

stead of countenancing) ready to give their aid to suppress any new Attempt. to be offered at either, in Church or State, And for our parts do assure, that we will stand by Your Majesty to our utmost, in defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) and the Protestant Religion, as it is by Law established: And also, that when it shall please Your Majesty to call another Parliament, it shall not be our fault if Your Majesty do not meet with such Loyal Representatives from us, as may readily submit unto, and comply with Your Majesties Royal Inclinations.

*To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.*

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties ancient, and ever Loyal Burrough of *Axbridge*, in Your County of *Somerset*.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

**W**HE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being sensibly affected with the great happiness, which we have always possessed under Your Majesties Protection, do in all Humility beseech your Royal Goodness to accept of these our unfeigned Acknowledgments of the same. And whereas the restless Malice of some ill Men hath labour'd to poison Your Subjects Loyalty with unreasonable Jealousies touching Your Sacred Government (which we can neither harbor in our selves, nor countenance in others) as we believe that Your late Gracious Declaration is abundantly sufficient if well considered to suppress them all; so we do most cheerfully render our Thanks for it; being exceeding joyful, that hereby Your Majesty hath signified Your firm Resolution to rule us in all things, according to the Laws of the Kingdom, to advise frequently with Your Parliament, to maintain the Hereditary Right of Succession to Your Crown, and to use Your utmost Endeavours to extirpate Popery. And we do according to the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance by us taken, most solemnly protest before God, and the World, that no Temptation whatsoever shall hinder us from sacrificing our Liberties, Lives, and Fortunes in Defence of Your Royal Person, Prerogatives, Heirs, and lawful Successors, against all Domestique and Foreign Attempts to the contrary. And we do, and ever shall pray unto God Almighty, to preserve long Your Sacred Life in Safety, Peace and Honour; that You may be always a Support unto Your Friends, and a Terror unto Your Enemies at home and abroad. In testimony whereof we have hereunto put our Hands, and affixed our Common Seal the 4th day of August, in the thirteenth year of Your Majesties Reign over England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, &c. Ann. Dom. 1681.

*H. reform.* Aug. 22 On Thursday last the Right Honourable the Lord Marquis of Worcester, Lord President of Wales, began his Journey from *Badminton* to *Ludlow*, (accompanied by several persons of quality) with an Equipage and Train of Attendants suitable to his quality. At his Lordships entrance into this County, he was received by many eminent Persons, whose number still increased as his Lordship advanced further. About two miles from hence a considerable body of Horse, consisting most of the Gentlemen of the County, attended his arrival and after having saluted his Lordship, joyed him and his numerous company: At the Gates of the City, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council in their Formalities received his Lordship, and the Trajiced-Bands of the Corporation were in Arms, and made a lane, through which his Lordship passed to his Lodgings, the Trumpets sounding, Drums beating, and Bells ringing; the Evening was taken up in a Noble Entertainment; and the next Morning the Mayor and Common-Council tendered the Freedom of the City to the Lord Marquis, who as kindly accepted of it, and after having taken the usual Oaths, very nobly treated the Company. My Lord Marquis of Worcester having spent the Morning in dispatch of Business, after a handsome Gallion left the Town, accompanied with a great number of Gentlemen, and so continued his Journey to *Ludlow*. Two miles from that place his Lordship was met by a numerous company of the Gentry of *North-Wales*; and at his Entrance in the County, he was received by the Bailiffs and their Brethren in their Formalities, the Mace being carried before

his Lordship on Horseback, the Officers and Servants bare-headed, the Trumpets sounding, Bells ringing, &c. At night a very splendid Supper was provided, and the next Morning his Lordship, after the dispatch of Business went at the usual time to Prayers in the Chappel, attended with great Solemnity. In a word, the Gentry, Clergy, and all manner of persons have shewn to our doer each other in their Respects to his Lordship, thereby testifying their Duty and Loyalty to His Majesty and his Government, as well as their Esteem of his Lordships Person and great Merits.

*F. L. m.* Aug. 22 We have an account that four Dutch Men of War past by this Harbor on Thursday last, being bound to the Southwards; the biggest of them carrying fifty Guns.

*F. m.* Aug. 23 This day came in here the *Pearl*, Capt. *Williams* Commander, from whom we have an Account, That cruising in company of the *Maid* and the *Gursey*, about 30 Leagues off of *Scilly*, they saw a Sail making towards them, supposed to be an Algerine, who no sooner discovered the Frigats, but clapped upon a Wind, and got from them; and that the said Frigats, meeting afterwards with a French man of War, they understood from him, that the Ship they had chased was an Algerine of 30 Guns.

*F. m.* Aug. 25. On Tuesday our Governor, the Honourable Colonel *Legg* arrived here, and the next day ordered an Exercise of the Garrison, which accordingly marched into the Field, (the Soldiers being all new clothed,) with four pieces of Canon, and a party of Pioniers, and were drawn up in Battalia by our Deputy-Governor; soon after, our Governor, accompanied with several Gentlemen, came into the Field to see them Exercise, which was performed very much to the satisfaction of the Governor and all that were present: After which the whole Body marched into the Town again, to the place of Parade, where they all quitted their Arms, and went to Prayers in the Kings Chappel, the Governor, being accompanied by the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, &c.

*Whitehal.* Aug. 27. This day their Majesties and the whole Court returned hither from *Windfor*.

There having been Printed and Published on Thursday last a Pamphlet, Entituled, *An Act* for securing of the Protestant Religion, as it was past in the Parliament of Scotland on Saturday, Aug. 1. 1681. which is pretended to be Printed for Andrew Forrester in Kingstreet, Westminster. It is thought necessary for the satisfaction of the World, to certify, That the same is a perfect fiction and contrivance; no such Act having passed, and no other Act concerning Religion having hitherto passed, or been presented in the said Parliament, in which, which together with the Act relating to the succession, was published in the Gazette on the 22 Instant, And as for Mr. Forrester, for whom it is said to be Printed, he has been for above these three weeks out of England; by which it may be seen, what means are made use of to deceive the People.

His Excellency the Marquis d' Aronnes, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of Portugal, being on his return home, has desired notice may be given thereof, That all persons to whom he owes any Moneys, may repair to his House and receive what is due to them.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer have Money in Bark to pay to Number 1900. inclusive. of the Orders Registered on the Second Act for Disbanding the Army.

*Advertisements.*

Lost on Tuesday the 23 Instant in the Morning, between *Barnes* and *Putney* boats, a Roll of parchment wrapt in a Sheet of white Paper, being a Pedigree of the *Buckings* Family. Whoever brings the same, or gives notice of it to Mr. *Fisher* and, at the General Post-Office in *London*, or to Mr. *Bishop* at the *Antwerp* in *Barnes*, shall be well-rewarded.

Lost the 22 Instant, a little beyond *Wormley* from behind a Coach, a Box with a pair of white *Maria* Tabby Bodice, Embroidered with Gold and Silver, a plain Silk Mantua Gown and Petticoat, a Pewter Cittern and Ladle, with a Coat of Arms on it, and a great deal of fine Linen, with other things. Whoever gives notice of it to Mr. *Paul Smith* at the *Black Lion* on *Little-Ilford*, shall have two Guineas Reward.