

L. c. 1631 London 2d March 1685

+Last Sunday his Matye knighted mr Charles Porter who hath been A long Practitioner in the Chancery here & hath made him Ld Chancellr of Ireland The present Ld Chancellr being very Ancient on whome his Matye hath settled A Pension of 1000 L p An for his Loyall services

Tis said the d of Queensbrough Ld Treasurer of Scotland will be Removed from being Ld Treasurer & also from being governr of Edenbrough Castle The first will be managed by Comissioners of which the said duke who is made Ld President of the Councell is one together with the Ld Chancellr & Ld Privy Seale & the Castle of Edenbrough will be Comanded by the d of Gourdon

James Scott late d of Monmoth was tryed by A jury of his Peers & found Guilty of High Treason & his Lands &c forefaulted

The d of Savoy by the Instigation of the ffrench K though Contrary to his Inclination hath Ishued out A very severe edict Agt the Protestants for demolishing all their Churches & using them severely to force them to Abjure their Religion which has Caused the Country people of the vallies of Piedmont & Lucerne to Intrench themselves & stand upon their Guard upon which the duke sent to the ffrench K who ordered 2 Regemts of horse & 6 of ffoot to march to his Assistance & those of the vallies have sent to Geneva who have sent to Acquaint the Protestant Cantons with it & to desire their Assistance for fear Geneva itselpe should be in danger

They write from Brussells the states of that Province at their first meeting unanimously Consented to the Continuing the Imposition on beer which has not been seen in the time of any former Governr & shewes the Generall satisfaction of the people

Our German letters say the Turks have Reinforced Buda & Agria to be able to sustaine A seige That Genll Caprara had Reinforced the Blockade of Montgatz with 4000 men Resolving to Attacke it Assoon as the season will permitt That Teckleys letters had noe effect none of the Hungarians Comeing in to him Neither had the letters sent by the Bassa of Waradine any effect whereby he Required all the villages on Paine of death to send on Provision for Teckleys Army Also that the Emper[o]r will send A splendid Ambassy into Persia to Exhort that Emper[o]r to make warr on the Turks

L. c. 1632 London 4th March 1685

+The discourse now is the Campaigne Intended at Hunslow heath will be held in Hyde Parke where some hundreds of souldiers are dayly at Worke to Levell all places & most of the greate trees are Cutt downe This day 8 Companies were at worke there who began to make A Trench Round within the Parke & his Matye declares that all his ffoot not upon duty who will worke shall be paid as labourers over & above their Military pay

Last Sunday mr Johnson Preacht before the King & tis said An order is granted to Print his sermon
+Short Catichismes are Publickly sold in the streets Printed by H Hills his Matyes Printer

On Sunday morning was throwne Abt the streets A Printed sheet entituled An Answer to the Paper of Reasons said to be written by the late King which were Carryed to the Ld Mayor & Dilligent Enquiry made for the dispersers

This day Pardons Past the seales for above 200 which were in the late Rebellion which were hastned out of Towne to the Ld Ch: J: Herbert in the West To whome tis said his Matye hath given Instructions to grant Pardons to all in Custody on that Account & offer it to all who are not yet taken Provided they Render themselves by A Certain time

According to the Accompt given his Matye there is in England above

1500 Called quakers in Prison some upon fines others upon Premunire both which tis said his Matye hath Remitted & ordered they be set at liberty at Assizes

His Matye is in Good health & goes almost dayly A Hunting, after Easter their Matyes goe for Windsor & Remaine their most Part of summer

St Georges day being his Matyes Coronation will be kept with greatesolemnity when tis said the E of Mulgrave & E of Rochester will be made dukes

This day A New play Called The devill of A wife was Acted with greates Applause at that formerly Called the ds Playhouse His Matye hath ordered the servants of his late Matye to be paid their wages forthwith

The Parliamt of Scotland will meet next weeke where the Ld Maitland will Carry the greateseale Ten Companies of the E of Dumbartons Regemt are ordered for Scotland & Ten Companies will Come thence for England

Last Tuesday the E India Company began their sale & sold in 2 dayes goods for 137000 L Their Actions are now at 220 L p Cent

L. c. 1633 London 6th March 1685

+His Matye is Resolved to forme the E of dovers Regemt into A troope of 200 men & make it the 4th troope of Guards soe there will be now 4 troops Comanded by the E of ffeversham D of Northumberland Ld Churchill & E: of dover

There is now A discourse that the E of Clarendon the Ld Treasurer Ld Chancellr Ld dover Ld Dartmouth & Ld Churchill will be made dukes & the E of Tirconnell A duke of Ireland

+They write from Ireland that 4 of their judges have their quiettus Est whose places are supplied by mr Nangle mr Dillon mr Rice & mr [space for about four letters left blank] 4 Roman Catholicke lawyers

Our last Scotch letters of the 27th say A Drummer was shott to death for being Accessary to the late Tumults Also A shooemakers Apprentice & A fencing master were to be Executed the ffriday following for the same

The Report is there that their Parliamt is to sit in Aprill & the Ld Murray be High Comissioner

They write from Vienna that the Treaty with the Envoy of Transilvania is Concluded that Prince haveing Accepted the Protection of the Emper[o]r & To pay 100000 Crownes for subsistance of the Imperiall troops & 100000 measures of Corne & The like quantity of Oates & the Prince to have the Hereditary succession of that Principallity

They write from upper Hungary that severall troops who were in Garrison there have Revolted to Teckley

+Our ffrench letters say the swelling in that Kings fundament still Continuing the Chyrurgeons have been forced to make An Incision The troops sent to the d of Savoy Continue their March the Protestants of the vallies being still Entrenched Severall vessells arrived in the West from Burdeaux who brought over many Protestants say there is as greates A severity used on those that have abjured & doe not Come to Masse every Sunday as on those who doe not abjure & dragoons are quartered on them to force them to Masse

+Yesterday his Matye was A Hunting & this day saw his Guards Exercize in Hyde Parke

L. c. 1634 London 9th March 1685

+The Parliamt of Scotland is to open the 8th Aprill The Ld Murray goes by Coach thither & will set forwards the 18th Instant his Comission is but for 6 weeks

Tis said when the Parliamt sits in Scotland the Penall Lawes Agt Roman Catholicks will be Repealed & A bill Passe wherein the King will permitt the Scotch to trade to all his fforreign Plantations in the same

manner as his English subjects doe & that all Scotch ships shall be free
ships & many other Priviledges are Intended for that Nation his Matye
Resolving to show A greate Tenderness to that his Ancient kingdome

some of the sermons Preached before his Matye in his Chappell Royal
are now printed & Published This day is published a sermon entituled
The first sermon preached before their Matyes in English at Windsor on
the first Sunday in octobr 1685 By the Reverend ffather donl P: E Monke
of the holy order of St Benedict & of the English Congr

Wee hear from Ireland that besides the 4 judges mentioned in our
last there is or will be dismiss the Ld Ch: Justice davyes & the Ld Ch:
Baron

Abt 70 who have been for many yeares military officers in Ireland
are dismiss most of them being obnoxious as being under Jones at the
Raising the seige of Dublin or under the late usurper Cromwell & their
Comands & Places are supplied by Roman Catholicke officers

The Breife for ffrench Protestants is Printing to be sent to
Peticular Parishes

Greate Preparations are making for the Campe on Hunslow heath

Tis said the E of dover will be made Constable of the Tower & Sr
Jo: Tichburne governr of Portsmouth

+The E of Northhampton being come to his Age his Matye has made him Ld
Lieut of Warwickshire

His Matye hath Appointed Coll Hassley Governr of Barbados

severall ffrench troops are Approached Geneva which Confirnes they
designe to attacke that place & the Switzers are prepareing to Releive it

The Turks are not a little Encouraged by Assistance of Teckley
whose presence Much alters the minds of those in upper Hungary

+The Pardon Passed for the West Includes all but 8 or 10 Notorious
offenders

L. c. 1635 London 11th March 1685

+Last night a proclamation was sent to the Presse for a generall
Pardon Including all offenders whatsoever But there is Abt 60 persons
Excepted in it by name vizt Bethell Wildman Trenchard Speake Charlton
fferguson &c

Many P: Books are almost dayly published & publickly sold vizt The
holy masse St Bridgetts Prayers The Key of Paradise A nett for ffishers
of men The Touchstone of the reformed Gospell 3 sorts of Catechismes &c

Amonge those in the Presse is A bible Called by some the Doway &
others the Rhomish translation

Tis said Ld primate of Scotland & Bp of Edenbrough have Recd the
Kings pleasure but have not Complied therein soe whether they are to
Continue such untill & in the session of Parliamt is by some doubted

The E of Tirconnell is Hastning for Ireland with whome goes many
who are to be in Comands there

Yesterday his Matye was in Hyde parke to view his Guards & this
morning went A Hunting The ffoot souldiers continue daily at work on
the Trenches in Hyde parke & Levelling all the Irregular places thereof

There is A discourse of An Alliance offensive & defensive with our
Neighbour King & some will have it that it was signed here on Munday

Last night Sr. Tho: Gould [?] late one of our Aldermen died

This week one Mr ffrankland A young Gent was killed in Covent Garden
by one Grice An Irish man upon a Trifleing quarrell & Grice is fled

The E India Company are Abt Petitioning his Maty that a speedy end
may be put to the affaire of Bantam

+our letters from Turino of the 23d ffebr say that 2 new deputies were
Arrived there from the Protestants of the vallies of Lucerne &c to
beseech the D of Savoy to Recall his Edict but Could only obtaine 5 days

time to resolve to abjure or Exspect the Execution of the Edict to the utmost severity in the meane time his forces & also the ffrench are marching towards them to oblige them to submitt to their Prince

They write from Venice they have a Confirmation that above 30000 Persian horse are Marched into Caldea to form the seige of Babilon [A few figures in another hand appear in left margin of first recto; similar figures almost cover the second verso.]

L. c. 1636 London 18th March 1685

+The parliamt of Scotland is Adjourned till the 6th May & the Ld Comr Murray goes not hence till the 6th Aprill

Tis said o[u]r Parliamt which is Prorogued till the 10th May will then sit for some time

All the ministers of the ffrench Churches in & Abt this citty lately waited on his Matye & one of them made a very fine speech Returneing his Matye hearty thanks for his most gracious protection & the Greate Condescention he had showne them by granting them the Breife for the Releife of the Poor Protestants who were fled hither on Accompt of Religion Assureing his Matye they would live Conformeable to the Religion established in the Church of England, His Matye Answered that as they held that Principle they need not fear nor should not want his Protection

There is A Report the ffrench K hath given Comand for slitting the noses of Abt 200 Protestants who were under A Confinement & Attempted An Escape

Yesterday 2 of the late rebels in the west who have ever since absconded tooke the benefit of his Matyes Pardon surrendring themselves to Sr Winston Churchill A justice & tooke his Certificate & went about their occasions

There is a discourse that the officers of the Navy will be very much altered & those to be put in are under Consideration.

They write from Monmoth that at the Assizes held there A fire happened in the Inne where Judge Holloway & Judge Street lay which was soe sudden & violent that all their horses were burnt & some persons narrowly Escaped the same fate

+They write from Thoulon most of the greate shipps will be fit to sayle in a short time & that there are 22 Gallies makeing Ready to Joyne them

They write from Holland they are takeing all Posible Care to have their ships designed for the mediterranean ready to sayle by the middle of Aprill That the ffrench Ambr protests his master designes nothing but to live in unity with them & desires to know what meanes their Levyes of 20000 men.

+This day the K: Rode into Essex A Hunting & Returned at 2 afternoon

L. c. 1637 London 20th March 1685

+Yesterday the King touched Abt 500 for the Evill, The Court goes next weeke to St James & staves there till after Easter

Last Thursday the E of Mulgrave was Married to the Countesse of Conway at mr Seymoures house in the Country

Tis said mr secretary Pepis Sr Antony deane sr Jo: Berry & mr Hewer are Appointed 4 of the Comrs of the Navy

There is A marine treaty on ffoot between his Matye & the K of denmarke

+They write from Edenbrough that on the 12th the d of Gourdon was Recd Constable of the Castle of Edenbrough being Attended by the Genll & many of the Nobility & Gentry

On Munday next the E of Tirconnell with neer 50 military officers set forwards for Ireland

They write from Rome that the Joy & Exspectaion of the Arrivall

there of the Ld Castlemain is very greate That his Excellencies Coates are makeing there Extreame Rich The harness of his horses Cost 700 L +The Emper[o]r hath desired Assistance of the d of Savoy Agt the Turks who answered that at present he Cannot having A prospect of using his forces at home The said duke hath Recd letters from the d of Brandenburg in favour of the Protestants since which time for their abjuration is prolonged but to prevent any escapeing he hath Published that whoever shall seize any makeing such An attempt shall not only have all he has Abt him but also A Reward of 25 Crownes

The Switzers are resolved to have 2 Camps each 25000 men which they will increase as occasion Requires

+The ffrench Intendant in Alsatia hath forbid all persons to buy more Corne then is necessary for their subsistance that so the Comissaries may find Enough to supply the Magazeens of Strasburgh ffriburgh &c +There is still An Apprehension of the ffrench haveing a designe on Maestricht

These states of Venice have desired leave of the Emper[o]r to Raise 10000 Croats to serve Agt the Turks. A ship has arrived at Venice laden with Cannon Bombes Bought in England

L. c. 1638 London 23d March 1685

+The Court is now Removed to St James

This morning the E of Tirconell being Indisposed went for the Bath & Returns to Court before he takes shipping for Ireland but Abt 50 of his officers are gone & Abt 40 more goe this weeke

Many of the souldiers & Adventurers in Ireland are shipping themselves for Carolina or Pensilvania

The Bp of St davids being dead dr Jeffries one of the Prebends of Westminster & Br to the Ld Chancellr succeeds

Mr Attorney Genll is at present out of Towne but tis said in a few dayes will be Published An Explanation of his Mayes Pardon

Yesterday Sr Roger Le Estrange & Justice Redding Came with 2 others to the Kings bench Prison & Tenderd An oath to Mr Hugh Speake to Answer to all such questions as such should be asked him which he Refused & Argued Agt it with sharp Expression to Sr Roger After which they tenderd the same to mr Johnson who Refused it & Argued with more sharpeness then the other

Yesterday the E of Mulgrave Came to Towne with his lady & was mett 10 miles off by 300 Gent

The d of Northumberland goes into ffrance with his lady where tis said he will leave her & passe this summer in Hungary whither the Ld Montjoy hath also obtained his Matyes leave to goe this Campaigne

On Sunday last St Anns Church was Consecrated by the Bp of London

The Lds of the secrett Comittee of Councill of Scotland have lately sate severall times & on the 13th Instant when the Ld Chancellr declared his Matyes pleasure that a bill should be Prepared Agt the sitting of the Paliamt to repeale all Penall Lawes Agt Papists, after some debate it was layd aside. The Ld Chancellr & D of Gourdon being only for it but the dukes Hamilton & Queensbury The E of Atholl &c Agt it

+Our ffrench letters of the 19/29 Instant say that Kings Cheife Chyrurgeon hath Asured him that the danger is Past & that he will be well Againe in a few dayes

They also say his fleet of 36 men of warr besides gallies &c are most of them Ready to saile

L. c. 1639 London 25th March 1686

+His Matye has Appointed all the ffoot Regemts to be on Hunslow heath by the 10th May but the horse not till the latter end of June

His Matye has granted the estate of mr Cornish to his widdow & son

The Comrs Report they found 47000 L oweing to him & that he owed 36000 L & had besides 900 L p Ann

The dutch Comrs Abt Bantam being Returned & the matter now before the King & the states The dutch Ambr hath made overtures as Its beleived will bring it to a speedy Ishue

+Circular letters are sent all over England to discharge the quakers & ffree them from all fines & forfeitures for Refuseing the oaths or not Comeing to Church

They write from the West that most of the outlyeing Rebels have surrendered themselves & Perticularly 200 Sr Courtney Poole [sic]

Some letters from somersetshire say that on the 17th March at Warren within A mile of Longport one John Saltell being at Plow with his oxen one of them Spewed up A Male child it hath a Necke Armes & Leggs but noe head fingers or toes The ox is well & Continues his labour as before

Tis said the Spanish Ambr hath bought the vintners Gardens in Thames street to build thereon A Chappell &c

The fflorence Resident is also building one in this Citty and some say A Nunnery will be built at Lyon A few miles hence

Tis said dr Oates will be Again Indicted for Perjury next Terme for Comiting the said Crime Agt Coleman at his tryall

Last Munday the d of Northumberland his dutchesse & the D of Grafton Rode to Chelsey & soe to the Thames side where A boate tooke in the said dutchesse & thence carried her Towards Gravesend where a Yacht lay ready to receive her & Its the opinion of most shee is sent into ffrance to be put into A Religious house &c

His Matyes 2 sons by madam Churchill vizt James ffitzroy & Charles ffitzroy are going to travel through ffrance into Germany & thence into Hungary to see this summers Campaigne Agt the Turks

The Amsterdam Gazett sayes from Constantanople that the Report is there that the grand Seignior will become A Roman Catholicke

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

L. c. 1640 London 27th March 1686

+Yesterday the Ld Mayor having notice that in Limestreet was A place Prepareing for Celebrating Masse his Lordship & the Sheriffs went thither & the doores being shutt after some threats obtained their opening where he found the Alter &c setting up The house being taken by mr Stampford Envoy from the d of Newburgh The Ld Mayor Enquired for the Master Workeman who not being there he forbid them on Paine of imprisonment to proceed what the ishue will be is much Exspected

+Some few days since there was seized in An Apothecaries house in the strand the Papers & Manuscripts of dr Tonge & tis said the Method of the depositions & directions to Oates for Mannagement of Popish plott are by them Exactly Chaulked out They were Carryed before the Councell & Coroberated by the Testimony of Simpson Tonge son to the said dr

Yesterday dr Tillotson Preached at the Royall Chappell & gave god thanks for disposing the Kings heart to grant A Breife for Releife of ffrench Protestants Exciting them to A liberall Charity & to bless god it is not their own case

Yesterday the King heard A sermon in English by one mr Hall son to mr Tho: Hall A Cooke of the Citty

A Pardon is Passing the Privy signet to Pardon such who are now Converts and have Embraced the Romish Religion

There being neer 2000 petitions lodged in the secretaries office from Irish his Matye hath ordered all that are not Answered to depart & Apply themselves to the Ld Lieut there

Tis said the Revenue of the Customs fall short this last year above 150000 L of the former year

We have a discourse that the ffrench Ambr at the Hague hath demanded A ffree trade for his Masters subjects to the E Indies & that mr Shelton o[ur] Envoy hath Againe demanded Bantam &c

His Matye on the Invitation of the d of Albemarle will spend one day in Easter weeke at his seate in Essex & there hunt

Yesterday Capt Walcup of the Kings Regemt & one mr Dives being at A Coffee house A quarrell Arose & they fought the latter tis said is dead & the former escaped

+Yesterday was published the Ld Delameres tryall Price 2 s 6 d

L. c. 1641 London 30th March 1686

+The d of Newburghs Envoy gave in a Memoriall to the King & Councell Complaining that the Ld Mayor Comanded his workemen to desist & that some of his officers used very Insolent & Reflecting words

The memoriall being Read in Councell the Ld Mayor was ordered to Permitt the workmen to proceed & that he & the sheriffs &c Attend the King & Councell on Sunday which they did & being called in his Matye asked for what Reason he went to Prohibit that worke in such A Ryottous manner it being for the devotion of a fforeign minister

My Lord said there was not any with him but some of his Bretheren the Alderman & Attendance neither did he know of any that used any Ryottous or undecent Expressions & if he had he would have punished them

All the Ld Mayors officers were Called in & the Person that Accused them not fixing it on any one they went off

his Matye said should Ambrs here be hindred of haveing Places of devotion his Ambrs Abroade might meet with the like treatement & declared he was well satisfied with the Loyalty of the Ld Mayor &c But wished his Lordship if any such matter should happen Againe & he had no ministers of state to Advise with that then he might Come to him before he medled &c soe were dismist & the worke goes forward

There hath been severall complaints made Agt the dukes of Northumberland & Grafton on Account of the sending away the formers Dutchesse which has been debated in Councill & tis said his Matye is not a little offended thereatt & neither of them appear as yet Publicke

Coll stroude governr of Dover Castle is dead & Its said that Comand will be given to the Ld Dover But Major Eaton succeeds as Lieut General of the Ks Regemt of guards

Our Scotch letters say on the 21st Instant An Exprese Arrived for d Hamilton Sr Geo Lockhart president of the session & Lieut Genll Drumond to come for London the occasion not Publickly knowne

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L. c. 1642 1st Aprill 1686

+This being Passion weeke his Matye hath retired himself but yesterday touched Abt 400 persons for the Evill

This day being Maundy Thursday the Bp of Ely the Kings Almoner washed the ffeet of 53 poor men who had gifts as usual from the King & Queen

This weeke are gone for Ireland the Rest of the military officers newly Comisioned & also many of that nation who Attended at Court upon Petitions &c & some day next weeke that Ld Chancellr goes Privately hence for Ireland

The dukes of Grafton & Northumberland landed at Ostend & have put the Lady Lucy into A Nunnery up in the Country

The Count de Melgar Nominated Ambr from Spaine to Rome deferrs his Preperations tis said for that the Ld Castlemain is to have Precedency or will Contend for it

Our Paris letters dated last Munday assure us the ffrench K Appeares more Publickly at Masse and Meales that none make any doubt of his perfect Recovery The wound being healed up that he is in a Condition

to get on horsebacke Againe

The Persecutions of the Protestants in ffrance are Redoubled & their ministers of state hinder the sufferers from makeing Complaints, some have been hanged for meeting on the Ruins of their Churches & such new converts who Refused the sacramt on their death bedds their Corps are Torne & throwne on Dunghills with Carryon &c

Wee hear from Savoy there hath been Ambrs from the Cantons of Switzerland to intercede with that duke for the Protestants of Piedmont but without any successe he Insisting that without An absolute submission to his orders he will give them noe quarter They are said to be 6000 men & to have possessed themselves of the most Advantageous places for defence

The ffrench ffleet will Consist of 300 men of warr & 300 gallies of which Spaine are very jealous & are Arriveing by sea & are to be joyned by A squadron of Dutch under Count Stirium

L. c. 1643 London 5th Aprill 1686

+The Breife for ffrench Protestants is Already Put into Execution in some Parishes his Matye hath given 1500 L some noblemen 400 L each & others Proportionally

Yesterday the sword of state was Carryed before the King to Chappell by the E of Dunbarton & the Canopy over the Host supported by 4 Ps Noblemen

The Chappell in Limestreet will be used next Sunday

An order of Councill is made that wherever the Lady Lucy is to be

then goe to Windsor

The d of Albemarle Comes often to Court & is very kindly Recd & tis said his Matye will spend 3 or 4 dayes at his seat of Newhall in Essex

+The dukes of Grafton & Northumberland are Returned from ostend having put the ds of Northumberland into an English Cloister at Gaunt But tis said Writts de Homine Repligiendo are issued Agt them on that occasion

Tis said mr Sergt Lutwich now Ch: J of Chester is to be Ld Ch Justice of the Kings bench & the now Ld Chief J. Removed to the comon pleas

The Ld Ch J: Jones desireing his quiettus & his lordships son one of the Kings Councill to succeed mr Sergt Lutwich & there will be further Alterations amonge the judges before terme

Yest the Ld Mayor Alderman & their ladyes Rode through the Citty Preceded by the blew Coate boyes as usuall & heard a sermon at St Brides by dr Kem Bp of Bath

The Accompt given to the King of the hospitalls is as followeth

have greate effects & Petitioned his Matye some men of warr might be sent for Its security & last night his Matye assured them he would take Care of them but that the designe of the ffrench was not Agt that fleet The diferences between the ffrench & Spaniards being as good as Accomodated

L. c. 1646 London 13th Aprill 1686

+The Queen haveing been somewhat indisposed was let blood last satureday & tooke Phisicke sunday & is now very well Againe

Last Wednesday dr Dolben Archbp of Yorke fell into A Lethargie at his seate neer Yorke & lay 44 houres & then came to himself Againe & yesterday his Matye had Accompt the small Pox Came forth very full on him & there was hopes of his Recovery

His Matye hath bestowed the deanery of Carlisle on dr Musgrave +This day was published An Answer to the papers found in the late Ks Closett & that of the Lds of Yorke with A defence of the Church of England

Yesterday mr Sawell messenger to the Presse seized A 6 d booke in the Printers hands which its said Containes An Abstract of the Cruell Barbarous & unchristianlike usage of the Protestants by the most Christian king

Tis said there is An Accomodation between the d of Savoy & the Protestants of Piedmont Permitting those who will not Change their Religion to quitt the Country leaveing their effects to the Profitt of the Clergie

They write from Shropshire that Esqr Talbott uncle to the E of shrewsbury Rideing abroad his horse threw him of which fall he died

Last night the Post boy from Harwich had 2 Holland Males & neer Ilfore 6 miles hence was Abt 9 at night set upon by 3 Highway men who Cut open & Robbed the said Males This Accedent puttts the Jewes into A greate fright for they fear very greate loss of jewells which It seemes usually Came to their hands that way

This day the Ld Murray Set forwards for Scotland as Ld High Comissioner but Its said d Hamilton &c are uncertain when they shall goe +They write from Scotland there is noe Accompt what the Archbp of St Andrews & Bp of Edenbrough have transacted there since their Arrival from Court but Its Reported the former is to be sworne one of the Lds of the secrete Committee of Councill & the latter one of the privy Councill [Figures and some almost illegible words in another hand fill most of outside of letter.]

L. c. 1647 London 15 Aprill 1686

+Last Sunday the Archbp of Yorke died of the Palsie & small Pox Some say dr Jeffries the Ld Chancellrs Brother is to succeed

Yesterday Sr Phill Howard died being just going to his Govermt of Jamaica & some say the Ld Viscount Stafford succeeds others say the Placeing & displacing of all Governrs deputy Governrs &c will be left to his Matyes viceroy the d of Albemarle in all the Plantations

Sr Geo: Pudsey Recorder of Oxford hath kissed the Kings hand as being made one of the Barons of the Exchequer & his Matye hath knighted mr Charles Molly A Councillr who Its said shall be Recorder of London & Sr Jo: Holt the prsent Recorder made Ch: Justice of Chester

Coll Rumsey hath at last A grant of his Pardon but Its said is to be banished dureing life

Yesterday Miles Prance who hath absconded ever since the tryall of mr Veriatty surrendred himselfe & was afterwards Examined before the King in Councill for neer 3 houres & Its said disowned all he had sworne as to Sr Edm: Godfreys Murther knowing nothing of it but that he was Instructed thereto by the late E of Shaftesbury he is Comitted to the Custody of A messenger

This weeke is Published A 2d booke Intituled A Perswasive to Toleration to Church Dissenters in Prudence & Conscience humbly submitted to the King & his Greate Councell written tis said by Wm Penn the Eminent quaker

Last munday began the sessions at Guildhall Hicks hall & at Westminster To the latter the King sent mr Bridgman to Acquaint the justices it was his pleasure that they Cease all manner of Proceedings Agt those Called quakers

Tis said the Theives that Robbed the Males got in Jewells & Gold 12000 L sterling
+The Archbp of Cantr hath by Reason of the Bp of Lincolnes greate Age & weakness ordered his diocesse to be vissitted by the Bp of Peterbrough & dr Exton

Tis said his Matye goes to morrow to Chattam & sheerness to Hasten forth the ships & next weeke goes to Hunt with the d of Albemarle

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L. c. 1648 London 17 Aprill 1686

+When his Matye was at Hunslow heath on the 10th Instant he was nobly treated by Capt Shales Comissary Genll in the New bakehouse erected there by the said Capt where his Matye Comanded all the greate officers to sit at Table with him Covered & shewed many other Condescentions to their greate Honour

Prance is still kept very Close he declares he Could have lived very well in Holland but Could not Rest quiett in his Conscience till he had voluntarily Come in & discovered the truth That he knew nothing of Sr Edm Godfreys death but what was told him from others who hired him to swear it & Accuses the late E of Shaftesbury & others of the subornation, neer 40 depositions have been lately taken Concerning the said Sr Edm: Godfreys death & all Imaginable Care taken to search out if possible the very truth thereof

Coll Rumsey is not Pardoned but sent Prisoner to the Isle of Wight for High Treason

Tis said that besides the 1500 L given by his Matye to the ffrench Protestants her Matye hath given 200 L The Queen Dowager 300 L The E of devon 1000 L Sergt Maynard 500 L &c

+Last night it was determined in Councell that the d of Albemarle be Lieut Genll & Governr of all his Matyes Plantations in America & Its now said Sr Tho: Oglethorpe will be made Governr of Jamaica

Tis said dr Spratt Bp of Rochester is made Archbp of Yorke & dr Cartwright deane of Rippon to succeed to the see of Rochester & dr Jeffries to succeed the late dr Pierson in the see of Chester

mr Ambrose Phillips A Chancery Lawyer is knighted & Its said will be Ld Ch: Baron of the Exchequer

Yesterday one Hawley surveyor of the Customs at Harwich & one david Cawdron A Chandler in the strand were seized for Robbing the Holland Mailes They found A bagg of Gold in Cawdrons trunke & Abt 40 L in his Pockett & Abt 1500 L in Hawleys trunke They are both in Newgate & this day 6 others are Apprehended & Comitted to Newgate & Another is fled towards Bristoll with Abt 1500 L & some are in the Pursuite

Yest A widdow woman her son & 2 daughters & her maide were Apprehended for Clipping & taken in the very fact

L. c. 1649 London 20th Aprill 1686

+On Sunday last mr Stampford Resident of the d of Newburgh opened his Chappell in Limestreet & notwithstanding all the Care & Caution that Could be used by the Ld Mayor in setting Constables & Watches & by the Resident in Provideing Persons to secure his house yet the Rabble Could not be hindered first [?] for makeing A Noyse in the streets & then

Getting into the house & Disturbing those that were at their devotion

The Ryott Increased & severall persons were seized by the Resident himselfe & sent to the Ld Mayor who Comitted some & bound the Rest to Appear next sessions

Then the Ld Mayor Came himselfe & made Proclamation for all to depart to their homes which some did

But one of those that was Employed by the Resident to seize those that disturbed the Chappell Comeing through Cheapside was fallen upon by the Rabble & beaten of whome some were Comitted to Prison

Yesterday the Ld Mayor sheriffs & some Aldermen went to give his Matye An Account what Passed on sunday & to have some Examined who had said there was A Riseing Intended by the boyes

To morrow being the first day of the Terme the 10 New sergts will be Called to the barr vizt Sr Jo: Holt Sr Ambrose Phillips &c

Yesterday the Ld Mayor & Aldermen sate in Westminster hall for Conservation of the River Thames

The d of Albemarle is Preparing to goe with Expedition to his Government of the American Islands Its said with the Title of viceroy

They write from ffrance the diferences between them & Spaine are Accomodated but that his Most Christian Matye doth not slacken the Preparations of his fleet which makes some thinke it will be Employed in the Remoter parts of the world which Its beleived will be on the Western Islands his Matye hath had Againe some little Returne of his distemper but not soe much as to take him off his Leggs being able to goe to masse & to walke in his Gardens

L. c. 1650 London 22d Aprill 1686

+On Sunday morning they began Masse in the Pa[a letter smeared] Chappell in Limestreet & Its thought had there not been A Guard of Constables & 2 or 3 ffiles of the Trayned bands greate violence had been then offered

In the afternoon one offering some rudeness was seized which Enraged the Multitude soe much that the Ld Mayor was forced to Come & disperse them & 6 were Comitted But one that belonged to the Chappell & gave Evidence Agt them was discovered Passing in A Coach through Cheapside by some who Pulled him out Pulled off his Perewigg Threw filth in his face Reproached him very Grosly & Its feared had killed him had he not been got into A house for which some were Comitted

On Munday the K sent for the Ld Mayor & was Extreame Angry at what had Passed &c

Yesterday being the first of the Terme the Ld Chancellr Came to Westminster hall with A gowne of velvett soe very Richly Adorned with Gold that the like was scarce ever seen & went to the Kings bench & tooke the oaths & Test & then went to the Court of Chancery where the 10 New sergts at Law were sworne

Also the New judges mentioned in the Gazett tooke their places

mr Hamilton Pleaded his Matyes Pardon & was discharged & soe was mr Samll Story &c

The d of Grafton is made Clerke of the Treasury of the Comon Pleas worth 1500 L p An which he may officiate by A deputy

One ffran Vaughn Esqr Excepted in the late Pardon was this last weeke marryed to A lady in this Citty & on Sunday Appeared at St dunstans Church in greate splendr but being knowne was yesterday seized for High Treason & Carryed to Whitehall

The french K is Againe Indisposed & Its said found such greate Paine after the healeing up of his Cancer that it was thought fit to be layd open & there Appeared Another Cancer Increaseing which hath Rendred him in much danger Againe

They tell us the D of Savoyes forces have been worsted by those of

Lucerne & lost severall Waggonns laden with Amunition & Provisions
+The Ld Ch: Justice Jones Ld Ch: Baron Mountague Justice Charlton &
Baron Nevill have their quiettus Sr Hen: Beddingfeild is made Ld Ch:
Justice of the Comon pleas Baron Atkins Ld Ch: Baron Sr Edw: Lutwich one
of the justices of the Comon Pleas Richd Heath Esqr A Baron of the
Exchequer & Sr Job Charlton Ch: Justice of Chester
[These lists of fish appear in another hand on outside of letter:]

Carp 315
Breame 311
Perch 41133
Roul [?] 1
Pike 11

Carp
Breame
Tench
Pearch
Roul [?]
Pike

Dorin 23
Sorrell
Brown

L. c. 1651 London 24th Aprill 1686

+Yesterday the 10 New sergts went to Westminster hall According to the
usuall solemnity & prsented the judges with Rings & after Returned to
the sergts Inne where they entertained the Ld Chancellr judges &c with
A splendid dinner. In the Evening 4 of them vizt Holt Phillips Hutchins
& Rawlinson went to Whitehall & prsented their Matyes The Queen dowager
Prince & Ps with Rings

This day the Ld Ch: J Beddingfeild & Baron Jenner tooke the oaths
& Test

mr Sergt Milton was sworne A Baron of the Exchequer & mr sergt
Powell (both of the last Call) A judge of the Court of Comon pleas

This day Oates stood in the Pillory at Tyburne According to his
sentence mr Thompson the Printer was there & said he hoped that the
next time Oates Came thither it would be to be hanged

Sr Wm Clifford hath Married the Ds of Portesmouth now in ffrance
but Exspected over dayly

On Thursday last died the Lady Henrietta Wentworth who was in
Holland with the late d of Monmoth & her Estate which is said to be
4000 L p Ann is fallen to the Ld Lovelace

+On the 23d the Katherine Arrived in the downes from E India also 3
shipp bound for E India are sayled thence

mr Skelton the English Envoy at the Hague hath given in A very
sharpe memoriall Abt Bantam

Our scotch letters of the 17th say the Synod of Edenbrough have
transacted nothing of moment but Adjourned till Septr next, on the 16th
mr Spence some time steward to the late E of Argile was Examined by A
Comittee of the secrete Councill & after Remanded That Parliamt is
Certainly to sit on the 29th Instant

+They write from dublin their new Ld Chancellr safely Arrived after soe
violent A storme that the seamen themselves Apprehended they should be
lost

Our fforreign letters say that at the greate Councill of warr
before the Emper[o]r it was Resolved that the Christian Army Consisting
of 94000 horse & ffoot Effective should be divided into 2 Armies & Act
seperately

This day the K went to Putney heath & there tooke A view of his horses & on Munday goes to Woolwich Chattam Sheerness &c

L. c. 1652 London 27 Aprill 1686

+Last Sunday morning there was Againe A greate Concourse of People at the Popish Chappell in Limestreet notwithstanding the Guards & severall were seized & Comitted & some of the Constables Rudely treated but the Ld Mayor Came & dispersed them

In the afternoon it was the same & more taken & Comitted then was in the morning & were dispersed A 2d time but with more dificulty & trouble

Yesterday morning the K tooke A view of the Tower & all the stores & dined with the Ld dartmouth & after went downe the River to C[h]attam &c & Returnes not till Thursday

mr solicittr ffinch has his quiettus as to that place & the Ks Councill & last Sunday mr Tho: Powis of Lincolnes Inne was knighted & made solicittr & Its the Currant discourse this day that mr Attorney Genll hath or will have his quiettus

Sr Roger Le Estrange haveing Compleated takeing the Information of Prance wherein he declares he knew nothing of the Murther of Sr Edm Godfrey as he had deposed in the tryall of Hill Green & Berry, on Sunday he Carryed it to his Matye in Councill who after the Reading & debateing thereof ordered Prance Close Prisoner to Newgate & that An Information of Wilfull Perjury be Exhibitted Agt him

Yesterday at the Kings bench mr Jones the Kings Councill moved Agt mr Williams the late speaker that his demurr might be Argued as [sic] but mr Williams Alledged that some other of the Kings Councill were Content it should be deferred till next Terme at Lengh the Court gave mr Williams some dayes to shew Cause Agt Its being this Terme

A motion was made that whereas Aldbrough one that Robbed the Holland Mailes was seized with much of the Gold at Marlborough & that the Mayor Refused to deliver it by order of the E of Ailesbury Ld of the Mann[o]r The Court ordered the Gold to be brought into Court

The Ld Castlemain hath Passed Genoa in his way to Rome & the next may give Account of his Arrivall for which noe such greate Preparations as the like hath not [sic] been knowne One dr Butteridge is gone hence for ffrance being hired by the ffrench Kings Secretary to Endeavr that Kings Cure

They write from Holland the states are much allarmed at the Memoriall given in by mr Skelton Abt Bantam

L. c. 1653 London 29th Aprill 1686

+This day was A tryall at Barr between the King & Sr Wm Warren left [?] upon An Information of Intrusion setting forth An Incroachment on the Thames from St Saviours Mill to Cuckolds Point Containing 26000 ffoot in Lengh & 400 in Breadth now built in Wharfs & houses judged worth 20000 L p Ann Lyeing in the Parishes of Bermondsey & Reddriffe The jury have not yet given their verdict but Its beleived will give it for the King The Court telling them if they beleived it was Ever part of the River they must find for the King for though Prescription was held Lawfull for the subject it Could not be pleaded Agt the King

Last night his Matye Returned hither When his Matye dined last at the Tower the Ld Brandon sent A Petition humbly Praying his Pardon which his Matye Promised to Considder of at his Returne

They write from Portesmouth that on the 16th A Pinke laden with Corne was forced to the south shoar of the Isle of Wight by A sally man of warr & Another at Beachley

They write from Ireland that mr Justice Reynolds of the Kings bench as he was going into Court was served with A supersedeas & was

Immediately Retained by severall as Councillr & Pleaded at the barr the same day Also that 2 other judges will be dismiss

They write from France that many of the New Converts in Languedoc Refuseing at Easter to Confesse & Receive the sacramt The Intendant has forbid all Millers & Bakers from grinding their Corne or bakeing it till they Conforme & A Regemt of Dragoons is Dayly Exspected to force them to Masse & Confession

The Czars of Muscovy have Concluded A League offensive & defensive with the K of Poland

The takeing of Montgatz seems to be dispaired off the ditches being Againe as full as they were before

+They write from Rotterdam that on the 14th Instant was held A ffrench synod there The most famous that ever was held in those Provinces where they submitted to the synod of Dort & subscribed to the Confession of faith of the Church of those Countries & for strengthening the said union Appointed An Extrary sacramt the next Lds day at which were 123 ministers. The Majestrates haveing nobly treated that famous Assembly they went to their Respective Charges

+Wee hear the ffrench ffleet is steered towards Portugall

L. c. 1654 London 1st May 1686

+Yesterday morning the jury in the Tryall between the King & Sr Wm Warren &c for An Incroachment on the Thames delivered their verdict That the defendants were not Guilty By which the greate hopes of those that had the grant from the King are disappointed

There is Advice from Bristoll that this weeke A place neer the Customhouse in that Citty being fitted up for Celebrating Masse The Mayor &c Repaired thither & found there neer 20 persons Assembled & the Alter set up & the Preist just Putting on his vestments who Its said is An Englishman &c The Mayor demanded what they did there & the Preist Readily Answered that they were mett to Celebrate Masse The Mayor Comitted them all to Prison though he had many threats from them & Amonge others That they would Acquaint the King how they were dealt with The Mayor said he would save them that trouble & doe it himselfe

Yesterday the Middlesex Grandjury were sworne Sr Jo: Elwayes fforeman mr Justice Withins gave the Charge & first mentioned his Matyes gracious Pardon which would take off greate Parte of his Charge But Branched out into the Nature of Treason &c In the last place Comended to them the Preservation of o[u]r Church mentioning his Matyes gracious Promise to secure it to us for which wee ought to give him Eternall thanks & set to our helpeing hand But that he did Confesse he did not soe of late hear of Conventicles as formerly

Last Thursday the Ld Chancellr D of Ormond &c mett to Consider of A method for disposeing the money to be Collected for ffrench Protestants & made A Considerable Progressse

A marriage is discoursed off between the E of Northampton & Sr Stephen ffoxes daughter who Its said will give with her 20000 L & if her Brother dye without Children shee will be A very greate heiresse

+On Munday the K goes to the D of Albemarles at Newhall who is Provideing A very splendid Entertainment & stayes there 2 or 3 dayes dureing which 400 ffoot & 80 horse are to Encampe there

The d of Albemarle is to take over with him to Jamaica A troope of dragoons & 8 out of Every Company of ffoot which will make 300 for A standing Guard also 4 men of warr are to goe with him

A Scotch vessell had lately taken Abt 40 ffrench Protestants on board but first as they were Comeing away they were seized The Passengers sent to the Gallies & the master to Pay 1000 Crownes or suffer Confiscation of ship & goods

L. c. 1655 London 4th May 1686

+Yesterday the K: went to Newhall & was mett by the d of Albemarle & the Nobility & Gentry for Abt 40 miles Round the Place who Conducted his Matye thither where is the greatest Provision made that Perhapps was ever made on any occasion by any Nobleman of England for Reception of his Matye some say 40 fat oxen are killed & wine & Beer & c being Comon Amonge the souldiers

Sr Robt Viner Sr James Edwards Sr Jo: Buckworth Sr Ben Bathurst Ald Lucy & Ald: duncomb have layd downe their gownes in whose places are sworne Sr Mathias Vincent Sr Wm Russell Sr Joseph Hearne mr Hartopp mr Rawlinson & mr ffownes

Letters from Cadiz say 4 of the ffrench ffleet are before that port & the rest at Lisbon but the designe not knowne

Our ffrench letters of the 8th say A Courrier Arrived there from the D of Savoy to acquaint that King that his forces being joynd with those of Savoy marched to force the Inhabitants of Lucerne who had Intrenched themselves very strongly & were Abt 5 or 6000 men

They Attaqued their works after 2 dayes very obstinate defence in which many were killed on both sides They forced their trenches & killed 2000 on the place which so discouraged the Rest that 2000 more of them layed down their Arms & submitted to mercy The rest both men & women were put to the sword

But letters from other parts say the Protestants Came to a Capitulation & Agreed to depart & were at their Homes Prepareing soe to doe & thoughtless of danger but their enemies fell upon them & massacred & hanged up A greate many thousands

+Last Sunday at the P: Chappell in Limestreet were severall Constables to keep the peace yet some hundreds Came neer to the door & not departing as commanded Abt 20 were Carried before the Ld Mayor who Comitted them

+His Matye Intends to Returne this night or to morrow & in his way to see a Plott of ground staked out on Blackheath for encamping A 3d Parte of his forces Intending to divide them into 3 Camps because of the dificulty of getting Provisions for all at Hunslow heath

L. c. 1656 London 6th May 1686

+On Tuesday night his Matye Returned from the d of Albemarles Extreemly well satisfied with his Reception

The Parliamt of Scotland mett on the 29th Aprill where the Ld Comr made A Speech Importing many greate faivors Intended that Kingdom & his Matyes desire to give ease & security to the Roman Catholicks there which is at large in this dayes Gazett & the Parliamt adjourned till the 6th May

Yesterday was A greate Performance in St James Chappell for Praying some said the E of Arling ____ [sic] soule out of purgatory which service was continued for diverse hours There being A Coffin in the Chappell Illuminated with Candles & c

The Popes Nuncio now here hath taken for 3 yeares A greate house near the Haymarket & hath very many & rich Liveries makeing in order to make his Publicke entry which is Intended to be done with greate splendr

Yesterday a booke Entitled An Account of the greate oppressions & Cruel sufferings of the ffrench Protestants was upon Complaint of the ffrench Ambr to his Matye in Councell burnt before the Royall Exchange by the Comon hangman

Yesterday at the Kings bench barr mr Polixfen insisted that the demurr Agt mr Williams might not be Argued till next terme but my Ld Ch: Justice was Agt Putting it off saying it was a Case of greate Consequence soe next Tuesday is the peremptory day to Argue it

A New tryall is granted the King upon Account of the Encroachment on the Thames on an Affidavitt the Jury had Agreed to give their verdict for the people before the Tryall

The d of Northumberland is going by his Matyes Comand for Flanders to fetch backe his dutchesse

The E of sunderland was taken very ill but Its hoped is in a very faire way of Recovery

+The E India Company have made a devidend of 25 L p cent of which 10 L to be paid now & the Rest next Michaelmas

The D of Bucks hath made a very long lease of Wallingford house & the ground thereto at 1000 L p An all which is to be built upon

Wee hear the ffrench ffleet are before Cadiz & haveing Recd satisfaction in their demands on Spaine are designed Agt Lisbone for Arriers due to the ffrench since they assisted them Agt Spaine

L. c. 1657 London 8th May 1686

+Tis said the E of Castlemain hath had A private audience of the Pope but hath not yet had it in Publicke, his Secretary is Arrived in 14 days from Rome The reason of his comeing is variously discoursed but not publickly known

Yesterday passed the seale A Royall dispensation for dr Walker head of University Colledg in Oxford & 3 ffellows in that university & also for mr slaughter minister of Putney

An Information is Exhibitted Agt sr Edw Hales for holding offices & not being qualified & he hath Put in for his Plea his Matyes dispensation under the broad seale which will occasion the judges opinion therein

Wee have a report that the E of Salisbury now in ffrance hath changed his Religion

The Archbishoprick of Yorke is kept in the Kings hands & Its said the Revenue will be managed by Comrs

dr ffell Bp of Oxford is so ill that Its though[t] he will not Recover

Its the Currant report that his Matye will on Munday order a very short Adjournmt of the Parliamt & by his Royall Proclamation Appoint their sitting

Tis said the Ps of Orange is Exspected here & that 2 yatchts are ordered to fetch her

Yesterday his Matye &c were in Hyde Parke to view a Scotch Regemt lately arrived from thence

The Ld Mayor was this day at Whitehall to Attend his Matye in Councill

They write from Ireland severall will be tryed there for declareing Monmoth was alive & had been seen at dublin & for Endeavoring to make Parties to joyne him

+The Protestant Cantons of Switzerland are Extreably Allarmed at the greate slaughter in Piedmont feareing it will not end there & are now Assembled to Consider of their common security

+This day mr Attorney Moved that mr Speake Oates & some other Prisoners in the Kings bench might be removed to Newgate since severall disorders happened lately by their Instigation The Matter is Referred to Sr Samll Astree to Report

+A yatcht is ordered for fetching over the ds of Northumberland

L. c. 1658 London 11th May 1686

+Yesterday Abt 150 of the Comons mett who being sent for to the Lds house The Ld Chancellr Prorogued the Parliamt till the 22d Novembr

This day the greate Case of mr Williams was moved by mr Jones who began to Recite the Plea & Exceptions taken by mr Williams to be Insufficient &c My L: C Justice told mr Williams he need not Enlarge for

the Plea was soe Absurd that he Admired what he Could say for it however he should be heard

+mr Polixfen seemed unwilling to begin by Reason the Ld Ch Justice in speaking of Exceptions told mr Jones he would hear noe such But being Called to by the Court he began to set forth mr Williams was speaker of the Parliamt & ordered by them to Inspect the booke & Cause it to be Printed That the Parliamt in our Law is the High & Supreame Court, As he was Proceeding the L: C: Justice told him The Comons in Parliamt were noe Court That the Authority & Power of Parliamt was the Plea of the Kings judges & none but such as they Could have the Impudence to make such A Plea

mr Polixfen then Refused to goe further & mr Williams had 4 dayes time to Plead guilty or not guilty

A Peticular Pardon is Passed for Edw Norton Esqr Agt whome A Bill of High Treason was found In July 1683 Its said he hath made A Considerable discovery which will Come out in Print

On ffriday the Court goes for Windsor for this summer The Campe on Hunslow heath is to be opened on the 20th Instant

Sr Wm Clifton is dead in ffrance & his Matye hath given his Regemt of ffoot to Rear Admirall Herbert

Last Sunday the E of Northampton married Sr Stephen ffoxes daughter

Our ffrench letters say that King is Perfectly Recovered & there is noe further fear of A Relapse

Our Scotch letters say An Answer is drawne to his Matyes letter Containing A Gratefull Acknowledgment of his Paternall Care of that his Ancient Kingdome Assureing his Matye they will Answer his desires soe far as their Consciences will Allow them

L. c. 1659 London 13th May 1686

+Yesterday the Ps of denmarke went to Windsor in order to Lye in there & this morning Abt 6 A Clocke was delivered of A daughter & his Matye is this night gone to Windsor

Report sayth there was something in the Kings Title which obstructed the E of Castlemain haveing Audience of his holiness & that mr Lydcott his Secretary was sent over for Instructions how to governe himselfe therein & this weeke mr Lydcott is knighted & sent backe

+Our Scotch letters say that the Parliamt sate on the 6th & Approved of the Answer to his Matyes letter & Adjourned till the 10th Instant

Last night An Expreste Came to Edenbrough & another was sent thither

Yesterday the Attorney Genll moved for A New tryall between the K: & Sr Wm Warren &c for the Intrusion on the Thames but the Ld Ch: Justice did not grant it

Sr Edw Hales his tryall Comes on next Terme before which Its said more judges will be altered

Yesterday was An Argument at the Exchequer between the King & Sr Thomas Pope Blunt upon 1100 L due upon the debts being Created A Baronet & Sr Thomas was ordered to Pay the money & the like Processe Ishued Agt all Baronetts who have not paid their ffees into the Exchequer

They write from Paris they have Advice from Turin that on the 22d the D of Savoy & the ffrench gained the Passes at Lucerne & on the 23d the duke entred the mountaines with his troops which were Abt 12000 men women & Children & their Enemies Butchered all without spareing either Age or sex & after burnt their houses & goods Those that escaped have Prayed the dukes mercy & Promise to obey his orders

The Eyes of all Europe are on the ffrench designes they haveing 3 ffleets one in the streights one in the Channell & one for the sound

Tis thought their ffleet in the streights will Attempt Tangier after they have done at Lisbone where they demand 6 millions & that K has ordered that if above 6 men of warr enter the River his fforts &c to fire on them

L. c. 1660 London 15th May 1686

+Yesterday Abt 6 in the morning the Bull Inne in the Strand fell downe & tooke with it the oyleshopp & shoemakers on each side. 7 or 8 are taken out dead & others scarce alive some say 18 are killed but how many is not yet knowne

Tis said the Proprietors of the Massehouse in Limestreet have taken Warwicke house in Holbourne & when they have fitted it will have the other

Yesterday Miles Prance was brought to the Kings bench barr & Charged with An Indictment of Perjury at the Tryalls of mr Green Hill & Berry He Readily Pleaded Guilty & Prayed the Ld C: Justice to supplicate for his Pardon

John O Sullivan the Dominican ffryar or Irish Preist Comitted in Bristoll being brought by Habeas Corpus appeared & by Reason the Attorney Genll was not there was turned over to the Kings bench Prison

The sentence of dr Edes is Put off till next Terme & Its said his Matye hath forgiven mr Williams

They write from Ireland that 4 English Gente were Accused by some Irishmen of being in the Rebellion with Monmoth & being Tryed before Judge Reynolds he Caused the Witnesses to be Examined Apart & found 24 Contradictions upon which they were Acquitted & the Witnesses Indicted Convicted & sentenced to loose each one eare in the Pillory which was Executed

Greate Preparations makeing for the Campaigne on Hunslow heath where his Matye will have his Pavillion Royall & will lye there some nights with his souldiers

This weeke the Ds of Northumberland Returned from fflanders in one of his Matyes yatchts

Our dutch letters say the ffrench ffleet is still before Cadiz & demand 500000 L & the Charge of the ffleet which Spaine will not Comply with. The dutch have ordered their ffleet under Count Stirium to sayle forthwith & have 24 ships more Ready to sayle by the 15th June

+The K of Portugall hath Put out An Edict Comanding the ffrench Protestants in his Dominions to abjure or depart in 3 dayes on Paine of being seized & also their estates

Our fforreign letters Confirme the defeate of Teckley & that upon the ill successe he is sent for to Attend the grand vizier at Belgrade [This chart of family descent appears in another hand on second verso:]

Leonard White had Issue

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dead / dead liveing dead dead					

Robert/	Bartholomew/	Leonard	Wm/	Edward/	Thomas/
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married Sara. ffloid dyed without issue
250 fflem s: made upon mariage To the use of
Edward for life Then to Sara for life one
for want of such issue To Leonard the
Grandfather in fee:
Then Leonard the Grandfather made
his Will & gave it to William Gibson

L. c. 1661 London 20th May 1686

+This day is Published the 3d vollume of sermons Preached by the deane of Canterbury being 10 sermons most Agt Popery Also A discourse Agt Transubstantiation & A Persuasive to the frequent Receiving of the sacramt

dr Walter of Oxford hath obtained his Matyes Licence for printing Abt 40 books with A Prohibition to Print noe more then 20000 of each sort

His Matyes Licence to mr Edward Slater of Putney in Surrey is to keep one or more schooles & to Receive Boarders Also A dispensation to be absent from his Curacy of Putney & Rectory of Eshaw & Receive the Profitts thereof & keep one or more Curatts & forbear Reading Comon Prayer &c without Incurring any deprivations &c

The Governrs of the ffrench Church here are served with quo warrantoes To which they plead the first day of the next Terme Tis said they have An Act of Parliamt in Q: Elizabeths time & Confirmed by another in K James besides grants by K Charles 1st & 2d under their greate seales

To morrow the K: Comes to Whitehall to Councell & tis said all the Councell are sumoned & that there will be something Extrary debated +Tis said the E of dover has begged of the King the fine of 10000 L Awarded Agt mr Williams

A small vessell has brought from Bilboa to Penzance in Cornwall the master of the vessell that brought Monmoth to Lime & 3 others are bringing over in another ship

The ffrench K is under greate paine of mind & body The Cancer as fast as healed up in few dayes breakes out Againe His drs have Advised him to the waters of Barrages whither he is now Prepareing

Though the difERENCE between ffrance & Spaine is Accomodated yet the ffrench ffleet Continue to Hover on that Coast & Its beleived have A designe on the Galleons, Though they have Already out 39 Capitall ships besides Galliotts &c yet they are fitting out 20 more at Brest & Rochfort & Its said are designed northwards which makes the Dutch in fear of their E India fleet

+They write from Turin the d of Savoy hath wholly Reduced the Protestants though with the loss of 1200 men There are Abt 8000 Prisoners men women & Children Those that will not abjure will be sent to the Gallies but the Chiefe of them will be hanged

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

L. c. 1662 London 25th May 1686

+This afternoon his Matye Returnes to Windsor The Queen hath been lately Indisposed but Its hoped it may proceed from her being with Child

On ffriday last at Windsor his Matye touched for the Evill but dismissed the Bp of Durham who usually officiates & was Attended by one of his owne Bishops who performed the office in Latin as before the Reformation

The Masse house in Limestreet is Altering & Enlarging & 3 Jesuitts are Appointed to officiate there

Since the quo warranto Agt the ffrench Church here some merchants thereof have been with Councell who Refuse their money telling them the Law will passe Agt them They haveing nothing but Custome to support it

The E of Castlemain makes his Entry at Rome next Munday with 12 Coaches of state 100 Gente on horsebacke 100 ffootmen & 50 Pages

Some women Pretending necessity & Relation to some who suffered in the West tooke Lodgings at Newington & by degrees Insinuated into the families of Sr Jo: Hartopp & Ld ffleetwood Agt whome they gave Information last sessions upon whose Evidence they were Convicted for being prsent since the 10th March at 16 severall Conventicles at their

owne houses & A distresse is made upon them for neer 1500 L

Last Sunday morning were found in the streets A greate Number of Printed Libells Entituled An Humble & hearty Adresse to all the Protestants in this Army &c In which they Inveigh Agt Popery &c Tis said the Printer is detected

They write from Scotland that on the 8th that part of the High Comrs speech Relating to his Maties Catholicke subjects Came into debate & the High Comr made A very pressing speech to them thereon & after some houres debate they Appointed A Comittee of 12 to Inspect the Lawes Agt Papists & Prepare A bill to Alleviate the Penalties thereof & then Adjourned till Thursday

+Yest the E of Tirconnell Parted for Ireland to Comand the forces in Cheife there

They write from Paris there yet Remaine above 3000 Protestants in Armes in Piedmont who Resolve if they Cannot Conquer to sell their Lives at A deer Rate

His Maties Returne of the Customs falling shorter last year then the former A Project is formed for Importing divers Prohibitted Comodities paying the duty & Its thought will be soon Put in Execution

L. c. 1663 London 27th May 1686

+Yesterday the Ms of Worcesters Regemt marched through the City to the Campe

One Bellamy A Hosier in Southwarke was seized for dispersing the late Libell & Confesses that mr Johnson who lyes in the Kings bench Prison for writeing A booke Called Julyan the Apostate was the Authr thereof

To morrow the Privy Councell meet at Hampton Court

Last Tuesday the Queen dowager supped with the Ld ffauconbridge at his seate at Turnham Green & after diverted her selfe at the bowling green

+An E: India ship outward bound is Put in at ffalmouth & staves for A Convoy for fear of A sally man of warr that lyes off the Channell

They write from Edenbrough of the 20th that the Lds of Articles Past An Act for High wayes & Bridges & one for Encourageing Incloseing & Implanting grounds & one to Prohibitt fforreign salt, Also one for Clensing the streets of Edenbrough & keeping beggars from Publicke streets & Regulating Coachmen which with some others were passed

After which the Ld Comr made A speech to this effect

That his Matye had all the time done what in him lay for the ease of his subjects & the good of the Kingdome & it was now High time to doe something for him in Answering the soe just & Rationall desire of soe good & Gracious A Prince in Complying with the ease Proposed by him for his Roman Catholicke subjects Assureing them that what they did therein would be very Acceptable, Insinuating that there are some who endeavour to Amuse the People with feares & jealousies but of those he assured them his master would take notice

And for their Encouragement told them his Matye had A treaty on ffoot with the K of denmarke for takeing off the Imposition on of [sic] Scotch victualls, upon which A Comittee of 3 of each estate were Appointed to sit that afternoon & draw up the said Act in favour of the Catholicks vizt for the Clergie The Archbpp of St Andrews & Glasgow & Bp of Edenbrough ffor the Peers d Hamilton the Earles of Southolke & Tweedale ffor the Barons Genll Drumond The President of the session & the Ld Duncome & ffor the Boroughs The Provosts of Linlithgow & Aberdeen & Dumbarton but the Ishue will not be knowne till the Lds of Articles meet which was to be on the 31st Instant

+Wee hear some of the Aldermen of Bristoll are to Appear before the

Councell on ffriday next

L. c. 1664 London 29th May 1686

+Yesterday his Matye tooke the Campe in his way to Hampton Court & dined with the E of ffeversham in his Tent

The Printer of the late Libell is in Custody & Its said Accuseth mr Johnson as Authr & some say his maide who is also in Custody hath Confessed something Concerning him He and mr Hugh Speake & Aaron Smith are all Lockt in their Chambers without Pen Inke or Paper

Sr Jo: Knight & 4 or 5 of the Aldermen of Bristoll are sent for up in Custody of A messenger to Answer to the misdemeanrs lately Comitted there

+The Titles of the books dr Walters or his Assignes have Licence to Print for 21 yeares not Exceeding 20000 of each sort in any one year are Succession of the Clergie

Church Goverment Infallibility

Concerning Sacred things

Necessary faith short Confession of faith

Tryall of doctrines Luthers life

Idolatry Antichrist &c

Apendix to Roman devotions

Considderations on the Lives of Saints

Roman doctrine of Repentance & Indulgences vindicated

Stillingfleets Principles Considdered

Concerning the guide in Controversies

State of the dead and 23 others

+Yesterday was Executed at Tyburne mr Dowle formerly of the guards for killing mr Leake at the Green dragon in the Pall Mall

A fflyboate of 200 Tuns was found floating at sea by A vessell of Rye without either man or goods & Its beleived had been vissitted by A Turks man of warr one haveing been seen thereabouts

The states of Holland in Returne to the memoriall given in by the English Ambr have banished by name all those Excepted in his Maties late Pardon But Refuse to deliver up the ffrench Protestants though the ffrench Ambr demanded them

+By A vessell that Came from Jamaica the 5th March wee have Account the Buckaneers in the South sea have taken the Rich Citty Called Leon de Nicaragua & that Capt Banister & Capt Sharpe are designed for the South sea to joyne them That Mounsr Gramont with the ffrench ffleet lay in the bay of Honduras, That the ffrench at Petit Guavas have sent to Call in the Privateers to take new Comissions & Exspect 12 men of warr from ffrance & designe to take St domingo in Hispaniola & seized that whole Island the ffrench haveing been already settled on the North side thereof for some yeares

L. c. 1665 London 1st June 1686

+mr Penn haveing obtained A Royall dispensation for the quakers last ffriday Attended the Ld Mayor therewith & next day they held their meetings in the usuall places without disturbance

On Satureday mr Atterbury brought up Sr Jo: Knight Information being Agt him which might tend to the disturbance of the government But the Mayor & 5 Aldermen are only sumoned to Attend the Councell

A Capeas is Ishued Agt mr Williams for the 10000 L but he Cannot be found & Its thought is withdrawne

mr Johnson is Removed to Newgate

+His Matie hath been every day since Thursday in the Campe But this night their Maties Returne hither & stay till Thursday to be prsent at the feast of Corpus Christi

The E of ffeversham hath desired of the Bp of London some able

London divines to Preach in the Campe & he hath ordered 12 each to take their turnes every Sunday

Our Scotch letters say at A village 6 miles from Edenbrough A Ewe brought forth A Lamb with 2 heads & another brought forth one with 4 eyes

On Sunday Abt 2 in the morning Arrived here An Expresse from Scotland with Account that the Lds of Articles Agreed upon Repealing the Penall Lawes Agt Roman Catholicks but before Its delivered to the Parliamt his Maties Pleasure will be knowne

The Ld Hunsden hath A grant from the King of the ffreehold of mr Lenthalls place as marshall of the Kings bench but is Legally to Eject mr Lenthall & Its said mr Cooling is to be his Lordships deputy

The Amsterdam Gazett says the Electr Palatine for 2 nights together heard A voyce threatening him as from heaven if he did not speedily Chase all Protestants out of his Country but the 3d night strucke with his sword at the place whence the voyce Came which obliged ffather Bullem [?] one of the most zealous Jesuitts to Carry his Arme next day in A scarfe

+Our letters yesterday from Geneva Basle &c quite Contradict what has been writt from ffrance of the Protestants in Piedmont & say they Continue to make A vigourous defence in the Mountaines being supplied with Amunition & Provisions from Milan That Abt 4000 of the ffrench & Savoy have been killed & the Rest of the ffrench Retreating & most of the Noble families in Savoy in mourning for their slaine Relations but what account is truest time must show

+An order is sent to Chattam forthwith to Equippe 12 men of warr

L. c. 1666 London 3d June 1686

+His Matie frequently vissitts the Campaigne where an order was Read last Munday Comanding all officers to Lodge in their Tents & all souldiers to keep in their lines &c There is at prsent only 8000 foot But on the 14th Instant his Matie designs to have A Genll Randevouz & then all the horse will be there.

The wett weather mightily Incomodes them many officers & souldiers are much Indisposed & Abt 40 of them are dead In A few dayes

On Munday was held A greate ffestivall at St James in Memory of St Austin once Archbp of Canterbury

And this day being Corpus Christi their Maties heard Masse at St James where was A Procession with Greate Solemnity & the like at Somersethouse

Sr Jo: Knight & the Aldm of Bristoll are gone to Windsor & the Complaint Agt them will be heard next Satureday at Hampton Court his Matie present

The Ld Mayor being lately at Greenwich at Bowles & his Coach Attending on the Roade one mr Deering & Another military officer Rideing by Accused & strucke the Coachmen & being told who he waited on they Cursed his Lordship & bid him kisse &c My Ld hereupon with one mr Weeden Came out & one of them drew & made A Passe at his Lordshipp which had Certainly killed him had not mr Weeden beate downe the sword that it went between his Leggs But others suddenly Interposeing the officers were disarmed & A justice of Peace undertooke to Comitt them but afterwards suffered them to Ride on, His Ldpp hath Complained thereof to his Matie

The Bengall Merchant from E. India is Arrived Extrary Richly laden & also 3 ships from Jamaica & one from Pensilvania

Its discoursed at Court that the Marshalsea of the Kings bench will be suddenly Removed to the Soe Hoe New buildings

Wee have this Day A Report of some Action at sea between the ffrench & dutch, Tis said 2 ffrench men of warr mett A dutchman of warr

& Comanded him to strike which he Refuseing they suddenly Engaged & that one of the ffrench is sunke & the other taken Also that the ffrench have declared warr Agt the dutch but neither Certain as yet +His Matie hath ordered 24 men of warr to be speedily Put to sea

L. c. 1667 London 5th June 1686

+Yesterday being the first of the Terme mr Williams Appeared as formerly haveing paid part of the 10000 L & given security for the Rest But the E of Peterbrough hath brought An Action of Scandm Magm Agt him

mr Aldbrough Hawley & Condon were Arraigned for Robbing the Holland Mailes The first Pleaded Guilty the other not Guilty & are to be tryed this day ffortnight

mr Connell An Irish Gent that strucke Sr Jo: Knight upon the Exchange at Bristoll & was Comitted being brought up by Habeas Corpus was bayled

This day at the Kings bench barr A Beneficed minister in this Citty was Arraigned for translating the booke of the ffrench Protestants Persecutions & Pleaded Guilty Alledging that he is one named in his Maties Breife for Releife of those here & that he Could not doe A better service then makeing their sufferings Publicke That the Originall was written by the famous Protestant minister Claud & by him Averred for truth & he translated it with that Care & Caution as neither to vary the sense or Add thereto &c The Printer was also Indicted & Pleaded not Guilty

mr Johnson was Arraigned for being Author of the Treasonable Libells & pleaded not Guilty

An Information is Prepareing Agt dr Sharpe deane of Norwich for some Reflecting Expressions in A sermon last Sunday in St Giles London

On Thursday the Guards that were on the Ds of Monmoth & her Children were all discharged & shee waited on his Matie & Returned him thanks The King hath not only Restored to her all her husbands estate but also settled on her A very Considerable Pention

The bill sent hither by the Lds of Articles is sent back to Scotland for Repealeing the Penall Lawes Agt Roman Catholicks but with some Restrictions

Warr is not yet declared between ffrance & Holland & the Engagement was with 2 Dutch ships who attempted to enter into Cadiz when the ffrench ffleet was before it & the states have sent to their Ambr at Paris to Require justice of the offenders

L. c. 1668 London 8th June 1686

+On Satureday Appeared before the King & Councill at Hampton Court the Mayor of Bristoll 4 Aldermen & Sr Jo: Knight The last in Custody Agt whome it was Alledged

That upon some threats from An Irishman he not only walkt the streets but went to Church guarded with 2 Blunderbusses which being Resented as dangerous Ryottous &c Sr John was Recomitted & An Information ordered Agt him The Mayor & Aldermen for signing A Warrant Relateing hereunto were Reprimanded & then discharged

+The Information Agt dr Sharpe of St Giles is upon this occasion, he haveing preached very sharpely Agt the Papists He Recd many threatening messages & on the 16th May Received A very Reproachfull Menaceing letter just as he was going to A vestry where speaking of it he shewed it to the vestry men at their Request who were not satisfied till he had Promised to Read it next Lds day Publickly which he did & not being A thing Comanded by the Cannons of the Church is the ground & matter Assigned fact [?] in the Information

A vessell Arrived at Lime Reports that the Turks men of warr in the Channell have taken 14 or 15 English ships bound for ffrance

Tis said the bill sent hither by the Lds of Articles was to the sence following vizt

It is hereby declared that the Roman Catholicks shall be Recd Into the Protection of his Maties Lawes & Government & shall be Exempted from all Penall Lawes & Punishment in soe farr as Relates to the Private Exersize of their Religion (Publicke Exersize Excepted) & It is hereby especially declared that this shall not be for the Confirmation of Popery or any Inovation in Religion whatsoever other then is hereby Expressed

Our Holland letters say the states are in dayly Consultation Abt the Rencounter between 2 of their men of warr & the ffrench ffleet & feareing it will not end there have ordered 24 men of warr to be Ready in 3 weeks

Tis said the ffrench K will by the end of this month have at sea A ffleet of 70 men of warr & 30 Gallies besides ffireshipps

This day the Comrs of the Navy went downe haveing orders to set out 24 men of warr Also 24 every 3 months till March his Matye Resolveing to have his whole Navy Ready to victuall & man when he shall thinke fit

L. c. 1669 London 10th June 1686

+These 3 or 4 hott dayes have mightily Refreshed the Campe The Genll Rendevouz is the 22d Instant when Its thought there will be Abt 18000 horse & ffoot & this day 30 greate guns are drawne thither from the Tower

This weeke 5 of the judges tooke their Oaths & Test at the Chancery barr but some say Judge Milton Refused the same

Sr Jo: Knight is bayled but An Information Preferring Agt him for Creating & Encourageing feares & jealousies in his Maties good subjects +Sr Edw Hales haveing pleaded his Maties Royall dispensation to the Information put in Agt him by Goddam & it being to be Argued; mr Goddam Complained he Applied himselfe to mr sergt Pemberton &c and Could get noe Councell to Plead Praying the Court would Assign some of them & they Assigned mr Northy & Sr Geo: Trebe

The Ld Chancellr is said to have A perticular Comission to Inspect the Inns of Court & make A discrimination between the Loyall &

+Yesterday at the Kings bench the Grandjuries for the body of the County of Middlesex were sworne The Charge was given by mr Justice Withins in the usuall Method & Concluded with An Admonition for their Care of the Established Religion of the Church of England which he said was Certainly the best of all Churches & soe farr Approved by his Matie as that he had promised he would stand by it & Advised them therefore to prsent all who withdrew from it or such as met in Conventicles &c
+This day Prance was brought up & the Atturney Genll moved for judgmt Agt him the Ld Ch Justice said it was A very Hainous Crime to take away the Lives of Innocent men soe they would Consider what was A fit Punishment & ordered him to be brought up Againe on Tuesday next

An Action being brought by the Mayor of Bristoll &c for Tolls due by the New Charter it was Alledged it should not be tryed in Gloucestershire because many of those that should pay the Toll Come thence soe it was granted to be tryed in Wiltshire

Upon Another motion Sr ffran Winnington mr Wallop & mr Trindall were Added to Sr Geo: Trebe & mr Northy for the Argumt Agt Sr Edw Hales

The E of Oxford hath Resigned his Comission of his Regemt of horse & hath in Lieu A Pention of 1000 L p An & his Matie hath given the Comand of the said Regemt to one of his naturall sons now in Hungary

Our Scotch letters say that on the 2d the Articles sate & the Ks letter was Read suspending the Bp of dunfell from his diocesse Tis said the 24 men of warr now Equipping will be disposed as followeth vizt 7 to the Streights to Releive those now there 5 to Jamaica Two to New England with the New Governr Andrews 2 to Barbadoes & the Rest into the Downes &c

They write from Basill that the ffrench have lost in Piedmont 6000 men & the Remainder are Marched home but the d of Savoy Remaines in his Campe

L. c. 1671 London 15th June 1686

+mr Godden who is the Prosecutor Agt Sr Edw Hales is Its said his worships Coachman, Sr Geo: Trebe being assigned his Councell told him it would take up some months time to studdy & if he brought him 100 Guyneys he would prepare for it by Michaelmas Terme

Sr Jo: Knight Pleading not Guilty, one mr Godwin moved the Court for Liberty to bring An Information Agt mr Connell for Assaulting & beating Sr John Knight at Bristoll but the Court told him the Atturney Genll had not thought it fit & the bringing such Informations being left to his discretion they would not take his office out of his hands

This day Prance Recd judgement to stand in the Pillory to morrow at Westminster hall on Munday at the Royall Exchange on the Munday after at Charing Cross to be whipt from Newgate to Tyburne on ffriday & to pay 100 L

The d of Norfolke hath quitt his Regemt & his Matie hath bestowed it upon the E of Litchfeild

Our Scotch letters say the Repealeing the Penall Lawes Agt Roman Catholicks was Carried in the Negative by 12

Its the News here that the Parliamt was ordered to be Prorogued as last munday for A Considerable time

since mr Pen hath obtained ffreedome for the quakers to meet Those Called Baptists are upon Prepareing An Adresse for the like ffreedome

They write from Dublin that the E of Tirconnell hath dismissed Sr Charles ffeilding Major Billingsley &c from their Comands in the guards

The E of Carbery is dead & succeeded by a son the Ld Vaughan

+There was lately a great fire at Venice which burnt to the vallue of 410000 L sterling

The states Genll have sent to demand satisfaction for the ill usage

of their 2 men of war by the ffrench & are Incessantly at worke for Equipping out their ffleet which they Resolve to have out by the Middle of July next

They write from Vienna that A Conspiracy in the Emper[o]rs Army Caused the loss of a great Convoy of Amunition & Provisions going to Hungary but taken by the Turks & Carried to Buda

L. c. 1672 London 17th June 1686

+Yesterday the Case of Sr Edw Hales was Argued for the Plantiffe Goddan by mr Northy & for Sr Edw. Hales by the solicittr Genll who proved that the Ks Prerogative was as sufficient to Pardon as any statute to condemn & brought many Cases wherein the King by Non obstante may dispense with the Transportation of Wooll Corne horses &c though Contrary to Law That there is An Absolute necessity the King should dispense with some Acts of Parliamt That if the King is entrusted with the goverment it selfe it followes he must also with the Lawes which are made for Assistance of the Government & Instanced in the Case of the sherriffs if the K Could not dispense with them the whole course of justice would be overthrowne & many other Cases

The Ld Ch: Justice seemed to Approve of what had been offered but Concluded to Consult with all the judges

This day one Thimbleton formerly Convicted of A Libell Abt the late E of Essex was sentenced to Pay 100 L & stand 3 times in the Pillory

+Yesterday mr Williams was Arrested in An Action of scandm Magm of 20000 L by the E of Peterbrough for Licencing Dangerfeilds Narrative

The Lady Abirggaveny hath brought Actions of scandm Magm Agt mr Chiswell the bookseller & mr Hill the Printer for the said Narrative & Its said they will stand tryall

The Ld Chancellor hath A Comission to vissitt all the Inns of Court & see all the members are Loyally Principled & firme to the Government

Yesterday the K dined at the Campe

The E of Ailesbury hath layd downe his Comission of Capt of horse +Last Sunday Capt Cornelius Brackley was brought Prisoner hither who was seized in Spaine with his ship that brought Monmoth to Lime

Our Scotch letters of the 8th say that Parliamt past An Act for burying in Linnen made in that Kingdom & have resolved that their Coyne shall be decimall vizt 10 d 20 d 30 d & 40 pence & the 2 latter to be milled as in England

An Act was proposed for Imposing Excise on all that brew their owne drinke but Carryed in the Negative by 50

L. c. 1673 London 19th June 1686

Yesterday the Bp of London had intimation from the King to suspend Dr Sharpe ab officio Tis said his Lordship desires first to Know his Crime otherwise it is not in his Power to Performe it & this day his Lordshipp was to Attend the Councill at Hampton Court

Last night the Judges mett at Sergts Inne upon the Argument between Sr Edw Hales & mr Goddan & the discourse this day is that they unanimously Agreed (though some say is 3 dissent) that his Maties Royall dispensation is sufficient & their Lordships Judgement was this day Exspected at Westminister But the Councill sitting at Hampton Court the Ld Ch: Justice was not there

The E of Shrewsbury & Ld Bradewell have surrendred their Comissions as have the Ld Gray of Ruthen Ld Lexington & Ld Lumley

his Matie hath made mr Hambleton Lieut Coll to Sr Edw: Hales

The d of Albemarle was this day at Hampton Court to Recieve his Matyes Instructions Abt his voyage to Jamaica whither Its said he will part the latter end of this summer

The Ld ffaulkland haveing brought A scandm Magm Agt mr Hayes & he

letting Judgement goe by default his Lordship moved for A writt of Enquiry of damages Agt him

Tis said Another Peer is bringing scandm Magtums Agt severall in Towne of Northampton

This day the Trayne of Artillery marched through the City to the Campe vizt ffirst A division of Pioneers & 2 Close Carriages with fflags next A Squadron of dragoons Then A Chariott with 2 Large Kettle drums beating followed by A body of horse of the principle officers of the Artillery Then 28 brass Peeeces to each A master gunner in Leather head peeeces & Pikes in their hands Then 25 Carriages with fflags Then A 2d squadron of horse Then A 2d part of the Ld dartmouths Regemt of ffuzileers Then 8 Carriages more Then A 3d party of horse Then 16 Carriages on each a fflagg, all the fflaggs being Painted with their severall Cargoes as shovells Pickaxes &c Then 6 open Pallisado waggons Then A body of ffuzileers & abt 200 Gent officers in the Tower & to the ordinance

L. c. 1674 London 22d June 1686

+Yesterday the Court gave Judgement on the Case of Sr Edw Hales The Ld Ch: J said although it was A plaine Case they had Acquainted the Rest of the Judges & that 10 were unanimous & mr justice Powell made some doubt but since delivered the same opinion & only mr justice street dissented so they could not but give it for this deft [?] & that he thought it Convenient to let their opinions be knowne on these perticulars
+ffirst that the Kings of England are & alwayes have been sovereign Princes

2 That the King hath Power to dispense with the Lawes

3 That the K: is the sole judge of them

4 That it is not a trust granted to the Kings of England by the people but a Prerogative due to them & none can deprive them of it

Yesterday was the Tryall of mr Samuell Johnson for writeing & dispersing libells The Information set forth 2 Libells

+The one entituled that Resistance may be used in Case o[u]r Religion & Rights should be Invaded

+The other A humble & hearty Adresse to all Protestants of the prsent Army

The Principle witnesse was mr Bellamy A Hosier on London Bridge where the ffirst sort were lodged in A box mr Johnsons maide A Porter &c who although none were Positive yet very strongly circumstantiall

mr Johnson Pleaded he had been kept A Close Prisoner & was in An unfit condition to make defence But said as much as could be in such A Case The jury in A quarter of An heure brought him in guilty

A writt of Enquiry haveing been Executed the jury found the office of Marshall of the Kings bench forfeited to the King, But mr Lenthall opposing the ffileing, It was this day heard at the Chancery barr & the verdict ordered to be ffiled

Our scotch letters of the 15th Advise that the Parliamt on that day Adjourned till the 17th August next & Imediately after the Councell sate & after serious Consultation wrote A letter to the King & that afternoon the Ld Comr departed for England

+Our letters from Dublin say that on the 9th Instant 9 new Privy Councellrs were sworne vizt the E of Tirconnell &c & more officers were lately dismiss out of the Guards

The E India Company have Advice one of the Ks men of warr have taken 3 Interlopers & Carryed them to suratt in order to Confiscate ship & goods

[Some writing in another hand appears on outside and left margin of first recto of letter.]

L. c. 1675 London 29th June 1686

To morrow is to be the Genll Randevouz at the Campe where will be the K:
Queen P: George &c The K treats all the greate officers of the Army

The Ld Churchill haveing spoke in derogation of the Welsh Regemt
under Coll Morgan The Coll layd downe his Comission & then Challenged
his Lordship but his Matie haveing notice tooke away his Lordships
Comission Comanding him to Acknowledg his Error & after made them
ffreinds & then gave them both their Comissions Againe
+dr Sharpe hath been at Windsor & given his Matie satisfaction as to
his sermon Complained of & obtained leave to Print it

This day mr Pilkington waited on his Matie to Returne him thanks

Yesterday Prance stood a 3d time in the Pillory at Charing Cross &
was severly Mauled with Rotten Eggs durt &c

Last Satureday Sr William Coventry died at Tunbridg Wells who hath
given 2000 L to the ffrench Protestants & 3000 L to Release English
slaves at Algeir & made the Bishops of London & Oxford overseers of the
Charity

+Yesterday sr Richd ffloyd judge of the Admiralty Court died at drs Comons

They write from Portesmouth of the 21st that Canary the Algeir
Piratt is still Cruiseing in the Channell & besides the Dutch Prize sent
into Plimouth hath sent some Dutch Prizes into Portesmouth where they
Come frequently on shore to buy what Necesaries they want (Amunition
Excepted) & on the ffriday before brought A dutch fflyboate laden with
wines & brandy to st Hellens in the Isle of Wight & went to sea Againe
to look for more Prizes

+Our letters from Scotland of the 22d say the Councell have put forth a
Proclamation Agt Slanderers &c That on the 21st it was declared in
Councell that the d of Queensbroughs places are all voyd his Pention
taken away & he to make his Account Clear by the 15th July next & not to
depart the Kingdome without the Kings Speciall Licence

Our German letters all Agree the Christian Army beseiged Buda on
8/18 Instant wherein are 25000 fighting men of which 15000 soldiers
with Ammunition & Provisions to hold out 8 months

L. c. 1676 London 1st July 1686

+Yesterday was A Genll Review of the forces on Hunslow Heath the K:
Queen & Q dowager dined in the field in that tent which was sent his
Maty from Hungary Both horse & foot were drawn up in one line which
Reached above 3 miles The Cannon & Carriages were planted just in the
Center of the Army

After dinner their Maties &c went round the line & then Came to A
place built on purpose by which all the Army marched being Abt 12000 At
evening the K Commanded the great guns to be ffired & in less then a
Minuitt every Regemt ffired beginning at the right & soe did thrice,
after which their Maties went to Windsor & the souldiers to the Campe
which is stored with all manner of Provisions at very Reasonable Rates

The Reports that dr Sharpe had made his peace at Court is
Contradicted he not haveing been Admitted nor his Petition Read though
prsented by the E of Middleton & this day is gone to his deaneary at
Norwich

Judge Street hath Recd his quiettus & mr Sergt Wyatt is Appointed
to goe the Western Circuitt in his place

+The E of darby is put out of Comission as Ld Lieut of darby &
Lancashire & the Ld Mullinax put in his stead

A Comission is sealed for Enquiry of what money hath been Levyed on
dissenters of all sorts for 5 years last past & how much of it hath been
Returned into the Exchequer that the K: may know what lawfull Right has
been done his subjects & wrong to himselfe & to Punish the delinquents

A warrant is signed for the Whipping of Prance from Newgate to Tyburne on Monday next

+his Maty hath given sr Tho: Exton the officers of Judge of the Admiralty & deane of the Arches both vacant by the death of sr Richd ffloyd

Our letters from Dublin of the 24th say that the E of Tirconnell was gone into the Country to Reforme the Army

They write from Paris they take the same Methods in Alsatia as in France for Conversion of the Protestants which ocasiones greate numbers to fly into Holland &c

+The Ld Comrs Ld Chancellr of Scotland are gone this day for Windsor

[This note appears in another hand on outside of letter:]

J. Caser [?] Wm Brown I. Worden Wm Page 1/2 day op: selling Love the wind as transfer pit [?]

L. c. 1677 London 3d July 1686

+His Matie was this morning at the Campe & thence went too the Councell at Hampton Court

Letters from Vienna say the K of Greate Brittain's Naturall son Arrived there with A handsome Equippage & parted towards the Campe without seeing the Emper[or]

Letters from the Campe before Buda of the 25th say That on the 19th the duke encamped his Army in the Hott Baths neer the Lower Towne That upon his Approach the vizier Turned out all such as were not fit for service & then Assembled the whole garrison & declared to them the Grand Seignrs order that every one should doe his duty & not speake of Capitulating on Paine of death

That on the 22d the Trenches were opened before the Lower Towne & on the 24th A breach being made it was Assaulted & Carryed the Turks making but A slender defence who Retired into the Castle

Three Attacks were ordered to be made The first on the quarter of the d of Lorraine The 2d by Bavaria & the 3d by the Brandenburg forces The Approaches are Carryed on Apace the Garrison making but few sallies that Its Generally said that the d of Lorraine will be master of the place by the end of June

They also write A Party being sent by the duke to Coast the River side tooke 14 boates laden with women & Children & A greate quantity of Gold &c

The Prisoners taken & Christians that escape Report the Garrison Consists of 8000 janizaries 2000 Spalyes [?] 1000 Greeks & 1000 Jewes that bear Armes

Teckley designing to enter Transilvania with 3000 Turks & Rebels was defeated 300 killed severall taken & he hardly escaped with his broken troops

+His Maty hath Recd Account by the ffrench Ambr that 2 Spanish Galleons were taken by the ffrench & Carryed into Rochell but the ffrench K hath ordered them to be Restored being taken since the diference is Adjusted +The Ld Bp of London is gone his vissittation & will stay 2 or 3 weeks

L. c. 1678 London 6th July 1686

+Prance was not Whipt as was Exspected

On Satureday last at the muster in the Campe his Matie tooke A perticular Account of his forces who were 14110 all in good health Munday Wednesday & ffriday are the Constant dayes of Exersizeing

This day his Matie Exersized them himselfe for severall houres the queen q: dowager &c being prsent

Tis said the Ld Dumbarton will be made Genll of all his Maties forces

+There is A discourse since the Ld Hallifax Came to Towne that he is

Againe in his Maties favour

The ds of Portesmouth is dayly Exspected from ffrance

Here is Published A quarto booke entituled A Reply to the Answer made upon the 3 Royall papers which the Authr sayes were by 2 Royall Converts

Yesterday Abt 30 Nonconformist ministers who were Released from severall Prisons by his Maties late Pardon Attended his Matie at Windsor with An Adresse with their most humble thanks & his Matie Recd them kindly

The last shippes from Virginia give Account of A very poor Crop of Tobacco & that it was very scarce there

New England fflourishes Extreemly & dayly Increases in shipping, many families of late have Transported themselves thither & more are preparing from hence & other places Yesterday was A discourse at the Exchange that the blacks of Montserrat Rebelled Agt their masters & did A greate deale of mischeife but were at Lengh mastered

His Matie hath declared that the Algerines shall sell none of their Prizes in his Ports Six men of warr are ordered to be fitted speedily for the streights

Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 27th Advise that the Imperiallists were very busy in Raiseing works & c
+Our letters from Poland say that King hath Redoubled his orders for the march of his troops with designe to give battle to the Tartars & that the muscovites are sending 80000 men for Execution of some designe yet undiscovered

L. c. 1679 London 8th July 1686

+Last Tuesday the King was at the Campe where was A Representation of the Route given the Rebels in the west

The Admirall of Sally taken 2 months since by the James Galley was (after he had seen the Campe) brought to the King on Horsebacke who gave orders he should be well Provided for & sent home without Ransome

P George is made Constable of Windsor Castle

An order of Councill is gone into Lancashire to fetch up one mr Ogles & 2 persons more upon Account of A Ryott much of the same nature as lately at Bristoll

Sr Hugh Middleton late of Hackney hath declared himselfe a Romanist dr Penfold of drs Comons was this weeke Knighted

They write from Rome that the E of Castlemaines secretary was Returned thither & it was Exspected his Excellency would suddenly make his Publicke entry

The Ld Montague is Exspected this weeke from ffrance

mr Gifford minister of St dunstans in the east who died last weeke is said to leave an estate of 30000 L & died Intestate soe the estate falls to 2 Peeres as Hieresses at Law The one is married to a very poor Curate The other to A Barber

The states Genll have Resolved to keep in Pay 9 or 10000 seamen & have fitted out several men of warr to looke after the Algerines who were in o[u]r Channell & have sent an expresse to Count Stirum to Attend their Returne into the streights

Our letters from Turky say the Grand Seignr is Arrived at Constantinople where they are all In Confusion by Reason of the scarsity of Provisions & the good successe of the Christians That to appease them he hath caused Provisions to be brought thither from all Neighbouring places, Imprisoned the Camachan, Strangled the late grand vizier & beheaded 2 Bashaws but the Confusions there & at Adrianople are soe greate that he hath Comanded backe the vizier with the Army designed for Hungary to Appease the Tumults there soe Buda is left to it selfe &

o[ur] last letters from the Campe say they had greate hopes of mastering it by the end of June

L. c. 1680 10th July 1686

+One mr Caleb Hooke A merchant haveing been convicted for being at 2 meetings on the 4th & 11th of Aprill last was fined 20 L & paid it

Since which he hath brought An Indictment of Perjury Agt the Informers vizt one mr Clayton & mrs Smith who was one of the witnesses Agt mr Rosewell at which tryall shee proved A very ill woman

This weeke at the sessions at Guildhall the Indictment was tryed & mr Hooke Proved by 5 substantiall witnesses he was niether of those dayes out of his own house & the Jury found them guilty of willful & Corrupt Perjury soe mr Hooke hath brought an Appeale for his 20 L Againe & others will doe the like

Our Sessions at the old Bayly ended last night where the Grandjury prsented the Assemblies smaller Catechisme as A seditious Pamphlett

Divers ffanaticall books formerly Printed are under Censure as English Liberties Diers works, The Protestant Mitor [?] & some booksellers are bound over to the next Terme for disperseing them +A booke is suddenly Exspected in Print to shew that the late persecutions under the ffrench K & Church of Rome doe not ballance those of the ffanaticks in the late Rebellious times

Our letters from Ireland of the 1st say the E of Tirconnell was not then Returned out of the Country where he made greate Alterations Amonge the soldiers

his Matie hath ordered that noe Coll or officer under A Coll goe out of the Campe without leave of the Lieut Genll then in Command

The States Genll have made A prsent to his Matie of the ship that brought Monmouth & his Matie at the Intercession of their Ambrs hath pardoned Capt Brackell that then Comanded her

Our last letters from Before Buda say their Bombes had Twice fired that citty but put out againe, That it was Resolved to Ply it Incessantly with Bombes & Cannon for 9 days together That the Turks had already lost 500 men & that the Prisoners Report the beseiged had 9 mines Ready to Spring

+The Ld Chancellr hath had a violent fit of the stone & Remaines very ill

L. c. 1681 London 13th July 1686

+Abt one this morning A fire broke out in Halls Coffee house in whiteffryars which in less than An hour burnt that house to the ground but was mastered by helpe of ffiremen belonging to the 2 Insurance offices & others

One mr Sawyer A Gent that lodged in the house being suprised threw himselfe out of A window 2 Paire of stayers to save his life but lost it

Last saturday dr ffell Bp of Oxford died There is some difference between dr Walker mr of university Colledg & the Vicechancellor the latter Refuseing him to set up An Alter

mr Maningham who succeeded mr Burton at the Rolls Chappell is discharged that place some say A sermon be preached there the 4th Instant occasioned it & also that A sermon preached the same day at Windsor by dr Meggott hath given greate offence

This Evening the ds of Portesmouth Arrived here from ffrance

Our Army at Hunslow heath will decampe Abt the latter end of this month

+They write from the Campe before Buda of the 30th Past that mr ffitz James the K of Englands naturall son Arrived there & the next day was to waite on the d of Lorraine who Recd him kindly

That the seige is Carried on with a great deal of vigor The d of

Bavaria hath Carried on his Approaches within 41 paces of the Castle & the d of Lorraine within 120 paces

By deserters wee are Assured there are not soe good Comanders Engineers Garrison or vigour as was last time & wee find it for wee have gained more ground already then wee had last time dureing the seige

They write from Venice that their Army in the Morea first beseiged the fortresse of old Navarino which was surrendred & in it 43 Cannon 7 Mortarpeeces &c After which they layd seige to the new fortresse & the Turks Comeing with 10000 to Releive it they defeated them killing 800 & takeing 500 after which the fortresse Capitulated & 1400 marched out leaving in the place 64 brass guns 13 Mortars &c

L. c. 1682 London 15th July 1686

+Our letters from Dublin of the 3d Instant say severall disorders happened there between the old souldiers that are disbanded & the new ones severall haveing been killed & wounded which occasioned that Ld Mayor to order the Constables to goe from house to house to warne the Inhabitants & all disbanded souldiers not to give offence by word or Action to any of the new Raised souldiers

The Reforme of the Army goes on in the Country where drums beate up for new souldiers

+Yesterday a fire happened in sermon Lane which burnt only one house & A woman & Child in it

His Matie hath ordered all Spirituall Affairs & Promotions in the Church to be mannged by 7 Comrs which are said to be The Ld Archbp of Canterbury Bp of Durham Bp of Rochester The Ld Chancellr Ld Treasurer Ld Sunderland & Ld Ch: J Herbert

The late Bp of Oxford hath left his estate (which is greate) to Christchurch Colledg for 10 years Provided the Religion of the Church Remaines as now established otherwise to be given to Charitable uses at the Executrs Discretion

+Yesterday A Councill of warr was held in the Campe where it was resolved the horse should suddenly goe to their quarters in the Country & the Campe to breake up the 10th of August, his Matie Exersized his Army himselfe 4 houres & after returned to Windsor

A Proclamation is ordered for Recalling his Maties subject out of the service of any fforeign Prince or State in E: India upon Complaint of that Company that many have deserted them & taken service with other Princes & states

The Burneing of Mountague house hath Caused A Suite in Chancery between the E of Devonshire & Ld Mountague in which all the greate Lawyers of the Kingdome are Concerned

Letters from the Campe before Buda say the Turks have put fresh men & Engineers into that place which since Appears more formidable yet they hope to be masters of it by the end of this month

The Prince of Moldavia is Come into the League Agt the Turks &c & hath joyned the Polish Army with 6000 horse

L. c. 1683 London 17th July 1686

+The Commission for Ecclesiasticall Affairs is Past the seales any 3 of the Comrs make a quorum but the Ld Chancellr is alwayes to be one The substance is said to be that they shall have full power to Punish all Ecclesiasticall persons by fine deprivation &c According to the Ecclesiasticall lawes & have power to summon & Examine upon Oath all Ecclesiasti[c]s The Archbishops Bishops &c are to be subordinate & to send for & Inspect the statutes of any Colledg or Cathedrall & make such alterations or Amendmnts as they thinke fit

+On Wednesday was the Adjourned sessions at Guildhall where Clapton & Smith Recd judgment to stand in the Pillory which they did yesterday

before the Exchange & were with much difficulty saved from being knockt on the head, Eggs Durt Carrott Topps &c were thrown at them with many Reproaches.

mr Driden the Poett who hath declared himselfe a Romanist hath by Comand written A History of the Persecutions of the Church of England Agt all dissenters which is now in the Press

Sometime since one mr Dove A minister in Essex & suspected to be A Romanist was Examined in Councell & Refuseing the oaths & Test The then Chancellr ordered his suspention & another was put in but mr Dove sued the present Incumbent & this weeke at the Essex Assizes had A verdict for the Profitts ever since

Last Thursday his Matie ordered the sea Comanders to Attend him & spoke to the effect

That he had for many yeares observed greate disorders in the Navy & was Resolved not to looke backe but for the future would have noe goods Passengers or Plate Carryed in any of his ships but when he gave leave

That he had been their Admirall before he was their King & was sencible their pay was not sufficient & therefore had given them A further Allowance not of pay but towards their Table & then ordered mr secretary Pepis to Read A Paper that the Comanders of 1st 2nd & 3d Rate ffriggotts should have almost double & of 4th 5th & 6th Rates full double & Concluded his speech that if they took any Barbary Pirates they should have the ships and all in them & if he found they were good husbands for him they should have a further Reward

+The ffrench ffleet have taken Tangier

L. c. 1684 London 20th July 1686

+On Satureday the E: of Powis Ld Arrundell Ld Bellasis & Ld dover were sworne of his Maties Privy Councell

The Apartment at Westminster Called the starr Chamber is ordered to be fitted up for the Lds Comrs for Ecclesiasticall affaires who Its discoursed will first vissitt the 2 universities

Tis said dr South University Orator is made Bp of Oxford & deane of Christchurch

The Bp of Chester is dead mr Driden hath An Additionall Pention of 100 L p Ann settled on him & is made Provost of dublin Colledg in Place of mr Huntingdon who desired leave to Resigne

Many Comissions are sent into Ireland for New officers

The M of Hallifax is sent for to Windsor tis thought to have some greate trust Conferred on him

Tis said his Matie hath Appointed Ald ffowles & Ald Rawlinson to be o[u]r Ensuing sheriffs & that Sr Jo: Peake will be o[u]r Ld Mayor

Complaint being made to the Ld Chancellr Agt one mr dorrington & mr Jones his Attorney for that on A saboth day they Intended by A tricke or Pretence of Treason to Elude the Law by seizeing A Gent who was the formers debtor his Lordship Comitted them to the ffleet

Our ffrench letters Advise the ffrench K hath put A more severe Edict for suppressing the Protestant Religion by which all Protestant ministers aswell ffrench as strangers are Prohibitted to Come into his Kingdome on Paine of death & those that succour them to forfeit their estates & to be sent to the Gallies forever That whosoever shall discover any such minister shall have 5500 Livers That all who shall be found Executing any other Religion then that of Rome shall be Imediately put to death & that the ministers of Protestant Ambrs shall not Preach or Pray out of the said Ambrs houses

+Our last letters from before Buda Assure us that the defence is soe weake & Inconsiderable to what it formerly made that there is noe

doubt of A speedy surrender in Regard they doe not hear of any Army
Comeing to their Releife

L. c. 1685 London 22d July 1686

+In his Maties Royall Licence & dispensation to dr Walker mr of
university Colledg in Oxford The same is granted to Nath Boyle &
Thomas Dianne ffelows The said mr Boyle hath writ A booke now in the
Press in Oxford Called An Answer to dr Tillotsons discourse of
Transubstatiation

Our Irish letters of the 15th Advise that Kingdome is in Perfect
peace That the Reforme of the Army is now finished That Lieut Coll
Dorrington made a speech to the souldiers that the old ones should
behave themselves towards the New ones as persons in the same Capacity
with them not giveing occasion of discontent either on Account of their
Religion or Country & that their King did allow their Religion to all of
them & that should not make A diference amonge them

This weeke wee have had severall ships Arrived from Barbados
Jamaica &c who Report those Countries to be in a fflourishing Condition

The Williamson Capt Warner Comander is also Arrived from E Indies
Richly laden shee left the Adventure An Interloper in Surratt River in
greate danger of being taken as shee Came out by Capt Tirrill who lay in
the mouth of the River in one of the Kings men of warr

Last Munday the Ld Mountague Arrived from Callais in the Pacquett
boate Two ffrench men of warr searched them for fugitive Protestants &
found 3 on board who had not Passes whome they by force tooke out

Our letters from the Campe before Buda say many Dayly desert &
Amonge them An Ensigne of the Janizaries who hath discovered the Mines
the beseiged have made on the 3 Bastions to spring them in Case the
Christians made themselves masters of them That on the 4th was seen A
greate fire in the Towne Caused by Bombes which lasted 6 houres That in
A Sally the Turks made 13 of them were taken who all Agree the
Consternation was very greate they haveing already lost 1500 men The
beseiged are Advanced under the walls out of danger of the Cannon &
were filling the Ditch in order to Attacke it next day

L. c. 1686 London 24th July 1686

+The Instructions to the Ld Chancellr & the Rest of the Comrs for
Ecclesiastical affairs are delivered & Its said their Ldpp will first
open the Comission at Sergts Inne Thence to Oxford & thence to Cambridg

The ffrench Gazett sayes that since the last Edict Agt the
Protestants one mr Petres An Eminent minister was taken & Imediately
Hanged

Our letters from Ireland say the Colledg of Dublin Nobly treated
the E of Tiroconnell who Exerts the power to the full & some think his
stay will not be long

Tis said the E of Oxfords Regemt is to goe into that Kingdom & A
Regemt from thence to supply their places here

Wee hear from the West Indies that the Dartmouth ffriggott went to
Port Richo A Towne belonging to the Spaniards for wood & water but the
Spaniards ffired on them & Killed some of their men & they also did the
Spaniards much mischeife

Letters from the Campe before Buda say that on the 7th the beseiged
sprung a mine on the Brandenburg side wherein above 150 were Buryed
after which the Turks made a furious Sally

That the Bavarians had Ruined the greate Tower but durst not Post
themselves there feareing the place to be undermined they haveing
discovered 2 mines neer it & tooke out the Powder

That on the 13th the d of Lorraine sprung 2 mines with such good
sucesse that at 7 that night he gave A Genll Assault at that Breach

with the Regemts of Staremborg Cariter & Souches being Abt 3000
seconded by many volunteers who after A sharpe dispute forced themselves
thereon which being fortified within by A deep Large ditch Pallisadoed
with Retrenchments behind it they Could Advance noe further but after 2
houres were forced to Retire lyeing all this time open to the Enemies
shott in which Abt 400 soldiers were Killed & many volunteers as the
Prince de Voldres & 2 Grandees of Spaine &c Also Abt 500 wounded
besides many of quality, Dureing the Action the Turks sprung 2 of their
mines without any Damage But when they retired the Turks sallied out
but were beaten backe with greate loss after which it was Resolved to
give A Genll Assault on the 19th or 20th

L. c. 1687 London 27th July 1686

+This day the Ld Mayor & Aldermen Attend his Matie at Hunslow heath
where his Matie Exersizes the Army himselfe & Its said it will be the
greatest day that hath been yet, In A few dayes they will breake up &
some say will march through the Citty

On the 3d August the Comrs for Ecclesiasticall Affaires meet
severall papers & Records being ordered to be brought before them

In their Comission is To Enquire into all Abuses Contrary to the
Ecclesll Lawes

To Punish Adultry ffornication Incest &c by Church Censure or
otherwise

To send for Persons & witnesses & Punish all that Refuse to Appear
by Excommunication &c

To give Cost of suite to such as Prosecute

+Wm Bridgman Esqr to be their Register

To vissitt the universities Cathedralls Grammer schools &c To
Correct & Amend their statutes Rules &c also to order their Revenues &c
as may best tend to the honour of Allmighty god & Increase of vertue &
Learneing &c Non obstante any Priviledges Exemptions statutes or
ordinances to the Contrary

The E of Tirconnell is Returneing hither from Ireland to give
Account of the Affaires of that Kingdome & Army

The Ld Mountague hath kissed his Maties hand

A Pardon is Passing the seales for the Ld Brandon Gerrard

Last night Sr Geo: Downings house at Hampstead was burnt to the
ground & most in it lost

The quakers have given in A list of their ffreinds who have
suffered & Account of the money Raised out of their estates & Its said
it Amounts to above 200000 L which they say Came to the sheriffs hands
or ought & Pray his Maty to order A through Inspection into the Returnes
made into his Exchequer

+This night by the Holland Post wee have A large list of Christians
killed at Buda & that but 2 of the English are Alive one of them being
mr ffitz James his Maties naturall Son Amonge those killed was Capt
Rupert son to the late P Rupert Capt Moor son to Sr Jo: Moor &c

L. c. 1688 London 29th July 1686

+They write from Paris that in the late Assault at Buda there were 2000
Christians lost Amonge whome was Mounsr de Blanckfort son of the M: de
Crequi whose Loss is much Regretted there

That the Brandenburgs haveing Advanced for Another Assault were
Repulsed with A sally of 2000 Turks but being Reinforced they beate the
Turks & killed 260 on the place & soe Closely Pursued the Rest that they
entred Pell Mell into the Citty & being followed by the Imperiallists
they made themselves masters of the Higher Citty in which Action A
greate many fell on both sides, on the Turks 3 Bashaws were killed & on
the Christians the d of Bavaria was dangerously wounded in the head & A

greate many officers killed

They Add that the Turks were still Retrenched in A Part of the Citty but Its beleived they Could not hold out 4 dayes

This is the Account wee have from Paris & Dunckerke but some merchants on the Exchange have Advice the Towne was taken by storme of which more by the next

Our letters from Edenbrough say that on the 19th An Expresse Came hither from his Matie for Calling of A Councell who mett next day where his Maties letter was Read to Adjourne the Parliamt to some longer time which was done to the 21st octobr next

A vessell Arrived from Virginia Reports that on the 21st Instant they mett 4 Algeir men of warr 2 of them Hoysted out their boates & Came Aboard them & tooke from the master what Provisions he had in Beeffe Porke & ffowle also all his sea books & Compasses & gave him noe satisfaction

+Those Turks Reported that old Canary & his son (who tooke the dutch Prizes in the Channell) Arrived at Algeir before they Came thence

They write from Dublin that 8 of their 12 Aldermen are displaced & will be Called to An Account for misimplying the Citty Rents

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

L. c. 1689 London 31st July 1686

+The Report still Continues that Buda is taken but wee have noe Post Come in since o[u]r last

The Campe breaks up next weeke Its said A draught of 10 out of each Company will be suddenly made to send for New England

This weeke at the Assizes at Kent 5 souldiers were Condemned for killing A headbrough because he Refused to give them drinke without money

The d of Albemarle hath deferred his voyage to Jamaica till spring & some thinke is wholly Inclined to wave it if his Matie please & A discourse is Sr Tho: Oglethorpe will goe in his stead & that his Regemt will be given to the Ld Hunsden

The Williamson from Suratt hath brought Advice that Capt Tirrill had taken the ship Bristoll An Interloper & had put one Hodden & some of his men on board her for his Matie but shee foundred in the sea & with her Rich Cargo was lost but the men saved

Wee have A further Account of the Algerines by A vessell that Came from Burdeaux to Portesmouth who mett 4 sayle of them off the Lizard Two of them of above 40 guns & the other 30 guns & well manned They Came on board her & tooke away 2 Casks of wine some Brandy The mens Cloaths Their Logg line & 1 C of Cordage & kept the master on Board 3 houres Threatening to Carry him to Algeirs he haveing noe Passe But at last sent him away but swore that whatever vessells he mett without A Passe he would send them away as good Prizes There were 5 sayle more of them Cruiseing on the Coast of ffrance

+The states of Holland have ordered 48 greate ships & 48 smaller to be Equipped out for Convoyes the Charge whereof will Amount to all 440000 L Sterling p An

Its Reported the E of Salisbury in his Passage from ffrance to Italy is taken by the Turks who demand 40000 L for his Ransome

Sr Wm Trumbell his Maties Envoy in ffrance hath obtained leave to Come hither on his Private affaires & Its not Certain he will goe thither Againe in the same quality

L. c. 1690 London 3d August 1686

+This day by A dutch Post wee Recd letters from the Campe before Buda of the 24th which Confirme the blowing up of the Magazeen in Buda of 900 Barrells of Powder on the 22d which much Prejudiced the Castle towards

the water made A greate Breache in the Wall towards the Bavarian Attacke Killed & wounded 1000 men in the Towne & also Killed many of the Christians perticularly 70 in the Bavarian quarters

That on the 23d the d of Lorraine sumoned the Towne to surrender but they Refused saying they Expected nothing but death or Victory

That on the 24th the Imperialists Sprung A mine under the Bastion in which was 36 C of Powder & 10000 men stood ready to make A Genll Assault but the mine being not far Enough under the Wall had A quite Contrary effect & Came out backwards Ruined their outlines & killed 200 Imperiallists & 100 Brandenburgers which Caused the Genll Assault to be deferred

The Comission of Ecclesiasticall affairs was opened this day at Whitehall All the Comrs prsent but the Archbp of Canterbury They Adjourned for some time after which the Ld Chancellr went to his Maty at the Campe where his Maty this day treats the queen &c in his Tent & to morrow the officers of the Army

Yesterday the Master of the horse to the E of Castlemain Arrived Express from Rome

Tis said Sr Wm Trumbell will be Appointed Ambr to Constantinople & mr Shelton his Maties Envoy in Holland to the Court of ffrance

Upon the decease of sr Wm Stapleton late governor of the Leeward Islands who died lately in ffrance Sr Nath: Johnson hath Kissed his Maties hand & is declared to succeed in that Government

Some letters from Venice say their Army hath taken Modono from the Turks after 13 dayes seige The Bassa whereof Refuseing to surrender was Killed by the Janizaries who delivered up the Towne on Termes Tis said there were 100 Brass Cannon therein & vast quantities of Amunition & Provision

On Sunday last A Grampus (which some will have A whale) was discovered in the Thames near Woolwich & is not yet Killed But well Watched

L. c. 1691 London 5th August 1686

+Letters from Antwerpe of the 10th say that upon Arrivall of An Exprese there That governor had given orders for the Ringing the Bells &c for the takeing of Buda & letters of the 11th from Newport say Buda surrendred on the 3d Instant but noe Exprese is Come to the King soe that Its doubted by many

Last Tuesday the King Exercised all the horse & ffoot & after Returned to Windsor Extremely satisfied with the souldiers performances +This day 4 Regemts of the horse decamped vizt the queens Regemt The E of Plimouths E of Scarsdales & Sr Jo: Laniers & marched hither & for 2 or 3 days quarter About the Towne & this afternoon the 3 Regemts of dragoons marched through this Citty To morrow the other 4 Regemts of horse will decampe & next weeke the whole ffoot

Tis said mr ffrankland of drs Comons is declared Proctor to the Lds Comrs for Ecclesll Affaires dr Pinfold the Kings Advocate mr Bridgman Register mr Smith of drs Comons deputy Register mr Atterbury & mr Eddomes messengers & Citations are directed to them to Execute

They have sent A Citation to the Bp of London to Appear before them at the Councell Chamber at Whitehall next Munday at 10 of the Clocke to Answer all objections that shall be then made Agt him The Archbp of Canterbury was not at the opening of the Comission he being not well

The whale seen in the Thames since Sunday is not yet killed some being Affraide others not successfull in their Attempts According to the place where shee was yesterday at High water shee is Calculated 120 ffoot long & 14 ffoot High The Curious observe the last that was seen in the Thames was before Septembr 58

The 11 East India ships lately Arrived in Holland are judged worth 1600000 L & 5 more are dayly Exspected from Battavia

Our Paris letters of the 12th Instant say that King hath had 4 or 5 sharpe fitts of An Ague & feaver The Phisitians say it will turne to A quartern Ague & some judge the stopping of the ffistula hath Caused it

L. c. 1692 London 7th August 1686

+There is nothing more of Buda since o[u]r last & there being noe Expresse Come the Court beleive not one word of what was writt from fflanders of its being taken

Yesterday the Rest of the horse at Hunslow heath decamped & next Wednesday all the ffoot decampe to their winter quarters which will be in London & Parts Adjacent at least within 40 miles thereof

The Archbp of Canterbury being somewhat Indisposed tis said Prayed to be Excused his Attendance as one of the Lds Comrs for Ecclesll Affaires Tis said dr Wood the Bp of Litchfeild & Coventry dr Sharpe &c are Cited to Appear before them

This whale was this weeke as High as Woolwich All Imaginable Endeavors have been used to take her shee hath severall shotts in her body & has been severall times strucke with harpeing Irons Yesterday shee was strucke Againe & Ran out 60 ffathom of Rope soe they were forced to Cut & let her goe Whether shee be gone into the sea or dead & sunke is not yet discovered

Tis said the ds of Northumberland is Reconciled to her Mother in Law the ds of Cleveland & will suddenly Appear at Court

They write from Scotland that the 28th Past was kept A Genll fast & day of Humiliation to Implore A blessing on the fruites of the earth &c

Letters from Ireland say land is not worth there Above 7 yeares purchase & many still leave that Kingdome some for England & others to the West Indies

Letters from Turin in Savoy say that duke hath sent 200 of his Guards & 300 Catholicke families to the vallies of Lucerne To whome he hath given the Protestants estates Above 700 of whome are still in the mountaines & under greate Hardship

+Some say the Interview between the P of Orange & d of Brandenburgh at Cleves was for Reconcileing the Lutherans & Calvinists & that there is A good step already made & Its like to Come to A very good Ishue It being said there is An Alliance Concluded between the Kings of sweden & Denmarke The Electrs of Saxony & Brandenburgh The dukes of Hannover & Zell & other Princes of Germany

The states have desired mr Shelton to Pray his Maty to Authorize him or some other to treat with their deputies to Adjust the Affaire of Bantam

[A few figures appear on outside of letter and these words:]
qua because for so much as [about twenty letters illegible] place more many ye Dead

because in vain by more ye to be done
in Janr obligd to wish away [?] for as with as [sic]

L. c. 1693 London 10th August 1686

The Gazett tells you they had newes of Vienna of the 2d Instant that Buda was taken which Could not be true

ffor wee have letters from the Campe of the 1st Instant which say That on the 28th the d of Lorraine sent A sumons into the Towne & the Bassa Replied he would defend it to the last & when they saw noe Remedy would set fire to their Mines & Magazeens & blow up themselves with them that should Attacke them

Upon which the duke ordered the Batteries to be Renewed & some

Mines to be sprung which had good effect But the souldiers were soe disheartened with the loss of their officers that the d of Lorraine was forced to lead them to the Breach with his sword in his hand & was Resolved to give Another Genll storme before the vizier Could Arrive to Put in any Succours though he Advances Apace

Yesterday the Ecclesll comrs sate (All being present but the Archbp of Canterbury) before whome the Bp of London Appeared Accompanied by dr Tenison & severall other Eminent divines

The Ld Chancellr told him they had Cited his Lordship to Answer why he haveing Recd the Kings order to suspend dr Sharpe who had medled with some things in A sermon that did not belong to him he had Refused to Silence him

His Lordship Answered he was Advised he Could not doe it by Law

It was then demanded if that were his Answer he prayed time till Michaelmas Terme The Court said they Could not give soe much time his Lordship then said he was not A stranger to them nor they to his family who were alwayes Loyall & desirous to be serviceable to the Crowne

That for his owne part It should be A matter of sorrow for him to disobey the Kings Comands & that what had been done Relateing to dr Sharpe was not soe much his owne Leave as the sence of his ffreinds & the Law, after which the Court gave time till thursday next, he said his Councill were in the Circuitt the Court said they would give noe further time & Adjourned till then when the minister of Chiswicke &c are to Appear

This day Oates stood in the Pillory at Westminster & to morrow stands at Temple barr

+This morning the ffoot decamped & marched for winter quarters

L. c. 1694 London 12th August 1686

+The takeing of Buda Remaines doubtfull some who have been there say if the Christians were masters of the places mentioned in the Gazett the towne Could not hold out 3 dayes

Our letters from Vienna of the 4th say that upon Account of the Viziers Advanceing to Attempt the Releife of Buda 36000 men were drawne from the Campe who fell on the vantguard of the Turks & Cut them all to Peeces They add that Count Staremburgh was shott in the Cheeke & Genll Souches dead of A feaver

+The Grand Seignr is soe Incensed Agt the Pope for the Assistance Given Agt him Especially to the Venetians that he hath Proclaimed Publicke ffreedome of Religion to all Christians that shall first disowne the Pope & A Gent lately Arrived from Constantinople affirmes that since the said Proclamation he heard A sermon in ffrench in Constantinople in one of the Places Prepared for the Christians & that he saw neer it A Gallows they haveing power granted them to hang up Imediately any that shall disturbe them in the Exersize of their Religion

+The ffrench letters Continue to give A sad Account of the sufferings of the Protestants in all Parts of that Kingdome where many aswell ministers as others have been hanged up since the last edict

They write from Lisbone that on the 14th the Inquisition Pronounced sentence Agt 19 Criminalls 3 of which were ordered to be burnt for being Jewes but 2 of them Turneing Christians before Execution had the favour to be first strangled & the other was burnt alive

Yesterday Oates stood in the Pillory at Charing Cross & this day at Temple barr where not any one threw at him & but one yesterday who threw A stone out of A window for which he was narrowly searched for but missed

They write from Algiers that Canary the Piratt & his brother had brought thither 28 dutch ships which they tooke in the Channell & on the

Coasts of France

Yest the E of Dumbartons Regemt Marched through this Citty towards winter quarters & had 2 feild Peeeces & A waggon of Amunition with them as every other ffoot Regemt have who are all Marched to their winter quarters

+They write from New England they were very busy in settling the govermt there perticularly the affaires of the Church & that divine service had been Read Publickly in Boston in like manner as in England

L. c. 1695 London 13th August 1686

+Yesterday the Ecclesll Comrs mett but the Archbp was not there The Bp of London Appeared & Urged that their Comission was not Enrolled till Satureday & he Could not have A Coppie of it till then that his Councell were still out of Towne & soe he Could not well answer now & desired further time

My Ld Chancellr said he might have provided his Answer in this time there being Councell enough in Towne As for his haveing A Coppie of their Comission they did not thinke that any Reason & if he did Intend to question their Authority they would neither hear them nor him upon that Point they being well satisfied with their Authority

Then Pressed him to give Answer why he did not suspend dr Sharpe According to the Kings Comand He Replied he desired further time for the Reasons aforesaid & Could say noe more but leave the matter to them

My Ld Chancellr then asked him what time he desired He Replied he thought it A modest Request if he asked A ffortnight which after some debate Amonge themselves they gave & Appointed to meet on this day ffortnight

The Ld Chancellr also Added they would hear noe plea to the jurisdiction of the Court but he must plainly Answer why he did not obey the Kings Comand

Our letters from Before Buda of the 4th Instant say Another Genll Assault was Intended but Put off by Reason the Mine they sprung tooke not the Intended effect however the Bavarians mounted the Breach in hopes to Carry the Castle but were Repulsed & Abt 300 killed & the P: of Savoy wounded Also the Ld Mountjoy shott in the face, upon their Retreat the Turks hung out 3 bloody fflaggs & shewed greate Resolution

They Add that Heuster & Carassa were Arrived with 5000 men & the Armies from Transilvania & Croatia dayly Exspected all which will Reinforce the Army with 25000 men & they Resolved on another storme on the 8th, Also that the d of Bavaria should mantaine the seige & the d of Lorraine with the horse & Dragoons Cover it whome he hath drawne without the Campe & there Pallisadoed them Resolveing there to Exspect the Grand vizier whose vantguard was Come to Alba Regalis

+The ffrench Ks Ague Continues & the Phisitians have ordered him the Jesuitts Powder

[A few figures and some almost illegible words in another hand appear on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1696 London 14th August 1686

+Wee are wanting all o[u]r fforreign Posts soe have nothing more of Buda

The Ld Chancellr comes hither to morrow from Tunbridge & soe goes to Councell at Windsor & on Munday Returnes hither to sit with the Comrs of Ecclesll Affaires where the Bp of London is to Put in his Answer that he will stand by The Exspectation of the people being greate what Answer he will give & how they will Proceed Agt him

On the 23d Instant his Maty begins his progress into the West & wee hear goes to see all the places there where the Rebels were & will have A very Noble Retinue & Its said the queen Intends to goe with his Maty & will Continue sometime at the Bath

Letters from Rome of the 27th Past say that the E of Castlemain haveing Recd An Extrary Courier from London hath had 2 Private Audiencies of the Pope That afterwards he visitted the Ds of Modena & the Cardinalls Cibo [?] & Norfolke & it was beleived he would suddenly make his Publicke entry

+They write from Edenbrough that on the 5th Instant in the morning The guns from that Castle were fired the Imperiall standard set up & sermons in all their Churches for Comemoration of the happy deliverance of K James his prsent Matyes Grandfather from the Conspiracy of the Gowries

Severall persons have made Application to the Execrs of sr Wm Coventry for Redemption of their Husbands or ffreinds that are Captives in Algiers he leaveing 3000 L by his will for that good worke

They write from Venice that on the 29th past there happened such A Terrible Tempest in the Country Abt Padua that in A Moment it overthrew severall stately Pallaces & Towers by the fall of which Abt 80 persons were Killed & A greate number wounded The Hurricane Passed many Leagues in Lench takeing up Abt a League in Breadth leaveing every where marks of its horrible fury for the Thunder that Accompanied it set fire to severall stately houses burnt up the vineyards Corn grass & Cattle Severall Coaches with horses & people that were in them were taken up and let fall at A greate distance

This day is Advice that a Barbados ship homewards bound is Cast away at the Isle of Wight

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

L. c. 1697 London 19th August 1686

+Letters from the Campe before Buda of the 8th say the d of Lorraine haveing finished his Gallaries & Enlarged the Breach was Resolved on another storme haveing Comanded A fast & Prayers in the whole Campe for the good successe thereof

That the said Duke upon Advice of the Approach of the viziers Army sent away all his sicke & wounded men & baggage to the Isle of St Andrew & soe secured his Campe with Redoubts that it would Require the vizier more time to force it then the Necessity of the Towne Can give him

Wee have A Confirmation of the Christians under dunewaldt & Peterhassi beating the vantguard of the Turks & killing severall thousands on the place upon which the d of Lorraine was marched with the horse & Dragoons & some ffoot to fight the vizier leaveing the seige of Buda to Genll Caprara who was Resolved to storme it on the 11th Instant

To morrow his Maty Comes to Towne to take leave of the queen Dowager before he goes his progress Into the West which he begins from Windsor next Munday & will be from thence 8 dayes & will vissitt Portesmouth Bristoll &c

Her Maty Comes to Towne & will stay here 3 dayes & then Returnes to Windsor where the King will meet her & Remaine there till octobr

mr Pattrick Trant who was formerly Concerned in the hearth office hath obtained his Maties Pattent to Create him A Baronet

They write from Turin that the Protestants in Piedmont not being wholly suppressed the ffrench troops are Againe Exspected in those parts

The last fit the ffrench K had which was just before the letters Came away was A very severe one & had weakened him soe much that it was doubted whether they would venture to give him the Jesuitts Powder

L. c. 1698 London 21st August 1686

+Our letters from Before Buda of the 8th Confirme the Grand Vizier being Arrived with his Army neer their Campe & that the Bassa of Agria was Arrived on the other side the River with many waggons of Amunition &c to Put them into Buda on that side But the d of Lorraine hath soe fortified the banks of the River &c that they thinke the Turks Cannot

put in any Reliefe that way

That the seige now Advances warily & slowly The Turks with their Wives & Children defending every foot of Ground & that with such obstinate desperation that the Women & Children Refused quarter in A house & were burnt in it

Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 12th say the d of Bavaria seing one of the Castle gates stand open sent a Party to surprise it who were forced to Retire with the loss of 40 men

That on that day the Imperiallists sprung their mines in order to A Genll storme which had not the hoped for successe soe it was deferred

The Greate mine in which was 50 Barrells of powder did not spring soe tis presumed the Turks discovered it & tooke out the powder

The Grand viziers Army is said to be above 50000 men of which 20000 are Janizaries The d of Lorraine hath made A double line of Circumvallation Round his Camp & when these letters Came away they Exspected every moment to come to A Battle

His Maty hath made the Ld Murray E of dunmore in Scotland & the Ld Melford E of Melford

+Yesterday his Maty dined in Towne & vissitted the Queen dowager & then Returned to Windsor where he will stay till Munday & that night lodges at the d of somersetts at Marlborough on Tuesday at the d of Beauforts at Budington On Wedensday & Thursday at Bristoll on ffriday at Bridgwater on Saturateday at the E of Pembrooks at Wilton on Sunday at Portesmouth on Munday at Winchester on Tuesday will dine with the Bp of Winchester at ffarulan [?] & Returnes to Windsor the same night

L. c. 1699 London 24th August 1686

+Our letters from the Campe before Buda of the 14th which Arrived at Vienna on the 18th by An Expresse say

That on the 13th A deserter A ffrenchman Assured the d of Lorraine that the Grand vizier had given Positive orders to Attacke them in their Trenches within 9 hours

That on the 14th 3000 Janizaries with 6 Granadoes Apeece backt by 6000 horse made a furious Attacke with A Hideous Cry but were forced to Retire with greate Consternation to their horse & were followed by the Christians horse & the d of Lorraine with the Gross of his Army Marched out of the Trenches to secure the Retreate of the horse in Case the vizier had marched out of his trenches to Attacke them But their horse fought not a stroke, In this Action 3000 were killed most of them Janizaries & Abt 400 Taken & 8 peeces of Cannon &c

The beseiged made a vigorous sally but were Repulsed

The standards & Ensignes taken were brought & ffixed in the Breaches upon which A Terrible Cry was heard in the Citty

Yesterday his Maty began his Progress & on Thursday will vissitt Kings Edgcomb where Monmouth was defeated

The E of Tirconnell is Arrived here from Ireland

His Maty hath Appointed dr Parker Archdeacon of Canterbury to be Bp of Oxford & dr Cartwright deane of Rippon to be Bp of Chester

Tis said severall the most Considerable Anabaptists in Gloustershire have peitioned his Maty for Liberty of Conscience

The D of Courland hath sent 4 ships & Aboard them 1000 Passengers with all Necesaries to settle A Plantation at Tobago which ships are Arrived in the downes

The New Tunbridg wells soe Called at Islington have frequently 14 or 1500 there in the morning This night the Queen Prince & Ps Come to towne & Intend to honor the Wells with their Company

At the last Assizes for somersetshire Jo Speake Esqr was found guilty of a Ryott at his house when the Ks officers searched for Jo:

Trenchard Esqr there but his being at Large on his owne Recognizance of 1000 L did not Appear & judgment did not Passe His Wife eldest son & daughter in Law were all 3 Indicted of High Treason & the bills found but they not in Custody nor on bayle

L. c. 1700 London 26th August 1686

Wee have nothing new from Buda But that after the defeate of the 8000 Turks that Attempted Its Releife The d of Lorraine sent a summons to the Governr Offering him faire & Honourable Conditions To which he Returned Answer in writeing That if it should be his fortune to fall into his hands he did not doubt but he should be used as A man of Honour & as such he Chose Rather to loose his life with his sword in his hand then by the hand of the Executioner

+They write from Rome that the newes of the Takeing of Buda which was soe universally Recd for A truth being Contradicted The people fell on the Jewes & Killed severall of them Attributing the vigorous defense of the place to the Jewes that are in it & they had done them far greater mischeife had they not been prevented by the souldiers who were sent to their Releife

His Maty is very well in his progress & Highly satisfied with the Acclamations of the people & the Greate Loyalty they Expresse in Endeavouring therein to outdoe each others

+His Maty hath granted A Pardon to mr dove late Mayor of Limington which is Past the seales

The Ld Brandon Gerrard Continues Prisoner in the Tower his Pardon being not Passed as was Reported his Lady lyes very ill of the small Pox

Tis said the Bp of Rochester will be Archbp of Yorke & dr Jeffries the Ld Chancellrs Br made Bp of Rochester

Our letters from Brussells Advise that his Excellency haveing Recd An Extrary Courier from Spaine Parted suddenly after for fflanders to Acquaint the states of that Province he hath obtained from his Catholick Maty liberty of opening their Comerce to the Indies, A Priveledg they have long sought for but were Refused This will much Increase their Navigation & Comerce & if well Regulated will make those Countries flourish & be no less benefit to the Spanish Monarchy, for the Ostenders have undertaken to Clear those seas of all Piratts

+This day the Ld Chancellr of Scotland went Post hence for Edenbrough

L. c. 1701 London 28th August 1686

+Yesterday Arrived here A vessell from Rotterdam that Came thence on Munday last The Master brought with him a Gazett Printed in Holland which sayes they had letters of the 22d from Vienna Importing that Teckley had formed A body of 2000 men on the side of Pest & found meanes to Put in above 100 men into Buda

Also that the Grand vizier was Returned 4 miles downe the River

On the 16th the D of Bavaria was Informed by 4 souldiers whome he had sent to discover the Breach that it would be easily taken the next storme & when those letters Came away all things were ready for A Genll storme

Yesterday the Bp of London was in Towne in order to Prepare his Plea which he is to Put in on Tuesday next Tis said that 2 witnesses Agt him are mr Randolph Yarwood Parson of Pancras & dr Cheiver Sometime vicar of Croyden

A quo Warranto is brought Agt some persons who Pretend to hold lands from the Abbey of Bermondsy in southwarke

On Wednesday the Countess of dorchester Arrived at her house in St James from Ireland with all her household goods &c with whome Came severall of the disbanded English officers The E of Tirconnell being sent for over by his Maty designed as Its said to Come with her but shee found meanes to Come without him

One Capt Hamilton A Gent of quality in Ireland who was very dextrous in finding out & Catching those Called Tories was lately very Barbarously Murthered by some of the Irish officers lately put in Comand & letters from Dublin of the 21st say that Mackgennis that Killed him was brought thither by A strong Guard some say to give in bayle till next Terme others say for the better trying of him also that Major Genll Macharty treated all the officers of his Maties Regemt &c also that more officers & souldiers were lately disbanded & others put in their Roome also that A greate whale was taken neer London derry On Thursday the Ld Chancellrs picture was set amonge the judges in Guildhall +Our ffrench letters say that King is now in Perfect health & that the dauphiness is delivered of A son whome he hath named D of Berry

L. c. 1702 London 31st August 1686

+This day the Ecclesll Comrs sate but the Archbp was not there

The Bp of London Put in his Plea in writeing Agt the jurisdiction of the Court Grounded on the statute of the 16th Caroli 1st But the Plea was overruled & he Required to give Positive Answer to matter of fact which he did vizt

That Assoon as he did Receive his Maties letter he did forbid dr Sharpe for Preaching till his further order But the matter being new to him he Advised with Lawyers who all Agreed he had noe Power to suspend him

To [which?] Councill the Lds Comrs permitted mr Oldish mr Newton & some others Civill Lawyers to be Assigned for the Bp & Adjourned till munday 2 A Clocke

The Countesse of Dorchester being Indisposed goes for Tunbridg

This day the queen Goes for Windsor to be there Agst his Maties Returne from his Progress where Its beleived the Court will Remaine till the middle of Octobr

Last weeke the ship Eagle belonging o[u]r E India Company Arrived in the downes & is said to be worth 200000 L sterling

The Gazett tells you of the Reliefe Put into Buda & also of the Rupture between the K of denmarke & Hamburg

Our letters from Hamburg say they have Advice that the d of Brandenburg hath ordered his forces neer them to march to their Assistance with greate assurance of all the helpe he Can give them

The K of denmarks Army is Abt 15000 men & Posted Abt the Citty

Here is Arrived A vessell from Hamburg the master whereof sayes he Came from thence on Wednesday last That the Hamburgers had made A Sally & Killed Abt 100 danes & when he Came away he left the Guns & Bombes Playing into the Towne

Its Generally said the Parliamt will meet in Novembr

L. c. 1703 London 2d Sept 1686

+Wee have letters that assure us of the Account you have in the Gazett By An Expresse Arrived here that Buda was taken by storme on the 16/26 past The Imperiallists Bavarians & Brandenburgers entring the Towne at the same time at their severall Attacks & Putting all to the sword

Wee have letters from Hamburg which Confirme to us that the Citty has Recd 2000 Lunenburgers Into it & dayly Exspect 4000 more from Brandenburg &c

That the Burgers were hearty & seem Resolved to defend their Liberties That the danes have made severall Assaults on their out fforts but were Repulsed with loss

That A Baron from the Elector of Brandenburg was arrived in the K of denmarks Camps with A message to that King That if he drew not off from that Citty in 24 houres or ffired one gun more after that time he would declare warr Agst him Imediately

This day was observed A strict fast within the Walls of the Citty

for the fire in 66 mr scott Preached before the Ld Mayor & Aldermen on that occasion

This day Oates stood in the Pillory before the Royall Exchange where were A greate Number of Spectatrs but none of them threw anything at him

+Its Reported the queen Dowager will give 10000 L Portion to the Lady Mary Tudor besides what was left her & that shee hath also Purchased 500 L p An for the d of St Albans son to Madam Gwin Yesterday 2 old wooden houses without Temple barr fell downe suddenly 2 or 3 persons were taken out of the Rubbish But only A maide servant Killed

Wee hear that Sr Patrick Trant is made paymaster Genll of his Maties forces in Ireland

L. c. 1704 London 4th Sept 1686

Our letters from Paris of the 11th say An Expresse Arrived there with the newes of the takeing of Buda by Assault but brings noe perticulars yet leaves noe Roome for doubt of the truth thereof, our next letters either from fflanders or Holland will bring us the perticulars

Our letters from Hamburg of the 26th our stile say The K of denmarke Returned noe Answer to the severall Messages from the Electr of Brandenburg & the Princes of Lunenburgh But on the Contrary formed his Batteries & Attacqed A sconce but was Repulsed

Upon which the D of Zell &c Imediately in Person put themselves on their march with 12000 men towards the Citty & when those letters Came away 4000 Lunenburghers were marching into the Citty & next day A greate sally was Resolved on to dislodg the Danes if posible from their Approaches neer the schiffer sconce which they presse very hard

Those out sconces have kept him from being able to Come neer the Citty soe that as yet he hath been able to throw but few bombes into it

Wee hear from Jamaica that on the 24th June last The faucon & drake ffriggotts found the Cheife Buckaneer Bannister with 2 ships in A deep bay on the North side of Hispaniola fit to goe on the Carine haveing got his guns on shoar & mounted them on 2 batteries. However the ffriggotts stood in though they were warmly entertained from the Batteries & with small shott from the ships yet with their greate shott they almost beate to peeces the ships of the Buckaneers but not haveing water Enough to Carry them in they Could not fire them The Drake had 13 Killed & wounded & the ffaucon 10

+On the 31st past 8000 weight of Damnified Tobacco from Antego was burnt at Cowes in the Isle of Wight from on Board Capt Bullocke

yesterday A search was made in this Citty Its thought it was for A Printing Presse & seditious books

L. c. 1705 London 7th Sept 1686

+Our letters from Vienna of the 4th say that the Grand vizier when he saw that Buda was taken Retired to the Bridge of Essecke & it was not thought fit to follow him for want of fforage

Last night at the Spanish Ambrs at Wildhouse was greate Rejoyceing for the takeing of Buda The ffront of the house was almost Covered with wax Tapers which were fixed in wooden Candlesticks & fastned to the wall

Before the house was A very Costly & Exceeding High Bonefire, Within the house the fountaine Ran wine which was Plentifully given amonge the people &c

But the Rabble were soe Insolent as to Pull downe part of the fire Giveing very undecent Language to the makers thereof & the occasion & at last with ffirebrands & stones broke the Ambrs windows throwing in ffirebrands Exclaimeing Agt Papists &c In fine the Guards were sent for from Whitehall who dispersed them & seized some of which 6 are Comitted

to Newgate

There was greate Rejoyceing also at the Nuncios but it was all within doores with the greate store of Tapers wine sounding of trumpetts &c

The Judges are sent for to be present at the sessions to morrow (it haveing been Adjourned till that time) in order to give their judgment on a speciall verdict in the Case of A souldier who Ran away from his Colours The Recorder of the Cittie being of opinion it doth not Extend to life unless it be in time of warr

They write from ffalmouth that severall ffrench Protestants were brought in An Irish Vessel & put on shore at Scilly But the master of the vessel Carried away all they had on board & left them nothing but what they had Abt them

His Maty hath Appointed the E of Arran son of d Hamilton to Complement the ffrench K upon the Birth of the D of Berry
+The diference between the K of Denmark & Hamburgh is not yet Adjusted & the danes are in greate want of Provisions & Proclamations are made in the County of Lunenburgh & Stift [?] of Bremen forbidding the Inhabitants upon Paine of death to furnish them with any

L. c. 1706 London 11th Sept 1686

+The following sentence Agt the Bp of London is sent to the deane & Chapter of St Pauls with orders to fix it on the doores of the Chapter house that all may have notice of it

Whereas the Ld Bp of London hath been Convened before us for his disobedience & other his Contempts mentioned in the Proceedings of the Cause & the sd Bp haveing been fully heard thereupon, Wee thought fit after mature deliberation of the matter to Proceed to the definitive sentence declareing decreeing & Pronouncing That the said Hen Ld Bp of London shall for the said disobedience & Contempt be suspended dureing his Maties pleasure & wee doe by these prsents suspend him Peremptorily Admonishing & Requireing him hereby to Abstaine from the function & Execution of the Episcopall office & all other Ecclesll jurisdictions dureing the said suspention under Paine of deprivation & Removall from his Bishopricke Given under o[u]r seale the 6th Sept 1686

They write from Rome of the 24th Past that the E of Castlemain was to make his Publicke entry in A few dayes with greate Magnificence

+The Spanish Ambr kept ffestivalls for takeing Buda Wednesday Thursday & yesterday with High Masse & Procession each morning Those 6 Comitted for the first nights disturbance are bayled out but will be tryed

This day Came forth in Print by his Maties Comand A forme of Prayer & thanksgiving for the Prosperity of the Christian Armies Agt the Turks Especially for the takeing of Buda to be used Publickly to morrow at his Maties Chappell of St George at Windsor where the Bp of Durham preaches at St Peters Westminster where the Bp of Rochester Preaches & at Bow in Cheapside where mr stanemore Preaches & the Ld Mayor hath sent to summon all the Livery men to Attend him & the Aldermen to morrow at Guildhall & thence to Bowe Church Yest the judges gave their opinion that Its felony for A souldier to Run away from his Colours & mr shoares the Recorders deputy gave sentence of death Agt 4 souldiers for the same

The Protestants that Remaine in the Mountaines of Piedmont lately made A descent into the vallies & Plundered the Inhabitants
+Yest one was seized for Counterfetting halfe pence & ffarthings & 200 L worth found by him

The Ld Mountjoy is Arrived from Buda & given his Maty An Account thereof

L. c. 1707 London 14th Sept 1686

+The Ecclesll Comrs will meet Againe on the 27th Instant & will then as

Its said make Inspection into all abuses of the Hospitalles & have Cited before them dr Hollingsworth of St Botolphs Aldgate mr Weston of the little Minories & mr Elliott of dukes place to give Account by what Authority they marry without Licence & also how they are Exempted from Epicopall jurisdiction

All o[ur] fforreign Posts are wanting soe wee have nothing from Abroade

+When Sr Patience Ward was Ld Mayor the Comon Councell Past An Act for Taxing the Inhabitants for Repaireing & Building of Conduitts &c The Tax they Levyed was 4 ffifteens. Some Refused Payment, others paid & had their money Restored Againe The Collectors not beleiveing their Authority good Enough did not According to their order Collect & Pay into the Chamber of London the said Money, But this last weeke the prsent Ld Mayor sent to all the deputies of the Wards to give in their Accounts upon which they sumoned all the Collectors to Appear before them & bring in their Rolls & Pay in the money Already Recd & if any Refused to Pay to let them know any one soe Refuseing shall be Returned into & sued for it in the Exchequer which order was yesterday begun to be put into Execution

Yesterday A Headborough & 2 of his Watchmen were Comitted to Newgate for Robbing & Murthering A Gent in Gun feilds

On Sunday the Ld Mayor &c heard A sermon at Bow from 9 Psal: 5 vers after which the Bells Rung for joy of takeing Buda

They write from Newcastle that the Master of A ship Arrived there sayes that off of Whitby in Yorkshire they mett with 4 Whales which Came all Abreast neer their ship spouting along that they had A full sight of them & judged the least 80 ffoot long

+On the 10th Octobr the whole Court Returne to Whitehall but tis said his Maty will first Hunt severall dayes in New fforest

Tis said his Maty hath Publickly declared that o[ur] Parliamt shall sit at the time to which they are Prorogued

L. c. 1708 London 16th Sept 1686

+Wee have had neither dutch nor fflanders Post since the 8th Instant soe have nothing new from Buda or Hambrough which gives no small Admiration to many & perticularly those that will not beleive all true that hath been written & Printed from Hungary, wee are very Impatient to hear what followed after the Takeing of Buda

On Munday last dr Stillingfleet deane of St Pauls In obedience to the order from the Ecclesll Comrs Caused A Chapter to be sumoned but for want of A full Court there was not any thing then done & Its said he hath till Tuesday next given him to Call another Chapter

mr John Stapleton who had sentence of death for Putting out the Eye of mr Russell with Mercury Powder is Repreived as also the souldier for Running away from his Colours

Tis said the E: of Tirconnell mr Hackett &c have made Proposals to his Maty to farme his Revenue of Ireland & offer more then hath hitherto been made of it

+Yesterday the Prince & Ps of denmarke Came to towne the former haveing been Indisposed some few dayes at Windsor

The ds of Portesmouth is said to be Comeing for England

The E of Danby being pretty well Recovered of his Indisposition is now in good earnest Prepareing to travell beyond sea

Sr Nath Johnson is Prepareing with all speed to depart to his Govermt of the Leeward Islands In which his Maty hath [been?] very bountifull not only as to An Annuall Allowance but also at his prsent Equippage which will be very greate & more Considerable then any of his Predecessors

There will be probably An Accomodation between Hambrough & denmarke being neither England nor ffrance Interest themselves for that King
+The ffrench K hath lost his Ague & is in very good health & upon the Advanceing of the Alliance between the ministers of the severall Princes now Assembled at Ausburgh he hath ordered A greate body of troops to march towards Alsatia

+The Spanish Galleons are not Arrived at Cadiz as was said in the Gazett
L. c. 1709 London 18th Sept 1686

+Yesterday Arrived 2 fflanders & 2 Holland Males which bring [?] was at Buda to the 6th vizt

That on the 2d Buda was taken by Assault That the Christians were twice beaten off & the 3d time Carried it That the Governr &c were killed in the Breach but the vice governr & 1000 Turks had quarter in A Redoubt but all the Rest being 1800 souldiers & 4000 Burgers were killed & none but women & Children saved

That the Turks set fire to the Magazeen of Powder & to the Citty in divers places which burnt 3 dayes

That the Plunder of the Towne was given to the souldiers the vallue whereof was Inestimable

That there was in it Amunition & Provision for A Months seige longer 400 Brass Cannon & 60 Mortars

The vizier after it was taken Retired towards the Bridg of Essecke Leaveing 9 peeces of Cannon in his Campe But the d of Lorraine sent 12000 horse under Caprara to Harrasse them in their Retreate who Attacqued them in their Rear & in one skirmish killed 800 & tooke 4 peeces of Cannon

The d of Lorraine hath also sent to sumon the Militia of Croatia to follow Caprara

On the 4th the d of Lorraine Caused the Prisoners to ffling the dead Turks into the Danube & to bury the Christians

On the 5th the d of Lorraine ordered 6000 ffoot to garrison the place & Embarqued the Rest of his ffoot with 36 Cannon & 20 Mortars to goe downe the danube to the Bridg of Esseck & ordered the horse to March by land where if the vizier Remaines he will fight him or else destroy the said bridg & after will Its said beseige Sigeth Thais & Halwan & blocke up Agria soe Close this winter as to force them to surrender in the spring

The danes have lost 5000 men before Hambrough but A truce is now Concluded for 8 dayes & the danes are Retired

Letters from scotland say 22 persons were brought Prisoners to Edenbrough being taken at A ffeild Conventicle

+Yest the Resolution the Barnadiston & the defence Arrived from E India Richly laden

[A few figures in another hand and this note appear on outside of letter:] Barne Close [?] Paul Hinnan Last yeare Wm Coventry this yeare

L. c. 1710 London 21st Sept 1686

+Yesterday the sentence Agt the Bp of London was fixt up upon the Chapter house of St Pauls

The Ecclesll Comrs sit Againe at Whitehall on the 28th & have let the deane & Chapter of Windsor know they will vissitt them on the 4th Octobr

The Ld dover is made Ld Lieut of Cambridgshire in Roome of the E of Ailesbury

The Ld Gerrard is made Governor of New Yorke in Roome of Coll Duncan

His Maty hath written to the Mayor & Aldermen of Glocester to Recomend one mr Hill for Mayor next year

Our Vienna letters of the 12th say that Notwithstanding all the d
of Lorraines dilligence to stop the vizier for Passing the Bridg of
Essecke he had soe far got the start of him as to get over with his
Army without any Considerable loss

Our Holland letters of the 24th say the buisness of Hambrough is
absolutely Accomodated which Prevents the states sending some men of
warr to the Elbe as they Resolved

They write from Ireland the Ld Lieut was gone to Kilkenny in whose
progress Tis said the sword & Mace will be Carryed before him in all
townes & A fine will be demanded due to his Maties sword & Mace as
Acknowledgmt of Homage to the King which Custome has been layd Aside for
many yeares

P: George is Perfectly Recovered of his Indisposition & Gone to
Windsor

The ffrrench Gazetts say the Protestants in ffrance are now more
then ever Persecuted & perticularly the New Converts for not Comeing up
to what is more fully Comanded them then the Profest Papists Especially
as to the takeing the sacramts, A Certain woman threw A stone at A
Preist Elevating the Host for which shee was Condemned to have her hand
Cutt off Then hanged & after burnt which was Executed on her

+They write from Venice that the d of Savoy Caused 500 of villa ffranca
(who were Condemned to the Gallies for not Abjureing) to be put on
board 6 ffrrench Gallies & that the Change of Aire & hard usage had
killed many of them

+All things are Prepareing for the Parliamts sitting on the 22d Novembr
L. c. 1711 London 23d Sept 1686

+His Maty has Appointed the Ld Archbp of Cant to officiate in the
diocesse of London dureing the suspension of the prsent Ld Bishop

The Repaires & other Preparations for the ffleet are pursued with
all Imaginable Application & soe that if his Maties affaires Require The
whole Navy of England may put to sea next spring

+His Maty is in Good health at Windsor & now the Hunting season is over
diverts himselfe much with shooting tis now said the Court will Come
to Whitehall on the 1st octobr

L. c. 1712 London 25th Sept 1686

+The Report Abt towne of his Matyes being ill one or more times proves
wholly false & his Maty is Highly displeasd thereat

dr Hollingsworth of St Botolphs Aldgate mr Weston of the Minorities
& mr Elliott of dukes place are sumoned to Appear before the Ecclesll
Comrs on the 28th Instant to shew by what Authority they Pretend to be
Exempted from the jurisdiction of the ordinary &c

The Bp of London is Retired to the E of Northhamptons in the Country
His Maty hath nominated dr Lloyd Principle of Jesus Colledg in
Oxford to be Bp of St Davids in Roome of dr Womacke deceased

The Ld Treasurer hath An Ague

Some dutch men of warr Cruiseing in o[u]r Channell Chased An
Algerine till shee Ran Aground on the long sand but night Comeing on
they left her, next morning some Colliers got her off & soe into Harwich
where shee Remaines & Proves A ship of 200 men & 40 Guns haveing of
English & other Christian slaves Abt 50 on board who gained their
ffreedome

Our letters from Vienna of the 15th say That in one of the
Magazeens of Buda there was found 30000 ducketts 30000 Chequins & A
greate persell of uncoyned Gold. They are now disposeing of the
Churches to the ffryars of the severall orders Erecting A university &c

The Grand vizier hath left A Considerable Garrison in Alba Regalis
as also some thousands at the Bridg of Essecke & is Retired to Belgrade
with the Rest of his Army which is in A very ill Condition

The Turks have burnt all the small places on both sides the danube
between Buda & Essecke

The d of Lorraine is throwing A Bridg of Boates over the River 9
Leagues below Buda for Passing his Army to beseige Segedin by which he
will Cut off all Communication between Agria & Hatwan Tremeswar &c

They write from Hambrough that the daneish troops have quitted
their Territories but the d: of Brandenburg hath seized the effects of
denmarke by Reason that King has seized the Hamburgers effects also
deteynes their ships & ladeings On that day 3 Brandenburg ships Arrived
there with Bombes Granadoes Bullets &c

The Spanish Galleons are Arrived on the Coast of Spaine

L. c. 1713 London 28th Sept 1686

+This day the Ecclesll Comrs sate before whome dr Elliott Appeared for
Marrying without Licence & was ordered to forbear dureing his Maties
pleasure which he promised he would

A few dayes since Came out A little booke Entituled Episcopalia or
letters of the Ld Bp of London to the Clergie of his diocesse written at
severall times & now Collected together but being printed without
licence were last Satureday seized by the stationers Company

+Masse is now Publickly said at University Colledg in Oxford but to A
very thin Auditory dr Massey A Romanist is made deane of Christchurch

Last Sunday night the queens Chappell at St James was Robbed of the
Plate & other things used there

This day mr Rawlinson & mr ffowles were sworne sherives

His Maty hath declared Sr Jo: Peake to be o[u]r Ld Mayor

Charles Molley Esqr of the Inner Temple is made Recorder of London &
tis said will be knighted after his Maty Comes to towne which is next
ffriday

The Countesse of Ossory is delivered of A son who was yesterday
Baptized at St James their Parish Church The d of Ormond & D of Beaufort

being Godfathers

Last weeke died that Wonderfull Creature the Rhynoceros The severall Proprietors haveing Ensured 1200 L on her life The Ensurers are caught in for so much money

They write from Vienna of the 22d say [sic] the d: of Lorraine hath sent thither for Greate Cannons & Bombes to beseige Segedin also that the Turks burnt Hatwan & Retired to Agria +The ffrench King takeing the League made by the German Princes in which the house of Austria is Included to be A Breach of the Treaty of Nimeguen hath shewed his Resentment by ordering his Armes to be set up neer Namurr upon which the Governr of the Spanish netherlands hath sent to Acquaint the K of Spaine The Emperor & the states Genll looking on it A Breach of the Truce & they write from Brussells their feares & jealousies Increase since the ffrench have Assembled A body of 25000 men neer Tournay

L. c. 1714 London 30th Sept 1686

This weeke was Published A book entitled seeke & you shall find or A search into the Grounds of Religion &c Printed by Hen: Hills & In it An Advertisemt of 25 more Printed by him Vizt The life of St Ignatius A Short Christian Doctrine Composed by Cardinall Bellarmine, Historicall Collections out of severall Protestant writers of the Change of Religion & the strong Confusions following thence in the Reignes of Hen 8 Edw 6 & Mary & Q Eliz

+There is A Discourse his Maty will grant A new Comission for Ecclesll Affaires in which the Archbp of Cant is to be left out and others added

As also that in consideration of the many distressed & miserable persons in prison in England for debt, His Maty will grant A comission to inspect the Cases & Conditions of Prisoners & give them the utmost Releife the Royall Prerogative Can

The Person who Robbed her Maties Chappell is taken with the Plate & is in Newgate

+Oates hath been Examined touching some papers he hath been writeing, severall of them have been seized & Carryed to Sr Roger Le Estrange to be Examined

Yesterday the Companies mett at Guildhall as formerly & his Maties Comission was Read Constuteing Sr Jo: Peake Ld Mayor for the yeare ensuing

The Algerine is still at Harwich & the Captives on board for whome as yet is no Releife

This morning Sr Phill Lloyd one of the Clerks of the Councell died +The Imperiall Chamber at Vienna are now Employed in Methodizeing the Govermt of the New Conquest & setting out houses & ground to those [who?] prsent themselves to Inhabitt in Buda who are very Numerous & offer to build the Ruined houses

There is A discourse that A Proclamation will suddenly Come forth to give notice that his Maty Intends An Adjournmt of the Parliamt till the 10th ffebr some say the 10th March

L. c. 1715 London 2d Octobr 1686

+Last night their Maties & the whole Court Returned to Whitehall & were welcomed with bells Ringing & with Bonefires both in westminster & London

This morning the Ld Mayor Aldermen Recorder &c waited on his Maty & mr Recorder made A very Loyall Eloquent speech Congratulating his safe Returne

His Maty Recd them kindly & Answered the Recorders Speech with much Affection to the Citty Concludeing That soe long as they Remained firme to their duty & Carefull & Loyall in their severall stations he would

doe all on his Part that Could be Exspected for their Generall good & Tranquillity & mantaine the Church of England

Tis said mr Blaithwaite secretary of Warr & Clerke of the Plantations will succeed Sr Phill Lloyd

The queens Chappell was not broke open only Robbed at supper time by A ffrenchman who was Recomend to An office by one of the Monks most that was stolne was taken with him

Tis said the Publisher of the Bp of Londons letter will be Prosecuted

+Our letters from Venice Assure us their Army have taken Napoli de Romani the Metropolis of Morea

Our letters from Vienna of the 26th Advise The Grand vizier had ordered all the Places between the danube & the drave to be burnt Except Alba Regalis Camisa & Zigeth but hath left 10000 men in Alba Regalis & given A horse to every janizary that they may be the more able to Harrasse the Garrison of Buda & Interupt their workeing on the ffortifications

That Teckly finding the Croats did not joyne with him was Come to the Grand vizier with only 150 men

That the Turks kill all the Christian Inhabitants they Can meet with & take the Children with them which Caused greate numbers to fly to the Imperiall Army for Refuge

+That the Garrison of Montgatz made An Incursion & killed many of the Imperiallists

+That after the Reduction of Segedin Genll Caraffa will march with 16000 men into Transilvania to take Winter quarters & Advise the Prince & states of that Country to Conclude A Treaty with the Emper[o]r & that the d of Lorraine was Putting one part of his Army into winter quarters

L. c. 1716 London 5th Octobr 1686

+Tis said that only the Ld Chancellr goes to Windsor to vissitt that deane & Chapter

dr Winn succeeds Sr Phill: Lloyd in the place of warden of the Mint

Sr Robt Robinson being made Governr of Bermudas is Prepareing for his departure

The Spanish Ambr here hath prsented A memoriall to his Maty Representing the Proceedings of the ffrench in fflanders as A Breach of the Truce

Our Spanish letters Advise that the Galleons are safely Arrived at Cadiz in 68 dayes from Havanna being 19 sayle & are worth 36 millions in Gold silver &c

The Captain & the Lieut of the Algerine now at Harwich are Come up hither to desire A Pilott to Conduct them out of that Harbour &

Complaine that the Inhabitants Refuse to furnish them with Provisions

fflower dutch men of warr lye before Harwich to watch the motions of the said Algerine

Last weeke the halfe moone A man of warr formerly taken from the Turks was burnt at Chattam by negligence of the Cooke

Our letters from Vienna of the 29th say The Grand vizier is Encamped before the River Sacovitz & the d of Lorraine hath layd A bridg over the said River to Attacke them

That they found under the Castle of Buda 2 Capitall mines & in each 150 barrells of Powder which they designed to fire when the Christians tooke it but had not opportunity

They write from Constantinople they are in the greatest Consternation Imaginable aswell by Reason of their ill successes as also the Revolting of severall within their owne Empire There are 10000 men up in Armes in Asia Minor 15000 Abt Aleppo & 15000 in Arabia who doe not

only Refuse to pay the grand seignr any tribute but plunder & destroy
all the Country

+Greate preparations by fireworks &c are makeing for Celebration of his
Maties birthday on the 14th Instant when all the horse guards are to
Appeare in new Cloaths which are very rich The Habitts of the E of
dovers new troop of Guards will Cost 30 L each man & their Horses &c
suitable

L. c. 1717 London 7th octobr 1686

+The Printer & bookbinder who Printed the Bp of Londons letters were
this weeke Examined by Sr Roger Le Estrange & Continued in Custody

This Weeke A person was seized at An Innekeepers house at Hampstead
together with the said Innekeeper by one of the Kings messengers &
Comitted to the Gatehouse

This afternoon the Comrs for distributing the money Collected for
ffrench Protestants mett to Consider of fit persons to give the same it
being said there is 60000 L in banke

Greate preparations are makeing for A mighty show on the Ld Mayors
day

They write from Harwich there is greate Resort to see the Turks &
the 2 dutch men of warr that lye within A League of each other & that
the Turks & dutch Carry themselves very Civill to each others at shoar

The ffrench K hath Established A Court for Reformation of the
Clergie

They write from Hambrough that Jostram & Sintner 2 of the Councell
of 30 that designed to betray that Citty to the K of Denmarke had
sentence vizt

ffirst to have 2 of their fingers Cut off & then to be beheaded & their
Heads to be fixt on Poles but the body of the latter to be buried

They write from Turkey the Plague Rages Extreemly at Aleppo
Constantinople & Adrianople in which last place died neer 1000 men in A
day

The Venetians by the takeing of Napoli Romani will become masters
of that fertile Island of Morea Called the granary of Constantinople

They write from Hungary the d of Lorraine will not Attacke the
bridg of Essecke till next Campaigne That then the Emper[o]r will not
make use of Any Auxillaries his owne forces being sufficient which will
not only save him A Prodigious summe of money but also enable the
severall Electrs & Circles to have A more formidable Army on the
Rhine in Case the ffrench K make any Attempt on that side Wee hear the
Grand seignr hath sent to the Emper[o]r for A treaty of peace Just now
is Come A Holland Post which Advises the Poles have beaten the Turks

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

No gds Comps [?] are sinking [?] at Moores pk [?]

got 18 Lds at Wratfords pt 4 Days

finisht least [last?] hand at Boones pt [?] next week

telling the ds about psons [?] Labourers

Randall 3 Ld on Bank

Boones 23 Lode on Bank

told [?] from Boones 11 & 2 skips [?] stra this week [?]

Rend Last week on Bank 14 Ld [?]

Adkins 8 ld on Bank

Redors 4 on Bank

wants Batins to thach Hurdles

[Another almost illegible line at bottom of same verso, then in yet
another hand:]

The time being almost expired [and a few more scribbled words]

L. c. 1718 London 9th octobr 1686

+Last night was A greate Councill all the Lds being sumoned where A Proclamation was Read & signed for the further Prorogation of o[u]r Parliamt till the 15th ffebr next Also the E of Tirconnell was sworne one of the Privy Councill here & tooke his place at the board

The person o[u]r last mentioned to be seized at Hampstead is one that upon Pretence of being the d of Monmoth got Divers small summes of money from some Ignorant people & was found there hidden in A Chest & with the people of the house Comitted to Newgate

Our Scotch letters say the Election of Majestrates for Edenbrough & all the Boroughs of that Kingdome is suspended till his Maties pleasure be further knowne

Wee have A discourse that orders are gone for dissolveing the Parliamt of Scotland & that A Parliamt will be Called in Ireland to sit next spring if not sooner

The Bps of Durham Rochester & Peterbrough are to Execute the Episcopall jurisdiction of the Bp of London who is still in Northamptonshire

+The Archbp of Cant: hath waited on his Maty since his Returne from Windsor & desires to be Excused by Reason of his greate Age & want of health from Attending on the Ecclesll Comission

The Ministers have Attended on Sr Tho: Pinfold with their Register books Sr Jo: Holt Recorder of London hath kissed his Maties hand & had thanks for his Loyall speech to the Cittizens last michaelmas day

Our E India ship the Syam laden with Pepper &c from Syam is Arrived in the downes

The Ld Dartmouth is Returned & this morning made A Report to his Maty of the state & Condition of all his fforts &c on the south & west Coasts of England

Our Holland letters say the K of Poland hath defeated A greate Army of Tartars & killed 10000 with the loss of 1000 Poles & that the King had his horse twice shott under him

The dukes of Lorraine & Bavaria &c have put their Armies into Winter quarters & are Returned to Vienna the season haveing put An end to all further Action this year

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

L. c. 1719 London 12th octobr 1686

+They write from Scotland that the Privy Councill there have suspended the Penall Lawes Agt Roman Catholicks

They write from Harwich that their Mayor & one mr Bontall A merchant had Directions under his Maties hand & seale to goe on the Turks man of warr there & bring thence the English slaves his Maty haveing not only paid their Ransoms but also given the Turks Large supplies of Provisions Gratis These letters Add they Exspect An English man of warr to secure them from the danger of 2 dutch men of warr that lye in waite for them & that which Confirnes it is That the Oxford & Saphire 2 of the Kings ships sayled from the Downes on the 10th Instant for Harwich

Last weeke An English ship Arrived at Harwich from the streights The master sayes 2 Algerine men of warr Came up with them & told them they were bound for the English Channell

The Ld Dover is made the Ld Lieut of Cambridgshire

This day is Published An Historicall Account of the seige of Buda written in ffrench by Comand of the D of Lorraine & Translated here & Licenced being An Exact diary of the seige & very Carefully Collected by A Gent in the Imperiall Army

Among other Proposals made by the Confederates to the K of denmarke are

+That the said King shall Renounce the Alliance he hath made with
ffrance, Also Reinstat the D of Holstein which being done they will
secure him from any Invasion the K of Sweden shall make on him
+Yesterday all the horse guards mustered before the King in Hyde Parke &
are to doe the same on Thursday & at night will be A greate Ball
+Tis said the Princesse of Denmarke is with Child

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

L. c. 1720 London 14th octobr 1686

+Yesterday began o[u]r sessions at the old Bayly where the Person that
Pretended himselfe to be the d of Monmoth Confest himselfe to be An
Imposter & proves to be A poor obscure fellow

Abt 80 Appeales were brought Agt Informations for Conventicles &
soe many Indictmts for Perjury were to be Preferred agt Hilton & his
gang The most considerable was brought by Sr Jo: Hartopp who had his
goods seized for 1000 L forfeiture his appeale was allowed & he ordered
to have his goods Againe

This being the kings birth day the Bells Rung & all the nobility &c
abt Court Congratulated his Maty upon his 53d year & afterwards their
Matys with the Prince & Ps went to Hyde Parke where all the guards were
drawne up in very rich new Cloaths & both officers & souldiers more
glorious then ever was seen before His Maty viewed them Abt 2 houres
& at Abt 12 returned to Whitehall

All the shops in the Citty were kept shutt The guns fired 3 times
Round & at night was A Greate Ball at Court

His Maty hath not only Promised some Noblemen the utmost Releife
that by his Prerogative he Can give poor Prisoners for debt but tis
said hath ordered 20000 L for Releife of such & the Comission by which
the Comrs for discharge of them are to Act is now drawing up by 2
Councillrs of the Inner Temple

Our letters from Vienna of the 6th say that the Generalls were
returned to Vienna but Prince Lewis of Baden was Abt to Passe the
Danube with his troops to Joyne with Genll Caprara to beseige Segedin
which they hope to be masters of in 8 dayes

+Our letters from Harwich say 2 of his Matys men of warr were Arrived
there upon which the dutch men of warr which lay there made off to sea
Tis said ffresh complaints were brought to the K of the dutch in E

whatsoever

mr Newcomb the Printer is dead of the wounds given him by mr Blackall

They write from Poland An Expreſſe was Arrived there with newes of A greate victory over the Turks & Tartars though not without the losse of much blood

That they had only these perticulars

That 40000 Turks & 60000 Tartars Attacqued their Campe with greate fury & Reasonable ſucceſſe But the Ld Pecewiſky being detached with many thousand Poles Came to the Kings Aſſiſtance & put the Enemy to flight takinge moſt of their baggage & Artillery & that their King is Advanced within 60 Leagues of Conſtantinople & 40 leagues of Adrianople
+Letters from Conſtantinople of the 18th Auguſt not only mention the Plague & the Rebellions in Asia Minor Aleppo & Arabia but alſo that the Rebels Rob all their Caravans Alſo that there is A Rebellion at Grand Cairo in Egipt

L. c. 1722 London 19th octobr 1686

+Our laſt Scotch letters brought his Maties Proclamation Published there for diſſolveing that Parliamt alſo another in favour to mr James Watson Printer to his Maties houſehold allowing him the ſole benefit of Printing & ſelling all Almanacks within that Kingdome

This day the Eccleſll Comrs ſate all being preſent but the Archbp of Cant where Sr Jo: Buclare [?] & his Councell Appeared & An Information for ſimony was Read that he Recd 500 L for preſenting A miniſter who alſo Appeared Sr Jo & Councell made A very notable defence & another day was Appointed

Alſo ſome miniſters Appeared for ſcandalous Liveing Irregular Marriages & Extortion on their Pariſhioners & Another day Appointed

Tis ſaid the Preſident of Magdalen Colledg & the warden of New Colledg in Oxford are ſumoned before the Eccleſll Comrs & that the E of Mulgrave will be in the Eccleſll Comiſſion in Rooome of the Archbp of Cant

The Ld Lucas is ſaid to have altered his Religion ſome months ſince

The ds of Portesmouth will be this weeke in her old lodgings in Whitehall & ſtay there till ſpring

Laſt weeke Hilton the Informer who kept Private ſome time was with ſome dificulty taken in the Savoy & brought to Hicks Hall Convicted of ſubbornation & fined 300 marks

At o[u]r ſeſſions laſt weeke A headbrough & his man were Condemned for killing mr Howard Yeſterday 18 Maydens dreſt in white preſented A petition to the King for the headbroughs mans life his Maty ſmiled & Granted it

Its Impoſſible to Expreſſe the Conſternation at Conſtantinople The Grand ſeignr went on ffoot A Pilgrimage of 7 miles to the ſhrine of Mahomett to begg him to divert the Anger of heaven There haveing died in that Citty every day for 2 months 2 or 3000 of the Plague & every day brings newes of Rebellions on one hand & the ſucceſſe of the Chriſtians on the other The Newes of the takeing of Buda nor of Napoli Romani was not then Arrived but the march of the K of Poland was which much ſtartled them

To morrow Tho: Savage the ſham D of Monmoth is to be whipt from Newgate to Hampſtead where he was ſeized

L. c. 1723 London 21ſt octobr 1686

+Yeſterday Tho: Savage the ſham D of Monmoth was ſeverely whipt from Holborne barrs to Tyburne

Another ſham d of Monmoth is ſeized in Wiltſhire & Comitted to Salisbury Goale

The Ecclesll Comrs ordered the ministers who marryed without licence to bring in lists of all such marriages to Sr Tho: Pinfold & to make noe more such Marriages

Also viewed the settlemts of the Colledg of Dulwich & finding noe abuse in the Charity & that the lands were set at the full vallue & Rightly Applied discharged the masters & wardens thereof

but Released 1000 Christian slaves & brought away A greate booty

L. c. 1725 London 26th octobr 1686

+The Ld Ch: J: Herbert Continuing much Indisposed with A Tertian Ague & other Complicated distempers little hath been done at the Kings bench but Private matters & some tryalls are Put off vizt

A tryall of mr Perry for the Earledom of Northumberland is Put off for 8 dayes

A heareing between the Ld Hamsden & mr Lenthall wherein the office of Marshall was to have been Concerned &c

+Yesterday Councill Againe moved In behalfe of mr Johnson that he might Come up before judgment be Agt him on the verdict Abt the 2 seditious Libells for that he hath divers Exceptions to offer Agt it which at Lengh the Court granted but Enjoyed him not to make use of it till the Court is full

Upon Complaint Agt Titus Oates & Another Prisoner in the Kings bench they are Confined to their Chambers tis said for words in discourse Concerning Julyan & Joviam with A 3d person

+Last wednesday the 5 English slaves Redeemed by his Maty from on board the Algerien Came to Returne his Maty thanks

On the 23d Instant the said Algerien Came into the downes with 2 of his Maties men of warr & after 2 houres stay Ran over to the Coast of ffrance to secure her selfe from the dutch men of warr

Last Thursday the Ld fferrors delivered up his Comission to his Maty Adding it did not Consist with his health & he Resolved to Retire his Lordship also desired to be dismist from being master of the horse to the queen dowager which was granted & Its sayd he is going to live altogather in the Country & that Sr Jo: Arrundell will succeed in his place of Master of the horse

+They write from Vienna The seige of Segedin proveing more dificult then was Exspected the D of Lorraine ordered it to be Raised but they hope Genll Scherfouberg will Carry the Towne of 5 Churches

+Teckley is got safe with Abt 50 horse into Montgatz

L. c. 1726 London 28th Octobr 1686

+This day Sr Jo: Peake was sworne o[u]r Ld Mayor

Yesterday Tho: Savage the sham D of Monmoth stood in the Pillory at Charing Cross & was severely Pelted with Rotten Eggs &c

His Maty hath Appointed A Parliamt of Tinnners to meet in Cornwall which Parliamt never meet but once in A Kings Raigne They are Chosen by 4 of the Ancient stannary townes each 6 persons of the best quality who make Lawes between the owners & Labouring Tinnners also alter & Regulate what they thinke best & what they doe is binding & are Called stannary lawes from which there is noe Appeale

They write from the Hague the states Genll sent to their E India Company to Clear themselves of the wrongs & Injuries which the English Alledg they have suffered by them in E India & they gave in A long Memoriall wherein they justify what they have done & A Report thereof will be suddenly made to the states Genll The P of Orange prsent

These letters Confirme Teckley is got into Montgatz & that the K of Poland & D of Brandenburgh endeavr to make his peace with the Emper[or]

They write from Constantinople the Grand seignr hath Comanded Publick Prayers to be made throughout his dominions for 40 dayes barefooted & without Turbants or any other Cloaths but sackcloth dureing which both Christians & Jewes are forbid to goe out of their houses on Paine of death Those of the most strict orders are Comanded to whip themselves Tear their hair &c Mahometts Tombe is to be Carryed Abt in Procession dureing which A Christian & A Jew are to be sacrificed every

halfe houre to Mahomett

+Yest the E of Bridgwater died

L. c. 1727 London 30th octobr 1686

+Yesterday o[u]r new Ld Mayor tooke the usuall oaths before the Barons of the Exchequer & then Returned into the Citty where the Ld Chancellr &c dined with him

There was one Pageant in which sate A virgin queen Richly Attired which being brought from the West end of St Pauls to [about three words torn away] The Axle tree [About twenty words torn away] & was splendidly entertained by the Ld Mayors dinner

This day was Published A Proclamation for Prohibitting the Transporting of frames for knitting & makeing of silke stockens &c

They write from Poland of the 12th Instant That A 2d Courier Arrived there with Positive newes of the defeate given by the K of Poland to the Turks [a two-line tear at bottom of first verso] ...them severall Relations of the Cham of Tartary, Prince Jacobus the Kings son tooke one of the Cheife Comanders with his owne hands & prsented him to the King

There was lost on the Kings side the Waywood of Podosh & 4 Cheife officers more since which the King has Posted himselfe between the Rivers Pruth & Neister

Those of Moldavia have [tear removes about eight letters] to the King [two-line tear at bottom of second recto]

+They write from Edenbrough that on the 22d in the mo[about ten letters torn off] nonconformist minister made his escape out of the [torn as above] womans Apparrell & not since heard of

+They write from Hamburgh there is a finall determination of [torn as above] between the K of denmarke & that citty & all the forces [torn as above] Lunenburgh &c have quitted the place & A ffree [torn as above] is granted them by the K of denmarke

L. c. 1728 London 2d Nov: 1686

+mr Oates & Capt Slaughter are still confined to their chambers & tis said An Indictmt is drawne Agt Oates

Last Sunday Dr Tenison minister of St Martins Caused to be Read in his Church the Act for the 5th Novembr

Last Satureday arrived here the Ld Mountjoy mr Bellasis & others from the Imperiall Campe & have kissed his Maties hand & related to him the severall perticulars of the seige of Buda

The Warden of the ffleet & prisoners there haveing made Application Ld Chancellor & judges That the prsent Rules of that prison were very streight &c

Last Satureday they granted & subscribed that the rules should extend from the Prison gate up Ludgate hill Downe old Bayly to searvale Lane To the Ditchside & to the prison gate againe

& yest mr Warden tooke out many gente therein & walked the New Rules

Our letters from Vienna say A greate Army of Turks & Tartars that were marching to releive Segedin were totally Routed & all their Cannon & baggage taken & thereupon the governr offered to Capitulate

Also that the Prince of Baden had burnt the towne of Quinque Ecclesia & doubted not but to be masters of the Castle in A few dayes after which the Campaigne will be ended But greate preparations are makeing at Vienna for the next There being 6000 bombes & 6000 Carrasses to be made & the Emper[o]r resolved to open the Campaigne very early

Tis said the P of Orange hath lent the states Genll 500000 L sterling for 3 yeares gratis & if he dye without Ishue the governmt shall have it as A Legasie Also that the states have Returned him

Extrary thanks & will also constantly mantaine the Ps of Orange A troope of Horse guards & have settled on her A very Considerable Annuall Revenue

+His Maty hath made the E of Bridgwater Ld Lieut of Buckinghamshire & the E of Rochester Ld Lieut of Hartfordshire both vacant by the death of the E of Bridgwater

L. c. 1729 London 4 Nov 1686

+Yesterday the Ld Chancellr & many of the greate ministers of state togather with the judges mett in the Exchequer Chamber to compleate A list of 3 Gent in every County for his Maty to Pick A sheriffe for the year ensuing, ffor Warwickshire

Sr Jo: Bridgman Barr

Sr Wm Bowden Barr

Tho: Clarke Esqr

+This day Came on the tryall between the d of somerset & mr Perry for the mannr of Petworth but not makeing out his descent to be from the Right line of Northumberland he was nonsuited

This day was A heareing in Chancery between the Ld Hamsden & mr Lenthall for the office of Marshall of the Kings bench The Ld Chancellr ordered A farther heareing of it & mr Lenthall to put in his plea Positively within A fortnight

A Dutch ship Arrived in the Isle of Wight says he was chased 6 houres by A Turks man of warr who had taken A dutch merchantman & was in Chase of Another but Espying 2 greate ships which he supposed to be dutch men of warr sayled away with his Prize & Its supposed was the same as lay so long at Harwich being An Extrary swift saylr & wee have a report shee is since taken by the dutch

Yesterday morning Abt 3 A Clock one Capt Merlin & 2 others of the horse guards being on the Patrole & Passing out of Leicester feilds Into St Martins Lane A Blunderbusse went off out of A house & with 7 bulletts killed the Captains horse & wounded him soe that Its thought he will not live The other 2 got Imediately into the house & found Coll Culpepper Br to the Ld Culpepper Comeing up the cellar stayres they seized him & searched the Cellar & found the Blunderbuss warme & the Pan smoakeing & he is Comitted to the Gatehouse Tis said he knew not the Captain or what he did it being done in his sleepe & that the Noyse of the peece awaked him

+Tis said the King is Raiseing on some branches of his Revenue 400000 L

L. c. 1730 London 6th Nov: 1686

+Yesterday the bells Rung & sermons were in o[u]r Churches as formerly The Bp of Ely Preached A sermon suiteing the occasion before the Ps of denmarke at Whitehall The judges were at the Abby Church & the Ld Mayor Aldermen &c at Bow in their formalities

The Ld Mayor forbid bonefires fireworks &c but the boyes Lighted up A vast Number of Candles on Caske heads some were Carryed Abt streets on Cross sticks 3 Rowes one above another &c

+This day the 3 Grandjuries for this Terme were sworne & Judge Holloway gave the usuall Charge

Last Thursday the Ecclesll Comrs heard A Complaint Abt A simony & one between A minister & his Patron & tis said ordered the Bp of Lincolne to be Cited before them, upon the Complaint of that Archdeacon for not Resideing in his diocesse nor performing his trienniall visitation

The Capt Wounded by mr Culpepper is not like to live mr Culpepper Avers he was in A dreame & his Landlord sayes he frequently used to Rise & walke Abt Chamber in his sleepe

This weeke vice Admirall Herbert Comeing to the Playhouse Conceived

that he was affronted by the E of devonshires Coachman whome he desperately wounded My Lord told him it was not his buisness to Correct his Coachman but to have Acquainted him & he should have A suitable Punishmt The vice Admirall said he had not done soe much to him as he ought My Lord said he would Examine that in another place & soe Parted His Maty Confined them to their Chambers & hath since Engaged them to be freinds

+Our fforreign letters say the defeate of the Turks & Tartars neer Segedin was more Considerable then was mentioned That the Germans have not only taken Segedin but also 5 Churches & made the garrison of 2000 men Prisoners of warr & the Prince of Baden is marched thence for the Bridg of Essecke with designe to take it or burne it Also that the Emper[olr] hath Proclaimed Liberty of Conscience in all Hungary & for 6 yeares freedom from Taxes

+His Maties Navy will be suddenly in A better Condition then hath been many yeares

L. c. 1731 London 9th Nov: 1686

+Yesterday his Maty went downe the River to see A yatcht Launched built by the d of Albemarle to take with him to Jamaica which his Maty named the Albemarle His Grace fell from the scaffold & is sorely bruised, His Maty fell also but had noe harme at all

His Maty hath Appointed A Committee of the Lds of the Councell vizt the Lds Chancellr Treasurer President Chamberlain Ld Huntington Ld Powis Ld Arundell Ld Godolphin & Sr Jo: Earnly to Inspect the Comissions of Peace throughout England & make such alterations as they thinke meet & yesterday they mett in the Councell Chamber

They write from Languedoc in ffrance that the Intendant of Basville was gone with 6 Executioners to Nismes to make Processe & doe Execution upon above 200 Protestants whome the Kings troops had seized meeting in divers places & that among those that had already suffered were some Gentn of quality who were beheaded also A minister & 10 or 12 women were hanged

Sr Jo: Burlace hath been Againe heard before the Ecclesll Comrs & the simony not being proved he was discharged

There is A Talke the Bp of London will be Restored in all Points

Yesterday was A heareing at drs Comons between the E of Stamford & his Lady who was proved Incontinent & next Tuesday they are to have another heareing

This day Browne the Informer & the wife of Hilton were brought to the Kings bench barr & pleaded not Guilty to An Information for Perjury Exhibitted Agt them in the Crowne office

His Maty hath ordered the Marquess de Abbeville his envoy in Holland to demand satisfaction of the states for the Injuries done to o[ulr] E India Company at Sumatra &c

L. c. 1732 London 11th Nov: 1686

+The dutch are fitting out 100 men of warr with all Hast which occasions much discourse here

Capt Minchin who was shott by mr Culpepper is dead

Last ffriday many sharpe sermons were preached on the occasion of the day perticularly one at Lincolnes Inne Chappell by the deane of Canterbury from 16 John 2d vers

The Bp of Salisbury is dangerously ill

some of the Comanders of the late Raised souldiers have given up their Comissions

The Ld Ch: Justice being not yet well was not in Court this day soe mr Johnson was not brought up nor mr Edes A Prebend of Chichester to Receive judgment

An Attorney belonging to the Kings bench is taken into Custody for Treasonable words

Tis said his Maty will Appoint Comrs to Examine & Inspect all prisons & deliver such as are Confined from their families & Employes for small & Triviall debts & will give A summe of money towards their discharge

+An English ship at Burdeaux tooke 8 or 9 Passengers on board & put them in A small Roome neer the Cooke Roome & were gone downe the River & Cleared off But the Pilott being still on board heard one Crying out being almost stifled whome seizeing he discovered the Rest & they were Carryed as also the master of the ship aboard A man of warr that lay just by & Its thought they will be Condemned to the Gallies

They write from Constantinople that upon the newes of the Takeing of Buda the people shutt up their shopp & Ran about streets with their best moveables in as distracted A Condition as if the Christians were at the Gates or the Citty on fire which is much Agravated by the newes of the Venetians landing in Tenedos by which they fear the Dardanells will be blockt up that they shall want the Corne &c that Comes that way

The Remaines of the Library of Mathias Carvinus K of Hungary found in Buda is brought to Vienna & lookt upon An Inestimable Treasure The greatest part of it in Manuscripts in the orientall Tongues

L. c. 1733 London 13th Nov: 1686

+Yesterday the Ld Mayor Aldermen & Justices of Middsx & Westminster by order Attended the King in Councell & his Maty told them his Pleasure was signified to them That he would have noe bonefires on the 5th Novembr but he was Informed there were very many & other Lights which he tooke very ill from them Requireing them to take more Care for the future & to find out the Promoters of such disorders

+The Ld Ch: Justice & Judge Withinis are Pretty well Recovered & will be in Court on Munday when its supposed the Ld Altham who is Convicted for drinking Confusion to the King will be fined mr Johnson brought up &c

This day the Grandjury found severall bills but there was none Agt Oates

Sr Richd Allibone moved that mr Williams might put in such A Plea as he would stand by to the scandalum Magm brought by the E of Peterbrough, mr Williams Replied he had given them A Plea & they might make their best use of it

The dutch Ambr here hath Acquainted his Maty The states were makeing greate Preparations by sea & land but it was only for their owne guard & doe Relye upon his Maty to Continue Guarrantee of the Treaty of Nimeguen

They write from Amsterdam that the birth day of the P of Orange was solemnized there more then ever & the ffrench Protestants were behind none in their Expressions of joy

They write from Paris the Intendant of Nismes hath Caused some of the Relapsed Converts to be broken on the wheele some Rackt some hanged & some beheaded &c

+They write from Vienna that the P: of Baden tooke by storme the strong ffort of Sicles upon which the Turks deserted the ffort of Darda that Guards the bridg of Essecke & Retired bringing [?] downe part of the bridg behind them

+Last night the King Prickt the High sheriffs

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

L. c. 1734 London 16th Nov: 1686

+The sheriffs are not yet Prickt as was said & the Reason why is said to be That his Maty did not Approve the Returne & that another Returne is ordered

This day the Ld Ch: Justice was at the Kings bench & mr Johnson being brought up spoke much in Arrest of judgment Pulled out many Popish books wishing the Attorney Genll to Prosecute the Authrs of them & behaved himselfe with that boldness that the Court looked on it as Impudent & Rude & Passed judgment on him

That he be degraded from his ministeriall function & Habitt & stand next Munday in the Pillory at the Pallace yard The next Wednesday following at Charing Cross & the munday after at the Royall Exchange That he be whipt from Newgate to Tyburne & pay 500 Marks to the King

George Speake Esqr is ordered to Come up to morrow

dr Edes of Chichester moved for Arrest of judgment which the Court would Consider of & ordered him to Appear 2 or 3 dayes hence

The E of Maxfeild not Appeareing nor surrendring himselfe is outlawed for High Treason

Tis said his Maty will make all his Lieut Colls justices of the Peace that justice may be done Imediately on all souldiers that shall have Complaints Agt them

+Its also said that Comissions are signed for 100 New justices of the Peace of his Maties perticular Choyce

Yesterday being the Queen Dowagers birth day the bells Rung the guns were discharged at the Tower & at night A greate ball at Court

This day mr skelton Parts hence for ffrance as his Maties envoy thither

Its now Reported for Certain that the Parliamt is to meet at the time formerly Appointed for their sitting which is the 22d Instant

Tis said A greate Number of the officers & souldiers who were lately disbanded in Ireland are gone for Holland to offer their service to the P: of Orange

L. c. 1735 London 18th Nov: 1686

+Yesterday being the Anniversary of Q: Eliz: The Ld Mayor Ishued out very strict Precepts forbidding Bonfires &c & the watches were set by daylight to Prevent it

This day mr Lenthall put in his Plea in Chancery Agt the Ld Hunsdens Claime to the office of Marshall

The Attorney Genll hath moved for A Processe to Ishue Agt the E of Macclesfields estate & upon Information of 6000 L the said Earle had upon A Mortgage Processe was ordered Agt the said surety

mr Edw: Whittaker is fined 1000 Marks for words Agt the Govermt as is mentioned in the Gazett

mr Baxter being A Prisoner under A fine to the King for A Certain booke &c the E of Powis hath Interceded for his Pardon & Its said his Maty hath granted it & that he will be this weeke discharged

Edw: Norton Esqr mentioned in his late Maties Proclamation as A Criminall hath obtained Pardon & Its said is Arrived in England

Our fforreign letters say the d of Brandenburgh is taken very ill

That in ffrance is A new Edict forbidding the selling of meate &c to those of Hereticall Principles

That his Most Christian Maty finding himselfe Indisposed of his old distemper tooke A Resolution unknowne to any body to suffer A new Incision which though most Painfull & Grevious yet he underwent it on the 18th Instant with A Courage becomeing soe greate A Prince soe that greate hopes are drawne from thence of his to[t?]all Recovery

Our fflanders Post this night brought letters from Vienna of the 10th that Contradict the takeing of darda or the bridg of Essecke the first being Covered by A Considerable force under 2 Bashaws & that the Imperiall Armies are gone into winter quarters

Last night was A greate Councill at Whitehall Tis said the King

will Pricke the High sheriffs to morrow in Councell

L. c. 1736 London 20th Nov: 1686

+This day mr Johnson was brought to drs Comons where the Bpp of Durham Ely & Rochester Represented the Bp [of] London

They told him he had been An Enemy to the Govermt & to the Church & had been Promooted [?] in that Court for severall Crimes proved Agt him in another place

Then the Record of his Conviction & judgment was Read & it was demanded of him what he had to say why degradation should not Passe, he Alledged the judgment was false & Instanced how

That he Conceived he ought to have A Coppie of his Charge & time to Answer it &c but offered nothing that the Court judged Materiall soe judgment was Read & his gowne & Girdle Imediately Pulled off

Yesterday the Ld Chancellr tooke the Oaths & Test as Custos Rotulorum of Middsx

The Ld Ch: Justice Continues soe ill that he was not in Court

A Rule of Court is made that mr Johnson be whipt from Newgate to Tyburne on the 1st decembr

This day the E of Peterbroughs Councell demurred to mr Williams plea & it will be Argued this Terme

They write from Deale of severall ships being Cast away on the Goodwin Sands Also the Pacquett boate from Harwich to Holland is lost but all the men saved & A ship is Cast away neer Plimouth & all in her lost

Our Scotch letters say the Customs there are set for 30600 L for 5 yeares

They write from Vienna that on the 13th Came fresh Advice that the Turks have quitted the ffort of darda & the P: of Baden burnt 800 Poles [?] of the Bridg of Essecke & that the Turks have Abandoned Caposwar & Kopping neer Gratz & Retired to Camsa

The ffrench Kings Phisitians haveing Cutt his ffistula stickt up his gutts since which he hath been soe well as to sit in Councell but hath ordered himselfe to be perticularly prayed for in all his Churches

Yesterday in Councell it was determind to Call home the E of Clarendon from Ireland

L. c. 1737 London 23d Nov: 1686

+Yesterday the Parliamt mett & were Prorogued by Comission to the 15th ffebr

Yest mr Johnson stood in the Pillory at the Pallace yard soe soon as his head was in the Pillory he lift up his hands & eyes & said Well blessed be god for this dayes worke & Continued talkeing to the People all the while nothing being throwne at him

This day at the Kings bench Came on the tryall of Sr Jo: Knight of Bristoll upon An Information of High misdemeanr for A Ryott but the jury Acquitted him

+The justices of Peace which are now made by the Lds Comrs will be Inserted in A few dayes

Tis said that of the 100 new justices Prickt by his Maty 12 are of Middsx of which are sr Richd Allabone of Grayes Inne mr Brent mr Bymon & mr ffitton of the Temple

Last Sunday was Read in all the Churches of Middsx an order of the Ecclesll Comrs forbidding all marriages unless by Licences or 3 times Publishing

The Apartment which the late E of Arlington had in whitehall is Preparing for mr ffitz James who is Comeing from Hungary

Tis said one of the E India Companies ships Comanded by Capt Wetwang haveing on board A Rich Cargo & souldiers to Garrison the new settlement

The souldiers Rebelled & forced the Mariners to Carry the ship to Brazile where they Embezelled the Cargo & have done such Pranks as were scarce ever heard

Our letters from Vienna Confirme the Turks deserting Darda & that they burnt & Ruined most part of the Bridg of Essecke & that the Rest is soe Intirely Ruined by the P of Baden that Its judged Imposible to Repaire it in A yeares time Also that the Emperor had dispatched in greate dilligence An Envoy to Poland & was sending an Ambr after him because the ffrench King hath sent one to that Court

+The ffrench Post yesterday brought Advice that King was much better since the Incision haveing been able to eate & to take A little Rest but that he had A fit of the Goute which settled in his heele but o[u]r fflanders letters bring severall Reports some that he is dyeing others that he is dead

L. c. 1738 London 25th Nov: 1686

+The Information Agt Sr Jo: Knight was grounded on the Ancient statute forbidding people to goe or Ride Armed &c

The Kings witnesses Proved he Rode with A Gun & his man with another & they both went with them into the Church &c which was layd in the Information to be done In An seditious manner to make A ffray & Create feares & jealousies in the People Agt the Goverment

Sr John Produced very greate Evidence of his Loyalty & The occasion of his going Armed & the jury Acquitted him

+Yesterday mr Johnson stood in the Pillory at Charing Cross but nothing throwne at him

The d of Ormond haveing brought A scandm Magum Agt David ffitzgerald for Reflections in his Narrative The Cause was yesterday tryed & the jury gave 50000 L damages & he is in Prison on the said Action

The Ld Ch: Justices Ague Continues

His Maty is in good health & hath been Hunting twice this weeke

Tis said A Certaine Nobleman hath offended his Maty in Praying leave to make his Addresses to the Q Dowager

+One of his Maties ffriggots hath taken in the harbor at Bermudas one Capt Sharpe A Notorious Pirate & Carried him in Irons to New England whence he is Exspected to be tryed here for his life

They write from Holland the states of Holland have been 10 or 12 dayes without Comeing to any Resolution those of Amsterdam still Crossing whatever is Proposed either for the Augmentation of troops or building of ships The Reports of warr with England Cause the Actions of the E India Company to fall dayly

Wee have noe newes of o[u]r 4 Russia ships that were Exspected A month since which are the more feared by the Reason of the greate stormes to the Northward

Letters from Holland give A Dismall Account of the Inundation In Groningen on the 12th & 13th Instant by which that whole Province lies underwater whole villages swept away & many hundreds of People & thousands of Cattle drowned & those that Escaped on the Topps of houses steepulls &c in greate distress for want of Releife & nothing heard there but lamentation & jangling of bells for helpe

+The High Sheriffes are not yet Prickt

L. c. 1739 London 27th Nov 1686

+Yest at the Kings bench George Speake Esqr was fined 2000 Marks for being Accessary to the Escape of mr Trenchard his son in Law

dr Edes was fined 100 L for Extolling A booke Entituled A treatise of Monarchy

The Ld Altham Br of the E of Anglesea for words when urged to

Drinke the Kings health only 100 Marks it Appeareing he was then very much in drinke & has by his Petition since declared his abhorrency of them

Sr Samll Barnadiston being in Prison for A fine to the King A Bill was Exhibitted Agt him to discover his estate in order to have the fine Levyed but Sr Samll not Answereing he was yesterday for the Contempt brought by Habeas Corpus to the Prison of the f fleet

The Actions of the E India Company are 200 L Afffrican 194 L & Hudsons bay 300 L

This day is Advice that the ship Afffrican 400 Tuns Homewards bound is lost & had A vast quantity of Gold on board belonging to the Afffrican Company

Esqr Cutts who behaved himselve soe well at Buda is Comeing hither but Returnes Againe being not only made A Count of the Empire but also Adjutant Genll of the Imperiall Army

They write from Ireland that Kingdome is in Perfect Peace

The ffrench letters of the 30th Advise that King growes much better That he Rises A little but for the most Part keeps his bed & it was not doubted but that in A little time he will be Restored to health

Last night his Maty began to Pricke the Sheriffs but did not finish

A Printed Paper is here Published with Allowance Intituled A Request to Protestants to Produce Plaine scripture Authorizeing their Tenetts which are likewise mentioned under 16 heads; wherein Amonge other things is Asserted That Protestants are more earnest & sollicitous to Invade Catholicke doctrins then to justify their owne Inventions &c

L. c. 1740 London 27th Nov: 1686

[Letter has the first three paragraphs of L. c. 1739, then only:]

The Ecclesll Comrs have ordered Sr Richd Newdigate to Pay his quondam Chaplain 180 L for 9 yeares Arreirs & that he Put in his Reasons why he should not allow him for the future more then 20 L p An

Tis said Sr Richd hath A Peculiar neer his owne house for which before they differed & Parted Sr Richd did voluntarily Allow him 20 L p An

L. c. 1741 London 30th Nov 1686

+Yest mr Johnson stood in the Pillory at the R: Exchange nothing was throwne at him, when he Came out he lift up his eyes & hands

The people gave 3 greate shouts which gave greate offence to Authority

By whome he is to be whipt tomorrow is not yet knowne Ketch the Comon Executioner dyeing yesterday

Yesterday being the last of the Terme the Atturney Genll moved Sr Jo: Knight might Continue on bayle on his good behaviour till next Terme which the Court ordered

This day the Ld Ch: Justice sate the whole day at Westminster heareing tryalls & amonge others A very long one between the King & 2 Informers vizt one Hilliard & A woman both Indicted of Perjury Abt A meeting at Newington In fine the jury Acquitted them

The New Chappell now building at Whitehall is made very glorious & Its said will be for use by Christmas day next

+The quakers former meeting place in the Parke in Southwarke is fitted up and Consecrated & last sunday masse was said there to a thin auditory

This day being the feast of St Andrew was A greate day at Court & A sermon was Preached before their Maties at St James Chappell

One Coll Russell who had A Comand in Ireland & was also Governr of Gallway is displaced & both the said Comands given to one Count Hamilton

+The Marqs de Abbaville Parts this week his Matyes Envoy to Holland & mr Poley goes his Matys Envoy Extrary to sweden

+Tis said Dr Covell is Nominated to succeed in the vacant Archdeaconry

of Yorke The d of Albemarle will Appear in great splendr in his Government of Jamaica but Its believed will not Part hence before ffebr

We are wanting all o[ur] fforeign posts & long to hear how those of the Province of Groningen have escaped from the water

L. c. 1742 London 2d Dec 1686

+Yesterday mr Johnson was Tyed to a Carte tayle at Newgate & by A New Executioner with a new whipp of 9 Lashes whipt thence to Tyburne after which he was Carryed to An Adjacent house & his backe drest by An able Chyrurgeon & thence Carryed backe to the Kings bench

Last weeke A new Comission of Ecclesll affaires was said to Passe the seale in which is the E of Mulgrave instead of the Archbp of Cant

Yesterday was Published A Paper Intituled A Dialogue between A Catholick Convert & A Protestant shewing the doctrine of Transubstantiation to be as Reasonable to be beleived as the greate mistery of the Trinity

Tis said 300 ffrench Protestants are arrived here within 10 dayes Past

They write from Holland the losse sustained in Groningen by the late Inundation is above 3 millions besides 3000 soules & 30000 Cattle drowned

That the English officers who endeavoured the seizeing Sr Robt Payton have been Complained [sic] of by the states to the P of Orange who hath forbid them his Court The states being very much offended at the Attempt they made

That the states are not Come to any Resolution as to the state of warr Amsterdam seeming more Inclined for Equipping their ships then Recruiteing the Army The Report of the K of Englands Armeing by sea very much Allarmeing them

They write from Edenbrough that on the 22d their Majestrates Attended the Lds of the session & had Instructions as to the Peace of the Citty &c

+On the 23d Arrived at Leith the Kitchen yatcht from London with A Prisoner which was next morning Examined by the Councill & after Comitted Close Prisoner Tis said his name is Campbell & was A Capt of horse under Argile but went by the name of Stuart in England In the afternoon the Lds of the session offered the Excise of the Kingdome for 19200 L p An Excepting the East & Midd Lothaines & Edenbrough because farmed for severall yeares Already but it was not then taken

L. c. 1743 London 4th dec 1686

+On Thursday the Ecclesll Comrs mett & the new Comission was Read wherein the Ld Chamberlain is Inserted & the Archbp of Cant left out

There hath been some diference between the Ld Chamberlain & the E of Peterbrough Insomuch that the former sent to the latter A Challenge But his Maty hath Confined the E of Peterbrough to his Chamber & the Gent that Carried the Challenge is in the hands of A messenger

+Wee have more Catholicke Papers Come out of the same Tendancy with those formerly mentioned

Yest Arrived 2 ffrench Posts & Contradict A Report spread here that the ffrench King is dead But say he hath not had the least symptome of A feaver for 20 dayes since the operation but growes every day better & begins to eate solid meate that A short time is like to finish that wonderfull Care Wee have severall Relations of the Cruell usage of the Protestants in ffrance to[o] tedious to be here Inserted

The d of Brandenburg is well Recovered but the K of Poland is taken very ill

They write from Vienna that they had Advice from Constantinople they had strangled the Grand seignr & set up his Brother but it

Requires A fuller Confirmation

This day the statue of K Hen 5th was set up in the Exchange

Since the late stormes wee have had much ill newes vizt of A ship lost at Newcastle another from Mevis on the Coast of Ireland &c

Here is A ship Arrived from Jamaica with Advice that his Maties ship the drake hath destroyed Banisters ships of 32 guns & that the ffrench at Petit Guiana have by Proclamation Recalled all Comissions any ffrench have on Pretence of which they Comitt Robberies on the south sea & have seized all the Estates of those Concerned in those Practices

+His Maty & the whole Court are in good health

L. c. 1744 London 7th dec 1686

+Its still the discourse of the Towne the ffrench K is dead but Its said the Ld Arran hath sent letters hither which Contradict it yet say he is in A very dangerous Condition

It was this day the Exchange newes that he had been forced to undergoe another Cutting & A looseness followed that it was thought morally Impossible he should Recover

Last night it was Confidently Reported one Arrived from the Coast of ffrance said there was An Embargo there

+This day Articles of Peace &c were Published between the Kings of England & ffrance for America Concluded the 16th Novembr 1686

The diference between the Ld Chamberlain & the E of Peterbrough is Accomodated

Greate Preparations being makeing for filling his Maties stores for land & sea service with ordinance Mortars Bombes Carrasses &c

This day his Maty Intended for Blackheath to view the Performances of New Bombes & Carrasses but deferred it till Thursday

+On ffriday the Ecclesll Comrs are to sit when severall sumoned for symony will be heard &c

Yest the sessions began at Hicks hall where 12 new justices were in the Comission

Yest the Committee Appointed to Inspect the Comissions of peace throughout England mett & Its beleived will suddenly finish that affaire

The Comrs for distributing the Collection for ffrench Protestants are to meet on the 6th Instant to dispose of A Considerable summe lyeing Ready

+Letters from Westchester say that on the 21st Past there was in North wales A most Terrible earthquake but was most Remarkable in the Castle of Chester being the Goale for that County where the Poore prisoners Exspected every moment the strong walls would fall There being at the same time A Horrid Rumbling heard from under the Castle like Waggons hastily driven on the stones but noe harme done there or Elsewhere

L. c. 1745 London 9th dec 1686

+Wee had not lately any ffrench Post Its Reported there is An Embargo throughout that Kingdome

This morning the King & Queen went by water to Greenwich & thence to Blackheath where they saw all manner of ffireworks used in sea & land service for the Burneing & blowing up &c of ships houses fforts walls &c after which they dined at Sr Hen: Johnsons at Blackwall & then Returned to Whitehall

Wee have noe newes of the 4 Russia ships but the Hudsons bay Company have lost A ship homewards bound worth above 3000 L & their stocke being but 10000 L it hath Reduced their Actions from 300 L to 250 L

The E: India Actions are 207 L The Affrican 196 L

A few dayes since A Poor woman bought of A Broker in Wapping A

feather Pillow for 2 d & takeing out the feathers to wash the Ticking
found A Necklace of Pearle which she sent to A Goldsmith to Know if
it were worth anything who bid 100 L for it

+Then the woman her selfe went from Goldsmith to Goldsmith till she
was bid 1500 L But at last was Carried before A justice to give
Account how shee Came by it which she did & the Broker was sent for
& said he bought the Pillow &c some years since out of a ship that
Came from India as the goods of one that died in his voyage This weeke
the woman sold the necklace for 3000 L to A person of Honr to prsent
the queen there being not the like to be bought

The Bp of Winchester is made one of the Governrs of the Charterhouse
In Roome of the late E of Bridgwater

+A list is come from Holland of 40 dutch ships taken by Algeirs vallued
at Neer A Million

Letters from Vienna of the 1st Instant say that Considerable
Garrisons are left in Hungary as to blocke up Alba Regalis Zigeth Camsa
& Ecla & 6 Regemts are sent to blocke up Greate Waradine

Its Computed the Emperor lost this Campagne 18000 foot besides horse
& above 2000 by the Excessive Cold as they were marching to Winter
quarters

+This day Coll Culpepper was found Guilty of Manslaughter for killing
the Patrole

+Wee have nothing more of the ffrench K:

mr ffitz James his Maties Naturall son is Comeing home & A yatcht is gone to Attend him at Dunkerke & Its said soe soon as he is Arrived he will be Created D of dublin

Amongst the Catholicke books that Came out last weeke is one in folio Intituled the state of Church Affaires in Greate Brittain under the Roman & Brittish kings said to be written by one of the prsent judges & Containes Abundance of Miracles &c

+They write from Rome that the English Ambrs Publicke entry was put off till the 28th Past & that the Pope was much Indisposed

The sheriffs & Aldermen of this Citty have Attended his Maty with the names of those who offended by makeing Bonefires His Maty said he was satisfied with their Care & that the fault was in the Inferior officers which he was willing to Passe by & Recomend their takeing more Care for the future

Next day after his Maty was at Blackheath A Poor man lookeing for Peeeces of Granado shells found A whole one which he Carryed to his house In Rosemary Lane & being Curious to see what was in it by Chance set it on fire which killed him his wife & Child & damaged 2 houses

Last Sunday mr Osburne An Eminent Councillr of the Temple Cut his own throate with A Penknife but being prevented before he had fully done it Its hoped he will Recover

They write from Scotland that on the 5th died Major Genll Bickerton Aged 107 yeares he was under Gustavus Adolphus K of sweden & with his late Maty at Worcester

That on the 7th six of the Campbells & one mr Kimloch were forefaulted &c for being in Argiles Rebellion

+They write from Holland those English officers who Attempted on Sr Robt Payton were sumoned to Appear before the Grand Councill at the Hague & not Appeareing they Proceeded Agt them for A Contempt That they have Agreed on the state of warr for the Ensuing year on the same foot as the last

L. c. 1748 London 16th Dec 1686

+Our ffrench letters of the 20th say that King is so far Recovered as to eate 3 meales A day & walke Abt his Roome & Intends to goe to his Chappell on Christmas day to give thanks to god for soe greate A Cure

Yet there are some here who say he is dangerously ill That all that Comes from him is out of his mouth That on his body are many Bloaches &c That his Phisitians & Chyrurgeons are under An Oath not to divulge the state of his body soe Its difficult to know the truth

Almost all the Protestants are still Persecuted & the ffrench goe on with their ffort neer Strasburgh &c

On Tuesday the d of St Albans Arrived & waited on his Maty & yest mr ffitz James & his Brother Arrived & were kindly Recd of his Maty

Next weeke the Court goe into Mourning for the P of Conde

They write from Ireland that mr Turner An Eminent Lawyer Embraced the Roman Religion & was led into their Chappell by Judge Nugent & mr Baron Rice in A Penitentiall weed & A Burneing Taper in his hand & went up to the Alter & there made his Recantation & was then Recd Into the Bosome of Mother Church & after sermon was Conducted out of the Church by 2 Titular Archbps & A Bp

On ffriday the Ecclesll Comrs sate & the E of Powis by Petition set forth That some of his Ancestors were Concerned as founders of A Colledg in Oxford & thereby were Intituled to severall Iminities as prsnting fellows &c They ordered some of the members of the Colledg to Attend them but Adjourned till after Christmas

+Yestr the Marqs de Abbavill Parted hence for Holland where Its beleived

he will be kindly Recd since his Maty hath declared his good Inclinations to that state & that he will not disturbe the Peace of Christendome

L. c. 1749 London 18th dec 1686

+Yest was A greate Councill at Whitehall his Maty present but the debates &c kept soe Extrary secrett that nothing Can be knowne

The Pattent for Creating mr ffitzJames d of Dublin is Passing the seales & Its said he will also have A Considerable Employment

Its now Currantly beleived the E of Tirconnell will in few dayes goe for Ireland & that soe soon as he shall be there the present Ld Lieut will Come for England

+Preparations are makeing for the Campe on Hunslow heath next spring on the same ground as the last & Comrs are Appointed to buy in Hay Corne &c

The dutch Ambrs have given in A Memoriall to his Maty Complaining Agt mr Skelton for the Attempt he made to seize Sr Robt Payton & Its said his Maty doth not only Disavow the Action but also seemes dissatisfied with him

Tis said Coll Culpepper who killed the Patrole hath his Maties Pardon

Yest the Gent of the Inner Temple mett to Elect A Comptroller to hold the Revelling but fell into heates High words &c But mr Attorney persuaded them to Adjourne till this day when they unanimously Chose one mr smith who married the E of Berkleys daughter & is A gent of A very faire Character

They write from Scotland that upon Complaint to the Councill Agt mr James Renwich for being A Notorious Preacher at feild Conventicles in the Western shires &c They Ishued out A Proclamation offering 100 L sterling to any who shall bring his body dead or alive for that he is one of the worst of Rebels

They write from the Hague that there was A greate discourse the states would suddenly Raise 10 or 12000 men

They write from Coppenhagen that King hath ordered his troops to be Ready to March on the first Comand & Continues to make Levyes &c

They write from Poland they much suspect the Emper[o]rs of Muscovy have secrett Correspondancy with the Turks & Tartars

+The Ps of denmarke is quicke with Child

L. c. 1750 London 21st dec 1686

+The Raines Continue & the ffloods are Increased to An Incredible Height Carrying away Bridges & Drowning Abundance of Cattle The Bridg at Brainford is borne down & Passengers obliged to goe by the way of Uxbridg where the waters are much out also

The scaffolds within the new Chappell at Whitehall are taken downe & this day the gold Canopy over their Maties seates is putting up & The whole is Extreame Rich neither Cost nor Art being wanting The Paintings & the White Marble figures of St Peter St Paul &c are Performed to Admiration & is Intended to be used next Satureday

The Gent of the Inner Temple have Chosen one mr Hilsley their speaker & this day began the Revelling

There is A discourse his Maty will in few dayes make A Change in some of his Cheife ministers & also amonge those who have mannagemt of severall Branches of his Revenue

+His Maty hath given the Ld fferrors Regemt to mr ffitzJames who Its said will Returne for Hungary next Campaigne

Wee hear from the streights Sr Roger Strickland hath been at Algeirs & Renewed the peace with them & Its Agreed that noe Algereen man of warr shall for the future Come Into o[u]r Channell

the Ld dartmouth hath been lately at Chattam &c to take A view of the ships of warr many of which are Repaired Already & orders given for

the Repaire of the Rest

+Last sunday night A fire began in mr Speaks & mr Bakers Chambers in the Kings bench Prison which Consumed them

The Governrs of the Charterhouse have Chosen the E of Sunderland to succeed mr Coventry as one of the Governrs of that Hospitall

His Maty haveing granted A Pardon to all the women & Maides Excepted in the Genll Pardon & also to some of the men their Pardons are now Passing the seales

+Wee are wanting all o[u]r fforreign letters

L. c. 1751 London 23d dec 1686

+The Genll bill of Mortallity for this last year amounts to 22609 persons being 613 lesse then the former year

There is A discourse that at the Request of An Eminent Peer 2 Conferences have been the one on Thursday last The other on Tuesday last between 2 drs of the Church of England & 2 of the other Church & that the 2 latter Could not Convince the other 2 or the Peer to Change his opinion

+Extrary Preparations Are makeing at Court for Celebration of Christmas all the officiants haveing new vestments soe Rich as the like hath scarce ever been seen

Its the dayes talke that the Ld Treasurer is Abt laying downe that office & some say he will be succeeded by the E of Powis others say it will be mannaged by 6 Comrs

Sr Roger Le Estrange hath been & is dangerously ill which is the Reason of the observatrs being discontinued

+On the 8th Janry A Comittee of Councell meet to finish the dispatches of the d of Albemarle who hath Assured his Maty he will be Ready to goe for Jamaica in 6 weeks & 2 ffriggotts vizt the fforesight & Pearle are ordered to be Ready

Last weeke A Crape weaver in Southwarke stabbed his wife big with Child Into the Belly with such A broade dagger as souldiers wear

Yesterday another woman being very neer her time & Passing neer the Custome house under A Hogshead of sugar Craneing up Into A loft The Rope failed & the Caske falling Crusht the woman to death & forced the Child out of her belly at some distance which lived a few minnutts Also 5 Gent & A waterman were drowned neer Chelsey & 3 neer Billingsgate

+Wee have not yet any Advice of the Cadiz merchant but 3 of the 4 Russia ships are Arrived

Wee have one tide in the Thames 4 1/2 ffoot higher then usuall

+All o[u]r fforreign Posts are still wanting

L. c. 1752 London 25th dec 1686

+Our ffrench & fflanders letters are Arrived & bring little of moment save that the ffrench King is soe well Recovered that he goes to Chappell

Its said when the d of St Albans was in the ffrench Court he had the honour to dance with the Dauphiness before the King & shee was pleased to Complement him very much upon his gallant behaviour

+On Wednesday morning last In the Gravell Pitts between Arlington house & Chelsey A Coach was found overturned with the Harness Cut in Peeces The Lineing of the Coach Cut out The Ground neer it & the Coach Box bloody by which Its supposed the Coach had been Robbed & those within it murdered The horses were afterwards found Abt A mile from the Coach

A sermon is here Published Preached lately before the Spanish Ambr by the Reverend ffather James Ayratt of the holy order of St ffrancis from the 3 last words 1 John 19 who art thou

They write from Vienna of the 19th the Chamber Royall of Hungary which has been kept for many yeares at Presburgh will be in the Spring

Removed to Buda

That the Emper[o]r had notice by An Expreſſe from Hungary That the Turks haveing drawne together A Conſidderable body of men were marching towards Camſa with money Amunition Proviſions & Cloaths for that Garrison But the Croats haveing notice fforthwith Aſſembled & Marched towards them & after A vigourous Engagemt the Turks were beaten & 500 killed on the Place with A Conſidderable booty

They write from Turkey the Conſternation Increases dayly at Conſtantinople for their losses in the laſt Campaigne

L. c. 1753 London 28th dec 1686

+Most of the diſcourſe of the Towne is upon the ſolemnization of Chriſtmas at Court at St James &c

As alſo Concerning the Alteration by many ſuddenly Exſpected amongſt ſome of the greate officers of ſtate & as if the E of Powis E of dover Ld Godolphin Sr Jo: Earnly & Hen Guy Eſqr were to be Comrs of the Treasury & mr Brent of the Temple Secretary

+They write from Harwich of the Arrivall of the Katherine from Ruſſia who had been 18 weeks on her voyage & was forced into Scotland There was 40 p Cent Inſurance given on her Shee is very Leaky & Its beleived much damage is done to her Cargo

They write from Edenbrough of the 21ſt That dr ffauconer Bp of Murray died A few dayes before he was Theologie Profeſſor in the University of Glascoſ & one of the miniſters there & eſteemed A grave & Learned man & is Already ſucceeded by dr Roſſe Nephew to the Ld Primate of Scotland

That on the 20th the Cannon Bombes Carrasses &c were drawne into the Links of Leith where the Genll Inſeener made many fine Experiments with ffireworks &c

There are 3 or 4 men of warr of 20 guns apeece cruising on that coaſt who ſearch all veſſells for ffrench Proteſtants

+They write from Vienna that the Grand Seigni[o]r Threatens & uſeth all other meanes to hinder the P: of Tranſilvania for declaring in favour of the Emper[o]r That Counteſſe Teckley ſent deputies to Genll Carassa to deſire A ſuſpention of Armes for 3 months but they are returned with the answer that his Excellency has no orders from the Imperiall Court on that affaire

+All our fforeign letters Agree the ffrench K is Recovered

L. c. 1754 London 30th Dec 1686

+mr ffitzJames hath requested of his Maty he may goe next Campagne into Hungary & Carry with him ſome troops of men & ſome Military officers have Proffered to attend him

The d of Albemarle keeps open houſe at Newhall & certainly goes for Jamaica in ffebr & ſeverall Gent who have good places at Court have got leave to ſell them & Intend to goe with him

+The Ld Chancellor & mr of the Rolles keep A greate Chriſtmas

The English Ambr at Rome will have Audience within A few dayes

Our Holland letters ſay the K of ffrance hath eſcaped the greate danger he was in

They write from ffrance the garrisons are all Reinforced & the officers of the Army in Catalonia have orders to Augment their companies with 10 men each

That one Mounſr Carle An Eminent merchant in Lyons is ſeized & Accuſed for aſſiſting the eſcape of many Proteſtants

That An Eminent lady who was Priſoner in the Baſtile on Account of Religion is Eſcaped

That there are not 300 Proteſtants left in the whole County of Perpignan

A Preist was lately seized there for that he had under his Habitt
ffire Armes & A dagger & upon examination it appeared he was A Companion
of Theives so was Comitted

+The Turks are very solicitous for A Peace on any Termes & its thought
the Christians are Inclined thereto for that they may thereby have all
that can be hoped for by A successfull warr & such A Peace as will put
it out of the Power of the Turks to disturbe Christendome & some thinke
the d of Lorraines journey to Rome is to Influence that Court to A peace

The ships of warr at Portesmouth &c are ready to set to sea within
10 dayes after orders

L. c. 1755 London 1st Janry 1686

+This morning the nobility Ld Mayor &c waited on the King wishing their
Maties long life &c

His late Maty haveing settled A maintenance for 40 Orphan youths in
Christchurch Hospital to be bred up in the Mathematicks Especially
Navigation

This morning the master & the said youths all in Blew Coates with
silver Badges on their Breasts waited on the King to prsent their most
humble thanks for the Continuance of that support & to wish their Maties
A happy new year &c

They also prsented his Maty A printed list of all who now are or
have been Receivers of that Royall bounty most of whome have been put out
to sea Comanders to E: India or Turkey & all of them at the Kings Charge

We are assured the Ld Treasurer will part with his staffe next
ffriday Tis said his Maty hath named the Ld Bellasis Ld Godolphin Ld
Dover Sr Jo: Earnley & Sr Stephen ffox for Comrs & hath settled on the
Ld Treasurer A pention of 4000 L p An to be Recd out of the Revenue of
the Post office

The Cadiz merchant is arrived at Waterford in Ireland Extreame Rich

Next Munday the Ld Abbaville his Maties Envoy Embarques for Holland
his name is Whiteborne in Ireland & dignified in ffrance

Last Tuesday Marshall Schomburgh & his lady & family Arrived in A
Dutch man of warr at Portesmouth in his Passage from Portugall designing
to spend the rest of his dayes in the County of Cleves

The Gazett Continues to Confirme the Recovery of their King & of
the Greate Rejoyceing made by their Clergie &c

+A few Protestants Adventureing to Assemble in the feilds neer Savernes
were surprised some Imediately hanged some sent to the Gallies & the
women to Cloysters

Our Scotch letters say the Grenadiers who Exersized at Leith
performed their duty in fireing hand Granadoes to Admiration

L. c. 1756 London 4th Janry 1686

+This day the Ld Treasurer Resignes his staffe he hath the 4000 L p An
settled on him & the Comrs mentioned in o[ur] last are now declared

There are severall other Changes discoursed & dayly Exspected
which at prsent are not fit to be mentioned herein

Yest the E of Tirconnell sent severall of his goods for Ireland &
next weeke will follow to take posession of the Government of that
Kingdome mr sheridan goes over one of the secretaries of state

The Irish Gent are very Briske & full of Exspectations of Enjoying
their Ancient estates but some of them have upon easy Termes Purchased
[sic]

Tis said that after his Arrivall & somewhat settled in Government
his Maty will Call A Parliamt to sit in that Kingdome

The d of Ormond is in towne & in good health & frequently Comes to
Court

The Revelling at the Temple hath been Attended with high Gameing &c

+Last Thursday died dr Standish minister of [space for about ten letters left blank] in Hartfordshire The presentation of whose Liveing was in the deane & Chapter of St Paulls which they offered to dr stillingfleet who Accepted thereof & Intends to live at it

His late place of St Andrews Holborne is in the prsentation of the Countesse of Northumberland who hath given it to one of her Chaplains

They write from the Hague severall of the English officers are Condemned to dye for makeing the Insult on Sr Robt Payton & severall more are searched for but Its beleived upon the least Intercession of his Maty they will be pardoned since what they did was in favour of his Maty their Master

+They write from Vienna An Armenian is found Amonge the Turkish Prisoners who was their Cheif miner at Buda & hath not only Promised to turne Christian & serve the Emper[o]r but also shewed greate faults Comitted by the Christian miners in the seige of Buda

L. c. 1757 London 6th Janr 1686

+Last night Alexander ffitton of the Temple was knighted who Its said is to goe Ld Chancellr of Ireland

The E: of Macclefeilds estate being upon his outlawry seized Its said his Maty hath given part of it to Sr Alex: ffitton

On Tuesday last A Paper was fixt upon the Temple gate offering 10 Guyneys to any that shall discover the Authr of A scandalous Libell Reflecting on the Ld Chancellr

Marshall Schomberg haveing Recd An Invitation to Come to Court tooke Coach at Portesmouth on Tuesday to waite on the King

The ffrench K: grows every day better then other

They write from denmarke that King hath ordered the makeing A greate Number of Iron Instruments both for horse & ffoot which with his other Preparations for warr very much Allarme his neibours In the meane time the K of Sweden is fitting out A Considerable fleet Agt spring by which time he will have also A formidable Army & hath by Edict Recalled all his subjects from fforeign service

Last Tuesday the Kings ffoot Regemt were mustered & 5 Grenadiers drawne out of each Company for new England who are to be Double Cloathed & have 12 d p day Constant Pay

Tis said the dutch Ambr here Complained the Insult on Sr Robt Payton was by order of mr skelton his Maties Envoy & A greate breach of their Priviledg &c & had for Answer that it was done without knowledg of his Maty who designes nothing more then to maintaine A good Correspondancy with that state

Tis said Teckley haveing had Conference with the Grand vizier before his departure for Constantinople hath since sent for the Principle Nobility of Transilvania to zone [?] to make proposalls to them with designe to hinder them from entring into A Negotiation with the Emper[o]rs ministers

L. c. 1758 London 8th Janry 1686

+Yest was A greate Councill where his Maty ordered A Proclamation for Prorogueing the Parliamt till the 28th Aprill

Yest Sr Alex: ffitton Ld Chancellr of Ireland set forwards & on the 18th is to meet the E of Tirconnell at Chester & thence together for dublin Sr Cha Porter the prsent Ld Chancellr is with the E of Clarendon on his Returne

Tis said the Ld Dartmouth for A valluable Consideration hath surrendred the place of mr of the horse to mr ffitzJames But this day is A discourse the Ld dartmouth is displaced from the office of mr of the ordinance

The Nuntio here is to have A publicke entry soon after Advice is

Come the E of Castlemain hath had his at Rome

one mr Whittaker who was famous in manning the Tryall of mr ffithzarris & A Busy man in the factious times was yesterday seized at the Angel & Crowne neer the Exchange with one Ellis & 3 or 4 more & is Comitted Close Prisoner being outlawed for Treasons

One mr Powell A Lacebroker in Cloth faire hath Purchased Thanet house in Aldersgate street & gotten A grant to make there A Lace market for all sorts of Bonelace made in Devonshire Bedfordshire &c now held in severall Innes in the said street which place is now Prepareing for it in the Nature of An Exchange

Yest marshall Schomberg Arrived here & kissed his Maties hand

The K of denmarke hath ordered his horse to be made up 20000 & the ffoot in Proportion & sent orders to all his officers to Repaire forthwith to their Comands & hath Charged every Lutheran minister to mantaine A horse of which there are 6000 severall shopkeepers at Cadiz are seized for Raiseing their goods 25 L p Cent to ballance the late Money Project

The ffrench have taken A Castle in Hudsons bay where the English have their Cheife factory

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

L. c. 1759 London 11th Janry 1686

+This day the E of Tirconnell set out for Ireland & hath taken with him A greate many new Commisions to fill up the further Alterations which shall be made in the Army

Tis said 4 Regemts now in Ireland are ordered for England & their places to be supplied with 4 Regemts from England

Tis said his Maty hath given Sr Alex ffitton that estate in Cheshire for which hath been A greate Contest at Law between the E of Maxfeild & him but In the last session of Parliamt was by the H of Lds determined for the Earle

Next Thursday the Ecclesll Comrs are to sit & Its said the Archbp of Cantr &c are then to Appear before them, dr Beversham of Suffolk is also to Appear for scandalous words used in a sermon

The Lord Huntington is made one of the said Comrs in Roome of the Ld Rochester who is Retired into the country

dr Sharpe having askt the King Pardon is forgiven & allowed to Preach & some think this A forerunner to the Bp of Londons Restitution

dr Stillingfleets Retireing into the Country is A greate trouble to his Parishioners &c

One mr Bassett is made mr of Sidney Colledg in Cambridg in Place of dr Minshull deceased

Tis said dr James mr of Allsoules Colledg in Oxford is dead

The ffrench King is sending 18 Jesuitts with the syam Ambr for Converting those people one was Comitted to the Bastille saying if the King would send dragoons they would be more effectuell in their Conversion

+Sr Hen: Prodgers sergt Porter to his Maty is dead which his Maty hath given to Coll stradling one of the Captains of his owne ffoot Regemt & knighted him

The queen Dowager is ill of the St Anthonies fire

+We have An Account of A Rebellion in Savoy of 5 or 6000 men

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L. c. 1760 London 13th Janr 1686

The E of Powis is made Constable of the Tower & wee have many reports vizt

That Sr Tho: Haggerston is made Lieut of the Tower

That the Ld Arundell of Wardom is made Ld Privy seale

That the office of mr of the ordinance will be in Comission & Sr Christo Musgrave first Comr

That many of the Judges will suddenly be altered & Sr Richd Allabone of Grayes Inne Highly Advanced

+That this day the Ld Mayor Recd Comand from the King to take Care that noe persons be disturbed on Account of Religion or Religious Worship &c

dr Stillingfleet Intending to Retire into Hartfordshire yesterday Recd a Comand to the Contrary

dr Sharpe hath now liberty to Preach & is Exspected next Lds day in his Parish Church of St Giles

mr Drayden Poett Lawreatt is made Warden of Allsoules Colledg in Oxford

Yest the Ld Brandon Gerrard was bayled out of the Tower +Last saboth day the Comptroller & Treasurer of the Middle Temple went with their guards Publickly to Wildhouse where after their devotions they were brought backe in the Ambrs Coach

An Envoy is Arrived from Persia at Constantinople Complaining A Bassa in Asia had Plundered the Persian Caravans upon which the Grand seignr dispatched A Chiaux to strangle the said Bassa But its believed it will not end soe the Persian Envoy Insisting on A Reimbursemt of what the merchants lost which Amounts to severall Millions

+An Interloper Capt Jacob Comander is Arrived at Portesmouth from E India who went hence Abt 2 yeares since Its said the owners have got liberty for her safe Comeing in & that the E India Company will buy all her ladeing being Callicoes & saltpetre to Prevent the fall of their owne goods

The queen dowager being ill of the St Anthonys fire & A feaver was this day in greate danger of her life At Noon the King vissitted her & this night the queen stayd with her very late

L. c. 1761 London 15th Janr 1686

+On Thursday the Ecclesll Comrs sate & dr Beversham Appeared before them & it being sworne by 3 witnesses that in A sermon he had spoken disrespectively of the King They suspended him from further Preaching Its said they are to sit Againe next Munday

Yesterday the queen dowager was somewhat better & this day there is greate hopes of her Recovery

+Wee have A Report that A New Test farr differing from the old one will be Tendred to all persons in Publicke trust

Also that the Ld Newport & Ld Maynard the former Treasurer the latter Comptroller of the household are both displaced & that one of them is succeeded by the Ld Walgrave who marryed the sister of mr ffitzJames his Maties Naturall son

Also that mr ffitzJames & his Brother will goe early this summer to the Venetian Campe & that severall English will goe voluntiers with them

Also that the E of Castlemain is Comeing backe from Rome & that one White Br to the Marqs de Abbeville is to goe under the same Character to Rome

Marshall Schomberg is Returned to Portesmouth

An Envoy Extrary from the Emper[o]r is Arrived at dover

By the Interloper lately Arrived from E India wee have Advice the dutch were Tampering with the Greate Mogull to Comand his subjects not to dispose of any of their silks to any other nation whatsoever but to them hoping thereby to deprive the English of their trade there but it was not beleived they would be able to succeed therein

Sr Roger [L'Estrange] hath A Comand not to write any more observatrs & is out of -----

[A few figures in another hand appear in left margin of first recto and on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1762 London 18th Janr 1686

+The Ld Powis Arrundell of Warder Bellasis Peter & Abt 60 officers of the Army were last sessions Inserted In the Comission for New justices for Middsex

His Maty hath ordered the Clerke of the Peace of Middsex to dismiss the Trying of severall Appeales of Conventicles & also to Restore what money hath been Levyed on dissenters

+The Indisposition of the Pope or something else Retards the E of Castlemains Publicke entry at Rome, But the Cardinal de Este is made Protector of the English Affaires & the Nuntio now hear is to have the same Prerogatives as Cardinall Ravarro hath in ffrance

Last saturday the Ld Bellasis sate in the Cabinet Councell as first Comr of the Treasury

The Warden of Allsoules Colledg in Oxford being dead his Maty sent A Mandamus to the ffellowes to Choose mr ffinch son to the E of Winchelsea

Last Sunday morning dr Sharpe Preached at St Giles to the greatest Auditory ever there seen & Its thought 10 times as many who Could not get in went backe

This day is Published An 18 d booke in which is layd open the Methods by which Protestants are misrepresented by Papists thought to by writt by dr Tillotson

+The Ld Chamberlain hath Appointed the Lent Preachers for the Chappell at Whitehall of the most eminent in the Church

The ffrench K hath Recalled the 3 yeares Protection he gave to all new Converts Agt their Creditors

By A Holland ship Arrived in Venice wee have Advice 2 of our Turkey ships Richly laden were Cast away in their way to Turkey

+The queen dowager mends dayly

[A few figures and some hard-to-read words, including "A Receipt to make Carroway Cumfit cakes"--only the heading, not the whole recipe--in another hand appear on outside of letter.]

L. c. 1763 London 20th Janr 1686

+Tis said his Maty is Highly offended at the many Reports of A New Test & Alterations at Court Tower & elsewhere which are not yet Come to fact nor many of them now Creditted

Orders are sent Into the Country to Remitt In Generall what Goods &c were seized from dissenters

Wee have A Report the ffrench K hath Recalled his Edict which Condemns the Protestants to the Gallies & hath already Released many

Tis said the E of Tirconnell did not only obtaine the Ld Brandons Releasemt But also his ffather the E of Macclesfeilds Pardon In Gratitude for favours obtained when he was A Prisoner In the Gatehouse on Accompt of the Popish Plott

This morning the Revelling In the Inner Temple broke up They had A greate Masquerade last Sunday night which gave greate offence & for which the Ld Chancellr not A little blamed the senio[r]s

The Ld Chancellr is now Preparing his house at Westminster fitting to suite his office & quality

On Munday o[u]r sessions ended at the old Bayly where 9 Recd sentence of death & 2 Irishmen who killed A Bellman In St James street & were found Guilty of only manslaughter had An Appeale of Murther brought Agt them

They write from Vienna of the 12th the Emperor had sent orders Into Hungary to stopp the Turkish Ambrs who are Comeing from the Port

with offers of Peace being Resolved to Receive noe Proposals from them
Though the Grand Seignr hath sent to Poland Venice &c offering all the
satisfaction they Can demand yet Neglects not to Prepare for the next
Campaigne Intending in Person to Comand his Army

The Ps of denmarke hath been of late very much Indisposed & not
yet Perfectly Recovered

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letter.]

L. c. 1764 London 22d Janr 1686

+The Ps of denmarke haveing A jolt in her Carriage miscarried But is
as well as Can be Exspected in her Condition

The Gent of Grayes Inne haveing A greate Masquerade on Thursday
night In the height of their sport A fire broke out In Holborne Court
near the Gate which leads Into Grayes Inne lane which burnt with
Extrary violence from one till past 4 & Consumed above 40 Chambers some
of very Eminent Practitioners who had not time to save their Clyents
deeds Papers &c It spoyled some part of the Chappell & quite burnt
downe the Pipe office where severall Records of the Exchequer office
were kept but burnt

The Lds Comrs of the Treasury have given ffresh orders that all
Baronets who have not strucke their Tallies in the Exchequer doe
forthwith pay In the money forfeited to the Crowne on Accompt of their
Creation Pattents

+Tis said Sr Richd Allabone will be made mr of the Rolls

Yest the Councill sate & tooke note of severall Complaints Agt the
officers of the New Insurance & will have A full heareing next Councill

They write from Chester the E of Tirconnell was mett by their
Bishop & Recd by the Mayor Aldermen & Cittizens in the usuall manner &
went thence In the stage Coach to Beaumorris

The Sieur Duckveldt is dayly Exspected here from Holland Abt the
affaire of the E India Company Tis said they have layd the matter
before the King & will not meddle with it themselves

The Interloper lately Arrived is Arrested by the E India Company
this ship is soe Rich that the Companies are Abated from 212 to 208 The
Affrican are Abt 200 The Hudsons bay uncertain since their late loss

This weeke wee have had greate Exspection of the Nuntios makeing
his Publicke entry but as yet wee have not any such thing

L. c. 1765 London 25th Janr 1686

+Yest being the first of the Terme there Appeared noe Alteration amonge
the judges, Sr Jo: Knight Appeared & is Continued on bayle

On the 8th the E of Castlemain made his Publicke entry at Rome &
had 10 Coaches of his owne each 6 horses All their Trappings of silver
& Gilt & their Coverings Crimson velvett Emboydered 100 Gentlemen
12 Pages all in Crimson velvett Emboydered with gold 24 ffootmen all in
scarlet & Gold Lace & was followed by 24 Coaches each 6 horses of
Cardinalls Princes & Prelates & had Audience of the Pope But only
himselpe & his secretary Admitted

The Ps of denmarke is very well since her late miscarriage of A son
Its said the miscarriage was the meanes of saveing her life

Last weeke one dr Conquest haveing in A Coffee house Publickly
spoken very undecent scurrillous & Reflecting words of the P of Orange
& much worse of the Princesse The dutch Ambr here Complaine thereof to
the King & hath also given in A memoriall from the states Concerning
the prsent Prospect of affaires as they now stand in Relation to the
late League of Confederation & the designes of ffrance to destroy it

The E of Shrewsbury & the Ld Lumley have parted with their
Regemts The Earles Regemt is given to the Ld Langdale & there are 3

Candidates for the Ld Lumleys vizt The E of Carlingford The Ld Dunbarr & Sr Bernard Howard

Letters from the west mention severall other vessells being Come from Burdeaux with many ffrench Protestants who Confirme that the souldiers are drawne off from the sea Coasts as also the men of warr soe that they have liberty to Transport themselves & that they are not soe severe Agt the Protestants as formerly, Last Sunday an order from the Ecclesll Comrs was Read in severall Churches here forbidding marriages without Licence

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L. c. 1766 London 27th Janr 1686

["Ricardus Newdigatorii" is written in another hand in left margin of first recto.]

+Its said the Nuntio here being A Layman is next Sunday to be made a priest & soon after A Bp & then An Archbp of Italy & Abt A Month hence makes his publicke entry here not from the Tower but only from his house in Pell Mell to Whitehall

Wee are assured there is noe such thing as A new Test Intended his Maty haveing declared he will dispense his favours equally according to Meritt & not with respect to the religion of either Person

+They write from Dublin of the 20th that the E of Tirconnell was at the water side but would not land till next day, also give Accompt of A Barbarous Murther comitted Abt 8 miles thence on A High Constable & his wife & Maide after which the house was set on fire in which 4 Children were burnt, greate Enquiry is made after the Actors

Last Tuesday one mr John Hoyle of the Temple An Eminent Practitioner was Accused of Sodomy by A Poulterers Apprentice who swore it with all the Circumstances of times, Place &c before the Ch: Ld Justice who Granted his warrant & yesterday Examined him very Narrowly & Confronted them face to face & the boy Positively swearing it he Comitted mr Hoyle to Newgate

Its said his Maty will have A Company of Grand Musqueteers all sons of Noblemen in Imitation of those in ffrance who are to be Exercised in Horse & foot service To attend the Royall person & be Exercised by himselfe in order to their Advancement as military Comands shall fall

They write from ffrance An Assembly of 400 protestants have been taken in Languedoc & sentenced to be sent slaves in America The gallies being full Also 6000 dragoons are sent into that Province to live at discretion upon such Converts who have not fully Conformed

+There is A League Concluded betwixt the Kings of ffrance & denmarke The d of Savoy Electr of Cologne &c In opposition to the League of Ausburgh

Its certain the dutch have soe ordered their Affaires that they can have A Considerable fleet at sea in 3 weeks time

L. c. 1767 London 29th Janr 1686

+Yesterday morning there was A greate Tyde which Ebbd 2 houres & A halfe & fflowed Again at 10 Higher then hath been known these many yeares

His Maty hath upon that Portion of the fforeign merchants who are Roman Catholicks granted them A Place for Exercise of their Religion in London & some of them are Abt lookeing out A fit place

The Case between the E of Peterbrough & mr Williams on the scandm Magtum is ordered to be Argued on Tuesday next

Last night A Councill of Grayes Inne sate to Enquire how the late fire happened & mr Roney in whose Chamber it was first seen made oath there was noe fire left there &c

Major Morgan of the Ld Huntingtons Regemt being killed by his Lieut with A Bayonett one mr Ingram succeeds him

The E of Pembroke haveing modestly Refused the Ld Lumleys Regemt
Its said Sr Jo: Talbott will have it

The Captain & seamen &c of the Interloper lately Arrived are seized
for Acting Contrary to his Maties Proclamation But the Proprietors
haveing submitted to the Pleasure of his Maty Its beleived it will be
Accomodated

They write from ffrance speedy orders are Exspected to be Ishued
out for Equipping 12 men of warr & 13 or 14 Gallies To which more may
be added as occasion Requires

severall ffrrench Protestant officers haveing taken Pay under the
Dutch & other Princes A Placeart will be Published in ffrance to Invite
them in Againe & offer them their Comands & estates & 6 months time to
Consider whether they will Change their Religion

+They write from Holland the states have ordered out A ffleet of 35
sayle under Pretence of secureing their merchantmen Agt the Algereens
They still Continue to try the officers that Attempted on Sr Robt Payton
who will be Condemned though Its said the Prince will shew them favour

L. c. 1768 London 1st ffebr 1686

+The Comte D'Ada haveing Recd the Character of Nuntio Its said in A
little time make his Publicke entry after he is made An Archbp

mr Justice Withins being ill the Arguing of mr Williams demurr is
Put off till another day

The Ld Chancellor is Againe Indisposed with the stone

On Sunday last the Councell had before them the affaure of the
Interloper his Maty prsent who Expressed himselfe in favour of the
owners But nothing was then fully determined

The Ld Lumleys Regemt of horse is given to Sr Jo: Talbott who is
of the family of the Ld Shrewsbury

Last Sunday Capt Hinde the Greate Banker died

Our Holland letters of the 8th Advise the Marqs de Abbavill hath
not yet had Audience some dificulty haveing Arrisen Abt it

That Mounsr Dickveldt was Comeing Envoy Extrary for England to
Endeavr to Accomodate all diferences & Corroberate the Peace between his
Maty & that state

The P of Orange hath Chosen Majestrates for Amsterdam who are not
well liked of by that Citty

They write from ffrance the Popes Nuntio there desired that King to
declare why he built those forts on the Rhine & why his troops Appeared
in such formidable Numbers in Alsatia &c & was very sollicitous to know
whether they were Intended Agt the Emper[o]r which would put A stop to
the happy progress of his Armes Agt the Turks

His Maty Answered he had noe designe Agt the Empire but was Ready
if the Emper[o]r was Pleased to Change the Truce of 20 yeares into A
Perpetuall Peace upon which the Nuntio sent A Courrier to give Advice
thereof to the Pope

They write from Vienna they had Advice the Grand Seigni[o]r hath
distributed 25 Millions in order to have A Considerable Army next
spring

That Teckley haveing Passed the Theis [?] with A body of Turks to
Put Provisions into Erla was defeated by Genll Curaffa many being killed
& the Provisions taken

+Its beleived the Parliamt will meet in Aprill

L. c. 1769 London 3d ffebr 1686

+The 2 Daughters of Ps Ann of Denmarke have been ill some dayes & last
night the Lady Ann the youngest died

Letters from Rome of the 14th say the E of Castlemain had his
Publicke Audience of the Pope on the 8th That he had 11 Coaches The 1st

Covered with Red velvett The 2d with blew & Emboydered with gold & was Attended with neer 500 Coaches of Prelates & Nobility

On the 9th he vissitted Cardinall Ludovisco deane of the Colledg of Cardinalls & next day the queen of sweden

He hath Erected his Maties Armes as also the Popes over the Gates of his Pallace which are Adorned with many figures & Incriptions

Its said the E of Castlehaven will succeed Sr Jo: Talbott Lieut Coll in the E of Peterbrouchs Regemt

A Pardon is ordered for George Speake Esqr & his Lady & 2 sons & daughter That family give 5000 L which is Appropriated for Repaire of the ffortifications at Portesmouth & Its Affirmed his Maty at the Intercession of the Ld dartmouth hath Promised to Pardon their son in Law Jo: Trenchard Esqr

Our last Scotch letters say that on the 23d A Conventicle was discovered in Edenbrough & all the people taken & Comitted That night they were Examined by the Lds of the Councell & next day by the secrett Committee & Remanded

+his Maty hath Appointed Comrs for vissitting the universities of Scotland &c

The ffrench K is now able to undergoe the shakeing of the Coach for A whole day together & Its said in Aprill Intends to make A journey into Lorraine where Its said he will have An Army of 60000 men Also that 20 Battalions of ffrench guards are to march for fflanders where his Maty is also Exspected The said King hath made An Alliance offensive & defensive with the Electr of Cologne

L. c. 1770 London 5th ffebr 1686

+Last night the Lady Ann daughter of Ps Ann of denmarke was Interred, her sister the Lady Mary Continues very ill & her R: Highs the Ps Ann is Indisposed

Last Thursday the Ecclesll Comrs sate where the E of Powis & Ld Petre pursued their Claime of some priviledges in 2 Colledges in Oxford

Letters yesterday from Ireland say the E of Tirconnell &c were not Arrived at dublin But had put off to sea 3 times & by Contrary winds were driven backe to Holy head where he was last sunday

Within these few dayes many English families have landed from Ireland in Wales & England & many more are following them

The ds of Modena is said to be in her way hither from Italy +A Marriage is said to be Proposed between Coll ffitzJames & the d of Newcastles daughter & that some Titles of Honour will be Conferred on him His Maty haveing ordered him A Coat of Armes

This day was performed A sollemne service upon the subject of his late Maties death By his prsent Maty in his Chappell at Whitehall By the queen at St James & by the q: Dowager at Somersethouse

Yesterday Judge Withins gave the Charge to the Middsex Grandjuries for this Terme much as usuall

On Thursday was A tryall at the Comon pleas between A Monster being A man that had A Child growing out of his side & Sr Tho: Grantham upon A writt de Homine Replegiendo Sr Thomas haveing Contracted with him to Come hither from the Indies for 6 Months & then to Returne But hath kept him like A slave longer to shew him It being A New Case the judges will Consult all their Bretheren Abt it

L. c. 1771 London 8th ffebr 1686

+This day died the Lady Mary only Child of Ps Ann of denmarke

Last sunday being the day of his Maties Comeing to the Throne it was Comemorated in all o[u]r Churches The guns were discharged &c

The same day at 11 A Clocke Abt which time died his late Maty The sun was seen shineing Gloriously & in A Parrallell Line on each side

A Greate Light shineing faintly each of which had A streame Pointing due east & due West of An Equall distance of 12 degrees from the sun which lasted neer halfe An houre & was seen by hundreds & some observed that before Its disappareing there was neer the sun A semicircle not unlike A Rainbow save in Colour which Terminated at each greate Light or sun as some Called them

The same day some of the judges tooke the sacramt at Sergts Inne Chappell but the Ld Ch: Justice Beddingfeild had noe sooner taken the Cup but was seized with An Apoplexie & fell downe & was Carried to his Chamber & in A little time died

Yesterday Sr Wm Beversham one of the masters in Chancery was taken with An Apoplexie in Court & Carried out for dead but was Liveing this morning

Its said the Attorney Genll will be Ld Ch: Justice & Sr Richd Allabone succeed him

+Our Scotch letters say An order is Come from England for the Bp of Edenbrough to be Archbp of Glasgow & Its said at Edenbrough that many other Bishops will be layd Aside

+This day the E of Rochester Ld Godolphin Sr Jo: Earnly Sr Stephen ffox & mr Guy tooke the oaths & Test in Chancery

Last sunday Sr Jo Lidcott secretary to the Ld Castlemain Arrived from Rome with An Expresse of Importance

L. c. 1772 London 10th ffebr 1686

+Prince George hath had A feaver for which he had been let blood since which he is Indiferent well & will this day goe Abroade & Its said he & the Ps will in few dayes Remove to Richmond for the Aire

Sr Wm Beversham is yet Liveing but in A weake Condition

Its said there will be suddenly A Creation of Abt 40 Barons in England

+The Ld Ch: Justice Herbert hath taken the sacramt & Test upon Alteration of the Ecclesll Comrs

dr Stillingfleet now Resolves to Continue in Towne & Preach as formerly

They write from Ireland that all those that Comitted the Barbarous Murther neer dublin are taken Also give Accompt of severall other Cruell Murthers Comitted by the Irish upon the English

+Tis said the E of Tirconnell was within sight of dublin but driven backe & with difficulty got into North wales

Yest his Maty made the E of Yarmouth Treasurer & the Ld Walgrave Comptroller of the household in place of the Ld Newport & Ld Maynard

The Names of the Turkey ships lately lost on the Coast of Athens were the Brittain & the streights merchant & are vallued at above 50000 L But A greate Part of the goods & most of the men saved

They write from Moscow the Emper[o]rs are sending Ambrs to England & ffrance to give Accompt of their Treaty with poland & offer to England Advantageous Termes of trade &c

+They write from Basill that 400 Protestants who were Prisoners in Savoy were Come thither & the Rest dayly Exspected but that 2 of the women were Ravished by the officers who Conducted them of which the Cantons will Complaine to the D of Savoy

L. c. 1773 London 12th ffebr 1686

+Their R: Highnesses of Denmarke have taken one dr Ratcliffe to be their Phisitian & its said are much dissatisfied with the Advices under which the 2 younge Princesses died

Their Highnesses are still indisposed & yesterday the prince his feaver not abateing A Clyster was Applied

Last night Came An Expresse that the E of Tirconnell &c were safely

Arrived at dublin where they were by the Irish Recd with greate joy &c
Yestr mr Edw Whittaker Prisoner in Newgate was brought to the Kings
bench barr & moved that being under A fine of 1000 Marks to the King he
Prayed to be Turned over to the Kings bench Prison which mr Attorney
Genll not opposeing was Granted

This day the Terme ended but without anything of Remarque & Its A
Genll Complaint Amonge the Lawyers that it was the least Terme of
Buisness they ever saw

Upon the death of the Ld Ch: Justice mr Justice Powell & mr sergt
Pudsey Recorder of Oxford goe the Northern & Sr Robt Wright & Baron
Milton the Norfolke Circuitt

The Heer Dichvelt is Arrived here from Holland but Its believed
will not have Audience till the Marquese de Abbavill our Envoy at the
Hague has his

They write from Germany there is greate Probability of A speedy
peace the Grand seignr haveing made such offers that many are of
opinion they will not be Rejected Also that Genll Heuster hath
defeated A body of 8000 Turks neer Segedin

They write from Paris that on the 3d the D de Crequi died in the
63d year of his Age who was Brother of Marshall Crequi Also that the D
de Estrees their Ambr at Rome died of an Appoplexie on the 20th Past

L. c. 1774 London 15th ffebr 1686

+The Prince & Ps of denmarke being somewhat better are this day gone
to Richmond for the Aire

This day both houses mett & were Prorogued till the 28th Aprill
There was A full Appearance both of Lds & Comons

Major Wentworth Capt Brierly Capt Hamilton & many other officers
have parted with their Comissions & Its said the Ld Langdale who
lately had the Ld Lumleys Regemt hath given up his Comission & that his
Maty will give it either to the Ld Carlingford or Sr Jo: ffenwick

His Maty hath given the E of Yarmouths troope to Sr Hugh Middleton
Sr Jo: Moor late Ld Mayor hath layd downe his gowne

The 8 Comrs of the Customs are Reduced to 5

The Tower of the New Church Called St James haveing A Crack in it
that the Parishioners feared they Resolved to have it secured Last sunday
the Church being Extreamly Thronged & dr Tenison just entring into his
sermon some boyes being got into the Bellfrie by moving A Board threw
downe some Rubbish & some Crying out the Tower was falling put them in
such A Consternation that the like was scarce ever heard such were the
Cryes shreeks &c In the affright & Hurry A woman & 2 Boyes were killed &
many hurt The minister moved not nor many whose seates were at some
distance from the Tower The fear being over the dr Proceeded in his
sermon & After Administered the sacrament

The E of Tirconnell entring the boate to Carry him on board was
like to have drowned which boate was Cast away almost at the ships side
his Lordship Narrowly escapeing but lost his Portmantle & Papers of very
greate Importance & was also in greate danger at sea

Capt Marcus Talbott Naturall son of the E of Tirconnell is killed
In Ireland in A duell by one Capt Maxwell A Scotchman

L. c. 1775 London 22d ffebr 1686

+They write from dublin of the 12th Instant that on that day the E of
Tirconnell was Invested In that Govermt by the late Ld Lieut who at the
delivery of the sword made An Excellent Speech

To which his Excellency Replied

That he was much Concerned at the feares of the Protestants many
whereof had left the Kingdome But he hoped that in A little time they as
well as others would be better satisfied he being Resolved to mantaine

the Governmt both in Church & state as by Law established & every one to Enjoy their former liberty & much more was said to the satisfaction of all people & Its beleived A Proclamation would be suddenly set forth for the quietting of Peoples minds

This day is Certain Advice that the E of Clarendon is safely Arrived in England

His Maty haveing notice that the Ma de Abbavill had his Audience of the states did last night give Audience to Mounsr Dickvelt their Extrary envoy here

Our Holland letters say the M de Abbavill spoke with greate earnestnesse of the Kings Intention for Continuation of the treaties betwixt them & that he hoped the like demonstration would be showne by them whereupon deputies were Appointed to hear what he had further to say

Upon A motion made by him for Pardon for the English Concerned in seizeing Sr Robt Payton Its not questioned but it will be granted

They write from Vienna Teckly had some Considerable designe in hand but Genll Heuster Watched his motions

+Our fforeign letters say his holinesse hath Recomendend it to his Maty of Greate Brittain to doe all the good offices he Can Abt Turneing the Truce into A Peace that soe the Christians may unite their forces Agt the Turks

+Last Sunday were severall meetings Publickly open Abt the Citty

[A few figures in another hand appear on outside of letter, as do a few names or words, like "Dowell," in left margin of first recto.]

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+One Called ffather ffrancis haveing A Mandamus for some degree at Cambridge Demanded it of the university But upon his Refuseing the Oaths & Test &c they declared they Could not Admitt him & Appointed some to Attend the d of Albemarle their Chancellr to Pray him to Acquaint his Maty therewith & that it was Agt the statutes of their university Agt their oaths &c

Therefore humbly besought his Maty to Recall the said Mandamus

His Grace waited on the King but the Request was not granted

Wee have A Report that An order will Come forth to Indempnify the Printers of Roman books

They write from Ireland that the new Ld Deputy hath set forth A Proclamation that noe person depart the Kingdome without Licence & that the minds of all his Matys good subjects may be at ease & free from feares &c Assures them that noe person shall receive any of the least disturbance but by due Course of Law

This morning 3 Irishmen haveing Its said Resolved to kill the next man they mett lighted on A Grenadier whome they killed & are Comitted to the Gatehouse Some say they had a quarrell with the Grenadier Abt A woman which occasioned it

Yest began o[u]r Session at the old Bayly where mr Hoyle A Councillr of the Temple was Indicted for Buggery The grand jury upon A very full & strict enquiry into the Accusation found the bill Ignoramus soe he was discharged

Wee have Advice from the West Indies that the ffrench Protestants in the ffrench Islands being Constrained to abjure their Religion 7 or 800 families together with their effects & slaves are retired to St Eustace & surrinam belonging to the dutch

+They write from Vienna that greate quantities of Ammunitions & Provisions were embarqued on the Danube but could not descend by reason of the Ice

There are many more very late Alterations amonge the Military officers