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Genova, Octob. 15.

Several French Officers came hither some days since from *Casal* to see this City, whither they returned again yesterday: Here is now seen in the *East* a Comet, which appears about Midnight for two hours, it seems not Fiery, but Whitish, and is not above one tenth part as long as that which was seen in most Countreys as well as here, several Months since.

Vienna, Octob. 9. The Turks and Hungarians have with the loss of 6 or 700 Men, made themselves Masters of *Calo*; the Governor, after having resisted several Attacks, being at last forced to Capitulate, and to surrender the Place upon Articles. The Troops that were sent under the Command of General *Rabata*, to reinforce General *Caprara*, have, we are told, joyned him; and thereupon General *Caprara* is marched towards the Turks, Hungarians and Transylvanians, who are divided in two Bodies, the Turks and Transylvanians, being Commanded by Prince *Abafiz*, and the Hungarians by Count *Teckley*. The Dyct at *Oedenburg* draws towards a Conclusion, but with what satisfaction to the Protestants, we cannot certainly say.

Vienna, Octob. 12. On Monday last arrived here an Express, who brought the surprizing News of the taking of *Strasbourg* by the French. From *Hungary* they write, that General *Caprara* was marching towards the Rebels.

Strasbourg, Octob. 18. Our Magistrates having sent Deputies to the French King at *Schlesstadt*, they were very well received; the King assuring them that he would not only maintain their Priviledges, but enlarge them. Monsieur de *Louvois* has given Orders for the taking the Canon, of which there are above 400 Picces, out of our Arsenal. The King is expected here the 21, and then the Cittadel that is designed, will be taken in hand.

Cologne, Octob. 21. The Emperor, it's said, has written a Letter to our Magistrates, to admonish them to be upon their Guard, and to put themselves into a posture of Defence. From *Heydelberg* they write, that the Elector Palatine had reinforced the Garrisons of *Manheim* and *Frankendall*, in which two places he had 4000 Men, and that his Electoral Highness was going to make new Levies.

Brussels, Octob. 24. We live here in great apprehensions of the French; and our Letters from *Lille*, *Tournay*, *Valenciennes*, &c. tell us of the preparations that are making, and of the Orders the *Marschal d'Humieres* has sent out for the drawing the Troops together, in order to the marching into the Countrey of *Alost*, as soon as the Term expires.

The Prince of *Parma* at the same time is doing what he can to put these Countreys into a posture of Defence. He is drawing his Cavalry into a Body, and intends to post them on the Frontier of the Province of *Flanders*, to make head against the French, and is sending several Companies of Dragoons into the Towns of *Alost*, *Binoue*, and *Grimmont*, to defend them, in case the French shall attack them. From *Liege* they write, that they have had notice that the French are about sending some Troops thither, on pretence of possessing themselves of *Fupille*, and some other small places belonging to the City of *Liege*, which they have formed a pretension upon.

An Account of the Proceedings of the Quarter-Sessions of the County of Middlesex, in reference to the Sheriffs and Grand Jury.

The Quarter-Sessions begun at Westminster the 6th of October Instant. Sir *George Joffins* was in the Chair; the Under-Sheriff returned the Pannel for the Grand Jury; the Court (as is usual at *Alfizes* and *Sessions*) according to the Statute of 3 H. 8. required him to put one Person out of the Pannel, and another in, which they named, which he refused: The Court then according to custom Adjourned to *Ricks-Mal*; the Monday following, October 10. the Jury was there again called, and upon examination it did appear, that very few of them were Protestants according to the Church of *Eng* and; and one of them did confess he did not know where his Parish Church stood; and there was one who had been summoned, and did appear, and professed himself a constant Churchman, but was not returned in the Pannel; The Court observing this strange dealing of the Under-Sheriff, required him to shew them the Freeholders Book, which he did; and upon perusal of it, they could not find any one person of those returned in that Pannel, in that Book; Whereupon the Court required the Under-Sheriff, to put some persons out of the Pannel which they named, and to fill up the Pannel with as many out of the said Freeholders Book, which they likewise named, which he refused to do; The Court being thus Treated by the Under-Sheriff, thought fit to order the High Sheriffs to attend the *Wednesday* following, October 12. to the intent they might be required to alter the Pannel, and to know if they approved the obnoxiousity of their Under-Sheriff, but they did not appear; but Sir *George Treloar*, the Recorder, Mr *Townson*, and Mr *Trenner*, came by order of the Court of Aldermen, (which Order, Mr. Recorder did produce, and left a Coppy of it) to justify that the High Sheriffs ought not to be required to attend there, nor to be called out of the City, for this reason; That they were always obliged to attend the Lord Mayor, and could not be at two places at once: This reason not satisfying the Court for the Contempt of the High Sheriffs, Fined them 100 l.

The Court seeing they could not procure the alteration of the Pannel, those Persons in it being most of them neither Churchmen nor Freeholders, did not think it consulting with their Duty, to trust the great Affairs of the County in those Mens Hands who had so little interest in it, and so dismissed them for that time, and ordered them to attend the Monday following, October 17. hoping in the mean time the Sheriffs would consider of it, and not put a stop to publick Justice by their obstinacies. On Monday about nine of the clock Sir *George Joffins* writ a Letter to Sir *William Jubb*, and desired him to take the Chair, because he was taken ill and could not attend, which Sir *William* did: The Court for the satisfaction of the People there (who were numerous) caused the said Statute of 3 H. 8. to be publicly read; and then required the Under-Sheriff to alter the Pannels which he refused; Sir *William*

him with did then acquaint the County, what pains and care the Court had taken to make a Jury fit for their Services; he told them it was the Wisdom of our Ancestors to restrain the Sheriffs from abusing the People, as they might see by the said Statute. They thought the lives and fortunes of the Subjects of England, were much more safe in the hands of Courts, than of any Under Sheriff; he told them that the Laws (which were the Peoples Liberty and Safety) would be of little Use, if an Under Sheriff by Artifice, might without controul provide such Infrustrants to act there as he pleaseth; that if it must be so, neither the King nor his Subjects can depend upon the Justice and Protection of the Law, but must be at the mercy of every Under Sheriff; he told them, the case of this populous and most important County was very hard, that neither had, nor could have, as the case now stood, a High Sheriff to attend the weighty Affairs of it; that if a forcible Entry and Detainer was found by Inquisition, which could not be removed by the Justices, without the *Posse Com. 1212*; and if the Justices have no power to require the assistance of the Sheriffs, the Law in that case would be useless, which would be of dangerous consequence; and after he had upon that sudden and short warning, spoke what he conceived pertinent to the occasion, he acquainted the People that there was a Grand Jury at the *Old Bailey*, to which they might repair, if their Bills required a speedy dispatch. The Court then dismissed those persons who were returned upon the Pannel from farther attendance.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble Address of your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Bayliffs, Recorder, Capital Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of your Majesties Antient Burrough of *Eridport* in your County of *Dorset*, Subscribed at the general Sessions of the Peace, held in, and for the said Burrough on Wednesday the 17th day of September, 1681.

Dread Sovereign,

Though we your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects, look not back upon the black Designs, and Bloody Practices of the late Unhappy and Rebelious Times (which yet we cannot without Horror and Amazement reflect upon) yet the Review of those many and great Blessings which we have, under God, enjoyed, through the prudent Manerage of Affairs by Your Majesty, His Vicegerent, for these many years past; may, and must prevail with all Men of Loyalty and Gratitude (as it hath done with us) to render unto your Majesty most humble and dutiful Thanks: And since it hath pleased Your Majesty, out of Your most Gracious Condescension, publickly to Declare unto us, the cause your past, and the intent of your future Proceedings, That they have, and always shall be according to Law; We cannot but return Your Majesty, our more particular and hearty Thanks, not that there was in us any distrust of your Majesties Administration, but for the great and general good it hath done, by redressing the misunderstandings of many among us; And we humbly intreat Your Majesty not to look on our late Address, to be any neglect of our Duty, in which Your Majesties Addressers will give place to none; And though others have had the Honour to goe before us, yet we have had the happiness to have daily the increase of the cause of our Thankfulness; And may the Almighty God long continue Your Majesty in Health and Peace, to continue it unto us; And do humbly assure Your Majesty, that Your Majesty shall never fail to have Assistants in us, for the preservation of Your Majesties Person, Your Heirs and lawful Successors; and for the maintenance of the Government, both in Church and State, as now by Law Established; which your Majesties Providence hath hitherto so well defended. And which it shall be our constant endeavours to send Representatives to secure.

The Grand Jury for the County of *Brecon*, at the Great Sessions held at *Brecon*, the 26th of September, 1681. Do Present,

Whereas an Humble Address hath been Presented to His Majesty, Subscribed by most of the Gentlemen and Inhabitants of the said County, of *Brecon*, therein acknowledging their dutiful Sense of His Majesties late most Gracious Declaration. We the Grand Jury, do Own and Assert the said Address (bearing date the 24th of June last past) to be an unanimous Act of the Body of the said County.

Falmouth, Octob. 17. The 14th Instant came into *Mounts Bay*, a Vessel from *St. Martins* in *France*, and in her 36 French Protestants; they tell us, that within these two Months, several thousands have left that Kingdom.

Plymouth, Octob. 18. This day arrived here His Majesties Ship the *Assurance*, Captain *Akerman* Commander, from *Bilboa*, having on board an Ambassador from the Czar of *Moscovy*, who was in *France*, and now lately in *Spain*.

Deal, Octob. 20. Last night and this morning came into the *Downs* from the River, about 20 Sail of Merchants Ships bound for the *Sireights*.

The Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity-House of *Deptford-Strond*, upon Tuesday the 18th Instant, having caused a Beacon to be Erected upon the Stem of a Wreck, lying off against *Lee*, with her Head to the Westward; have Ordered, that the same be published; to the end, all Masters, Commanders of Ships, and Pilots, or any other persons concerned, might have notice thereof, for the preventing of any damage for the future.

Advertisements.

The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common-Council Assembled; having for many years past, had under their Consideration, the better Securing and Injuring the Inhabitants of this City and Liberties from the dangerous Accidents frequently happening by Fires, are now resolved forthwith to engage a sufficient Fond, and undoubted Security by the Chamber of *London*, in Lands, and good Ground-Rents, for the performance thereof, and that the Committee thereunto appointed, shall meet from day to day in the *Guild-Hall* every Afternoon, from Three to Six a clock, to perfect the same Undertaking, to the satisfaction of all persons that have, or shall have Interests in any Buildings within the said City and Liberties.

The Insurers of Houses from Fire on the backside of the *Royal Exchange*, have thought fit to make this Publication, That all Persons that shall Insure their Houses, shall have liberty till the first of *January*, 1682 to bring back their Policies. And the Insurers will oblige themselves and their Security, by Indorsement on their Policies, to accept of a Surrender, and repay the *Premium*, only deducting the proportion for the time Insured: So that if the City, or any other Persons in that time, shall offer better Security, or easier terms, they will have liberty to accept them; and in the interim they have the advantage to be Insured by this Office.

Any Person desire to be furnished with young *Abtele* Plants, the Trees whereof grow in a few years to a wonderful height and bighels, and the Timber now prosed good for most uses of Building, and fir Turners Ware, being the whitest Wood in this Kingdom; they may be furnished with what quantity they please, with Instructions how to Plant them, and what Ground is properest for them; at *Jamess Bait*, at the Sign of the *Greyhound* in *Bath*, at 10 s. a hundred.