

L. c. 748 ffeb 20th 1678

Yesterday was the Election of Parliamt members for London where there was a Cleare & ffree Choyce of sr Jo: Clayton sr Tho: Player Alderman Love & mr Pilkinton To morrow will be the Election for Westminster & on ffriday at Brainford for Middlesex

Wee have this further account of Parliamt members since our last

Canterbury	Edw: Hailes dr Jacob
southampton	mr hailes mr Newland
Weobley [sic]	Coll Birch sergeant Gregory
Herefordshire	Ld scudamore sr Herbert Crofts
Bedford	mr russel Ld Bruce
shaftesbury	mr Bennet mr Mathews
Wilton	mr Herbert mr Pennondock
st Albans	Alderman Gape mr Blunt
Rigate	mr James mr goodwin
Colchester	sr Harbotle Grinson sr Walter Clarges
Bristoll	sr Robt Cary sr Jo: Knight
Hastings	sr Robert Parker Jo: Ashburnham
Poole	sr Jo: Chosin mr Henery Trenchard
somersetshire	sr John siddenham sr Hugh smith
Buckingham	Ld Lattimer sr Peter Tirrill
Melcomb	Jo: Hunt Esqr mr sary
Marlow	mr Burlary [?] mr Hum: Winch
Andovers	mr withers Capt Pawlett
Newport	sr Robert Holms sr Robt dillington
Newtowne	sr Jo: Holms mr Churchhill
Yarmouth Isle wight	mr Lucy sr Robt Mason
salisbury	mr fflag mr Chase
Heydon	sr Hugh Bethell Henery Guy Esqr
Madeston	sr Jo: Tafton sr Jo: dorrell
Arrundell	sr Wm Garraway mr Butler
queenbrough	sr Edw: Hailes Cha: Herbert Esqr

On the 17th Green & Hill were ordered to be Executed & A multitude of people were gathered about Tyburn Exspecting it But that being the day for electing members of Parliamt for London the sheriffs of London Could not attend at both places & the Execution was deferred

Berry has by the meanes of dr LLOYD (with whome he has had severall Conferences) A Reprieve granted for some time dureing which none is to be admitted to him but the dr without speciall order

Prance hath his full liberty

+Letters ffrom ffrance tell us that many forces are drawne downe Into Normandy Piccardy & Brittany & that 28 gallies & 44 men of warr were Equipping Tis given out that they will make A descent Into Italy but others make neerer Conjectures

+The dutch Ambr in ffrance has not yet had his Audience by Reason the ffrench K Contrary to the usuall Custome will not permitt him to deliver his Message In his owne language but insist to have him deliver it In the ffrench which the Ambr doth very much Resent

The Ambr from the Elector of Brandenburg hath had his Audience of the ffrench K and is willing to Comply with A peace on Condition to surrender the dutchy of Cleves & the land of Margue soe that he may have Pomerania

By the Next you may Exspect a better account

L. c. 749 [Handwriting changes here.] [Apparently only the second folio of letter; see date--10 October 1745--at end.]

. . . & now yt we have in his Ms. Name given you ye most ample security for yt Religion, propertys, & Laws, that ye Power of a Brash Sr [?] can

grant; We hereby for our selves as the Apt to ye C ratifie & Confirm ye same in our own Name before Almighty God on ye faith of a Christian & ye honour of A P.

+Let me now expostulate this weighty matter wth you, my Prs Subjts & let me not omitt this first publick opportunity of awakening yr. understandings & of dispelling that Cloud wch the assiduous pens of ill designing men have all along, but chiefly now, been Endeavouring to cast on ye Truth. Do not yr Pulpits & Congregations of yr Clergy as well as yr Weekly papers, ring with the dreadful threats of Popery Slavery Tyranny & Arbitrary Power wch are now ready to be imposed on you by ye formidable powrs of Fr___e & Sp___n? Is not my R Fr. represented as a blood thirsty Tyrant, Breathing out nothing but distraction to all those who will not immediately Embrace an odious religion? Or have I my self been better used? but listen only to ye Naked Truth

+I with my own money, hire a small vessel, ill provided wth money armes [?] or friends; I arrive in S attended by seven person; I publish & K [?] my Fs declaration, & proclaim his Title wth pardon in one hand & in ye other liberty of Conscience, under ye most solemn promises to grant whatever a free Pt. shall propose for ye happiness of ye. People. I have I confess ye greatest reason to adore ye goodness of Almighty God who has in so remarkable a manner protected me & my small army thro' ye many danger to wch we weere at first exposd & who has led me in ye way of Victory, & to ye Capital of this ancient K__m amidst ye Acclamations of ye K my Frs Subjts. Why then is so much pains taken to s p r t [?] upon ye minds of ye people against this my undertaking yt

+The reason is obvious. it is, least ye real [?] sense of ye Nas [?] present suffering should blot out ye remembrance of past misfortunes & of ye outcrys formerly raisd against ye R Fam. Whatever miscarriages might have given occasion to them they have been more than atoned for since, & ye Natn has now an opportunity of being secured against ye like for ye future

+That our family has suffered Exile during these 57 years every body know[s] has ye Nm during yt period of time been ye more happy & flourishing for it? have you found reason to love & cherish ye Govrs as ye Fathers of ye great B. & I.? Has a family upon whom a faction willy [?] bestowd ye D__d_m of a Rightl P, retaind a due sense of a 10 years in trust & favour? have you found more humanity & condescention in those who were not born to a C then in my Rt Honr F__ds? have their Ears been open to ye Cryes of ye people?

+have they or do they consider only ye interest of these Nns? have you reapd any other benefit from them than an immense load of Debts? If I am answerd in ye affirmation, why has their Governmt been so often Railed at in all your publick Assemblies? Why has ye Nn been so long crying out in vain for redress against ye Abuse of Par[liamen?]ts, upon account of their long duration ye multitude of Pl__ce men wch. occasions their venality, The Introduction of Penal Law & in General against ye miserable situation of ye K__m at home & Abroad? all these & many more inconveniences must now be removed unless ye people of G. B. be already so far corrupted that they will not accept of Freedom when offerd to them; seeing ye K on his Restn will refuse nothing yt a free P[arliamen]t can ask for ye security of ye religion, Laws & Libertys of his people

The Scars of ye Na[tio]n from ye powers of F__ce & Sp___n appear still more vain & groundless; my Expedition was undertaken unsupported by either; but indeed when I see a foreign force brot in by my Enemys against me, & when I hear of D__h D__ner Hes__ns & Swz__s ye Hr of H__rs Allies, being calld over to protect his governt against ye Ks Subjts is it not high time for ye K my F[athe?]r to accept also of ye

assistance of them who are able, & who have engaged to support him?
but will ye World or any other man of note in it infer from thence that
he inclines to be a tributary P, rather than an independent Monarch?
Who had ye better chance to be independent on foreign powers he who with
ye aid of his own subjts can wrest ye Govt out of ye hands of an Intrude[r]
or he who cant without assistance from abroad support his Govt Tho
Established by all ye Civil Power & secured by a Military force, against
ye undisciplind part of them he has ruled over for many years? Let him
if he pleases, try ye experiment, Let him send off his Foreign Hirelings,
& put ye whole upon ye Issue of a Battle; I will trust only to ye Kings
[?] Frs subjts who were or shall be engaged in mine & their Countrys
Cause but Notwithstanding all ye opposition he can make I still trust in
ye justice of my Cause ye valor of my troops & ye Assistance of ye
Almighty to bring my enterprise to a Glorious Issue

Tis now time to conclude & I shall do it with this reflection.
Civil Wars are ever attended with Rancour & ill Will, wch party rage
never fails to produce in ye minds of those, whom different Interests
principles or views set in opposition to one another I therefore
earnestly require it of my Friends to give as little loose as possible
to such passions, There will prove ye most effectual means to prevent ye
same in ye Enemies of our R cause. & This my
declaration will vindicate to all posterity ye Nobleness of my
Undertaking & ye Generosity of my intentions
Given at our Pal of HRH ye 10th day of Octr 1745

CPR

My [?] his H to Command,
I M__Y

L. c. 750 [Handwriting changes here.] ffeb 22d 1678

+Letters from Holland tell us that the states are deeply in Consultation
how to Mannage their affaires In this dificult season for Now they begin
to see their Error in soe precipitately makeing A peace & find that the
ffrench due begin to grow upon them & though the Conditions of peace doe
make on their side yet the ffrench are very defective In their
performance & by degrees subject them to them

They are Allarmed at the D of Brandenburghs offer to put the County
of Cleeves Into the ffrench Kings hands which will be Highly Injurious
to the dutch which they see now it is too late

The d Brandenburgh also offers to use his Endeavourh to make the
dauphine K of the Romans

Tis writt that the ffrench will agree to this project & keep Cleeves
& Juliers to himself & Recompense sweden for Pomerania with 100000 L p
Ann

Wee have advice from Paris of A Match between the K of spaine &
Madam Henrietta Maria d'Valois daughter to the d of Orleans & that it
is a good as Concluded An Ambr from Madrid being sent to demand her [?]
& shee being so neer Kinne to his Maty of England tis thought strange
that Court had not att all acquainted him with it

+They write that the designes of that King are Impenitrable, 28 gallies
are prepareing at Toulon & 12 men of warr at Brest Rochell &c the least
of 70 guns The Count de Estrees is to have the Command all the sea
officers are Employed in secureing seamen for the fleet which they
peticularly want

The dutch letters tell us that it is the Apprehension of the
Imperiall Minesters that the ffrench are designed for Italy & that
Genova or Corsica may be attempted but the fflanders letters Rather
judge they intend to Attacque Genova

+Wee have this following account of parliamt members

Monmoth Ld Herbert Morgan Esqr
 Weymouth Ld Ashly sr Jo: Coventry
 Malbon mr Wilkinson mr Payler Palms
 Rippon sr Edw: Jennings mr sterne
 Borrowbridg sr Henery Goodriche sr Tho Makhenery
 Thursle [?] sr Wm ffrankliin mr sanderson
 Pomfrett sr Edw downey sr Patience ward
 Rye sr Jo: Robinson sr Tho ffremen
 Rumney sr Cha. sidney mr Barrott
 Grandpond sr Jos Treddenham Coll Trenamian
 st Maud mr seimour mr sidney Godolphin
 st Michaell sr st John Alban Walter Vincent Esqr
 st Ives mr Nosworthy mr Nosworthy
 Tregony mr Hugh Boscowim mr Robt Boscowin
 Lisherd [?] sr Bourchier Urey mr Conwicke
 Bodwin mr Roberts mr Glin
 Killington sr Thomas Coriton mr Coriton
 Cirencester sr Robt Atkins mr Poole
 Cawne [?] sr George Hungerford mr Norbonne
 Bath sr Wm Bassett sr George spoole
 Portesmouth Coll Legg sr Jo: Kempthorne
 Retford sr Wm Hickman sr Jo: Nevill
 Bossony mr William Coriton mr Jo: Tregagle
 Lancelton sr Cha: Herbert Bernard Grevile
 stamford sr Richard Crust Capt Hyde
 Norwich mr Pudson Ald: Briggs

ffrom Antwerpe wee have Advice that the ffrench have demanded another summe of the Inhabitants of Ghent makeing their Evasions for their Evacuating it being Resolved to Impoverish it ffirst & for want of payment they are taking away their bells &c

The Majestrates of Antwerpe finding that the Almighty hath thus Chastized those Countries for their wickedness are makeing lawes to prevent those wicked practices some being against Blasphemers & swearers & the greate debauchery with women which is much practiced In that Citty They have Inflicted many punishmts on offenders & perticularly on Adulterers & Adulteresses to be burnt In the Cheeke with a Red Hot Iron that their Infamy may be publickly Knowne & all bauds & panders to be soe burnt & banished the Citty forever

On the 16th Arrived at Cowes 2 ships from Virginia which they left 6 weeks since, before their Comeing Thence the Indians had Committed A murther upon A man & his wife In Maryland upon which they sent for the Kings of the Countrey & Required satisfaction but were answered that it was not according to their law to punish for A supposed Murther but assoon as they Could discover who they were they would deliver them over to punishment

Tis hoped dr LLOYD will worke much upon Berry soe that he will make A further discovery of the Murther of sr Edm: Godfrey +Mr Oates & mr Bedloe had orders yesterday to Keep within the Circuit of Whitehall & st James parke

This afternoon an Exprese Came to Whitehall with the sad Newes of st Johns Colledg In Cambridg being burnt to the ground with greate part of the towne

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Whitehall ffeb 22d 1678

+On Wednesday last the people mett In Tuttle ffeilds to Chose 2 members for westminster Tis beleevd there were above 10 thousand Electors sr Wm Waller had A very great party all the dissenters joyning with him The

people were very scurrillous In their language one agt another, sr
stephen ffox fearing that he should be outvoted joyned himselfe with sr
Wm Poultney & sr Philip mathews with sr Wm Waller Tis was [sic]judged by
the people that sr Wm Wallers party was much the greater mr stroud the
head Baliffe Came last Into the ffeild & might very Easily have decided
the Election but sr Wm Poultney would goe to the poll but his party on
a suddain drawing out againe In the ffeild sr Wm Waller fearing there
might be A Tricke put upon him left polling & followed after him there
were some swords drawne & Broke & severall disturbances for which some
were Committed The Baliffe at last Adjourned it till Next day & they
have Ever since been very busy at the Poll In Westminster hall being
very numerous they have not yet Completed it Tis beleevd sr Wm Waller
will Certainly Carry it for one The dispute lies much between sr stephen
ffox & sr Philip mathews sr Wm Poultney haveing but A very few
+But the Election for Knights of the shire for Middlesex was yesterday
at Brainford quickly decided for sr Robert payton & sr Wm Roberts without
any dificulty

+severall priests have this weeke been taken & secured One LLOYD was
Carried before mr Oates & was very abusive In his language saying that
mr Oates was not worthy of his acquaintance upon which he was Committed
to the Gatehouse mr Oates told him that by such as he was two good Kings
have been destroyed & the 3rd In greate danger

Another was sent to Newgate he being discovered just as he was going
to Confesse A Lady A Large silver Crucifix being taken out of his pockett

A letter writt out of Wales by the Bp of st Asaph to the Bp of
London gives this account that one Lewis A preist had A Cell In that
Countray & had perverted many from the protestant Religion amongst whome
one was A handsome Maide who with greate zeale Came to the preist
desireing to know how her poore fathers soule might be Released out of
purgatory he answered that it was very dificult for he was greatly
tormented there he dyeing with some Notion of Heresy But at length
he haveing Compassion of the poore soule told her for 100 L it might
be done & from that fell to 80 L & thence to 50 L upon which shee
Replied all shee was worth shee would ffreely give which was but 35 d
which shee had saved but it was out at use The preist said he was
glad to see the zeale of his Child to her mother Church & her
Charity to her deceased father saying that shee being so good A
Christian he would venture to take that summe & punctually doe it soe
he had her Call In her money & Come the Next day with it shee being
overjoyed went & procured 15 d of the Money & brought it to the preist
which he Readily Recd & sent for A Cunning Attourney & made her
Confesse A judgment for the Remainder A younge man Courted this Maide
& got her Consent for Marriage shee told him that shee had noe money
haveing disposed of it A very Charitable account acquainting him
with the very whole proceeding & he being A protestant went to A Justice
of peace & by warrant seized the said preist & haveing reconverted the
maide shee proved all this upon him & many such like practices of his
for which he is Committed to prison

Wee are Credably Informed that the other night there happened A
greate fire at Uxbridge neer the Marketplace but what dammage it hath
done & how it began wee are not yet Certainly Informed But as to the
late fire at Cambridge wee heare that only St Johns Colledge is burnt

This weeke arrived here A ship from Portugall some of the
passengers Informe us that the protestants there are In greate danger it
being generally Reported that the queen is Imprisoned & put to hard
usage soe that the English there Exspect Every day to have their
Throates Cutt & dare not stirr out of doores for feare

L. c. 752 ffeb 27th 1678

+At the Election of the 2 knights for the County of Middlesex the Electors were about 6000 there were 3 parties one for sr Robert Payton one for sr Wm Roberts & the 3rd for mr Gerrard but sr Robert Paytons was superior to them both mr Gerrard finding that he should loose it declined it soe the other 2 were Chosen & afterwards presented with A written paper with above 50 gentlemens names to it with some perticuler heads which they desired them to take Care of In parliamt vizt

1st To preserve the Kings govermt
2d to maintain liberty & property
3d To secure the Religion Established
4 for Habeas Corpus to be out of Terme

They haveing done this sr Robert went to one Inne & sr Wm to another where they bountifully Entertained Each party with beere & wine

On the 21st Hill & Green 2 of the Murtherers of sr Edm: Godfrey were Executed at Tiburne They dyed very stubbornly denying that they were any wayes guilty of that fact

Berry the porter hath A Reprieve sine die he told dr LLOYD that he Changed his Religion formerly not through any dislike but in hopes of preferment, He desired that he might have the sacramt for he would dye A protestant The dr Told him he Could not Admitt it without Conviction & Repentance for he had been Convict by 12 men upon oath & he verily beleevd him guilty soe tis said he is much wrought upon & hath discovered the whole

On saturday A letter Came from Tompsham & told us that about 40 papists had hired A Corne vessell there to transport them Into ffrance & one Avery A Pilott tooke Charge to Conduct them thither but being out at sea they mett with A storme & were all Cast away only the Pilott Escaped to A Rocke & was ffetcht off by A boate

+Wee have this ffrurther account of members Elected

Old sarum	mr Henery	mr Younge
New sarum	sr Tho: Montpesson	mr Thistlewaite
Wiltshire	Tho: Thinne Esqr	mr Grubham Howe
Pouria [?]	sr Robert southwell	mr Pendenies
Dartmouth	sr Nath Herne	mr Upton
Grimsly	mr Boxolme	mr Pelham
Beverley	sr Jo: Hothem	mr Mich: Wharton
Wells	Wm Coward Esqr	Coll Berkeley
Greate yarmouth	sr Wm Coventry	Capt Huntington
Ipswich	Major Linfield	mr Wright
Eye	sr Robt Revere [?]	sr Cha: Gandy
Dunwich	sr Phillip skipton	Major Allen
Cambridge shire	mr Partridge	mr Russell
Cambridge	Ld Allington	sr Tho: Chickeley
Plimouth	sergeant Maynard	mr sparke
Gloucester	sergeant seyes	mr Cooke
Lincolnshire	Ld Castleton	sr Robt Carr
Monmoth Towne	sr Trevor Williams	
Anglesey	sr Henery Balkeley	
Beaumorris	mr Richard Bulkeley	
Carnarvonshire	mr Tho: Bulkeley	
Carnarvon	mr Tho: Mosley	
Denbighshire	sr Tho: Middleton	
Denbigh	sr Jo: salisbury	

On the 23rd sr Wm Temple his Mays Ambr In Holland arrived safe here They write from the Hague date march 3rd that the popes Nuncio has

given In A memoriall to the ffrench Ambrs to mind them that since their master had Established sweden In the dutchy of Bremen & County of fferden he should take Care & see the ffree Exersize of the Roman Catholicke Religion Established there as it was In 1624

Our letters from Antwerpe tell us the 4 English battalions were ordered to march to fflushen to be Embarked soe that wee may suddenly Exspect them here

+The ffrench letters speake nothing but of An Italian warr greate Magazines being provided at St Cleu [?] & dayly Conferences are had between the ffrench K & the Minesters of the d of savoy & above 20000 men are quartered In Burgoine & dauphine & the d of Mantua hath agreed to put Cassell Into the ffrench Kings hands which is the Key of Italy & 6000 ffrench are sent thither

+That king Intends this spring to goe Into Normandy to vissitt the ports & ffortifications & see what places are most Convenient to make new havens & thence to vissitt his Conquests

Three spanish Ambrs are Comeing to Paris one to Establish the peace another to demand the d of Orleans daughter for the K of spaine & A 3d to bring the presents that are sent to her

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+They write from Paris that the ffrench K doth Reforme some of his fforces but tis only supernumary officers

+besides the ffortresse of Cassell that the d of Mantua has put Into his posesion he has bought of him the Towne of Montferratt & gives out that his ffirst designe shall be upon the state of Genova but those skilled In Marine affaires thinke that his fleet is greater then is necessary for that warr being 60 saile & Believe that he purposely gives out soe that with the more Unexspetedness he may surprize the place he Really Intends

The Brandenburgh Ambr was well Recd at A private Audience with the ffrench K who had Effectionate Expressions Concerning his Master desiring to have the Ancient Alliance Revived & that he had not diference with him but upon account of sweden, but Mounsr Pompone In A perticuler Conference seemed more severe & to Require stetin In the sweds behalfe

Besides the Match with the K of spaine the ffrench are Contracting severall matches with fforeign princes tis said the dauphine shall be Espoused to the d of Bavarias daughter

The ffrench & spaniard are makeing an Exchange the spaniards to quitt the Netherlands & have Catalonia In the Roome thereof if it be soe it will be of bad Consequence

+His Maty went the other day to debtford to see In what forwardnesse the New ships are In & found one In debtford to be Launched on thursday & another at Woolwich to be Launched on Monday Next

About 100 saile of ships bound for the streights & other parts waite for A Convoy & now the sweepstakes & ffaucon are Appointed them & they Carry orders with them for sr Jo: Narborough to Returne home & the same orders are sent overland, Capt Herbert is Commander at present

Wee have this further account of members Elected

Westminster	sr stephen ffox	sr Wm Poultney
Levis	major Richd Bridge	mr Morley
seaford	sr Wm Thomas	mr Herbert stoxeley
Horsham	mr Anthony Estfeild	Capt Michael
County southampton	Edw: Noell Esqr	Coll Norton
Barnstable	sr Hugh Ackland	Jo: Bassell Esqr
Wareham	mr Earle	mr savage
Taunton	sr Wm Portman	mr Trenchard
Devonshire	Edward seymore Esqr	late speaker sr Wm Courtney
Tremerton	sr Henery fford	mr foot

Thetford sr Jos: Williamson mr Harbard
dwortwich [?] secretary Coventry mr Bainton
Woodstocke sr Littleton Osbaldson mr sands
Huntington towne mr Mountague sr Nicholas Pedley

Greate misunderstandings are about the Election at Westminster, the whole must be Referred to the parliamt

+They write from Jamaica that an assembly had been Called there by the E of Carlisle who agreed A Revenue act to which his Excy gave the Royall assent

ffour Bishops have Attended his R Highs In order to discourse the points of Religion but as yet his Highs has not thought fitt to admitt them

An Extrary Ambr is Exspected here from Portugall with A very large Traine & the Chiefe part of his Errand is to the queen about some persons that have accused her Maty of haveing A hand In the plott & In the Murther of sr Edm: Godfrey & also to demand the performance of the Treaty of Marriage & In perticuler the Number of priests allowed her aswell of his Matys subjects as aliens In which affaure he will be seconded by the spanish ffrench & other papist Neibours

His maty not finding the Effects of his Mer[cly] to Berry which he Exspected was pleased to take off the Reprieve & to leave him to the Execution of the Law

mr Henery savile will In few dayes goe for ffrance In quality of Envoy Extrary from his Maty his Credentialls being now signed

By A ship Arrived from Curassaw In The West Indies wee have advice advice that the ffrench Buckaneers that were on shoare In the Isle of Birds when Count de Estrees mett with A misfortune there were afterwards Carried away In A ffrench man of warr of 44 guns being In number 700 men who landed in the bay of Mericado & tooke that Citty & after tooke Currisaw & Tapillio & haveing A Considerable body Embarked themselves & were stranded neer Cassell where many were drowned & those that Escaped were Knockt on the head by the Natives

The disbanding of some Regemts of ffoot have lately been under debate & now tis said that 6 Regemts shall be discharged on Monday the 3d of march vizt The Ld dumbartons The Ld marpeths The d of yorkes sr Jo: ffenwicks sr Hen: Goodrichs & Coll salisburies

+sr george wakeman will be tryed the Next sessions at the old Bayly & some Add mr Langhorne & mr Medborne &c

L. c. 754 March 3d 1678

+Mr Oates Bedloe Needham & Prance have been all with the attourney Genll In order to fforme processe agt sr George Wakeman mr Langhorne &c & it was believed that they would have been tryed this sessions but severall papers being In the hands of the Comtee of secresy of the last parliamt which referr to them their tryall is upon that Consideration deferred

On the 28th Berry was Executed at Tiburn for the Murther of sr Edm: Godfrey

The same day one Amy [?] was Committed to Newgate by order of Council for writeing & disperseing Treasonable & seditious Letters

This week was the sessions In the old Bayly where 12 were burned in the hand & 8 Condemned to dye vizt 4 men & 4 women of which 2 men for Coyneing & A woman for killing her Bastard child &c

On the 28th mr stroude the Bayliffe of Westminster made proclamation In Westminster Hall that sr Wm Poultney & sr Stephen ffox were duely Elected which gives greate dissatisfaction the people beleeveng sr Wm Waller has much wrong In it who assoon as the parliamt meets will Complaine thereof

A Bill for Regulating Elections is prepareing by the Ld Hollis agt the meeting of the parliamt

Wee have this ffather account of Members Elected

Windsor sr Jo: Ernly mr Pawney
 Kent sr Vere fframe Coll deering
 Rutland sr Jo: Markland mr sherrard
 scarbrough William Thompson ffran: Thompson
 durham Citty sr Ralph Cole mr Tempest
 Greate Wenlocke sr Jo: Weld mr ffoster
 Radnor Rowland Gwyn Esqr
 Dorchester sr ffrancis Hollis mr Nicholas Gould
 Oxford Ld Huntington sr Jo: dale
 saltash mr Richd Courtney mr Coriton
 Bishops Castle mr Edw Wareing mr Oakeley
 Hull mr Kingdome mr Ramsden
 Camelford Jo: Nicho Esqr mr Warington

The Paris letters dat March 4th speake of Greate preparations at Brest & Rochfort for the Equipping of 20 men of warr from 40 to 50 guns to be Ready at the beginning of Aprill but the Marselles letters of the 21st tell us they are neither there or at Toulon upon Armeing of any ships or Gallies as yet but at the Comeing of Mounsr Vivonne might Arme 15 ships & 15 Gallies to goe agt Tripoli

sr Jo: Narbrough by the last account they had of him was still at Port Mahoone Careening

The fflanders letters tell us of severall English Battalions sent to the Meetings [?] where Capt Wetwang was with A fleet Ready to Receive them

The ffrench have left Canon & Ammunition at Ghent & Courtray [(the states of fflanders being Engaged for payment) of which the d de Villa Hermosa stood In greate need for that their Magazines had not sufficient to supply them They write very Confidently that maastricht would be put Into their hands the Next weeke upon payment of A Certaine summe of Money +This weeke the D of Norfolke went for ffrance & from there he goes for Italy & tis beeleved will not Returne In hast.

[These words appear on outside of letter in another hand:]

Wm Millhouse to cut hedges. in good weather, to thrash in ill. [Brackets Ri: Green connect both names to these instructions.]
 J. Atkins to plath [?]. [A bracket includes Randle also.]

Randle:

Tho: Knight.

Sanders Knight.

J. Burgis to get gravell.

J. Holms.

H. Green to have another or 2 lusty

Jeph: Paul.

men and Gervase to keep the account

K. Green till br. mak. [?] time

of them and these. [This sentence

Robt Suffolk.

is bracketed to the names Burgis

Wm Kellet.

through K. Green.]

Wm Morris.

L. c. 755 March 6th 1678

+The preparation of the ffrench appeare by A letter sent to A merchant In London being brought by the master of A vessell arrived from Morlaix on thursday last as followeth

+Honrd sr The occasion of those prsents is only by order of my ffather to acquaint you (because wee dare not write any newes by the post) of the preparations of the ffrench which gives all the English merchants apprehensions that they are designed Either for Ireland or England There being 60 Capitall ships Equipping out of Rochelle Brest & sharratt from 60 to 100 guns Each besides 20 more of lesser burthen are fitting out at Rochell & that which Increaseth o[u]r Beliefe is the greate number of souldiers Countinually marching towards those places from all parts of ffrance wee judge they will be Ready to saile by the middle of March if

not before being In very greate forwardness all which Contents wee desire you to Communicate to those In authority to Receive them if they should attempt any of the Kings dominions subscribed James White

On Thursday night A fire was discovered In ship yard neer Temple barr being In A garrett the watch broke Into the house which was A smiths & Comeing where the fire was found the Smiths boyes bed burning at Both Ends & wood put underneath The boy was seized going downe staires & searching about found all his Cloaths bound up Ready In A Bundle with another packe made up lyeing In the seller upon which he was sent to Bridewell

Letters from Dublin give us this account that the papists there being soe numerous & soe publickly going to masse & being very Indolent the apprentices & other protestant servants made an agreemt to meet In A body & put downe their popish Allies but the D of Ormond being Informed thereof with A stronge guard prevented their designe which otherwise might have occasioned greate disturbance

The D of Ormond being at his Charge In Ireland hath as steward of his Matys household appointed Commissioners the Lds following to administer the Oaths of Alleigance & supremacy to the Commons that are assembled In parliamt vizt The Earles of Anglesea Arlington Bridgewater Northampton Peterbrough Clarendon Bath Craven & Ailesbury The Ld Viscount Newport the Lds Maynard ffretchevelle [?] Ld Arrundell of Trevine [?]

On the 9th it was ordered by his Maty In Councill that the Ld Greate Chamberlaine & Ld Chamberlain of the household should with more then ordinary Care make search Into the vaults & sellers under both houses of parliamt before their meeting & the Ld Chancellor hath order to Ishue forth writts for A Convocation to meet the 3d April next

On the 3d was finished at deptford A 2d rate ffregott that will Carry 97 guns & on the 4th A 3d rate ffregott at Woollidge the name of one is Windsor Castle the name of the other I have nott

Amy that was Committed for spreadeing treasonable letters being asked where he had his newes he answered at the Coffe houses

Wee are now soe neer the meeting of the parliamt when an Exact list of the members will be printed that I shall forbear mentioning any more

The Brandenburgh Ambr In ffrance was told by Mounsr Ponponne that whilst the swedes Insisted upon an entire Restitution It Consisted now with the glory or Engagemts of his master to propound anything short of that to him & therefore if he had nothing more In Commission then what he had offered it were best for him to depart & In order thereunto he should Receive A letter from the King In answer to that of the Electors soe that he had taken his leave & was prepareing for his Journey upon this the sweds vallue themselves highly & Continue the late losses In prospect of an Entire restitution

In the Meane time the danes & Brandenburghs Inveigh against the allies that had made A seperate peace & say they will have an army of 60000 men & meet the ffrench at some passes In the Empire & make that the seate of warr

On ffriday last the Election began In southwarke there are 4 that stand vizt sr Richd How sheriffe of London sr Jo shorter late sheriffe mr Rich & mr Smith they are poleing still the 2 ffirst seemed fairest for it +The dutchesse of yorke tooke shipping yesterday tis said for Holland to vissitt the princesse of Orange The d of yorke is likewise Retired beyond sea being advised thereunto by his Maty as appeares by this Ensuing letter

+deare Brother I have already given you my Reasons at large Why I would have you absent yourselfe for some time beyond the seas. As I am Truly sorry for the occasion soe you may be sure that I shall never desire it

longer then it will be absolutely Necesary both for your good & my
security In the meane time I thinke it proper to give it you under my
hand that I Exspect this Compliance from you desireing it may be soe soon

were already suffered & others were fled upon the proclamation
+His Maty also told them that he had disbanded A greate part of the Army
but wanted money to disband the rest And that he had given order for
setting forth A greate fleet & did hope that they would Enlarge his
Customs & Excise for some things for a longer time & that they would
Consider him for the losse he had sustained by the prohibition of
ffrench goods, Assoon as the K had made his speech the Commons Returned
to their house & made Choyce of mr seymore speaker of the last parliamt
with an unanimous Consent to be the speaker & Enforced him to take the
Chaire to which he was very unwilling or at least Immediatly soe appeared

There appeared this day In the house 325 members who all tooke the
Oaths of allegiance & supremacy & soe adjourned till to morrow

On the 6th In the afternoon severall popish books &c taken by sr Wm
Waller were burnt In the new pallace yard westminster

L. c. 757 March 10th 1678

+By the last you had account of the meeting of the Parliamt there
appearing 325 that day

On the 7th meeting againe to Choose A speaker there were above 400
the fullest house that had been knowne at the ffirst meeting

In the afternoon they went up to the H of Lds to prsent mr seymour
for their speaker who made A speech to his Maty to let his Maty know
that the H: had Comanded his service as their speaker which he did
purpose to discharge with all fidelity & dilligence, But did not as
speakers Usually doe lay open his unworthiness of such A place by Reason
of his Inability & therefore pleade his Excuse some thinkeing that
Intimation was given him that an Excuse if made would have been layd hold
on, But his Maty declared he did not approve of him for their speaker
havinge other service for him & therefore discharged him of that place

Hereupon the Commons Returned to their house & after the H was set
one who is A privy Councillor first stood up & said since his Maty did
not approve of him he would take boldness upon him to propose A person
that would well suite with the mind of the house & soe named one who had
been long Chaireman to a grand Comtee the last parliamt but the No In
sound was greate Unto it though noe question was put

some of the members standing up said the Choyce of the speaker was
their Right though on the other side they would not In the least Kind
Intrench upon the Kings prerogative but the debates within doores might
not be taken notice of without but at last they Concluded to meet againe
& Adjourne till the 8th & to bring in presidents of the Right of the
Commons & that their speakers were never Refused Approbation of the K
unless In the Case of sickness or some other Extrary occasion

soe the Clerke of the H (there being noe speaker) was Required to put
the question whether the H should Adjourne till the 8th which was Carried
in the Affirmative there being only 2 or 3 Voyces In the Negative

On the 8th the H mett againe without any speaker In the Chaire &
the H being full it was proposed to Consider of an Adresse about the
speaker & that they might have longer time to Come to A Resolution about
the same whereupon they named sr Hen: Capell the Ld Cavendish sr Robt
Carr & 2 or 3 more prsently to waite upon his Maty with the said desire
of the House & they went according to the K who Returned Answer that they
may take time till tuesday next & that as he would be loath to diminish
their Rights soe he hoped they would not Invade his

Upon the delivery of this answer they nominated A Comtee of 4
persons vizt mr sacheverill mr Hampden & 2 more to goe & view the
journall of the Lds house & take a Coppy of the Entry there of the Kings
dissatisfaction of the Election of their speaker

The Clerke was this day againe Required to put the Question to adjourne

the House till monday morning 8 A Clocke which was accordingly done

Tis said that there are presidents that the H of the Commons have mett & Chose their speaker & Immediately put him Into the Chaire & settled their Comtee of priveledges & other Concernes of the house & after that went to the K to present their speaker as In the Case of sr Robt Phillips In the first of K James soe that on monday there is like to be A greate debate for the Commons stily Insist that the Election of their speaker is a thinge of Right & they Cannot part with it

The dutch letters tell us that the Brandenburgh minesters are In much disquiett at the late proceedings & that they absolutely denye that Ever they made offer to the ffrench of the Countries of Cleve & marke which some had objected agt them, It was discoursed there as if the K of denmarke had offered to the ffrench K the arbitration of the peace betwixt him & sweden but that he had Refused it

Our Paris letters dat 11th make the Condition of Genova somewhat desperate for that the d of savoy will attacque it & In all probability not without successe for that not only the ffrench K but the Emperor also are Resolved to send forces to his assistance

At Toulon they have begun to arme but few ships & noe gallies

L. c. 758 March 13th 1678

+Upon his Matys Refuseing to Confirme mr seymour to be speaker on the 7th, sr Jo: Ernly motioned sr Tho: Meers but the house In A greate heate Cryed out no No away with him

Whereupon mr sacheverill mr Williams sr Thomas Clarges mr Garraway sr Tho Lee mr powell & mr Birch spoke severally that it was done on purpose to gratifie some perticular persons for mr seymour was A man without Exception That it was the Right of the House to Choose their speaker That formerly parliamts have been without speakers That noe speaker was formerly Rejected Except In Case of sickness &c That this bone was throwne In by some to save themselves being his Maty did upon the day they picht upon mr seymour seem very well pleased with the Choyce mr seymor being A privy Councillor & one In Greate faivour with his Maty &c

On the 10th the house ordered that there be An Humble Representation drawne up to be prsented to his Maty In the Matter Relateing to the speaker & that mr Vaughan & mr sacheverill serjt Maynard The Master of the Rolles mr Powell & mr Garraway Report & draw up the same

On the 11th the Commons being mett mr Powell made Report of the paper to be prsented to his Maty which was Read & agreed to Consisting of these points

- 1 A preamble of the humble thanks of the house to his Maty for granting them longer time to Choose their speaker & showing his Care not to Enfringe their priveledges
- 2 declaring their Resolution to uphold his Matys prerogative which was Entrusted In the Crowne for the Benefit of his people
- 3 Representing their Undoubted Right In the Election of A speaker & an allowance was always given of him according to Usage Except of one by Reason of his disability of body & they hoped his Maty would give them A gracious answer that they may proceed on the Important affaires of the Kingdome without looseing any more time

To which the King gave this answer

Returne to your house loose no more time doe as I have directed you & soe abruptly broke off

Which being Reported to the house by mr Powell the house fell Into debate thereof & did looke upon [it] as A harsh answer occasioned by same Malevolent persons about the King who to preserve themselves from question Endeavour to make A diference between the King & the Commons &

therefore it was againe moved to make another addresse to the King for that they could not beleieve but if the K did not advise with his privy Councill he would take their paper Into Consideration & with Reason answer Reason as formerly

some spoke as if they feared A dissolution others A prorogation but at last they adjourned till 8 to morrow & then to Reassume the debate againe

On sunday between 3 & 4 A Clocke In the afternoon A violent fire broke out In St Pauls Church yard at A drapers on the Right turning down to doctors Commons the people of the house being all gone to Church The fire was discovered by those that passed by, Constables were Immediately Called & the doores broken open but the fire was soe Violent In the staire Case that it Could not be mastered so that only some of the shop goods were saved, Tis the opinion of the Majestrates &c that there was something more then ordinary to Cause such A violent flaine to breake out In 3 Roomes at once but it hath only burnt the house where it begun

The same night 4 men were seen between 8 & 9 at night to Carry A vessell little bigger then A kilderkin haveing Ropes at Each End on 2 sedan poles & the vessell was soe weighty that they Could hardly beare it away which is Conceived to be full of treasure belonging to some french madame which is A signe that bagg & baggage are about to Remove

Tis advised from Germany that the Emperor hath Ratified the peace & Intends to proceed agt the Rebels In Hungary with more severity

The duke of Brandenburg protests agt the peace & is sending downe forces to make A body of 30000 men towards the Rhine to act agt the ffrench

+The ffrench K has appointed Comrs to Inspect whether the protestants have made any Enfringement upon the Edicts of Nants

The English forces are all Embarked at Zealand from flanders & are Returning home

On the 7th [?] died dr Henshaw Ld Bp of Peterbrough

The ships at portsmouth are Carryed on with all posible dilligence there is A 3rd Rate to be Launched the Next spring tide & another 3rd Rate planked to her upper wale

+On the 8th about 40 Tuns of ffrench wine was staved for being brought In agt the late act of Parliamt

The dutch letters dat 14th tell us that it is discoursed there that the sweds Refused the Treaty agreed between the ffrench K & the Bp being to much In faivour of the Bp but as to the Treaty of Brandenburg the ffrench K will not meddle with it at camp [?] but Referrs it to his minesters at Nimeguen

The Lds have appointed severall Committees & Read A bill for the better discovery & Conviction of papists

Upon information they are digging In the savoy & A guard appointed to attend them

L. c. 759 March 15th 1678

+On the 12th the Commons mett againe & begun where they Ended the day before about A 2d addresse to the K that he would Consider of the Representation delivered to his Maty the day before that they might Enjoy their speaker & proceed to Consider of the Important affaires of the Kingdome.

And severall members stood up to deliver their Reasons for their Concurrance to such A question before it was put & many spoke very fully on both sides & one greate Reason that Carryed the Vote was that the Kings answer yesterday was soe very short being given without any Consideration but they did not doubt but his Maty would Consider of their 2d addresse & give them A gracious answer the H Intimating In

their debate that it was some ill person about the K that did advise such an answer to their former Representation soe the question being put & there being betwixt 4 & 500 members the 2d Adresse was agreed to & not above 4 or 5 noes to it & was Imediately sent up to the K by Ld Cavendish sr Robt Carr mr Powell &c who very graciously Recd it & said he would Consider of it till Next morning & give them an answer at which the H was well pleased

The 2d Adresse followeth

+Most Gracious sovereign whereas the gracious answer yo[u]r Maty was pleased to give to o[u]r first message in Councill wherein yo[u]r Maty was pleased to declare A Resolution not to Enfringe o[u]r just Rights and Priveledges wee yo[u]r Matys most loyall & dutifull Commons were further Encouraged to make A humble Representation to yo[u]r Maty upon Choyce of o[u]r Speaker which on tuesday last was presented by some members to yo[u]r Maty, wee doe with greate sorrow & infinite trouble find by the Report made by those members at their Returne that without takeing any further Consideration which wee are perswaded if yo[u]r Maty had done, what wee offered to yo[u]r Maty would have soe far prevailed on yo[u]r Royall Judgment as to have given yo[u]r Maty satisfaction of the Reasonableness of o[u]r desires & preserved In yo[u]r Maty A faivourable opinion of o[u]r proceedings And since wee humbly Conceive that the occasion of this answer hath arisen from yo[u]r Matys not being truly Informed of the state of the Case

Wee doe humbly beseech yo[u]r Maty to take the same Representation Into your further Consideration & give us such A gracious answer as wee may be put Into A capacity to manifest o[u]r Readiness to Enter Into those Consultations which wee surely tend to the preservation of yo[u]r Matys Kingdoms

On the 11th the Commons mett againe according to their adjournmt but did not debate any matter whatsoever but stayd In Exspection of the Kings answer to their Adresse made yesterday but while they were Exspecting the Usher of the Blacke Rodd Came & Commanded the house to Come up to the K In the H of Lds where the Ld Chancellor told them that his Maty did prorogue the parliamt till Next satureday morning, but there was not 6 members got Into the H when the prorogation was pronounced however it was prorogued

Many doe wonder at the Reason thereof because the prorogation is not an Expedient soe as to lay aside the speaker for if the parliamt should be prorogued 10 times yet the speaker whenever they meet againe is speaker of every session & it is not the Course to Choose A new speaker after Every prorogation soe as the blocke that lyes In the way for saveing the Right of the speakers Election is not Removed nor Can be but by death of the speaker or the Kings writt to Call him up to the H of Lds In Either of the which Cases the H hath A freedome to A new Election which would save the Right of the Commons soe much Insisted upon, Every one is full In their thoughts what the Ishue of this will be

Wee have an account that his R Highs &c landed & were safe at the Hague on friday last though the 3 yatchts strucke but were happily delivered & his R Highs had sent to brussells to prepare A place for him

The Lady Anne who was by his Matys order left here Comes to Chappell Every day & hath A Closet made for her next to that of his Maty

The fflanders letters dat 15th say the ffrench have orders to passe the Rhine & are makeing many Extrary waggons at Aix la Chappelle for Carrying the pontons towards the Rhine & that they would passe at Nordlingen where they have stopt severall vessells laden from Holland of whome they demanded an Impost of the 40th peny for all the goods they Carry

L. c. 760 March 17th 1678

+on saturday last between 11 & 12 his Maty sent for the Commons to attend him In the Lds house where being Come up his Maty was pleased to put them in mind of his former speech & Command & told them he doubted not In this short time of Recess they Could not forgett what he had formerly offered to them & Referred them to that

My Lord Chancellors speech

+his Maty hath given you this Recess that you might deliberately Consider of the buisness which the present juncture Requires & that haveing past by all Animosities & heates that might Impede the Affaires of the Kingdome you will Returne to the H & make Choyce of A speaker without further delay & present him to his Maty at 10 A Clocke on Monday next

soe the Commons Retired to their House & the Ld Cavendish & Ld Russell Nominated to them serjt Gregory Of Graies Inne who with the unanimous Consent of the House was Chosen speaker Notwithstanding his Modest speeches to be Excused

The speaker being set In the Chaire It was Exspected that the Comtee of priveledges greivances &c should have been settled but by Reason of the Act of parliamt that Requires that the H should not fall Into debate of anything till Every Member have taken the oaths of alleigance & supremacy & the Test which will take up 2 or 3 dayes time Till that be done Noe petition about Election or anything Else Can be offered to the House

This settlemt of the speaker gives Infinite satisfaction to the members within doores aswell as the people without for had they broke upon that point It would have Relished ill But that which Induced the House to agree suddenly upon A speaker was

+ffirst that he whome they had Chosen never Came Neer the House since that time & perhapps it was his wisdom soe to doe that the House might not breake upon his scone [?]

2dly as there was noe Entry In the Lds house of the Kings disagreeemt of mr seymo[u]r the 1st speaker which the Lds would Not suffer to be Entred Into their journall, soe there was nothing Entred of the journall of the Commons In prejudice of the Kings approbation of their speaker

soe that now the Buisness of the speaker being settled the Houses may proceed with Effect agt popery disbanding the Army & other Concernes of the Nation

By A vessell arrived on the 10th from Jersey tis advised the ffrench are makeing greate preparations both by sea & land & that the ffrench K was suddenly Exspected In Brittany & Normandy & brings along with him his guards & Household & 3 Marine Regemts to put aboard his men of warr

ffrom Bristoll & many other of the ports wee have Account of severall Hogsheads of ffrench Wines staved for being brought In Contrary to the act of Parliamt & many others were seized who assoon as they Can be Condemd Must have the same Usage

Tis advised from Bruges that all the stoores that were sent thither for the use of the English souldiery were with some Men newly Recovered sent over for England the last weeke soe that of the souldiers there Remained not above 10 or 11 who were not then fitt to be Removed

The Muscovite apprehending the forces that are gathering by the Turks may be wholly Engaged agt him doth Endeavour by his Ambrs to Engage the Pole to his Assistance who In order to it hath paid A Greate summe of money due by the late Treaty & sollicitted A Conjunction agt the Turks for the Recovery of Caminiecke To which the Pole Answers that he is willing to it Conditionally that the muscovite Restore the places taken from Poland or the greater part of them & that he send 4 Hostages & 50000 men to fall on Caminiecke

The 20 souldiers that were brought up with A guard for killing their Captaine for detayning their pay from them are not yet tryed If

they be found Guilty by a Court marshall they must throw dice for their lives & perhapps 2 or 3 of them must dye for it

Tis said his Royall Highs may be at Brussels on the 10th & Keep his Residence at the P of Oranges house there, mr Werden & severall other Gent belonging to his R Highs with severall other voluntier Gent are Going beyond sea to doe their duty to him

L. c. 761 March 20th 1678

Monday 17th March 1678

Mr serjt Gregories speech

+May it please yo[u]r Maty./ In obedience to yo[u]r Matys Commands the H of Commons have made mee the subject of their Choyce though I acquainted them with my owne Insufficiency & did desire them to take Care of the greate affaires of the House. But Notwithstanding they were pleased to Renew their Commands of mee, There is so much of dificulty In the affaire that I have greate Reason to Reflect Upon my owne & therefore I humbly addresse my selfe to yo[u]r Matys grace & faivour

The Lord Chancellor

+his Maty observed with what modesty you declined that greate Charge as much as In you lay The K sees that that modesty which has been lookt upon as A Custome & formality In others is In you A well settled disposition of mind for this Cause the K doth Commend the Choyce & that you may be A full & perfect speaker the K doth Confirme & Ratifie the Election

+Mr speaker./ It will be an Undutifulness In mee to decline it any longer seing his Mayties pleasure, But I shall make bold to desire Confirmation of o[u]r former priveledges as freedome of speech & accesse to his Matys person In all o[u]r affaires & that yo[u]r Maty would put A gracious Interpretation on all things which may be acted In all duty & faithfulness

+My Lord Chancellor

+His maty is well pleased with your duty In the first place In the Next with your petition & doth assure that the freedome of yo[u]r persons & Estates shall be preserved Inviolable & the K will take it for A Contempt of his Royall Authority if any will dare to disturbe you & for accesse to his Royall person he denies it not to any person much lesse to you And that Creature that the K has made by his power he will alway support by his goodness

mr speaker & the House Imediately Returned & spent the Rest of the day In takeing the Test

Tuesday 18 march 1678

+The H proceeded to take the Oaths & Test & subscribe the declaration & all the members prsent subscribe the same

A bill for Reverseing outlawries In the Kings bench Read & ordered A 2d Reading

All Grand Committees appointed

+Ordered that the Comtee of Elections & priveledges doe sitt Every Munday Wednesday & ffriday at 2 In the afternoon & take Into Consideration all matters Concerning Elections & Report the same

Adjourned till 8 to morrow

+On the 12th were 22 Companies of the E of dunbartons Regemt shipt at Harwich for Ireland severall other Regemts formerly mentioned have been disbanded

On the 12th mr Hen: savile his Matys Envoy to the ffrench K tooke shipping at dover for Diep

Our last letters from Madrid told us that the Ld Ambr Godolphin had taken his leave of that King & assoon as he should have paid the Necessary Compléments to the rest he would Returne for England

On the 14th ffebruary Arrived at Allicant 7 English men who by night

getting over the walls of Algeirs swamm aboard one of their piratts at Anchor In the Roade Cut away his boate from sterne & after being 5 dayes at sea got safe to that port

+Wee have An account of A storme at Tangier In which severall merchants ships are lost & A ship Comanded by Capt dunbarr was splitt on the Rocks & 65 men lost but the Mole of Tangier was not at all hurt by it

On the 14th Arrived at spithead the Bombay merchant from suratt & Bantam, & on the 15th the Exspection from Bantam who left the Unity from Java & Bantam 5 dayes since & was as they beleaved In some part of the West

+A warrant is past for paying to the Treasurer of the Navy Moneys for the building of 2 ships of A 2d Rate & 2 of A 3rd rate being those only that Remained Unbuilt of the 30 ships provided by act of parliamt

sr George Carteret is called up by A writt Of Assistance to the H of peers

dr LLoyd Bp of Landaffe is to be Translated to peterbrough & dr Ben [?] made Bp of Landaffe

+The Ld Treasurer is upon Resigning the staffe & the Treasury to be Mannaged by Comrs who tis said will be the Ld Allington sr Jo: Ernly sr Edw deering mr Lawrence hide & mr sidney Godolphin & mr Hen Guy secretary

L. c. 762 March 22nd 1678

Commons 19th March 1678

+Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to Inspect the journalls of the Lds house & see what hath been Entred there the last sessions of the last parliamt Relateing to the Plott & what Else may be worthy their Notice & Make Report thereof to the H to morrow

severall petitions Concerning Undue Elections Read & ordered that Comtee of Elections & priveledges be settled this afternoon & make Choyce of a Chaireman which they did accordingly & made Choyce of sr Tho: Meeres

The Lds tooke the Impeachment Into Consideration & Resolved that the dissolution of the last parliamt doth not hinder but that all Cases of appeales & writs of Error are still In the same state they were before the dissolution & that the Impeachments brought up by the Commons In the last parliamt doe Continue In force as formerly

Commons 20th March 1678

+Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to draw up An addresse to his Maty for A day of Humiliation for A blessing upon the proceeding of the parliamt

+sr ffran: Winnington Reports that he had viewed the Lds journall & that In the Kings speech there was mention made of A popish plott & Related the whole proceedings of the house as to the plott & the Murther of sr Edm: Godfrey & the vote of the house the last sessions that it was An Hellish plott

Ordered that A Comtee of secresy by appointed to take further Evidence & prepare Articles agt the Lds In the Tower who stand Impeached of high treason & take such further Informations as shall be given Concerning the Plott & Murther of sr Edm: Godfrey & that dr Tounge mr Oates & mr Bedloe doe attend the house on the Morrow

+That mr Williams A member of this House be sent for That the secret Comtee have power to send for persons papers & Records & doe sit de die In diem & the quorum be 3

That A Comtee be appointed to Inspect the Lds books & see what Resolution the Lds had taken In relation to the Impeachmt

That the Report make this day by sr ffran: Winnington be written faire In order to be Entred Into the journall

+That A message be Immediately sent to the Lds to put them In mind of the Impeachment of high treason Exhibitted agt the E of danby In the

Name of the Commons of England & to desire them that he be Immediately
Committed Into safe Custody & the Ld Cavendish to carry up the Message

And that further articles be drawne agt the Ld Treasurer & that it
be referred to the secret Comtee

Adjourned till 8 to morrow

Tis advised from Rome dat 4th that another Armenian Bishop is
lately arrived there with A letter from the Patriarke of the Countrey

Jo: Gage bayled mr Oates said he would not doe it because he was A Traitor to which mr Goreing Replied that he was A Rascall & A lyeing Rogue after which he Complained of some hardships by his guard & threatenings &c

Ordered that mr Oates Appeare at the barr of this house on Munday to make good the accusation agt the 3 Members vizt sr Jo: Robinson mr sackvile & mr goreing & that the 3 members appeare In their places That the Complaint agt the Ld Treasurer be Referred to the secrett Comtee saturday 22d March 1678

The Kings speech

+My Lords & Gent I should be glad to see you had made any good progresse into the buisnesse I had Called you for I perceive your proceedings agt the Treasurer hath hindered you therein I am Come to put an End to that buisness such as I hope will be to all your satisfactions. I have given him my pardon under the broade seale Already before the Calling of this Parliamt both for the secureing of his life & fortunes & if there should be any defect In point of forme or otherwise I shall give it him 10 times over rather then that it shall not be full

I never denyed this to any of my servants or minesters when they have quitted their places as the Lds shaftesbury & Buckingham well know

Besides I am Informed that there are greate mistakes In this Matter Concerning him. The letters were written by my order & for Concealing the plott It is Impossible for he knew nothing of it but what he had Imediately from myselfe

I have dismist him from Court & Councill

Publicke Buisness presses hard & therefore I Recommend it to you to goe speedily abt the same

The Commons after their Returne sent to the Lds desire his Estate might be Confiscated & his person secured, upon which the Lds desired A conference In which they Acquainted them they had ordered A bill to be brought In To make him Incapable to Come to his Matys person To discharge him of all offices & Employments of Receiveing any gifts or grants from the Crowne & of sitting In the H of Peers upon which the Commons ordered A Comtee to goe to the Ld Chancellor & other offices to Enquire the Manner of Ishuing out the Pardon

The Hague letters dat 24th tell us That the Marquesse de Lyra In his last memoriall to the states pressing the delivery of Maastricht to the spaniards did signifie that his forbearing to urge it since his last Instances severall Moneths since was partly In Exspection that they would have offered soe Cleare A debt of themselves & partly that they might have no pretence for to Refuse it upon the delay used by the ffrench In the Evacuation of the spanish places which being now wholly Executed he told them the spaniards had A garrison of 45000 men Ready to take possession of it The states had then taken no Resolution thereupon but those who spake the Language of the spaniards give out that they would be driven to some desperate Resolution if the states doe not them justice In it & some Intimated that the ffrench would faivour the spaniards In it

L. c. 764 March 27th 1679

Munday March 24th 1678

+The house agreed that they are fully satisfied that there hath been & is A Hellish plott & the Lds have declared their Concurrence with the Commons In it

sr ffrancis winnington Reports that they went to the usuall offices to see what proceedings had been In the E of danbies pardon & found none In any of them & that Ld Chancellor said he never advised

Ordered that A Comtee be Appointed to draw up an addresse to his Maty Representing the Irregularity & illegality of the pardon supposed

to be granted to the E of danby & the dangerous Consequence of granting any pardon to any person Impeacht by the Comons of England & that A message be sent to the Lds to demand Justice In the name of the Commons of England agt the E of danby & that he may be Committed to Custody

Tuesday 25th march 1679

+A message from the Lds that they had sent the usher of the blacke Rodd to the E of danby In Towne & at Wimbleton who is Returned & saith he cannot find him

Ordered that mr sackvile be sent to the tower for dispartidging the witnesses &c abt the plott & that he be Expelled the parliamt

A bill to be brought In to summons the E of danby to surrender his body at A day Certaine & In default thereof to be attained of high treason

mr Powells speech In the H of Commons 20th march

+mr speaker I should have been pleased to have heard from some member of this house somewhat omitted [&?] needfull to have been spoken to & by some other Rather then myselfe It is Concerning the Treasurer who stands Impeacht by the Commons of England of high treason the person to whome wee owe all the dangers of the ffrench K agt us

To whome wee owe the Threates & severe answers to those humble addresses made In the last Parliamt

To whome wee owe the Ruine of the nation & the Exhausting of the Kings Treasure & Revenue

To whome wee owe the Expence of 200000 L & upwards within 2 yeares last past Unaccounted for

To whome wee owe the many prorogations that happened In the last Parliamt when any profitable bill was Ready for passing

To whome wee owe the Raising of A standing Army to be Kept up by the Receipt of 600000 Livers for 3 yeares to Enslave us & o[ur] Religion

To whome wee owe the late bone that was flunge In this session of parliamt to hinder the good Effect that might Come from their proceedings who is now laying downe his staffe & makeing up his accounts In the Treasury as he pleaseth to Enrich himselfe with the spoyles of the people & soe depart

On the 21st mr Bedlow being sent for desired A guard, & when Called In Complained of Greate discouragemts as to his guards & that he had many Checks from persons of greate quality & that he was more like A malefactor & harder then those he had accused many of them out upon baile & himselfe a prisoner or very like one That the Ld Treasurer offered greate summs of money to get A Coppy of what he had to accuse him or the queen that they might get some to Confront his Evidence & acquainted the secret Comtee that the Ld Treasurer Enquired whether the d of Bucks or E of shaftesbury or any of the Comons last parliamt had desired him to say anything agt him & to tell him who they were & he would Reward him & If he would leave the Countrey he would supply him with A greate sum [of money that?] he might goe to any Countrey whither he pleased & give him time to Consider of it & said there was A yatcht Ready to Carry him

Ordered that An Humble adresse be prsented to his Maty to the safety of mr Bedloes person may be Committed to the Councill [?] the d of Monmouth that he may have the 500 L paid that was promised by proclamation, his Matys Answer is that the 500 L shall be paid & he will take all posible Care for the security of mr Bedlow

L. c. 765 March 29th 1679

Commons Wednesday 26th march 1679

+severall petitions Complaining of Undue practices at Elections for denbigh st Edmundbury durham & Leicestershire Read & Referred to the Comtee of Elections

A Comtee appointed to see what bills Expire at the End of this sessions & Report them to the House

A bill ordered to be brought In to Regulate the Election of members In Parliamt

dr Nelson Minester of Dodlington In the Isle of Ely who is the Author of the Jesuits letter ordered to be sent for Into Custody

mr oates Could not very well Remember The words of mr Goreing & therefore appealed to sr Jo: fflag who is sicke & soe the thinge fell
Thursday 27th march 1679

+A bill from the Lds for the better discovery & more speedy Conviction of Popish Recusants Read & ordered A 2d Reading wherein it is provided that Justices of peace shall be Enabled to Tender the Oaths & Test & the Refusall shall be Entred Upon Record at the Next sessions or assizes & shall be A sufficient Conviction of Recusancy

mr deerum petitioned that he duely Elected for Radnor & sr Edw: Harlow is not upon which It was Averred to the H that the petitioner had but one vote for him he hopeing to find A Comtee of Elections of the same temper they were the last Parliamt when such A president did take Effect

They ordered the petitioner to Come up & owne his petition but the serjt at Armes being sent to Call him he upon some private Intimation withdrew himselfe fearing to be made an Example

A bill for Attainder of Tho E of danby was Read A 2d time & Committed

A bill from the Lds to disable Tho: E of danby to sitt In Parliamt &c Read & Rejected it being said that this bill is A lessening of the Penalties of the Law upon one that is Attainted of high Treason soe this is laid aside & the bill of Attainder proceeded with

A message from the Lds with A bill Entitled an Act for disabling any one to sit In the Convocation before they have Taken the Oath & subscribed the declaration therein Contained

Two watermen that have been Examined doe Informe that they did see the E of danby goe by water on Munday last by st Katherines, but others are of opinion that he is still Retired In private

sr ffrancis Winningtons Report as to my Ld Chancellor Concerning the E of danby

That my Ld Chancellor had neither Contrived Nor advised it, That my Ld Treasurer delivered it to him A thinge Never Knowne before & being asked whether it pardoned or Extended to the Impeachmt he said it had generall words of all Treasons & Crimes whatsoever Together with the words Omnia Et Omni modo Indicta menta Impetiones & these other words Licet Indictitatis vel [?] non Indictitatis & this was to Extend to the 27th ffeb last & did beare date the 1st of march Instant

& that my Ld Treasurer desired to have it passe with all privacy for he did not Intend to make use of it but to stand upon his Innocency but if false witnesses should be produced agt him he should make use of it at the last Extremity

After this my Ld Chancellor said he writt A letter to my Ld Treasurer wherein he told him that he thought It best to let the pardon passe In the Regular Course that It might be publickly Knowne & Answer the End his Ldpp Intended which was to prevent the Impeachmt agt him

The next day after the letter was sent he met with the Ld Treasurer where he gave the same advise The Ld Treasurer said he had acquainted the K with his letter & his Maty was Resolved to have it passe with all privacy

suddenly after this the K Commanded my Ld Chancellor to bring the seales to whitehall which he did to his Lodgings, His Maty demanded the seales to be taken out of the bagg & the K writt his Name on the Top of the Parchmt & then directed to have it sealed wherupon the person that

used [about eight words spoiled by crease at edge of folio]

+The Ld Chancellor said that At the time of the Affixing the seale to the Parchmt he did not looke Upon himselfe to have the Custody of the seale

The Ld Chancellor Concluded with this that he tooke upon him to Know that there was noe memoriall In any office whatsoever from the secretaries till It came to his but that It was A stamp Pardon by Creation

L. c. 766 March 31st 1679

Commons 28th March 1679

+A bill for secureing the liberty of the subject & granting Habeas Corpus Read & ordered A 2d Reading on Munday Next

mr speaker acquainted the H that A letter was Recd last night directed to mr Cole of ffleetstreet Relateing as if some few danger were Intended agt the Kings person & the Kingdome within some few dayes

Ordered that the Examination of the Comeing of this letter to the post be left to the members that serve for London

A petition of the ffreeholders of warwickeshire abt the Election for the County of warwicke Complaining of the Injustice done by sheriffe of that County In Employing forces to the disturbance of the Election & other undue practices & for other misdemeanours Committed at the same time which being of an High nature the H ordered the Cause to be heard at the barr of the H on munday fortnight

Resolved that this H is fully satisfied In the Integrity dilligence & faithfulness of sr Robt southwell one of the Clarks of the Councill In his takeing & Entering Examinations of Witnesses abt the plott & that he hath deserved very well both of the K & Kingdome both for his paines & Care taken therein

Commons saturday 29th march 1679

+sr Robt Clayton Reports that the letter directed to Cole is judged to Come from A new hand & Judged to put A Tricke Upon the Parliamt

Amendmts to the bill agt the E of danby that he should not be Restored from the Attainder but by act of Parliamt Reported & the bill ordered to be Engrost

+Ordered that Tuesday Next the disbanding the Army be taken Into Consideration & then to take Into Consideration the violation of the petition of Right In Imposing souldiers to take ffree quarter Even upon Inns & alehouses

mr Oates being Called In said that he mett sr Jo: Robinson before the prorogation who said there were A Company of Informeing Rogues abroade but he had spoyled one of them meaning Everard whome he had fast Enough

mr Everard Came In & Informed he was threatened with the Racke to force him to Confesse he had A designe agt the life of the d of monmouth & Called sr Robt Walsh to prove that he had told him formerly of the plott That sr Jo: had kept him prisoner 4 yeares & halfe & that he told sr Jo: he beleived his Commitmt was procured by Irish Talbott for haveing been with him & the Lady gourdon at Paris they discovered to him the plot & fearing he would discover the same he had not been above 6 or 7 dayes In England but he was Committed Close prisoner to the Tower & Kept without pen Inke or paper & no ffreind permitted to Come to him

sr Jo: denied all that was said agt him but said he had A warrant to keep him Close prisoner which he offered to shew & forasmuch as there are some papers In secretary Coventryes hand who is sicke it was Referred till another day

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 A Clocke

sr ffran: winningtons speech to the H of Commons

+The K Cannot pardon Treason agt the governmt for then the governmt Cannot be safe from Evill minesters Could the K have done it would not

Beltrappe Tresilian [?] & the spencers have been pardoned the K should be the sanctuary of the people from oppression of Evill ministers but not the Refuge of Enemies of the Government & A protector of such Arch Traitors as danby. If danby may be pardoned then the popish Lds In the Tower may & all jesuites In Newgate, Is that the way to secure the lawes & protestant Religion, The K hath A limited power or It would not be A legall power & is for the good & behoofe of the people but his shroudeing An open notorious traitor the minister of the present mischiefs & Common Center In which all the lines of Confusion meet, Is that for the good & behoofe of the people

Prerogative is to abate Rigorous Justice not to Evade & destroy it If ministers may be pardoned on the princes pleasure for all the wrongs they doe the people Though the prince be sworne to protect the people from those wrongs & is therefore both trusted & paid there is no security & o[ur] pretended freedome & legall governmt is A meer Cheate & wee are all Arrant slaves

Besides this is Treason Impeached In Parliamt & therefore not pardonable out of Parliamt This is A nationall & Catholicke Treason the life the Root of the governmt is Invaded. A pardon here is soe unreasoned A thing that It ought to be placed to his account that dares pleade it & ought to be hanged amonge the Rest of the Evill Councillors

The bill prepareing In the Lds house is not his punishmt but his pardon, A salvation by act of Parliamt none will be deterred by this act that Can pleade such A president to Escape Unpunished & Carry away honour & wealth the Reward of Treason & the poore peoples spoyle, & that at such A time as this Circumstanced [?] with plotts & Conspiracies, if this must be It is good yea merittorious to Invade property Invade the Kingdome sell the people Incourage popery subborne witness & strangle & murder the discoverers of the plott

Remember how you use him you make him An example of the Rest. If he must live then let him survive his glory at least degrade him sequester him that is Reduce him as small as sr Tho: Osburne & as leane & Indigent leave him nothing he has got by his Monstrous actions agt the Kingdom I am bold to say that those Lds & Commons that agree not In this speake Two words for him & one for themselves & would doe the same things to End with the same security. It is A lycence to Cheate the Kingdome for 5 years If thus he pray let there be A Clause In this bill to pardon all villainies & Treasons agt the governmt whatsoever & that for poore as well as Rich let not the greate Rogue only escape & goe Unrewarded Why green Hill & berry Hanged that Killed Godfrey must he Escape that soe bitterly discouraged & Mennaced him but what Reason was there that graves & Ireland should dye for being In the plott while he is Rewarded that Concealed & would have stifled it & turned it upon others. To Conclude If after this discovery made by god progressed by us this p[er]t be delivered up & they shall Escape Unpunished God will bring deliverance some other way

L. c. 767 April 3d 1679

+On the 31st the Commons did not sitt but the Comtee of Elections & priveledges In the afternoon & the Comtee of secresy all day whose Report as to the plott & tryall of the Lds In the Tower is almost finished & will be made to the H on Thursday next

Tuesday Aprill 1st 1679

+The first thing Entred upon was the Report made by sr Tho Meeres Concerning double Returnes which by the Rule of the House are first to be Reported & thereupon it was Resolved what members ought to sit upon A doe Returne by the proper officer though the meritt of the Election be afterwards to be determined

Ordered that mr James the Bp of Londons Chaplain preach before this H on the fast day In the morning & dr sharpe In the afternoon

Ordered that the Election for Norfolke which was appointed the 11th Instant which is the fast be heard the Next day

A Complaint being made that there was spread abroad A libell Entutled sr ffrancis winningtons speech In the H of Commons & also the speech of mr Powell they disclaiming those speeches soe Erroniously put forth & It being Concluded that they were made without doores by some that had heard A Report of some & perticulers they had said

Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to find out the Authors & dispersers of the said papers

A bill of Attainder of High Treason agt Thomas E of danby Unless he Render himselfe by the 10th of aprill to the Usher of the blacke Rodd or to the Lieutenant of the Tower In order to Receive his tryall, Past the House & sr Robt Payton ordered to Carry it up to the Lds

Ordered that the Report of the Comtee to whome it was referred to search what Temporary lawes there were make their Report to morrow Next after the bill of Habeas Corpus Read

Then the H fell Into debate of the grievances of the people by the quartering of souldiers upon Inns & alehouses Contrary to the petition of Right

Ordered that the account Concerning the Army be Referred to A Comtee to Examine & to Report it to the house Resolved that the Continuance of any standing forces In this Kingdome other then the Militia is illegall & A greate Grievance & vexation to the people

some may thinke that this may Extend to the lessening of the Kings guards & forces In port Townes & garrisons but the H doth only Intend to proceed to disband the Remainder of the New Raised army & not meddle with the Kings guards without first makeing an addresse to the K to give his Maty satisfaction therein

An account was given to the H what was yet due to the forces not yet disbanded though money was formerly given to disband them but misemployed

The H Resolved that when they gave money to disband the Army the Inns & alehouses should be In the first place paid & likewise gave order to Enquire what false musters have passed In those Companies that have Come from beyond sea

+The E of shaftesbury & the Ld Hallifax have both of them Kissed the Kings hand which is A signe that they are like to be lookt upon with more faivour then they were In the dayes of the Earle of danby

It is Generally Reported that Thomas E of danby doth lye privately In or neer whitehall & that he doth Intend to appeare the 10th of aprill the time appointed by the act of Attainder for him to Come In, only it is said he would more perfectly know the Content of the additionall articles of High Treason & other Crimes & misdemeanors which are prepareing agt him by the Comtee of secresy the Knowledg of which will be some advantage to him to Know whether to appeare or not

L. c. 768 (1) Aprill 5th 1679

Commons Wednesday Aprill 2d 1679

+A Complaint being made of A breach of priveledg upon mr Lucey the Next day after the prorogation of the last parliamt ordered that it be Referred to the Comtee of priveledges

The bill for liberty of the subject by habeas Corpus Read A 2d time & after A long debate Committed & all the Long Robe to be of the Comtee & all the Comtee to have their voyces

mr Palmer Reported the acts of parliamt which doe Expire at the End of this sessions if the H doe not thinke fitt to Continue them longer vizt

1 An act Concerning high wayes & unreasonable Carriages 2 Concerning a

Commission of sewers 3 for lycenceing of Hackney Coaches the benefit thereof to goe to the benefit of high wayes 4 Concerning the woollen Manufacture In the West rideing of yorkshire 5 Concerning printing 6 the act against the Importation of Irish Cattle with severall others which are all Referred backe to the Comtee to Report their opinion which of them are most necessary to bee taken first Into Consideration, all the members of the Long Robe are to be of the Comtee & all the Comtee to have voyces Only the act Concerning Irish Cattle is ordered to be Considered of by A Comtee of the whole house on Tuesday Next

Commons Thursday 3 Aprill 1679

+A bill for the speedy Conviction of popish Recusants Read which being A bill of great length was ordered to be Read againe that the house may more fully understand the many perticulers therein Contained & then Committed

The secret Comtee Informs the House that somewhat materiall lately Came to their Knowledg that they desire the assistance of the House In

Ordered that those that are not members be put out of the speakers Chamber & that noe person be suffered to goe out of the House & that the Keyes be brought & layd upon the table

Ordered that mr speaker Immediately Ishue out his warrant for the apprehending severall persons

mr Redding was Immediately taken & some of the secret Comtee were Immediately ordered to the Examination

mr Treaby Reports from the secret Comtee Articles of high Treason & other high Crimes & misdemeanors agt Wm E of Powis, William vicount stafford William Ld peters [L. c. 768 (2)] Henery Ld Arrundell of wardour & John Ld Bellasis & other persons Concerned In the murther of sr Edm: Godfrey being abt 30 In number to which Report the H agreed & ordered the Articles to be Engrost & they will be sent up to the Lds on saturday next

When the Lds have Recd & Read the same then of Course they will give the Lds Impeached A Certaine day to put In their Answer & then things will goe Currently on In order to A speedy triall

The Contents of the Impeachmt of the Lds is as to the Murthering of the Kings person the Introduceing of popery The Extirpation of the Protestant Religion The Raiseing of A greate force the Restoreing of Church lands In the possession of protestants here In England to popish uses & divers other perticulers are therein Contained

Ordered that sr George Wakemans name be put In amonge the Conspirators

The Comtee that are Examining mr Redding desire that mr Bedloe mr dugdale & Justice Walrope might Come to them & it is allowed

The said Comtee Informs the H that the Examination would take up A long time, A bill for Regulating Elections Read & ordered A 2d Reading A bill from the Lds to disable any to sit In the Convocation before they have taken the oaths & subscribed the declaration On Tuesday last the H of Lds sate long & passed an order of greate Concernmt In order to the safety of Ireland to prevent the greate danger It is In both from abroad & the popish party at home & ordered Instructions to be sent to the Ld Lieutenant of Ireland for putting all popish persons out of Corporations Confining them to A Certaine Compasse & to disarme them & A Considerable Reward to any person that shall discover any person Concealing of armes & also that his Maty be moved to send greate store of Armes powder bullet & Ammunition with all speed Into Ireland & to Arme the protestants only with the same & that powder be sold at A Reasonable Rate to them with other perticuler Instructions as to the safety & peace of the Kingdome

[Handwriting changes here just for rest of letter.]

+Wednesday Night Bedloe & his Bro: Comeing out of A Coach abt Temple Barr were assaulted, & the Brother Run Thro the body the actors Escapeing tis

said ye principall assailant was one Higden a Leiut Redding who is A
Templer, its said has Tamperd wth Bedlow & offerd him 4000 L & 300 L p
ann for his life to deny or fly from his Evidence agst ye Lds. ye House
of Lds stick at some Words in ye bill of attainder of the E of danby

L. c. 769 Aprill 7th 1679

Commons ffriday 4th Aprill 1679

+The bill for liberty of the subject by Habeas Corpus Conteyning Greate
penalties upon sheriffs Goales & Baliffs who shall not within 6 houres
give a Coppy of the Commitment of such persons as are in Custody was Read
A 2d time & ordered to be Engrost

The Imprisonment of mr Everard for 4 yeares & A halfe none permitted
to speake to him & denyed pen Inke & paper to make Knowne his Condition
is one greate Cause of the Hastning of this bill

Ordered that A bill be brought In for the Transportation of Leather

Then the H Came to debate some matters proposed to them by the
Comtee of secresy who desired the speaker might signe A blanke warrant as
he had done for mr Redding the soliccittor soe likewise for mr Castleton
another soliccittor & one mr Brent Employed by the Ld Treasurer for that
Every day the Comtee hath Information given them to make A Clearer
discovery of the plott

Redding as is Reported was A person Employed by the Lds In the
Tower to Trapan mr Bedlow & others to Renounce their Testimony & for
which he gave A proposall to them for so many thousand paid In hand &
300 L p Ann In hand [?] But the Report of the secret Comtee who were
appointed to Examine this buisness is not yet made to the H soe that A
perticuler account Cannot be given of it

Then the H was Informed that amongst the papers sent out of
staffordshire taken In the House of the Ld stafford there was one letter
amonge others sent up by 2 Justices of peace wherein it was Contained
that the Ld stafford did write to another That they were all Betrayed &
the plott was discovered &c which letter is not now to be found amongst
those papers to be produced to the Comtee soe mr Laine & mr Congrave the
2 Justices of peace who Read the letter & sent it up are sent for to
averr the Truth of it

Ordered that sr Robt southweell search whether such A paper was
delivered to the Lds or Can be found & Report it to morrow

The bill from the Lds to prevent the growth of popery Read A 2d
time & Committed with An Instruction to bring In A Clause to prevent the
Inconveniency that may happen to the Kingdome by the Marrying of the
Royall family to papists

A Message from the Lds

+The Lds desire A present Conference with the H Concerning the bill sent
up from this house Concerning the E of Danby which was Consented to

The Lds signifie that they Chose to deliver backe this bill Rather
by Conference then A message to keep A very good Correspondance betwixt
the 2 houses

They observed that things were at A stand In the Kingdome when it
is Requisite wee should be most active, And that the K should be himselve
much Inclining to mercy to all persons Therefore they desire that the
2 houses may not Incline him to the Contrary

Ordered that the debate of the Lds amendmts be adjourned till to
morrow

mr Clare ordered to attend the secret Comtee In their service

Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to draw up an addresse to his Maty
that he would Ishue forth his proclamation for the takeing & apprehending
of the E of danby & that Instructions be given to his household servants
for the same purpose & that the usuall Rewards be given to such as shall

apprehend him with penalties to those that shall Conceale him & that the members of the privy Councill doe Carry the addresse

Commons Aprill 5th 1679

+A bill for Regulating Elections Read A 2d time which Containes many Considerable Instructions for preventing abuses therein with penalties upon the persons which shall be Chosen giveing money drinke &c above the vallue Exprest In the bill & shall loose the benefitt of being member though Chosen which bill was Referred to A Comtee

sr Tho: Meers made A Report Concerning the Election of New Windsor to which the H agreed that [?] sr Jo Ernly & mr Poulteny Chosen by the maior & Burgesses were not duely Returned but that mr winwood & mr starkey Chosen by the Comonality alone was due & legall This buisness held 4 hours In debate

mr Redding sent A letter to mr speaker Intimating that he had something to Communicate to this house which Concernes the K & Kingdome

Ordered that some of the secret Comtee be sent to mr Redding & make the Report to the house Then mr sacheverill stood up to make the Report from the secret Comtee of the examination of mr Redding & others but it being 2 A Clocke The House thought fitt to Rise & sit againe at 5 & hear that Report & other matters from the Comtee

L. c. 770 Aprill 10th 1679

Commons saturday 5th Aprill 1679 afternoon

mr sacheverill made A long Report of mr Reddings Examination who Confessed nothing of moment

he likewise Reported mr Bedloes Information agt him which was soe Clear that all he had done Relateing to this matter was by the privacy of the secret Comtee of the H of Lds & that it was Carryed in & Concealed the longer to have A fuller prospect of their designes

That there were severall witnesses at one time to mr Reddings facts [?] one of which was planted In the Nest [?] of A bed the ffeathers being purposely parted In the middle where he lay under the Rug & other Coverings undiscovered

That the Comtee have the Evidence that was fraimed to be mr Bedloes testimony agt the Lds which was drawne up soe cunningly that though it seemed substantiall yet when he should have delivered it it would not have been Effectuall to Convict them

That mr Bedloe was to have for this 4000 L In hand & 400 L p Ann & the writeings for the said money & Estate were all drawne up

The H Resolved that an addresse be prsented for A speciall Commission of Oyer & Terminier for his speedy Triall

Commons Munday 7 Aprill 1679

+A Comtee appointed to Examine the Complaint agt sr Jo: Robinson as to the Lds In prison & mr Everard &c

mr secretary Reports to the H that mr Chefinch had Recd A letter from mr Redding wherein he said he had matters of Importance to Communicate to his Maty but his Maty declared he would Not meddle with any person Committed by this H but that his Maty would lay his Commands on him to declare what he knew to the H or the Comtee of secresy for which the H ordered thanks to be Returned to his Maty & ordered the Comtee of secresy to Examine mr Redding & acquaint him with his Matys pleasure

The serjt of the H of Commons acquainted the H of the Intercepting A letter sent to Redding In A basket with A Cheese adviseing him not to foole away his life & that he had not Carryed himselfe like A master of Reason wherein was also A paire of scissors & A Razor, mr Redding being formerly A prisoner of Lincolne Escaped In A Country womans Habitt & perhapps those were sent to fitt him to looke the more like A woman In order to his Escape

The Report Concerning the Army is to be made on Wednesday & on Thursday the H are to Consider how to Improve the Militia for the safety of the K & Kingdome

The fleet is also much In the thoughts of the Parliamt

The Commons sent up by the Ld Russell Articles of Impeachmt agt the 5 Lds In the Tower & their Ldps ordered that the said Lds appeare at the barr of their house Wednesday morning to hear their Charge Read & to Require them to send In their Answer by A set time

Observation being made In the house that the ffrench had an Eye upon Tangier as if they would be masters of it Either by force or by Money & Calling to mind how suddenly & Unhappily the stronge Towne of Dunkerke was put Into the hands of the ffrench have ordered an act to be brought In to Anex Tangier to the Crowne of England as Jersey & Guernsey are +Commons Tuesday Aprill 8th 1679, A bill to disable Any to sit In the Convocation before they have taken the Oaths Read & Committed, Ordered that noe man leave the service of the H without leave mr Powell Reports the Reasons why the Commons Cannot Agree with the Lds Amendmts vizt

- 1 That Banishmt was to Easy & not A proportionable punishmt for such high crimes

- 2 That it would be lookt upon by the World as if they were not able to make good his Impeachmt

- 3 That Banishmnt was not A sufficient punishmt to deterr others for Committing the like Crimes but would Rather Incourage them

The Commons then Entred On the debate of the act for Irish Cattle till noon & then adjourned the further debate till Thursday, A message Comeing from the Lds to desire the H to sit In the afternoon for they had some matters of Importance to Impart unto them & the K himselve Came to the H of Lds

[Note in another hand on outside of letter:] Widow Hyatts mony.

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L. c. 771 Aprill 12th 1679

Commons 8 Aprill 1679 afternoon

+A bill for Better secureing the liberty of the subject was Read a 3d time & Carryed up to the Lds

Then the H had A Conference with the Lds Concerning the E of danby wherein the Lds did againe Insinuate their desires not to have him punished according to the height of his Crime & that the lessening of it should not be drawne Into Example & they would Enter it Into their Journall for times to Come

mr sacheverell Reports from the Comtee of secresy the Effect of the Examination of mr Brent & mr Castleton

Commons Aprill 9th 1679

A bill for Exporting leather Read & ordered A 2d Reading

Upon A Report that the ffrench doe offer many hundred thousand pounds to buy Tangier the H Resolved that any persons that shall advise the K to sell Tangier to any fforreign prince or state shall be declared Enemies to the K & kingdome

In the afternoon the buisness Concerning the Election for Leicestershire between Ld Roos Ld sharrod & sr Wm Hartop was heard they heard the Examination of witnesses on both sides spent the afternoon & Could Come to noe Resolution soe is adjourned till another time

This day all the Lds In the Tower Except the Ld Bellasis (who is ill of the gout) Came to the H of Lds but were affronted at their takeing boate at the Tower & also as they passed through London bridge & all the way on southwark side till they Came to the parliamt staires by the Common people who Cryed God Bless the King & hang all Traitors &c

when they appeared at the barr they were arraigned & their Charge Read agt them & they severally answered Innocent Each had A Coppie given him & order to bring In their answer by tuesday next & In the Interim have ffreedome of Councill to assist them In matters of Law

Commons Thursday 10th Aprill 1679

+Ordered that the members that went out of Towne without leave be taken Into the Custody of the serjt at Armes if they Returne not by the 21st Instant

Mr secretary Coventry Reports that according to the Comands of the H he had acquainted his Maty with both their addresses & that his Maty was pleased to Returne answer that he had already Ishued out A Comission for the Imediate triall of mr Redding & that which Concerned the E of danby should suddenly be done

Ordered that mr Clare who attends on the secret Comtee take Care that the Commission for the Triall of mr Reading be Sued [?] out before the Lds Triall Come on

+at A Conference with the Lds which was mannaged for the Lds by the E of shaftesbury Ld Hallifax & Ld privy seale their Ldpp[s] did acknowledg their Error In their Not Imprisoning the E of danby last parliamt according to order & Custome & that they had ordered it to be put In their books

Ordered that A Comtee Inspect the Lds booke that it may be put Into o[u]rs also

Then the H Resolved that A bill be brought In for Continuing the severall acts made agt the Importation of Cattle from Ireland & other parts beyond the seas & ffish taken by fforreigners with such Clauses to be added as may make the prohibition more Effectuall

In the afternoon the Commons sate againe & had another Conference with the Lds abt the E of danby In which the Lds did publickly acknowledg that the Reasons which the Commons had given them did Convince them that according to the Rules of Justice the nature of the offences which the sd E had Committed did Require the punishmt mentioned In the bill of attainder yet did againe Recommend it to the H to Consider who had matcht [?] Into the family

the Reasons used at the Conference follow

+The additions of the title doe shew the Amendmts make by yo[ur] Ldpps to the bill doe wholly alter the nature of it & make it A bill of Banishmt which the Commons Cannot Consent to for these Reasons

1 Banishmt is not the legall Judgmt In Cases of high Treason & the E of danby being Impeached of High Treason & ffled from Justice hath thereby Confessed the Charge & therefore ought to have the Judgmt of High Treason for his punishmt

2 That banishmt being not the punishmt the Law Inflicts upon those Crimes the E of danby might make use of this sentence that Either the Commons were distrustfull of their prooffe agt him or Else that the Crimes were not In themselves of soe high a nature as Treason

3 That the Example of this would be an Incouragemt to all persons that should be hereafter Impeached by the Commons to withdraw themselves which they would be always Ready to doe if Not prevented by A Commitment upon their Impeachmt & thereby hope to have A more faivourable sentence In A legislature then yo[ur] Ldpps would be obliged to passe upon them In yo[ur] judiciaall Capasity

The Lds of the Treasury have passed A warrant to the Victualler of the Navy for provideing forthwith provisions for 6 months for 6500 men

L. c. 772 Aprill 14th 1679

Commons Thursday 10th Aprill 1679 afternoon

+mr Nelsons petition Referred to a Comtee

+Then the 2 houses had A Conference Concerning the bill agt the E of danby The substance whereof ffolloweth

Their Ldpps Acquainted the Commons that they had Considered of their Reasons & found them to be unanswerable therefore that noe longer time might be wasted abt this affaire the season of the yeare Comeing on apace & the Emergency of occasions pressing hard Upon the K they Came with a Resolution to put an End to that buisness. Acknowledging that Banishmt was not Equivalent to his Crime & that they had A legislative power but there was some Marriage Intermixt with his family which the Attainder would Much Injure & they hoped the Commons would make use of A prudentiall Necessity not to Extirpate the family, but if they Could find out any way to Mitigate that word they would Consent to it

And whereas the bill beares date the 15th they would make it absolute without any time to which if they acquiesced they would Endeavour to procure the Royall assent on saturday

And their Ldpps further told them that the Commons had gained soe greate A point of them that their posterity hereafter might be beholden to them for vizt

That an Impeachmt by the H of Commons stood good notwithstanding A dissolution or Prorogation & when one of the Lds were Impeached & speciall matter delivered that Ld should withdraw & be delivered Into safe Custody & this they had Entred Into their journall booke The Comtee Replied that by his fflight he Confessed his Charge & soe ought to be proceeded Upon Judicially whereas their bill was a bill of summons & not of Attainder for if he Came within the time it was voyd & the severer they put it Twas Easier to bring him to Justice, They wished he might acquitt himselfe which if he did not Come his flight shewed him guilty & he punisht himselfe for if A person fly from justice though afterwards he be proved Innocent yet he forfeits his goods & Chattells much Rather those deserve it that are Guilty

They said there might be A flight as mozes from the Egiptians or as Joseph from Potiphers wife or as David from saul but his was Crimes flight from Vengance occasioned by the offences he had Committed

They shewed many presidents that should they agree to it they should make one justice for A Peer & another for A Commoner & justice ought to be distributed to all alike

They believed that he was hardly fled but was secretly workeing his Mischiefes still

The debate was adjourned till saturday morning

On the 11th was the fast the commons mett at st Margaretts westminster where dr Jane Chaplain to the Bp of London preached In the morning from 7 Hosea 9 vers & mr sharpe minister of St Giles In the feilds In the afternoon from 2 Revel. & [the?] latter part of the 5 vers

The bent of their sermons was first to beat downe debauchery swearing &c The 2d was Exhortation to Repentance that the judgment feared might be diverted And lastly laying open the Horridness of the popish Conspiracy & the fraud & deceitfulness of that which they Call their Religion

Comons saturday 12 Aprill 1679

+ordered that the thanks of the H be Returned to mr Jane & mr sharpe & that they be desired to print their sermons

Upon this one of the members desired there might be an addition to that order that the good Exhortation & advice given by those 2 good men to suppressse all manner of debauchery by all sexes & to prevent the accustomed damning Oaths Curseing swearing &c by Nameing A Comtee to bring In A bill to prevent these Evills which was ordered accordingly

Ordered that the H be called over on ffriday In Easter weeke & all such as doe not then appeare to be sent for Into Custody

Then the H Entred on the debate of the E of danbies bill & sr

ffran. winnington made Report of the last Conference but some diferece
arriseing In the debate it was adjourned till the afternoon

The petition of mrs Redding on behalfe of her husbin as also the
petition of mr Brent under secretary to Tho: E of danby prsented to the H
but both Refused to be Read

afternoon

+ordered that A Comtee be appointed to Inspect & state the accounts
Relateing to the money & Report it next thursday

That the matter of Election for the County of Leicester be heard
at the barr of the H on monday next the first buisness

+That the Mayor of the Borough of Corfe Castle be sent for Into Custody
to answer his miscarriages In Returneing of members for the said Borough

That it be A standing order of the House that from henceforth upon
any vacancy of the Chaire no motion be made for Chooseing A new speaker
till after 10 of the Clocke. adjourned till munday 8 A Clocke

+Lds house This day the Ld shaftesbury made A motion wherein he desired
that the H would Intrust him with A blanck warrant to seize 2 or more
persons whome he would Insert he told them it was A thinge without
president but gave such argumts for it that the H put it to the question
& sounded [?] upon it & it was granted him by 13 votes. The warrant is
generall it Commands all his Matys subjects to be willing & assisting In
the taking & secureing the persons within mentioned & extends to all
persons & places not the Court Excepted it is thought it is for the E
of danby &c. There was A long debate abt the bill for Habeas Corpus
which some of the Bps violently opposed affirming it would shorten their
power & Infringe their priveledges to which it was answered that it would
only abate their Rigour, The bill was Committed & ordered A 2d

Reading on Munday next tis thought it will passe yesterday Baron
Littleton dyed A patent was In motion to make mr Gregory the prsent
speaker to supply his place to the Commons haveing Represented to his
Maty how Unwilling they are to have any other speaker tis said it stopt

They write from Paris that the d of Modenas Envoy had A long
Audience of his Maty abt the affaires of England that the d & dutchesse
of Yorke were leaveing Brussells not haveing had A Kind Reception of the
d de Villa Hermosa &c & were Returneing backe to the Hague

L. c. 773 April 17th 1679

Commons Munday Aprill 14th 1679

+Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to Inspect the Lds booke to see what
Entries are there made of any orders touching the giving Coppies to the
Lds In the Tower of the Examinations & witnesses agt them

The H tooke Into Considderation the sad Condition of the Kingdome
both In relation to the forces that remain unpaid & lye as an heavy
burthen Upon the nation & also what posture of defence to put the
Kingdome Into by the assistance of the militia In Case of Invasion being
Informed that the ffrench are putting themselves Into A posture
formidable to annoy England or some other part of o[ur] Kings dominion

They likewise tooke Into Considderation the present Condition of
the fleet & how many ships were built finished & Rigged with the
600000 L given towards the same by the Last Parliamt & how that money
hath been bestowed & where the Remainder doth yet lye undisposed soe
have appointed Wednesday for the Considderation of the Militia &
Thursday for the navy

The Election for Berkeley put of till after Easter
+mr Powle being Chosen for East Grinsted & Cirencester Chose to serve
for the latter

A ffree Conference had with the Lds In which their Ldpps agreed to
the bill of Attainder agt the E of danby only the time is altered to

the 21st Instant to which the H agreed & sent the bill to the Lds
Tuesday Aprill 15th 1679

+The Comtee appointed to Examine mr Castleton Informeing that it did
appeare to them that mr Castleton was A good protestant & of Civill life
the H ordered him to be discharged

Ordered that the members of the secret comtee doe sit notwithstanding
the sitting of this H

sr Tho: stronge [?] Reports that according to the order of the
house he had searched the Lds Journall & found an order there that the
Lds In the Tower should not only have A Coppie of their Charge but also
an Extract of all the Evidence In the Lds booke agt them, The debate of
the Report adjourned till this day senenight

Last weeke Eliz: Oxeley servant to one mr Bird an attorney In
ffetter lane set her masters house on fire & was happily seized before it
did much harme In her Examination she doth Confesse that shee was hired
by one mr stubbs servant to the Countesse of shrewsbury & had 5 L to set
3 places on fire one of them being this In fetter lane

The sd mr stubbs is apprehended & was Examined on the 14th before A
Comtee of Lds where he denied it but they found him In many tales soe
Committed him to Newgate where he lyes In Irons

The H ordered A Comtee on purpose to Examine this buisness & to
Enquire abt the late fires In & abt the City of London & all that serve
for London westminster & southwarke to be of the same Comtee

There are many papers In the hands of the secret Comtee which are
ordered to be delivered to this Comtee

A motion being made of A supply to disband the Army ordered that the H
Resolve Into A Comtee of the whole house to Consider of it to morrow

Ordered that norfolke Cause be heard the first thing to morrow

The further hearing of the Election of Leicestershire appointed
this afternoon

adjourned till 3 afternoon

+This day sr Jo: Robinson has layd downe his Charge of Lieft of the Tower
& to morrow Enters Cheeke Esqr An Essex Gent tis said his Maty has given
sr Jo: A pension

This morning his Maty went downe by water to woollidge to see In what
state the men of warr are In that lye there he Came backe by 12 at noon
& to morrow Intends to meet the Parliamt In his Robes & passe the bill
agt the E of danby who its said will surrender himselfe In 24 houres

On the 14th the E of Lauderdale Entred his protestation agt that bill

This day the Lds In the Tower sent up their Answer to their
Impeachmt the H would not Receive it but ordered the 5 Lds to bring it
themselves on the 16th

There is nothing done In the buisness of the Election for warwickshire
nor Its thought will till that of Leicestershire be over which though it
has had 3 dayes heareing already is not above halfe gone through
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L. c. 774 Aprill 19th 1679

+The E of danby being brought to the H of Lds on the 16th In the morning
by 9 A Clocke he made An Elloquent speech In which he Requested 4 things
vizt

- 1 that he might have A Coppie of his Impeached Charge
- 2 That that Coppie might Include all they had to Charge him with
- 3 that he might have Councill
- 4 That being under some Indisposition of health he might be Continued
under the custody of the blacke Rodd & not sent to the Tower

The Lds were debating whether to send him to the Tower or Continue
him In the Custody of the blacke Rodd till 2 In the afternoon & then

Resolved that he should be sent to the Tower & that Council be allowed him
Commons 16 Aprill 1679

+A bill agt the growth of Popery Read A 2d time & Committed wherein it
is Exprest that any papists that say masse or adminster their sacramts
shall be deemed Papists preists

Any that harbour them shall be deemed ffelons

All the persons name In this bill shall take the Oaths subscribe
the declaration & take the sacramt or Else be papists Convict

That his Maty shall have 2 parts of the papists Estates Convict
both Reall & personall

+That any papists Convict that shall assemble themselves Either horse
or foot shall be taken & pursued as ffelons

That all protestant that Turne papist & papists that shall take the
Oaths & after prove papists shall abjure the Realme & if after that they
shall be found In England shall be prosecuted as ffelons

Then the H Resolved Into A Comtee of the whole house to Consider
of the supply to be given to his Maty for disbanding the Army & Resolved
1 That it is the opinion of this house that the generall officers shall
not be paid

2 That the ffeild officers shall only be paid till the time they were
ordered to be disbanded by act of Parliamt

3 That noe officer shall Receive any pay from the time that the
souldiers under his Command were actually disbanded & Commission officers
to Receive pay till the 1st Aprill only

The summe of 206462 L: 17 s 3 d being the summe Computed for paying
the Army

Resolved that the summe of 206462 L: 17 s 3 d for disbanding the
Army be Raised by A land tax & A bill ordered to be brought In pursuant
to the said votes with A borrowing Clause & A Clause of Indemnity &
Instructions for disbanding the sd forces

+A message from the Lds to acquaint the H that the Lds In the Tower had
put In their answer to the Impeachmt agt them which the Lds had sent
downe to them for their purusall In order to their mannagement of the
Evidence agt those Lds

This day the grand jury of middlesex mett at westminster & found the
bill of Indictment agt mr Redding for subornation & other misdemeanours
& he is to be tryed on the 24th The punishmt by this Indictmt doth not
Reach as tis said to life but to pillory & Imprisonmt only

Commons Thursday 17 Aprill 1679

+Ordered that the Norfolke Election be heard at the Barr of the H on
Munday next & the Complaints abt the warwickshire Election Referred to be
heard by the Comtee of Elections On Wednesday Next by Reason that the
heareing of those Causes at the barr of the H Consumes much time which
should be spent In the debate of the grand affaires of the nation

Then the H ffell Into debate where the money shall be paid that
shall Come In by the bill for disbanding the Army & upon the question
put there were 131 for the Chamber of London & 191 for the Exchequer
Reasons being offered that this money being appropriated for such A use
the Comrs of the Exchequer Could not Ishue it out to any then to that
which it was given for

After this the H tooke Into Consideration the answer put In by the
Ld Bellasis who being ill of the goute doth not Come In person which
debate held till 5 afternoon & then ordered A Comtee to Inspect the Lds
journall In the Case of Tho: E of strafford as to the formality of those
proceedings

Ordered that A Comtee of 19 be appointed to prepare Evidence agt
the E of danby & that they doe sit de die In diem & have power to draw

up articles as they shall find Evidence & to send for persons papers & Records. Adjourned till Easter Munday 8 A Clocke

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The Ld Rosses Election for Leicestershire is made void & A Writt Orderd to Issue for a new Election saterday sennight is appoynted to take into Considderation ye miscarriages of ye said Election

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L. c. 775 Aprill 21st 1679

+The Parliamt being Adjourned on Thursday last till Munday In Easter weeke wee have not much to write only the fforreigne letters say that the King of sweden is dead & that the ffrench assist the duke of savoy against the Republicke of Genova sr Tho: Morgan his Matys Governor of Gernesey is dead

Tis said the Ld Roberts & Ld shaftesbury are made privy Councillors afresh

mr oates his depositions were yesterday made publicke

sr Wm Waller is Now Indiferently well Recovered but it now appears that he was poysoned but God be thanked not effectually

There is noe certainty of A fight which was Reported to be between the ffrench & English

A ffrench fleet is gone to sea & some horse & foot aboard them Conceived to be for the Balticke seas or some port In Ireland to which Kingdome the H of Peers lately sent over to the Ld Lieutenant strict orders & Instructions to draw forces neer the port townes of that Kingdome It is also Reported this day that both horse & foot are marched downe to Portesmouth

yesterday A man was apprehended In essex & brought prisoner to London being accused of giveing money to fire houses In London

On Munday next the H Enter upon the greate buisness of disbanding the Army settling the Militia stateing the Condition of the Kingdome & takeing an account of the Condition of the fleet

But the miscarriage of the Norfolke Election layd upon the Ld Liefts & sheriffs is first to be heard at the barr of the H because it Tended soe much to the Trampling downe the Right of the ffreeholders if the Information be true

The generall Report goes that Redding will be tryed on Thursday next

The Examination of Elizabeth Oxley taken before sr Robt Hansen

+The Examinant saith that shee being got with Child by James Allen A minester of Deluge Colledge was perswaded by the said Allen to set her masters house on fire where shee lived In ffetter lane to the End shee might Conveniently take his plaite & other things of vallue to maintaine the said bastard Child, On Munday last shee Recd A letter from the sd mr Allen to put what he had advised her to Into Execution which letter shee had burnt & soe accordingly last night sett her masters studdy on fire with a candle & went further up staires but before she Came downe the watch perceived it & it was quenched & she seized

And shee further declared that shee was further Instigated & hired to set the House on fire by one stubbs A Papist butler to the Countesse of shrewsbury liveing In stephens Alley In Channell Rowe Westminster promiseing her the Reward of five pounds giveing her halfe A Crowne In hand & telling her that he would get severall houses set on fire In Holborne & shee tells the Circumstances of her acquaintance with him & severall perticulers & shee verily beleeves that the Ironmongers house that was set on fire the Night before In Holburne was procured by that meanes And further declared that this stubbs told her that abt the 28th June next there would be A Terrible Massacre for though the protestant Hereticks thought all was over yet they should feele the sad Effects of

it & that the papists would [be?] discerned from the Rest by their
Cullored Ribbons they should weare In their Hatts

This stubbs & the woman have been both Examined before A Comtee
of Lds but he stoutly denies the fact & sayes he never Knew her but the
last part has been proved against him soe he is sent backe In his Chaines
to newgate

+Just now is advice that the Ld Bellasis is dead In the Tower & that the
Ld Powis hath made his Escape

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some letters Contradict both ye death & Escape

L. c. 776 Aprill 24th 1679

+On the 21st the Commons being mett begun to heare the Complaint abt the
Election for Norfolke but the Usher of the Blacke Rodd Came to Command
the H to attend his Maty In the Lds H where his Maty made this following
speech

+My Lords & Gent./ I thought it necessary to acquaint you what I have

Commons 22d Aprill 1679

+The Engrossed bill sent from the Lds to hinder any person for sitting In Convocation before they have taken the Oaths & subscribed the declaration Reported & Recommitted

Ordered that the Comtee of secrecy have leave to sit from time to time dureing the sitting of this house & make Choyce of A person to assist them In the Nature of A soliccitor

The bill for paying & disbanding the Army was Read & ordered A 2d Reading to morrow morning

A new writt ordered for Norfolke

+Ordered that the Comtee appointed to Inspect the Lawes for printing be Impowered to send for books lycenced & unlycenced In order to be Examined & perused

That the H will on Thursday Next take Into Consideration the state of the Kingdome & how the Navy may be made usefull for the defense thereof Adjourned

+On the 22d the H of Lords were upon the bill for hindereing papists to Cohabitt In the Cittyes of London & westminster & were debateing how to make a distinction between popish Recusants & protestant dissenters & A greate debate Arose whether the protestant dissenters should be obliged to take the Oaths & subscribe the declaration & tis beleevd it will be Carryed for the Latter only

What was In my last of my Ld Bellesis death & Ld Powis Escape proves A false Report

L. c. 777 Aprill 26th 1679

+On the 23rd Came forth in print the Kings declaration Concerning the dismissing his Councill & Electing A New one with A list of their Names which somewhat differs from that writt last post

Amonge the Rest of the late privy Councill that are now left [?] out there are these following D of Buckingham E of Clarendon E of Ailesbury E of Craven E of Lindsey Ld Newport Ld Maynard sr Geo: Carteret &c

The K being now upon A good Resolution of Reformation hath designed the E of Oxford to be Governour of Dover Castle the Ld Russell to be governour of Portesmouth In place of Coll Legg (who this day by Reversion Comes In Leift of the Ordinance In place of mr Venters [?] who died yesterday) & other persons of quality & greate Estates to be Comanders Elsewhere

And assoon as the Commission is past the greate seale for the Comrs of the Admiralty the Commons will goe to worke as to Navall affaires In the meane time there is noe such feare of the ffrench Invading England as has been discoursed of nor does the Inteligence of Either of the secretaries of state give the least account that the ffrench preparations are soe greate as has been apprehended

Commons Wednesday 23rd Aprill 1679

+Ordered that A Comtee be ordered to Review proposalls for A Royall ffishery Ordered that A bill be brought In agt Raiseing money upon the subject without Consent of Parliamt

A bill for Raiseing 206462 L: 17 s: 3 d for disbanding the Army Committed & the H to be In A Committee againe to morrow that noe time may be lost for the Kingdome is at 1100 L p day Charge till it be done

mr Treby Reports from the Comtee of secrecy That the Ld Bellasis Cannot make answer but In person

That the severall writeings put In by the 4 Lds which they Call their pleas & Answers were not their pleas & Answers but argumentive & Evasive to which the Commons neither Can nor ought to Reply

That if their Answers were sufficient yet there ought Not to be any proceedings agt them till the Ld Bellasis put In an answer In person

That the Commons doe demand of the Lds that they would forthwith Require the Lds to put In their perfect Answers & In default that the Commons may have Justice agt them

The Comtee of Elections sate till 9 at night abt the Election of warwickshire & the Councill of one side was only heard & the further heareing of that Cause put of till another day

Commons Thursday 24th Aprill 1679

+A bill for Exportation of Leather Read A 2d time & Committed & A petition of severall shoemakers Read & Referred to the same Comtee

The H tooke Into Consideration mr Trebies Report yesterday & Resolved that the said Answers (Except the Answer of the Ld Petre) are all defective & at A Conference had with the Lds delivered the said answers together with their Reasons why the said answers are Insufficient mr Redding being at his triall at the Kings bench barr desired some papers might be Restored him which he delivered to the secret Comtee which were ordered him

Resolved that on Munday next the H will take Into Consideration the state of the Kingdome that the navy may be made more Usefull for defence thereof & that mr speaker Ishue out his warrant for the summoning of such witnesses as mr Bennet shall name to prove the ill management of it

Resolved that sr Gilbt Gerrard Coll Wheately Coll Birch & sr Tho: Player shall be Comrs for disbanding the Army & are to be In A Comtee againe this afternoon

Adjourned till 3 afternoon

+On the 23rd mr Justice warcup brought before the Lds Comtee one Thompson A scotchman whome he had seized & upon him was found divers papers with directions how to write to divers persons vizt to one Lashly who is A secretary to Cardinall Barbarini, & to the generall of the Jesuites there &c, at his Examination was mr Bedlow who affirmeth that he Knoweth Thompson to be A messenger Unto the Jesuites & was In his Company In Paris with sr Hen: Tichburne & whence he was dispatched Into England with divers letters Commissions & orders

The Lds have Committed him A Close prisoner &c

+On the 24th mr Redding was tryed at the Kings bench barr for endeavouring to Corrupt the Kings witnesses agt the Lds & sr Hen: Tichburne which was sufficiently proved agt him by mr Bedloe & his man & mr Speake A yong Gent brother to A member of the H of that Name, he Confessed most of the matters & the Jury found him guilty & he had sentence to stand In the pillory on Munday next at westminster hall gate & to be Imprisoned A whole yeare & fined 1000 L to the King

+The Lds have ordered the Ld Bellasis to be brought to their barr to morrow

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The buisness of Warwickshire was to be further heard on fryday.

L. c. 778 Aprill 28th 1679

Commons ffriday 25th Aprill 1679

+A bill to prevent the Raiseing of money without Consent In Parliamt Read & ordered A 2d Reading

Ordered that sr Tho: Clergis be added to the Number of the Ld Danbies Committee

A bill In behalfe of the Turkey Company abt the Exportation of Cloth Read & ordered A 2d Reading

A Complaint being made of A fictitious speech pretended to be made to his Maty by the Ld Cavendish ordered that It be Referred to the same Comtee that sr ffran: Winningtons was to find out the Authors

The H being Called over all absent & for which noe Excuse Could be given were ordered to the Custody of the serjt at Armes

A message from the Lds

+The Lds acquainted the H that Tho: E of Danby & the Ld Bellasis appeared at the H of Lds this day the first put In his plea of the Kings pardon the latter his answer & their Ldpps sent them to this House & desire they may be Returned In Reasonable time

Ordered that it be Referred to A Comtee

A plea of Pardon hath been Ever held A Confession of Guilt

The Comtee for Elections sate till 9 at night upon the warwickshire Election & upon A full heareing on both sides the Comtee was of opinion that sr Edw Boughton & mr Burdet were duely Elected it seems the prooffe did faile to make good some perticulers of the Charge In the Petition & as for Adjourning from hundred to hundred it seemed to be Raither with Consent of both parties then out of A humour to vex the ffreeholders & besides it was observed that at this Election there was not the least ill language as it was In Leicestershire

Commons satureday Aprill 26th 1679

+A petition for further time to Vend ffrench Commodities Rejected & the H on ffriday next to Consider how to make the prohibition more Effectuall

serjt Rigby made Report of the Confession of Eliz Oxely & Stubbs of the fire In fetter lane &c Though stubbs stoutly denied the knowledg of any such thing yet upon promise of mercy hath made very greate discovery not only as to the fires but also as to the popish Conspiracy

Ordered that the H make it their humble Request to his Maty that stubbs & Oxeley may have their pardons & that his Maty would Ishue out his proclamation for apprehending of those that have fled for the same & an Incouragemt to those that shall Confesse or be Instrumentall In apprehending any that have been active In or guilty of the sd fires

A message from the Lds to acquaint the H that the E of Powis Ld stafford & Ld Arrundell have appeared this day at the Lds barr & have Retracted their pleas & have put In their answers by which they will abide Their Ldpp[s] have sent them downe & desire A speedy Returne of them

Their Answers were In Effect A pleadeing not guilty & tis hoped they will suddenly be brought to triall but Its thought A good part of the Tearme must be Adjourned because the triall of those Lds may take up some part of it

Then the H debated the Reports of the fires & Intended fforreign Invasion In June Next & the greate Number of papists ffrench & Irish then to Rise & thereupon ordered that the H doe sit to Morrow being sunday to Consider the best wayes & Meanes to secure the Kings person & the protestant Religion both In the time of his Matys Raigne & his successor It being Easy to Every mans judgmt what is like to follow upon the succession if by act of Parliamt some speedy provision be not made to secure the protestant Religion agt any papists that shall succeed

Ordered that an addresse be made to his Maty to banish all Papists & reputed Papists & such as have been such within 6 months last past 10 miles from London or westminster for 6 months & to Recall all lycences that have been given to the Contrary

That an addresse be made to his maty for the Execution of such preists as are Condemned

Adjourned till 4 afternoon

+Letters from Paris dat Aprill 27th say That the peace with the Emperor was proclaimed on the 26th with greate state

That mrs Coleman the widdow of the Traitor is Come to Paris assoon as shee Came the K sent his Confessor to vissit her & shee was vissitted by all the greate persons In Paris & has prsented them with all things that were her husbands for Reliques shee has had to the Vallue of 2000 L presented to her; To morrow shee goes In A Nunnery & the ffrench K allows her A large pension

+That there are greate Numbers of Ballads Cryed about Concerning the Affaires of England

+That the dutchesse of Cleveland lost last weeke 40000 L to one of the Capts of the Kings guards at Cards & has sold all shee had to pay it & is going into A nunnery for her life

That there are many English In Paris & there are such words spoke what they will doe if any of the Lds suffer that they dare not write them
+That Madam Moseille the Kings Neece is to Marry the K of spaine much agt her will for shee does nothing but Cry since it was spoken of, That the dauphine is soe In Love with the yonge daughter of the D of Orleans that the K has given him a Miss to divert his affections but In vaine which much troubles the King

L. c. 779 May 1st 1679

sunday 27th Aprill 1679

+mr Hampden Reports the addresse for Execution of Pickering & other Jesuits Condemned & Resolved that the H waite on his Maty with it & that his Matys privy Councillors desire to know when they shall attend his Maty with it

Ordered that A bill be brought In to banish all papists & Reputed papists from the Citties of London & westminster 10 miles for 6 months & that they shall not goe armed nor 5 miles from their dwellings

Resolved that the d of yorke being A papist & the hopes of his Comeing to the Crowne as A papist hath given the greatest Countenance & Incouragemt to the prsent Conspiracy & designes of the popish party agt the King & protestant Religion

Ordered that the Ld Russell doe goe to desire the Lds Concurrance In this

Ordered that the secret Comtee doe bring In an abstract of all those letters they have or that Can Concerne the d of yorke as to the plott with all speed & the further Consideration of this is adjourned till wednesday next

Ordered that stubbs his Examination & discovery be printed after first an addresse be made to the K thereof

This day his Maty & privy Councill were pleased to dismiss the judges following

Bactine [?]	judges	serjt Ellis	advanced
Bramston	dismist	serjt Pemmerton	In
Thurland		Leake	their
Wild		Richd Atkins	Roomes
Littleton	by death	Counsrs Raymund	

Commons Munday 28 Aprill 1679

+mr secretary Coventry acquaints the H his Matys answer to the addresses, That his Maty hath given order for A proclamation for Banishing papists & the lycences to be brought In the next Councill day & his Maty had given order for A pardon for Oxeley & stubbs who discovered many jesuits giveing money to set houses on fire & had given order for A proclamation for Gifford Rogers &c to Render themselves who gave money for that purpose & that the H did attend his Maty at 3 this afternoon with the addresse abt Pickering

sr ffran: Winnington Reports from the Ld danbies Comtee that they Cannot find any pardon was granted to any person Impeached by the H of Commons & Referrs us to A former Report to the same purpose

Ordered that A message be sent to the Lds to demand of the E of danby whether he will Relye upon & abide his plea of the pardon which In the Course of Legall proceedings argues the party guilty of the Crime alledged agt him if he doe the Commons doe Intend to Joyne Ishue with him upon that point for that such A pardon soe Clandestinely obteyned is illegall

Ordered that the buisness Concerning the abuse of the fleet & mr secretary Pepis be Referred to A Comtee to Enquire Into & Report it to the House for till A Regulation be had therein & all officers of the Navall Concernes [?] port townes &c they Cannot with any satisfaction give money apprehending all things will still Miscarry as they have done hitherto

at 3 In the afternoon the H attended his Maty with the addresse agt Pickering & agt 4 preists Condemned this last lent Curcuitt To which his Maty Returned this answer That he would Consider of it

Tis Reported the dutchesse of Portsmouth is gone

Commons Tuesday 29th Aprill 1679

+Ordered that the H will sit adjourne[d?] Every day till 7 In the morning & that noe new motion be made after 12 at noon

sr Jo: Trevor Reports that he had delivered the Answers of the Lds In the Tower to the H of peers The secret Comtee say they loose noe time In preparing matters for Evidence & sit up Every night late but the H sitting often & late In the afternoon deprives them of the opportunity they otherwise might have to Expedite the said triall & further Informed the H that some ffresh witnesses Came to towne last night & some this morning & that they will make all the Hast that is posible to bring the trialls on & when they are fully prepared they will acquaint the H therewith

The bill for disbanding the Army Reported & the further Consideration of the same Report adjourned til to morrow morning the first buisness

Ordered that sr Robert Bradshaw sr Richard Hungerford & sr John Clapton have leave to goe Into the Countrey adjourned till 7 to morrow

The E of danby was brought up to the Lds barr this day to give his answer he Craved time till satterday Next which was allowed him

The Commons have Resolved to sitt Every morning at 7

L. c. 780 May 3d 1679

Commons Wednesday 30th Aprill 1679

+Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to bring In A bill for Reviveing the acts for settlemt & to Inspect the lawes Relating to the poore & to bring In A bill or bills for Regulation of the poore & Incouragmt of Industry & punishmt of Rogues & vagabonds

Resolved that an order of the last Parliamt agt written protections & written Certificates be Constantly & strictly observed

mr Brents petition now In the Custody of the serjt at Armes praying that he may be discharged was Read & Referred to the Comtee of secreisy appointed to draw up the Evidence agt the Lds In the Tower

Ordered that A bill be brought In for Regulating the silver Manufacture

That the matter of the Miscarriages In the Election for Norfolke & Leicester be adjourned till Munday the 12th Instant

The H then proceeded In the Consideration of the bill for disbanding the Army & went through the same Confirmeing A Clause In the petition of Right Relating to the disorders of souldiers Imposeing quarters upon the subjects which was agreed to & ordered to be Engrost

Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to Examine what part of the money given for disbanding the Army Remaines yet In the Exchequer undisposed of

Then the Usher of the Blacke Rodd Came to let the Commons know that his Maty Exspected their attendance In the H of Lds where his Maty & Ld Chancellor spoke to both houses

Ordered that the Consideration of his Matys speech be adjourned till munday Next

Commons 1st May 1679

+Ordered that the Comtee of Elections & priveledges have power to send for all such persons as shall appeare to them to be Concerned In the

Miscarriages & Undue practices touching the Election for the Borough
of Tregony In Cornwall

Resolved that the further Consideration of preserveing & secureing
the K & the protestant Religion agt the Attempts of the papists both
In the Raigne of his Maty & his successors be adjourned till Munday

Ordered that Christo williams be sent for Into Custody of the serjt
at Armes for speakeing words In Contempt of the proceedings of this House

Upon the Report made by the Comtee appointed to Examine the Matter
of pamphletts written by dr Nelson it was ordered that dr Nelson be
brought to the barr of this house to morrow & that [he] be discharged
from the Custody of the s[erjt] of Armes paying his fees

Ordered that an humble adresse be made to his Maty to desire him
to Command the Ld Chancellor to turne dr Nelson out of the Commission of
the peace

Ordered that A Clause be brought In for the greater Ease of Administring
the Oaths Required to be taken by the acts for Burying In woollen

That A Comtee be appointed to Inspect the Journalls & search the
presidents for punishing sheriffs & other officers for makeing false
Returnes of members to serve In Parliamt

A bill for the better prevension of the Illegall Exactions of money
from the subject Read A 2d time & Committed

Ordered that the Comtee appointed to bring In A bill for Regulatng
abuses for Elections doe perticularly Report their opinion touching the
Reversing the judgment In the Case of sr sam Barnardiston & by whose
procuremt the same was Reverst & the names of the Judges who were
Concerned for or agt the said judgmt

Ordered that A bill be brought In that if any member of the H is
preferred to any office at Court A writt shall Imediately Ishue for
Electing A new member In his place

Adjourned till 7 morning

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L. c. 781 May 5th 1679

Commons ffriday 2d May 1679

+Ordered that the Comtee appointed to Enquire Into the Reverseing the
Judgment In the Case of sr Sam: Barnardiston doe sit dayly & be Impowered
to send for persons papers & Records

Leave given to bring In A bill that when the greater number of the
Creditors of any bankrupt are willing to Come to any Composition they
shall not be defeated by the lesser

Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to Enquire Into the abuses &
decay of the woollen Manufacture & consider how the trade may be
Improved & the Abuses Rectified & to Inspect the bill depending last
Parliamt for weareing woollen Manufactures & that the Comtee doe bring
In A bill for that purpose

That the House be called over on this day fortnight it being
thought that by that time they may be Ready to proceed with the triall
of the Lds In the Tower

dr Nelson being Called to the barr of the H Recd A Reproofe from
mr speaker & was discharged paying his fees

A message from the Lds with the bill of Habeas Corpus with some
amendmts

The disbanding bill Read A 3d time & passed

Commons saturday 3d May 1679

+The House tooke Into Consideration the Lds Amendmts to the bill of
Habeas Corpus & doe disagree to severall of them & referr the
Consideration of the same to A Comtee to Examine & Consider the same

& Report their Opinion the first buisness this afternoon

A Message from the Lds with A bill Entituled an act for freeing the City of London & the places adjacent from popish Inhabitants & provideing agt other dangers which maay Arise from Papists

sr Jo: Trevor presents to the House the bill for prohibition of Irish Cattle which the H ordered to be heard on Tuesday Next the ffirst buisness

A Message form the Lds

+The Lds have Commanded us to acquaint the H that their Ldps according to the desire of the House have demanded of the E of danby whether he will Relye upon & abide by the plea of his pardon & the E of danby being this day brought to the barr of the H of Lds made this Answer

The plea I put In was by the Advice of my Councilll who tells mee that my pardon was A good pardon In Law & advised mee to Insist upon my plea put In which Now I doe & I desire my Councilll may be heard to make out the validity of my pardon

The H mett the Lds at A Conference & delivered the bill of Habeas Corpus backe againe with their Reasons for disagreeing with the Lds In their Amendnts

Ordered that the Considderation of the E danbies answer be adjourned till munday

On the 2d on[e] Knox Gent to the Ld dunblaine together with one Osborne & Love were Examined by the Comtee of Lds & their further Examination is Referred to the Comtee of secresy

Osborne & Love were formerly servants to mr Oates & have been by mr Knox perswaded to Engage In A designe wherein they should depose matters of very ill Nature agt mt Oates

Also sr Wm Waller seized A mathew Clay Jesuite & 3 yong Gent That were sent from the Colledge of Jesuites at st Omers by stapleton head of that Colledge to be witnesses for the Lds In the Tower & Invalidate mr Oates his testimony which were soe prudently Examined & seperately Cross Examined by him that they Confessed the whole designe & are In Custody

The Ld Roos Eldest son to the E of Rutland is by his Matys writt Called up to the H of peers & was lead In by 4 Lds

sr stephen ffox is made paymaster of the Army In Roome of Lemuell Kingdome Esqr

+The dutch letters Come In this day Comfirme the death of the K of sweden on the 21th [sic] March & that the 5th [?] Instant New stile the ffrench & Brandenburghs agreed to prolong the Cessation for 14 dayes upon Condition that Brandenburg is to put wesell & Luxstadt Into the hands of the ffrench which Cessation is prolonged to see if they Can agree with denmarke & Brandenburg

L. c. 782 May 8th 1679

Commons Munday 5th may 1679

+A petition of severall Hamburg Merchants strangers Concerning A ship which was driven by weather Into port here & seized for haveing ffrench goods aboard was Read & Referred to A Comtee

Ordered that mr Brent be discharged giveing his owne security to appeare upon summons

Ordered that the Comtee agt Popery sit dayly

A bill to prohibitt any member Chosen In Parliamt to take any office or Employment dureing the session Read & ordered A 2d Reading on the 7th

Resolved Nemine Contradicente that it is the opinion of this house that the pardon pleaded by the E of danby is illegal & voyde & ought not to be allowed In Barr of the Impeachmts of the Commons of England

Whereupon the whole house went with their speaker to the barr In the H of Lds where mr speaker In the name of the House did declare by worde of mouth as followeth

+My Lords, The Knights Citizens & Burgesses In Parliamt assembled doe Come up to demand Judgment In their owne Name & In the Name of all the Commons of England agt the E of danby who standeth Impeached before your Ldps of high Treason & divers high Crimes & misdemeanors to which he hath pleaded A pardon which pardon the Commons of England Judge to be illegal & voyde & therefore they demand judgmt of your Ldps accordingly

The Ld Russell acquaints the H that his Maty had given order the Law should be Executed on Pickering & as to the 4 preists Condemned In the Circuits the H of peers have sent for them up in order to their Examination that his Maty desires them to put the fleet In such A posture that may quiett mens feares & at least secure us from any sudden attempts & that his Maty would not dureing this sessions presse for any other supply being willing Rather to suffer the Burthens that are upon him some time longer then to Interupt them whilst they are Employed abt the discovery of the plott the triall of the Lds & the bill for secureing o[u]r Religion Ordered that the Consideration of the Kings & Ld Chancellors speeches be adjourned till Wednesday next & that the Comtee of secresy doe then bring In an abstract of the papers In their Custody Relateing to the D of yorke

Commons tuesday May 6th 1679

+Ordered that James Nelson & Roger Beckwith Esqrs 2 Justices of peace for yorkshire be sent for Into Custody of the sergt at Armes to answer their saying this is noe parliamt

A bill for prohibiting Irish cattle Read & ordered A 2d Reading upon the question whether it should be made perpetuall or Expire againe this sessions the yeas for Continuance were 194 the Noes 133

mr Treby Reports that the Comtee of secresy are Ready to make Good the articles of Impeachmt agt the 5 Lds

whereupon the H ordered mr Treby to goe up the Lds to acquaint them with it & ordered that the Comtee of secresy should be mannagers at the triall & mr williams & serjt strode be added to them

The disbanding bill returned by the lds with some Amendmts

Upon A motion made agt the d of Lauderdale & his Miscarriages In Govermt Resolved that an humble addresse be prsented to his Maty to Remove the d of Lauderdale from all offices Employmts & places of trust & from his Matys Councils In England & scotland & from his prsence forever & ordered A Comtee to draw it up & also to Inspect the Lawes of scotland as In Relation to the Law of England

+On the 5th sr Wm Waller tooke one ffather Jones In Holborne & on the 6th one ffather Gray A Notorious Jesuite & often mentioned In mr Oates his depositions

The H of Lds had on the 5th & 6th A long debate upon the Commons demands agt the E of danby & Resolved that the E of danby with his Councill doe appeare next satterday on the scaffold In westminster hall & that the 5 Lds In the Tower be tryed there next tuesday.

[A few figures in another hand appear on outside of letter; so do these names:] Haws, Sly, Duck, Bolton, Mr Beal

L. c. 783 May 10th 1679

Commons Wednesday 7th 1679

+A New writt Ordered for Choosing A new member for Boston In the Roome of serjt Ellis Called up to the Lds

A bill for the more Easy Recovery of the debts agt bankrupts Read & ordered A 2d Reading

A message from the Lds to acquaint the House that the Earle of danby has adhered to the plea of his pardon & that their Ldps have appointed saturday next for the Earle of danby to be heard by his Councill to make good the validity of his plea & tuesday next for the triall of the 5 Lds

In the Tower & have addressed his Maty to name A Ld High steward & that the triall may be In westminster Hall

Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to Inspect the Journall & search presidents touching the Methods of proceedings upon Messages of the like nature with this now sent from the Lds Resolved that the house sit on sunday next to Consider the Kings & Ld Chancellors speeches & also to Consider the best wayes & meanes for preserveing the life of his Maty & secureing the protestant Religion both In his time & his successors & that the Comtee of secresy doe then present to the House A Narrative of the Matters Contained In the papers In their Custody Relateing to the plott Concerning the d of yorke

Commons Thursday 8 May 1679

+sr Jo: Trevor Reports the addresse agt the d of Lauderdale which was agreed to & is to be presented to his Maty by the whole house

The House tooke Into Consideration the amendmts made by the Lds to the disbanding bill & disagreed to them & sr Jo: Trevor Reports from the Comtee the Reasons to be offered at A Conference with the Lds why they Cannot agree to the sd Amendmts

sr Thomas Clerges Reports from the Comtee appointed to search presidents touching methods of proceedings Upon the triall that they find that the Commons In like Cases did appoint A Comtee to Joyne with the Comtee of Lds to mannage affaires between the 2 houses

Resolved that A message be sent to the Lds to desire A Conference with them abt the E of danbies bill & A Comtee was appointed to draw up heads for the Conference which they did which were Reported by mr Powle & agreed to

Ordered that mr seymour sr Thomas stringer mr Hambden mr Trely & sr Thomas Player doe Immediately withdraw & Examine Harcourt the Jesuite newly taken & Report to the Comtee his Examination

sr Wm ffranklin was sent to acquaint the Lds that this house would sit this afternoon & to desire their Ldps to doe the like which their Ldps agreed to

A bill for Reingrossemnt of fines lost & Burnt In the late fire In the Temple Read & ordered a 2d Reading

Ordered that A Comtee be appointed to take the Examination of John sidney touching the plott & report the same to the secret Comtee

That it be part of the Next Message to the Lds to mind them of the Habeas Corpus bill Adjourned till 3 afternoon

Westminster Thursday 8 may 1679

+This morning sr Wm Waller & mr Bedlow tooke In A house In long Aker that Notorious Jesuite ffather Harcourt who was Immediatley Caryed before A Comtee of Lds & Examined & after Committed to the gatehouse

The Lds In the Tower petitioned for 3 dayes longer time which is granted them

On the 15th will be launched the gr[ea]te ship at debtford which will be Called the Dutchess, The Next day at Blackwell [the?] woolley will be Launched three third Rates [sic]

+yesterday an Expresse Came to his Maty & Information Given this day to severall members of the barbarous Murther Committed upon dr James sharpe Archbishop of st Andrews In scotland by 12 Rogues as he was Rideing on the Roade In his Coach being suddenly pistoled stabbd & Run through the body but they do not know by what men it was done only the presumption is greate that it was done by some of the Mountaneers Pickering dies to morrow

L. c. 784 May 15th 1679

Commons sunday May 11th 1679

+Another ffree Conference had with the Lds where the Commons urged the

Reasons for A Comtee of both houses & the Lds agreed to it & appointed A Comtee of 12 Lds to Joyne with A Comtee of 24 Commoners to Consider of Circumstances &c Relating to the Triall of the Lds In the Tower

The 12 Lords are

Ld Chancellor	E Essex	Ld Newport
Ld shaftesbury	E Ailesbury	Ld Hollis
Ld Privy seale	E salisbury	Ld Hallifax
Marq: Wincester	E Clarendon	Ld Wharton

The 24 Comoners were

mr Trenchard	mr sacheverill	Coll Titus
sr ffran Winnington	mr Treby	sr Wm Coventry
sr Tho: Meers	sr Hen: Capell	mr williams
sr Jo: Maynard	sr Tho: stringer	serjt stroude
mr Powell	sr Tho: Player	sr Jo: Trevor
sr Tho: Lee	mr Vaughan	mr Hambden
mr seymour	mr Phillip ffoley	Coll Birch
sr Robt Carr	sr Tho Littleton	sr Tho: Clarges

+Then the H at 2 In the afternoon Entred on the debate abt the d of yorke & many letters were Reported to the House written by Cardinalls Jesuits & others Intimateing their Confidence In the d of yorke for his utmost assistance to Establish the Romish Religion which letters were found amonge Colemans Papers,

Some passages there were therein of soe greate Concerne as are not now fit to be mentioned & after A debate till Eleaven at Night the house passed these 2 votes

1 Resolved that A bill be brought In to disable the d of yorke to Inheritt the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme

2 ordered an addresse that this house will In defence of the Protestant Religion & the person of the King stand by his Maty with their lives & their fortunes & that if it shall happen that his Maty shall be taken away by untimely death, (which God forbid) this house will Avenge the same to the utmost upon the papists

On the 12th the select Comtee of both houses mett about 9 A Clocke In the Inner Court of wards & debated severall matters In Relation to the triall of the Lds but thought fitt not to Resolve upon the time till they had adjusted all things touching the method of the Trialls & the Lds satisfied the Commons that the Nameing of A Ld high steward was only matter of fforme & he was to have Noe more power then A single member of the H of Lds soe the Comtee adjourned till Next morning 9 A Clocke

Commons Munday May 12th 1679

+The officers of the ordinance were Called to give an account of the ship loaded with Artillery for land service who Informed that the 20 peece of ordinance &c were the same Trainee of Artillery that was fitted last yeare for fflanders & were ordered for Portesmouth but are by his Maty ordered this morning for Plimouth, The house appointed A Comtee To examine the state of that garrison & how the money appointed for the fortification & ordinance were disposed of & also to Enquire how the 100000 Armes said to be delivered out of the Tower about the time of the Raiseing of the late Army upon pretence of A warr with ffrance were disposed of & how it Comes to passe that there are soe few Armes In the Tower & how the Armorers Came to have A debt due to them for 10000 Armes & Refuse to make any more till that be paid & how it Came to passe that the money pretended to be Ishued out by the Ld Treasurer to pay those workemen hath not been paid them

The Lds sent downe A message to put the Commons In mind of 3 bills
The first to prevent the growth of popery 2 To Bannish Papists from London 3 Amendmts to the bill of Habeas Corpus

Commons Tuesday 13 March [sic] 1679

+A bill for better Collecting the duty of hearth money Read A 2d time & Committed

+The forme of the addresse to his Maty with assurance of their lives & fortunes In defence of his Maty & the protestant Religion Read & after some debate Recommitted

A bill for the More Effectuall prohibition of Irish cattle was Read A 2d time & upon the question for Committing the House divided yeas 183 Noes 153 then the question was put whether all that Came should have voyces then the yeas were 149 noes 172

On the 12th was taken one ffitzgerald A Preist, And by sr Wm Waller A preist by the name of Cotton, & On the 13th was taken one Lumsdale A Preist

one mr Hutchinson of darbishire A Gent of 1000 L p Ann is voluntarily Come In an Evidence agt the plotters

L. c. 785 May 17th 1679

Commons Wednesday 14 May 1679

+mr Powle Reports A Message from the King as followeth

+CR Though his Maty hath already at the first meeting of this parliamt & since by a word or two mentioned the Necessity of haveing a fleet at sea this summer yet the season for prepareing it being farr Advanced & our Neibours before us In their preparations he Cannot account himselfe discharged towards his people if he doe not Now with more Earnestness Recommend the same to your Care & Considderation & the Rather from the Exspection of the Returne of his ffleet from the streights to which A greate Arreir is due & hereby he must acquitt himselfe of the Evill Consequences which the want of A fleet In such A juncture may produce & he hath not done this without Considdering that the Entering upon this worke presently Can be noe hinderance to the other greate affaires on your hands but Rather A greate security In dispatch thereof

This message held A greate debate till 2 A Clocke they being willing to supply the King with money but first desired to Informe themselves of the state of the Navy & the Arreirs due to them and what is become of the 200000 L designed to pay sr John Narbroughs fleet they being some 20 some 30 months In Arreirs also the Condition of the fleet & garrisons & what Armes are left In the Tower & the names of the Commanders of ships forts & garrisons that when they give the King money trusty men may be Employed In those Commands the further Considderation adjourned till Munday next Come seavennight

The Adresse Agreed to which followeth

+Most dread Sovereign Wee yo[u]r Matys most dutiful & Loyall subjects the Commons In this present parliamt assembled doe with all humble gratitude acknowledg the Most gracious assurances your Maty hath been pleased to give us of your Constant Care of Every thing that might secure the protestant Religion; of your ffirme Resolution to defend the same to the Utmost & your Royall Endeavors that the security of that blessing may be transmitted to posterity

And wee humbly prsent to yo[u]r Maty that being deeply sencible that the greatest hopes agt our Religion In the Enemies thereof the papists are founded upon the Execrable designs which they have had agt the person & life of yo[u]r Maty which is not only our duty but our Interest with the greatest hazzard to preserve & defend

Wee have applyed our Councills for the makeing such provisions by law as may defeate our popish Adversaries their Abettors & Adherents of their hopes of gaining any Advantages by their violent attempts & may utterly frustrate their Exspectations thereby In time to Come & further to obviate (by the best meanes wee Can) all wicked practices while such Lawes are In preparation & bringing to perfection it is our Resolution &

wee doe declare that In defence of yo[ur] Matys person & the protestant Religion wee will stand by yo[ur] Maty with our lives & fortunes & shall be Ready to Revenge Upon the Papists any violence offered by them to your sacred person In which wee hope your Maty will graciously please to be the more assured as wee our selves are the more Encouraged In that the hearts of all your Matys protestant subjects with the most sincere Affection & Zeale Joyne with us therein

Commons Thursday 15 march [sic] 1679

+The bill for Reingrossment of fines & Records burnt In the Temple Read A 3d time & passed

A bill for Erecting A Court of Conscience In southwarke another In the Tower Hamletts And A 3d In the Parishes In Middlesex Read & ordered A 2d Reading

sr Jo: Trevor Reports from the select Comtee That the select Comtee of the Lds acquainted them with the vote of their house that the Bishops have Right to stay In Court till such time as sentence of death Comes to be pronounced. The Miscarriages In Norfolke & Leicester Elections to be heard next tuesday

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the Comtee to Insist Upon it that the Bps ought not to have any vote In [ye?] proceedings agt the Lds In the Tower

A Bill to disable the D of yorke to Inheritt the Imperiall Crowne of England Read & ordered A 2d Reading on Munday Next

On tuesday last the H of peers sate till Late at night the King was present all the time sending for his dinner from Whitehall the debate was abt the sitting of the Bps with the Temporall Lds at the Argument In point of Law Concerning the Earle of danbies pardon that being the only point left him to Relye upon as to his life & In case of life & death the Bps are not to have any vote

letters from Paris dat 30th say their letters from Cadiz Aprill 4th Informe that Tangier had been beseiged by 35000 moores who were beaten off by the English who killed above 6000 & forced the Rest to Retire In Confusion

L. c. 786 May 19th 1679

Commons ffriday May 16th 1679

+A petition from Charles Bainbridge & other distillers Complaining of the unjust practices of the ffarmers of the Excize

Ordered that it be Referred to A Comtee to Inspect the Lawes of the Excize & what abuses have been Committed & Report their Opinion

sr Jo: Trevor Reports from the select Comtee what proceedings have been made with the select Comtee of the Lds upon the severall propositions made by them to the Lds & their answers wich were Read & ordered to be Entred Into the Journall

Then the Amendments of the Lds to the bill of Habeas Corpus were Read & A Comtee appointed to draw up Reasons for disagreement

Lds May 16th 1679

+Ordered by the Lds spirituall & Temporall assembled That Thursday next be appointed to begin the triall of the 5 Lds In the Tower

After which the Lds spirituall asked leave of the house that they might withdraw from the triall of the said Lords with the liberty of Entring their usuall protestation

+Yesterday the duke of Buckingham appeared In the H of Lds & tooke the oaths & Test

Commons satterday May 17th 1679

+Ordered that the Comtee of Elections & priveledges make A special Report of the miscarriage of sheriffs & other officers In the Returne of members of Parliamt

A bill for Exportation of Cloth to Turkey Read A 2d time & Committed Ordered that the Comtee appointed to Examine the Miscarriages of the Navy doe Enquire Into the Miscarriages of the Afffrican Company

A bill Prohibitting the Exportation of Irish Cattle Reported wherein there was an additional Clause brought In to prohibit the Importation of Butter out of Ireland which was ordered to be Engrost

The Ld Cavendish acquaints the House that his Maty had appointed satterday 3 A Clocke In the Banquetting house to be attended with the addresse of defending his Maty with their lives & fortunes

The Reports from the Comtee of Elections to be Read on Wednesday next sr Jo: Trevor Reports from the secret Comtee that the Lds doe Intend the 5 Lds shall Come to their trialls on Thursday Next & that the Bps doe desire to withdraw at the said Tryall but doe not Mention that they would Retire at the Tryall of the E of danby which did Imply that they did Intend to be present at that triall

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Comtee to Insist upon the former vote of this house that the Lds spirittuall ought to have votes upon tryalls & when those vote[s] shall be settled & the Matter of proceedings adjusted this House will be then Ready to proceed upon the Tryall of the pardon of the E of danby agt whome this House hath demanded Judgment & afterwards to the triall of the 5 Lds

Adjourned till Munday 7 A Clocke

+On the other day there were taken In the Ld staffords house In Tarthall many letters & papers making farther discovery of the plott for Introducing popery & some say give light to the Transactions of that affaire for severall yeares past

On the 16th the Comrs for disbanding the Army signed warrants for the Regemts of Grenadiers to make up their accounts & appeare before them In order to disbanding. The next will be the Duke of Munmoths Regemt & the next those abt London

On the 16th was A Common Councill In Guildhall In order to Raiseing money where the Ld president the E of essex & other of the privy Councill proposed to the Citty to lend 700000 L on the Credit of the Act & shewed such Reasons that they Resolved they would use their utmost Endeavour to Raise the said summe which wee doubt not will be done many haveing subscribed greate summs

Letters from denmarke & Parts adjacent say there is noe hopes of peace that the danes have A very good Army & A good fleet In the sound & vallue not the ffrench who other letters say are passed the Rhine under Crequi & fallen Into the D of Brandenburghs Countries

+Here is Arrived from scotland duke Hamilton & other Lds who were Mett out of Towne by many Coaches with 6 horses & Gent on horseback

L. c. 787 May 22d 1679

Commons Munday May 19th 1679

+The bill for Exportation of Leather Read & passed

sr Thomas Clerges Reports the Amendmts to the Lds Bill for Bannishing papists 20 miles from London, There being an additionall Clause added to make a distinction between popish Recusants & protestant dissenters, The dissenters that are Not ffree to take the Oaths to be acquitted upon the Oaths of 12 [?] protestants & a Certificate from 2 justices of the peace that they are not Popish Recusants They subscribing A destestation of the pope & Popish Religion which was agreed to & ordered to be Engrost

This last Report takeing up much time the Reading of the bill agt the d of yorke was put off

at 3 In the afternoon the House waited on his Maty (who came from Windsor that morning) with the addresse to stand by his Maty In defence

of the protestant Religion with their lives & fortunes to which his Maty Returned this answer

Gent I thank you for your greate zeale for the preservation of the protestant Religion & of my person & doe assure you that I shall doe what In mee lyes to preserve the protestant Religion & am williing to doe all things as may tend to the good & Benefitt of my subjects.

The Lds have agreed to the Bill for Reingrossment of fines lost & Burnt In the late fire In the Temple

Commons Tuesday 20th may 1679

+A bill for Annexing Tangier to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme Read & ordered A 2d Reading

A Bill for Better Encourageing the woollen manufactures Read & ordered a 2d Reading

Ordered that A Message be sent to the Lds about the Condemned preists

mr Harbord Reports from the Comtee appointed to Enquire Into the miscarriages of the Navy of the Examination In the Case of the ship Called the hunter which was an English ship but had A Commission from the ffrench King & In the yeare 1674 tooke the Katherine as prize which after greate soliccittation was Returned againe but not without greate Charges & damages

Then mr Harbord made Report about the Navy & there were 6 or 7 witnesses Called In & being shewed the Information which they had given under their Hands Concerning the miscarriages of mr Pepis secretary to the Admiralty & his Complying with the duke of yorke In putting In Popish Commanders & other things of an high Nature they did avow it to be True & that they would be Ready to take their Oaths on the same, One Coll scott was A principal witness

But mr Pepis stood up In his place & gave Answer to Every Information soe after long debate the House ordered mr Pepis & sr Anthony deane to be taken Into Custody of the serjt at Armes & that this buisness be Examined on Thursday next & that the Comtee draw up the heads of this dayes Report agt that time

the bill agt the duke of yorke to be Read to morrow & mr Treby ordered to be Ready with the papers that Concerne the said duke

Adjourned till 7 to morrow

+Westminster May 20th 1679 Coll scott Informed the K & Councill that the E of Barkshire who died lately In ffrance did on his deaths Bed Confesse the plott & divers of the Conspirators & Begged pardon of his Maty & gave Information of A greate quantity of papers hid In the House of the Ld stafford which papers were last ffriday seized & are In the Custody of the secret Comtee

+Wee have of late had divers attempts of firing & are Continually under apprehensions of mischief that way, sunday last was taken Gifford the preist that Employed stubbs & others to fire houses

Last weeke was Launched A 2d rate ship at Debtford Called the dutchesse & two third Rates at Blackwall & one third Rate & Woollidge +A son of duke Hamilton that is of the Bedchamber is to marry the Ld Coventries only daughter

L. c. 788 May 24th 1679

Commons Wednesday 21 may 1679

+A bill appointing Coynage of Tynn 4 times In the yeare In Cornwall Read & ordered A 2d Reading

A bill for wearing woollen manufactures from the 1st of November till the 25th of march Read A 2d time & Committed

A bill for Continuance of an act for preventing the abuses of broad woollen Cloth made In the westrideing of yorkshire Read & ordered A 2d Reading

The bill for Bannishing papists 20 miles from London with severall amendmts Read A 3d time & passed & sr Thomas Clarges ordered to Carry up the bill with the Amendmts to the Lds Then mr Treby Reported the letters & papers Concerning the duke of yorke which were very many & long laying open the whole designe how to Establish the Romish Religion In England by the Interest & assistance of the said duke

the Bill for disabling the duke of yorke to Inheritt the Imperiall Crowne of the Realme Read A 2d time & upon the question for Committing the house divided yeas 207 Noes 129 soe the bill was Committed to A Comtee of the whole house on ffriday next

Commons Thursday 22d may 1679

+A bill for Coynage of Tynn Read A 2d time & Committed

A Comtee appointed to examine the matter of the Breach of priveledg between sr Wm Blackett & mr wharton about the posession of Lead mines & Report the same to the house

A ffree Conference had with the Lds Concerning the Habeas Corpus bill the Commons Endeavouring to satisfie their Ldps with the Reasons of their Amendmts

Sr Wm ffranklin Reports the fforme of the Message Concerning the popish preists Condemned In the Circuits & sent for up by the Lds & ordered that he Carry it up to the Lds & likewise mind their Lds of the addresse abt the Militia

mr Herbert Reports the Heads of the Information agt mr Pepis & sr Anthony deane as likewise witnesses were Called In to make good the Charge agt Capt Moor & c which held long debate whereupon mr Pepis & sr Anthony deane were ordered to be Committed to the Tower & mr Attorney Genll forthwith to prosecute them as likewise Mounsr st Michael Capt Jo: Moor Capt swaine & Lieut Watson for the crimes objected agt them & mr herbert to acquaint the Attorney Genll with the Evidence Relating thereto

A Comtee appointed to Inspect the Lds Journall & to take out A Coppie of the proceedings upon the severall Impeachments agt the 5 Lds In the Tower & the like Comtee to inspect the Journalls of this house for the like purpose & both to make Report to morrow Morning

A message from the Lds to acquaint the Commons That the Lds Spirittuall & Temporall have appointed Tuesday next for the Triall of the Lds In the Tower & further to acquaint them that his Maty had appointed both houses to attend him In the Banquetting house to morrow at 3 Afternoon with the addresse Concerning the Militia

Ordered that this Message sent by the Lds be taken Into Consideration to Morrow morning 8 A Clocke Adjourned till 7 morning +London 22d may 1679 since my last there have been actually disbanded at the Guildhall of the citty of London Capt daniells Company of ffoot Grenadiers Capt Carrs Troops of horse Grenadiers Capt Roes Troope of horse Grenadiers another troope of horse grenadiers & A Company of my Ld Cravens Supernumeraries The Armes Returned Into the Tower

The last night severall persons were taken attempting to fire houses one was taken with A greate quantity of fireballs with him Their Examinations doe discover a continued Carrying on of the plott to which End Instead of Obeying his Matys proclamation of departing the Kingdome divers jesuits & preists Come over hither which are frequently taken & wee hope will have their Rewards

L. c. 789 (1) May 26th 1679

Commons ffriday May 23d 1679

+A bill for the Easier Execution of the act for Burying in woollen by giveing power to Minesters of any parish where there is noe Justice of the peace present to give the oaths was Read & ordered A 2d Reading

Amendmts to the Bill for Easier Collecting the duty of Hearth

money was agreed to & the bill ordered to be Engrost

Upon Information that sr stephen ffox had paid pensions to severall members &c

Ordered that sr stephen ffox doe Immediately attend this house & bring with him such books & papers as Concerne the paying of money to any members of Parliamt & others that Kept Tables & 3 members were sent to him with this order

sr stephen ffox Comeing to the house before the members that were sent to him the Speaker acquainted him what the house Exspected from him he told the house he had A leager booke wherein all moneys paid by them were Entered which was large & generall that he had also A perticuler booke of Entries for secret service but upon his going out of his office he delivered up the said books but he would Endeavour to get leave to bring it if he might have time given him

Ordered That sr Stephen ffox doe forthwith produce to this house his leager booke his Cash booke & journalls & that sr Jo: Hotham sr John Hoberman & sr Robt Payton goe Along with him & that sr stephen ffox goe not from them till he Returne & that noe member goe out of this house without leave

sr Jo: Hotham being Returned to the house from sr Stephen ffox his Lodgings acquainted the house that the Ld Chamberlain Came & told them that he heard what they Came abt & had orders not to suffer any books that Concerned his Maty to be Carryed away without leave first had

Ordered that sr stephen ffox doe Upon his Memory name such persons to whome he paid money for secret service to this he Answered he lay under hard Circumstances haveing Never paid any without his Matys Commands at last the list of the last Parliamt was Read to him & he Returned Answer to Every perticuler name & gave account he paid yearely for secret service as followeth

+mr seymor 1500 L at the End of Every session besides his sallary					
mr Robt Roberts	---	500 L	sr Geo: Reeves	---	900 L
sr Cha. Wheeler	---	400	sr Jo: Woodcocke		200
sr Jona: Trelany	---	500	sr Hen: Cheke	---	400
sr Courtney poole	---	1000	sr Jo: Talbott	---	500
sr Richd Wiseman	---	400	sr Phill Mountaine	---	300
sr Tho: Thinne	1 or 200		sr Jo: Robinson totall		1500
sr Tho: Price	---	400	mr Prigers		400
mr Herbert Westplicking	200		Coll Whitely		200
mr Hen: Cornwall	---	200	sr gilbert Gerrard		300
sr Jo: Barnaby	---	300	mr King	---	200
mr dan Collingwood	300		mr James smith	4 or	500
sr Lionell Walden	400				
mr Randle Egerton	300				

mr somerset for A pension

sr Jo: [name of about five letters canceled] his sallary Continued

L. c. 789 (2) [Handwriting is much smaller for next seven paragraphs] [No date]

+fforasmuch as the Kingdoms of England & scotland by the Wonderfull providence of Almighty god many yeares since have been delivered from the superstition & slavery of Popery which had dispoyled the King of his soveraigne power for that it did & doth advance the pope of Rome to A power over soveraigne princess & make him Monarcke of the Universe & doth withdraw their subjects from their Alleigance by pretended absolutions from all former Oaths & obligations to their Lawfull soveraigne & by many superstitions & Immoralities have quite subverted the Ends of Christian Religion, But Notwithstanding that popery hath been long since Condemned by the lawes & statutes of this Realme yet the Emissaries

& preists & agents of the Church of Rome Resorting Into this Kingdome In greate Numbers Contrary to the Knowne lawes thereof have for severall yeares last past aswell of their owne divellish Arts & policies as by Councill & assistance of fforeign princes & prelates knowne Enemies of these Nations Contrived & Caryed on A most Horrid & Execrable Conspiracy to destroy & murther the person of his sacred person & to subvert the Ancient Govermt of these Realmes & to Extirpate the protestant Religion & to Massacre the true professors thereof & for the better Effecting their wicked designes & Encourageing their villanous Accomplices they have Traitorously seduced James duke of Yorke the presumptive heire of this Crowne to the Communion of the Church of Rome & have Induced him to Enter Into severall Negotiations with the pope his Cardinalls & Nuncioes for promoting the Roman Churches Interest & by his meanes & procurement have advanced the power & greatness of the ffrench King to the Manifest hazzard of these Kingdoms that by the descent of this Crowne & by fforeign Alliances & assistances they may be able to succeed In their wicked & villanous designes. And fforasmuch as the parliamt of England according to the Lawes thereof heretofore for greate & weighty Reasons of state & for the publicke good & Common Interest of this Kingdome directed & lymitted the succession of the Crowne In other manner then of Course it should have gone but Never had such Urgent & Important reasons as at this time presse & Require their shewing of the said Extrary power In that behalfe

Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maty by & with the advice of the Lds spirittuall & Temporall & the Commons In this prsent parliamt assembled & by the Authority of the same & it is hereby Enacted according that James Duke of Yorke Albany & Ulster haveing departed openly from the Church of England & haveing publickly owned & professed the popish Religion which hath Notoriously given both birth & life to the most damnable & Hellish plott (by the most gracious providence of God) lately brought to Light shall be Excluded & disabled & is hereby Excluded & disabled for ever posessing haveing holding Inheritting or Enjoying the Imperiall Crowne & govermt of this Realme & these Kingdoms & of all countries Territories & dominions Now or which shall he hereafter Under his Matys subjection & of & from all Titles Rights prerogatives & Revenues with the Crowne Now or hereafter to be Enjoyed & that upon the death or decease of his Maty without heires of his body (which god preserve) the Crowne & govermt of the said Kingdoms & all Territories Countries or Dominions now or which shall be hereafter under his Matys subjection with all the Rights prerogatives & Revenues therewith of Right Enjoyed or to be Enjoyed shall devolve & Come upon such persons who shall be Next the Lawfull heire of the same & who shall alwayes have been Truly & professedly of the protestant Religion Now Established by law within these Kingdoms as if the said duke of Yorke were actually dead

And that whatsoever acts of soveraigne power the duke of yorke shall at any time Exerte or Exercise shall be taken deemed & Adjudged & are hereby declared & Enacted High Treason & to be punished accordingly

And forasmuch as the peace safety & welfare of these Kingdoms doe soe Entirely depend in the due Execution & obedience of the Law

Be it further Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that if any person shall in any wise at any time dureing the Kings life (which God preserve) or shall after his death or decease aide or assist Councill or hold Correspondance with the duke of yorke (who is & ought to be Esteemed A perpetuall Enemy to these Kingdoms & govermt) Either within this Kingdome or out of it or shall Endeavour or Contrive his Returne

Into Either of them or Into any of the Territories or dominions of the same or shall dureing the Kings life publish or declare him to be the Lawfull or Rightfull heire successor Apparent presumptive or other Heire of the Crowne of England or shall after the death or decease of the King that now is proclaime publish or declare the said duke to be King or to have Any Right or Title to the crowne or govermt of these Kingdoms & shall be thereof Convict upon the Evidence found of 2 or more Lawfull & Credable witnesses shall be adjudged Guilty of high Treason

And forasmuch as the said dukes Returne or Comeing Into any of the aforesaid Kingdoms Territories or dominions will Naturally Conduce to bring vast Mischiefs & all the Evills provided agt by them & will Involve then Into warr & slaughter & Unspeakeable Calamities (which heretofore the said duke must be presumed to designe) by such his Returne or Comeing Into any of the aforesaid Kingdoms Countries Territories & dominions, Be it Therefore likewise Enacted & it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if the said duke doe at any time hereafter Returne or Come Into any of the aforesd Kingdoms Countries Territories or dominions he shall be & is hereby thereupon & for soe doing attainted of high Treason

And all manner of persons are hereby Authorized & Required to apprehend secure & Imprison his person & In Case of Resistance made by him or any of his accomplices to subdue or Imprison him or them by force of Armes.

[Handwriting of usual size resumes.]

+At A Common Council this day In Guildhall London mr deputy hayes & others In the Name of the Commonality of the Citty prsented A petition with many thousand hands to it praying that the Ld maior & Court of Aldermen would prsent it to the 2: houses of Parliamt shewing that they would stand by his Maty & the 2 houses with their lives & fortunes In defence of his Maty & the protestant Religion which was long debated & at leng[t]h Referred to 4 Aldermen & 8 Commoners to Consider of the same agt the next Common Council

some alledged it was not well worded as not Expressing the Lds spirituall nor the words (after the protestant Religion) now Established by Lawe others Excepted that the members of the Citty had done the same thing before

Commons saturday 24th may 1679

+the house tooke up the debate abt the Triall of the Earle of danby & the 5 Lds & Resolved that the Comtee doe Insist upon the former proposition & ordered that Answer be Returned to the Lds that they Cannot agree to the triall of the 5 Lds till the Triall of the Earle of danby his plea be over & the point of the Bps voteing be adjusted & ordered A Comtee to draw up Reasons

sr ffran: Winnington makes Report from the secret Comtee abt the pensioners of the last Parliamt which was Read & sr Richd Wiseman being sent for appeared at the Barr of the house who said he did Not Remember the things Enquired of him but being told by the speaker his Received [?] 400 L p Ann pension would be proved he did at last Confesse he did Receive abt 800 L but Not upon account to betray his Trust but for secret service Also sr Jo: Talbott Coll whitley sr Phill Howard & sr Jo: Treddent were heard In their places In their owne defence the house have appointed Tuesday next to make further Enquiry Into it & to proceed In doing Justice on mr Bertie who paid most of those pensions & hath A booke of it which he pretends he hath given to the King & his Memory Cannot Call one man to mind to whome pension hath been paid And on Munday the Commons are Resolved to goe up with their speaker to the Lds house & let them Know that till such time as the Invalidity of the pardon of Thomas E

of danby be Adjusted they Cannot proceed agts the 5 Lds because the like pardon may be granted to them

L. c. 790 (1) May 29th 1679

Commons Munday 26th may 1679

+Resolved that it be an Instruction given to the Comtee appointed to meet with the Comtee of Lds whether they are Impowered to give any answer to the propositions made by the Comtee of this house abt the Lds spirituall & the Triall of the pardon of the Earle of danby & that till that be done they are Not Impowered to give an answer to the Methods & propositions made by their Ldps, In order to the triall of the Lds

mr sacheverill Reports from the Comtee the Reasons In answer to the Lds message which were Read & agreed to which being of greate leng[t]h tooke up much time being 6 or 7 sides of paper Close written & will be In print

Ordered that sr Tho: Meers goe up to the Lds to desire them to sit for some time he being Returned Reports that the Lds did agree to sit

Ordered that A Conference be desired with the Lds upon Matter of greate Importance to this Kingdom & to preserve A good Correspondance between the 2 houses

The Lds desire A present free Conference with this house upon the subject Matter of the last Conference upon the Habeas Corpus bill to which this House had agreed & had accordingly,

The Lds sate till 10 At Night the debate being whether to bring the Lds to triall to morrow or first to answer the Narrative & Reasons of the house of Commons but Came to noe Resolution & adjourned the further debate thereof till 8 Next Morning

This day there were besides the grenadiers formerly mentioned the duke of Munmoths Regemt of horse disbanded

Commons, Tuesday 27th May 1679

+Resolved that mr ffoley is duely Elected for the Borrough of Beveley

Ordered that the serjt of the house goe Into westminster Hall to summon the Members to attend the service of the house

mr Kent being at the doore was Called In to declare his Knowledg of what money he had given to members of the last Parliamt he Rememberd but very few only to sr Richd Wiseman 1000 L p Ann to sr Courtney Poole 800 L p Ann & to Coll Thomas Howard 500 L p Ann

The Lds met at 8 this Morning & had a greate debate abt the Commons Reasons some Lds desireing to Enter there dissent agt goeing to the Triall of the said Lds till an answer was given to the Narrative & Reasons sent up [L. c. 790 (2)] by the H of Commons whilst they were In debate of this Matter his Maty Came In his Robes & the Lds sent 2 messengers to the H of Commons to desire them to sit A while for that his Maty had something to say to them presently after Came the blacke Rodd to Require their Attendance in the H of peers where his Maty gave his Royall Assent to the Bill for Habeas Corpus [&?] to the Bill for Reingrossmt of fines Burnt & lost in the late fire In the Temple

The speaker & members went up most Cheerfully Notwithstanding it was hinted to them by private hands they were hither to be prorogued or dissolved & when they Came his Maty spoke to them to this purpose

That he did understand that there was such a division between the 2 houses that the Lds Could not be tryed that he was in hopes to have many good things offered unto him this sessions of Parliamt but his Exspectation faileing & the division Continuing he was Necesitated to Prorogue them till the 14th of August & Thereupon the Ld Chancellor declared the Parliamt was prorogued accordingly

+The speakers Mace was Imediately taken away & Caryed to whitehall it was observed that Never were members lesse Troubled as to their owne

peticulers at any Prorogation Joyfully departing home & when their Narrative & Reasons Comes out In print let the Country Judge whether they have done well or ill soe here is an End of the Act prohibiting the Importation of Irish Cattle The Act prohibiting printing without Lycence & divers other Acts & all the Acts prepared to passe against Papists & of other publicke Concernes are all fallen to the ground by this prorogation & they must begin Anew the Next meeting of Parliamt which is Prorogued till the 14th August Next

L. c. 791 May 31st 1679

London 29th May 1679

+The Prorogation of the Parliamt wrought as greate A Consternation In the Most Considerable Inhabitants In and abt London as hath been known of A long time, The people In discourse publickly say that this Prorogation was first layd by the Lds In the Tower & the popish Interest & Carryed on by the Earle of danby being Guilded over with Plausable Arguements for the doing thereof, But Its beleevd the King doth Not Know the bottom of the designe & that which Induces people to thinke soe is that the body of the privy Council were not Consulted with In this Matter as severall of the privy Council have declared but very shortly you may Exspect the Kings proclamation & therein A declaration of the Reasons & Causes which Moved him to it

Mr Bertie who was Committed is now at liberty Also sr Anthony Deane & mr Pepis are like to be set at liberty & the Imprisoned Lds in the Tower Rejoyced beyond measure as appeared by their Countenances In westminster Hall on Tuesday where after some houres stay they were Remanded backe to the Tower

+Yesterday the King sent for the Ld Maior & Aldermen to whitehall where the Ld Chancellor told them that the King had sent for them to let them Know that he being Necesitated to Prorogue the Parliamt it may probably occasion Rude people to be disorderly & therefore Commanded him to take Care to suppress any disorderly Meetings also to prevent fire & above all to prosecute the Papists to the Utmost

Then his Maty told the Ld Maior there was one thing more he ought to have A speciall Care of & that was to suppress the Numerous meetings at Conventicles least they give occasion of disturbance

Letters from Plimouth of the 26th say there is A vessell Come Into that Port In 26 houres from Kingsale In Ireland The Master doth declare that the Papists had made themselves masters of that Towne & some others with much bloodshed wee want one Irish Male soe know not what Credit to give to it

sr Jo: Narbrough is Come Into the Coast of England

L. c. 792 June 2d 1679

+On the 26th the Commons heard the Report of mr Sacheverill of the Narrative & Reasons why the Commons Cannot agree to the Tryall of the 5 Lds till the Bps votes & the Triall of the Earle of danbies Pardon were Adjusted which the Commons agreed to & Communicated by their Comtee to the Lds who debated It till 10 that night & Next morning began the debate againe & Continued it till his Maty Came In his Robes

On the 27th Commons Resolved that mr ffoley was duely Elected for Bewdeley & mr Kent was Called In to declare his Knowledg what money he had paid to members of the last Parliamt he Remembred very ffeew only to sr george Wiseman 1000 L p An To sr Courtney Poole 500 L p An to Coll Tho: Howard 500 L P An Then the house Attended his Maty & were Prorogued till the 14th August the speakers Mace was Imediately taken away & Carryed to whitehall soe here is an End of the Act for Prohibitting the Importation of Irish Cattle The Act agt printing without lycence &c

[The next four paragraphs are practically identical with paragraphs 1 through 4, respectively, of L. c. 791.]

On the the 26th the d of Munmouths Regemt of horse were disbanded

There is A Report of A Rising of the Papists at Kingsale In Ireland which wee hope is A false Report

London 31st May 1679

+On the 30th the Narrative & Reasons which the Commons delivered to the Lds Came forth In Print but An order was sent to apprehend the Printer

On the 28th the ship Laden with Ammunition Armes and A Traine of Artillery with 20 brasse feild peeces &c for feild service went for gravesend bound for Portesmouth being the same ship as the Commons Complained of as not Intended for any good design

It was this day Reported that the secret Comtee of the Commons were ordered by the King & Councill to deliver to the Clerke of the Councill all letters & papers delivered to the Ld Viscount stafford by Cardinalls Jesuits &c written from Rome Paris &c discovering the whole plott for Introduceing Popery & the ffrench slavish govermt & that there is A Comtee of the Privy Councill appointed to peruse the said papers & abstract prooffe out of them & to mannage the Evidence agt the persons Concerned In the said plott & to bring them to triall

At the 2d Reading of the bill agt the d of yorke sr Thomas Clarges said

This bill is of the Highest Concerne that ever any was & I am agt it. If it [would doe?] good & the buisness wee designe, I should be for it but it will Hazzard the life of the King Religion & all [tear removes about six letters]mes are lawfull I am & will be for it but I am not to doe Evill that good may Come on it, I"same size tear"ot for Interest I have Noe place or Care for any Noe [?] humaine Policy Can Continue A Certaine ser[same size tear]le the Act passe here will the Lds passe it, when passed you must have A standing Army to maintaine [same size tear]en Come to dislike of the govermt the King may goe after the duke for ought I know, If this bill passe & A vissitt be made by the princesse of Orange to the Duke another bill will be thought Necessary to disinherit them to, for Jealousies & feares have Noe bounds when all is In A broyle & Confusion you will by this bill loose all others you are abt, suppose it doe passe & the duke have A son Come to be King while the duke is alive & the son will have the duke Come & live with him will you helpe your selves hath not the King offered [sic] you greatly. It is A matter of A stupendious Nature

mr Martin Moved for the Commitment of the bill & that it be necessary that strict Enquiry be made whether the Kings marriage were good or noe

Those that were for the Commitment of the bill said nothing to what sr Tho: Clarges had said but Called for the question which being put the yeas were 207 Noes 128 soe the Commitment was Carryed by 79 votes

[Handwriting changes here just for rest of letter.]

The report of ye Riseing at Kingsale in Ireland proves a mistake but Certaine it is the highlanders in Scotland are up in armes. but tis uppon a private score. (as is usuall there amongst great familys) vizt between the Earle of Argull & ye MacDonells, Each haveing at least 1200 in armys on their side. & tis thought Ere this they are Come to some Engagemt

L. c. 793 June 5th 1679

London 2d June 1679

+since the Prorogation of the Parliamt the Privy Councill have Concluded on these Resolutions following

1 That the duke of yorke shall not be permitted to Come Into England before the Next sessions of Parliamt

2 That the Lords In the Tower shall Remaine there till Next sessions & then to be brought to their trialls

3 That the Popish Preists Already Condemned shall be speedily Executed

4 That the plotters In Newgate shall suddenly Come to their Trialls for which purpose A Commission of Oyer & Terminer is already Ishued forth

5 That all Papists & disbanded souldiers shall depart the Citties of London & westminster to which End A proclamation is dayly Exspected

The disbanding still goes forward 40 souldiers being taken out of Each Company of the kings dukes & Earle of Cravens Regemts they being added to them when the army was first Raised

+Wee hear that sr Jo: Talbotts Regemt lyeing neer Oxford were to be disbanded on saturday last

The Comrs for disbandeing have found out that severall Captaines have brought In account for 40 men more then they had In their Companies by meanes of which Its thought 20000 L will be saved

Tis said the office of the ordinance will be Mannaged by Comrs amonge whome tis supposed sr Thomas Littleton will be principall & also made privy Councillor In the Roome of sr Tho: Chicheley who is to be one of the Comrs & sr Wm Hickman another

Tis said the duke of Albemarle is made Coll of the Earle of Cravens Regemt

On Thursday last A man was taken at whitehall upon suspition of haveing A designe against his Matys life who was thereupon forthwith Committed & all the locks were presently Altered

On saturday last sr Anthony deane & mr Pepis Moved for an Habeas Corpus who being brought to the Kings Bench barr it was told them that mr Attorney Generall & mr Herbert must first be Consulted with before they Could Recieve Answer soe they were sent backe to the Tower

By the last post wee Recd the Confirmation of A former Report that Huneton In devonshire was totally Consumed with fire which is said to be purposely designed but the persons that did it are not yet discovered

ffrom strasburgh wee have advice that the Burghers were by the Departure of the switzers Eased of 4000 Men but it is much questioned whether the Imperiall Battalions which were there will depart & the ffrench Refuse to quitt the Lower Alsatia till the Imperiallists depart from strasburgh. They have againe possessed themselves of Colmar which they formerly deserted. The ffrench worke hard at the ffortifications of schlestadt

Att elsenburgh the 20th may happened A greate diference between 2 Lieft Colls upon A former quarrell whereupon they went out of the gate of Landscroon & Exchanged A Bullet with Each other which hath sent one of them out of the World & the other is much wounded +Letters ffrom the Hague tell us that the Brandenburg fforces being 20000 strong lye Encamped at Weser & the ffrench finding Noe Countrey people In Marke are forced to Retire Into the Neighbouring Countries that are at peace with them. they spread themselves over the land of Burgh In the Townes of sweller, Minderslaghen, Hattum, Lellup, Ebersfort & other places where they make A demand of Contributions behind, whether Generall spaen with those Troops under his Command will joyne with the duke of Brandenburg on the Weser or whether he will Remaine where he is time must Manifest

Letters from Amsterdam tell us that the advice from surrinam Informed them that the disturbance by the Indians was not quite stilled & that A very great Raine was falne there that had spoyled all the ground & that there was great want of victualls

L. c. 794 June 7th 1679

London June 5th 11679

+All the souldiers In and abt London are disbanded & the Comrs are going Into the Countrey to doe it there

Last weeke severall letters were Intercepted by the Ld shafteburies order directed to A Lord here of which name there is none In England which doe Import severall things Relateing to the plott whereby A farther discovery is made whereupon tis said an Extrary Councill was held last satureday

sr Jo: Narbrough is Exspected here Every day & the ffrench fleet being gone that way severall people are jealous they will make an Attempt upon Tangier; His Maty hath In Councill Moved for the sending over Amunition & other Necesaries Immediately thither for Its security & declared his greate displeasure agt those that slandered him being he never Intended nor Never will sell it

On Munday appeared at the Kings bench barr the Ld Brudenell who was formerly bailed out & being turned Protestant was acquitted & his Bayle discharged

There appeared also the Ld Castlemaine sr ffrancis Mannock sr Wm Goreing mr dan: Arthur &c who were Continued on ffresh bayle

sr Anthony Deane & mr Pepis were againe brought up & their Councill Moved bayle might be accepted In Regard the Commons Committed them only Upon suspition of Treason & therefore it was In the Power of the Court to take Bayle To which mr Williams Recorder of Chester being then In Court Replied that it was usuall for the Commons to Committ upon suspition though they had Evidence Enough to prove matter of fact & that In the Case of these 2 Gent the Commons were Content Not to have the Matter of Their accusation Publicke therefore Committed it to the Comtee of secesry who were well satisfied with it upon which (he being A member) the Court ordered them backe to the Tower

mr Garice [?] the queens Taylor likewise moved for Bayle he being Imprisoned for dangerous words but was Remanded to the gatehouse till the sitting of the Parliamt

In mr Pepis place of secretary of the Navy is appointed one mr Hater yesterday the Preists Condemned last assizes In the Circuits were sent to be Executed where they were Condemned

This day the sessions began In the old bayly & abt wednesday the plotters will be tryed

One Nevill lately Come out of Portugall was discovered In whitehall by mr Oates Knowing him to be A greate promoter of the Catholicke Cause & is Committed to the Gatehouse

Coll Legg is yet governour of Portesmouth where he & others are very busy In fortifyeing it

The Newes of Kingsdale by way of Plimouth Proves A Mistake occasioned by some part of Coll douglas his Regemt Entring that towne which the Inhabitants opposed & tis said some are slaine

On the 22d May last At Plimouth the sea did Ebb & flow Twice In one houre & went with soe strong A Current that A boate with 8 Oares Could not Row Ahead & within the Barbican it forced some small ships from their Anchors

Wee have Advice from scotland that the Ld Mortland In the Highlands being A Papist the E of Arguile had an order to disposesse him of his Jurisdiction & Came with the Posse Com[itatus] to doe it, But the highlanders takeing his part Repelled Arguile & severall were killed which may prove A matter of ill Consequence

upon A motion made by some Lds of his Matys Councill leave is given to duke hamilton to send Into scotland for witnesses to prove what he alledges agt the d of Lauderdale

The peace of the North Vanishes the ffrench King seeming Resolved

to Accept of Nothing lesse then an entire Restitution to the sweds & the dane & Brandenburgh as Resolute Not to Consent to it soe that In few dayes wee may hear of some action for the 6th Instant M: Crequi passed by Leige & next day 30 Troops of ffrench horse passed by it & A greater number to follow & the ffrench have finished their bridge of Boates at Cheney upon the River Outre [?] & passed severall Regemts over it On the other side the Brandenburghs are not Idle for generall Spaen hath seized on all Advantageous posts being Resolved to dispute the passage of the ffrench Into his Masters Countrey

The protestant princes had greate Exspectations from our Parliamt they designing to propose A League offensive & defensive Agt the ffrench & the house of Austria would likewise have Joyned & their hopes were the greater that since his Maty had by his mediation procured A peace he would the Rather be obliged to see it maintained which they beleeve will otherwise not Continue long

The ffrench Entertaine the Algerines In their Harbours with greate Civility & the dutch are makeing A peace with them The spanish letters say the ffrench King has assented to the Marriage of the d of Orleans daughter to that King

+Tis Advised that the dutch Governour of Batavia In East India will betray that place to the ffrench which will be of very ill Consequence

The Pope hath propounded propaganda fide to Raise A summe of Money to Relieve the English Catholicks fled from thence

His Matys Journey to windsor is put off tis said upon the discovery of some designe agt his person

L. c. 795 June 9th 1679

London June 7th 1679

+On Thursday last sr Gilbert Gerrard & Coll Birch went Into Essex to Complete the disbanding Eastward & the same day sr Tho Player & Coll whitly went westward to Compleate it that way

In London & within 10 miles of it were disbanded 7 Troops of horse of the d of Munmoths Regemt 3 Troops of Grenadiers on horse backe One Company of Grenadiers of the Kings Regemt & one Company Grenadiers of the E of Cravens Regemt 2 Companyes of the E of Mulgraves Regemt & A serjt & 50 souldiers out of Each of 5 Companies of the said Regemt & A serjt & 40 men out of Each of 12 Companies of his Matys regemt & 12 Companies of the E of Cravens Regemt; 20 men out of 2 troops of the E of Oxfords Regemt 17 Companies of the d of Munmoths Regemt of foot the other 3 being at Berwicke

There is an order made by the King & Councill that noe office Either Military or Civill shall be sold but be bestowed Gratis on disbanded officers according to their qualities & Respective Capacities

The officers of this Matys Regemt of Guards applyed themselves to the d of Munmoth praying his Highs to assigne quarters for the souldiers for that since the late act for disbanding that all men were left to their liberty to quarter or not to quarter souldiers they had been Refused their former quarters His Highs told them he doubted not but that his Maty would take perticuler Care of them, That it lay not In his power to order anything agt the Law but that he would acquaint his Maty & the Councill therewith which he did & Upon debate thereof the Councill Came to noe Resolution as yet

Upon Consulting of Learned Councill it is ordered that the Tryall of severall of the plotters In Newgate shall be deferred till after the Lds are tryed, Notwithstanding 9 will be tryed Next weeke at the sessions In the old Bayly which are adjourned till ffriday

On Tuesday last mr Oates was sent for to whitehall in order to give In what Information he Could agt mr Pepis & sr Anthony Deane who tis

thought will be suddenly Tried

mr Pepis hath Charged In his account 400000 L paid to Tangier within
3 yeares last Past

Tis advised from Leghorne that Notwithstanding an order forbidding
Jesuits to Come to that Citty there Came 3 Jesuits barefooted & barelegged
with Crownes of Thornes upon their heads & large Crucifixes In their
hands bewailing the Condition of the Catholicks In England saying that
Christ was Crucified there againe Exhorting the people to pray for their
prosperity & to venture life & fortune & all to promote the same & Rescue
them out of the hands of unmercifull & bloody & Damnable Hereticks

A few dayes since one Elizabeth Middleton A house holder In Gardner
Lane Westminster A Roman Catholicke was at the Phenix within 5 doores
of her house In A greate passion Railing agt the protestants & Imprecating
often most dreadfull things on her selfe if shee or any Romanist had any
plott agt his Maty or any Else as to Religion or life & amongst other
things that shee might be blind & Never see light more which In 24 houres
befell save that shee sayes God is just & will not be mocked

They write ffrom Paris that there hath happened between some ffrench
men of warr & sr Jo: Narbrough In the streights A fight wherein 2 ffrench
ships were sunke & others disabled for Refuseing to strike & that the
ffrench have seized severall dutch ships & the Effects In the West Indies
of both which wee Exspect Confirmation

yesterday Arrived here A dutch Ambr who tis said Comes to perswade
the King to Enter Into an Universall League with all Protestant Princes
In defence of the protestant Religion & other Ambrs are Comeing from
other protestant Princes on the same Account

Our Ambr In sweden is sent for home for some miscarriage & Phill
Warwicke Esqr going In his Roome
+This day the Portugall Ambr made his publicke Entry with A Splendid
Equippage

Tis said this day his Maty hath Recd an [ex]presse from scotland
giveing an account that the ffeild Meeters In the west of scotland are
Generally up In Armes that they Came to Glascow with Intention to
proclaime the Covenant & burne divers orders of Councill agt them but
finding some forces there they declined it but went to another place
& did it that they have had opposition & one Coll Hambleton & one
Graham tis said are Killed

The ffrench K is reformeing his Army haveing 200000 men In pay &
has sent officers Into Holland to hire seamen who are Returned with
little successe the dutch apprehending they are to fight agt the English
which they are unwilling to doe

+The ffrench K hath Invited the Knights of Malta to lay Claime In
England for the Lands of the Knights Templers & In Case of refusall to
put severall Islands Into their hands to make Reprizalls of the English
that passe that way

+ [On outside of letter and in another hand appears this note:]

Memorandum

Accipe, comede

L. c. 796 June 12th 1679

London 10th June 1679

+This day the King Intended to goe for Windsor & many Carriages were sent
before but there Came A Pacquett from scotland that put A stop to it that
forthwith all the Carriages & Provisions were sent for backe againe

The Rebels In scotland affixed their declaration to the Crosse of
Ruthingen after proclamaion of the same & burneing the Oath of
Alleigance &c which should have been done at Glascow had they not been
hindered by Capt Grimes arrivall there abt an houre before

As The Lord hath been still pleased to keep & Preserve his Interest In the Land by the Testimony of some faithfull witnesses from the beginning soe In our dayes some have not been wanting who through the greatest hazzards have added their Testimony to those who have gone before us by suffering bannishment Tortureing fineing fforfeitures Imprisonmt &c flowing from the divell & perfidious Enemies of the Church Kingdome of o[u]r Lord Jesus Christ In the land

Therefore wee Owneing the Interest of Christ according to the word of the Lord & the Nationall Sollemne League & Covenant desire to add our Testimony to the Testimony of the worthies that have gone before us (Though unworthily) yet hoping as the True members of the Church of Christ In Scotland & that agt all things that have been done prejudicall to his Interest from the beginning of the worke of Reformation In scotland Especially from the years 1648 to the year 1666 more perticularly from the year 1660 Especially all these following acts vizt

- 1 The Act of Supremacy
- 2 The declaration whereby the Covenant is Condemned
- 3 The Act for the Extirpation of the Established governmt of the Church
- 4 The Act for Establishing of Prelacy
- 5 The act for outeing of Christs minesters who would not Conforme
- 6 An act Necessary of all Acts of Parliamt & assembly for Establishmt of the govermt of the Church of Scotland according to the word
- 7 The Act of the Councill In Glasco putting the act Necessary In Execution whereof at once were actually Cast out 300 minesters without all legall Procedure
- 8 The Act for appointing an holy annniversary day to be Kept on the 29th may for the Giveing thanks for the upsetting of An unsurpeing power destroying the Interest of Christ In the Land which is to set up the Creature to be worshipped In the Roome of o[u]r Greate Redeemer And to Consent to his Assumeing of the power that is proper to the Lord alone, for appointing ordinances In this Church as perticularly the governmt thereof & Keeping holy dayes & all other sinfull & Unlawfull acts made & Executed by them

And for Confirmation of all this o[u]r Testimony Wee doe here this day being the 29th may 1679 Publickly burne them at the Crosse of Glasgow most Justly as they perfidiously & blasphemously burnt our holy Covenant through severall Citties of the Covenanted Kingdoms, who Justly will take Exceptions at o[u]r Not Subscribing of this our testimony being sollemly gone about for wee are Ready alwayes to doe if Judged Necessary with all faithfull suffering bretheren In the land

His Matys Expresse Recd yesterday from scotland & divers merchants had letters all Import that the Rebels doe dayly Increase & that they have defeated A part of his Matys forces & many Killed & wounded on both sides that they have with them the best Commanders vizt Lieft Genll Montgomery David Leslie, Major Genll Hoburne Hamilton & That they have possessed themselves of Glasgow &c & that it seems to Threaten A generall defection of the whole Kingdome

The Councill have been Extrary Assembled & more Especially this day & have Come to A Resolution that there be Immediately sent towards scotland 3 Regemts of horse 3 Regemts of foot & 1 Regemt dragoons & that the d of munmoth march with them their Genll Tis said the E of Oxford is to Comand the horse which may make 2000 & the 4000 foot will be sent by sea & land at Berwicke The Lds of the Treasury are ordered forthwith to Issue out moneys for the mannagemt thereof The Court is Exceeding full of gent & the disbanded men are againe taken Into pay Tis Conceived the d of Munmoths presence & the moderation & sobriety of his Temper will prevaile much with that people

yesterday wee had Advice that sr Jo Narbrough with his fleet arrived at Plimouth

yesterday the Portugall Ambr had publicke audience of his Maty

They write from the Hague dat 11th June that the peace with brandenburgh & the Execution of the peace with the Emperor stand Upon desperate Tearmes & that the Princesse of orange Continues ill at dieren & letters from Nimeghen say there is noe hopes of peace & that the ffrench had orders to Enter the d of Brandenburghs Countrey +On the 3d sr Wm Waller haveing Information Upon Oath that there were Armes at sr Hen: Tichburnes In Hampshire went thither with A warrant from the Comtee of the Councill & Just Now wee have advice that he hath seized In A Concealed vault Armes sufficient to Arme 2000 horse & foot & 30 barrells of gunpowder

L. c. 797 June 14th 1679

London 12th June 1679

+Wee had advice from scotland that the Covenanters from 1500 Encreased to 8000. This day wee have advice that they are 15000 & tis thought that In A day or two they will be 20000 they have taken Glasgow & put A Garrison Into it

The Councill here have advised his Maty to make these following Colonells over the 7 Regemts designed for scotland

James Duke of Munmoth Generall

George duke of Albemarle

Ld Russell

Ld Gray of Warke (who tis sayd Refuses)

Ld Cavendish

Ld Gerrard & the Ld duras over the Grenadiers or dragoons

But tis hoped some Efficacious proposalls may determine it without further Effusion of blood

It hath been mentioned In Councill that 30 men of warr should be forthwith sent to lye upon the Coast of scotland to hinder any fforeign Aide of Men Amunition or provisions Comeing to them There is Come to our hands A proclamation of the Councill in scotland agt the Rebels dated 3d June 1679 to this Effect

That Whereas by the Law it was Treason to Rise or Continue In Armes without his Matys Authority yet severall disloyall persons who formerly by their Rebellious practices forfeited their lives & ffortunes yet Tasted of his Matys bounty, under the Cloke of Religion have Risen In Armes & upon the 29th of may last did at the Towne of Rutheghen [?] head Borough of the shire proclaime their Rebellious Covenant & Burne severall of his Matys acts of Parliamt & did on the 1st of June at Lowden Hills fight his Matys standing forces &c Therefore declares them Rebels & Traitors & all that Aide Abett or Commune with them Giveing only 24 houres for their surrendring themselves to the E of Linlithgow Major genll of scotland otherwise to be Uncapable of Mercy or pardon &c

ffrom Algiers May 10th tis said the King of ffez hath taken some Outworkes of Tangier & Cutt off 300 English

That there is A Treaty of peace & Commerce Concluded betwixt the dutch & Algeirs to this Effect

- 1 That there is an Established peace between the states of Holland & Prince of Orange on one side & Ismaell Bascha Hodgi Mahomet dey Bublba Husa Governor &c on the other side to take Effect when the Ratifications are Exchanged
- 2 The dutch to trade at Algiers paying 10 p Cent
- 3 Eithers ships to passe Unmolested
- 4 the pasports shewne to be sufficient without search
- 5 Noe persons to be taken out of dutch ships
- 6 Noe dutch ship stranded on their Coast to be Confiscated
- 7 Noe Enemies to the dutch to sell prizes there

- 8 Noe Algeir ships to Cruise on the states Coasts
- 9 the states ships may bring any prize hither
- 10 The states Enemies not to be assisted here
- 11 when any states men of warr Come to Algeirs the Patrons to have Notice to secure their slaves
- 12 None of the states subjects to Remaine slaves
- 13 dutch dyeing here their goods Not to be Confiscated
- 14 dutch Not to be forced to buy what they have not A mind to
- 15 Dutch Diference with others subjects judged by the dey
- 16 if any Dutch Wound A Turke or Moor he shall Receive only the punishmt of a Turke
- 17 the states Consull shall freely Exercize his office both by sea & land & his Religion
- 18 In Case of Rupture the dutch to have liberty to Remove their goods whither they please
- 19 Noe dutch In any Enemies ship to be molested
- 20 Upon Arrival of the Ratifications there shall be A Cessation of Armes & satisfaction to be given for the wrong done after & if any thing be done Contrary to this treaty A Rupture not to follow but satisfaction to be given & those that did the wrong to be speedily punished

They write from Amsterdam date 16th June that they have advice from Lipstadt that M. Crequi was Arrived there & Encamped on the heath between that & Minden with an Army of 40000

That Generall Spaen Encamped with his Army under the Canon of Minden & Resolved to Keep his post. The Towne also Resolveing to defend itselfe to the last

This day drums beate up for voluntiers & they list Apace for scotland & to morrow A Regemt of Grenadiers March & on saturday the d of Munmoth & c
sr Wm Waller is Come home & Contradicts what was wrote of his seizeing Armes & c

+There are 600 of the disbanded souldiers listed to reinforce the Islands of Jersey & Guernsey & Greate Dilligence is used abt the ffortifications of Portesmouth

L. c. 798 June 16th 1679

London June 14th 1679

+yesterday Whitehead, Harcourt, ffenwicke, Gowen & Turner were Tried In the old Bayly The Charge was for Endeavouring to Murther the King alter Religion & subvert the Govermt, The stresse of the Evidence was to prove that they were at the Consult of Jesuites at the Whitehorse Tavern In May 78 Contriveing Wayes to Murther the King & c

This mr Oates did Circumstantially sweare & mr Bedlow fully proved the Charge upon them mr dugdales Evidence did Confirme all doubts that might be made as to the plott In generall & divers of them In perticular mr dugdale plainly proved that they were the accessary Murtherers of sr Edm: Godfrey & shewed A letter that one of them sent to him that saturday that sr Edmund was Missing that they had dispatched him & this letter he Recd on Tuesday In staffordshire long before wee knew it here

The prisoners Cheifly Aimed to prove that mr Oates was Not In England In May 78 & there appeared for the prisoners above 20 persons some of them students at st Omers to Justify the same who all told their premeditated testimony but had not soe learned but they were found In greate Contradictions

mr Oates brought 5 persons to testify they saw him at or Neer the time In London Vizt mr Knight & his Coachman The 3d A minester the 4th A woman that knew him perfectly well The 5th A Romish preist In orders which Testified the same & that mr Oates dined with him

They made but A Poor defence the Jury brought them In all Guilty upon which the Court gave A greate shoute

This day Councillor Langhorne was tryed the Evidence the same with those Tryed yesterday save that he was not at the Grand Consult but mr Oates Reported the perticulars thereof to him In his Chamber who Answered pray god it may have A good Effect Much blaimeing sr george Wakeman for standeing Upon soe high A Reward for Poysoning the King being soe greate A Concerne for the Catholicke Cause That he saw severall Commissions for the Lds In the Tower &c In his Custody The witnesses from st Omers were witnesses for him The Tryall held 8 or 9 houres & he made A large defence but was at last Convicted of high Treason & he & those cast yesterday had sentence of death &c But the Commission of Oyer Terminier Expiring this day sr Geo: Wakeman &c were put off till another time Tis said mr Bedloe hath lately apprehended the person that set fire on the Temple

sr Wm Waller found In sr Hen: Tichburnes house In Hampshire 50 Case of Pistolls 116 Musquetts 73 daggers 16 barrells powder 2 barrells bulletts & 3 Rolls

They write from Hamburgh That Count Carelson Naturall son to the late King of sweden haveing made proposalls of peace between the sweds & Brandenburghs dureing his Imprisonmt there was Restored to liberty & Gone to sweden to have it Ratified by that King soe tis hoped A peace between sweden & denmarke will suddenly follow

yesterday his Maty summoned the scotts Lds that were In Towne & made A gracious speech to them telling them he was sorry for the present Rebellion In that Country but they Unanimous[ly] Answered they were willing to venture their lives & fortunes In his Matys service when Called therunto

On Tuesday last It was debated whether the duke of Munmoth should goe Into scotland to Endeavour to Appease the Troubles there but are not Come to any Resolution therein

yesterday the Post brought us Another Proclamation from scotland dated the 7th Instant wherein it is exprest that his Maty Commands the ffoot Militis of the severall Counties & all Heretors & ffreeholders their followers & servants on horsebacke to attend the Kings Host & meet In the severall Counties at the places Exprest In the proclamation on the dayes appointed & those shires north of the fforth to March Immediately to the Bridge of sterling & those south of the fforth to march to Lieth & there to remaine till ffarther order

Letters ffrom Edinburgh of the 7th Instant say This, I write to you this post for I know not whether I shall be able to write to you the next, wee are now In A Confused Condition the Rebels are become Masters of Glasgow & have an Army of 10000 men the Kings forces that went hence to fight them are gone to sterling & durst not adventure to draw neer them till the Militia are all together they being Not above 3000 men wee are Jealous they will be suddenly here our Majestrates have Caused signs to be placed At Every gate of the Citty & but 2 gates to be opened. The people Run away dayly with horses to the Rebels & tis said a Considerable strengh is Coming to their Assistance from the borders & from England here is noe buisness to be done Nor stirring A mile out of Towne

L. c. 799 June 19th 1679

London 17th June 1679

+Yesterday morning the Warrant was signed for Execution of the 6 persons sentenced last saturday & tis Exspected the Execution will be on ffriday next only tis beleevd Langhorne may be Reprieved

Tis said Either he or sr George Wakeman have Confessed what they

knew of the plott & their pardon drawing but of this more by the Next
Tis also said it was Advertized by some of the secret Comtee that
greate matters were to be brought agt wakeman not proper to be knowne
till the Lds were tryed which was one Reason he was not tryed

It is Much Wondered at that at such A time as this wee have such
spareing Inteligence from scotland which his Maty hath Resented Very ill
for till last night wee have had noe Exprese these 8 dayes & then 2 vizt
one at 5 at night & the other at 9 & this morning the 3d the Contents
of which are not publickly knowne

such private letters as have any Credit with us give this account
That there had been parties of them headed by one Walsh & one Cameron
between whome had been feuds which gave hopes they would dissipate of
themselves but those diferences are now over & they are now all joynd
In one body & are Certainly 1000 about Glascow where Walsh preached in
one of the Churches on sunday the 8th Instant

In Tevidald there are 1000 Armed men marching to them & the County
of fife is generally up In Armes for them to whome the Earle of Rothes
Chancellor of scotland with some horse & dragoons is gone to Endeavour
their surprizeing of which there is little hopes

The whole Kingdome is In A Confusion & Increases dayly & tis
beleaved that by this time they are 20000. They have many very good
officers amonge them & they Report they dayly Exspect more from fforeign
parts. They have Entrenched themselves & are dayly Exercized In Military
discipline. They seem soe Resolved as not to feare any force that Can be
brought agt them They seize upon all the Armes & horses they Can meet
with spareing neither stable Nor Roade by buying & plunder

They make themselves masters of what forrage & provisions they Can
soe that wee Exspect Every post will Render them more & more fformidable

L. c. 800 [no date; this letter obviously continues L. c. 799]
+They write from Berwicke that betwixt that place & Edinbrough the
Rebells appeare In severall bodies of horse that they beleaved they have
Interrupted severall messengers & pacquetts Comeing for England

This day wee have advice that pursuant to A proclamation of the
Councill of scotland the whole militia of that Kingdome Consisting of 14
Regemts are drawing to A Randevouz

Tis said the Kings Councill are Removed from Edinbrough to sterling
as to A place of greater security

The Councill here sitts every day to Consult about that affaire Tis
Exspected the scotts Greivances will this weeke be set forth before the
King & Councill that measures may be taken For Remedying the same

On sunday at 4 In the morning the duke of Munmouth went Post for
scotland tis said he is gone Upon his owne private affaires the most of
his Estate being In that Kingdome but tis beleaved A Commission will be
shortly sent him to be high Commissioner of scotland with full power to
accommodate all diferences & tis said to Call A parliamt & tis said also
In quality of Captaine Genll of all the forces of the 3 Kingdoms Tis
hoped his presence may have some Influence there on the discontented

The same day he was followed by his Matys speciall Command by the
Ld Melvin A scotch Ld for whome his Matys hath A perticuler esteeme & for
whome the scotts have A greate vallue that if posible things there may be
amicably accomodated

The drums Now beate but slowly for voluntiers the New Raised horse
had but 3 L advance soe must lay out at least 6 L for a horse fitt for
that service besides there is an act of Parliamt which past in both
Kingdoms In 1641 that neither Kingdome should send assistance to other
but by Consent of Parliamt of both Kingdoms, The Ld Gray of Warke &c who
were to goe with the duke of Munmoth Refusse their Commissions

The Councill have sent letters to the duke of yorke with Reasons why it is not Convenient he should Come over.
[On outside of letter appears a rough pencil-drawn portrait of a man with short hair and a moustache.]

L. c. 801 June 21st 1679

London 19th June 1679

+On ffriday last A message was sent to all the Post stages betwixt this & Newcastle to provide 12 horses Each stage for the duke of Munmoth & his Retinue, Accordingly the duke went with some persons of quality on sunday Morning by 4 A Clocke & was supposed by this time is got thither

Tis said he goes In quality of A Commissioner & hath full power given to Call A Parliament, To offer A Pardon to the Malcontents In Case they lay downe their Armes by such A time, and to grant them liberty & ffree Exersize of their Religion soe that wee doubt not but that In A short time wee shall have A Pacification

On Monday In the Afternoon came an Express from scotland which gives an account that according to A moderate Computation the Covenanters were 10000 In A body & were got Into the Countrey of ffife Not above 7 miles from Edenbrough besides severall Parties which are prepareing to goe to them & that A party of 350 as they were marching to the Maine body were set upon by some of the Kings guards who defeated them Killing most takeing some prisoners & the Rest retreated

ffrom Rochelle wee have advice of the greate preparations there for the ffrench fleet & the Militia are to be Employed upon some Notable designe which Cannot be fathomed

ffrom denmarke it is Advertized that that King is Resolved to Joyne his Army with the duke of Brandenburgs vigorously to act agt the ffrench

On saturday last A man was taken who lately Came from Rome with whome A pacquett of Letters were found from the Pope directed to severall persons of quality here which tis said makes A great discovery of the plott

On Monday last A Priest was apprehended by sr Wm Turners warrant

Tis said the Lds In the Tower duly depend very much on the Evidence of the 16 persons Come over ffrom st Omers but finding they made it voyde by their Contradicting Each other they are much downe & hang their heads & tis said that one was taken going Into the Tower with A bottle of Aquae ffortis In his pockett

L. c. 802 June 23d 1679

London 21st June 1679

+Yesterday Whitebread & ffather Harcourt In one sledge mr Turner mr Gawen In another & mr ffenwick In the 3d were drawne from Newgate to Tyburne & there Executed according to sentence their quarters were given to their freinds to bury

They were at Tyburne all Mounted Into one cart who being tyed up to the gallows they Remained soe about an houre & In that time by turnes spoke very much The whole of which tended only to let the world know they were not any wayes guilty of the Crimes layd to their Charge & that with the greatest Asseverations Immaginable & Utterly disclaimeing all manner of Equivocation Mentall Reservation or dispensation whatsoever

My last mentioned that it was said Either sr George Wakeman or mr Langhorne had made some discovery which proves A mistake occasioned by mrs Langhorne petitioning his Maty for her husbands pardon & that he then would confesse since which the Ld president & some Lds have been with him & he disownes the petition as done without his knowledg & will not as yet Confesse any thing but Remaines obstinate

Upon the petition of some persons who have Employed & Entrusted mr Langhorne with writeings & other affaires In which they will much suffer without an Adjustment with him his Maty hath been pleased to order A

Respite of Execution for 14 days

Yesterday also sr Anthony Deane & mr samuel Pepis appeared at the Kings bench barr & moved by Habeas Corpus to be Removed to the Kings bench prison which at last they were tis said the former will be sent down Into Hampshire to be tryed there & the latter will be tryed very suddenly at the Kings bench barr, Where on Wednesday next will be tryed sr George Wakeman & mr Gilford mr Lumsdale & divers other priests & Jesuitts of which sort there are 16 In Newgate & many more In the gatehouse

sr James simmonds of staffordshire was yesterday seized by A warrant from the privy Councill & brought before the Ld Cheife Justice who Committed him to the Kings bench prison for high Treason. It is said he is very eminently Concerned In the plott & charged with Extrary blacke crimes

Coll Burch sr Gilbert Gerrard sr Thomas Player & Coll Wheateley are returned hence from disbanding

Our Letters from scotland say that the Malecontents there have Intercepted 2 Expresses Comeing thence for England That their Maine body consisted of 15000 horse & foot In good order & were marched fit [?] to Lithgow & thence Intended for Edenburgh that they were reinforced by divers small parties dayly That his Matys forces consisting of 12000 men were marched towards him & that it was beleaved that our next letter would give us account of a bloody fight betwixt them

some Letters say that the malecontents are resolved neither to give nor take quarter

That there hath been many skirmishes & the Kings party have been usually to hard for the other although 3 to one In number because the other are not well disciplined & but slenderly armed besides there is A diference among them who shall be Generalissimo

A greate Number of ffamilies Especially of the Episcopall Clergy are come Into England for security The Malecontents have strongly fortified Glasgow where their minesters that attend their army preach to them every day They have there printed & published A declaration wherein they pretend many & Greate Greivances & seem to give reasons such as Rebels use to doe for takeing up Armes

Wee have advice that the duke of Munmouth dined at durham on Tuesday last & Arrived at Edenbrough the Next day The drums continue to beat up for voluntiers to serve his Maty under the said duke.

[This receipt appears in another hand on outside:] Recd this day of ____ of R N of A. in the c. of War by the hands of R. Drake sd the sum of ten+ curr eng: mony, being in full satisfaction of all dues & demands wtsoever relating to the Vicarage house at Nuncaton, & of all Claimes by me or any ot[her?] to bee made as executor or executrix to my late Harry [?] [or?] Mr Ri: Pike the last incumbent there I say recd by mee.

L. c. 803 June 26th 1679

London 24th June 1679

+Tis said Langhorne acknowledged that there is abt 80000 L In banke settled for the use of the Catholicks for carrying on their designes & tis said he will discover where it is

The drums still beat for voluntiers for the Duke of Munmouths Regemt of ffoot

On ffriday last sr Anthony deane & mr Pepis were brought to the Kings bench barr & Bayled but Immediately sent to the Marshallsea that they may be tryed at the Common law which will be on the last day of this Tearme

On saturday mr Reading was also brought to the barr & Removed from Newgate to the Marshallsea

severall peeces [?] of Brandy were staved last weeke In the Citty sr Jo. Narbroughs 15 sail of ships were paying off at Portesmouth

whither he himself is going downe

His Maty hath been pleased to send sergt Gregory A patent to be
A Baron of the Exchequer & he is sworne accordingly by whose Removall
(if the Parliamt meet againe) there must be an Election of A new speaker

By A letter dated at Edenbrough the 19th Instant we have this account
that the Rebels were abt 7 or 8000 & lye In Hamilton parke the Kings
forces are abt 13 or 14000 & that they marched towards the Enemy & letters
since doe say that they are within 8 miles of them & that Engagemt is
Exspected every day

The duke of Munmouth is Generall of the Kings forces Lithgow Lieft
Genll & Montrose Major Genll

The Ld Montrose desired leave to goe out with his troope to Engage A
party of the Enemy who In A short dispute & very little loss dispeared them

One Gourdon A gent of 500 p per Annum & steward of abt 300 p are
gone over to the Rebels with their servants & tennants ammounting to Abt
400.

L. c. 804 June 28th 1679

London 26th June 1679

+On Munday last mr Justice Rich of southwerk had Information that at A
Certaine house In Lambeth there was A suspitious person Lodged whither he
repaired & had the good fortune to seize ffather Nicholas Blundell A most
notorious Jesuite mentioned In 19 of mr Oates his depositions he was
Committed to the Marshallsea prison In southwarke In his pockett was
found a book of divers Memorandums one was the Time when he tooke those
Lodgings, also A letter was Entred Into that booke the Originall In his
pockett loose (both of one hand writeing) Impo[rting] an account of the
unjust & cruell Trialls & Executions of the 5 last men that suffered
Therein most falsely & Maliciously Traduceing the Justice of the Kingdome
& perticularly the Judges & Jury which letter tis supposed he had written
with Intent to send it beyond the seas though he stoutly denied Either to
be his owne hand but its like the Rest of their actions, John ffenwicke
that suffered last ffriday by that name was Really John Cadwell the son
of John Cadwell of sunderland

Tuesday last mr Cheeke Lieft of the Tower Complaining to the Councill
that he was affraide that the Lds thinkeing their Cause desparate would
attempt their Escape & that there were soe many visitants [to] the Lds
that he did not thinke they Could be safe unless their Ldps would
streighten the liberty they given them whereupon they ordered that none
should be admitted to them without perticular warrant from his Maty

Then they debated the Tryall of sr George Wakeman & the Judges
were sent for & mr Oates & mr Bedloe Examined as In their Evidence agt
him wherein something was mentioned concerning the queen but his tryall
is put off till the 16th July next & then to be at the sessions In the
old bayly, The Evidence agt him will lay open greate Guilt upon divers
persons not yet publickly Knowne

The Citizens of London have Chosen for sherriffs mr Jonathan
Raymund Brewer & sr Wm Langhorne lately Come out of India

mr serjt Leeke one of the Barons of the Exchequer desireing to be
Excused mr serjt Gregory speaker of the H of Commons is Chosen in his
Roome

Justice Windham hath been with mr Langhorne promising him pardon
if he would confesse but he would make noe dicoverie & soe is ordered to
be Executed next Munday

sr Anthony deane is sent to Portesmouth to be tryed next Assizes

On satureday last mr Knox the late lord Treasurers servant who bribed
mr Oates his 2 servants to sweare agt their master was bailed upon An
Habeas Corpus as also one mr Pranser & mr Bradshaw who were Committed

upon suspition of haveing A designe agt E of shaftesbury Togather with mr Gazine A ffrench Taylor Committed for dangerous words & also Don Antonio who Recommended the 4 Irish Ruffians who were to Murther the King at Windsor were all bayled to appeare next sessions

The same day A staffordshire Knight was brought to Towne whose character noe one (Except the Devill) hath been now deeply engaged in the Conspiracy then he after whome mr dugdale hath searched 3 months

Our Mundayes letters from scotland said that the Rebels were soe well posted that without greate hazzard they were not to be Attacqued that In the morning they did Exersize themselves In military discipline & In the afternoon In preaching & praying that part of them had advanced 4 miles from their post by which it was thought they were more strong then were Reported which did oblige the duke of Munmouth to send out a Party of horse under Capt Graham to take the best account he could of their Number & how posted who was Attacqued by them & most of his men cut off

The Cheife of the scotch minesters are mr Wolfe mr Cameron mr Douglass mr Roy mr King mr fforester mr Cargile &c The Cheife Commanders are Hamilton Welford, Rosse, Patrick, Balfore, Clerrand, Haptome, Caminell Hancocke Lermour &c They have sent out 2 proclamations as they call them the one Commanding the Inhabitants about Glascow to furnish them with Carts & baggage horses to attend upon their Campe. The other to Command

But the Kings horse drawing off the Kings Cannon played furiously upon them & killed 2 horseman on the bridge upon which they began to fly disordering their foot whome they left to the fury of the Enemy who Killed 700 of them upon the place The rest of them fled Into Hamilton woods which the Kings Army Encompassing have taken 1200 [?] prisoners Amongst whom A minester one mr John Kid who was got Into A pond up to his Chin & desired they would spare his life for he was A minester upon which they pulled him out by the hair finding abt him only 3 s & A bible with his owne Annotations which is sent up to the King

The prisoners are all brought to Edenbrough having been first stripped by the soldiers

The duke of Munmouth is now marched towards Glasgow to Reduce that place from whence all the Episcopall party are Expelled

Tis Reported that the Marquiss of Montrose is killed In this Engagement

The forces raised & sent for scotland are Remanded backe & ordered to be paid 20 dayes pay & disbanded

His Maty goes for Windsor Next Monday The queen will suddenly follow and mr Oates & other wittnesses will go thither likewise The privy Councill Removes to Hampton Court The Ld ffauconbridge is made a privy Councillor

The deer stealers at Windsor are fined some 100 d some 500 d

The ffleet at Portesmouth is designed to be paid of there next weeke

They write from the North of Ireland that the Marquess of Arguile was stabbed In scotland by one his Bedchamber the Murtherer flying & Intending for scotland was seized at Port st Patricke

This day ffather Blundell was brought before the Comtee of Councill & denyed his name to be other than Carroll but mr Oates affirmed that he was ffather Peter Richard Blundell A Jesuite his Examination was taken & he petitioning not to be sent to Newgate was Remanded to the Marshallsea The letter found abt him tis thought will be proved his owne hand writing which was to goe to st Omers wherein he said that the 5 Marters Meaning those Executed last weeke suffered most gloriously not Confessing one sillable & that he had the honor to give them absolution & Councillor Langhorne hath A Repeive for 10 dayes

L. c. 805 [the second letter so numbered] July 3d 1679

London 1st July 1679

+you have In the Gazett A further account of the defeate of the Rebels In scotland which is Confirmed by private letters They wanted Conduct & Armes which facilitated their Ruine Especially of their foot, their horse fled In A full body of 2500 & were pursued by Capt Graham who had A smart Encounter with them Killed many & took some prisoners amongst whome Welsh is supposed to be one who hath been the greate Ins[trume?]nt of the Rebellion stirring up the people by his Treasonable sermons & railing agt the King & govermt who tis said is to be Excepted out of all acts of Grace, Another Called Cameron is also Excepted who was very active to promote the Rebellion but is In Holland he going over to furnish the Rebels with Armes thence also mr John Kyd was another who with other ministers & Gentlemen that appeared In this Rebellion are designed to suffer & the rest of the prisoners to be some of them Transported & others who by the Kings faivour shall have their lives spared shall be made forever uncapable to beare Armes

But his Maty hath Commanded that noe Individuall proceedings be had agt any of the prisoners till further order

And yesterday Capt Crofts who lately Returned from the Duke of Mumouth was sent backe with his Matys Indulgence of liberty to the Presbiterians of meeting there In their houses In any part of the Kingdome Except in Edenbrough Glasgow or St Andrews but may meet within A mile of

them which liberty the Catholicks there are not to have any benefitt by which liberty tis said the duke of Lauderdale was much agt but it was procured by the duke of Munmouths meanes who hath also desired the Alienation office may be formed & the proffitts goe to maintaine maimed soldiers

They write from scotland that 2 dayes after the fight the Councell had Information of A ffrench ship driven Into the Isle of Orkney whereon were 11 or 12000 Armes which tis supposed were Intended for the service of the Catholicks In Ireland or the Rebels in scotland

After the Engagement was over the duke of munmouth Returned to Edenbrough but is at present at his owne house at dalkeith 4 miles thence where tis supposed he will stay till all things are settled it being said there are still 2500 of the Rebels horse in A body & are gone towards the north of scotland

His Maty is highly displeas'd at the printing of the Paper agt the duke of Lauderdale haveing given strict Charge formerly that It should not be Exposed

His Maty went yesterday for Windsor & dined at the Ld Berkeleys house & was Godfather to his child

Tis discours'd that the Parliamt will be further prorogued till october next

There are severall Ambrs despatching away for fforeign parts as sr Hen Goodriche for spaine Neale Esqr (A member of Parliamt) for Constantinople Coll sidly for Holland & Another for swedeland & A son of the Ld Roberts for Denmarke

There is A warrant signed for Councillor Langhorns Execution next munday when he will certainly suffer unless in the meantime he shall meritt his Matys pardon by an Ingenious Confession to which there hath been divers endeavors to persuade him

It hath been strongly reported these 2 dayes that Tangier is taken by the Moores but Its not grounded on any Certainty
+A fleet of 8 or 10 men of war are designed for the streights & sr Jo Holmes goes admirall Money is gone down to Portesmouth to pay off sr Jo. Narbroughs fleet

The d of Munmouth Is or will be Ld Privy seale in the Roome of the E of Anglesea

dr Burnet is to be Archbp of st Andrews In Roome of dr sharpe murdered
+The dutchesss of Cleveland is Comeing over for whome yatchts are ordered
L. c. 806 July 5th 1679

London July 3d 1679

+Its very much discours'd that Tangier is In danger to be taken by the Moores wherefore 700 of the duke of Munmouths Regemt must be sent over thither to stay 2 yeares & then to Returne & be of the Kings standing Regemt The Rest of the Regemt will be disbanded forthwith

Yesterday severall of the foot guards were sworne by Justices of the peace appointed for that purpose

The queen is at prsent at Windsor but tis said goes from thence to the Spain & thence Into Portugall

On Tuesday last Capt Richardson Keeper of Newgate went to Windsor to his Maty with A Message of mr Langhorns & he was yesterday brought before A Comtee of Councell who went this day with mr Langhorns Answer but the Result is not known

This weeke one of the duke of Lauderdale's younger sons had a Commission sent him to be a Captain

On saturday last some of the Papers abt the duke of Lauderdale were seized & the bookseller had before the Councell Blundell sayeth his name is Carryll soe tis thought he is brother to Carrill In the Tower

Our french letters say that all those of the protestant religion that were judges Receivers or other officers at Montpellier are forced to quit their Employments who are much pestered with the Romish Clergy to turne papists that they may have them againe

the french K: hath ordered one of his secretaries to acquaint the protestants deputies (that were gone to Court to make their Complaint of hard usage) that he Cannot give them Audience these 6 months soe they are forced to Returne home without doing anything

They say 800 switzers had been at worke upon A new Channell betwixt Lanet & Perpignon which will be made Capable to Receive the Kings gallies

That his Maty went often to Versailles to see the Enlargemt of his Pallace there where above 600 men are employed Also between that & st Germaines there is A great Pavilion building for the King & 16 others for the Countrey the Charges being Computed to Arrise to severall million

some french men of warr have been at Algiers to demand all the french slaves who not only declared all the slaves they tooke In french ships but also those that were taken In other ships soe much are they affraide of the power of that King

ffrom fflanders they write that the Report Continues that the duke of Lorraine will come thither to take possession of the govermt of the Netherlands

The dutchesse of Modena is comeing from Italy to see her daughter the dutchesse of Yorke at Brussells

The Pope hath Remitted 20000 Crownes for subsistance of the English papists that are fled which will be followed by A greater summe

The Child of 3 yeares old soe much talked of for speaking severall languages hath been prsented to his Maty Its lookt upon as A greate Rarity but noe divine Inspiration

Letters from scotland say that the Cheife Cause of the defeate of the Rebells was from their owne divisions that Welsh went from them 2 dayes before & drove off 1000 horse & that neither he nor any of the other minesters were taken Except one

+That of the Prisoners which were at first above 1000 there were not above 2 or 300 Arrived & many of them wilh clubs sythes &c & above halfe of them are dispatched being taken only upon suspition that they would have Joyned with the Rebells

That after the defeate of the Rebells the Heretors [?] &c who were Instrumental In its defeate did acquaint the duke of Munmouth that although they were Contrary to the Rebells yet they were sencible they lay under greate oppressions the Kingdome would not be quiett without liberty to move [?] whereupon the duke procured them liberty hence [?], Yesterday there was An Extrary Councell at whitehall

Here is this day a person Come In & made Oath of severall matters of the plott & of a designe agt his Matys life &c

+This day all that are members of the privy Councill are to meet at Hampton Court In order to some greate affaires to be Considered of some say Its whether the parliamt shall meet at the time or not

L. c. 807 July 7th 1679

London 5th July 1679

+On Wednesday night Came to the Citty from Cumberland one mr Bauldron steward to sr Tho: Gascoine & tooke his lodgings at the green Dragon In Bishopsgate street & In the morning acquainted his Landlord the designe of his Coming was to discover many things Relating to the plott & of A designe to assassinate his Maty upon which the Landlord secretly sent for A Constable & Conducted him to sr Jo. ffredericks who being Indisposed sr Robt Clayton took the Examinations & Immediately went to the Ld president with the depositions which his Ldpp tooke with him to Hampton

Court & Communicated them to the Council

Tis said those depositions doe not only discover more of the plott but generally Confirme the severall Evidences of mr Oates mr Dugdate &c & perticularly as to the Notorious Guilt of Harcourt the Jesuite lately Executed

Also that In May last 1000 L was proposed to him & 200 p An during his life if he would undertake to be one to assist In the assassinating of his Maty & A person proposed to him who Resided neer the Court of whome he should have directions how to proceed with many other perticulars the Ld president Reported to his Maty In Councill A matter which hath been some dayes under Examination Concerning mr Jennison who formerly produced a letter by which & other Circumstances Concurring therewith the greate point wherein the King was dissatisfied In which mr Ireland brought witnesses to prove that he was In staffordshire when mr Oates declared him to be In London as may be seen In pages 24 & 25 of all Tryall all which by the above mentioned letter & the Evidence of mr Boze & other matters now Reported hath given his Maty & the whole Councill satisfaction & mr Oates an honourable justification

There was also A paper Read In Councill sent by mr Langhorne In which he seemed to testify his Innocency as to the plott but seems willing to discover divers Estates Reall & personall of the Jesuitts upon Arguing the Matter they Repeived him till Thursday next & In the meantime to Endeavors will be used to prevaile with him to discover that which he most Certainly Knows of the plott

His Maty left it to the Councill to determine In his absence the sitting or not sitting of the Parliamt at the time next month His Maty hath Knighted the 3 late made Judges vizt mr Gregory mr Edw Athos & mr Raymond

His Maty together with the Indulgence sent Into scotland sent severall Instructions & lymittations vizt

That the preacher & hearers shall give In their names & security that the preacher shall not preach sedition & the hearers are not to goe to others

The d of Munmouth is Now upon his Returne from scotland haveing settled all things there according to his Matys orders & gives such Content to the dissenters that they seem to be better satisfied then before the Rupture, severall persons of honour & worth are gone to meet him

The persons taken are Esteemed to be neer 1200 whome the highlanders who were the dragoons sufficiently stript & were soe Eager in fight that though one hundred were not killed on the place yet in the pursuitt they made it 700 and had not done much more had not the duke with much Care & hazzard Exposed himselfe to prevent the further Effusion of blood by his Continued Command & presence

Its thought some of the prisoners will be Transported but few or none suffer death, the Rebells horse did not Engage but drew off In A whole body & with them the greate preacher Walsh who is not taken as was Reported Divers scotch Gent are Come to Towne to make good their Charge agt the d of Lauderdale Notwithstanding the strictness of their laws that Its death to alledge agt soe greate a person what they Cannot maintaine yet they desire to be heard Concerning many other Gre[ivance?]'s saying the last Complaints were not full Enough

On the 3d Instant the Ld Aston moved for bayl[e in t]he Kings bench barr but was Remanded

This day sr Jo Gage Moved for bayle & one [about four letters blotted]artons offered to sweare his life was In danger If he did not goe Into the Countrey but the drs Oath was Refused & he with sr wm Goreing denied bayle but bayle was granted to mr spaulding late deputy

governor of Chepstow Castle

The 6th Instant being appointed for the Tryall of sr George Wakeman tis said he will pleade guilty to his Indictmt haveing the Kings pardon for what he hath done & is not Impeached by the Comons

The Councill sate yesterday at Hampton Court & this day at Whitehall but all things are kept very private Bauldron (whome some Call Clement) hath been Examined before them

L. c. 808 July 10th 1679

London 8th July 1679

+His Maty last weeke Expressing A dislike of the duke of Lauderdale's Councill as to the affaires of scotland the next day he layd down his Commission as secretary of scotland & proposed to his Maty another which he thought fitt for that purpose but his Maty is not at present disposed to Conferr that honour upon any person

Letters from Yorke say that the duke of Munmouth dined there on saturday last & is Exspected here on Thursday to make his Entry through this Citty to whitehall & thence he will goe to Windsor

There are 2 ships Arrived from suratt in the East Indies the president & the sampson & wee dayly Exspect the Unicorne that Came out with them they had A hard Voyage there being 30 men dead out one ship

By letters from Kettering In Northhamshire wee are Informed that A fire lately happened there which hath done very Considerable damage to that place

+Letters from Paris give as An account of the Articles of peace betweene ffrance Brandenburg & sweden to this Effect vizt

That there shall be A firme & lasting peace for time to Come & ffree Commerce by sea & land & all Hostilities to Cease assoon as Notice Can be given to all parties The Elector to Restore straelsund & stetin with whatsoever he hath on this side the Oder that was granted to sweden by the Treaty of Munster, But all Pomerania on the other side the Oder to belong to the Elector Except damb & Goldnow & the former of those to abide In the Electors possession In Considderation of 50000 Crownes but to be Restored to sweden when they shall Repay the same

The K of sweden to quitt Claime to all places on the other side the Oder & to absolve all the Inhabitants of those places from their Allegiance to him & Transmitt all his Right In that Countrey to the Elector

The River Oder to Abide In the soverainty of the swedes & the Elector not to build any forts, thereon soe farr as the swedes Countrey doth Extend, The ffrench K to withdraw his forces upon Exchange of the Ratifications Except 1000 horse & those to withdraw also when sweden hath Ratified

The Elector to withdraw his forces only to keep some men In straelsund stetin &c till sweden have man there to garrison them,

The Elector to remove what Canon &c he brought & leave what he found In those places

The Elector not to assist denmarke If the swedes doe not Ratify within 3 months the Elector not to be bound to these Ratifications, The Ratifications to be made between ffrance & Brandenburg within one month & by sweden In 3 months

ffrance to pay to the Elector for the Charges of the warr 300000 L signed at st Germaines 29th June

by Arnaulde & ffrancis Meynders

Letters from Paris of the 11th July new stile say that A league was to be formed at Poutois which lyeth between Paris & Roane of the Kings household guard which will Consist of above 30000 & to be Commanded by the dauphine

+fforeign letters say that the Bp of Strasburgh Endeavours to make as

many voyces as he Can for the dauphine to be Elected King of the Romans
They add further that there is A greate probability this summer of A
peace quite through the Christian world

sr Jo: Gage was yesterday againe brought to the Kings ben[ch] barr
where he moveing for bayle another dr appeared to sweare for him but
was Refused & againe Remanded to prison

+sr Thomas Gascins steward whose name is said to be Caine is gone to
fetch up his master who is 88 years of age,
+The Councill have not yet determined the Next sitting of the Parliamt
+Now the presse is open the streets doe every day Ring with books &
Pamphletts agt severall persons

Tis said that his Maty was In Greate danger to be stabbed on
saturday last at Windsor & that his Maty Came privately to Whitehall on
sunday morning at 11 A Clocke

Tis said the scotch Lds have A heareing next Munday of what they
have to alledge agt the d of Lauderdale

L. c. 809 July 12th 1679

London 10th July 1679

+This morning the duke of Munmouth Came to towne as he Came through the
Citty the bells Runge & bonefires were set agt Evening he went Immediately
to Windsor The citty of Glasco prsented him with A Gold box filled with
Gold & the Magistrates of Edenbrough Highly feasted him &c

The scotch Lds still pursue their Adresse for Redresse of their
Greivances which tis said will be debated within these 10 dayes & their
witnesses are summoned to be prsent

In scotland the Councill are very Busy to see if they Can find out
any Jesuits among those lately In Armes of which there are many
susptions, They have taken 8 of the Murtherers of the Archbp of st
Andrews which will be forthwith tryed according to their Law

The Councill are also Endeavouring all they Can to apprehend divers
of the Ringleaders In the late Rebellion, Notwithstanding some letters
Report there is A body of horse & foot of the Rebels still In Armes
In Nature of a flying Army which tis feared will be a seed from which
one another Rebellion may spring up

They write from ffrance that the New queene of spaine is married
In all points as if shee was the Kings daughter haveing 500000 Crownes
In gold for her portion of which her ffather gave her only one third

The duke of savoy is to marry the Infanta of Portugall with whome
he hath A vast summe of money & the govermt of that Kingdome if the
prince Regent dye without Ishue and is to governe In the same manner as
fferdinand & Issabell of spane did

The ffrench K hath demanded of the Citty of Geneva to have A popish
Church there for the Accommodation of such his subjects & servants as
their affaires shall lead them that way therein to have free Exercize of
their Religion which hath much startled the Inhabitants

The ffrench are drawing all their forces that were on this side the
Rhine to Roane & thence to Dunkerke where the ffrench K Intends to be
suddenly himselfe

sr Anthony Deane & mr Pepis were yesterday bayled the principle
were bound hand In 10000 L to the King & the sureties In 5000 L apeece

The fire at Kettering on the 28th June burnt In an houres time
12 houses to the ground to the loss of some thousand pounds by many
Circumstances it seemes probable it was begun by treachery

Ten dayes since A person belonging to my Ld douglass with A
Rapier Killed A footman belonging to A person of quality

There Happened In his Matys Court at Windsor In the Next Roome to
the presence A small rifte between the servants of some persons of

quality then attending on his Maty & the servants of the Ld Duras upon which some swords were drawne though noe harme done which Raised the Rumour as if there was an attempt upon the Kings person there,

Next weeke sr George Wakeman & the Jesuitts are to by tryed & tis thought sr George to avoyde the Evidence which must necesarily be given In agt him for being made publicke will enter pleade guilty or be mute

This day his Maty was prsent at the marriage of the Marquess of Winchesters Eldest son unto the Ld Coventries daughter with whome he hath 50000 L In prsent money

On Munday last sr Edw Hungeford was married to the Lady Gerrard of Gerrards Brumley

mr Bauldron went downe with some messengers to serve severall persons but before his arrival at sr Tho. Gascoines he & others are fled But wee have advice this day that he & his Eldest son & 2 preists are seized, divers persons In those parts are withdrawne from their Habitations which Raiseth A suspition of them to be Concerned In the plott

The last weeke 4 papists & one protestant were at an Alehouse at A village In dorsetshire discourseing of the plott The papists argued there was noe such designe speakeing scandalously of mr Oates &c The protestant argued that the Evidence agreed with their owne papers when the papists found they could not answer him they murthered him & were Committed to prison Most of the said village are papists sr Jo.

Arrundell who was Master of the horse to the queen being Lord of the Towne yesterday the King was In Councill at Hampton Court & last night ordered A proclamation to be Ishued out to dissolve this prsent Parliamt & writts to be speedily Ishued for Electing another agt the 7th october next

L. c. 810 July 14th 1679

London 12th July 1679

+The duke of Munmouth was Joyfully Recd on Thursday at Windsor by his Maty to whome he gave A full account of the late & prsent affaires In scotland

His Maty went Imediately after to Hampton Court where the Councill were set, His Maty sent for the Ld Chaunceller Ld privy seale E of Essex & Ld Russell & Commanded them to acquaint the Councill with his Royall will & pleasure to dissolve this prsent parliamt & Call another agt 7th october next

The 4 Lds Returned & acquainted the Ld president & Councill therewith there seemed who only 2 for it & the Marquess of Winchester & Ld Cavendish spoke very much agt it & perticularly that his Maty was Influenced by such whose Crimes Could not abide the face of A parliamt &c

His Maty Imediately appeareing told them that he had well Considered it & found it to be his Interest & the Interest of the Nation whatever Construction some hott & ill minded men might make thereof that he would not admit any further debate agt it It being his firme Resolution soe to doe & order was given for the proclamation

But since there is A demurr In the proclamation it being Endeavoured to put it as done by the advice & Consent of his privy Councill of which tis said but 6 of them will consent & tis said that the d of Munmouth hath prsented his Maty with reasons why it is not Convenient they should be dissolved

The Ishue wee must waite

The papists Report his Maty sent A pardon for the 5 Jesuits to the place of Execution provided they would Confesse which is absolutely false. Tis true his Maty sent an order to the sheriffs to deliver their quarters to their ffreinds which was done who tis said sowed them togather againe & Caused their pictures to be drawne to be sent to Rome

The duke of yorke is still In fflanders & hath lately sent for the

Remainder of his goods & servants & some hunting horses & hounds all which are put aboard 3 yatchts to be sent

The Councill In scotland have put out A proclamation of the 29th June Inserting his Matys late Indulgence, wherein noe preacher is to be allowed who was in the late Rebellion & Commanding all officers of all Ranks vigorously to put in Execution all former lawes & proclamations agt those Randevouzes of Rebellion vizt ffeild Conventicles & to apprehend Condemne & punish all such as frequent the same Their minesters by death & the hearers according to Law & all such as bear Armes, there to be deemed as Traitors

But his Maty is displeas'd that the Councill In scotland have lessened his Indulgence & last night Commanded that the whole of his Intentions In his late letter of Indulgence be fully & forthwith affirmed

Last Tuesday was A heareing at Windsor before the E of Essex & Ld Hallifax whome his Maty appointed to heare the Complaints of duke Hamilton &c agt the duke of Lauderdale Managed on their behalfe by sr George Lockhart & sr Jo: Conningham 2 Advocates sent for from scotland for this purpose The kings Advocate was sr George Machenery who made all the defence he Could after long debate it was Referred to A 2d heareing to morrow at Windsor

Tis thought the d of Munmoth will succeed Lauderdale to be secretary of scotland & that the Ld Roberts will succeed Anglesea to be privy seale

They write from Dublin July 5th that there are strict orders given for double guards to be Kept by the militia (besides the ordinary Guards) by reason of a Rebellion & Massacre which hath been attempted twice within these 15 dayes, There is A discourse of haveing A parliamt very suddenly and wee are In Exspectation of A Randevous of all the forces throughout the Kingdome at Kildare wee are all In good posture of defence & very quiett since the Magistrates In the Countrey have been soe severe in prosecuting popish preists &c severall of them have been taken at masse & Committed & their Masse houses pulled downe There is A discourse Coll Talbott Bp [?] Talbott The lady Oneale &c will be sent over assoon as the parliamt meet there

150 families are Ruined by the late fire at East deerham In Norfolke +Langhorne dies on Munday he denies the plott with the same Asseverations the Jesuits did his petition & Confession abt Jesuits lands is printing

Tis Recommended to the Judges to take Care to see the Jesuits Executed in their Curcuitts This week mr Powle A member of the H of Commons & A privy Counciller was married to the lady dowager of dorsett

The Marquess of Winchesters son had with his lady 30000 broad peeces & 10000 Guineys paid downe on thursday & the Marquess hath settled upon him 6000 L p Ann at prsent & 11000 L p Ann more after his death

ffitzgerald proscribed in the late proclamation abt Godfreys murther hath surrendred himselfe to the Ld Maior & Confesses the perticulars of that Murther & Confirms the testimonies of Bedloe dugdale & prance & discovers further

100 seamen went this day to whitehall to Require their pay & prsent A petition of their greivances.

L. c. 811 July 17th 1679

London July 15th 1679

+The 100 seamen that went to whitehall on saturday thinkeing the Councill had been sate amonge other greivances made complaint that divers fforreign seamen were Employed aboard his Matys ships when they his matys naturall borne subjects & professed seamen wanted Employment they were advised to Come againe but not soe tumultuously

Last night A vast Number of seamen gathered together In spittalfeilds In A Riottous manner & went againe this afternoon to derby house to

demand their pay

The last Raised forces are almost disbanded & 3 troops of Grenadiers that had hopes of standing are ordered to be paid off on the 11th August

Orders are sent Into scotland that the people there shall have the Benefitt of his Matys Indulgence In all Citties &c giveing security to be of the good behaviour & not to teach sedition

It is discoursed that my Ld Gerrard is to be Liefert Genll of all the forces In England

The Counsell have ordered the Judges to see Execution done on the 9 preists already Condemned In the Circuitts & that hereafter when they shall be Condemned upon good Evidence the discretion of the Judges shall Command Execution without sending warrant

yesterday mr Langhorne was Executed at Tyburne he dyed very obstinately denying all that was Charged upon him with assertions of his Innocency to the last, Renouncing all absolutions pardons &c as those 13 that dyed before him did, & putting his Eternall salvation or damnation upon it, when he was stripped It appeared his backe was full of stripes which he Judged were Inflicted upon him as A pennance by the Jesuitts before they would absolve him for his discovering their lands his quarters being begged were Carried In a herse, to the Temple & there buried last night

The sessions being held yesterday at Hicks Hall bills were found agt Corker Rumney Marshall & wakeman & they will be tryed to morrow

This day the Judges went to Hampton Court tis thought to give their opinion whether the Lds may be tryed out of Parliamt

some of the Arrearages of the queens portion hath been lately paid by the Portugall Ambr

severall Gent have posted downe Into the Countrey to make their Interest for parliamt men Tis thought those 4 that were for London last will be Chose again

A parliamt will be suddenly Called In Ireland ffitzgerald first surrendered himselfe to the E of shaftesbury who sent him to the L Maior who provided him A lodging In the Chamber of London where he is protected from the violence of the Papists &c, some suspect him Not to be the same mentioned In the proclamation he will goe suddenly to Hampton Court

wee are dayly pestered with new Pamphletts some with strange Reflections on greate persons tis said to morrow will Come forth A list of their pensioners & their Characters

There is this day Come forth A booke Entitled the honours of the Lds spirituall Aserted & their priveledg to vote in Capitall Causes In Parliamt maintained by Reason & presidents Collected out of the Records of the Tower & the Journalls of the H of Lds

Letters from Hamburgh & Coppenhagen say that the Conditions of peace propounded by the ffrench K are soe pressing upon the K of Denmarke that he Resolves Rather to hazzard his Kingdome by Continueing the warr then accept of some dishonourable Tearmes In order to which & to Encrease his Army he hath ordered the garrisons of Wismar & Landscroone & Elsenburgh to be demolished after which he will be able to bring 28000 men Into Holstein to be quartered along the Elbe to hinder the ffrench for passing the River, The letters further add that the danes fleet had attacked the sweds fleet Neer Colmar & had burnt 11 ships by the fire of which most of the Citty is burned downe

The Paris letters say the queen of spaine is to be Recd on the ffrontiers by 40 ladies & then her owne attendants are to leave her & the King will meet her halfe way from the ffrontiers,

They had advice from spaine That the faimous Church of the Escuriell is almost Ruined by 2 clapps of Thunder Nothing being left standing of

the uppermost part thereof

+The Ratifications of the Brandenburgh Treaty are Arrived at Nimeghen & will be Exchanged In 2 or 3 dayes

The duke & dutchesse of yorke are at prsent at Brussells but tis thought will Come over this Intervall of parliamt The dutchesse being bigg with Child

L. c. 812 July 19th 1679

London 17th July 1679

+The Lds of the Treasury have taken Effectual Care In all Buisness Relating to their Charge & have this week paid off at Portesmouth by sr Thomas Allen Comptroller these ships sr Jo: Narbroughs, sr Robert Robinsons Capt James storeys Capt Williamsons, Capt Ashleys, Capt dickensons, 3 fireships & 2 storeships

yesterday sr Jo: Narbrough & Capt James storey waited on his Maty at Windsor where they were very kindly Recd his Maty showing his perticular esteeme for those 2 worthy Commanders

sr Roger strickland Capt Wiltshire & the ship Kingfisher are Commanded to Cruise In the Channell

yesterday severall seamen addressed themselves to the Comrs of the Treasury Complaining that fforreigners were Employed In his Matys ships when his Matys subjects (severall of which are Come from voyages) wanted Employment, The Earle of Essex ordered them to Come In A smaller Number & their petition should be taken Into Consideration

The shippes are Calling home to be all paid off for else there is like to be great disturbance amonge the seamen

Letters from Portesmouth say that A person Considerably attended was lately seen sounding the depths & sounds Thereabouts & haveing done he steered his Course for Callice

His Maty hath been pleased to declare that he will Create The Marquess of Winchester duke of Winchester The Ld Gerrard of Brandwin [?] Earle of Newbury The Ld Roberts Earle of Truro In Cornwall & the Ld Viscount Hallifax Earle of Hallifax

According to his Matys Command the Judges did on saturday give their attendance at Hampton Court where very early in the Morning his Maty appeared & the Councill was held

aside that affaire being determined by his Maty upon Report of the first heareing from the E of Essex & the Ld Hallifax & is In faivour of the duke which the Councill of scotland are advised accordingly

Most of o[u]r Ambrs & Residents In fforreign p[arts] Exspected to Returne dayly perticularly sr Lionell Jenkins mr Phillip Godolphin from spaine mr Brisband from ffrance Major Wynd from sweden sr Jo: Paulett from denmarke & others are nominated to goe In their steads

The dutchess of yorke is with Child & is desirous to be delivered at st James

The new writts for Election of Parliamt men is prepareing but (as wee understand) will be scarce sent out till within 40 dayes of their sitting The Comons house at Westminster is prepareing In order to their Reception

L. c. 813 July 21st 1679

London 19th July 1679

+On Wednesday last the sessions began In the old Bayly the 2 first dayes were spent In the tryall of Coyners Clippers &c of which 9 were Condemned to dye 9 Burned In the hand 4 to be Transported 6 whipt & A flaxwomans boy to stand In the pillory for Endeavouring to set his Mistresses house on fire

On ffriday morning sr George Wakeman, mr Cocker president of the Benedictine Monckes mr Marshall & mr Rumley were brought to their trialls & were jointly Indicted for Endeavouring to poyson the King & doeing severall acts In order therunto The Jury were all gentleman In the County of Middlesex one Ralph Hawtrey Esqr was foreman The Witnesses were very large & positive In their Evidence & the prisoners made A long defence their trialls holding from 9 in the morning till 4 afternoon

There was on the Bench the Ld Cheife Justice scroggs Ld Cheife Justice North Baron Atkins Judge Atkins sr Wm Ellis Pemberton Windham & dolben

Mr Oates Evidence was that he saw Entred In the provinciall of the Jesuitts Journall booke an agreemt made with sr G W for 15000 L to poyson the King that at A meeting at the provincialls lodgings he saw A Receipt for 5000 L subscribed George Wakeman which he verily beleaved was his hand, sr George being then In the Roome & the writeing not dry with divers other Circumstances tending to the prooffe of the same

mr Bedlows Evidence was that sr George had kept 2000 L In part of 15000 L for the End aforesaid

mr dugdale & mr Prance proved the plott &c & mr dugdale was asked how he Came to Know what he had given In Evidence he answered he Knew it from my Ld Aston & Ld stafford who promised him greate Reward & prefermt In hopes of which he sold an Estate of near 600 L to Carry on the Cause

sr Phillip ffloyd one of the Clerks of the Councill declared In Behalfe of sr George that mr Oates upon his Examination before the Councill being asked whether he had anything of his owne Certaine Knowledge agt sr George answered In the Negative to which mr Oates Replied he did not Remember he did say soe but did very well Remember he was at that time very much Indisposed haveing been up 2 whole nights with sr Wm Waller &c searching for & secureing divers preists & Jesuitts

mr Marshall made A very large speech wherein he Arraigned the Justice of the nation In Condemning & Executing persons on pretence of A plott Mentioning perticularly the Case of ffather Ireland In which he gave very greate offence to the Court & for his satisfaction & the whole world mr Jennings made Oath In Court that he saw mr Ireland at his Lodgings In Russell street on the 17th August being the time mr Ireland & his witnesses Averred him to be in staffordshire & Consequently Innocent

The Ld Cheife Justice summed up the Evidence but left it with some

Indiferency to the Jury who withdrawing for 3 quarters of An hour Came In Court againe & asked the Recorder whether they must find agt sr George Wakeman directly Treason or misprision of Treason, he Answered they must find it directly as Charged or Else acquitt him upon which In A quarter of An hour they brought them all In not guilty to the greate Astonishmt of the whole Court

Jennings A Gunsmith & his Journieman who were accused by his apprentice to have Conspired to pistoll the King were also tryed & acquitted there being only one witness who tis beleevd accused his Master out of spight & will be severly punished

Tis discoursed amonge the Papists that they have an old prophecy that abt this time 14 martirs should dye in England & if staley be Reckoned for one their prophecy is accomplished

One ffather Donner comeing to hear the Tryalle was discovered & Committed to Newgate

On Tuesday there was another heareing of duke Hamilton agt duke Lauderdale & it being Endeavoured to Evidence that what he had transacted was Contrary to the lawes & Constitutions of that Kingdome tis said his Maty hath provided they shall have Justice done them in that point

+They write from Edenbrough that one mr King & severall other preachers In the late Rebellion were brought In thither mr Blanchard hath sent In his fine for sheriffe to the Court of Aldermen & they have Chose sr Thomas Clarges who when A parliamt man was Excused but now must fine or hold

The Ld Roberts is made viscount Bodmin & Earle of ffalmouth & the Ld Hallifax Earle of Carmar [?] & tis discoursed that the Marquess of Winchester & Earle of shaftesbury will be Created dukes

The privy Councill is adjourned for A month as tis usuall this time of the yeare & wee have discourse that there will be some Alterations In the Members of the Councill

L. c. 814 July 24th 1679

London 22d July 1679

+sr George Wakeman being last ffriday acquitted paid his fees Treated his ffreinds & went next day to Windsor & was very kindly Recd of the queen & obteyned A passe of his Maty to goe beyond sea The Names of the Jury were Ralph Hawtrey Esqr foreman, Hen Hawtrey, Hen Hodges, Richd downton Jo: Bathurst, Robt Hampton, Wm Medon, Jo: Baldwin Richd Dobbins wm Avery, Wm Wale & Richd White The 3 preists acquitted will be Reindicted as preists The whole Tryall wee Exspect to morrow In print

mr Jennings hath orders to publish In print the whole Circumstances & prooffe he gave his Maty & Councill & afterwards at the session In the old Bayly Relating to ffather Irelands Case who at his triall brought severall Witnesses to prove he was In staffordshire when mr Oates Charged him to be at divers Counsults In London which Ireland at his Execution persisted In & Consequently that he was Innocent, Whereby will be Evinced the falseness of their Testimmonies & of mr Irelands last words

Tis Reported that George Coniers that was to have stabbed the King being taken In wales is Comeing up for London on ffriday last sr Thomas Gascoine &c were Examined before the Councill at first he was very obstinate & as he pretended Innocent but upon Crosse Examination of him & the witnesses agt him it did plainly appeare that he was guilty of A designe to take away the life of the King Two of his servants swore positively that they had Recd 500 L In order to their assistance In the said designe soe he was Committed to the Tower & the Rest to the Gatehouse

Tis said his Maty is Ishuing out A Comission for 160 gentlemen with Musquettouns [?] to be A guard for his body most of them officers of the late disbanded Army & to be paid out of the Retrenchments of his

Matys households

14 Jesuitts were taken last weeke In yorkshire

His Maty hath ordered A Brace of Bucke & 10 Guyneys to be given to the Comission officers of Each Regemt of this Citty

The pattents are passing for makeing the 3 Earles formerly mentioned but not for makeing the Marquess A Duke

The Ld Clifford is lately dead

The deane of Peterbrough being lately dead Dr Pattricke succeeds him +The E of Essex is like to be make Ld Treasurer

Coll sidney is Exspected Every houre to part hence as Ambr for Holland

Count Egmont the spanish Ambr parted hence last weeke haveing been prsented by his Maty with his picture set with diamonds & his son with A Rich Gun & A Case of Rich pistols

The sieur fflamerin who Came to acquaint his Maty with the Marriage of Madam de Orleans is gone to acquaint his R Highs with the same

Our letters yesterday from ffrance say that some Algeir men of warr have taken In o[u]r Chanell & Brought Into Brest 4 English merchantmen 2 of them from the Canaries & the other 2 from the West Indies one of which is supposed to be the Baltemore of 400 Tuns from Maryland

His Maty hath appointed A Convoy for the streights fleet & sr Richd Munden to be admirall

They write from Holland that the states are generally apprehensive that the ffrench will Returne upon them & therefore are Considdering of means to serve themselves for the future it was mentioned by one of the Burgo masters to put themselves wholly under the protection of the ffrench K but that was Rejected others were for an offensive & defensive league with England &c but they Came to noe Resolution

+They also write that the Portugalls have sold Goa in the East Indies to the ffrench K and that Mounsr de Estrades with A squadron of ships is gone to take poseession thereof

The duke of Munmouth haveing obtayned A genll pardon for all such as were Concerned In the Rebellion In scotland Except the Murtherers of the Archbp of st Andrews & abt 7 more & also A ffree Toleration of Meetings ffeild Conventicles & papists only Excepted, is now goeing for scotland againe where wee doubt not but hee will oblige that nation.

L. c. 815 July 26th 1679

London 24th July 1679

+severall Papists have been Encouraged by sr George Wakemans being acquitted to slander mr Oates & other Witnesses & mr Oates is at prsent somewhat Indisposed

The Portugall Ambr made A vissitt to the Ld Cheife Justice soon after sr George Wakemans triall

Endeavours are used by some to Trace the Most Intimate Hidden proceedings of many persons Condemned In the late triall, from the Highest to the lowest & have made some progress therein & made Report thereof to the Ld president They find mr Waite one of the Jury to be the quietus Chandler Another of the Jury to be sr George Wakemans tennant & A 3d to be son to the Usher of the Blacke Rodd

On Tuesday Alderman Bathurst one of sr George Wakemans Jury was hissed off the Exchange

Tis said that sr George Wakeman being to kisse the Kings hand was Refused though many persons of quality Interceded for him

+yesterday his Maty dined at the Ld Whartons house near Woeburne in Bedfordshire attended by the Ld President &c & this day he meets the Councill who have an Extrary sitting at Hampton Court when the Councill is over they adjourne for A time as I wrote before

The Kings new guard was to Consist of 200 to attend his Maty by

Equall proportions night & day & to be gentlemen of quality & knowne Integrity & to serve on foot In very Rich Habitts & be allowed 6 s [?] p day But on sunday last the debate thereof was layd aside till affaires were better settled

The K hath taken from the Earle of Ossory his 2000 L p An pension & all other pensions

They write from Chester that one William Plessington A popish preist being Convicted of high Treason for Exersizeing his function here Contrary to Law was Executed there according to sentence

ffrom Dublin of the 12th Instant they write that the 2 Talbotts are Comeing over for England waiting only for A yacht

+yesterday we had the good Newes of the ship Baltemores safe Arrivall In the downes with the Carolina from Carolina The former was beleevd to be taken by the Turks there was Considerable Insurance given upon both the very day before

Its beleevd by knowing men that there are not any Algerines in our Channell Notwithstanding the Report of divers Masters &c The truth being Really that the ffrench make those Reports themselves & hange out Turks Coulors by which they soe affright o[u]r small vessells that the men desert their ship which the[n] becomes A prey to the ffrench

Letters from the Hague of the 16th Instant say that o[u]r Ambr there had delivered A memoriall to the states Concerning the late made peace with Algeirs

They write from Nimeghen that all the Ambrs are gone from thence towards their Respective homes now the peace is agreed

They write from Paris of the 21st Instant that the ffrench K hath abolished the Inquisition from out of the ffranch Comte & that the prince of Conti is propose[d] for the King of spaine & is to marry the daughter of Orleans & Conduct her to the place appointed

The ffrench K is making A New Mould at dunkerke for Better defence of the Haven there [g]reate Numbers of men being Employed therein +yesterday about one of the Clocke in the Morning broke out A dreadfull fire In Kent street In southwerke which burnt with greate violence for 3 or 4 houres till It had Consumed 16 houses Tis supposed to happen by a pipe of Tobacco blowne out upon dry heath & might have done much more Mischiefe there being severall hundred loades of Broome staves, Birch, & heath Just behind where it began

+Coll Churchill & severall other persons of quality are Come lately from the Duke of yorke from Brussells & are gone to Windsor

L. c. 816 July 28th 1679

London July 26th 1679

+The Councill on Thursday last at Hampton Court ordered that the New Parliamt to be Chosen shall not sit till the 17th october, It was moved In Respect of the assizes which may by that time [be?] over Every where &c

Wee have Just Now from Windsor that the Parliamt will be put off till the 20th october because the King Intends to goe for Newmarket the 5th day of that Month

Its said there is A designe to Excommunicate those persons that will not Come to Church to hinder them from giveing their votes In the Next Choyce of Parliamt & have already begun at Chichester where among others Major Braman A member of the last Parliamt is Excommunicated

The Ld Yarmouth is Created Earle of Yarmouth

sr Anthony deane & mr Pepis make their Interest to be againe Chosen for Harwich by meanes of the head Builder there but all Rationall men blaime them for it

Its said that one of Wakemans Jury is run distracted

There was A long debate at the Councill last Thursday about the New

guards designed for his Matys person & Could not agree upon the Constant fund for paying them which as it was designed would have been A Considerable Charge therefore they wholly layd it aside some were soe forward & assured of it that Gould lace [?] & scarlet Cloth was bespoken which was their Intended Habitts

Plessinton who was Executed at Chester denied upon his salvation that he was A preist when there is 500 witnesses In & about this Citty Can prove it

Last Munday another Preist was Executed at Denby who Caryed himselfe with that obstinacy that being brought to the place of Execution he shewed Neither Humanity Christianity nor Charity what motions were Necessary In order to his suffering they were Constrained to force him unto he not willingly moveing hand or foot towards it saying he would not be accessory to his owne death when the Executioner had put the Halter about his Necke the sheriffe demanded if he had anything to say, why saith he you will not hang mee sure the sheriff answered you must suffer as the Law hath appointed upon which he Cryed out the Divell take you all which were his last words

The Information agt sr Thomas Gescoine & his 2 sons his preist & another person appears very blacke as witnesses are Come In agt them

His Maty hath been pleased to make the Earle of Middleton & the Ld Turbett [?] Joint secretaries of scotland neither of which are ffreinds to the duke of Lauderdale & hath also make A grea[te] Alteration In the Councill there by which Its not doubted but that Kingdome will be Released from all their feares & Jealousies

6 of the Earle of Oxfords Troops will be quartered In the 6 Cheife Roades to London vizt, Aston Highgate, Clapton, Kingston, southwerke & bow

A heareing is to be had at Councill whether A Spirituall Corporation Can Resist the Kings Mandamus to Choose A Dignatory [sic] & have power to Elect another

Windsor July 25th The ffrench will not yet depart but have Ruined 30 Cheife houses at Rubecke & burnt 27 at Lehar [?] with the best Church In that Countrey & 2 Noblemens houses In Peterhaugen & Houseberghen o[ur] deputies have agreed with M. [?] de Crequi to draw those forces from those parts

Our letters from Germany say the Emperor & ffrance have begun to Evacuate places & that Mounsr Crequi is on his march out of the Elector of Brandenburghs Countrey

They write from Paris that the designed queen of Spaine hath been for some dayes Indisposed & Now appears to be the small pox

Letters from Rome of the 8th Instant say there was A new saint Cannonized one that was Bp of Lima in Emerica & In the Cannonization the people Cryed Aloude that they would faine see such A saint as would make A Miracle as might Release them from all their miseries

+Letters from Paris tell us that Mounsr Pomponne had Information from England that his Maty had sent Coll sidney Ambr Into Holland with Instructi[ons] to make with those states A league of Guarranty for the Executing & performeing the Generall peace [&?] Imediately acquainted his Maty of ffrance therewith who Commanded him forthwith to Repaire to the states Ambr Resideing in Paris & to signifie to him that it was his pleasure not to admitt them any such treaty with England & that the Ambrs give notice to their Masters the states thereof, The ffrench & dutch are not likely to agree long

+Hague 31 July Coll sidneys baggage Arrived here yesterday

+Bremen 27th July the miseries of the people where the ffrench hath been are not to be Exprest & Its like to be noe better In the land of Oldenburgh & c if they doe not pay their tax within A weeke

+The Council did not adjourn on Thursday as was Intended