

necessary to be taken for the defence and security of the Empire in general, and their own Territories and Dominions in particular. We cannot yet learn the business the *Sieur Foulkes*, his Electoral Highnesses Secretary, was lately sent to *Copenhagen* upon, but every body concludes it to be of moment.

Hamburg, Jan. 13. The Duke of *Hanover*, if the Reports that are abroad be true, has concluded a Defensive Alliance with the Elector of *Saxony*; and will endeavour to engage the Elector of *Brandenburg*, to whom he is going to make a Visit, to become a Party in it. In the mean time the Elector of *Saxony*, the Duke of *Zell*, and the Duke of *Hanover* are making Levies in their respective Territories, intending to have each of them a good Army on foot. The Landgrave of *Hesse Cassel* likewise raises Men, resolving, as is said, to have a Body of six thousand Men in his Pay; and other Princes of *Germany* are also making preparations, so that we doubt not but in a short time to see the Empire in a very good posture of Defence. The 11th Instant arrived here the Duke of *Wolfenbuttel*, he is about buying a Horse here, which lately belonged to the *Sieur Garmer*, and cost in Building 15000. Yesterday the Merchants Adventurers residing here, made a most Noble Entertainment for *Bevil Skeiton, Esq.* His Majesties Envoy Extraordinary to the Dukes of *Lunenburg*, and the *Hans Towns*.

Hague, Jan. 20. The 17th Instant arrived here the Secretary of our Ambassador in *France*, with Letters from his Excellency to the States; upon which, the Deputies for Foreign Affairs presently met, and in the Evening were to wait upon his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, to acquaint him with what they had done. From *Amsterdam* they write, that they had Letters from *Argiers*, which gave an account, that those Corsairs had taken and brought to *Argiers* 27 or 28 French Ships and Barques, and in them near one thousand Seamen and Passengers, which they had made Slaves. The late violent Storms have done much harme in the *Texel*, though we have not yet the particulars. From *Berlin* our Letters tell us, that they were making great preparations there to receive the Duke and Duchs of *Hanover*; and that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was in very good Health, being for the present quite rid of the Gout. Our last Letters from *Brussels* are of the 15th Instant, and bring us not any thing of moment.

Whitehal, Jan. 18. This Evening the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* waited upon the King in a Body, and Presented to His Majesty the following Paper Signed by them. His Majesty having heard it Read, was pleased, heartily to Thank them for their constant Affection to him and the established Government.

Middlesex.

From the Quarter-Sessions at *Hicks-Hall* the 18th of *January*. 1681.

WE Your Majesties Justices of the Peace of the County of *Middlesex*; do express a very great Honour to us, that we were the first who Presented Your

Majesty with our Humble and Thankful Acknowledgment for Your most Gracious Declaration; and as a great happiness that we were followed by those multitude of Addressees, which have been made to Your Majesty from the Counties, Cities and Towns Corporate of this Your Majesties Kingdom, by which your Majesty hath a full discovery of Your Peoples Affections, and that Your Enemies are neither so numerous or formidable, as they were by some apprehended to be. That now as Your Majesty can have no cause to fear them, so we hope You will never be persuaded to trust them; but we must confess we are ashamed, that we who live so near Your Majesties Royal Person, and therefore cannot but have a more clear view of the daily influences of Your Majesties most Gracious Government, than Your Majesties Subjects who live more remote, should not likewise have been the first in expressing our Indignation against that most Execrable and Traiterous designed Association, lately discovered by Your Majesty. which certainly in the Judgment of all good Men, may more corrupt the Blood of the wicked Inventors, then if they should be discovered and attained by Law. The Treason was not on y against the King, but the Monarchy; and if any Persons should attempt under colour or pretence of so horrid and damnable a Contrivance, to disturb the Peace and Quiet of Your Majesties Government we doubt not but that whatever impurity they may meet with upon Earth, yet they shall not escape the Divine Justice. We shall not presume to trouble Your Majesty any farther, but so pray for the preservation of Your Majesties Person, and Your long and happy Government.

Falmouth, Jan. 12. On Monday last arrived here the Assistance of *Falmouth* from the *Canaries*; the Master tells us, that he came from thence the 10th of the last Month, and that all the Fleet, which came lately from *England* was arrived there, except two Ships. who were still wanting; they had met with very ill weather, which separated the whole Fleet, so that there came not to the *Canaries* above two or three together.

Whitehal, Jan. 17. Yesterday the Ambassador from the King of *Morocco* had a private Audience of His Majesty in his Bedchamber, to which he was conducted by Sir *Charles Conerel*, Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehal, Jan. 18. The Deputy Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Wilts.* being complained of for favouring certain Papists in that County, who were ordered to be prosecuted by the Sessions, was this day brought before the Board by one of His Majesties Messengers, where he received a severe Reprimand. And it was likewise recommended to the Justices of the Peace for that County, at their next Quarter-Sessions, to proceed against him for such misdemeanors as he shall be charged with.

Advertisement.

William Nettlebip, a thin pale Faced young Man, about 22 years of age, long Visag'd, of a swarthy complexion, lank black Hair, of a middle stature, in a light coloured Grey Cloth Suit, with Gold frast Buttons, his Suit lined with Green Silk; went away from his Master *Jamms E. mendinger* on Monday the 15th Instant. Whoever shall give notice of him to the said Mr. *E. mendinger*, Gunsmith to his Highness the Prince *Rupert*, at his House in *Fenchurch-st.* neare *Agnes-st.* shall have 20s. Reward.

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