

Charity to the Poor, in reminding us of our Duty, for their Relief, so (with your Majesties leave) we must presume to say, That we esteem our selves obliged to lay hold on this reasonable Opportunity to make our further Humble Acknowledgement to your Majesty with all Gratitude for that most Gracious Declaration lately Published by your Majesties Command, by which your Majesty is pleased to put your People in mind of the Miseries they endured (when the Monarchy was shaken off) by those most Illegal and Arbitrary Powers, (who most Tyrannically disposed of the Lives and Fortunes of your good Subjects at their pleasures, and lest them neither Religion, Liberty, or Property,) And that your Majesty is Graciously pleased to give us your Royal Word to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom, which cannot but extinguish, and thereby quiet the Fears and Jealousies of all rational and good Men, and we hope, bring them to a right Sense of their Duty to your Majesty, and their own Interest, and make them confident they shall enjoy their Religion, Liberty, and Property. And for our own parts, we do assure your most Sacred Majesty, It hath made so deep an Impression in us, that we unanimously Resolve our Lives and Fortunes shall be at your Majesties Service, for the Defence of your Majesties most Sacred Person from danger (whom God preserve) and for the preservation of the true Protestant Religion, and your Majesties Government in Church and State as by Law established.

Whereunto His Majesty was pleased to return this Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Heartily thank you for your Address, and for your Assurance of assisting Me in the Support of the Church of England as by Law it is Established. I am an utter Enemy to all Arbitrary Proceedings, and shall Endeavour as much as in Me lies to Maintain the Legal Rights and Properties of my Subjects; it being the best, if not the only Way, for the Preserving the Publick Peace.

*Kinsale, April 8.* Yesterday was cast away about ten miles from this place the *Gabriel* of Bristol, bound for *New England*, all the Men being saved except two, who were drowned. This day came in here the *Oak*, the *Fellowship* and the *Patience*, all three belonging to Bristol and bound to the *West-Indies*.

*Windfor, April 18.* This day was performed the Ceremony of the Installment of *Charles* Duke of *Richmond*, Knight of the most Noble Order of the *Garter*, which His Majesty (attended with many of the Nobility and other Persons of quality) was pleased to Honor with His Presence.

*Whitehall, April 19.* His Majesty having appointed *Thomas Dereham* Esq; to be his Resident at the Court of the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, was this day pleased to confer upon him the Honour of Knighthood.

The Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council appointed a Committee for the Redemption of the English Slaves in *Algiers* and *Salley*, ba-

ving put themselves into a method of Redeeming those first who have longest continued in Captivity, Desire to know from the Relations or Friends of the said Captives, what they will be content to add of their own to the publick Stock, for the Redeeming those who were taken from the First of August 1677. to the First of August 1678. it being certain the publick Stock will come very short of completing the intended Charity; Their Lordships do likewise Require, that the said Relations and Friends do bring in Certificates whereby it may be distinctly and certainly known what County each Captive was born in.

To undeceive the Kings Loyal Subjects, who may be misled into Error by a Pamphlet called *The History of the Life and Death of 35 Eliz.* These are to inform them, that that Act amongst others, was Continued 1 Jac. until the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, There were four Sessions in that Parliament, the last whereof ended 7 Jac. but the Act was to continue to the first Session of the next Parliament, and though every Session to some purposes be as a several Parliament, yet it is no such Parliament which can have a first Session, and is never in Acts of Parliament styled the next Parliament. The next Parliament summoned was 12 Jac. but because nothing was done therein, it was held no Parliament. Then a Parliament was summoned 18 Jac. wherein passed on y Subsidies Granted by the Spirituality and Temporality. Hence a question arose 20 Jac. whether 35 Eliz. was not discontinued upon this ground, that 18 Jac. was a Session by passing the Subsidy Act, which being refer'd to all the Judges, nine of them were of Opinion, 35 Eliz. with the other Laws continued 1 Jac. were thereby discontinued. To prevent which mischief, The Parliament 21 Jac. not only revives 35 Eliz. and those other Laws in all 58, but Enacts that they shall be adjudged ever since the Session of Parliament 7 Jac. to have been of such Force and Effect as the same were the last day of that Session. And 'tis undoubted they all were then in force, by Virtue of 1 Jac. and the latter continuance run clear without the aid of the Declaratory Law of 16 Car. 2. And though this Conventicle Act of 16 Car. 2. be expired, yet there is another of greater Force 22 of the King yet in being.

All Persons owing Arrears of Rent for their Wine-Lycences, or whose Lycences expired at Lady-day last, are hereby desired to take Notice, That if they do not pay their said Arrears, and renew their said Licences at the Wine-Lycence-Office in Great Essex-street near the Temple, London, before the 14th day of May next, they will be sued in His Majesties Court of Exchequer, as well for recovery of their said Arrears, as upon the Statute for Retailing Wine without Lycence.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, have Money in Bank to pay to Number 75*a.* inclusive, of the Orders Registered on the Second Act for Disbanding the Army.

There is a Fair, which continues eight Days, to be held at *Woolst* on the 24th of this present Month, for Cattle, or any other sort of Merchandize whatsoever.

On Wednesday the 11th of May next, being the day before *Holt-Thursday*, the Fourty Pound Plate will be run for on *Sarney-Downs*, near *Wentworth*, in *Queensbury*; Gentlemen to Ride, and the Horses to carry fourteen Stone Weight.