

At a general Meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Iurgesses of Your Majesties Antient and Loyall Corporation of Wigan, at the Common Hall there Assembled, Feb. 18. 1681. Humbly, and in all Loyalty representeth;

May it please Your Majesty,

When we laid at your Sacred Feet the Tender of our hearty Acknowledgments for your Majesties Gracious Declaration, as we thought our Selves in Duty obliged To express our Gratitude for so great and seasonable a Condescension; so we hoped it would be abundantly satisfactory to all good Men, and allay those groundless Fears, and Jealousies which were too generally instilled into the Minds of your Majesties Subjects, by crafty and ill-designing Men. But finding (to our grief) that the restless attempts of Fattious Republicans, and Undermining Dissenters, are still vigorously carried on against the Government, both in Church and State; and that they have so far pursued their former Method of Seditious and Rebellion, that they have again projected a most pernicious Confederacy or Association, contrary to the known Laws and Establishment of this Realm; and had possibly ere this involved us in the dismal consequence of such an impious Conspiracy, had not your Majesties great Care and Vigilance happily discovered, and seasonably exposed to the World their Traasonable Machinations, manifest in a late Model, called an Association, seized amongst the Earl of Shaftsbury's Papers, and Printed by your Majesties Command: As we heartily bless God for bringing to light such designs of darkness, and thereby preventing the mischief thence threatened to this flourishing Monarchy, and the Religion now by Law established; so next under God we owe it to your Majesties Prudence and unwearied Endeavours, to preserve inviolably our Peace, our Religion, and whatsoever is near and dear to us. For which, as we are bound to acknowledge the happy influence of your Majesties excellent Government, so we think our Selves obliged to Declare to all the World our Abhorrence and Detestation of all such Traytorous Associations; and to assure your Majesty that we will never take part with them that joyn in the Rebellion of Absalom, or follow the Counsels of Achitophel. For as we cannot but with grief reflect on the fatal effects of the late unnatural Rebellion, so we have too much reason to be sensible that the same Beginnings tend to the same End: And since we now find the old Methods again made use of to imbroil both Church and State: since Faction grows numerous and daring, and with venom'd Tongues blasphemes, and with swarms of infamous Libels traduces the Government, since the Laws are vilified with Contempt, and openly violated without Shame or Regret; since the most Sacred Obligations of Oaths and Conscience are prostituted to serve the Designs, and carry on the Interest of a Party, so that Justice cannot be Administred, nor the Laws put in execution. We think it highly seasonable to present to your Majesty, the repeated Assurances of our Loyalty, and firm Adherence to your Majesties Person and Government, and to your Lawful and Rightful Successor; together, with our utter dislike of all such Contrivances as shall any way tend to the Subversion of the antient Monarchical Government of this Nation, or the alteration of Religion, as is now by Law established in the Church of England. And when ever your Majesty shall in your Princely Wisdom think fit to meet your People in Parliament, we shall make choice of such Representatives, as shall cheerfully concur with us in these hearty Expressions of our Loyalty, and the Abhorrence of Faction in the Government, and Schisme in Religion.

Nor shall we only Detest such Practices, but to our Power endeavour to discover such Persons as blow up the Sparks of Rebellion, and seek to put the Nation in a Flame: whom as we hope to see restrain'd by a vigorous Execution of the Laws so we could wish to see them convicted that your Majesty bears not the Sword in vain, but as a Terror to Evil-doers.

May the God of Heaven (in whose Hands are the Hearts of Kings) put it into your Royal Heart; May he direct your Councils, and prosper your Proceedings, and make you to these Nations, a second time, the Glorious Instrument of our Peace and Settlement.

John Bradshaigh, Mayor

London March 3. His Majesty having by His Letters Patents, Dated the 24th of June, 1680. appointed Sir Henry St. George, Kt. Clarenceux King of Arms, by himself or his Deputies, to visit his Province and to Register the Pedigrees and Arms of all the Nobility and Gentry therein, according to antient usage; The said Clarenceux hath thereupon constituted Thomas May, Esq; Chester Herald, and Gregory King, Rouge-dragon, Officers of Arms, his Deputies for the Counties of Northampton, Rutland, Leicestershire, and Warwick, who will accordingly visit the same this Lent Assizes.

Whitehall, March 2. This Afternoon the Count de Pertengue, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy, was brought by the Right Honourable the Earl of Aylesbury and Sir Charles Cooterel, Master of the Ceremonies, in His Majesties Coach, followed with his Excellencies Coaches, and a great number of others with six Horses apiece, from the Lady Williams's House in the Palace-yard, to Whitehall, and Conducted to his Audience of their Majesties in the Banqueting-House, with all the Honours and Respects usual on the like occasions.

Whitehall, March 3. This day the Right Honourable George Legg, Esq; Master-General of the Ordinance, was Sworn of His Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council, and accordingly took his Place at the Board.

Whitehall, March 4. This Morning early, their Majesties parted from hence for Newmarket, to pass some short time there.

Advertisements.

Butler's Ghost, or Hudibras, the Fourth Part, with Reflections upon these Times. Sold by Joseph Hindmarsh at the Black Bull in Cornhill.

Whereas there has been lately discovered a way to cleanse Trefoil, or Hyscoper Seeds from their Husk and other ill Seeds, &c. by Richard Haines of Sullington in Sussex, by means of which it is become much better for certain growing and profitable Crops; inasmuch that some Lands not worth six Shillings an Acre for Pasture, may be improved to the value of Thirty Shillings per Acre: These are to Certifie, That the Seeds so cleaned, are to be Sold with Bills of Direction more at large, shewing the advantages thereof. by Mr. Th. Motte Sher at the Cross Keys in Lombard Street, and Mr. Edward Fuller, Seedsmen at the Three Crowns and Naked Boy against the Maypole in the Strand, and not elsewhere in London. Twelve pound will sow an Acre.

Lost or Stolen the 17th of February last, betwixt London and Hedingham, a parcel of Silk, viz. 36 pound of Lege white; 17 pound of Lege Rera; 7 pound of Shammi; 3 pound of Sky colour; 7 pound of Single White; One pound of Bellony White. Whoever gives notice of it, so as that it may be had again, to Mr. Southgate a Norwich Carrier, who Inns at the Four Swins in Bishopsgate Street, London, or at the Coach and Horses in St. Giles in Norwich, shall have Ten pounds reward.

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Brussels, March 6.

WHile we are preparing here for the Relief of *Luxemburg*, we receive Advice from all hands, of the motion of the French Troops, as well in these parts as in *Lorraine*, and upon the *Rhine*, in order to the forming of an Army, which is to be Commanded by the *Marschal de Crequi*; whereupon an Express has been sent to the *Hague*, with Instructions to *Monsieur d'Agurto*, to press the States to come to a speedy Resolution in the matter of the assistance demanded of them for the succoring of *Luxemburg*, which is every day in more and more danger of falling into the hands of the French.

Hague, March 10. General *Agurto*, whom the Prince of *Parma* sent hither to demand an Assistance of 8000 Men for the relief of *Luxemburg*, is still here, the States not having taken any Resolution in that Matter; neither have they as yet given an Answer to the late Memorial of the French Ambassador, concerning *Luxemburg*; upon which, the opinions of the Towns of *Holland* are, as we are informed very different. It is reported that the Elector of *Brandenburg* and the King of *Denmark*, are lately entered into a League of mutual Defence.

Paris, March 11. The 4th Instant arrived here an Express from *Rome*, who it is said, brought an Account, that the Resolutions of the Deputies of the Clergy in the Matter of the Regality, did not give the Pope any satisfaction, so that this dispute between the two Courts is like still to continue on foot. *Monsieur de Boufflers*, whom the King had appointed to Command his Forces on the Frontiers of *Fonterabia*, is recalled, which makes us believe, the Resentments this Court seemed to have of the Murder of the Fishermen of *Andaye*, will not have the ill consequences which the drawing together of the Kings Troops on that side, gave some ground to apprehend. There is a discourse at Court, as if the King designed a Journey very suddenly, but whither, is not said, though People are apt to conclude it is for *Flanders*. The King has given the Government of *Tournay*, vacant by the death of *Monsieur Tracy*, to *Monsieur Colbert de Maulévrier*. *Monsieur de Lauzun* was on Monday last to visit *Mademoiselle* at the Palace of *Orleans*. The King has appointed *Monsieur de St. Rur* to Command the Horse, and the Marquis d'Uxels the Foot, of the Army, which the *Marschal de Crequi* is drawing together for the hindering the relief of *Luxemburg*.

Whitehall, March 1. The Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, and the rest of the Commissioners of the Lieutenancy, having met together, and all the Officers and Commanders of the several Regiments of the Militia being also present, did unanimously agree to Address to His Majesty in the words following; and did appoint *Sir Thomas Bludworth*, and others of the Commissioners to attend His Majesty for that purpose, which they did this day, and were received by His Majesty with particular marks of his Royal Favour and Goodness.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Commissioners of the Lieutenancy within Your City of *London*, in the Names of our Selves, and the Commanders, and Commissioned Officers of Your Majesties Trained-Bands in Your said City, being truly sensible of the many and great Blessings this Your Kingdom has all along enjoyed by Your Majesties most Gracious Reign over us; and remembering with horror the great Miseries these Kingdoms continually laboured under; from the beginning of the late unhappy Wars, till Your Majesties most Glorious Restauration, cannot but be moved with Indignation, that any of those who have been the wretched Agents, and Instruments of our Troubles and Confusions, after having reaped the benefits of Your Majesties Mercy, and some of them flourished under Your Favour, would again by the same Methods and wicked Artifices, disturb and endeavour to destroy your Government: a plain Instance whereof we have lately met with in that most Seditious and Traiterous Paper of Association, which had it taken effect, would as certainly have ruined Your Majesties most Sacred Person, and the established Government in Church and State, as that pernicious Solemn League and Covenant, which that Paper does not only Copy, but Exceed, was the destruction of the Royal Martyr your Father, and with him, of our Liberties and Religion.

We therefore, to prevent the Mischiefs that have attended such wicked Contrivances, do beg leave in all Humility and Loyalty, to represent to your Majesty, and to Declare to the whole World, our utmost Fears and Deregulation of such Practices; And since we have the Honour to be entrusted by your Majesty with the Arms of this great City, whereof formerly such ill use has been made upon the like pretences; we think our selves more particularly bound in Duty, to assure your Majesty, that with united Fidelity and Zeal, we will use them even to the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, in Defence of your Majesties most Sacred Person, and your lawful Heirs and Successors, and the Government as it is established by Law both in Church and State, against all such Associates, and other the common Enemies thereof.

Whitehall, March 2. The Corporation of *Wigan* (of which *Sir Roger Bradshaigh*, Knight and Baronet, is Mayor) having at a General Meeting in their Common-Hall, resolved humbly to represent to His Majesty their Dislike and Abhorrence of the late intended Traiterous Association; They made choice of *Thomas Preston of Holker*, Esq; one of their Burgesses, to Present the same to His Majesty; which he accordingly did this day, being Introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*: His Majesty was very much satisfied with it, and was pleased to express his remembrance of the Loyalty of that Corporation in former occasions, and His Gracious Acceptance of these repeated Testimonies of their Duty and Affection to the established Government.