall Conditions hath performed his Part but the ffrench K detayned severall Castles In Alsace which ought to have been delivered up & likewise obteyned A soverainty over severall provinces obleigeing them to doe him Hommage which was An high Violation of those Articles & therefore he desired the diett to give their Advice therein

Yesterday mr Mowberry the New discoverer was Againe before the Councill to give In some fresh matter of Evidence

There is An Information upon oath given to the Councill Consisting of very High matters Agt sr ffrancis Ratcliffe & the Informant Affirmes he delivered the same matter to A person of quality In November last In order to have it prosecuted which he supposes has been by him Ever since Concealed &c

There haveing been of late greate quantitys of ffrench wines Brandy & other prohibitted ffrench Comodities Imported & Consumed whereof Complaint hath been made to the Councill orders are sent throughout the Kingdome that the Lawes In that behalfe may be put In Execution

Wee have for 3 weeks past had greate Hasty & Continuall Raines which hath Caused greate fflloods & Greate Dammage thereby

Complaints have been made In Councill Agt A small booke lately Come forth Entituled An Appeale from the Countrey to the Citty for preservation of his Matyes person &c

Our last letters from Hamburgh say the K of Denmarke had Encamped his Army within Cannon shott of the Citty but nothing of Hostility had hitherto passed all persons & waggons passe & Repasse as before without any molestation & the Citty supply the Army with beer &c They thinke 48 houres will determine warr or peace, The Citty are Unanimous & well prepared & have for their More Regular security Chosen 10 persons out of Each of the 6 wards who are to be prsent at all affaires & are Under an Oath of secesy

They have ordered 4000 oxen & 2000 hogs to be Killed by perticular families soe hope not to be stretghened for provisions, The d of Lunenburgh their Assured freind hath made A bridge of ffloates over the Elbe to pass it upon all occasions & hath sent his Ambrs to the K of denmarke

The master of A vessell Just now Come In Reports that he haled A ship off at sea which proved to be from Boston In New England & bound for A spanish Port the master told him that A few dayes before he Came away that towne was burnt downe which wee hope is not true

L. c. 850      October 18th 1679

London october 16th 1679

+On Munday night the E of shaftesbury made A sharpe speech In Councill Relating to the d of yorke since which his Matye hath thought fitt to Remove him from being president of the Councill & from the Councill & Its said that the E of Bridgewater was likewise yesterday dismiss the Councill

Yesterday his Matye ordered A Comission for Proroguing the Parliamt till 26 January next There be many members In towne who meet to morrow sr Wm Jones his Matyes Attorney Genll hath layd downe his Comission (some say Its taken from him) & tis said sr Jo: Temple solicitor of Ireland will succeed him In that place

His R Highness the d of yorke being president of the Artillery Company is Invited to dinner with them on the 21st Instant They have agreed to meet with their swords & Red ffeathers In the morning at Guildhall Thence to goe to Bow Church to hear A sermon & thence to dinner +Its said orders are given for 2 of his Matyes yatchts by the first wind that offers to goe for Holland to waite on the d of Munmouth & bring him over for England, His Horses &c that were shipping here are stopt But Just now the Newes of his being sent for over is Contradicted

yesterday was held A very greate Councill at whitehall His Matye present The Complainers Agt sr Phill ffloyd one of the Clerks of the Councill were Called In & upon A full heareing thereof he was severely Checkt & suspended

The Complaint Agt sr Thomas Williams was also heard & he was Committed to the gatehouse

mr Mowbray one of the Witnesses lately Come In Agt sr Tho: Gascoine &c Complained & made prooffe that on Tuesday night going over the ffeilds In the Raine to his Lodgings he observed A person to follow hard after which he Judged to be to shun the Raine who stepping before him Turned upon him & Assaulted & stabbed him with A Dagger In soe violent A manner that he fell downe dead as the Assasinate might suppose but he being Crooked [?] wore A pare of steele bodies which defended him from the weapon & by A strange providence saved his life

severall printers & dispersers of books are Complained Agt for divers books lately Come forth one Called the growth of Popery, another Called the Countrey Appeale About which & severall other matter one mr Ray & other persons are Committed to Newgate & will be severely handled Indictments being ordered to be drawne up Agt them

The Ld Cheife Justice scroggs hath bound some persons over to the sessions for slandering him that he tooke Bribes &c

some forward persons have printed A list of the H of Commons although some Elections are not yet over Tuesday last was the Election for dover (The governour haveing Kept the writt till that time) gave it to the maior with this Expression that the Towne had been more uncivill to him then he had deserved at their hands Adding that he would not stand to make him Amends he was put up at the Election where he had scarce 20 hands & they Chose their old members vizt tom stokes &c & mr Tho: Pampillion A London merchant

by way of ffraunce wee had letters yesterday which say the ship Nicholas mr Belamy Master 22 guns & Estimated worth 9000 L bound for south barbary & the hopefull mr Ravens master were both taken by the Algerines

The same letters add that the Count de Estrees lately In the West Indies was Come with his ffleet

+The Alliance defensive between sweden & denmarke was signed In schonen the 4th Instant & the K of sweden is to marry the K of Denmarks sister

The ffrench Ambrs at the Hague & others for that Interest use all the stratagems Immaginable by Argument & printed pamphletts to Influence the govermt & people Agt England

Wee have had much discourse of late as if his Matye Intended to grant An Indulgence to dissenters from the Church of England what it will Come to is not yet Knowne

London october 18th 1679

+Yesterday morning neer 200 members of the H of Commons mett at Westminster & all that Came were sworne In the Inner Court of Wards by the Ld Privy seale E of Bridgwater, E of sunderland E of Bath E of Clarendon & Ld Arundell of Trerire Appointed Comes by his Matye for that purpose after which they went Into the Commons house & after A very littly stay there they were sent for Into the Lds house where the Comission for Proroguing them till the 26th Jan: was Read &c

Wee have much discourse as if the Ld Chancellor had Craved leave of his Matye to lay downe his office & that the Ld Privy seale & sr Lionell Jenkins stood faire In his Matyes faivour for that place

Its discoursed also that the Ld Cheife Justice is layeing downe his Commission

sr Wm Jones had yesterday A designe to deliver up his Commission In Councill but his Matye would not permitt it Intending he shall serve him longer as attorney Generall

Tis said the Ld Roberts E of Radnor is to be Ld president of the Councill

+On Thursday afternoon the lieftenancy of this Citty attended his Matye at whitehall where my Ld Maior made A very Loyall speech assureing his Matye of their fidelity towards him & their Readiness upon all occasions to venture their lives & fortunes for preservation of his Matyes persons & of the True protestant Religion & used many other Excellent Expressions to set forth the Loyalty of the Citty

To which his Matye Returned this Gracious Answer that he was very sencible of their Readiness to serve him & that they had behaved themselves very Industriously & that he would doe his Part likewise & would maintaine the Protestant Religion to the last

Tuesday last being the Birth day of his R Highs It was Kept with some Ceremony the k & queen duke & Dutchesse of yorke supping together

The Ld Maior hath Invited his Matye to dinner on the 27th Instant being the Ld Maiors day but not the Duke of yorke which was ill Resented & It is not yet Knowne whether his Matye will goe or not

+The Citty have Appointed 6 Aldermen & 12 Common Councill men to make preparation for his Reception

The d of yorke hath now Resolved on his Journey for scotland & hath settled the severall stages of his Journey & one of his gentlemen goes next weeke to prepare it accordingly Tis thought the duke will set forward 8 or 10 dayes hence

The Councill yesterday further Examined mr Mowbray upon the late attempt made upon his person & were all satisfied therein His Matye gave him all the Assurance that Could be that Care should be taken for his security

mr Bauldron & mr Mowbray are to goe downe Into the North with A guard to give in their Testimony Agt sr Tho Gascoine &c to A grand Jury there to file A Bill Agt them In order to their tryall at the Kings bench barr this Terme

The Councill have debated the Many Inconveniencies & dangers Arriseing by the many scandalous books dayly Exposed & are Resolved to suppresses all such for the future & to that End will appoint such persons to lycence such books as shall be thought fitt

Letters from scotland say that the people abt Hamilton had gotten A distemper much like the Plague which is Imputed to the stench of the dead bodies slaine thereabouts In the late Rebellion when many of the Wounded Crept Into the Corne & when It was Reaped they found them lyeing In A Nauseous manner & besides many were not well Buryed They add that the Number slaine was much more then wee had account of there being Reckned

1795 dead bodies

The Marquess de Burgamerico the spanish Ambr is departing & don Pedro de Ronquillas is to Come In his stead There is also an Ambr Exspected from Germany

Our last Hamburg letters say There is yet noe Hostility begun between them & Denmarke & they have agreed with the Dukes of Lunenburgh for 20000 men for which they are to pay 50000 Crownes p month soe let the Ishue of the Treaty be what it will they will be Capable to make A good defence

L. c. 852      October 23d 1679

London october 21st 1679

+The Report of the Ld Chancellors laying downe his office Continues & that the d of yorke will Goe for scotland within A weeke or 10 [?] dayes & the E of Oxfords Regemt are ordered by severall stations to Conduct them

mr ffinch the Ld Chancellors son now soliccitor Genll is to succeed sr Wm Jones In the place of Atturney Genll

His R Highs being Invited to dine with the Artillery Company this day at merchant Taylors hall some persons as yet unknowne last night posted on that gate & other places as followeth

Whosoever doth accompany the d of yorke to Dinner at Merchant Taylors hall shall be looked upon by all True protestants as noe other then an Enemy of the King & Kingdome & the Betrayers of the Priveledges of the Parliamt of England & the Just Rights & Interests of this Honble Citty

And Care shall be taken for procureing A list of those that dine with him that the Papists In Masquerado may be Knowne from True protestants & the Nation Informed of her Private Enemies In publicke under that Abominable name of A Yorkeist

This day Abt 11 A Clocke those of the Artillery Company who mett at Guildhall Marched Into Bow Church In Cheapside & there heard A sermon & from thence were led by the Ld Ossory Ld ffeversham Coll Legg sr Robt Holmes sr Richd How sr Jo: Chapman Major Horne & Capt Hudson stewards for this yeare to the said hall to whence Came the duke of yorke attended by the d of Lauderdale &c

yesterday the 2 sheriffs of the Citty went up to whitehall to Invite his Matye &c to dinner at Guildhall on the approaching Ld Maiors day which his Maty accepted Kindly & also Knighted the 2 sheriffs mr Raymund & mr Lewes & also mr Russell A mercer In Lumbardstreet

The Judges have had A meeting to Consult what Lawes are In force to Restraine the presse & punish the offenders now In Custody & Its said Ld Chiefe Justice scroggs hath Recomendend one that will Effect that affaيرة

Letters from Cologne of the 10th Instant say that the plague Rages so violently at vienna that the Miserable Effects of it are not to be Expressed the liveing are not sufficient to Bury the dead but the Corps Infect the Aire & are Eaten by doggs & Catts In the streets & letters from Nuremburgh of the 14th informe us that by Reason of the Rageing of the Pestilence at Ratisbonne the diet is like to be Removed thence but to what place is not yet Knowne

Every day gives us Continued Relations of many sad Effects of the late Raines & ffloods wherein divers have lost their lives & others have suffered In their Estates The perticulers are too tedious

The Most Remarkable is by severall letters from Abt Welchpoole In Montgomeryshire say that on saturday the 11th Instant A Cloude was perceived to gather & at last grew very thicke on A sudden such A shower of water (it being not properly Raine because it was not by dropps) fell downe upon A Mountaine as if the Windowes of Heaven had been opened. It Caryed away houses Tore up Trees by the Roots & drove them away Broke

downe Above 60 foot of A greate ston Wall about A garden & did greate dammage to the mannor house yet hurt noe person save only one woman that lay sicke A bed & Its Remarkable that there was noe Raine at that time for Above A mile Round that place

The sessions at the old Bayly Ended on saturday last where 31 persons were Condemned 3 for Chipping 6 for murther of which A man & 2 women were for Murther of the Bayliffe at Westminster, all the scholars pleaded his Matyes pardon & besides proved themselves not there when the murther was Committed by good Testimony, 4 for Robbery 8 for Burglary 4 for horse stealing & 6 for other ffelonies; 10 were burnt In the hand & 8 ordered be whipt

+On ffriday last some Clippings of money were found at Major Wallaces In Lumbardstreet In his Apprentices Trunke who Confessed it & he with 2 of his accomplices are secured

Just now wee have letters from Hamburg which say the danes men of war have taken A very Rich ship belonging to that Citty bound for Russia & stop & Examine all other ships that passe that way

Its Reported Abt this Citty That Coll Legg will be made Lieft of the Tower & that Coll Churchhill will be governour of Portesmouth

L. c. 853      October 25th 1679

London october 23d 1679

+This day being the first day of the Terme the Ld Cheife Justice scroggs made A very long & Eloquent speech much Relating to the time & Buisness of that season & also defended himselfe Agt the Calumnies Raised upon him In Relation to the Tryall of sr George Wakeman & others Concluding his discourse with A protestation of his greate zeale to the Protestant Interest & his Innocence of things Reported upon that occasion

As to his R Highs Reception & deport at the Artillery feast please to understand that his High was very splendidly Entertained though not by soe many of the body as was usuall & was also pleased to say occasionally to the ld maior that he was the first man that was not Inferiour to any subjects & that he was Resolved to defend that Properly & the protestant Religion In England that Can demand property & he had the greatest Property of any subject in England & therefore had the greatest Reason to defend it any other man Can have private Interest but I Can have none for I Know very well that soe long as this nation & Citty are well I shall be soe & that I Can be soe noe longer & I doe assure you my Ld that noe one person In all this assembly Can venture his life more freely in the defence of this Nation & Citty & the govermt thereof as it is now by Law Established then I will & have been alwayes Ready to doe & I hope it is well Knowne

There were severall healths drunke & amonge the Rest one for the Prosperity of the Citty soe long as it Continues Loyall this some of the Aldermen drunke & others said noe doubt but the Citty will Continue Loyall if the Protestant Religion be secured

Its said the ld maior desired to speake with his R Highs In private to which the Duke Replied that he Could not appoint the time then but it might be quickly because he was going for scotland

Its said his R Highs goes for scotland Next weeke & stayes Abt A weeke at yorke In his family

His R Highs had not the former Respect of the people Either Comeing or going

some of his Matyes Chaplaines being dead wee hear that 4 others are put In vizt dr Bernard dr Bradford dr Goodwin & dr Harding

Wee have account of Much dammage Done In the ffennes by the late Raines & ffloods & that many banks there are broken downe & much ground layd under water, Also that In sussex the sea broke In & drowned some hundred Acres of Ground Also that A Coach Comeing out of Lincolnshire was



overtured In the water & all the 6 persons therein drowned

Its said that the d of Munmouth being lately affronted at Amsterdam by a ffrench officer they both drew & In A short time the duke had wounded the ffrenchmen but some persons Interposeing prevented any further mischief that might have Happened thereupon

mr Dugdale has had A heareing before the Councill wherein he gave an Account of severall attempts that have been made to persuade him to lessen his Evidence or at least to Charge it Upon the Presbiterians as if some of them were Concerned therein & to that End severall letters were Conveyed Into one mr Mansells Chamber of Lincolnes Inn by some persons who pretending to search for uncustomed goods found the said letters but the Contrivance was discovered, Tis said those letters Import that the d of Bucks E of shaftesbury ld Grey sr Robt Payton &c had A designe to subvert the govermt &c

The Councill have granted A warrant Agt many persons & severall Printers Booksellers & dispersers are seized by vertue thereof There have been divers matters before the Councill of A very high nature Concerning the popish plott & also of another nature seeming to accuse persons that are Antipodes to the Popish plott what the Issue will be Exspect more by the next

L. c. 854      October 27th 1679

London october 25th 1679

+The Papists haveing by all wayes Immaginable by money & Artifice Endeavoured to lessen the plott & take off some of the Kings witnesses have been Tampering with mr stephen Dugdale with promise of Reward of some thousand pounds who Entertaining their Proposals gave them such hopes as that they had divers private Conferences thereupon but mr dugdale was soe prudent as to have witnesses by them unseen to all that was debated betwixt him & one mr Tasbrough Gentleman usher to the Dutchesse of Yorke mr Price one of the same family & mr yates of Graies Inne who were the Mannagers they proposed some thousand pounds when he had actually done what they desired but to Recant all he had sworne & withdraw out of the Kingdome & proposed the spanish Ambrs security for the money which mr Dugdale Excepted Agt saying he was A subject of another prince & lyable to be Called home he Kept them some weeks In hopes of his Compliance at length they bring him the following declaration to signe & seale drawne up by yates & prest it soe home that he had much adoe to Evade the doing of it upon which they suspected him & Immediately Repaired to his Matye with A greate Clamour Agt mr Dugdale Averting that he had Engaged to signe An Instrumt which was word for word as followeth

Being Troubled with A true Remorse of Conscience & hearty sorrow for that ill I did In Comeing In A Witnessse Agt the Catholicks & their speakeing things which In my owne Conscience I Know to be farr from Truth I thinke myselve bound In duty both to god & man & for the safety of my owne soule to make A declaration how I was drawne Into this wicked action but being very well satisfied that I shall Create to my selfe many powerfull Enemies upon this account I have Retired myselve to A place of safety where I will with my owne hand discover the greate wronge that hath been done the Catholicks & I hope it may gaine beleefe & I likewise prest before Almighty God that I have noe motive to Induce mee to this Confession but A True Repentance for the Mischeifs I have done & I hope almighty god will forgive mee This

This with their Repeated Clamours put his Matye Into A greate Rage who Commanded mr Dugdale forthwith before the Councill on wednesday where all was layd open before him after some small pause he opened the whole matter from the begining till that dayes Transaction & gave In the Names of his witnesses to prove it which are 11 or 13 all persons of Knowne worth

& Honesty & most of them well Knowne to his Matye which gave A greate surprize to his Matye & the Councill The whole matter was heard at Councill the next day & it appeareing Exceeding blacke the persons Concerned were Committed to prison & Its said have since Impeached some others

severall things were proposed by them vizt the Murthering of the d of Munmouth E of shaftesbury some Lds of the Councill sr Tho Doleman Coll Mildmay sr Robt Payton sr Wm Waller Justice Warcup &c

A notable discovery likewise has been made of one Capt Willoughby Alias Dangerfield who Came to Coll Mansells Lodgeings & took Lodgeings In the same house & being shewed the Colls Chamber sent downe the Maide on A small Errand at which time Its supposed he hid A Pacquett of Letters behind A bed which afterwards were found directed to Coll Mansell with divers dates & much Treasonable matter being Inscribed from the most Considerable men In the Kingdome of that perswasion which being done procured some officers from the Custome house to search for prohibitted goods This Willoughby being prsent pointed to the bed where they found those letters & tooke them away The Coll being acquainted therewith went to the officers with sr Robt Payton & demanded the letters & Caryed them to the King & the whole Cheate is deverted & Willoughby & one Brumfield Committed

The Ld Roberts is made Ld President of the Councill & sr Christopher Leavens attorney Genll In place of sr wm Jones

Our letters from New England Confirme the Burning of About 300 houses In Boston & 17 or 18 ships the fire began In one of the ships +this weeke 3 ships are safely arrived from Russia vizt the Palme tree the Providence & the successe +last Tuesday died sr Jo: Kempthorne A worthy sea Commander & his Matyes Comr at Portesmouth

The Ld Cheife Justice scroggs hath Committed to prison mr Benja Harris & mr ffrancis smith Booksellers In Cornhill & also mr Care who wrote the weekly packett from Rome & others +12 of the late Condemned persons were hanged at Tyburne & one woman burnt In smithfield & 18 are Repreived

His R Highs setts forward for scotland on Munday next & Intends to stay 16 dayes at Yorke & some few dayes at Newcastle

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

L. c. 855      October 30th 1679

London october 28th 1679

+Yesterday the d of yorke & dutchesse tooke A very sollemne leave of their Matyes & set forward for scotland being accompanied out of Towne by many Coaches & lay last night at the E of salisburies at Hatfield & now Its discoursed that the d of Munmoth is sent for over Into England Againe

The Booksellers mentioned In the last to be Committed to the Kings bench are Bayled by Habeas Corpus to Attend dayly &c

There is An Answer published unto A late Traterous Libell Called the Compendium formerly mentioned to be Complained of by mr Oates &c

mr Tasbrough & mr price at their Examination before the Councill at first pleaded Innocence & sent for one mr sheldon to Justify them therein but shее was soe Ingenious as to Confesse the whole Intregue Agt them who upon mr Dugdales produceing many substantiall witnesses Agt them were themselves Utterly Confounded & Confessed the same & Impeached the Lady tuke one Perkins Harris & Tempest which 2 last were secured

mr dugdale was to have 1000 L for halfe A yeares Expences to goe for spaine & when he Returned he was to give In Evidence Agt severall protestants to have them hanged & quartered Endeavours were made to Engage the spanish Ambr In this Buisness but he Refused Alledging that

if he were discovered he might loose his head as one did In Olivers time for A lesser matter but he promised to write letters of Recomendation that mr dugdale might be well used In spaine

yesterday his Matye In Councill had A full heareing of the Complaint of Coll Mansell Agt one Willoughby Alias dangerfield who was about 5 weeks since A prisoner In Newgate under the Conviction of many notorious Crimes & thence discharged by the meanes & money of one mrs selliard A zealous Papist & midwife to the Lady Powis & divers other greate Popish ladies

The whole mattere is Related thus

Some persons designing to make A new plott & throw the old one upon the Protestants made use of this Willoughby beginning with Coll Mansell who lyeing In Ax yard Westminster hires A Chamber In the same house & haveing Lodged there but one night the Next day Informs the Comrs of the Customs that there were pacquetts of ffrench lace & other Prohibitted goods at the said house who sent 2 of their officers with him who Comeing to the said house declared they Came to search for Above 1000 L worth of prohibitted goods In Regard that neither they or any to their Knowledg that did Ever Lodge there were traders In any Comodities Notwithstanding which the officers & their New lodger searched & Comeing to the Colls Chamber by Willoughbies perticuler directions strictly searched all the Roome but more Especially the Bed & Bedsted which they Removed & found nothing

The 2 officers then applyed themselves to put up the Colls Cloaths &c that had been pulled out In the Interim Willoughby being still behind the Bed Cryes out were wee all Blind Come looke what this is Who Returneing did see which was not Just before A broade large & thicke pacquett pinned to the headcloth of the Bedsteed which they pulled downe & found sealed which they broke open & appeared to be letters at which Willoughby Catcht up one of them & without Reading any part thereof Cryes out Treason Treason Those are all Traitorous letters which they Caryed to the Comrs & made Report of all that Happened which seemed A strange Kind of Intregue to them The Coll being absent Comes home & Understanding what had passed procured the said pacquett which he Immediately Caryed to his Matye with an account of what had happened Assureing his Matye of his owne Innocency & the persons therein falsely mentioned & that It was A Cheate, willoughby stood upon his Justification till friday by which the Coll had got such sure proofs as Caused the Councill to Comitt the said willoughby & appointed A full heareing yesterday when he was by 13 witnesses proved such A Criminall that the Councill ordered him to Newgate There is A Correspondance proved betwixt him & the Lady powis &c

+The Paris letters say the ffrench K has sent A Resident to Geneva with A popish preist & Comand to Exersize the Romish Religion publickly there

L. c. 856 Nov 1st 1679

London october 30th 1679

+The papists had designed 3 severall wayes to destroy the Kings Evidence Agt them & Turne the plott upon the Protestants

1 To procure mr Dugdale the Cheife Witness Agt the lds In the Tower &c to Recant & depart the Kingdome

2 To Trepan & make Criminall Coll Mansell &c which was Willoughbies part 3dly to make Coll Blood the disposer of Commissions for An Army &c & when he was Condemned they Doubted not by money & A Pardon to make him Confesse all they would have him which is the 4th perticuler designe & snare that hath been layd for him since the first discovery of the plott

The whole Contrivance was found out yesterday thus

Willoughbys lodgings being at mrs selliards A popish Midwives house In Arrundell street gave some Jealousy to sr Wm Waller & others strucke at

to search the said house which they did & at last found at the Bottom of A moate [?] Under the meale A greate quantity of Papers Commissions & books which Containe the whole summe of the Presbyterian plott which for these 2 months they have soe Called & given out will be discovered by which they make most of the Protestant Nobility & Gentry Engaged In one Capacity or other

They make the Duke of Munmoth genll the Ld Brandon & sr Tho: Armstrong Lieft Genlls Coll Blood & sr Wm Waller major Genlls Also make the D of Bucks E of shafesbury E of Essex Ld Grey ld Gerrard &c Concerned In all there was A list of Above 600 persons & they had fixed 2 witnesses to have sworne to Every Individuall person

The Comissions all Run In the Name of the Keepers of the Liberties of England

This Willoughby appeared In Court Splendidly In Habitt & A servant In A lyvery to attend him & was by A very greate person Recommended to his Matye as a person Engaged In a presbiterean plott Agt his Matye & the govermt of which he would give his Matye A perticuler account & his port & Confidence gained some Creditt thereunto

Coll Mansells Witnesses prove that he had stood Twice In the Pillory & that he was In Barkshire whipt at A Carts Tayle that he was Convicted at the old Bayly for defaceing the Kings Armes on Milled shillings & stamping the Cross scepters Instead thereof & after Guilt them & passed them for Guyneys

The Councill have declared they looke on this matter A designe of the Papists to put A stop to the prosecution of the plott & that they are of opinion his Matyes person is still In danger

Willoughby will be tryed this Terme at the Kings bench barr before or at which time Its beleevd most of the Contrivance & persons will be discovered & tis said 7 more Instrumen[ts?] are Concerned In it

Tis thought Willoughby to save his life will Confesse all he Knowes if that will doe

Our last letters from Hambrough Continue to tell us there is greate likelihood of An accomodation but they must pay the K of Denmarke A Considerable summe of Money how much is not yet concluded on but the K hath fell 300000 Crownes from his first demands he hath drawne some of his Regemts off

+A proclamation is Comeing out to Comand all persons whatsoever who are In any wayes privy to the late popish plott to Render themselves & make full discovery of all they Know Relating to the plott before the 1st ffebruary Next or otherwise to be disabled for haveing any pardon

The Judges have given their opinion that the late [?] printed domesticke Inteligence Containes many falsities In generall & some to the greate [?] Abuse of perticuler persons & tends Cheifly to the disquietting of his Matyes good subjects & therefore may be seized by persons Authorized & the printer & publisher thereof Apprehended

Wee Exspect A proclamation to Come out to morrow offering A Reward of 40 L & pardon to any that shall Come In & discover the Authour of some pamphletts therein mentioned soe as they may be thereof Convicted, His Matye being highly offended the presse has been soe bold of late

L. c. 857 Nov 3d 1679

London Nov 1st 1679

+This day Came forth his Matyes proclamation Requireing all persons Concerned In the Popish Conspiracy to make discovery of what they Know Concerning the same before the last of ffebruary next otherwise not to Exspect his Matyes pardon

As to the popish designe to make A pretended Presbyterian Plott it appeares very Horrid & It is apparent that all active spirited men Agt

popery & slavery were to have been sacrificed as Traitors to their sovereign & the whole pretended plott to be discovered by such villaines who had Contrived to make guilty & Betray others & had assurance of Pardon themselves

But A mercifull god hath soe ordered it that it is like to prove very fatall unto the Popish party who are fallen Into the Pitt they Digged & taken In the snare they themselves layd

Two of those suborned witnesses who were to have sworne Agt those pretended protestant plotters their names & what they should act In the plott were Entered In the Booke that sr Wm Waller found In Arrundell Buildings who are since seized & Committed

The Custome house officer who first seized the papers In Coll Mansells Lodgings is since put out of his place & Its supposed he was not Altogather Ignorant of the Intregue it not being usuall for any officer of the Custome house to search for anything but prohibitted goods

mrs selliard where sr Wm Waller found the papers being Examined denied all untill Confronted by undeniable Evidence (her ffootman being one that Testified Agt her) but when shee saw the Evidence soe full Agt her said shee was glad shee should suffer In soe meritorious A Cause

It is publickly Knowne shee had Resort unto the Lds In the Tower & Especially to the Ld Powis whose lady did very often vissit her which is Knowne by the standing of her Coach at the door 2 or 3 houres at A time & Its said shee gave her large summes of money

Also Its said Willoughby had 8 L p day allowed him to Carry on the designe

yesterday 2 persons were Examined before the Lds Concerning this new plott which lasted 2 or 3 houres all prsent being sworne to secesy

Also sr Wm Waller was sent for to produce the papers which he had seized which he delivered to the Councill last night & had thanks for his Care & Dilligence In this discovery

Tis proved that Coll Willoughby had A dagger In his Pockett when he went to the E of shaftesburies & desired to speake with him In private soe that It is not Doubted but he had A designe to have Assassinated his Lordship had he been permitted to have had A private conference with him

Last night Willoughby was brought before the Ld Maior & 8 Aldermen & was severll houres giveing In his Information which was taken verbatim from his owne Mouth by severall Clerks Appointed for that purpose but the Ld Maior found the Buisness soe foule that he swore all the Clerks to secesy till the privy Councill were made acquainted therewith

Its said Willoughby sayes that if what he declares deserves not his Pardon he shall however Dye better satisfied then with A lye In his mouth Its said he acknowledgeth that he was to have 2000 L of the Ld Arrundell of Wardour to Kill the King & that he was to have dispatcht him this weeke or the next at furthest

This Morning the Ld Maior & Aldermen of this Citty went to the Councill to acquaint them with the Information they had taken from Willoughbies mouth last night

A Proclamation is suddenly Exspected to come forth Requireing the Witnesses mentioned In the Papers found at Coll Mansells & mrs selliards designed to have Impeached the persons pretended to Carry on the plott to surrender themselves by A day Certain

L. c. 858 Nov 6th 1679

London Nov 4th 1679

+On saturday last the Councill sate upon Examination of mr Willoughby Alias Tho: Dangerfeild & mrs Cellier whome Dangerfield Charges with Holding A Correspondence for Assassinating his Matye & the ld shaftesbury with all the Instrumts Engaged therein whome he sayes are all the Lds In

the Tower (Except Danby) & the Lady Powis &c & that this Mrs Cellier branded [?] him with Cowardice In not stabbing the Ld Shaftesbury (which he Confessed he Resolved but had not power though his hand was twice on the dagger) saying shee would doe it her selfe & tooke the dagger from him In order thereto shee made A vissitt to his Ldpp upon some pretence of Buisness but was also withheld, shee is Comitted to Newgate & soe is one Mr Rigault A french man borne but A Virginia merchant Inhabitting here who is accused of her Confedracy, Also the E of Castlemaine & Mr Jo Gadbury the Astrologer who Cast the Nativities of his Matye & R Highs & made Treasonable Inferences therefrom & telling Willoughby he should thrive In his undertaking, Also one Pigott was Committed for payeing money to Willoughby

Willoughby affirmes that the Ld Powis agreed with him for 500 L to Murther the E of Shaftesbury & gave him 20 guyneys In part

There is Also much discourse Reflecting on sr Robt Payton Intimating his too much Intimacy with those people he hath not yet been on Examination what may appear Agt him is yet dubious most men are unwilling to beleve him soe ill A man as some would have

The late designe of the Popish party appeares Every day more & more, In their scheame of Govermt They placed the Ld President Roberts E of Shaftesbury D of Buckingham E of Essex & Ld Hallifax at the Helme of Govermt by the Name of Conservators of the liberties of England & soe In all qualifications placed such men as were most obnoxious to their Interest which with some hundreds more were marked out for Ruine all which is notoriously detected All the papers of the pretended plott are delivered to the Attorney Genll In order to the fraimeing An Indictment of high Treason Agt Willoughby & others

Greate Preparations are made for the Extrary observation of the 5th November In which the papists noe Doubt will see much of the Temper of England

Yesterday sr Wm Waller seized at one Mrs Parris over or neer the Arch In Lincolnes In fields by duke street In all 2 Cart loade of Habitts vestments Crucifixes Reliques & many other Popish Trinketts all very Rich & of Considerable value & divers Trunks & Boxes stuffed full of Books & papers which Its said did belong to ffather Harcourt lately Executed Containing matters of Greate Importance to the further discovery of the plott And A booke of Mr Colemans account of the moneys he Recd from Beyond sea & how it was disposed In order to the Carying on the Popish Conspiracy The Vestments &c are to be burnt to morrow In the New pallace yard

They were discovered by meanes of A Bricklayer who mending the Tiles of the house Espied them lyeing betwixt the Ceiling & the Tiles which he tooke noe notice of till he had finished his worke & then Informed sr Wm thereof who Imediately Came with the Bricklayer & searcht the house & Could not find any such thing or place which made sr Wm suspect the Bricklayer had affronted him which put the Bricklayer In such A Rage that he got upon the house & untiled it when to the view the things appeared which they soon found A way to get out

This day Mr Reading was by A Habeas Corpus brought to the Kings bench barr & prayed to be Removed from Newgate to the Kings bench prison which was denied him

Major John Creed who hath been many yeares A prisoner In the Isle of Gernsey brought A Habeas Corpus by which he was brought to the Kings bench barr & nothing appeareing Agt him was discharged

+The Councill are now sitting in debate of very High matters

L. c. 859 Nov 8th 1679

London Nov 6th 1679

+Last Tuesday night the Councill Examined those lately seized upon account

of the Mock-plott but all is Kept very secret, The E of Peterbrough was Examined but not Committed

There Continues much discourse of sr Robt Payton though not soe violent, he hath not yet been before the Councill upon any Complaint

Last night there was one Curtis seized neer st mary Hill who Its said was formerly Clerke to sr Wm Bucknell In the Excise & after servant to A worthy member of Parliamt who falling Into A bad course of life became acquainted with dangerfeild &c & appeares to be one of the 8 witnesses that were to Justify the Mock-Plott & be Evidence Agt mr Blood &c he was Examined by Justice Warcup & Confesseth most of what he was Charged with & sent A prisoner to the Gatehouse Its said the Lady Powis Confessed all that shee is Charged with save that of Being privy to any designe to murther his Matye Notwithstanding that shee was soe briske at her first Examination as to Denye that Ever shee saw or Knew mr Dangerfield who Replyed that shee had sufficent Testimony In her owne Breast that shee Knew him which the Councill made him Explaine much to her dishonour

One donner A Jesuite was yesterday taken Walkeing with the Lady Powis being discovered by mr Oates & seized

The Contrivers of the Mock plott had soe ordered it that Coll Mansell &c should be Charged to have Murthered sr Edm: Godfrey & they had also appointed witnesses as appeares by the booke that was taken at mrs Celliers

Its Reported that when the Councill demanded the Papers taken at mrs Celliers sr Wm Waller desired he might Keep the Originalls & he would deliver Exact Copies of them

Last night severall of the ffrench Ambrs servants with some of the Rabble attempted to put out the Bonfires Neer Covent Garden but were quickly forced to betake themselves to their lodgings

Also sr Wm Waller Burnt In the Pallace yard the Popish Books &c taken by him & severall of the Popes Effigies were burnt In & Abt the Citty with greate acclamation of the people but none at the Temple gate as has been usuall of late

Amongst other things seized by sr Wm Waller was found A peece by Computation of Above 800 yeares Antiquity vizt A gold Cross of Abt 4 ounces weight on the back side was Engraven the Armes of Elfred sometime King of England It was Adorned with divers precious stones of A Considerable vallue within this Cross was A Crosse of Ebony wood upon which Cross was Inlayd another Cross of A diferent wood which by all Circumstances was made of the wood of the Cross on which our saviour suffered or at least soe beleevd by them to be & there were also many other Curiosities which are yet preserved

mr Reading being brought by Habeas Corpus to the Kings bench barr had leave given him to goe Into the Countrey he giveing security to become A True prisoner

Coll sidney late Ambr In Holland is lately Arrived here

Its Reported that the E of shaftesbury will be Called Againe to the Councill

+The Paris letters say that King makes vast Preparations In all his Port Townes

L. c. 860 Nov 10th 1679

London 8th Nov 1679

+There are various discourses Abt the Parliamt some talke they will be dissolved, others that A declaration is prepareing to Call them before the time to which they are Prorogued & others that A proclamation will Come forth to satisfie the People that they shall sitt at the Time, Also Its said the D of Munmoth is sent for home

mr sidney his Matyes late Ambr In Holland is Returned & hath brought with him mr sergeant the Preist formerly mentioned who hath Communicated to his Matye & Councill matters of Greate Consequence In Confirmation of the late & prsent designes of the papists at which his Matye seemes very much Concerned



further prospect Into the designe he hath some way or other meritted his liberty being Bayled out of the Gatehouse by order of Councill

mr sergeant hath discovered to his Matye & the Councill the proceedings of the papists abroade In order to the Executing their designes here Agt his Matyes person & Govermt both he & mr Dangerfeild have their pardon

Wee have had much discourse Abt Towne as if her Matye were under his Matyes displeasure & Confined which is A notorious mistake

Yesterday his Matye went with the E of Burford one of Madam Gynns sons & his usuall Attendants upon such occasions Downe to Woolwich where was Launched A most goodly 3d Rate ffregott which his Maty was pleased to name the Burford

Our last letters from the north left his R Highness & dutchesse & safely arrived at yorke

Tis said severall of the life guard are upon selling their places upon an apprehension that their pay will be Reduced to 3d p day

All mr Jennisons Relations are Turned Protestants upon his late discoveries

This day sr Tho: Williams who was Committed abt 3 weeks since for Carying false messages between the d of yorke & dr Oates Kist the Kings hand & was set at liberty & hopes to be admitted againe one of his Matyes Chimists

mr Prance hath discovered another person who was Concerned In the murther of sr Edm: Godfrey & he will be Examined to morrow

This day is discovered Another designe of the Papists wherein there is already discovered 6 persons to be Concerned which were as this day to have murthered sr Wm Waller & mr Bedlow one of them being taken is at this Moment under Examination & by what is Already Knowne they had severall meetings at the Kings head Taverne In Covent garden & at another Taverne In the strand where there were Backwayes to have Escaped & the designe was layd almost as that Agt sr Edm: Godfrey vizt 2 of the 6 were to waite upon mr Bedlow & acquaint him that they had discovered mr Prichard & mr Coniers 2 Notorious preists & by him Charged with sr Edmunds Murther & if he & sr Wm Waller would Engage they should have their Reward that then they would waite on them to the place where Instead of the preists the other 4 (whereof its said one is A Knight) were properly posted & double Armed to murther the said Gentlemen A further account of which & the names of the persons you may Exspect by the next Its said there are 5 of them apprehended

L. c. 862 Nov 15th 1679

London 13th Nov 1679

+Wee have had greate Exspectations from what would have been done In Councill last sunday & then on Tuesday but most of all from the Councill last night In Relation to the sitting or not sitting of the Parliamt of which much discourse has been but nothing thereof determined A paper was offered to the Councill by the E of shaftesbury which was Read & the further Consideration thereof adjourned

The Prickeing of the High sheriffe for the year Ensuing & also severall other matters is deferred till to morrows Councill

The Names of the persons accused with A designe to murther sr Wm Waller & Capt Bedlow appear to be mr Bradey mr Brumingham mr Tongue & mr smith mr Bradey Came In & accused the other 3 who were all yesterday before the Councill & the matters Confessed by bradey haveing noe full prooffe on them nor nothing actually Comitted & sr Wm declareing he would forgive them they were discharged for that time

Our letters out of the North say the Grandjury have found the bill Agt sr Tho Gascoine &c upon the Evidence given In Agt them by mr Bauldron

& mr Mowbray formerly mentioned to goe downe for that Intent

Our last letters left the duke & dutchesse of yorke at Durham  
some Messengers are by Authority gone downe Into the Countrey to  
search for persons & papers & have been at the house of one mr sherbonne  
of stonehurst In Lankashire where they seized severall persons at Masse  
but the doores being shutt the Preist got away before they got In but  
they seized all the Habitts & other utensills of the Chappell & Neer 200  
L worth of Plaite In Candlesticks Challices &c

Yesterday sr Wm Waller accompanied by mr Justice Arnold An Eminently  
zealous Justice & others seized the house of one Turner A Popish bookseller  
In Holburne where they seized A vast quantity of Popish books of all  
sorts, mr Turner being out upon bayle was at home but behaiving himselfe  
with much Confidence & Insolence sr Wm Committed him againe

sr Wm Also seized the Originall Coppies of many of the late Treasonable  
Pamphletts that have been printed & Amongst them that of the Compendium A  
peece deservedly Infamous for which the Authour Its hoped will have his  
deserts

Alsoe he seized many odd popish Trinketts & Reliques Amongst which  
A peece of fine linnen which mr Turner Confessed had been dipped In the  
blood of all the 5 Jesuitts that suffered together & 2 locks of haire the  
one from Gavens the other from Turners head

There were also greate quantities of Balladds Rendring the Popish  
Plott Ridiculous & also the most Eminent protestants Contemplatable with  
scurrillous Reflections on the Kings Evidence which if the Counterplott  
had taken Effect had Doubtlesse been Exposed

Also sr Wm lately seized some papers at the Custome house & found  
3 letters of dangerous Consequence directed to A person of quality which  
he delivered according to direction with the Papers were found severall  
Popish Reliques Especially of the 5 late Executed Jesuitts as the haire  
of one of them the peece of the Coate of another & A peece of the Rope  
that Hanged one of them Also A Handkercher dipt In Colemans blood

Next Munday being queen Elizabeths day will be burnt severall  
Effigies of the Pope & Its said some Gent have A designe to burne the  
Effigies of A person of note Abt the Citty at Templegate

L. c. 863      Nov 17th 1679

London Nov 15th 1679

+Wee are assured that the league between Holland & ffrance is soe far  
from being Concluded that his Matye understanding that the dutch are  
Unwilling to Enter Into A league with him without the Consent of the  
Parliamt of England has sent to his Ambr In Holland to assure those  
states that the Parliamt shall sit at the time appointed & that he will  
Enter Into A league with them & A proclamation is Every day Exspected to  
assure the people that the Parliamt shall sitt

Yesterday Came forth In Print A proclamation wherein his Matye  
promiseth 100 L vizt 80 L besides the 20 L In A proclamation of the 20th  
Novembr 1678 to any person who shall apprehend A Jesuite which shall be  
paid Immediately after the Conviction of any such Jesuite by the Ld  
Treasurer or the Lds of the Treasury

His Matye doth likewise declare that whoever shall discover any  
Estate Reall of personall belongeing to any Jesuite or Colledge or  
seminary of Jesuitts or to any popish Preists Convent or Nunnery of Popish  
ffoundation shall have the full Moyety thereof Excepting such as are  
Already discovered which are Ishuing out of the Estates of sr Tho:  
Preston & sr Jo: Warner & 2000 L Charged on the Estate of Henery Nevill &  
1500d In the hands of Augustine Hungate which is now under the Examination  
of the Lds of the Treasury

Yesterday sr Wm Waller haveing Information of A greate quantity of

books which were Concealed at the Grayhound Inn stables In Holburne  
Repaired thither with severall others & found 5 Greate Hampers & A large  
Caske full of books & Upon Examination of severall persons they proved to  
be mr Justice Wilds of Wild=House which of them were popish sr Wm seized  
In order to their being destroyed

Its Reported that his R Highs being In A Gentlemans house perceived  
In the Pane of A Glass window these words written with A diamond which  
is Affirmed to be done by King Charles the firste

ERRORS IN TIME MAYBE REDREST

THE SHORTEST ERRORS ARE THE BEST

His Matye blessed be God is In very good health & walked yesterday  
to ffulham with some few Attendants Thence In the Common fferry boate  
Croste over to Putney Thence to Ham to the d of Lauderdales house where  
he stayd A very little time Thence to Hampton Court to dinner & thence  
backe againe In the afternoon to whitehall where the Councill sate &  
from whence wee were Under some Exspectations of many things but there  
was nothing done save Chooseing & Pricking the new high sheriffs for the  
year Ensuing

mr Goodwin surveyor of the victualling office is made Commissioner of  
the Navy In the Roome of sr Jo Kempthorne who died lately at Portesmouth

sr Tho Gascoine the lady Tempest & others are ordered to be tryed  
forthwith at the Kings bench barr

+The Ld Roberts E of Radnor hath taken his Oath as President of the  
Councill as the Law Requires

+Donner the Preist lately seized by dr Oates talkeing with the Lady Powis  
was yesterday sent to Newgate

The E of shaftesbury had that part [In d?]angerfields discovery sent  
to him which Relates to his Ldpp & finds the Circumstances [Coinc?]ide In  
Every perticuler & that he had undoubtedly been stabbd had not one mr  
saunders A Gentlemen Come Instantly Into the Roome & stayed with his Ldpp  
till some of his servants Came who then put mr dangerfield out of doores

There is greate preparation Agt Munday being queen Elizabeths day  
when the pope & Conclave of Cardinalls are to Ride from Whitechappell to  
Temple barr & there burnt They say sr Edm: Godfrey must Ride to somerset  
house & sr Robt Payton is to act his Part which things will Cost 300 L

L. c. 864 Nov 22d 1679

London 20th Nov 1679

+This day dr Oates was Tryed at the Kings Bench barr being accused by one  
of his men of Buggery The Jury brought it In Ignoramus The dr was  
Acquitted & the Accuser Committed

mrs Price & mr Tasbrough are to be tryed next satureday for  
Tampering with mr Dugdale to make him Recant his Evidence

Its discoursed that the Lds Hallifax Russell & Cavendish are (or  
will desire his Matye to be) discharged from the Privy Councill

Yesterday the Ld Maior & Aldermen went to the Councill Abt A Tryall  
between the Citty & the Water Bayliffe Requireing 4 L p Tun for all  
scotch Coales that Come up the River Could not be decided yesterday &  
therefore is left to the Common law

Giffords Trunke was seized on Tuesday night by Justice Warcupp  
wherein were some letters & Popish books but not anything Treasonable or  
Relating to the Plott soe was delivered to him againe & he being Examined  
yesterday by the Councill there was noe prooffe that he was the same  
Gifford that hired the Maide In fetter lane to set her masters house on  
fire soe gave 3000 L Bayle to appear upon summons

This morning About 9 A Clocke sr Wm Waller had A letter sent him to  
meet A Gentleman at A Taverne but his lady feareing some Plott Agt him  
sent her servant to the place but found No body

The Marquess de Burgamerino the spanish Ambr hath had his Audience of Conge & don Pedro de Ronquillo is Come over In his place

They write from scotland Dated 7th Instant that the Ld Burgeny is sent Prisoner to Blackness Castle for his accusation In the late Rebellion Also 5 of the Rebels were Condemned to be Drawne Hanged & quartered & their quarters to be Hung up In Iron Chaines In the very place where the Bp of st Andrewes was Murthered they Refuseing to take the Bond Tendred to them never to Rise againe In Rebellion all the Rest subscribing the said Bond are only ordered to be Transported Into some fforreign Plantation By A letter thence of the 13th wee are Informed that mrs Christan Hamilton who was supposed to Kill the Ld fforrester being Condemned for the same was on the 12th Instant Beheaded shee Altogather denying that shee was guilty of the fact Affirming the Ld fforrester Run him selfe upon the Point of A sword In her hand & died with greate Resolution to the admiration of the spectators

Wee have letters from the Maderas of A very ffreshe date which say that the ship Recovery of London Edward Dover master 60 Tuns 6 guns & but 16 men In her voyage from Bilboa to that Port was mett with & Attacqued by A sally man of war with whome he maintained A fight board & board for about 4 houres In which he Killed & wounded between 50 & 60 of the Enemy him selfe looseing but one man & 2 wounded In the End haveing Cleared himselfe he Came safe In to that Port the masters greate Courage & Conduct In the Engagemt will noe doubt have its Reward from his Matye at his Returne home

Letters from Dantzicke In Poland say that King whose Crowne is Elective hath summoned an Assembly of those states to Warsaw where Its said Amongst other things the settling A Right of succession to the Crowne on the Kings Eldest son is designed

The ffrench letters say that 8 of the ffrench Gallies are making Ready In Provence & had orders to Winter at Genoa & another squadron had orders to winter in Leghorne which hath Caused strange Apprehensions Amonge the Genovesses & the more because the ffrench K Hath told the Resident of Genoa that he was Resolved to Have all ships whatsoever that Came Into their Haven to salute his ships with their fflagg & that his ships should fire on those that did it not & that if they should hinder the same he should looke on it A breach of the peace betwixt him & the Republicke of which Resolutions he hath given notice to the Pope & duke of fflorence

Its now assured that the d of Mantua is to surrender Cassall to the ffrench

+Wee have account that A 3d ffrench man of war Called the Conquerer is lost & In her above 300 men besides the voluntiers & her Capt Mounsr Chabert A man of Greate Esteeme for his Courage & skill In Navigation,

The Councill debated noe publicke Buisness last sitting

His Matye went this morning to Windsor & will Returne on saturday

L. c. 865 Nov 24th 1679

London Nov 22d 1679

+This weeke there hath been severall Alterations of Greate officers at Court vizt Lawrence Hyde Esqr is made viscount Kilworth & Chiefe Commr of the Treasury In the Roome of the E of Essex & sr stephen ffox is made one of the Comrs of the Treasury In his steed And Capt Guy secretary of the said Commrs is made Paymaster of the Army & sr Geo: Downing is made secretary to the Comrs of the Treasury but there is noe Alteration In the Councill as was Reported

Tis Reported Capt Bedlow hath seized 45 Originall letters from Rome laying open the Plott but some say Its A mistake

The Armourers of the Tower Recd orders last wednesday to have Always

In Readiness 10000 fireArmes to withstand any Popish designes

Tis said his Matye hath sent A severe Checke to the Ld Maior of Yorke for not Receiueing his Brother soe as became him

Tis said the D of yorke Intends to lodge this night at Landersworth being the d of Lauderdales house 16 miles from Edenbrough

Last Thursday A Bill of Indictment was brought Agt mr Tasbrough & mrs Price for Endeavouring to Corrupt the Evidence of mr Dugdale & they are to be Tryed next Thursday

The same night mr Dugdale tooke post for staffordshire with Power to ffetch up severall persons for Abuseing him for what he hath done

Also mr oates preferred the Bill Agt mr Knox & mr lane for scandalizeing him which is to be tryed next Wednesday

Yesterday the Councill sate & Examined sr Robt Payton mr henery Nevill mr Gadbury mrs Cellier &c And Notwithstanding mr dangerfeild declares he Knew not or Ever was In Company of sr Robt Payton yet severall witnesses swore Positively sr Robt was with him at divers times & places soe the Councill adjourned the further heareing till wednesday

sr Robt Payton Intends to Print A vindication of himselfe to Cleare his Innocency

The same night all the Judges mett at sergeants inn In Consultation abt the Nature of the Crimes of the Prisoners for the Mock Plott Aswell those In the Tower as In Newgate to see how far the law toucheth the Case of Every perti[cular]

+This morning the K Returned from Windsor

mr Curtis one of the persons Confederated with mr Dangerfeild In the Mock Plott who was lately Bayled out of the Gatehouse is fled

The E of Castlemaine Came to the Kings bench by Habeas Corpus & demanded liberty upon Bayle which was denied him

The ffrench letters Informe us that Mounsr signeli the son of Mounsr Colbert Continues visitting the Maritime Parts takeing Exact account of the prsent Condition of places & Number of seamen & designes to make the Haven of vandress In Rousillion Navigable for the Biggest ships out of which province the K has Commanded that noe Corn be Transported & also has ordered the Building of A Citty at A place Called mont Lewis [?] which will at all times preserve A secure passing to the Pirenian mountains The Match of the Dauphine with the Princesse of Bavaria seemes to be at A stand greate Endeavours being used to match her In the Empire which would ffrustrate the hopes of the ffrench K In procureing the dauphine to be [?] Elected K of the Romans

+There is one mr Jo: Napper A ffranciscan Preist taken by sr Wm Waller who had In his Pockett the Protection of one mr stamford A subject of his Matye of England but A Resident here for the d of Newburgh & A Roman Catholicke & sr Wm searching the said mr stamfords house last sunday found them at High Masse & neer sixty of his Matyes subjects there which Incencest the Counsel Agt him the Event wee must Exspect +ffrom Utricht they write that the d of Munmoth was gone to the Hague & there he Intended to Reside this winter.

L. c. 866 Nov 27th 1679

London 25 Nov 1679

+Wee hear this day that orders are sent for the d of yorks Returne hither & that severall Coaches with 6 horses apeece are ordered to Meet him

Last night was A Cabinet councill & his Matye prsent where Coll Mansell was Asked how he durst presume to print the Narrative of things Transacted at the Councill table without their leave for which he beged their pardon if he [about fifteen letters smeared] he designing only to Clear himselfe & prevent the ill thoughts which the Mis=Representation of this Buisness might have Imprinted In the minds of the People

On ffriday morning mr Gadbury was brought to the Kings Bench barr where being asked wherefore sr Robt Payton Came soe often to his house & severall other questions he would not answer to any soe was Remanded to the Gatehouse

Also the Councill ordered Capt Richardson the Keeper of Newgate that he should not let any have accesse to mrs Celliers & to morrow sr Robt Payton mrs Celliers &c are to be Examined before the Councill

This day was the Tryall at the Kings Bench barr between dr oates Agt mr Lane & mr Knox (servants to the E of danby) who accused him of Buggery, there were 13 witnesses for dr oates to disprove severall Circumstances of their Accusation & sr Wm Waller made it appear that Lane upon his oath had confessed to him that himselfe Knox & one Osborne since fled were Joyntly Concerned In A designe to prove Buggery & other Crimes Agt mr oates And mr dangerfeild proved fully that the Lds In the Tower [?] [word of about four letters smeared] mrs Cellier their Treasurer to pay 10 L p weeke apeece to the said Knox & Lane & also gave money to other persons to accuse the said dr, The Evidence was soe full that the Ld Cheife Justice scroggs left it to the Jury (without summing it up) who brought them In guilty but their punishmt is not yet decreed whether it shall be Pillory or whipping or both There was present the Ld shaftesbury Hallifax Grey Bp of London &c mr dangerfeild had his pardon perfected last night to make him A valid witness upon this tryall the Cleareing of the Counterplott very much depended

It is now beleevd Notwithstanding many Repeated Reports to the Contrary that there is not yet any league concluded between ffrance & Holland

Judge Wild died on sunday morning last

On sunday night last In A very Rude manner some persons broke the windows of sr Wm Wallers house to the greate disturbaunce of the ffamily but noe harme Else done though it hath been Reported they made divers shotts Into the house

The Amity of London Burthen 220 Tuns & 18 guns laden with wines & fruits from Mallaga is Cast away In A ffogg neer the Isle of wight the goods lost but the men saved

Also The ship Thomas & the st Mary Port both from Newfoundland were lost In A violent storme which arose 4 houres after they set sayle

They write from Milan that the Waters have done Extrary dammages In that County the ditches of the River Po Being broke in severall places & much Countrey under water

They write from Paris that the dutchesse of Cleveland was mett some miles out of Towne by severall persons of quality soe Entred that Citty In Greate state The Marriage of the dauphine with the Princess of Bavaria seems now to be very doubtfull

The Ld Castlemaine was Againe yesterday brought to the Kings Bench barr yesterday where the Attorney Genll acquainted him with the Charge drawne up Agt him & he was Remanded Backe to the Tower +The queen of Englands Birth day was very sollemly [obse]rved at Paris by the English Resident &c

L. c. 867 Nov 29th 1679

London Nov 27th 1679

+Last night the Councill being sate his Matye present sr Robt Payton Appeared as also mr Dangerfeild who (though hitherto he had said nothing Agt sr Robt) then Informed the Councill that he had seen sr Robt 3 times with mrs Celliers & more perticulerly In her Closett when they had discourse of High Concernes & Also what discourse he overheard between them soe upon this Information & that last ffriday the Councill obliged him to give In Bayle

This day sr Jo: Gage was brought by Habeas Corpus to the Kings Bench barr & demanded liberty upon bayle In which he was seconded by some on the Bench but was very strongly opposed by mr Justice Pemmerton whose Reasons soe far prevailed that he was Remanded to the Kings bench prison This day dr oates appeared at the Kings Bench barr & demanded Judgmt Agt Tho Knox & Jo: Lane but upon some fformality of Law which hath been omitted (Its supposed the verdict not being ffiled up) it was Adjourned till next Terme

His Matye hath given dr oates an order upon the Treasury to Reimburse him the whole Charge of the prosecution

The Tryall of mr Tasbrough & mrs Price which wee Exspected would have been this day at the Kings bench barr is put off till next Terme

Judge Wild Will be Buryed In the Temple Church on Tuesday next

The sheriffe of Lichfeild is sent for by order of Councill for Refuseing to Ishue out Comissions for seizing such persons In staffordshire as mr Dugdale has warrants Agt for scandalizeing him

sr Creswell Levens is laying downe his Comission of Attorney Genll & sr George Jeffries Recorder of London or the late ld Cheife Justice Keelings son will succeed him

+Last Tuesday his matye went downe the River to see the Launching of A New 3d Rate ffregott which he Called the Elizabeth

A New ffrench Ambr is Every day Exspected

Tis beleaved that the d of yorke Arrived last satureday night at Edenbrough whether Its said the lady Ann set forward from whitehall on Tuesday last

severall Coaches & Baggage horses went with the d of yorks servants towards scotland which occasioned the Report that his R Highs Was sent for backe whereas on the Contrary he Intends A settled Residence there

The Councill In scotland have put forth 2 Proclamations one Concerning Conventicles shewing that whereas his Matyes Indulgence did also Command that none should meet but such as had given In their Names & security for their peaceable Behaviour Notwithstanding which divers which had Neglected soe to doe did presume to meet at Conventicles who are thereby Comanded to delivery In their names & security by A day otherwise to have noe Benefitt by the said Indulgence but to be proceeded Agt according to Law The other Proclamation Concerneing the late Rebellion & persons Concerned therein & whereas his Matyes pardon did Extend only to such as should appear & put In security for their peaceable Behaviour for the future which divers haveing Neglected to doe were Exempted out of his Matyes Pardon Unless they shew good Cause why they have not done it Already or shall doe it before the first of January Next Also the letters say that sr Jo Cockram 2d son to the E of Dodonold [?] with others are seized upon account of Being Concerned in the said Rebellion

+Wee have A Rumour this Evening that the d of Munmoth is Arrived Incognito from Holland

L. c. 868 dec 1st 1679

London Nov 29th 1679

+Last Thursday afternoon the d of Munmoth Arrived & Notwithstanding his Intended secrecy it was Knowne Early Next morning In Westminster The Bellmen Belcheing [?] out his Welcome home Raised many people who Immediately made bonfires & Ringeing of Bells &c The Citty of London & suburbs doeing the same last night but the Multitude were very violent & Rude stopping passengers in Coaches & on foot some of them of Greate quality Not suffering them to passe till they had Cryed God save the K & the d of Munmoth which hath given his Matye greate offence

admittance to Kisse his hand but it was Refused the d sent A 2d time  
but Recd Answer by the Ld ffauconbridge that it was his Matyes pleasure  
not to see his face & to Command him In A few houres to depart the  
Kingdome which his Highs Recd with A greate deale of Trouble praying



would divest him of all his offices, His Highs prayed that his faithfull duty & service might be presented & that he Came from Holland as not thinkeing himselfe safe In his person there or Elsewhere save In England & therefore was Ready to be stript of all he had if his Matye soe pleased soe his Matye made the d of Albemarle Capt of his Guards who went yesterday with his Matye by Coach to Hyde Parke & his Matye prsented the said duke as their Captaine whome they accepted

The d upon the Receieveing of his Comission said he did not question but his Matye would Restore it to the d of Munmoth but was Answered never while his Eyes were open

Also the d of Richmond one of his Matyes Naturall sons by the dutchesse of Portemouth is made master of the horse & the E of Mulgrave made governour of Hull & Ld Lieft of the East Rideing of Yorkshire & other lesse Alterations are made

The dutchesse of Munmoth hath Entreated his Matye that shee with her husband the Duke might goe Into scotland saying that they had Enough there to live on & would noe more trouble the Court but was Refused

The Boy that Acted the devill & Accompanied the Effigies of the Pope on q Elizabeths day is spiritted away the Papists say the devill hath fetcht him

Wee have letters from Boston In New England which give us A more perticuler account of the late losse there by fire which they have some suspition was done by Treachery the losse Amounting unto neer 162000 L

Yesterday the Ld Maior gave A very splendid Entertainmt to the Judges & many Noble Lds now In Towne

mr Tasbrough is Bayled out of the Gatehouse

A proclamation is Exspected for Banishing the Papists 10 miles from London

The Master of Whitechappell prison on saturday night last hanged himselfe

mr Pomponne is Certainly Come over hither & is as Certainly out of the ffrench Kings faivour

The D of yorke hath been Nobly Recd In scotland & will stay there till after Crismas

A person was taken on saturday last with letters sewed In his Cloaths & Examined & not discovering whence he Came & who Employed him he was sent to Bridewell to be severely used In order to make him Confesse

Wee have Advice that 12 more Newfo[und]landmen are In danger if not lost & that the Thomas of Hull bound for the Baltick Entiring the soundt was lost

They write from Paris dec 5th that the K of spain mett his queen at Letilla An Houres distance from Bruges where being Entred the Church they Joyned hands In the presence of the Archbishop of Bruges the King Bedding her at 8 In the Evening & did not Rise till 11 next morning

The Towne is full of discourse that A Considerable number of Lds are preparing A petition to be prsented to his Matye that the Parliamt may sit at the time but A proclamation is Exspected to Come forth to prevent their petition

L. c. 870      dec 6th 1679

London dec 4th 1679

+The d of Munmoth is at his house In Hedge Lane & Its Beleeved will Continue there the E of shaftesbury & Lds ffauconbridge & Cavendish have Endeavoured to Reconcile his Matye to him with noe Effect but Its Beleeved he will In short time be In faivour

The Report that the place of Master of the horse was given to the duke of Richmond proves false that place being by Patent & Cost the d of Munmoth 12000 L of the D of Buckingham but his Matye hath Bestowed his

place of Warden & Cheife Justice In Eyre of all his Matyes fforrests & Parks on this side the Trent on the E of Chesterfeild

His Highs being out of the Captainship of the horse Guards sr Thomas Armstrong is forced to sell his place of Lieutenant for 1000 L Though he hath been formerly proffered 2500 L & the Ld Berkeley son of the Ld Berkeley lately deceased is made Lieft In his place

The Countesse of Danby Accompanied with the Lds Latimer & Dumblain & some Phisitians prsented A petition shewing the greate Indisposition of health & weakness of body that the E of Danby Now lyes under In which his life was very Eminently Concerned praying that his Matye & their Ldpps would Accept bayle for him they much hopeing that Change of Aire might mightily Conduce to his Recovery In which matter Its said Nothing is yet determined

mr Tasbrough & mrs Price are Bayled & their Tryall put off till next Terme but some persons Complaining of their Being bayled it is Endeavoured that they may be brought to tryall next weeke

This weeke mr Justice Redding In southwerke seized In A house Neer st Georges ffeilds A warehouse of Copes & vestments & all sorts of Romish Trinketts

The d of yorke though he be splendidly Recd In scotland is not Admitted to the Privy Councill Nor will be till further Consultation

Some weeks since there Happened at saltash In Cornwall A greate disorder Abt the Election of A Maior upon which Complaint being made severall gentlemen were ordered to appear at the Board & yesterday was A full heareing & In Conclusion the Petition was dismiss & the gentlemen In Custody Released & the Matter In Contest About Maiorality & that of the Ryott left to the Common Law

Yesterday 2 Lieutenants of the E of Oxfords Regemt had A heareing before the said Earle the one hammeing when they were at Play Run the other through the Coate [?] & it being proved that he had formerly Killed A souldier he was Cashiered

+Yesterday his Matye sent for the Ld Maior & demanded of him the Lds Buisness who Came 2 dayes since to dine with him & some other questions to which his Lordship gave A very modest Answer In Concl[usion] his Matye Comanded him to be very Carefull of the peace of the Citty & soe dismiss him

+The discourse hath been that some Lds would petition his Matye that the Parliamt may sit at the time but now Its said they Intend not to Petition him but addresse themselves to him to that purpose & will be followed by the Citty of London & most of the Counties of England

Our fforreign letters say the ffrench Continue Mighty Navall preparations & by land lay up greate store of Corne & fforrage & that the Match of Bavaria goes forward for the dauphine

L. c. 871      dec 8th 1679

London dec 6th 1679

+The d of Munmoth Continues still at his house In Hedge Lane where most of the great persons of quality have been to vissit him as also those who have severall of his late Commands who declared how much Trouble they had In that they were gainers by his losse for whome they had soe greate Esteeme &c. His grace wished them much Joy of their places Assureing them that he was very much satisfied since it was his Matyes pleasure to divest him therefrom That saveing to himselfe the service nature & duty he owed to his Matye he was Resolved to stand upon his Innocency which he doubted not would defend him from the worst of his Enemies

Yesterday the Judges attended on his Matye & delivered it as their opinion that Thomas E of Danby is not Bayleable & also that the late plott discovered by mr Tho: Dangerfeild was A most Hellish & damnable

designe & proper to be Communicated to the Parliamt

His Matye Commanded the Ld Maior & Aldermen to Attend him at Whitehall where his Matye told them they should be Carefull & vigilant In prosecuting the Lawes Agt Papists & putting In Execution the Proclamations published the day before & that his Lordpp should take Care to suppress factions & seditious Libells & secure the quiett of the Citty Agt some persons whome [sic] his Matye was Informed was Endeavouring to disturbe the same &c

sr Robt southwell one of the Clerks of the Councill with his Matyes leave hath sold his place to one mr Winn A late member of Parliamt. Tis said sr Robert is ordered direct for Ireland & thence for spaine to Complement the King upon his late Marriage

sr Phill ffloyd one of the Clerks of the Councill & formerly dismiss is Restored

The Lds Continue still to associate together but have not addressed themselves to his Matye for the sitting of the Parliamt

There are various Reports Abt the d of yorke & some positively affirme he is upon his Returne from scotland & Exspected here In few dayes Also some affirme the P of Orange is Comeing over to Treat abt urgent affaires Concerneing the Triple League

The ffrench King as wee hear hath sent A letter to the states of Holland not to make A league with England which if It take Effect that then he might take New measures

The E of Doncaster youngest son of the d of Munmoth is dead this day at which his Matye is much Troubled

There have of late been severall vessells Robbed that lye neer London bridge

The dutchesse of Portesmouth sent her soliccitor to sr Creswell Levens the Attorney Genll to desire him to prepare A Patent for her son the d of Richmond to be master of the horse to his Matye but the Attorney Genll sent answer that it Could not be unless the d of Munmoth had Committed some greate Crime whereby the place might be forfeited he haveing paid A Considerable summe for it

There is published this day under the hand of mr Tho: Dangerfeild A large Narrative In ffolio Containing 75 Pages In which he setts forth the Circumstances of the Pretended Presbiterian Plott & proves mrs Cellier procured his Liberty out of Newgate & he had Money of the Lds In the Tower to Compound his debts & was Employed to Engage severall to swear false Crimes Agt mr Oates & mr Bedlow to take off their Evidence & ffather [?] A plott on the Protestants & that the Booke Called the Compendium was wrote by the Ld Castle[maine] That the Ld Arrundell of warder offered him 2000 L to Kill the King That he did Contract with the sd Ld for 500 L to Murther the E of shaftesbury That mr Gadbury Cast his Nativity & told him he might have killed the King without any harme to himselfe That he had Instructions for all this from the Lady Powis & the Lds In the Tower In short It discourses as the Judges Called it A most Hellish & damnable designe

L. c. 872      dec 11th 1679

London dec 99th 1679

+The Associating Lds did on sunday last prsent their Petition to his Matye being Introduced by Prince Rupert which was delivered by the E of Huntingdon Attended by the Earles of Clare, stamford & shaftesbury & the Lds North, shandois, Gray, Howard & Herbert The E of Bedford was to have the 10th according to the statute of 13 Car 2d but was prevented by illnesse

The Petition was subscribed by the 10 Lds Above & also by the E of Kent & Lds say & seale Ewer, Rockinham, Townesend, Hollis & delamere &c which petition is as followeth

+sr Wee here Cast our selves at yo[u]r Matyes feet being 10 of yo[u]r Matyes Peers of yo[u]r Realme of England & In our owne Names & In the Names of severall others our ffellow Peers doe humbly Begg that yor Matye would Consider the greate Danger your Royall person is In as also the Protestant Religion & the govermt of these nations

Wee humbly pray that In A time when all these are soe highly Concerned your Matye would Effectually use your Greate Councill the Parliamt, sr Out of the deepest feare & Loyalty to your Matye wee offer it as our humble advice & Earnest Petition that the Parliamt may sit at the time appointed & that your Matye would give publicke notice & Assurance thereof that the Minds of yr Matyes subjects may be settled & their feares Removed

To which his Matye Answered that he would Consider of what they had offered & Could heartily wish that all others were as sollicitous for the good & peace of the Nation as he would Ever be

Besides which there are divers Printed Petitions with Blanks to Insert places & names which are Intended to be dispersed all over the Kingdome & to have subscriptions thereunto

Also the Inhabitants of London have Printed their Petition & Its thought will begin to morrow to get subscriptions.

A Coppie whereof ffolloweth

To the Kings Most Excellent Matye

+The Humble petition of yo[u]r Matyes most dutifull & Loyall subjects Inhabitants of the City of London whose Names are hereunto subscribed Sheweth

+Whereas There hath been & still is A most Damnable Popish Hellish Plott Branched forth Into severall the Most Horrid villanies Agt yo[u]r Matyes most sacred person the Protestant Religion & the well Established govermt of this your Realme for which severall of the Principall Conspirators stand Impeached by Parliamt

Therefore In such A time when your Matyes Royall person as also the Protestant Religion & the govermt of the Nation are thus In most Imminent danger

Wee your Matyes most humble dutifull & obedient subjects In the deepest sense of o[u]r duty & Alleigance to your Matye doe most humbly & Earnestly pray that the Parliamt which is Prorogued to the 26 Jan: Next may then sit duely to Execute Justice upon the High offenders & to Redresse all our Important Grievances noe other wayes to be Redressed.

And wee shall pray &c

Last saturday died sr Jo: Berckenhead one of the Masters of Requests mr Osborne who was Indicted with Knox & Lane haveing ffiled before Tryall hath been since seized & Confesseth all & that he was drawne thereunto by the E of danby &c soe hath his liberty upon Bayle also mr Curtis that did absent himselfe will appear & Confesse which will strengthen the Evidence of mr Dangerfeild &c  
+mr Hobbs the Reputed Atheist died last night Aged 92 much In the same Humour as he lived

Advice hath been given to one of the Councill that 12 of the Preists are designed for England to Carry on the Plott whose faces dr Oates Never saw but persons are appointed to waite their Arrivall & seize them

Letters from scotland say his R Highs is not yet Recd Into the Councill of scotland by Reason of divers Oaths of which the Councill have Informed his Matye to Know his pleasure therein

There hath been lately A greate quantity of Gold seized at Gravesend designed to have been Transported Into some fforreign Parts

L. c. 873      dec 13th 1679

London dec 11th 1679

+Last night his Matye gave orders to the Attorney Genll to prepare A

proclamation declaring his Matyes Resolution to Prorogue the Parliamt till the 11th November next

Yesterday the Ld Maior & Aldermen were to Attend his Matye In Councill & were Commanded to take Care of the peace & safety of the Citty & not suffer persons that procure hands to Petitions Tending to sedition & Rebellion to goe unpunished but should Cause them to be brought before the Councill board to be punished &c

Orders are sent Into scotland that the D of yorke be Admitted of the Privy Councill without takeing the Oath which at first was denied he was accordingly admitted on the 4th

+The d of Munmoth appears now publickly In the streets & vissitts & is vissitted haveing dined the other day at the E of Bedfords house In the Strand

Last Tuesday died sr Jo: Robinson late Lieutenant of the Tower & the E of Danby Continues In A very weake Condition of Body Insomuch that his Phisitians say there is little hopes of Recovery

sr Jo Birkenheads place of master of Requests is given unto Wm ffanshaw Esqr & dr Thompson A Civilian is In mr ffanshawes place In the ffaculty office Also mr Abraham his Matyes Cofferer is dead & the place given to mr Brankerd

The Ld Langford is made Master of the ordinance In Ireland & is accordingly gone to take possession of the Armory

Wee have this day the ill newes that the st Lucan Merchant of 150 Tuns Laden with Currants from Zant strucke upon the Rocks neer the Lands End on ffriday last where shee was lost with the Master & 13 of the men

One mr Howard A staffordshire Gent is Committed to Newgate by order of the Councill for Harbouring A preist

On Tuesday night last the house of sr Wm Turner Alderman was broke open & he Robbed of 700 L for which one of his servants & others are taken Into Custody upon suspition

One of his Matyes messengers hath given notice to the Privy Councill of 80 L p Ann of Lands belonging to A Monastery & hath prsented A petition to the Councill that he may have the Reward mentioned In the late Proclamation One mr fferguson A minester of scotland Resident here hath been Called before the Councill & Charged with writeing the Epistle to mr smiths Narrative which he did not owne but said he doubted not but mr smith himselve would The Ld Chancellor told him his Matye Exspected he should Enter Into Recognizance to leave the Kingdome In A month which he told their Lordships he Could not doe In Conclusion he was discharged

The Master of the small Pinke Called the Recovery formerly mentioned to have Cleared himselve of A Turks man of Warr is now Arrived & hath been prsented to his Matye who ordered him A gold Chaine & A medall

L. c. 874 dec 15th 1679

London dec 13th 1679

+His Matye In Councill Continues to be very much Incensed Agt the Proceedings In Relation to Petitions & Also Agt Many Pamphletts of late dispersed & In order to find out the Authors & printers thereof hath sent messengers to search many houses & seize Booksellers Printers &c who have been under Examination & will be further Examined the Next Councill day Notwithstanding which many persons doe Continue to promote subscriptions unto Petitions dayly In & Abt the Citty

The Proclamation for Prorogueing the Parliamt is Come forth In these words

+CHARLES R whereas the Parliamt hath been Prorogued Untill the 26th January next Wee for many weighty Reasons have thought fit & Resolved to make A further Prorogation of Parliamt untill the 11th Novembr next Ensuing & therefore doe by this our Royall Proclamation publish & declare

that the Parliamt shall be Prorogued Upon & from the said 26th day of January untill the 11th day of November next whereoff the Lds spirituall & Temporall & Knights Citizens & Burgesses & all others may hereby take Notice & order their Affaires Accordingly wee letting them Know that wee will not at the said 26th of January Exspect the Attendance of Any but only such as being In & Abt the Cityyes of London & Westminster may attend the Makeing of the said Prorogation as heretofore In like Cases hath been accustomed Given at Court &c

The Justices of Middlesex were summoned before the Councill & A strict Charge given them to put the Lawes & his Matyes Proclamation In Execution Agt Papists as also that they discourage & suppress subscriptions unto Petitions to which purpose Its said Commissions will be sent to all the Justices In England

ffrom fflanders they write that the ffrench K hath Raised 6000 Dragoons & that his Intendent In Heynault is makeing A Prodigious Provision of Bread Corne & Oates That all his New Conquests are ffortifying with Indefagitable power & dispatch & that 2000 switzers are dayly at worke to prevent the sand from Injuring the harbor of dunkerke as formerly it hath done

Letters from vienna say that there hath died In the late Plague there 140518 persons vizt

In January	410	July	7507
ffeb	359	August	4519
March	3797	sept	16774
Aprill	4963	october	6475
May	5727	November	2402
June	6557		
All which died In the Citty & Ammounted to			59488
There died In the suburbs In the same time			3042
died In the Pesthouses in the same time			505
		[total]	140518

+A Prodigious Number the Place Considered which is not Esteemed more than A 6th Part of London & the suburbs

ffrom Amsterdam they write that they had Advice from the streights that the Turks had taken 18 English ships bound from Newfoundland to their market In spaine & 16 of them were Carryed Into Algeirs & 2 Into sally

ffrom Poland they write that the Muscovite had made A Truce for 3 yeares with the Turks at which the Poles are much Concerned the whole force of the Turks being like to fall on them

Our sessions Ended this day where mr Jo: Dell A yeoman liveing at Edgar In Middlesex had 4 Indictments Agt him The 1st for Killing his ffather 2d for Killing his brother the 3d for Killing his wife & 4th for stealeing A mare The Evidence of the 3 former Came not to the Law though beleaved to be guilty but he was Convicted & Condemned for the last

+some Weavers this last week prsented A petition to the Ld Maior signed by some thousands of their Profession Representing the greate necessity their want of Trade hath Reduced them Unto praying his Lordship to take it Into his serious Consideration & if Possible to fine them A Reliefe +Just now is Come forth another Proclamation Agt Tumultuous Petitions &c

L. c. 875 dec 18th 1679

London dec 16th 1679

+The dutchesse of Munmoth is forbid the Court upon account of some falling out between her & the dutchesse of Portesmouth

Its Exspected that A New Parliamt will be Called In the spring for that the Additionall duty of Excize & the Impositions on the Law Expire at midsomer next

The Report of sr Wm Wallers being put out of the Comission of peace

proves A mistake

Tis said orders are given to the Inhabitants of the Tower that they quitt their Habitations save only such as his Matye shall allow of & that orders are given for the Reception of 1000 souldiers there & yesterday 2 Companies of ffoot were ordered to march to Tilbury to strengthen that fort

Tis said nell Gwyn is Turned Roman Catholicke  
+They write from scotland that their R Highnesses were Complemented at the Highest Rate by all persons of quality In that Kingdome soe that nothing more Could have been paid to their Matyes had they been there

Tis Reported Coll Mildmay is sent for out of Essex to attend the Councill to morrow being supposed to have A hand In promoteing the late Tumultuous Petitions

Inteligencers are dayly taken up for writeing seditiously & persons are Employed at the Posthouse to Inspect suspected letters

Tis said the E of Bedford & Ld Hollis have disowned their hands to the late Adresse

Last night one smith A Bookseller In Cornhill was taken Into Custody for printing seditious books

severall persons In the suburbs have notwithstanding the late Proclamation Endeavoured to Procure hands to Petitions for the sitting of the Parliamt

+The Ld Shrewsbury is made Ld Lieutenant of staffordshire & the E of sunderland is to Execute the Lieutenancy dureing the E of Shrewsburies minority

Tangier is very much In danger by the Moores & some discourse that it will be lost if not suddenly Relieved which his Matye & the Comtee for Tangier have under their prsent Consultation

There seems to be A greate discovery of the same Game Playing In Ireland as hath been discovered In England from time to Time

They write from Hamburgh that the defensive alliance between sweden & Denmarke is Printed by which Each is to assist the other with 2000 horse 4000 foot & 10 men of warr able to Carry to fight 2500 men the said ships & men to be doubled if need Require The Treaty to Continue for 10 yeares Into which none shall be admitted without Each others Consent

letters from Jamaica of the 23d sept say that Island hath very Considerable fortified it selfe & are now In A posture not to feare the approach of any Enemy whatsoever & that the E of Carlisle their Governor was In good health & there was A ship Arrived with Amunition & c

The ffrench In Germany have been some time fortifying Extraordinarily A place Called Hunnengen which lyes within Cannon shot of the City of Bazell the first & greatest City under the Jurisdiction of the Protestant Cantons of switzerland who have severall times Complained thereof at the Court of ffrance to little Purpose Upon which o[u]r letters from strasburgh of the 10th say that the Cantons Resolved forthwith to assemble to oppose the further proceedings In fortifying the said place which the ffrench gather all the hands they Can to perfect & are growne soe Insolent as to forbid the Carrying Provisions to Bazell upon paine of death the Issue time will shew

To morrow will be A very greate Councill day at whitehall

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

L. c. 876      dec 20th 1679

London 18th dec 1679

+His Matye hath been pleased to declare that he Resolves to ffree not only the Citties of London & Westminster from the Papists but the whole Kingdome also soe far forth & as speedily as it may be done without any prejudice to publicke Concerne at home or abroad

The Ld Chancellor Ld President E of sunderland E of Hallifax mr

Hyde mr secretary Coventry Ld Cheife Justice North & mr seymour who are the Comittee for suppressing Popery & preventing Dangers that may Arise from the same sate this day In the Councill Chamber In Whitehall

Also sr Wm Waller mr Justice Warcupp &c mett together to Consult of such Expedients as may be most Effectuall for Putting In Execution his Matyes late Proclamation for Commanding all Papists to depart from London & Westminster &c

Complaints being made at the Councill board that the Coffee houses were A greate meanes to promote Tumultuous Petitions severall persons haveing seditious Clubbs at them & that It were fitt they were put downe The Coffee men attended with their Peitions Intimating that haveing greate quantities of Coffee Berries they should be Ruined if the sale should be stopt

An Account & Character of all the Justices In England are to be Returned Into the Crowne office & there to be New modelled & those as are lookt upon as not loyall will be put out of Commission

The schollars of A lattin schoole In Common street at their Breakeing up to shew their abhorrance of Popery Acted the History of Pope Joan which had many hundred spectators & greate applause

It was said the dutchesse of Cleaveland was dead at Paris but yesterday wee had letters of her owne writeing & also that shee was in health

mr Blasedale An Apothecary & son In Law to mrs Celliers offers to make A further discovery of the first & 2d plott if his Matye will grant him his Pardon

One Parker A Watchmaker Condemned for Coyneing false Guyneys being vissitted by 2 of his Acquaintance In Gentile Habitt he accused them of the same soe they were stopt & sayes if he may have A pardon he will discover 30 more

Letters from Hamburgh say that the d of Brandenburgs Troops had quitted stetin & the sweds had taken Possession being Introduced by the Inhabitants with greate Joy

Letters from vienna say there hath not d[ied] one person there of the plague for many dayes

Letters from Paris of the 22d dec say that on the 15th the King queen & Dauphine sent their Procurators to Mounsr Colbert at Municke In Bavaria to prepare & signe the Articles of Contract In order to the Marriage of the dauphine with Ann Maria Victoria sister of the Elector of Bavaria

They write from Tourin that the ffrench K is Building A Harbour at Antibo 3 leagues from Pizza which will be as good as Either Toulon or Marselles

Letters from the Hague say the ffrench minesters there Push on with all their might Even to Threats for A New alliance with the states who are not Come to any Resolution therein, That the P of Orange had Advice that on the 20th Past P Maurice of Nassau died at Cleves, Also that the P of Orange is Come for England

A Report lately Come from scotland that 4 Troops of horse & 3 Regemts of ffoot are sent for to hinder the discontented for making any Insurrection which they seem to be very much Inclined by their Bold discontented speeches

+It is very Confidently Reported that the d of yorke is sent for backe

L. c. 877 (1) dec 22d 1679

London dec 20th 1679

+His Matye hath been somewhat Indisposed this weeke but Comes Into Councill Every Councill day, A Treasonable letter was this weeke found In whitehall & was Read to his Matye which much displeased him

Parker the Watchmaker is Executed he Could not obtaine A Reprieve



his Matye haveing once Pardoned him before for the like offence

The d of Monmoth Comes much to Court & is dayly In his Matyes presence

A lieutenant of the Kings Regemt of foot marching through the Citty this weeke at the head of his Company was stopt by order of the Ld Maior who desired him to put up his Colours & not to beate his Drummes which at first he Refused but afterwards did

Last night was A Councill & mrs Celliers made A large Confession denying nothing that was layd to her Charge & mr Blasedale her son In Law Confessed something of Moment

Also Abt 40 Inteligencers & Booksellers were Againe Examined about the Association Petitions some of which were Comitted & the Rest discharged, Also the proposalls of the Justices of Westminster & Middlesex for suppression of Papists were Read & Referred to the Committee of Councill for suppressing popery And It was ordered that A Committee of the Justices vizt sr wm smith mr Justice Warcupp & mr Justice denby doe as occasion shall offer from time to time Attend the said Committee of Councill & his Matye past an order of Councill under the seale to Impower any of them with A Constable to Enter at any time & search somersethouse & st James Comanding the Porters & other officers thereof to open the doores & give obedience thereto when & as often as it shall be Required, Also the Councill Read over the lists Returned out of the severall Counties that Contained the names of all Papists Comitted & the L. c. 877 (2) Names of all Papists or soe Reputed In which the Numbers being greate their Ldpps were neer 3 houres In Consultation thereof

To morrow will be Another Councill & mr stephen Dugdale is ordered to appear haveing given their Ldpps Intimation that he hath some Originall Papers & other matters of greate Importance to Communicate In Relation to the plott

This day sr Wm Waller Justice Warcupp dr Tonge dr Oates mr Dugdale Capt Bury Capt Bedlow mr jennison mr Everard mr Prance mr Mowbray mr Bauldron mr Dangerfield &c dined together at A Taverne In this Citty

Letters from Prague of the 10th Instant tell us that the Emperor hath sent An Envoy to ffrance to Complaine of the proceedings of the ffrench In Alsace

A few dayes since died the Ld Crew & sr Edward Bath [?]

mr ffrances smyth the Bookseller who was Comitted to Newgate did yesterday bring his Habeas Corpus & is now at liberty upon Bayle

About A month since were seized Aboard 3 or 4 ships In the Thames A greate quantity of Brandy to the vallue of 16000 L sterling which were seized for ffrench goods but being proved to Come from strasburgh to dort & thence for England they were discharged [?]

+mr Jo: Dryden the Poet was last Tuesday night set upon In Covent garden by 3 persons who have soe greivously maimed him that his life is In much Danger Its sai[d] it was done by some Gentlemen whome he had In verse Reflected upon

ffrom Taunton In somersetshire wee hear there is A disturbance by severall persons gathered together Tumultuously the perticulers whereof wee are yet to Learne

L. c. 878      dec 25th 1679

London dec 23d 1679

+Notwithstanding his Matyes displeasure Agt the Promoters of subscriptions to Petitions for the sitting of the Parliamt on the 26th January divers Continue the same & have now on foot divers Petitions with Greate subscriptions how it will be Resented time must show

Last weeke the King sent A letter to the Ld Maior & Aldermen the Purport was that he should have A Care of the Citty & that the Aldermen should at their Ward Moots Admitt none but well Effectted persons to be

Common Councill men & that they should take the Oaths & Test According to Law which was observed In all the Wards yesterday when according to the Ancient Custome Every ward held their Ward Moote Court & chose their severall Common Councill men & other ward officers In the Choyce of the Comon Councill men they have made A more then usuall Alteration Endeavouring to make Choyce of Honest able & firme Protestants & of Knowne Integrity & Loyalty

Tis discoursed that the d of yorke is declared Generallisimo & Admirall of scotland with Power to Raise forces without Lymittation & that the Councill of scotland are sending 2 Lds to give his Matye thanks for honouring them with the Assistance In that Govermt of his Royall Brother as also that the scotts In the Westerne shires doe still hold feild meetings In greate Numbers

Wee have A Hot Report that mr seymour the late speaker is made Ld Chancellor but it is not yet True

It is not yet Knowne who will succeed the d of Munmoth In his place of Master of the horse

+The Ld Cavendish is prepareing to goe Ambr for ffrance

mrs Cellers being last satureday before the Councill Confessed that Jane the Preist mentioned In Dangerfeilds narrative was Really In orders & had Recd severall summes of Money to distribute for promoteing the Catholicke Cause

One mr stretch A Custome house officer made use of by mr Dangerf[eild] to seize the Papers In Coll Mansells Lodgings was suspended his place but upon petition to his Matye is Restored

The dutchesse of Portesmouth hath Turned off all her servants that are papists save such as are allowed her as shee is one of the Ladies of honour to the queen & some say shee her selfe is forbid the Court & Comanded to depart the Kingdome

Tis discoursed that the E of Oxfords Regemt which have for some Considerable time been quartered at A distance from the City are ordered to quarter In divers adjacent places neer the City & one Troope was the last night quartered at Knightsbridge &c

The Councill is also the Comrs of the Treasury are Adjurned till after Crismas only A Comittee of Lds are to sit every other day In the Evening

His Matye this day Comanded the Lieutenantcy to Attend him at Whitehall & the Ld Maior &c tooke Coach & went accordingly & the Ld Maior hath appointed them to meet at Guildhall at 6 this Evening but what his Matyes pleasure was with them at whitehall is not yet perfectly Knowne

L. c. 879 Dec 27th 1679

London dec 25th 1679

+On Tuesday last the Ld Maior & Lieutenantcy Attended the King at Whitehall & Recd orders Abt Prosecuting of Papists & to take Care to prevent Tumults upon which 4 Companies of the City Militia are ordered to be upon the guard Insteed of 2 dureing the holydayes

His Matye In his letter to the Ld Maior & Aldermen about Chooseing of Comon Councill men takes notice that severall of his letters of former yeares have not been Regarded & therefore strictly Chargeth & Requireth them Not to suffer any person to be Chosen A Common Councill man In their severall & Respective wards who hath not within one year next before such Election taken the sacrament of the Lds supper according to the Rites of the Church of England & the Oathes of Alleigance & supremacy & the Oath Agt the Lawfulness of Takeing Armes Agt the King & also subscribe the declaration of the Illegality & Nullity of the sollemne league & Covenant which was Read at the severall Ward Mootes at the Choyce of Common Councill men after which the Choyce was made & such persons were Elected as wee doubt not will manifest their Loyalty to his

Matye & their steadfastness In the Protestant Religion

Our last letters from Holland say that Its Comonly Reported there that there is A new Alliance Concluded between England & Holland with which the people there seem very well pleased

It was sometime since Reported that the P of Orange was Coming for England but now wee hear he is not Exspected

The honour & Respect which the scotch Nobility show the d of yorke Appeare by An Instance of the Earle of Rothes who is Ld Chancellor In that Kingdome & In the Intervalls of Parliamt is as it were viceRoy thereof & yet gives place to the d of yorke & though the Ensignes of state are layd before the Earle when he sitts In Councill yet when the Duke takes Coach the Earle goes In the Dukes Coach his own Coach going before with the Ensignes of state

+The duke is also made Ld Generall & Ld Admirall of that Kingdome

A messenger was lately sent by his Matyes Comand to stoke In Oxfordshire with an order of Councill to bring up one Esqr Hodgley The said Gentleman hath Confirmed the Evidence of dr Oates Concerning one Lacy a preist now A prisoner In Newgate Affirmeing that he Knew Lacy severall yeares since at st Omers & that he was A Romish preist there

There are Informations & orders sent to the Atturney Genll to proceed In the prosecution of the Plotters now In prison & tis supposed there will be proceedings Agt them very suddenly

The discourse there hath been of late of the sitting of the Parliamt In January next & then dissolveing them In order to Call another In Aprill next is now Renewed by some persons who pretend to Inteligence but upon what Ground it is Reported wee doe not understand at prsent

L. c. 880      dec 29th 1679

London dec 27th 1679

+Orders are Given that 7 out of Every Troope of the Kings life Guard & also of the E of Oxfords Regemt of horse & 12 out of Every Company of foot be speedily sent to Tangier to strengthen that Garrison

His R Highs Continues at Edenbrough & Keepes A very splendid Court the Citty prsent him weekly with 3 Tunn of ffrench wines & others with what the season affords they are to have A little Army In Case of any Insurrection Raised Consisting of 6000 foot & 5 Troops of horse to be Constantly under pay

The Crowne ffriggot is lately Arrived In the Thames laden with Currants from Zant haveing 30 guns & 70 men shee had been Attacked by severall Algerines but Got Clear of them & sunke one of them

It is said that somersethouse will be suddenly shutt up & that the guards will be Removed from thence the queen takeing her leave yesterday of that place designing to Repaire to the Chappell at st James all her servants are to be paid off Except those that are qualified to stay & sr Allen Apsley hath paid off all the dutchesse of Portesmouths servants & those that are Papists are to Depart the land by which wee gather shee will suddenly follow

Our letters from Jamaica Confirme the death of sr Thomas Winddiford formerly governour there & that the Island is In good Condition of defence

Letters from Gambo In Guyney give us the ill newes of A greate Mortality Amonge those few English that are there

This week was A New Yatcht Launched at Woolwich which is Reputed the Best his Matye hath, Tis discoursed wee shall have A fleet of 60 men of warr at sea this spring Tis said his Matye hath made sr Anthony deane Comptroler of all his Buildeing yards for ships in England

They write from Paris that the Majestrates of Geneva have sent deputies to Excuse themselves for what hapned to the ffrench Resident who had been severall times shot at but his Matye will give them noe Audience

at present

They write from Amsterdam that the states Genll have Resolved to Continue their present Alliances with England & France & not to make any New one with Either as yet, They have Advice that Surrynam is Totally Ruined by the Indians who have not only destroyed the plantations but Killed & Imprisoned most of the Inhabitants

The differences between the French & City of Bazell are Heightened on both sides

They write from Antwerpe that the French Continue to make vast preparations of Corne & forage In all their late Conquered places

severall Aldermen Comon Councill men Citizens & Merchants have subscribed A Petition for the sitting of the Parliamt which will shortly be presented Also there is A petition on foot In most of the Inns of Court +some persons Reported to be of the Popish faction have printed the forme of A petition In opposition to that for the Parliamts sitting which is as followeth

+Whereas severall printed formes of Petitions have been lately dispersed for subscriptions whereas the proceedings thereupon have been declared by his Matye & Councill to be Contrary to Law & tending to the Raiseing of sedition & R[evolt?] the present Petitions being still Carryed on by obscure & ill Affected persons as the Act & sense of the Generality of the City & nation to the scandall of all his Matyes loyall & Protestant subjects & all True Lovers of Prince & Countrey, Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed out of A sense of our duty both to Church & state & to witness o[u]r detestation of all Illegall & undutifull practices doe hereby declare that wee abhor the thoughts of any such Confedracy & that wee will have nothing to doe In any such petition aforesaid In opposition to his Matyes Royall will & proclamation

This petition or Rather protestation takes not with the people neither is there yet any account of subscriptions

L. c. 881 Jan 1st 1679

+London dec 30th 1679

+severall persons haveing Been lately apprehended upon account of Petitions for the sitting of the Parliamt Refuseing to give sureties were discharged which hath much Encouraged others to promote Petitions, But one Justice smith hath Comitted A person for Getting subscriptions Notwithstanding which the Petitions goe on & subscriptions Increase dayly divers persons of Greate quality & learning haveing signed them but none hath yet been presented to his Matye thoug Aty akelate

The Neighbours to their New Conquest seem Jealous of them whilst others thinke their designes are somewhere Else which A little time will show

Wee have advice of severall Turks men of warr Cruising In the streights & that they have taken 3 English ships & A dutch ship of 400 Tuns worth 10000 L bound from Russia to Leghorne

Also the Malaga merchant bound hence for malaga is Cast away on the goodwin & most of her men lost

+There died this year In London &c 21730

+There died In Amsterdam 7949

The queen is now Retired according to his Matyes order to st James

Tis said his Matye Intends to quarter 2 Regemts of souldiers In somersethouse & to make A Hospitall for sicke & lame souldiers In the savoy & his Matyes house at Greenwich to be Turned to the same use

Lacy that was seized at Dover is proved to be A Jesuite at st Omers soe dr Oates being the first that Challenged him will have 100 L according to the Proclamation

They write from Dublin that the Councill there sit dayly searching out the Popish Plott & the E of Tyrones plott Tis said the Papists mortally Hate the said Earle for Turning Protestant being the first Protestant of that family

A few dayes since James Perry Cosen & Next Heir Male to Jocelin Perry the E of Northumberland prsented A Petition to his Matye setting forth his 10 yeares proceedings at Law for his Right prayeing his Matye to Restore to him his Bir[thright] & the Titles honours & Estate thereon depending

On saturday night Abt 12 A Clocke the E of Lincolne as he was going home was set upon by severall Rogues In Drury lane to have Robbed him but the E wounding the first that Attempted the Coach leapt out & Layd hold on another But the Rest Rescuing him they Escaped

They write from Landscroon that the K of sweden hath Confirmed their Priveledges & granted them A free trade & that they shall be ffree from taxes & quartering of souldiers & A 3d part of the Customs are to be abated & the Bishops &c to have their Residence there

+severall Brass Guns are taken from Tower Hill & placed In the Tower

L. c. 882 January 3d 1679

London January 1st 1679

+The designe Agt Capt Bedlow to take off his Evidence appears to be layd as followeth

One mrs Mary Jones A Greate Beauty was brought out of the Countrey & Engaged (In the designe to Entice Capt Bedlow to her Chamber & then to Cry A Rape A Rape Murther Murther) by 5 Jesuits vizt ffather Johnson ffather Bennet ffather Poole ffather Turner & ffather Benningfeild which last person was upon the first discovery of the Plott accused by dr Oates & others & thereupon Comitted to the Gatehouse where it was said that he died & that the Corps viewed by the Coroner & Jury were afterwards Buryed whereas In truth he was Conveyed away & the Body of A dead Labourer Interred In his stead All which together with the late designe Agt Bedlow was discovered last saturday to sr Wm Waller by the 2 persons who were to be placed In the next Roome & be witnesses for mrs Jones Agt mr Bedlow

sr Wm tooke their Examinations upon Oath & about 3 A Clocke on sunday morning seized mrs Jones In her Bed at her Lodgings In the Haymarket & Committed her to the gatehouse About 10 A Clocke the same morning shee sent for sr Wm to whome upon her Oath likewise shee Confessed & Confirmed the whole designe as the 2 former had Related it & gave such further Intimations to sr Wm that the Committee of Lds sent him blanke

warrants & orders to goe Into the Countrey to seize them & tis hoped before this Comes to your hands the said 5 Jesuits will be apprehended Unless they have very swift Inteligence

On Tuesday night mr Lyon one of the Keepers of Newgate going up to see the Prisoners one Capt Checke A Papist upon some words that passed between the Keeper & him Drew out his Penknife & Run him Into the side the Wound is not mortall but very neer it

Last night severall persons In the ward of Alhallowes In pursuance of the New Ld maiors orders were taken & Committed to Bridewell for Being Drunke & sweareing

This night A sea Captaine Comeing Into the Amsterdam Coffee house seing A Petition for the Parliamts sitting tooke it up & put it In his Pockett saying none but ffanaticall persons promoted such petitions but by Importunity he delivered it Backe But being Knowne to ffrequent the Company of A Papist was had before the Ld Maior as being suspected to be A papist where he tooke the Oaths & Test & was discharged

Yesterday some persons In the strand for haveing forceably Burned A Petition to which some hundreds of hands were subscribed were by Certain persons who thought themselves & the Publicke Injured thereby Caryed before A Justice of Peace who bound them to answer it at the next sessions

Thomas Neale Esqr A member of the Present Parliamt for Lugdershall In Wiltshire is going Resident for his Matye to Constantinople

This day the Royall Afffrican Company had Advice from Rye In sussex that the ship Cadiz merchant homewards bound from Gynney on account of that Company was Run Ashoar Neer that Towne haveing neither man nor Boy aboard Tis supposed the ships Crew have plundered her of her Rich goods & soe set her Adrift or that shee hath been mett withall by some Piratts who have taken or destroyed the men & Robbed her

+The Holland letters say there were Neer 200 sayle of Merchantment In the Texell waiting for an Easterly wind & that the Corps of P Maurice of Nassau were Conveying In Greate state Into Germany

On Wednesday last severall Gentlemen of Hartfordshire Came to Towne & went to sr Thomas Bydes & their other Knight of the shire to Consult with them abt Presenting their Petition to his Matye for the sitting of the Parliamt

L. c. 883 Jan 5th 1679

London Jand 3d 1679

+Last night his Matye dispatched away sr Jo Lanier (Late Lieft Coll to the d of Munmoths Regemt of horse which were disbanded) to the Island of Guernsey of which he is made governour the said Island being Reported to be In some danger of the ffrench designs

Wee have letters from ffrance which say it is the Comon Report of that Kingdome that their King is to send A Vast Army Into England where the people are Already In greate disorder & Confusion

They write from the Hague that last satureday the ffrench Ambr delivered to the states Genll another Memoriall In Relation to the alliance they are pursuing with that state the perticulers are not Knowne

Letters from Germany say the ffrench K hath made the Inhabitants of Alsatia swear alleigance to him & hath Comanded them upon paine of death to Cease praying for the Emperor & Empire In their Churches & to pray for him & hath sent them A forme of Prayer accordingly

It is Reported that Comand is sent to the Ld Lieft of Ireland to provide that all the forces of that Kingdome be In A Readiness to march at 48 houres Notice

Tis said A place will be made at Westminster to quarter souldiers All the gent Pentioners to his Matye are ordered Each with his

servant[s] to be Equipped & In Readiness to march upon all occasions

The hopes of Takeing the 5 Jesuits by sr Wm Waller is now much questioned being sr Wm Could not get his warrant till yesterday & went last night Post A Journey of 100 miles & tis feared they have too timely notice

On Munday last mr Cooling Keeper of the Kings Bench prison waited on his Matye & was with him an houre as he past through the Chambers he had A Bundle of Papers Under his Arme & told A ffreind they Related to sr Edmund Godfreys Murther & were Communicated to him by one of his prisoners

The Petition of the Citty & suburbs being subscribed as tis said by 60000 householders was this day to have been prsented but for some Reasons unknowne the Ld Maior & Aldermen have thought fitt to suspend the Presenting of it till next weeke

Tables pens Inke & Petitions have been placed In the Royall Exchange as An Invit[ation] for people to subscribe

Yesterday the Purser & Boateswaine belonging to the ship Cadiz merchant from Guinney did appear at the Affrican house & Acquainted the Affrican Company that the said ship strucke In the night & the Captaine & many of her men being dead they were Reduced to ffew hands which made them desert the ship & Enter the long Boate with which they got Ashoar soe tis Concluded that all her Ladeing which was vallued at 12000 L is safe +The Assault that was made this day seavenight on the E of Lincolne proves to be the Effect of A private persons Malice with whome he hath A suite of Law, In the Assault the Earle got one of their Perewigs which made the discovery

Our letters from scotland seem to Intimate that the people are there growne Jealous of his R Highs & that he is not pleased with the Tempers of most of them haveing been denied A place for his dutchesse to Exersize their Religion with ffreedome

The discourse of the dukes Returne hither is generall & soe positive that he is not Exspected at Whitehall this night & some affirme that he is Come already & the P of Orange is suddenly Exspected here

Upon the Informations of divers persons of note 22 Articles of Impeachmt are said to be drawne Agt the dutchesse of Portesmouth by the Comittee

L. c. 884 Jan 8th 1679

London Jan 6th 1679

+The Report of his R Highness Comeing hither is by letters from scotland yesterday Contradicted which also give an account that he was Treated In the Parliamt house by the Citty of Edenbrough In A very Magnificent manner & after prsented with his ffreedome of that Citty In A golden Box very Rich &c

The Petitions goe forward & will be soon Ready but tis discoursed that the K Intends for Newmarket within these few dayes to show his Aversion to the Receiveing of any such Petitions

However tis Beleeved wee shall have A New Parliamt before May or that this Parliamt will sit soon after the 26th of Jan at A Certain day to which his Matye will Command them to adjourne & which is supposed to be Grounded upon some Advices from Holland &c

New Instructions are sent to mr sidney how to governe himselfe In the greate Point of the Leagues as to the maine Reason that hinders A Union betwixt England & Holland being the Intermission of the Parliamt

Tis further Reported that the ffrench K hath offered 800000 L for the gaining of some Parts of this Kingdome which offers have been Rejected

To morrow the sessions begin at Westminster where one mr Horsley hath Indicted 3 persons In the strand who sent for him to A Taverne &

pretended they would signe A Petition to which were some hundreds of hands they Burned it & Reviled him for which he Caused one of them Named Painter to be brought before mr Justice Chamberlain who bound him to the sessions & the other 2 he had before sr Edward Hungerford who bound them over likewise The Event Exspect by the Next But tis said Justice Chamberlains Comission of the peace is taken from him

Commissions are prepareing to be sent to all Justices with the names of the Papists of Every County according to the Account dayly given In to the secretary of state which lists are Remitted to the Crowne office under the hands of the Clerke of the Councill by which Comissions the Justices are Impowered to Administer the Oaths & Test & In Case of Refusall they are to be prsented according to Law

The d of Albemarle Capt of the Kings Guards hath Cashiered most of the ffrenchmen & Papists & listed others In their Roomes

Letters from Algeirs say that some Christian slaves have Escaped thence & given vice Admirall Herbert an account how he may Attacke the Algerine vessells In their Harbours who is thereupon now gone with all his ships to set upon them

sr Thomas Allen Comptroller of the Navy hath layd downe his Employ with his Matyes Consent

Tis said now that sr Eliab Harvey goes Resident for Constantinople & not Esqr Neale

They write from Prague that they are much allarmed both In Germany & Italy at the ffrench new Armeing & that they are there giveing out Comissions for Raiseing 10 Regemts of horse

Letters from strasburgh Relate the Greate pressures those parts of the Empire lye under from the ffrench demands of the Arreirs of Contributions & that the Protestant Cantons of switzerland are much allarmed at the ffrench K picking A quarrell with Geneva  
+To morrow the Councill begins to sit againe but the Ld President will not be there by Reason of his Indisposition haveing Kept his Chamber severall dayes

Tis said the Dutchesse of Portesmouth is Charged In the Article of Impeachment for haveing Introduced severall Jesuits Into his Matyes presence when he was sicke at Windsor & Comanding that all the servants should be turned out of the Roome

L. c. 885 Jan 10th 1679

London 8 Jan 1679

+The discourse of the Parliamts sitting is more & more & people begin to beleeve it soe far as to Rest upon it with Contentment Especially since some have affirmed that his Matye hath Comanded o[ur] Ambr In Holland to assure the Prince & those states that he will Call & advise with his greate Councill the Parliamt

Notwithstanding which the Petitions goe on & tis thought many will be Ready to be delivered on wednesday next This day the Ld Maior & Aldermen Consulted whether the Petition for the sitting of the Parliamt subscribed by 60000 hands should be prsented by the principle Citizens but the further debate thereof is put off till to morrow

Two Expresses Came yesterday from Holland further declareing the Earnest soliccittation the ffrench Ambr makes to perswade those states to A defensive alliance with them which is as strongly opposed by o[ur] Ambr but such is the strength of the Lovestein Party who are for the ffrench Interest & such are the Apprehensions that the other Party have taken of the Circumstances of England that they Render it very difiicult to Come to any Resolution yet it hath been Reported that before their last breakeing up they did Come to A Resolution & An oath of secesy taken thereupon which some are soe Confident as to Report was In faivour of England



His Matye is very much Incensed Agt the ffrench Ambr here who is forbid the Court the occasion of which is said to be that he wrote A letter to the ffrench Ambr at the Hague telling him he had discoursed the K of England whome he found not at all Agt the alliance that the ffrench were makeing with Holland but that he tooke it ill that the dutch should Engross the faivours of ffrance before him selfe &c which letter the ffrench Ambr there shewed to the prince & to o[ur] Ambr from whence his Matye Received A Coppie on saturday last & on saboth day Comunicated it to the Committee of Councill to whome he declared that the Contents of the said letter were wholly false & therein found him selfe soe much Injured & dishonoured as Called for the Highest Resentment thereof of which the said Ambr had notice & that his Matye Exspected In writeing Under his hand Either the owneing or disowneing the said letter

Yesterday the Committee for suppressing Popery Caused the Kings Evidence as to the Plott to be summoned before them & acquainted them that severall plotters should be tryed next weeke In the old Bayly & that they should attend the same with the Evidence they had to give

dr Oates & mr Bedlow declared they would not give any Evidence where the Ld scroggs should sit as A Judge for which they offered their Reasons which they Againe Repeated In the afternoon to his Matye In Councill who ordered them to appear to morrow at the Councill board & deliver In writeing what they had to Exhibitt as to the said Lord scroggs

This day mr Gadbury was againe brought before the Councill & tis said hath discovered more of the designes of the Papists & hath Confirmed mr Dangerfeilds Evidence &c

Last night the E of Pembroke &c being In A Balcony In the Haymarket some persons discharged 2 or 3 pistolls at him which mist him but shot [one?] of his Company

+They write from diepe In ffrance that there was Driven Ashoar the sterne of A vessell very Richly guilt which they supposed to be the Cleveland yatcht perished on their Coast

sr Wm Waller & mr Praunce have taken mr Beddingfeild & 3 other preists In Notinghamshire

The Lds of the Admiralty will very suddenly take Care for the setting forth of 60 men of warr which are Intended for A summer guard

L. c. 886 Jan 12th 1679

London 10th Jan 1679

+The Petitions for the Parliamts sitting are vigorously promoted by most people & are Every where handed about soe that Its beleevd the Parliamt men for London will prsent the London Petition next wednesday & sr Jo: shorter & mr smith will prsent that for southwerk & sr Gilbert Gerrard one for Westminster &c

Yesterday morning mr Gadbury was again brought before his Matye In Councill who made A very long Confession & mrs Celliers was also Examined & begins also to Confess

sr Robt Peyton was also sent for & Examined Agt whome Matters appeared soe blacke that he was Comitted to the Tower for Endeavouring to Levy warr Agt his Matye & for Being Privy to A Conspiracy Agt the life of the King The force of his Comitment was under debate for some Considerable time

+mrs Cellier did affirme that the said sr Robt did declare to her since his Espouseing their Interest that In Case his Matye should dye he had assurance of above 40000 men to hinder the succession & declare for A Comon wealth mr Gadburies Information tended to the same which makes some say sr Robt is Comitted for 2 plotts vizt the Presbyterian one & the Popish one The whole matter seemes at prsent something strange & tis thought sr Robt may be the occasion of much mischeife

This afternoon sr Robt Payton was againe Examined by his Matye & the 2 secretaries of state & will be Examined againe to morrow at the Councill, since mr Gadburies Chargeing sr Robt Payton he hath his liberty at the Gatehouse being before Confined to one Roome & mrs Cellier hath Pen & Inke allowed her In Newgate which shee had not before

On Thursday last the Dutch Ambr here Recd An Express from the states Acquainting him that they were Come to A Resolution not to make any further alliance with ffrance of which he yesterday morning acquainted his Matye & tis verily beleevd the alliance is Actually made & Agreed between his Matye & the states Genll provided it be Confirmed by Consent of the Parliamt

Mounsr Barrillon the ffrench Ambr hath by writeing under his hand disowned the letter sent to the ffrench Ambr at the Hague soe is forbid the Court

mr Bedlow haveing on Thursday night Recd by an accedental fall A greate Bruise was not able to attend the Councill yesterday with dr Oates In Relation to what they had to offer abt the Ld scroggs

Tis now said sr Eliab Harvey hath declined going to Constantinople & that the Turkey Companies Inclinations are for the Ld shandois who tis beleevd if his Matye pleases will accept the same it being A place of Profit & honour

Our last letters from ffrance Continue to Informe us of the Greate land Preparations of the K & also that he hath Comanded 60 of his Capitall men of warr to be Ready to put to sea the latter end of Aprill next as also of severall gallies who are designed for severall places In the mediteranean sea

ffrom scotland wee have advice that there is A Party of men that goe abt the Countrey & take away all the Armes they Can find but wee hear not of any others they have for the same they are supposed to be Highlanders +sr Wm Waller gives account he hath taken 3 of the 5 Jesuits one of which ownes the Name of Benningfeild but whether it be the same Benningfeild that was supposed to dye In the Gatehouse is yet A question sr Wm not Knowing him personally

L. c. 887 Jan 15th 1679

London 13th Jan 1679

+The last night the Persons who tooke the subscriptions In London Westminster & southwarke mett together & Cutting off the Printed Petitions from Every sheet Excepting one Pasted the subscriptions together which made A Role of A Vast Lengh Containing Eighty odd Thousand subscriptions

This Morning sr Gilbert Gerrard, Councillor Thomas smith, John Ellis ffrancis Charlton Jo: smith Tho: Johnson Anthony selbye Ellis Crispe & Hen Ashhurst Esqrs did waite on his Matye In the presence Chamber & on their Knees prsented the said Petition Councillor smith began to Read the Petition but his Matye told them he Knew the Contents thereof & that as he was the head of the govermt he would take Care thereof

But tis said he told sr Gilbert Gerrard he wondred he would be Concerned In promoting such Petitions

The Grand Jury of Westminster hath found the bill of Indictment Agt the 3 persons for Teareing & Burneing A subscribed Petition which Indictment is printed at Large

The Accusation of sr Robt Payton by Gadbury is lookt upon as A 3d Plott of the Papists to Cast An odium upon the Presbiterians

Yesterday the E of Essex & the 2 secretaries of state were sent to the Tower to Examine sr Robt with whome they stayd but A short time Tis said sr Robt told their Lordships he had nothing to Confesse nor any person to accuse That he was very much wronged In the Informations & prayed for A speedy Tryall

The E of shaftesbury hath Caused A Caveat to be put In Agt any

pardon that shall be brought for mr Gadbury or mrs Cellier the latter of which was Eminently Concerned for the Lds In the Tower &c

+To morrow dr Oates & mr Bedlow Intend to Attend the Councill with the Matters they have drawne up Agt the Ld scroggs, mr Bedlow sayes he heard the Te deum sunge In Portugall for his Being Ld Cheife Justice But mr Bedlow has been this day at Hicks Hall to hear the verdict of the Grand jury Agt the Prisoners In Newgate who are to be Tryed at the old Bayly where the sessions begins next Thursday

sr James Hayes & sr James smith are put out of the Comission of Peace & there will be A dayly Regulation of Justices

The Towne of Tiverton in Devonshire hath lost Its Charter the Maior Thereof Refuseing to take the Oaths

A yatcht is gone to ffetch over A Chimist from ffrance being Recomend to his Matye & Upon his Arrivall sr Thomas Williams his Matyes Chimist is to Resigne

+On Wednesday last his Matye wrote A letter to the states Genll shewing his Inclination to an alliance with them desireing them to send An Answer by Otterbury one of his Matyes messengers & Greate matters are Exspected upon his Returne

To morrow the Councill will determine whether the Parliamt shall sit his Matye being Inclinaire to Joyne with the Dutch for the ill Resentment that he hath of the affront put upon him by the ffrench Ambr

His Matye on sunday last went to view the Blockhouses at Gravesend & the same day the dutchesse of Portesmouth went to Gravesend In order to her Going for Paris where shee is dayly Exspected

L. c. 888 Jan 17th 1679

London Jan 15th 1679

+On sunday last the Councill sitting determined the necessity of the Parliamts sitting the 14th of ffebruary Next & tis said A proclamation was that night sent to the presse to that Effect some persons are much offended with this dayes Gazett which gives account of the persons that prsented the Petition to his Matye last Tuesday & have left out Councillor smith & put In 2 others vizt mr desbrough & mr Ireton who were none of the 9 that did prsent It

Yesterday mr Jo: Gadbury was before the Councill & made as he sayes A large & full discovery of all he Knowes of the Popish Plott In which are Contayned matters of A very greate Importance & besides the Confirmation of mr Dangerfeilds narrative much new matter of fact which he sayes he was Drawne Into by mrs Celliers &c denying or much lessening what the last councill day he swore Agt sr Robt Payton

mr Oates & mr Bedlow appeared In Councill with what they had In writeing Agt the Ld scroggs & afterwards prayed his Matye that they might have time till next Councill day to prepare some other matters which Came too late to their hands to be prepared now My Ld scroggs was Called In & Acquainted therewith who answered he was Ready to make his defence at that time & wished they had been Ready to have Charged him then

sr Phill ffloyd formerly Clarke of the Councill & suspended is now Restored & hath severall Papers delivered to him Relating to the Plott

The dutchesse of Portesmouth Contrary to Exspection is Returned from Gravesend & now tis said Articles are Drawne up Agt the dutchesse of Cleveland In like manner as was Agt the dutchesse of Portesmouth

+Yesterday the D of Buckingham who hath not for A long time Appeared In publicke was mett going for Uxbridge Attended by about 20 horsemen

yesternight sr Wm Waller with mr Prance Came home & hath brought with him divers Informations taken upon Oath In the Countrey Relateing to further discoveries he left 3 preists at notingham & one at Northampton to be tryed according to Law, one of the Preists is Anthony Harcourt A

very old Preist & another one Bennifeild but not that Bennifeild supposed to dye In the Gatehouse

This day the Grandjury for Middlesex at Hicks Hall found the bill of Indictment Agt 11 preists vizt Lionell Anderson David Joseph Kemath Hen: starkey Edw Turner Alex Lumsden Dan Mackarty James Corker William Marshall Charles Parry Wm Russell & John Naylor all which will be tryed next saturday at the old Bayly There were 3 others Indicted Agt whome A full Evidence was wanting at present

They write from Hambrough that the ffrench In those parts are Raiseing both seamen & Landmen

They write from the Hague dated 17th that the Major Part of the states are of opinion not to make any further alliances or Engagements with Either ffrance of England then what is already betwixt them or Else to make the defensive alliance of the same Tenour with both as with one & thereby disoblige neither

But Its affirmed that yesterday his Matye Recd an Exprese from Holland which Contayneth proposalls on which the states will Enter Into A defensive league & that the Proposals are accepted & Consequently the alliance will soon follow

+The Ld Maior hath appointed A Comon Councill to be Called on Tuesday next  
L. c. 889 Jan 19th 1679

London Jan 17th 1679

+Yesterday dr Oates & mr Bedlow waited on his Matye In Councill with what they had drawne up In writeing Agt the Ld scroggs which was In 12 Articles filling 2 large sheets of Paper which being Read his Matye asked whether they would Undertake to prove them to which they answered In the affirmative & thereupon both of them signed the said Papers which were left with the Councill & his Matye told them that if they Could prove any further matter they had liberty till wednesday next to bring it In

In the meane time the ld scroggs is to have A Coppie & to bring In his Answer

There was A heareing before the Councill of some diference between the Printers of London & Oxford & In Conclusion they left it to be tryed at the Comon Law

mr Jo: Gadbury being Called In delivered to his Matye A written paper it being supposed to be his Confession of the Popish Plott & of the Pretended Presb: Plott

In the afternoon mr Gadbury mr Dangerf[eild] & mrs Cellier were A long time upon their Examination the purport of which is yet private

This day the ld Cheife Justice scroggs & the Court being sate at the old Bayly there was brought to the barr James Corker Wm Marshall Charles Parrey Hen starkey Wm Russell Alex Lumsden & Lionell Anderson who were Indicted for High Treason for Entring Into orders according to the Church of Rome &c

The witnesses were dr Oates mr Bedlow mr Dugdale mr Prance mr Dangerfeild &c who proved the Indictment they none of them denyed they were preists or made any Considerable defence but Reflected on the Evidence

The Ld Cheife Justice summed up the Evidence to the Jury who brought them In guilty of Hightreason

mr Lumsden being borne In scotland his sentence is deferred to be made Especially by the Judges & the other 6 had sentence of death passed on them & the sessions are adjourned till thursday next when the other 4 will be tryed

This day A woman was seized for Crying the Inteligence before the Ld scroggs door In which some mention was made of dr Oates & mr Bedlow putting In their Articles Agt the said Ld scroggs & after A Charge to

doe soe noe more shee was discharged & this day the ld scroggs gave Notice to dr Oates & mr Bedlow that if they spoke anything Agt him he would Comitt them

Wee hear from scotland by the last Post that the ship that sayled thence In November last for some of his Matyes Plantations with the 250 prisoners Condemned unto Bannishmt was Unhappily lost neer unto shetland The Prisoners were Kept Under decke with such hard usage that they durst not aske for water but were forced to drinke their owne urine

Tis Reported the dutchesse of yorke is sicke at Edenbrough but our letters last Post mention nothing of it

The ship Thomas & sarah of London bound from Nevis for Leverpoole laden with sugars Escapeing the Turks & much bad weather was put safe Into Dublin since which Comeing over that barr shee was lost shee had 2600 L Ensured on her

Wee have Also the ill newes that 4 English ships [being by?] stresse of weather driven out of Maderas Roade were 2 of them taken by A Turks man of warr & 2 Escaped

Our letters yesterday from Jamaica give account That Island is In A very good Condition & In A brave Posture of defence & that sr Tho: Moddiford Junior died A few dayes after his ffather

wee are wanting severall fforreign Posts which Keep us In the darke what they have done In Holland but tis said the P of Orange is Comeing over Abt the League

L. c. 890 Jan 22d 1679

London Jan 20th 1679

+This day the Ld Maior Aldermen & Comon Councillmen of this Citty assembled at the Guildhall There appeared the Ld Maior & 20 aldermen & about 173 of the Comon Councill the whole number for all the wards being 235

The question was put whether it were Lawfull to petition his Matye that the Parliamt might sit which was Carryed In the affirmative

Then the question was put whether it was Expedient now to petition his Matye &c which was Carryed In the Negative

In the Comon Councill were yeas 88 [Bracket connects  
Comon Councill noes 86 numbers at left.] 174

The other 9 [sic] In the number wanting were Rejected as persons not fitly qualified his Matye haveing on Thursday last sent A letter to the Ld Maior that he should Examine all the Comon Councillmen whether they had taken the Oathes & Test In the Court of Aldermen were yeas 6 of which the Ld Maior was one noes 15

soe the Comoners got it by 2 & the Aldermen lost it by 9

Wee hear of severall Petitions that are Promoted & handed In the Countys of Essex & Kent & Citty of yorke & Berkshire &c But its said some of them are discouraged & have Retracted their Intentions Upon his Matyes ill Resentment of the late London Petition

Wee have newes from the North that most of their members of this prsent Parliamt are Comeing from those parts & that there is like to be as greate A sessions as Ever

Our advices from Holland of the 21st Instant say that the ffrench Ambr Continues to use all the meanes Imaginable to procure the states to Enter Into A league defensive with his master & threatens them that if they give him not A Positive answer In 10 dayes his master wll take it as an open breach of the prsent peace & take his measures accordingly

They write from Paris the dauphine is to be married on the 6th ffeb by Proxie

They write from Hambrough that there now lyes windbound in the Elbe neer 350 English vessells that about 100 are laden with oates only & are bound for Diepe &c In ffrance for the service of that King who still

Continues Raiseing both seamen & Landmen

Wee have much discourse of A new designe that is discovered & some of the Agitators are In Custody by what it appeares it seemes [sic] to be Caryed on by the Popish Party that were the makers of the Pretended Presbiterian Plott

There was A Reall designe to subborne witnesses Agt the d of Bucks of matters that would have taken away his life of which more in [?] next +sr Robt Payton is still A prisoner In the Tower but not soe Confined as at first, he is now makeing application to his Matye to be discharged otherwise he will bring his Habeas Corpus according to the late act

To morrow the Ld scroggs puts In his Answer to the Articles of dr Oates & mr Bedlow which Containe only matters of misdemeanors

A letter was lately found at the Customehouse Expressing A designe of Burneing London bridge southwarke & the Hamletts of the Tower upon the sudden Exspectation of some assistance from the ffrench K +Last weeke greate quantities of ffrench armes were seized In the River & other places

[Figures in another hand cover much of outside of letter.]

L. c. 891 Jan 24th 1679

London Jan 22d 1679

+Last night the Ld Maior & Aldermen waited on his Matye at whitehall To whome his Matye declared his dislike of the debates of the Comon Councill last Tuesday abt the Petition for the Parliamt & gave perticuler thanks to those who had been Instrumentall to prevent it

Yesterday was A heareing In Councill of dr Oates & mr Bedlow Agt the Ld scroggs who Cleared him selfe soe well that his Matye & Councill declared themselves well satisfied of his Innocency & gave him leave to take his Course at Law Agt his accusers

This morning sr Walter st Johns & Tho Thynn Esqr Knight of the shire for wiltshire prsented A petition to his Matye In the name of the Inhabitants of the County for the sitting of the Parliamt but Recd A Checke his Matye telling them he wondred they should Concerne themselves In A buisness that was Contrary to Law &c

+The Essex petition is not yet prsented but is Certainly In Towne but wee hear from Oxford that severall Justices have mett there to hinder the Promoteing of any such petitions

A New discovery hath been made to sr Wm Waller of A designe for Burneing severall Cittyes of this Kingdome on the 30th Instant

Two gentlemen Travellers In Holland lyeing at An Inn upon the Roade after supper desired A private Roome pretending to have some urgent buisness to discourse of & were over heard to say that the Plott Could not take Effect till after his Matyes decease which they had taken Care should be Effectted speedily & that there were some persons In whitehall Employed to Effect It The English gentlemen that over heard this discourse sent A letter to sr Wm Waller who acquainted his Matye therewith who highly Comended him for his vigilancy

There is A Rumour that the K of spaine hath made sr Wm Godolphin (lately o[u]r Ambr there but now succeeded by sr Henery Goodricke) A Grandee of that Kingdome

mr Brisban formerly Employed In ffrance by his Matye is made secretary of the Admiralty In the Roome of mr Haytier who is preferred to be Comptroller of the Navy In place of sr Thomas Allen who Resigned it sr Anthony deane Comissioner & surveyor Generall of the Navy hath layd downe his Comission who will succeed him is Uncertain

Passengers arrived with our last Post from ffrance say that King hath Reiterated his Comands to his sea officers not to strike sayle to any ships whatsoever

The ffrench Ambr is upon his Returne heare & tis said departs in 4  
dayes

The Gazett Informes that many of the most Considerable persons In  
ffrance are Imprisoned abt Empoysonings & tis said the d: of Luxemburgh

with the Lds In the Tower Upon which the Carryer Caused him to be seized & Carryed before mr Whorwood A Justice of peace & member of Parliamt where many letters were found abt him & his Pocketts well lyned with money

This weeke A greate lady was set upon In ffleetstreet being In her Chaire & supposed to be the Dutchesse of Portesmouth by her footmans lyvery The assaulters would not be satisfied till shee Came out & appeared

Tis Reported that one mr Bannister A Gentlemen of 2500 L p An In Lankashire & A person very zealous Agt the Papists had A gentlemen Come to his house with A servant attending him who Enquired for the said mr Bannister who was then sicke In bed he was Admitted to Come up to him & after A small stay he departed but A short time after the house was all on A fire & mr Bannister lay murthered In the Rooome & the Assassine made A speedy Escape

Our letters from ffrance Advise that their King is Resolved to have An Army of 30000 men Encamped In fflanders before the 1st of March & our Holland letters Informe that the states are Resolved to Remaine neuters as to the alliances proposed by England & ffrance

L. c. 893 Jan 29th 1679

London Jan 27th 1679

+Last sunday sr Jo: Newley waited on his Matye with A petition from the City of yorke for the Parliamts sitting which his Matye seemed to be very much displeased at Adding that he did not Exspect any such proceedings from that Ancient & Loyall City The like answer his Matye gave on Munday morning to the somersetshire petition

Yesterday about 300 of the Commons appeared at Westminster & were prsently sent for up to the Lds house where his Matye made this following speech

+MY LORDS & GENT when I declared In Coun[cill] my Resolution of Putting of the Parliamt [to] A time soe Remote as November it was no[t] without haveing very well weighed & Considde[red] the grounds & Reasons that Induced mee to it Nor Can I be prevailed upon by any[thing] that hath happned since In Relation to affaires within the Kingdome to alter that my Resolution but am Rather Confirmed & settled In it, when I have said this I must tell you at the same time that Considering the prsent danger that threateneth our Neibours & allies In whose Interest & safety wee are soe neerly Concerned it may [be?] of very ill Consequence to make A Prorogation for soe long A time as should In the least dishearten our ffreinds which Relye upon us for this single Reason I thinke meet to appoint A day for your meeting againe In Aprill & haveing thus let you see my Care of you In Relation to affaires abroade I must observe to you that the distractions & Jealousies at home are of such A nature & soe Heightened & Improved by the Malice & Industry of ill men that I am unalterably of opinion that A longer Intervall of Parliamt will be absolutely necessary for Composeing & quietting of mens minds: In order to which I am affraide the most Proper Remedy will prove Ineffectuall without the assistance of some further time

I doe therefore Resolve that upon & from that day wherein you are to meet In Aprill there shall be A further Prorogation unless the Cond[ition] of o[u]r Allies abroade doe then Require our Imediate assistance & now my Ld Chancellor doe as I directed you

soe the Ld Chancellor Prorogued the Parliamt till the 15th Aprill accordingly

On sunday all the Judges dynd with the Ld Maior Except the Ld scroggs between whome & the Ld Maior some words formerly past The same night the Ld Maior & Aldermen were sent for to the Councill where his Matye Charged them to prosecute the Papists & take Care of the City

This day mr Benjamin Harris appeared by Habeas Corpus but his



Bayle was Rejected as Insufficient also sr Robt Payton appeared & bayle is ordered to be allowed for him next Thursday

upon the Information of sr Wm Waller to the Councill abt the d of Bucks & c 100 L was offered for one Higgins who was taken last night In his Bed The designe is said to be of soe high A Nature that the Lds are much Concerned at it

+sr Thomas Gascoine Appeared last satureday at the Kings bench barr & his Tryall is put off till the last day of the Terme till which time he hath to provide his witness[es?]

The [?] [fraying at edge of folio obscures about twelve words the sense of which is probably that of first sentence of L. c. 894] & that his Matyes Yatchts are ordered to attend him

L. c. 894 Jan 31st 1679

London 29th Jan 1679

+Last night his Matye declared In Councill the Reasons he sent for the d of yorke who is suddenly Exspected here

In the Paris Gazett of the 3 ffeb New stile which Came hither yesterday is mention that the Parliamt of England would be Prorogued till some time In Aprill which has occasioned much discourse here

Wee hear that 200 Justices are lately Turned out of the Comission of Peace

mr Knox & mr Lane who were last terme Convicted on account of dr Oates have Judgment to pay Each 100 L to the King & 12 months Imprisonment & to Continue In prison till the fines be paid

This day sr Robt Payton appeared Againe at the Kings bench barr & was Remanded till the last day of the Terme & if noe Indictment be brought by that time he is to be discharged upon bayle

Yesterday sr Anthony deane & mr Pepis noe Evidence appeareing Agt them were Acquitted & mr Milbourne is also Acquitted & mr Rigault the ffrench merchant is out upon bayle also the ld Aston & Lady Powis moved for liberty upon bayle but were Refused

Higgins that was taken on Munday night by sr Wm Waller hath made A Considerable Confession & tis said another of that gange An Irish man is taken & both are Committed to the Gatehouse & yesterday mr Prance seized one Gildon A preist A Dor[s]etshire man who is Committed to Newgate

Wee have the ill Newes that 2 Newfoundland ships are lost by stresse of weather In Malaga Road & one taken by the Turks & one from Jamaica taken by the Turks & after lost on the Coast of Ireland & wee have account from Algeirs that they have taken since their breach with us 155 English ships & 1200 men

The Chamber of Justice at Paris Continue to make A strict Enquiry after the Poysoners & besides those formerly mentioned many others of greate quality are seized & there are Warrants out for 80 more & the King declares none shall be pardoned that are guilty, of these poysoners there are most strange & unheard of things discourst not only In Causeing women to miscarry & destroying Children but such blasphemies & unchristian matters as are A shame to be spoken Madam Lovarine hath Confessed shee hath destroyed 2700 Children & baked 400 In Ovens

The King has passed An Edict In Parliamt to Enable his Naturall Children to Inheritt Each other & bear the name of Bourbon

The ffrench worke with greate Dilligence at dunkerke to make that Port able to Containe 50 men of warr

The Channell that hath been Clensed will now bear 18 foot water

They are workeing at A fort that will advance it selfe A Canon shott within the sea to Comand the Road & 50 peeces of Canon will be planted upon it & such another is to be made at Mardicke & the Cannall of La fosse is to be Renewed that vessells may with any wind make Either the

Haven of Dunkerke or that of La fosse all which will Cost that King 8 millions.

+The Best account wee have of what is done In Holland is that the states Generall Came to A Resolution that they would Reject any further alliance with ffrance & then adjourned till the 6 ffeb new stile which was out [?] 27 January & In the Interim are to Consult their perticuler provinces what to doe In Relation to an alliance with England

+The states have appointed the Building of 36 men of warr forthwith  
L. c. 895 ffeb 2d 1679

London Jan 31st 1679

+Tis now said that the d of Munmoth is Restored to his mastership of the horse & that the Commrs have willingly Resigned

Yesterday mr Christian Gentleman to the E of danby was Committed to the Gatehouse by A warrant from sr Wm Waller Tis said he is Committed for Treason upon some Informations of Higgins & others & last night mrs Radley was Comitted to the Gatehouse 2 persons haveing sworne Agt her that shee was Concerned In suborning witnesses to swear sodomy Agt the d of Bucks Also Coll Tho: Blood who was formerly pardoned for takeing the Crowne &c is Charged upon the same account & hath given In bayle but tis judged he will very honorably acquitt himselfe to the shame of his accusers who by many are judged Imposters

mr Joseph David Kemish who was to have been tryed last sessions but was then sicke is dead

The judgment mentioned In my last given upon Knox & Lane was mistaken for Lane is fined one hundred marks to stand in the Pillory & one yeares Imprisonmt & untill the 100 marks be paid & Knox is fined 200 marks & 12 months Imprisonmt & untill the 200 marks are paid, Assoon as this judgmt was passed dr Oates waited upon his Matye & begged the fines which were Readily granted him

The Tryalls of mr Tasbrough & mrs Price for Endeavouring to villify mr Dugdale are to be on wednesday next

This day mr Webb of Buckinghamshire accused by mr Dangerfeild & mr Howard of staffordshire were bayled but mr Gaven formerly mentioned to live In westminster & Committed as A preist by sr Wm Waller was Remanded

Wee hear the ill newes that the ship Phenix & bound from Bantham In the East India strucke upon A sand neer scilly & Could not be got off The men some fine goods & 200 Tunn of Pepper were saved

By letters from scotland wee hear that they are going on In Levying the forces with all Expectation Also they write that one of the Kings servants In discourse with delmahoy A military officer Began Highly to Reflect upon the scottish nation Calling them Perfidious &c The said Delmahoy Incensed thereat Cut off both his Eares whereupon they were both summoned to appear before his R Highs & Recd A Checke & were dismiss

This weeke A greate disturbance had like to have Happened (Between Capt Hewson Captaine of one of the Companies of the Kings foot Guards & one of the Captaines of the Citty green Regemt) as the Kings Company was marching to the Tower about flourishing of Colours whereupon A Corporall of the Kings Company was Knockt downe but the quarrell was soon appeased & the 2 Captaines sent for to the Councill & severely Checkt

The ffrench letters Continue to Informe us of the greate preparations that are still makeing throughout that Kings dominions The people which seem most In danger of his Armes are the dutch of which they seem themselves already sencible

+mr Charles Muddiford & some other Gentlemen & Merchants have Erected neer unto Christchurch In this Citty A very large Pile of Buildings which is Contrived with much Art In Manner of the Banyans In Turkey Italy &c, In which is Artificiall Hott baths to any degree of heate & Receptacles

fit [?] for persons of all qualities Ages & sex the Benefit whereof is well Knowne In fforreign Parts where they often bath & are thereby Relieved from many aches & paines the blood Clensed & Nature Exceedingly Relieved. His Matye on Thursday last Came to see it & tooke A full view thereof & was well pleased with the Contrivance In Every Respect

This day the E of shaftesbury was sent for to the Councill to be advised with abt matters of greate Concerne the perticulers of which are not yet Knowne

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

L. c. 896 ffeb 5th 1679

London 3d ffeb 1679

+Tis said the E of Clarendon Ld Bartlet Ld Brockhurst & Ld Ailesbury are made privy Councillors Instead of the Ld Russell Ld Cavendish sr Hen: Capell & mr Powle that are dismiss

Tis Reported sr Tho: Lee & mr Vaughan prayed leave to be discharged from their service In the Admiralty & that there will be A further Alteration In the Councill

This dayes Exchange hath brought us the sad newes from the downes In Generall that of the 170 ships that did Ride there there is 40 [90?] sayle missing whereof 14 are lost & the Rest drove off to sea the Remainder lost Cables Anchors &c

saboth day last about 11 A Clocke In the house of one mr Delamoy An Eminent stuffe dier In Montague Close next the Thames & neer the Bridge foot In southwarke was discovered A fire The neibours upon the Allarum broke In & found 3 severall fires on the ground floor which they soon put out but A fire broke out In the Garret which was also quenched the family Except one man & A maide were out of Towne the maide was observed to be Comeing downe staires & all things appeare like A designe the maide was seized & Confesseth shee was Contracted with by 3 persons for 2000 L (when done) to set her masters house on fire or let them In to doe it & In order to which shee let one of them In & when the man was fast In bed they fell to worke which was prevented by the neibours as the wind stood & the place Considered the Effects might have been most dreadfull not A little Endangering the Bridge & ships In the River & all the borough Eastward shee will not yet Confesse who Employed her. It hath much allarmed all the Borough

This day mr Tasbrough & mrs Price were Tryed for villifying mr Dugdale & found guilty but have not yet Recd judgment

The Ryott mentioned In the Gazett at Bristoll tis said did arise from an old disorderly Custome used In that Citty that the ffree Carpinders of the Citty In such like manner goe through the Towne to search out all such who use that trade & are not ffreemen &c

On saturday last A Comittee of Councill at whitehall his Matye prsent who was pleased to displace & place severall Justices of the peace

Tis Reported that the Ld Maior will be speedily moved by the Citizens to Call A Common Councill to Consult of some Expedient to prsent An Adresse to his Matye for Redresse of the Citty Greivances & that his Matye would secure the shipping of the nation & permitt that the Plotters may be Tryed & to take Into his Consideration the decay of this Cittyes Trade together with the Increase of the poore & that if his Matye Refuse to make provision Agt their Indigency for the future they must of necessity be forced to Recall their loanes to his Matye upon the late Act of Parliamt

+His Matye hath lately sent A message by sr stephen ffox to the d of Munmoth that he should depart hence for some time but wee Cannot be Informed that he hath Complied with his desire

This day mr Lane stood In the Pillory at westminster Hall gate

The Committee of Lds appointed to Examine the designe Agt the d of Bucks mett this day & have discovered severall persons therein Concerned & others who presumed to attempt the poysoning of A very greate person

Wee have account of the peace Concluded between the 2 northerne Crownes for Joy whereof the Brandenburg Resident here made A feast at his house In Leicester square & A bone fire with at least 400 faggotts

L. c. 897 ffeb 7th 1679

London 5th ffeb 1679

+Tis Reported that my Ld Hallifax who is now In the Countrey hath sent to his Matye for leave to withdraw from the Councill & all publicke Employmts which tis thought will be granted him & the E of Radnor being Indisposed is gone Into the Countrey who tis thought will desire the same

About 26 of the Justices of peace In the County of surrey are ordered to be left out of the new Comission of the peace for that County sr Hen Capell & mr Vaughan haveing layd downe their Comissions of the Admiralty the Ld Brunkard & sr Thomas Littleton are to succeed & tis said the Ld Longford is made master of the ordinance In the Roome of sr Thomas Chelsey Also tis said the Ld Herbert of Cherbury will be Turned out of all his places

Yesterday mr Christian Gentleman to the E of danby who is accused upon oath of being privy to the Popish Plott & also for being privy to & A Confederate In suborning witnesses to swear sodomy & Buggery Agt the d: of bucks was Examined before the Councill where he made A slender defence Reflecting upon sr Wm Waller that he acted Partially Agt him & desired that the Councill would order that bayle should be taken for him which was Refused but was told that he might bring his Habeas Corpus & In the meane time his ffreinds might Come to see him & he should have all the liberty that the nature of his accusation would permitt

Higgins hath accused 8 more who were to have 1000 L to swear Agt severall Protestants

On Tuesday last one mr selnes was taken Into Custody & Examined he being accused upon oath to have said that sr Robt Payton bid him tell the d of Monmoth that he Could Raise him 50 or 60000 men who denies he ever uttered any such words or that he had any acquaintance with sr Robt he was ordered to attend the Councill yesterday but was not Called

Tis Reported the ld Chancellor did yesterday move In Councill that mr Bedlow might be taken Into Custody which if True is supposed not to be Capt Bedlow but his brother there haveing been A Report of late that mr Bedloes Brother should speake very dangerous words at A gentlemans In Monmothshire which was sworne Agt him before mr Arnold A Justice of peace of the said County

Tis said there will be A Pardon Passed for all the Plotters that are yet untryed Except the Lds In the Tower & such others whose Crimes are very greate

mr Browne who was Committed by sr Jo ffredericke for saying there is noe plott is bayled & is to answer his words next sessions

This day mr Harris the Bookseller had his Tryall at Guildhall for printing & vending many seditious Pamphletts perticularly the appeale from the Countrey to the City for which the Jury brought him In guilty & he is Comitted prisoner to the Kings bench

The Lds Commrs of the Treasury have ordered that noe discharge shall be given to Barronetts till they have paid the fines for their Patents which hath not been done these 10 yeares

+mr sidney hath sent A letter to his Matye Giveing account of the proceedings of the Treaty & that on the 5th Instant the states are to Assemble when tis said the Resolutions of the severall provinces In Relation to the Treaty with us will be brought In

The ffrench have now Agreed with the County of Cleves as to the  
Arreirs of Contributions soe that now the ffrench will Evacuate that  
Country but Intend to take the guns with them

Last night the d of Monmoth was In the Citty viewing the New Bathing

On the 30th the queen of spain made her Publicke Entry on Horseback Into the City of madrid where were Erected severall stately Triumphall Arches & the grandees & Nobility were very splendid & Rich as the occasion Required

+Tis Reported that the Ld Bruce son of the E of Ailesbury is dead In ffrance

This afternoon mr ffran: smith bookseller In Cornhill was Tryed at Guildhall for selling & dispersing A Pamphlett Called Tom Ticklefoot In which were very sharpe Reflections Relateing to sr George Wakemans tryall mr smith Could not be prsent by Reason he lyes ill of A malignant feavour sr George Jeffries Recorder of London made A long speech declareing how pernicious libells were & that it were fit some Example of punishment should be made upon those that Reflected upon the King god vicegerent or any majestrate who is the Kings vicegerent & said to the multitude that he hoped they did not Come there on designe to faivour such Pamphletts but Rather out of Abhorrancie to them after which the Evidence proved the Indictment & he was brought In Guilty also mrs Curtis the wife of mr Curtis Bookbinder was tryed for selling & dispersing scandalous Pamphletts & found Guilty what judgment mr Harris & those 2 will have is not yet Knowne but doubtlesse it will be very Heavy the offences being managed with all the Agravations of Law

Tis said that 19 of his Matyes ships lately built are now upon service

L. c. 899 ffeb 12th 1679

London 10th ffeb 1679

+On sunday last sr Lionell Jenkins tooke his place as secretary of state In Roome of mr Coventry & tis said that the Bishop of salisbury will be Treasurer of England & that the Ld Chancellor will desire leave to Retire & that the Ld scroggs will stand faire for that place

Tis new Reported that about 80 Clergymen will be put Into the Comission of peace In the severall Counties In the places of those Justices that are lately layd aside

Tis said mr Gadbury hath made A very ffree & Ingenious Confession much to the satisfaction of his Matye & tis the more Credited In Regard that his Pardon is passed

The persons formerly mentioned whome the Grandjury found the bill for Teareing the Petition In the strand were yesterday tryed & 2 of them found guilty of misdemeaners

Those who lately made the disturbance In the dukes playhouse are to be proceeded Agt as Ryotters

+mr Christian hath againe Petitioned his Matye In Councill praying that the Papers Concerning him In sr Wm Wallers hands may be delivered to the Attorney Genll to Report the same & that he may be speedily Tryed & In the Interim permitted Bayle

An Information was lately brought to the Kings bench barr Agt the E of Pembroke for breakeing some windows In Leicester feilds

Wee have of late had divers Robberies Committed on the High wayes & 3 were yesterday taken & Committed to Newgate

Yesterday 3 persons were brought from newgate by Habeas Corpus 2 of them were accused by mr Dugdale & A 3d was accused by A maide servant to be A preist & that he proffered her money to set her masters house on fire soe all 3 were Remanded

Yesterday mr Mowbrayes Narrative was published Relateing the whole matters which Came to his Knowledge Relateing to sr Tho: Gascoyne sr Miles stapleton &c

And there is Comeing out A 2d narrative of mr Tho Dangerfeilds And tis said the memorialls that passed between England ffrance & Holland at the

Hague upon the Treaty of Alliance are Translated & In the presse & will be out within 2 dayes

One mr Jo Mayne of Exeter being at Bristoll ffaire haveing spoken as tis said Dangerous words Agt the govermt was thereupon seized & since ordered to be brought to the Councill board to answer the same

They write from Rome January 20th that the spanish minesters there will by noe meanes grant the 10ths of the Churches goods of spa[ine] to the K of Poland for Carying on the warr Agt the Turks Concerning which the Pope In his last Consistory as one Exasperated spoke to Cardinall Nitard to write to his Master Abt that affaure

They write from Madrid of the 26th January that sr Hen Goodricke had his first Audience In that Court the weeke before & that the Marquess of Ossuna is made viceroy of sardinia

Our letters by the way of Holland say that the ffrench K hath sent to the K of sweden 12 such horses & soe Richly sadled & Trapped &c That the like was never seen In sweden

The ffrench Commrs about Hambrough ffranckfort &c buy up greate numbers of horses fit for warr & the warlike preparations In ffrance Continue as also their Equipping more men of warr where the storme will fall is uncertain He seemes since he Cannot get A defensive alliance with Holland to be Content with their Neutrality provided they Keep it punctually & for A time yet to be Agreed on They have miserably Harrassed the people of Cleves &c for Contributions & when they have with greate dificulty Raised their first demands they make A 2d They have not yet Evacuated wesell or Recd orders soe to doe that place being of greate Importance to him if he should attacke Holland

L. c. 900 ffeb 14th 1679

London 12th ffeb 1679

+Yesterday was the Tryall of sr Thomas Gascoine which begun at 9 In the morning & held till 4 afternoon but the Ld scroggs went off the Bench at 2 afternoon to Guildhall, The undersheriffe of yorkshire had summoned 3 juries who were all Called over sr Thomas In General Excepted Agt all such as had signed the Petition for the sitting of the Parliamt & In perticuler Agt many of the Jury, mr Mowbray deposed that about michaelmas 1676 there was A meeting of Jesuitts &c at Barnbow (sr Tho: Gascoynes house) when it was then Concluded that the Kings Matye In Regard he was An Hereticke & Excommunicated by the Pope should be murthered it being not only Lawfull but meritterious soe to doe

Bauldron swore that sr Thomas offered him 1000 L if he would undertake to doe it & Also sr Tho: Gascoyne & his son & the Lady Tempest &c did at Barnbow Consult of A designe to murther his Matye &c The whole Evidence was very large & some say full The Jury brought It In not Guilty at which many are much dissatisfied & some say the Jury are Tennants to the Lady Tempest & sr Miles stapleton

mr Harris Convicted for Printing A seditious Pamphlett Called An Appeale from the Countrey to the Citty Recd Judgment to stand In the Pillory at the Royall Exchanges next Tuesday & is ffined 500 L to the King

mr smith & mrs Curtis their judgments are suspended till the next Terme as also the judgment on mr Tasbrough & mrs Price

This day the Grandjury found the bill Agt mr Gaven of Westminster as a preist &c Also Agt mr Christian & Also Agt mrs Celliers & shee was Arraigned & will be tryed next Terme The witnesses Agt her are mr Gadbury & mr Dangerfeild

+sr Robt Payton & the Lady Powis are also at liberty upon bayle

+The wind Continuing Westerly as it hath done these 10 weeks A greate number of merchants ships lye still windbound In the downes wee have yet noe further perticulers what ships are lost but there Dayly Appear severall

Parts of wrecks & they write from Holland that many ships have been lost & others Endamaged In the Texell where there lye A very vast number outwards bound

severall of the justices of Peace of Barkshire are Comeing up to desire his Matye to pardon some Papists Convicted there

severall of the Commrs of the Admiralty mett on munday last & Consulted how to set out A ffleet for A summer guard

Last Munday the Lieutenancy mett at Guildhall to grant Comissions to the officers of the Regemt of which sr James Edwards is made Colonell sr Wm Waller hath seized An Incendiary at A Cheesemongers neer Charing Cross & searching his Trunke found severall materialls to fire houses & Especially the house wherein he was & 2 other houses thereabouts as he upon Examination Confest whereupon he was Comitted

On sunday last A greate number of Apprentices mett at An Alehouse to Consult of A further meeting next may day In A greate body under A pretence of Burning the Rump & then to demolish Conventicle houses & fformed the method of meeting & Chose officers to govern the Rest but the design was discovered by the late staying out of An Apprentice whome his master Examined & suspecting his Honesty searched his Pocketts & there found A list of the Eminentest of them which he Carryed to the Chamberlain who desired him to acquaint the Ld Maior therewith which is done but wee doe not yet hear he is In Custody

+This morning Early his Matye went to windsor & tis thought will Returne to morrow or satureday

L. c. 901 ffeb 16th 1679

London 14 ffeb 1679

+Wee have Advice that the d of yorke & his Dutchesse Come by sea from scotland & tis supposed they Embarked on wednesday last & the wind Comeing ffaire yesterday for them severall Boates & one yatcht went downe the River this day to meet them & they are Exspected at whitehall to morrow where they are to lodge & preparations are makeing for their Reception +The d of Monmoth is at Chichester In sussex

By A ship which Came In yesterday wee have an ill account of Tangier that when that ship Came away it was much streightened by the moores & by this time is ffearred to be lost wee Exspect A full account next weeke In our spanish letters which Come over land

mr Harris at the Passing of his sentence did twice upon his Knees begg the mercy of the Court & said what was printed In his domesticke Reflecting on the ld scroggs was done by order of dr Oates for which he had his handwriteing to shew whereupon dr Oates was sent for but was not In the way The Pamphlett vizt The Appeale from the Countrey to the City is to be burnt by the Comon Hangman when he stands on the Pillory on Tuesday next & Harris is to give security for 3 yeares

A Barrister at Law haveing been observed at severall Tryalls to take notes was on Tuesday last Complained of In Court by sr George Jeffries for givinge them to be printed whereupon the ld scroggs said that if any Barrister used such things he would Pull his gowne over his head

mr Osborne servant to dr Oates who swore soddomy Agt his Master is at liberty upon bayle

Judge Pemmerton is out of Comission & tis said mr serjt Baldwin will succeed him

mr Robt Bauldron one of the witnesses Agt sr Thomas Gascoyne hath this day put forth his Narrative & dedicated it to his Matye

The persons he therein accuses to be In the Plott are many vizt sr Thomas Gascoine sr Miles stapleton who is In Custody of A messenger at his house In Yorkshire Charles Ingleby Esqr & many others of which some are In Custody others out upon bayle & the Rest not yet taken



The Grandjury that found the bill Agt mr Christian &c found one also Agt mr Thomas Blood The witnesses Agt mr Blood are one ffellow Candia & sam: Ryder who are were or pretend now to be servants to the d of Bucks Tis said mr Blood hath Examined one or more witnesses Agt them before A justice who have deposed such matters as Render them very ill men mr Blood Continues to Avertt his Innocency & hath A warrant to have the said persons Apprehended & Examined but tis said they are not to be found at their former Lodgings This Buisness seemes soe odd & perplext as has Rarely been the like

They write from the Hague that the states have Resolved to build 40 men of warr In 2 yeares presize

They write from Paris That all the officers have orders on paine of Cashiering & imprisonment to be at their Comands the 17th Instant & that his Matye Intends to be on progress In fflanders by the 15th may to vissitt divers places

On Thursday last A petition was presented to the Councill by severall merchants wherein they humbly Requested that whereas the Newfoundland was [at ffirst discovered?] by the English that his Matye would Erect A Colony there Intimating that the ffrench & Dutch might by that meanes be prevented for ffishing there to which they Recd noe answer

The Assizes for the Midland Circuitt begin at Northampton march 2d & are at Leicester march 17th & at Coventry march 19th & at warwicke march 20th

+Yesterday was A debate In Councill about the Alliance & other greate matters the Result whereof is not Certainly Knowne

L. c. 902 ffeb 19th 1679

London 17th ffeb 1679

+This morning about 2 Clocke Happned A sudden fire In Coney Court In Graies Inn which began In Councillers Adys Chamber & Consumed the quantity of 6 houses In which were Contained mr Williams the Recorder of Closters [?] Chamber mr stringer & sr Jo: Otways Chambers &c who saved all their Papers of any Considerable vallue wee Cannot as yet learne how it began

His Royall Highness hath been hourelly Exspected the greate guns being loaded in the Tower & the greate fflagg hunge out but is not yet Come & wee have letters of the 10th Instant from scotland which say the Yatchts were not then Arrived at Lieth soe that wee are not Certain when he Comes but there is Constant attendance for it

The d of monmoth hath his Residence for the present at the Ld Graies In Essex

mr Ben: Harris by his wife attended the Councill with A petition praying A Mitigation of the sentence passed on him which was not granted In Regard shee Could not or would not discover the Authour of the Pamphlett

soe this day mr Ben: Harris according to his sentence stood In the Pillory In Cornhill before the Exchange one houre The Pamphlett being burnt the time Expired The multitude Expressed greate Joy by shouteing & waveing their Hatts & he then bowed to the people & was discharged of the Pillory & was Remanded to the Kings bench prison

Tis said sr Jo: Keeling or mr serjt street is appointed to goe the Circuitt In place of Judge Pemmerton who is dismiss

This afternoon died the Ld Hollis & the late Ld Cheife Justice Rainsford

Wee have much discourse of the Removall of divers greate officers vizt That the E of Arlington will be made Ld Treasurer the E of sunderland Ld Chamberlain sr James Edwards lately made Colonell of the Citty green Regent Lieft of the Tower &c

+one mr Porter & another gentleman who Committed some disorders In the Playhouse & spoke some words Agt the dutchesse of Portesmouth were

Challenged by mr Oglethorp but the Challenge was Refused

Warrants are Issuing forth for the Retakeing of sr Thomas Gascoine for Harboursing priests &c

A pursenant [?] is sent Into the Countrey to ffetch up mr Bedlow

Coll mansell hath prayed leave of the Councill to take his Course at Law Agt the Lady Powis

They write from ffrance that Monsr Collers hath taken the Oath of secretary of state [for?] fforreign affaires & Imediately Entred the Councill since which he gives Audience to the Ambrs of fforreign Princes

Wee have letters from fflanders which say the states of Holland have Adjourned till the 1st march when tis thought they will sit A long time & lay An Imposition on ffirehearths & stones as In England

They write from the Hague that mr sidney o[ur] Ambr acquainted the states that though his master had ffixed the meeting of his Parliamt to the 15th of Aprill yet he would Call them sooner if their Interest Required it to which the states Returned thanks & that their affaires did not yet Require it

They write from Brussells date 23d That Charlemont is delivered to the ffrench which hath soe allarmed the states of Holland that they dispatcht An Extrary Courier to his Excellency to desire that for their owne security & for the preservation of that small part of fflanders that is left he would Admitt such Troops of theirs as will be sufficient to guard those Citties that border upon Holland & would give them leave to Repaire & Amend those places that are defective to prevent any Attempt that may be made Agt them but have noe Answer & tis ffearred that governour will Admitt of noe dutch garrisons

+sr Wm Waller is out Upon Eminent service for the publicke of which perhaps more by the next

L. c. 903 ffeb 21st 1679

London 19 ffeb 1679

+Wee have letters from scotland dated the 12th Instant which then left his R Highness at Edenbrough waiteing the Comeing of the Yatchts soe that wee are uncertain when he will Arrive here & the more In Regard the wind shifted & Also that In the late stormes the Henrietta Yatcht was forced backe Into yarmouth Roade haveing sprunge her maine Mast & Run some hazzard of being lost But the sentinells still Continue gardeing the 61 [?] guns at the Tower that are Charged to salute him Upon his Arrivall

mr sidney Dayly moves the states of Holland for an alliance but is obstructed by the ffrench Agent who dayly Invites them to A Neutrality

The memorialls of the English & ffrench Ambrs In Relation to the said Alliance is Come out In print as is also mr Dangerfeilds 2d Narrative +The office of steward to the queenes Matye being voyd by the death of the Late Ld Hollis tis said that office is given to the Ld Arlington

Just now wee have Certain newes that the Neptune ffregott (mentioned by the gazett to be Cast away) is safely arrived at ffalmouth

They write from Lisle In fflanders that the ffrench have made severall detachments of the Troops that are there which are all sent to the generall Randevous neer Tournay where will be An Army of 24000 men & Artillery proportionable

They write from Trusin [?] In savoy they are there Apprehensive of danger from ffrance there being already by the ffrench Kings order 60 Companies of foot & 30 Troops of horse on their March to Pigneroll the ffrontier part of ffrance to savoy soe they have there begun to ffortify that Citty with Pallisadoes & given orders to all their forces to be In Readiness with the first Alliance

Our Paris letters say that Madam La Vosine was Executed according to her sentence before she was brought to the stake they stript her to her

shift & made her doe penance at the Church of Nostre dame Never did A  
fflagitious person appear soe Encouraged at her sentence & Kept her  
Resolution till shee Came within sight of the Pile of wood that was made  
to burne her but that strucke her with such terror & Amazement that shee  
not only quitted that Resolution but layd fast hold on the sledge on  
which shee was drawne that 5 persons Could hardly unloose her shee had  
her fflesh pluckt from severall Parts of her body & was afterwards burnt  
shee gave Terrible shriekes shee did not discharge any of those persons  
shee had accused but Insteed thereof accused her owne son & Daughter &  
one Madam Prinnoy now In Custody to be more skilled In that Damnable Act  
& there was found In Madam Priannoyes Chamber 8 L of Arsenacke & 60  
violls prepared of severall sorts of Poysons & 2 large books of Receipts  
how to make the Poysonings

Tis said the E of Huntingdons Commission for the County of Leicester  
is taken from him the Reason whereof is variously discoursed

The late Report of An Information Exhibitted in the Crowne office  
Agt dr Oates & mr Bedlow & also of the Retrenchment of the said drs  
Allowance proves altogather ffrivilous

Also the Report that Warrants are Issued out for Retakeing sr Thomas  
Gascoine proves A mistake, however sr Thomas is not to be found The Jury  
that acquitted him at his late Tryall are very much Reflected on

+Tis said the Court Resolve for Newmarket the next Month

L. c. 904 ffeb 23d 1679

London ffeb 21st ffeb 1679

+Notwithstanding the Malicious Reports spread Abroad Agt mr Bedlow that  
he should goe out of Towne to Avoyd the heareing of A Complaint Agt him  
by A Justice of peace In Wales he is Returned & hath Attended the Councill  
to acquaint them that he is Ready at all times to Answer to anything  
tha[t] shall be Exhibitted Agt him

There are warrants out Agt severall persons who have taken the liberty  
to Traduce & villify dr Oates mr Bedlow & others of the Kings Evidence &  
tis Resolved the offenders shall suffer all legall punishment there are  
also warrants out for Preists of whome there hath been Intimation given  
to sr wm Waller & mr Justice Warcupp

There was left at the Booksellers shop who printed mr Bauldrons & mr  
Mowbrayes Narratives A letter directed to them Importing that 2 of sr  
Tho: Gascoines jury had Recanted the verdict & now Resolved to shew their  
Reasons which letter mr Bauldron & mr Mowbray Communicated to his Matye In  
Councill on the 20th Instant The Contents of which with that which was  
further said by mr Bauldron & mr Mowbray gave his Matye & Councill occasion  
to Command the 2 Jurymen to be summoned before them In order to their  
Examination as to the said Tryall & verdict & mr Bauldrons wife formerly  
A servant to sr Tho: Gascoine & still A zealous Papist was also with them  
before the Councill who declared that her Religion & the Respect shee had  
to her master had untill now stopt her mouth for Confessing & owneing  
severall things shee was privy to In Relation to her master & others but  
now her Conscience would not suffer her to Conceale them any longer &  
thereupon acquainted his Matye & Councill with what shee knew & was ordered  
to Attend the next Councill day with what shee had said In writeing

The wives of about 200 persons who are slaves In Algeirs have  
petitioned his Matye that some Care might be taken for their Reliefe which  
the Councill tooke Into Considderation & were A Considderable time In  
debate for the most speedy & Effectuall meanes to Reduce them for A  
Compliance which his Matye is Resolved to prosecute forthwith

They write from Paris that the ffrench K is under greate Apprehensions  
of his Receiveing poyson from some hand or other the beleefe whereof hath  
very much seized on him Even to A Malancholly disquiett some are of opinion

that his Treasure is much Exhausted & that he will fall on the Republicke of Genoa who are Rich In money & poor In people for defence soe may be willing to purchase their quiett

The Papists are still at worke with their fforgeries thereby to Accuse people & Raise jealousies of the Protestants A letter being found In the streets Intimating that the names underneath In Number 75 were as the Author sayes all he Could Engage & would make up 13000 which should be Ready to march at the blowing of A horne by A boy about the streets of the Citty The letter was Carried to the Ld Maior who is Traceing it as far as he Can

+Wee hear his R Highness did Embarke on Tuesday last but tis uncertain when he will Arrive being the wind hath since shifted Tis now said his R Highness is wholly A protestant & will declare himselfe such & that his Matye will Invest him In the office of Ld High Admirall & other greate Trusts & Charges In the Kingdome

+Yesterday wee had A Comon Councill at the Guildhall where according to usuall Custome the usuall Comittees for manageing the Affaires of the Citty were appointed but nothing more though tis Reported at Court they Intended something of A generall Concerne

+This day one of his Matyes Yatchts went downe the River to ffetch In A Holland Ambr

L. c. 905      ffeb 26th 1679

London 24 ffeb 1679

+This morning their R Highnesses Arrived at Greenwich where they dined & about 3 A Clocke this Evening Came to whitehall The guns at the Tower Welcomed their Arrivall & they were Recd by their Matyes with greate demonstrations of Joy & Efection The Lady Crosier liveing In Newgate street hath given order for 2 load of fflagotts to make A bonfire this Evening for Joy & tis said the d of Lauderdale hath Allowed 150 L for prepareing 2 bonfires to be Erected by the same person that made the late famous one In Leicester feilds & hath ordered 4 Hogsheads of wine for standers by

Tis still discoursed that his R Highness will be made Ld Admirall & some Persons that lately petitioned his Matye that he would take Care of the shipping & that there may be some New vessells built tis said his Matye Returned answer that they should make Application to his brother on that matter

The Lds of the Admiralty have ordered Capt storey In the diamond with 4 other men of warr forthwith to Cruise about the Lands End scilly, Ushant &c to Curbe the Algerines & secure our Merchantmen

Yesterday began our sessions of the peace at Guildhall where A Complaint was made Agt 5 quakers who were Chosen Constables & Refused to take the Oath of that office who were ffined 20 nobles Apeice & Committed to Newgate

Yesterday the Judges & Bishops mett to decide the Controversy between mr Emerton & sr Robt viner about the Lawfulness of his Marriage with sr Robts daughter In law which hath A suite of Law depending above 4 yeares & is not yet determined but tis thought It will suddenly be given for mr Emerton the Plaintiffe

One mr Perry A Trunkemaker of Ireland hath againe Petitioned his Matye Claiming to be Right Heir to the Title & Estate of the late E of Northumberland defunct there being as he affirmes noe Relation neerer then him selfe which petition is shortly to be taken Into Consideration +mr Ingleby & 3 others are to be sent to Yorke to be Tryed there this Assizes & mr Bauldron &c are prepareing for their Journey Also mr Bauldron & mr Mowbray have orders to have the persons & buisness About sr Tho: Gascoines Tryall Examined In the Countrey

mr Justice Warcupp haveing Information that one mr Poulton A Jesuite was lately seen In Essex at the house of the lady Petre Mother to the Ld Petre now Prisoner In the Tower went with A sufficient strengh & made search found his bed Warme & slippers Books &c but [did?] not find his person soe demanded of the Lady [on?] her honour whether he were In that house her Answer was shee would not speake An untruth on her honour nor yet betray him soe left them to make As large A search as they pleased & they searched from 8 In the morning till late In the Evening but found him not but seized severall letters directed to the said Poulton of A ffresh date & A booke of the Jesuitts Accounts & other Considerable Papers In which tis thought will appear A great discovery

+Last saboth day morning Just after the watch was gone 7 persons broke out of newgate & are Escaped vizt Thomas Newell Committed for A Murther Jo: Bugg Clement sewell John Ralph, Randolph Russell for housebraking [Geo]rge How & Charles Constantine Picklocks

+sr Robt southwell is ordered to depart Extrary Envoy to the d of Brandenbrugh

+They write from the Hague of the 25th Instant that the ffrench have at last Evacuated Wesell A place of Greate Importance but would not stirr till they had all their Arreirs of Contribution & tis said they have Carryed with them 400000 Ducatoons In Ready money & some letters say Charlemont was delivered to the ffrench on the 28th Instant

+sr Jo: Keeling is made one of the Judges of the Kings bench In the Roome of Judge Pemerton

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

L. c. 906 ffeb 28th 1679

London 26 ffeb 1679

+On Tuesday Night there were Many Bonefires made In & About the Citty for Joy of his R: Highness Arrivall one of which was In Essex Buildings In the strand at A ffrenchmans door where some Gentlemen being with him In his Balcony They with Loud Acclamations & Hatts fflourished Cryed God save the d of Yorke The yonge ffrie about the ffire being only boyes of 10 or 12 yeares of Age some of them Cryed God bless the d of Monmoth Also Whereupon the Gentlemen Came downe & drew their swords & made the Boyes ffly

But A little after some lusty ffellows Came down to the ffire who broke their swords & beate them soundly & broke the windows of the house

The Constable Comeing to secure the peace seized the ffirst Abettors for drawing swords & Committed them to prison from whence they were Released Next morning

The Court being In mourning for P Ruperts sister & it being lent season there appeares not that splendour as was by some Imagined +Tis said his R Highness will next month Attend his Matye to Newmarket & will on Easter day Receive the sacramt In the Chappel[l] at whitehall & give further Testimony of his being A True protestant & Amongst other thing[s] that he is desirous to match his Daughter the Lady Ann to the yonge Prince of Brandenburgh & tis Reported that sr Robt southwell who is going Envoy to that princes ffather hath Instructions to that purpose

Our letters from Berlin say the said duke of Brandenburgh is In A very dangerous Condition of body occasioned by the Gout In his Armes hands knees & ffeet A Tertian Ague & A fflux of blood from his fundament

Tis said the ffrench Kings defensive league with sweden & Denmarke is made & that he hath made the ffamous Generall Count Conningsmarke one of the Marshalls of ffrance

Our letters from strasburgh give A large account of A most splendid & Magnificent Receipt which that Citty gave to the Dauphiness In her passage towards ffrance & our Paris letters say that on the 27th ffebruary the King queen & Dauphine parted from st Germaines to meet the dauphiness

at Vitri where shee will stay for the Interview

This day the Ld maior & Aldermen & some of the Comon Councill Attended on his Matye at whitehall to Returne him the thanks of the Citty for his faivour to them In the buisness of the Water Bailiffe after which they had the honour of Kissing his hand

Tis thought the late Breach of the prison of Newgate by 7 Notorious Malefactors will lye on the sheriffs who are ffineable because the walls were not stronge Enough & not on the keeper of the prison as some Immagin it being made Evident by those 2 persons they left bound & Gaggd In the Roome that they were ffettered

This day the sessions began In the old Bayly but there is noe speciall Commission for the Tryall of Plotters

+His Matye out of his Princely Compassion to the many English that are slaves In Algeirs hath not only granted A breife throughout England & declared that he will Contribute largely thereunto but hath also ordered that all Prohibitted goods that are seized shall be sold & the money disposed toward their Redemption

+ffrom Dublin wee hear that A minester of that Citty was lately Indicted for saying that dr Oates & Capt Bedlow were Rogues & that they had falsely accused the 5 Jesuitts for which he was ffined 300 L & Imprisoned till Its paid

To morrow will be A Councill day where Considerable matters are Exspected to be Debated & the more In Regard tis said his R Highness is to assist

L. c. 907      March 1st 1679

London ffebruary 28th 1679

+Yesterday was A Councill but his Royall H: did not Assist as was Exspected The Wives of severall persons now In slavery In sally prsented their Petition praying his Matyes Compassion on their Captive Relations & that they may be Inserted In the Breife for Algeirs

When the Ld Maior &c had Attended his Matye last Thursday about the Water Bailiffe they also waited on their R Highnesses whome the Ld Maior In A Congratulery speech welcomed from scotland, His Highness told them he Kindly accepted their vissitt & as he had formerly soe he would venture his life for the preservation of their Citty & Kingdome & protestant Religion after which they had the honour of Kissing their R Highnesses hands Also that Evening severall of the Lieutenancy of the Citty went to pay their Respects to his R Highness & Congratulate his Happy Arrivall

The Bishop of London Preached last wednesday before his Matye at whitehall & about the middle of the sermon the d of yorke Came Into the Chappell to speake with his Matye & stayd till sermon & service was Ended

The Lds of the Treasury have made divers greate Retrenchments & tis said P Ruperts pay as governour of Windsor Castle is wholly taken off & they find his Matyes Constant Expences may In times of peace be within the Compasse of 900000 L p Ann

Last night there was A Treate at the Ld Maiors house where were divers noble persons some of which began A health to his R Highs which some Refuseing to pledge sharpe words Arose

Yesterday morning was A duell fought In Hyde Parke Between sr Wm Poulthneys son & Major Oglethorps son, his 2d And Coll Warcupps son & the Ld Whartons son his 2d, The 2 first have dangerously wounded the 2 last But tis said they were not ffaire In their weapons which were much longer then the others

And this morning was Another duell In southampton square Between don Carlo E of Plimouth & the Ld Mordant his 2d And sr George Hewett & the Ld Cavendish his 2d They fell [tear removes about five words] Ld Cavendish wounded & [disarmed?] [tear removes about two words] & then parted the

principalls

The states of Holland have sent A 2d Express to his Matye with thanks for his Gracious proposalls

ffrom Madrid wee have account that the K of spaine hath Entred Into A league with the Princes of Italy for the mutuall security of their Dominions Agt the growing greatness of ffrance

The Ld Cheife Baron of the Exchequer In Ireland being dead sr Hen: Herne succeeds

mrs Bauldron hath according to the order of Councill given In her Information In writeing Containing A more Exact Relation of the proceedings of sr Tho: Gascoine &c In soe Ample A manner & Attended with such Circumstances as Renders it of Greate Truth which shee hath been prevailed upon by Bribes promises & Threats to Conceal till now +This Evening the sessions Ended at the old Bayly where 15 persons were Condemned

The Recovery of London Edward Dover Master haveing only 4 guns & 8 men sayes he was Encountered by 4 sally men of warr of Each 10 guns who after 4 houres fight left him, he lost only 2 of his men & 3 desperately wounded but Killed 40 of the Turks +A ffew dayes since 5 men & A woman went hence In A Coach & Comeing to the old Lady Tierrills In Buckinghamshire about 7 In the Evening the men pretended they had A warrant from the Lds of the Councill to search the house for A Preist The old lady Knowing the house ffree from such vermine suspected them & demanded why they Came without A Constable & desireing to see their warrants they began to Exersize the usuall violence of Robbers but one of the servants Rung the House Bell which brought In the Neibours who seized on them before they had done much mischief & they were all Comitted to Ailesbury Goale

Tis now beleaved that the Parliamt will Certainly sit In Aprill next That the Lds will Come to their Tryalls & that his Matye will passe such bills as will Remove the feares of the people In Relation to the security of the Protestant Religion & Agt A popish successour

L. c. 908 March 4th 1679

London March 2d 1679

+Its Reported that his R Highness is Admitted of the privy Councill & that it hath been moved there that the sitting of the Parliamt should be taken Into Consideration next Councill day & that he will Receive the sacramt according to the Church of England In the Ld Maiors Chappell by Guildhall & that his R Highness & the D of monmoth have been lately In Company & are Reconciled & the D of monmoth will be Restored to all his places

The Ld George Berkley hath proposed to his Matye to lay downe money for Redemption of the English Captives In Algeirs untill the Breife be Collected & that he will goe In person to treat for their Release

By letters from scotland wee hear that A sudden Lightning hapned In the night time at Dalkeith 4 miles from Edenbrough which strongly Affrighted & Amazed the Inhabitants who thought by the violent & Continuall fflashes that the Towne had been on fire but wee doe not hear that there is any harme done

+sr Jo Coventry as tis said hath given out some words In A Coffee house Agt his R Highness saying he is A Traitor & A Rogue of which affidavit hath been made & he is bound to answer it

The Ld sunderland lately made A Banquett for their Matyes & their R Highnesses

Yesterday died sr Jo: shaw Customer Inwards for the Port of London his sallary by Patent 460 L 13 4 p Ann & plentifull Perquisites In which patent he had 3 lives vizt his owne & his sons & A 3d

Within these few dayes greate quantities of wines & Brandy have been seized In the River as being supposed of the growth of ffrance Wee have A greate ffleet of merchantment Come In Laden with Canaryes & spanish wines the Duty of which to his Matye will Amount to above 80000 L The wines In the Canaries have proved very good this year & Exceeding Plentifull Insomuch that the Caske was more scarce then wine +Our last letters from ffrance say that severall protestant Churches In Languedoc have been lately demolished And that many Troops are on their March towards Dauphine & provence which tis presumed are the forces designed to take possession of Cassall the Key of Italy which is said to be sold to ffrance by the d of Mantua who tis said will leave Italy & make ffrance his Residence

They write from the Hague dated march 7th [?] that the states were that day assembled & the P of Orange present & the Deputies of the severall provinces had brought In the Resolutions of their principalls as to the Alliance of Neutrality proposed by ffrance The states will Adjourne to morrow for 10 dayes & at their next meeting their Resolutions on that matter will be declared

His Matye hath granted An order of Councill to the Ld Maior In faivour of mr Bauldron that he may be made ffree of the Citty & of the Goldsmith Company which hath mett with Kind Acceptance, On munday next he his wife & mr Mowbray goe for yorke

The Ld Arran son of duke Hamilton & one of the Bedchamber to his Matye was this day sent prisoner to the Tower The occasion is said to be that his Lordship Courting A yonge lady of A very honorable family & Related to mr seymour the late speaker & mr seymour haveing not done him that Right as his Lordship Exspected he meeting with mr seymour this day In whitehall gave him Exceeding High Language which being Retorted my Lord spit In his face & told him if he were A gentleman he knew what it meant his Matye had Imediate notice thereof & showed his Resentment accordingly

An Information is said to be drawne up In the Crowne office Agt mr Bedlow for Perjury which Causeth much discourse of him & dr Oates

L. c. 909      March 6th 1679

London 4th March 1679

+That the Parliamt will sit In Aprill is still Beleeved & also that the duke will make such suitable Effects as will demonstrate him A good protestant & noe Enemy to the D of Monmoth

It hath been Affirmed that his R Highness was with his Matye on Ash wednesday & Last saboth day In the Chappell In whitehall which is utterly false But true it is his Highness will give A very greate summe of money towards the Redemption of the English Captives the Ransom of which will Come to A vast summe there being above 2000 men & the Porest Wretch is vallued In Algeirs at 50 L sterling & some at 500 L sterling

mr Williams the Burgesse for Chester is put out of the Commission of peace & one mr Peeble Clerke of the peace for yorkeshire A greate stickler Agt the Papists is for some other Reason Turned out & mr simson of sheffield placed In his Roome & now A Through Regulation as to that perticuler hath passed all Counties yet orders are given that the lists be Reviewed A 2d time to see whether any persons are omitted that should have been displaced

It is now discoursed that his R Highness Dayly sollicitts his Matye for the sitting of the Parliamt next Aprill & it is seemingly Resolved on

This day the d of Monmoth attended the Councill but wee are not yet Certain upon what occasion

Tis now said the Place of Lieutenant of the Tower will be granted to Coll Legg

mr Dugdale is gone downe Into staffordshire & mr Bedlow is ordered



to goe downe to herreford to give Testimony Agt severall that are to be Tryed this assizes & mr Dangerfeild is ordered to be at Ailesbury Assizes to give Testimony Agt mr Hobb of Petterly who is then to be Tryed & mrs Bauldron hath given In A 2d & 3d Information In Relation to that part of the plott mannaged In the North upon which the lady Tempest who was at liberty upon bayle is Comitted to the Gatehouse In order to her Tryall at yorke Assizes whither shee is to be sent

Tis said his Matye hath ordered the judges In their Circuitts to suspend the Execution of the Popish Preists till further order

This morning his Matye In his Coach with his R Highness went to Copt hall In Essex where they dined with the E of Middlesex

It is now Positively Resolved that their Matyes his R Highness & the Court will set forth for Newmarket on wednesday next In order to which necessary preparations are this day begun & the Court have sent away their goods

The dutchesse of Buckingham hath Petitioned his Matye & Councill On behalfe of the duke her husband setting forth many undue practices which have been acted to his Prejudice & praying that some persons who are Instruments therein might be Examined at that board Agt whome shee prayed the liberty of Prosecuting According to Law In the Examination of it the Councill spent A Considerable time mr Blood who is accused as A subborner of Witnesses Agt him still Averts his Innocency & that he never Knew the said persons his accusers till he caused them to be Examined & many are of opinion that though there hath been & is A designe Agt the duke [yet that?] mr Blood is abused In that matter who is now setting forth A Narrative to demonstrate the same

The present farmers of the Excize haveing last year advanced his Matye A very greate summe of money towards paying of some ships & c his Matye for their security & Reimbursemt Assured them the farmeing of the said Revenue for 3 yeares longer from Midsomer next at which time the prsent farme Expires Notwithstanding which some have Endeavoured to perswade his Matye & the Lds of the Treasury to destroy the said Contract & make A New one with others who propose to Improve the said Revenewe more to his Matyes Advantage but such is the Justice of his Matye that they have not been able to prevaile

Our ffrench letters say the d of Luxemburgh is by the Chamber of Justice found guilty & sentenced

L. c. 910      March 8th 1679

London March 6th 1679

+Yesterday his Matye In Council was pleased to Resolve that orders be sent to the Ld Deputy of Ireland for A parliamt to be forthwith Called there & that they shall sit the 2d May next which makes some of Opinion it will hinder the Parliamts sitting here, mr Christians Councill delivered Into the Councill 5 Articles of Complaint Agt sr Wm Waller

His Matye hath sent to Alderman Dashwood & the Rest of the ffarmers of the Excize to desire that they would Advance 200000 L upon the same

Yesterday mr Bauldron one of the witnesses Agt sr Thomas Gascoine & c was made free of this Citty haveing before been made ffree of the Company of Goldsmiths he dined with the Master & Wardens as did also mr Prance & mr Bedlow where they had much discourse Relateing to the times

Last night the King ordered mr Bedlow 10 L & he is to set downe all the Charges he is at In his Journey with the other Witnesses to Hereford Assizes & he shall be paid it at his Returne

Tis said the persons that made the Attempt at the lady Tirills was not to Rob her as was said but one of them understanding that one of the Lady Tirrills daughters had A Considerable fortune & feareing to Accomplish his design by ordinary meanes did Endeavour to have Carried

her away under some Crafty pretence & to have Married her but Its thought they will be severely dealt withall at their Tryalls at Assizes & the Rather for soe misImploying the Ld Cheife Justices warrant

Yesterday sr Joseph shelden with severall Cheife officers belonging to the Artillery Company went to whitehall to waite on his R Highness he being their Cheife Captaine & to prsent to him A list of such persons as were Elected officers on the 10th of ffebruary last with which his R Highness seemed to be well pleased

This day his Matye & R Highness went downe In their barges to Blackwell to see 2 second Rate ships Launched & to name them & were at Woolwich very splendidly Entertained by the East India Company Aboard A new ship of theirs

The Ld Craven Coll of the green Regemt of Guards & Coll Russell both Intend to Retire from their places being Infirme & Aged The said Coll Russell made A Complaint In Councill last wednesday Agt one mr Lugton an Ensigne for that he had sent him A Challenge whereupon the said mr Lugton was ordered Into Custody & hath since brought his Habeas Corpus & is Released thereon

Capt Tobias Boteler who was last sessions Condemned for A murther Comitted on the body of one mr symmons In westminster In ffebruary last Hath got his Pardon by meanes of the E of Ossory & 7 more of the Condemned persons are Repreived or pardoned & for the 21 Remaining his R Highness last night very passionately Entreated his Matye but prevailed not but this morning the dutchesse made A 2d Intercession but hath noe answer as yet but tis beleevd his Matye will not utterly denie their R Highnesses at this time

Last Thursday afternoon A Committee of Councill sate where severall Captaines of men of warr that have been at Newfoundland were ordered to give their Attendance to Consult with the Committee about the Erecting of New ffortifications for the safety of that Plantation to prevent the Incursions of the ffrench if they should Attaque it at any time hereafter +The dutchesse of Modena her R Highness mother is Exspected here by the very first wind from fflanders for Reception of whome her R Highness staves at whitehall but the duke goes to Newmarket with his Matye

His Matye & the Court Intend to stay at Newmarket 3 weeks where preparation is made for all sorts of Game to Entertaine them withall

L. c. 911      March 11th 1679

London March 9th 1679

+His Matye haveing sent A Message to the Ld Maior that he would Come & supp with him yesternight his Lordship thereupon sent to Invite his R Highnesse & the d of monmoth & about 9 at night his Matye & his R Highness Came In their Coaches with A greate number of Torches & fflambeaux to the Ld Maiors house In Oldjury & was Recd by the Ld Maior & 4 Aldermen upon his Matyes Entrance the Ld Maior tooke the sword & Carryed it before him Into the Hall where was provided A most Plentifull Banquett at which & other Entertainment his Matye Exprest A Greate deale of satisfaction & laying Aside Matye Compelled his Lordship &c to sit at table with him to whome he used such ffredome of speech as shewed him A prince that had nothing but goodnesse & greate Condesentions to his people, After his Matyes health & others had been drunke his Matye began A health to all his Honest Citizens of London & to their prosperity

The Citizens Exprest their Joy by Bonfires & Ringeing of Bells & his Matye Returned home betwixt one & 2 In the morning tis said his Matye desired A Loane of the Citty of 100000 L & tis thought they will lend it

Tis said his Matye will set out for Newmarket at 4 to morrow morning & Reside there A Month & the Archbishop of Glascow tis said Attends the King there to Consult about the affaires of scotland

sr Henery Johnson who Entertained his Matye & R Highness at Blackwall & one mr Parsons formerly one of the ffarmers of the Excize [& mr?] Duncomb mr Kent & mr Horneby Bankers were the persons that made Application to ffarme the Excize & offered 40000 L more then his Matye had Contracted for with the prsent ffarmers & yesterday both parties had A heareing before the Lds of the Treasury & his Matye did declare that he was satisfised In the Justice of mr George Dashwood & the Rest of the present ffarmers & though 40000 L were A considerdable supply to his Emergent occasions yet he would not violate his broad seale & the Contract he had made noe not for 80000 L soe ordered the New ffarme from Midsomer next for 3 yeares to be ffinished

His R Highness still Continues his Intercession for the sitting of the Parliamt & tis said Its fully Resolved on tis also said he will Rather promote then obstruct the act for disherritting any Papists for Enjoying the Crowne yesterday the Bishops of Canterbury London & Durham & the Ld Chancellor were with his R Highness 3 houres discourseing about the Points of Religion & the next newes wee Exspect to hear is that the duke is absolutely A Protestant & tis Conjectured he will Receive the sacramt on Good ffriday but not before

Tis said the duke of Monmoths offices have been Againe proffered to him which he neither Rejected nor accepted

Most of the 30 ships that were ordered to be built by act of Parliamt are Launched, vizt the vantgaurd Windsor Castle sandwich & Dutchesse 2d Rates

The 3d Rates are the Lennox Restauration Ann, Captain, Hampton Court, Hope, Grafton, Essex, Thents [?], Eagle, Berwicke, Northumberland sterling Castle, Breda, Burford, Elizabeth & [about four letters smeared]dition In all 21 The Rest are on the stocks

sr George Jeffries is made Ld Cheife [Justice?] of the County Palatine of Chester In Roome of sr Job Churlton who tis said is to succeed Baron Weston In the Exchequer who is to be Removed to Judge Pemmertons seate In the Kings bench

Coll Langley haveing lately Committed some disorder at the Lady Tirrills house In Buckinghamshire last satureday Kissed his R Highness hand though formerly A great ffaivourite to the d of monmoth & for that Reason tis thought he will not be Turned out of the Comission as was Intended

A Boate full of Passengers was the last weeke Cast away going from deale

+This day the Proclamation is Come forth for 10 L Reward for Every Robber that is taken within 12 months

L. c. 912 March 13th 1679

London march 11th 1679

+Yesterday the dutchesse of Portesmouth went with his Matye to Newmarket After his Matyes Arrivall there was A Race Run for 200 guyneys at which his Matye &c were present wee heare from thence 2 dayes since that greate preparations were makeing but the Towne soe full that Lodgings were very scarce A pint of ale was 2d & A halfe peny loafe A peny & provisions had been very scarce had it not been for the Highers [?] & ordinaries from London

Tis said the going of the dutchesse of Portesmouth to Copthall last weeke with his Matye was out of designe to purchase that place of the E of Middlesex

Tis Confidently Reported that there will be severall publicke bills prsented to the Parliamt In Ireland one will be A Recognizeing bill declareing the Right succession that soe that Kingdome may Continue firme to the Right line Another for suppressing Popery there & A 3d to Raise 200000 L for his Matye

ffrom Lincolne wee hear that the judges got thither on saturday last where their Comissions were Read but the sheriffe not Attending because he had not Recd the sacramt according to Law & soe fforfeited 500 L he asked the Judges Advice thereupon Judge Windham told him it was not their duty to Advise him thereupon & soe ffined him 2000 L & the Assizes are put off there for that very Reason

Wee have account that there are In the severall prisons of England 117 preists & Jesuitts

At the Assizes last weeke In Oxford was tryed the Taylor that Robbed & killed the scollar In his Chamber with A cleaver who is Condemned to be hanged over against the Colledge Gate where the fact was Committed 3 dayes & then to be Removed & hanged In Chaines upon shootover hill

The last day of the Assizes were brought Into Oxford 10 Highwaymen, Housebreakers &c with many of their Instruments which they Called Beetles sawes Coulters &c for breakeing up houses they Could not then be Tryed but are secured till next Assizes

Wee hear that sr George How hath asked his Matye & the d of yorke pardon for the words he spoke at the playhouse Agt his R Highness

Tis said that the E of ffeversham will be made Colonell of his Matyes Guards Instead of my Ld Craven who Resignes

The E of st Albans & the Lady Katherine Crofts Daughter to the Ld Crofts are shortly to be married

ffrom ffrance wee hear that the ffrench K Continues his preparations & designes then for Ita[ly]

ffrom the Hague wee hear that the states are ReAssembled & debateing whether they should joyne with ffrance or England or be neuter

They write from Leghorne dated ffeb 26th that by A vessell Arrived there In 21 dayes from Algeirs they had Advice that 17 of those privateers are out at sea & 5 more following & that In 45 dayes past they had taken 5 English ships laden with ffish & 6 dutch ships with merchandise & that the Dey & Govermt of Algeirs had Resolved they would have noe peace with England or Holland

+Wee hear that the Cicilia A virginia Merchant of 300 Tuns & 30 guns outwards bound was Cast away upon that Coast all her men & ladeing lost & wee also hear that another virginia ship Capt Booth master is also foundred on that Coast

The maide that ffired mr Delaneys house In southwarke is to be tryed this Assizes at Kingston

+the d of monmoth is gone to Chichester In sussex

L. c. 913 March 18th 1679

London March 16th 1679

+This weeke the duke & dutchesse of yorke gave order for the discharge of all their Roman Catholicke servants out of their service which was done Accordingly

Wee are Credably Informed that his R Highness will be made Generalissimo of all the fforces of England both by sea & land & that he hath declared

proved by ffriends to have been In other places at the time shee  
Chargeth him to be with her abt the ffireing

There is A pardon passing for A gentleman who hath made A large  
discovery of Jesuitts Lands

Wm Richardson & Thomas Richardson that were tryed last sessions for  
foot Padding & Cleared for want of Evidence were this day seized together  
with 2 men & 2 women for Coyneing, Also an Irish man was seized upon  
suspition of Being Concerned In the Robbery at the halfe way house neer  
Deptford, Also Raffes & snell that broke out of Newgate & were Retaken  
In Oxfordshire are this day Returned to their former prison Also this  
day 7 men & A woman formerly Convicted were Chained Legg to Legg &  
Conveyed aboard A vessell In order to their being Transported

+The dutchesse of Modena Mother to the Dutchess of yorke is Come Into  
the River & His R Highness Arrives here this night & goes to morrow to  
meet her & wee hear the Court Intend to Returne from Newmarket on the  
27th Instant the Aire there being somewhat too sharpe for his Matye

sr Robt Carr hath had very ill lucke there for besides his looseing  
severall Races his set of Coachhorses were Burnt In A stable which were  
worth severall hundred pounds

One of the life Guard being last sunday night In Company with one  
mr Remington & pretending to whisper with him bit off his nose & is  
ffled which Crimes is death according to the statue Agt Dismembring

One ffitzgerald formerly A Capuchin ffryar but lately pretended  
himselife to be Converted to be A protestant haveing taken the Oaths &  
sacramt Came to sr Wm Waller & pretended he Could make A greater discovery  
of the Plott then Ever Oates or Bedlow had done & Affirmed he Knew of  
some writeings In Ireland that would discover the whole Intregue desireing  
he might have one to goe Along with him to seize them whereupon sr wm  
sent one of his servants & they both went to Bristoll & Agreed with A  
shipmaster for their Passage & when the vessell was Ready to set saile  
the men went to Coll Gerrard but he Not being In the way the man In the  
Interim Espyed A Bundle of writeings on the Bedds head In which he found  
Treasonable words soe he Carryed them to sr Jo: Knight who upon the  
view thereof found the designe was to Carry on the Pretended presbiterian  
Plott Gerrard being Conscious of his Guilt hid himselife but was found &  
Comitted

+Wee have account that the Bp of winchester is lately dead

L. c. 914      March 20th 1679

London March 18th 1679

+They write from Newmarket that the Court was never soe thin as now it is  
& whereas there had used to be Many Petty horse races to divert his Matye  
there hath not as yet been any only the greate Matches which may possibly  
Cause his Matye to Returne sooner then he Intended

The Bp of Glascow hath been with his Matye & treated abt the Affaires  
of scotland & his Matye hath Conferred the honour of Prelate of the Garter  
upon him

Tis said Madam Guyn wagers very Highly at Races & Cockpitts & that  
one morning In A ffrollicke shee Cloathed her selfe In mans Apparrell  
with A Horsemans Coate &c & meeting the King salutes him at which his  
Matye & the Court were very much pleased Tis said the Ld Cavendish is  
forbid the Court

Wee have Account from Dublin that there is A disease there soe  
Epidemicall that the Inhabitants dye of It In A short time & it hath  
swept away severall persons of quality

They write from Amsterdam that they had Advice from Algeirs that the  
Ratifications of the peace which the states made with Algeirs were  
Arrived there & that mr Hais the states Consull had demanded Audience of

the Grand Councill & presented it to them but they answered him that Acts of Hostility should not Cease till the Cannon that the states are by the said Treaty to present them with are Arrived, The said Consull Informs them that there were Newly brought In 30 English ships 6 dutch & one Venetian & that 2 persons are sold there for 5000 peeces of 8 apeece. That the Algerines have 20 men of warr Abroade from 20 to 40 guns Apeece & have built A Royall ffort upon their Port to prevent any Enemy for Entring

The officers of the dutch Admiralty have ordered out 13 men of warr for Convoys & to Cruise In search of the Algerines

There is this day A discourse upon the Exchange that the diamond one Willis Master bound from London to venice Richly laden with pepper & mett with 2 Algerines whome he stoutly Resisted but was unfortunately blowne up In the ffight

One mr savage A Jesuite being Converted to the Protestant Religion hath discovered An Estate of 50000 L p Ann belonging to their society & hath Recd his Matyes pardon

One Capt storey A person of quality bathing himselfe at the Artificiall Bath In Newgate street he died yesterday suddenly which tis thought will Cause it to be Cryed downe

The sheriffe of Lincolneshire being ffined 2000 L for Neglecting to take the Oaths & c his Matye hath upon the sheriffs submission forgiven his ffine & tis thought will grant him A patent to Continue sheriffe which is lookt upon as A faivour since the Being sherriffe of that County is gainefull

Wee have letters from strasburgh which say that the ffrench have Erected A new Post office at Huningen & Require switzerland & c to bring all the letters they send to [ffrance] or fflanders thither by which meanes the ffree Correspondance which hath Alwayses been between switzerland & Germany is Taken away, Tis said the ffrench are about Raiseing 15000 men In switzerland

+mr Dangerfeild being ordered In Buckinghamshire for A witness Agt mr Webb of Petterley he last monday with A Justice of peace & c searched mr Webbs house where they found A greate Number of Popish books Crucifixes & c which they burned at the Market place of Ailesbury The Judges are arrived there & the 15 persons that made the Attempt at the Lady Tirrills are to be tryed & the Lady Came In Attended by above 40 horse to prosecute them

The dutchesse of Modena is not yet Arrived at Whitehall

L. c. 915      March 22d 1679

London March 20th 1679

+Wee hear from Newmarket that his Matye is In good health & designes for Windsor the 17th of Aprill But the duke of yorke Intended not to Come hither till Munday because the vicechancellor & masters of the university of Cambridge were Next sunday to waite upon his Matye & Complement him & his R Highness

But since wee hear that his R Highness haveing on Thursday last Rode 20 miles on ffox Hunting Endammaged his Legg soe that he Kept his Chamber & tis thought will stay till the King comes home

Tis said there hath been A diference between the dutchesse of Portesmouth & the d of Lauderdale Also that the d of Lauderdale is sicke +The dutchesse of Modena is lodged at st James

wee hear that the E: of sunderland is not Removed from his secretaryship only Craved leave of his Matye to Retire for some time for his healths sake Into the Countrey & Intends to Returne Againe to that Charge

+Tis ffresh discoursed wee shall have A Ld Treasurer & that the E of sunderland & Ld Hyde are Compettitors for it but tis thought the last will Carry it

sr Tho Davies one of our Aldermen & Coll of the Orange Regemt died this morning

Yesterday An old wall being digged up In the strand there was found A Chest full of Protestant books which were hid In queen Maries dayes when all such books were ordered to be burnt

Wee hear dayly of the greate preparations the ffrench make by greate Levies & Increaseing their Magazines buying up greate Numbers of horses & prodigious quantities of Corne &c In most places of Europe soe that all Christendome is Allarmed not Knowing who he will Attacque with soe greate A force

Tis discoursed that the Dutchesse of soissons one of the Cheife Confederate poysoners In ffrance is fled Into spaine for safety

mr Roe of Bristoll & mr speake senior & some others In the west are somoned up before the Councill upon A Complaint of words spoken Agt the goverment Also mr Hicks An Alderman of Bath who was discharged from Attendance on the Councill is Nevertheless to be prosecuted for the words he spoke Agt the d of yorke

Yesterday wee had Advice from Yorke that at the Assizes there the Grand Jury had found the Bills of Indictment Agt sr Miles stapleton The Lady Tempest mr Ingleby the Lawyer mr Thuring the Preist & Mary Pressicke who were all to have been Tryed, A very honourable Jury being Empannelled they Challenged the Jury upon which the Ld ffarefax & severall Parliamt men then In Court declared their Willingness to serve his Matye In that Case & were Empannelled but the prisoners Challenged them also whereupon Judge Atkins gave order the Tryalls should be suspended till next Assizes & In the Interim the said persons should be Kept Close prisoners

The Ld Brearton of Cheshire is dead

+At Ailesbury Assizes were Indicted mr Roger Langley & 12 others for An Attempt Comitted at the Lady Tirrills Tis said they were Indicted for Burglary But the Grandjury found the bill only A Ryott upon which they Traversed the Indictment till next Assizes

The d of Buckinghamhs buisness seemes more & more perrilous [?] by Reason of the severall Informations taken for & Agt soe that noe Certain Account Can be given of it

Wee Exspect this night mr ffitzgerard the pretended Converted preist from Bristoll where he was In pursuance of A voyage to Ireland upon A pretended discovery which proves A Cheate or another presbiterian sham Plott & occasions much discourse

+Wee hear for Certain that the Maide who Attempted to ffire her masters house In southwarke doth suffer next munday at Kingston

L. c. 916      March 25th 1680

London 23d March 1679

+Yesterday his R Highness Arrived here to give A personall Reception to his Mother In Law & Returnes to Newmarket to morrow

Here is A discovery that occasions much discourse vizt Last saboth day In westminster liberty about 50 or 60 persons mett together In A Riottous manner The Report is that they were Apprentices & that A designe of disturbing the Government was Intended by them sr Wm Waller haveing notice of the designe Acquainted the Councill who Returneing him thanks for his Care Advised him forthwith to seize the Ringleaders whereupon he seized severall, upon Examination one of them Confest he had been at the Herald Painters & bespoke Colours, others Confessed they were on Easter munday to muster In Hyde parke & were to take their Masters Armes & All under Pretence of Burneing the Ruins & Cromwells Effigies & then to Pull downe meeting houses severall of their Leaders are knowne to be Papists & are found to have their Beades & Crucifixes about them & tis lookt upon A designe of the Papists to Hurry us Into A sudden Confusion, some of

them have been very bold In their Expressions one of them saying he would stand to what they were about Intimating they were Countenanced by some Eminent persons & they acknowledged 2 gentlemen often Came Amonge them & Treated them Highly to the vallue of 10 L at A time

After Examination sr Wm Committed 10 of them to the Gatehouse vizt A Captain A Lieft &c & yesterday afternoon they were brought before the Councill & Examined & Remanded to the Gatehouse for High Treason & This day sr Wm is to seize severall others & the Ld Chancellor is gone to Newmarket to Acquaint the King therewith

The Guards are Doubled In the Citty since this new discovery The Number of these plotters being said to be In st Martins In the ffeilds above 3000 & In the whole Citty 25000 & had made Choyce of A Coll Major &c

ffitzgerard Arrived here last night & hath been Examined before the Councill

Margaret Clarke that Consented to & Assisted In the setting of her masters house on fire In southwarke was yesterday Executed at Kingston & Continued firme In her Accusation of mr satterwell from first to last & sealed it with her last words In very significant Expressions laying the stresse of her salvation or damnation on the Truth thereof

Yesterday A 3d Rate ship was Launched at Blackwall & named the Exeter

The Conduit at the upper End of Cheapside is to be pulled downe & An Obeliske to be built which will be A greate Ornament to the Citty

On the 20th the vicechancellor & heads of the university of Cambridge waited on his Matye & R Highness at Newmarket & were Royally Treated Tis thought they may have A New Chancellor The d of monmoth still Continues out of faivour

They write from Paris that the Dauphine after the solemnities of his Marriage are over will march at the head of A very fformidable Army Into Italy In pursuance of the pretensions of his Ancestors to the kingdome of Naples & Dukedome of Milan & for Recovery of what King ffrancis the first being taken prisoner at Pavia was forced to quitt to the Emperour Charles the 5th for his Ransom

The ffrench Kings purchase of Ca[seal spoils about eight letters] Key of Italy hath not A little startled all those princes & perhapps spaine also Especially since the ffrench Commrs In fflanders make many new pretensions there & Require that the K of spaine quitt his title of duke of Burgundy, In ffrance is published A decree forbidding all such midwives as are of the Reformed Religion from laying any women upon paine of death

+His Matye is In health & Returnes from newmarket on the 3d Aprill The Councill is adjourned till after Easter but some Comittees of Councill are to sit In the meane time

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+The Buisness of the Apprentices Appeares as yet to be nothing more then An Intention to Render some people odious on the 29th May next In A fformall procession which designe is Judged to be first promoted by such as tooke offence at the procession on the 17th November last, Thomas Alford A ffounders servant In Newstreet neer ffetter Lane who is Called their Captaine was Examined yesterday before the Councill & it was proved Agt him that he had listed many younge men & had bespoke Colours which were to be painted full of Rumps soe he was Remanded to Newgate & the Attorney Genll ordered to draw up An Indictment of High Treason Agt him for Endeavouring to Levy warr Agt his Matye he behaved himselfe very boldly at his passing to the Councill board Crying make Roome for the Captaine & at his Returne bid the Coachman drive hard for Tyburne



Tis observed that he hath been A Constant Companion of mr Thompson who printes one of the Domesticke Inteligences & most of the Popish books & is himselfe A Reputed Papist sr Wm Waller produced 2 letters to the Councill last munday which shewes the designe of the Contrivance was to Palliate & smother the Hellish designe of the Papists

Yesterday the Ld Maior & sheriffs Attended the Councell who Required them to make A strict security Into this designe who have since Committed some few of the Confederates Inhabitting within their Jurisdiction The Number of those Engaged upon Inspection of the list being but few In the Citty In Comparison of the suburbs

mr ffitzgerald hath been Examined & the Papers seized at Bristoll Read & Appeare to be only Coppies of Originalls formerly Reported to the Councill & now Remaineing In sr Wm Wallers hands & their Lordships declared they Approved of mr ffitzgeralds proceedings therein & ordered him forthwith backe for Ireland & Appointed persons to goe alonge with him for his safe Conduct & ordered him such assistance In Ireland as is proper to the affaيرة he goes upon by which it Appearees A greate mistake was acted by the Over Care of some at Bristoll

The E of shaftesbury Attended the Councill & gave In 4 Informations taken In Ireland upon Oath from 4 persons of good quality Relateing to the Popish Plott which not only makes A Considerable Discovery but Confirmes the Informations of dr Oates mr ffitzgerald & others In England the Earle Acquainted them that he had Credable Information that one of those 4 gentlemen had since their discovery been poysoned & therefore prayed their Lordships to take some speedy & Effectuall Care to have the other 3 protected & the prosecution of their Discovery Hastned & their Lordships gave Imediate orders accordingly & Appointed the Earles of Radnor Essex & Bridgwater to be A private Committee & to sit this afternoon to Examine some persons now In towne about it

Wee hear that severall Lodgings In somersethouse are prepareing for Lord Hyde her Matyes Treasurer

+mr speake Knight of the shire for somerset Appeared at the Board & prayed for A Coppy of the Information Agt him & he would next Councill give In An Answer In writeing which he doubted not would give their Ldpp satisfaction & Clear his Innocency which was granted & he was not Committed

Our letters from Marselles say there hath been lately severall English ships taken & Caryed to Algeirs Amongst which the Unity Capt Conly from Boston In New England Richly laden & Aboard 17 or 18 passengers who are men of Considerable Estates In that place, But Capt Booth In the Adventure ffrigott hath forced A Turks man of war of 28 guns Ashoar on the Coast of of Barbary where shee was staved In peeces but the men Got Ashoar

The Best account wee Can give of the Parliamt is that Its Beleeved they will not sit at the time & that shortly there will Come out A declaration to that purpose with the Reasons why Its thought not Expedient at this Instance