

complain now, that the Sitting of this Parliament is not interrupted, because it is corruptly subservient to the Designs of your Majesty's Ministers. Had the Parliament under James the Second been as submissive to his Commands as the Parliament is at this Day to the Dictates of a Minister, instead of Clamours for its Meeting, the Nation would have rung, as now, with Outcries for its Dissolution.

The Forms of the Constitution, like those of Religion, were not established for the Form's Sake; but for the Substance. And we call God and Men to witness, that as we do not owe our Liberty to those nice and subtle Distinctions which Places and Pensions and lucrative Employments have invented; so neither will we be deprived of it by them: But as it was gained by the stern Virtue of our Ancestors, by the Virtue of their Descendants it shall be preserved.

Since therefore the Misdeeds of your Majesty's Ministers in violating the Freedom of Election, and depraving the noble Constitution of Parliaments, are notorious, as well as subversive of the fundamental Laws and Liberties of this Realm; and since your Majesty, both in Honor and Justice, is obliged inviolably to preserve them, according to the Oath made to God and your Subjects at your Coronation; We your Majesty's Remonstrants assure ourselves, that your Majesty will restore the Constitutional Government and Quiet of your People, by dissolving this Parliament, and removing those evil Ministers for ever from your Councils.

Signed by Order,
James Hodges.

To which Address, Remonstrance, and Petition, His Majesty was pleased to return the following Answer.

I shall always be ready to receive the Requests, and to listen to the Complaints of My Subjects; but it gives Me great Concern to find that any of them should have been so far misled as to offer Me an Address and Remonstrance, the Contents of which I cannot but consider as disrespectful to Me, injurious to My Parliament, and irreconcilable to the Principles of the Constitution.

I have ever made the Law of the Land the Rule of My Conduct, esteeming it My chief Glory to reign over a Free People. With this View I have always been careful, as well to execute faithfully the Trust reposed in Me, as to avoid even the Appearance of invading any of those Powers which the Constitution has placed in other Hands. It is only by persevering in such a Conduct, that I can either discharge My own Duty, or secure to My Subjects the free Enjoyment of those Rights which My Family were called to defend: And while I act upon these Principles, I shall have a Right to expect, and I am confident I shall continue to receive, the steady and affectionate Support of My People.

East-India House, February 14, 1770.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 21st Day of March next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend from Christmas last to Midsummer next.

Notice is also hereby given, that according to an Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, such Dividend cannot be made otherwise than in pursuance of a Vote or Resolution passed by Way of Ballot in a General Court of the said Company.

East-India House, March 15, 1770.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That the Quarterly General Court of the said Company appointed to be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 21st Instant, is, at the Desire of Nine Proprietors, to be on special Affairs.

East-India House, February 14, 1770.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Tuesday the 6th Day of March next, at Two o'Clock.

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 21st Day of March next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

That the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Monday the 26th of said March.

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at Merchant Taylors Hall in Threadneedle-Street, on Wednesday the 11th of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors of the said Company for the Year ensuing, which will continue from Nine in the Morning until Ten in the Evening.

And that the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be opened again on Wednesday the 12th Day of said April.

N. B. By an Act of Parliament, passed in the 7th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, no Person is qualified to vote at the said Election who has not been possessed of 500 l. Stock, standing in his or her Name and Right, for Six Calendar Months, except as in the said Act is mentioned; and that no Persons, in any Circumstance, are qualified to vote, unless for Stock standing in their own Names.

General Post-Office, March 11, 1770.

This Morning, about Three o'Clock, the Post-Boy carrying the CHESTER MAIL from this Office, was attacked and robbed upon the City Road, over-against the Shepherd and Shepherdes, by a single Foot-Pad, who took out of the Cart a small Mail, containing the following Bags of Letters, viz. Barnet, St. Alban's, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stoney Stratford, Daventry, Rugby, Lutterworth, Luton, Towcester, Ampthill, and Bedford.

The Person who committed this Robbery appeared to be of a darkish Complexion, middle aged, and rather tall; had on a stapped Hat, and brownish Great Coat, with a Newmarket Cape.

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, over and above the Reward by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or, if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Person who committed the Robbery, be entitled to the said Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster General,
Anth. Todd, Secretary.

Equivalent Office, March 14, 1770.

The Court of Directors of the Equivalent Company give Notice, that a General Court of this Company will be held at their House in Warnford Court Throgmorton Street, on Wednesday the 18th Day of April next, for the Election of Thirteen Directors, (according to their Charter) which will continue by Ballot from Nine to Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon of the said Day; after which no Lists will be taken in; and the Election will be declared immediately after the Scrutiny.

That the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut on Wednesday the 4th Day of April next, and continue so till Wednesday the 25th of the said Month of April. And Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at their House in Warnford-Court, Throgmorton-Street, London, on Wednesday the 11th of April next.

James Mathias, Secretary.