

Highnesses, to whom he at the same time presented the Count de Pierteng his successor, having been conducted to those Audiencies by Sir Charles Cosierell Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, April 15. This day the Parliament met at Westminster and was Prorogued by Commission till the 17th of May next.

Whitehall, April 16. This day the Right Honourable the Earl of Offory was sworn of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, and accordingly took his place at the Board.

Whitehall, April 16. On Wednesday last His Majesty was Graciously pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Captain William Dodson of London, being Presented by the Right Honourable the Earl of Offory.

Whitehall, April 16.

WHEREAS Information hath been this day given to His Majesty in Council upon Oath, That John Arnold Esq, one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Monmouth, was the last night between the Hours of Nine and Ten of the Clock in Bell Yard, near Jack-an-apes Lane end, maliciously and feloniously assaulted, dangerously wounded, and endeavoured to be assassinated by Three Persons unknown, who are since fled (one of them being hurt in the Leg) After which barbarous Fact, one of the said Three Persons did utter these words to the said Mr. Arnold, Damme ye Dog, now Pray for the soul of Captain Evans; which Evans was a Jesuit Executed in the County of Glamorgan, and who sometime before his Apprehension had threatened to Pistol the said Mr. Arnold: It is Ordered by His Majesty in Council, That the Lord Mayor of the City of London, and the Justices of Peace of the County of Middlesex, and City of Westminster, do cause diligent Search to be forthwith made within their severall Jurisdictions, for the said Persons, or any of them, or any that did Incite, Encourage, or set them on to make that Attempt.

And for an Encouragement to all Persons to use their utmost diligence herein, His Majesty is pleased to promise, That there shall be the Reward of One hundred pounds forthwith paid to any who shall Discover or Apprehend the said Three Persons, or any one of them, or any of those who did Incite them thereunto. And if any one of the said Three Persons, being touched with Remorse for that horrid Fact, shall discover the same, and his Accomplices, His Majesty is Graciously pleased to promise that he shall have his Pardon for the same, besides the said Reward.

We are commanded to give Notice, that all persons whatsoever, who know of any person that was wounded in the Leg on Thursday night last, are required upon their perills to acquaint the Council Board or some one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace therewith.

His Majesty was likewise pleased to cause directions to be sent to the Company of Chirurgeons to make strict enquiry amongst all the Members of that Company, as well those living in the City, as in the places adjacent, whether they have, last night, or since, dressed any person who is wounded in the Leg, and to return an account thereof to the Board. And His Majesty was also pleased to Order one of his own Chirurgeons to go and visit Mr. Arnold.

It was this day ordered by His Majesty in Council, That the Lord Mayor do cause strict search to

be made from time to time within the City of London and the Liberties thereof, for Popish Recusants, and to the end the search may be more effectual, His Majesty did direct that it be made at the same time within the several Wards, that so they may not skulk and escape by removing out of one place to another, and that all such Papists as shall be Apprehended, be severely proceeded against according to Law.

The like directions were given to the Justices of the Peace of Westminster and Middlesex.

Whitehall, April 17. This Evening Sir Francis Wihens (upon whom His Majesty was then pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood) presented the following Address to His Majesty.

WHEREAS a Petition for siting of the Parliament the 26th of January last, was presented to His Majesty in the Name of the Inhabitants in and about the City of London, by which it may be supposed that the City and Liberty of Westminster is comprehended; And knowing that there was such a Petition managed and carried on to that purpose in the said City and Liberty, contrary to His Majesties Royal Proclamation, and, as we humbly conceive, in derogation of His Majesties Prerogative. In detestation of such Actions, we the Grand Inquest, sworn for the said City and Liberty, do hereby declare our absolute dislike and abhorrence of the said Practice. And farther we declare, That to the utmost of our Power and Ability, we will defend His Majesties most Sacred Person, His Heirs and lawful Successors, and the True Protestant Religion as now established by Law and practiced in the Church of England, against all opposers whatsoever, and humbly desire this Honourable Court to joyn with us in this our Declaration; And that Mr. Steward will be pleased to present the same to His Majesty.

Signed and Presented

April 17. 1680.

Westminster, April 17. The Justices of the Peace of this City, assembled at this Quarter-Sessions, do most readily joyn with the Grand Jury of this Liberty, in their Address to His Majesty herunto annexed, and do desire Francis Wihens Esq; Deputy Steward of Westminster, and one of the Justices of the peace of this City, to present the same to His Majesty accordingly.

Advertisements.

John Saker, a Tall man in a Cloth Campain Coat lined with Red, and silk and silver Buttons, a close Coat of the same with gold and silver Buttons, a flowered silk Wastecoat, a gray hat and a blackish Perriwig, speaks thick, about 24 years of Age, round-vilaged, born at Weybridg in Surrey, Broke New-Prison the 16th instant, and made his escape. Whoever Apprehends him and gives notice thereof to the Master of the said Prison in Middlesex shall have forty Pounds as a Reward.

On Wednesday the 19th of May next the Four Pound Plate will be run for on Sarmy-Downs, near Chenee Ste. in Gloucestershire: the Gentlemen ride themselves, and none rides lighter than 14 Stone weight: and the day before four heats are to be run without rubbing for a considerable Sum of money between two Persons of Quality.

These are to give notice that all sorts of Horses and Cattel will be sold at that ancient Fair kept at Sisse in Bedfordshire on May-day.