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At the Court at **WHITEHALL**,
January the Seventeenth, 1678.

Present,
The King's Most Excellent Majesty,
And the
Lords of His Majesties most Honorabl. Privy Council.

T Here having been lately presented by the Justices of the Peace, Six Queries to His Majesty in Council, viz.

I. **W** Hether Foreigners (Popish Recusants) that are, and have long been here settled House-keepers, and are Tradefmen, viz. Chyrurgeons, Taylors, Perriwig makers, or ordinary Shop-keepers, following Employments for their own advantage, but not otherwise Merchants, but are Certified to be Merchant-Strangers, shall be excused from taking the Oaths, or finding Sureties, or either or them?

II. Whether such Foreigners being Certified by Ambassadors, or other Foreign Ministers, to be their Servants at this time, shall be excused?

III. Whether Foreigners (Popish Recusants) settled here House-keepers, but neither are Tradefmen, Travellers, or Foreign Ministers Servants, shall be excused?

IV. Whether Native Subjects of Our Sovereign Lord, that are Menial Servants of Foreign Ministers, shall be excused?

V. Whether Married Women, being Popish Recusants, but their Husbands Protestants, shall be excused?

VI. Whether Popish Recusants that have taken the Oaths, found Sureties, have appeared, and are Convict, shall find new Sureties, or be continued over?

And His Majesty having from the Judges to whom the same were Referred, received Answer in Writing in the words following,

May it please Your Majesty,

We have met, and Considered of the Questions proposed to Us, and do hereby humbly return Our Opinions.

To the first We are of Opinion,

I. **T** hat Foreigners (being Popish Recusants) and Exercising ordinary Trades, (but not Merchants) are not excused from taking the Oaths, or finding Sureties.

II. To the second, That Foreigners, though Certified by Ambassadors to be their Servants, except they are their Menial Servants, are not excused.

III. To the third, That Foreigners, though settled House-keepers, being no Travellers, or Foreign Ministers Servants are not excused.

IV. To the fourth, That the Kings Native Subjects are not excused from taking the Oaths, by being Menial Servants to Foreign Masters.

V. To the Fifth, We find no Law that excuses a *Feme Covert*, being a Papist, from taking the Oaths, though her Husband be a Protestant.

VI. To the Sixth, That a Popish Recusant having taken the Oaths, is not bound to find new Sureties, unless upon a new tender of the Oaths, he shall refuse to take them.

All which with great Humility we submit to Your Majesties Judgment.

Will. Scroggs	Tim. Littleton	Fr. Bramston
Frz. North	Hugh Wyndham	Tho. Jones
W. Mountagu	Robert Atkyns	
W. Wylde	V. Bertie	W. Dolben.

H IS Majesty is Graciously pleased to Approve the said Report and Opinion of His Judges, and did this day Order, as it is hereby Ordered accordingly, That the Justices of the Peace in their respective Precincts do, in Execution of their Duties touching the Particulars there mentioned, take notice of the same, and conform themselves therunto. And this Order is to be sent to the Cultos Rotulorum of each County, that be may give Information of the same

ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

At the Court at **WHITEHALL**,
The 31 of January, 1678.

Present,
The King's Most Excellent Majesty,
And the
Lords of His Majesties most Honorable Privy Council.

W Hereas His Majesty hath received Complaint in Council, That several Justices of the Peace of several Counties, Cities and Liberties within this Kingdom, notwithstanding the many Proclamations

which His Majesty hath been pleased lately to Publish, for the better Security of His Majesties Person and Government, and of the True Protestant Religion, Do refuse, or neglect to put the same in Execution, (at which their neglect and refusal, at a Time wherein 'tis most apparent, That not onely His Majesties Royal Person and Government, but the True Protestant Religion within this Kingdoms have been, and still are in great danger) His Majesty cannot but be grieved at His just Displeasure: And therefore hath this day been pleased in Council to Order, That all His Majesties Justices of the Peace do with all Care and Diligence pursue His Majesties Commands signified in such His late Proclamations. And His Majesty doth hereby further direct the Lord Chanceller of England, up on due Complaint made of the neglect or refusal of any of His Majesties Justices of the Peace, in the Execution of the Premises forthwith to put them, and every of them out of Commission for the Peace, as Persons disaffected to His Majesties Government, and the True Protestant Religion; And to put in their Places Persons who may be likely to Act with more Vigour and good Affection.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Genova, Jan. 15. No Ships are arrived here this week, save the *Edward Pink* from *Leverpoole*, with Lead, Corn, &c. The *Genova Merchant* is put into *Vila Franca*.

Brussels, Jan. 31. We cannot yet certainly say when *Ghent* will be delivered up to us, though we hope it may be in two or three days, for the security which is to be given for the payment of the Arrears of Contribution is agreed, and the City of *Ghent* is raising 300 thousand Crowns, which the Governor *Monfieur de Montbrun* demands for the charge of sending away his Cannon and Ammunition by Wagons and Carriages, which he will hire. Yesterday *Monfieur Minders*, Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, passed here in his way to *Paris*, whither he is sent, as we are told, to assist the Ambassadors of the *States General* of the *United Provinces*, for the obtaining a Neutrality for the Country of *Cleves*, though the Ministers of *Denmark* and *Lunenburgh* seem to suspect that that is not all his Commission. Our Letters from *Cologne* tell us, that the *French* are making great preparations in order to their passing the *Rhine*; that their Troops were marching in considerable Bodies as well above as below *Cologne*; that one part of them, with Cannon and all materials for a Siege, had bended their course towards *Rhinberg*, as if they intended to attack it, but had in the night changed their march, and taken it directly towards *Bonne*. That this march of the *French* on this side the *Rhine*, makes the Confederate Troops move on the other, a Body of which was marched to a place over against *Ordinghen*, for the defence of the *Lower Rhine*, while *Monfieur de Louvigny* is posted near *Bonne*.

Ditto, Febr. 3. The Letters we receive from *Ghent*, give no appearance of the *French* quitting that City yet in some days, the Governor having demanded a new Tax of 24000 Crowns to be paid within ten days, and this to be in recompence for the good order which the *French* Troops have kept since their being there: and after all we are told, that the Caution which is offered by his Excellency for payment of the Arrears of Contributions, is refused by the *French*, who will have the Caution given not only for what is at present demanded, but likewise for all that shall hereafter appear to be due. Our last Letters from *Nimeguen* are dated the 31 past at 10 at night; they tell us, that the Mediators, and the *Imperial* and *French* Ambassadors, had been all that day in their Conferences at the *Stadthouwe*, without allowing themselves time to go home to dine, but had their dinners brought to them there. That when these Letters came away they were so near agreed, that it was not doubted but they would come to a close, and sign the Peace yet that night.

Hague, Febr. 7. We have this day advice from *Nimeguen* by Express, That the Peace between the Emperor and *France* was actually Signed the 5th instant, as that between the Emperor and *Sueden* was intended to be yesterday.

Paris, Febr. 4. The *Dutch* Ambassadors have not yet had their Publick Audience, they insisting to have several Honors and Respects shewn them on that occasion, according to the practice of former Times, which the King will not grant them. The said Ambassadors complain, that at *Rochelle*, and other Ports of this Kingdom, greater Impositions are laid upon their Merchants, than consist with the promise the King had made the States, to treat their Subjects in

their Trade as favourably as his own. The Letters we receive from the *Rhine* of the 27 past tell us, that *Monfieur Calvo* having drawn his Troops together, was marched with them to attack *Bonne*.

Ditto, Febr. 8. The King having made an Order in his Council, that no Protestant should hold any Publick Office or Employment in this Kingdom for the future, and that such as were at present in any, should be put out, the same is accordingly executing, and the Consuls and other publick Officers in several places who are Protestants, have been dismissed their respective Charges. It is said the King has named the *Marquis de Villars* to be his Ambassador in *Spain*. From *Alsace* they write, that the *Imperialists* had beaten up our quarters at *Colmar*, where lay two Battalions of the Regiment of *Champagne*, of whom most were killed or taken Prisoners. Some of our Troops have passed the *Rhine* at *Andernach*, and have ravaged the Countrey on that side. At *Thoulon* are fitting out 10 Men of War, and at *Marseilles* 28 Gallies, which will be ready to put to sea about the middle of *March*, under the Command of the Duke de *Vivonne*, and are, as is said, to be employed against the *Tripolins*, who have of late been very troublesome. And at *Brest*, *Rochefort*, *Havre de Grace*, and *Dunkirk*, are, as we are told, fitting out 25 or 30 Frigates more, of which some are said to be designed for the *West-Indies*, but it's thought they will want Seamen.

Advertisements.

There is now Printed in one Volume,

an Excellent Collection of all the Tragedies and Comedies that were ever writ by *Francis Beaumont* and *John Fletcher* Gentlemen. In Number Fifty. In which is contain'd those Seventeen Plays that were formerly Printed single in Quarto. And to this Edition is likewise added the songs to each Play. Printed for *John Martin*, *Henry Herringman*, and *Richard Marriot*.

Whereas by occasion of the late Fire in the Temple, several Books, Writings and Goods are so dispersed and miscarried, that they cannot be heard of by the Owners. These are to desire any persons in whose hands any of the said Books, Writings or Goods are, to give notice of the same to *Jacob Tonson* Bookseller, at the Judges Head in *Coventry Lane*, near *Fleet Street*, and they shall have reasonable satisfaction for the same by the Owner thereof. And these are further to give notice that the said *Jacob Tonson* hath already in his hands several Writings, the Owners of which are unknown.

Lost on Tuesday last between 4 and 5 of the clock in the evening, in or about *Whitechapel*, a Hair Locket, set round with small Table Diamonds. Whoever brings it to *Mr. Cordell* in *Asc-yard* in *King Street*, *Westminster*, shall have Twenty shillings for a Reward.

Whereas *John Perrin*, *Deborah Fulmer*, *William Scroope*, *Peter Poole*, *James Ross*, *Thomas Robinson*, alias *Smeaky Tom*, *Thomas Daniel*, *Charles Daniel*, *John Taylor*, *John Owen*, *Joseph Whitting*, *John Price*, *Henry Masiack*, *William Smith*, *John Clements*, *Thomas Offey*, *Robert* and *J. Spib Buttrick*, *William Robinson*, *Richard Armesball*, *one Legg*, *Thomas Yates*, and divers others, presume, in Contempt of Authority, to infect the Countreys with Lotteries, and Games resembling Lotteries, (notwithstanding several former Advertisements to the Civil Magistrates) some, by pretended Authority; others, by former Deputations now out of Date; some, by counterfeit Deputations; others, under colour of Shows, privately exercising Lotteries; and some, (as we are informed) by Connivance of inferior Officers, to the great Damage, if not Ruine of several truly Loyal Indigent Officers, to whom His Majesty, for their Sufferings and Services, hath Granted all Lotteries for the term of Thirteen years, with Prohibition to all others: It is therefore earnestly desired, That all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bayliffs, Constables, &c. would carefully inspect all Deputations, and effectually suppress all such Persons as shall Erect or Exercise any Lotteries, or Games resembling Lotteries, other than such as are or shall be Deputed under the Hands of some of the Commissioners for all Lotteries, and the Seal of the Lottery Office, with this Inscription, *MELIORA DESIGNAVI*.