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Florence, April 14.

Our Letters from *Genova* tell us, that that State had ordered their Convoy for the Coast of *Spain*. which shews they have at present no apprehensions of the French; and from *Rome*, that the Spanish Ambassador, the Marquis *de Licke*, had been at *Capua*, and had a meeting with the Vice-King of *Naples*, to consult with him about the present Affairs. We have an account of a very wicked Action, that has been committed by the Seamen of a Man of War belonging to *Leghorne*, viz. That they had conspired against their Captain, and other the principal Officers, and had killed them, and then carried the Ship into *Candia*, where they had been very kindly received by the Balhaw, who gave them 8 Dollars apiece, and that some of those miserable Wretches had turned Turke.

Ratisbonne, April 28. Monsieur *Verjus* the French Minister presses for an Answer to the Memorial he lately presented to the Dyet: The Electoral College, as we have already told you, came to a resolution upon it the 6th Instant, but that of the Princes has not yet had it before them; the Deputy of *Austria*, who is Director of their Assembly, wanting, as he says, Directions from the Emperor.

Brussels, May 5. On Saturday last, his Excellency took a review of the Troops in Garrison here, and has since ordered them a Months Pay; and it's said his Excellency is resolved to have all the Forces in these Countries constantly paid every six Weeks. Monsieur *Delval* is expected here this Night from *Paris*, being called hither by his Excellency, to give an account of his Negotiation, and to receive new Instructions. Prince *William of Furstemburg* is at *liege*, to conclude the Treaty of Accommodation between his Electoral Highness and that City. This Week arrived the Spanish Courier, when he left *Madrid*, the Prince of *Parma's* departure from hence was not known there.

Hague, May 9. The 4th Instant, the Burghers of this Place were in Arms, according to their annual Custom, but the Rainy Weather very much disturbed them; for having performed their Exercises before the Apartments of the Prince and Princess of *Orange*, and the Houses of the French Ambassador, and of Mr. *Chudleigh*, Envoy Extraordinary from his Majesty of Great Britain, they were forced to give over, and to separate, without performing the like Ceremonies to the other Foreign Ministers here; who that they might take nothing amiss, were the next day Complimented by Deputies from the Magistrats, and the Council of the Burghers.

Paris, May 9. We are told that among other Points now before the Deputies of the Clergy, this is one, That there shall be no Appeals to *Rome*, and that the Bishops or other Clergy of this Kingdom shall

not Address themselves in any matters to the Pope, save onely the Arch-Bishop of *Paris*; which, if so, looks like a total casting off of the Popes Authority, and the making the Arch-Bishop of *Paris* Patriarch or chief Bishop of the Gallican Church. From *Strasbourg* they write that on the 12 of the last Month several Troops took their post in the new Citadell, being appointed to be a Garrison there.

Windsor, May 1. This day Sir *Robert Holmes* waited upon His Majesty with an Address from the Isle of *Wight*, which he then Presented, having first acquainted His Majesty that the Inhabitants of the Isle of *Wight* had desired him to assure His Majesty of their utmost Abhorrence of any such as should attempt to disturb His Majesty or the Government as it is now settled; and as a Testimony thereof, to Present this following Address under their hands, which His Majesty was pleased to receive with his wonted Goodness.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects, the Governor, with other the Officers of Your Majesties Militia in the Isle of *Wight*, the Justices of Peace, Gentry, and the Mayors, Aldermen, and Burgeses of Your Majesties Corporations of *Newport*, *Newtown*, and *Yarmouth*, in the said Island, having great cause to praise God for his great Mercies to us, in Restoring Your Majesty to Your Throne, and wish you, Great Sir, in restoring to all your loving Subjects our once ruined Church, our Lives, Liberties, and Properties, so long a Prey to the exorbitant Wills of wicked Usurpers; in somuch that we may truly look upon Your Sacred Majesty as our Redeemer (for so you are) from a most dreadful Tyranny and Bloody Servitude; which Blessing, we heartily wish may make as thankful an Impression on the hearts of all your Subjects in general, as it doth upon ours; Do unanimously bless God for all occasions which be affords us of manifesting our just Resentments of our Peace and Tranquillity, with the free Exercise, and full Fruition of all our just Rights, both Publick, and Private; the happy effects of Your Majesties Reign and Government, which was only our Gratitude to Heaven, (and you Sir) but our Interest obligeth us to defend and support to the utmost of our Powers. And therefore we do, with all Truth and Sincerity of heart, declare, That we will stand by your Excellent Majesty and Lawful Successors, with our Lives and Estates, and even to the last drop of our Blood defend your Majesties Sacred Person, your just Rights, and Prerogatives, and the Good Laws and well-constituted Government of this Kingdom, under a Monarch, against the Villanies and Usurps of all such as shall endeavour to hurt you, or subvert your Monarchy. And we do hereby declare our Resentment of, and protest against all new Models of Government in Church or State, that are any wise inconsistent with your Majesties just Rights, and Kingly Power, by whomsoever countenanced or attempted; and more particularly against that Association, as full of

Weakness


Weakness and Folly, as rank Wickedness and Treason, produced at the Proceedings against the Earl of Shaftsbury; in which the Courtiers have (we cannot so properly say) used, as if whilom your Majesties Sacred Name to colour a horrid design of seducing your Majesties Subjects to subvert their Lives, Liberties, and Estates to new and extravagant Powers, and to Prosecutions and Judgments altogether strange and unknown to your Majesties Law and Constitutions of this your Realm, and under the specious pretence of preserving our publick Rights, to delude us into utmost confusion.

For prevention of which destructive Innovations, as far as we are able, we do further assure your Majesty, and your Honour it shall be your Pleasure to call a Parliament, who shall endeavour to Elect such Representatives for us, as shall not only oppose all such odious Designs, and unparliamentary Subtilties, but shall labour with all imaginable Ministries to apply to the Promoters thereof the Shame and Punishment due to their abominable Crimes: From which, and their dire effects, we heartily pray to God your Majesty, and your Honour, to make you beloved at home and feared abroad, and to give you a long and prosperous Reign, to the great Comfort of your well-wishing Subjects.

Bristol. J. Easter-Sessions, 1682.

The Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Earle Knight, Mayor of the City of Bristol, and the Right Worshipful and Worshipful the Aldermen, His Majesties Justices of the Peace for this City and County, in their General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace now assembled.

WE the Grand Jurors for our Sovereign Lord the King and the Body of the County of this City, having had great occasion given us by several infamous, scandalous and seditious Libels, of late dispersed here, (namely two) purporting themselves Printed by R. Jancovay under the Title of the Impartial Protestant Mercury, Nos. 89 and 96. and four others, the one intituled, The sad and lamentable Cry of Oppression and Cruelty in the City of Bristol, &c. another intituled, More sad and lamentable News from Bristol, &c. another, The Devouring Infurners of Bristol, &c. and the other, The Protestant Courant, purporting it self Published by Richard Baldwin, who upon diligent Reading and Perusing of them, and Examination of the matters concerning this City therein set forth, presented himself before the Mayor and every Justice and Justice Peace, and that we therein contained, to be most manifestly represented, whereas what therein complained of is so manifestly related, should have appeared to all honest and unbiased men, to be not only agreeable to Law and Reason, but commendable also for we deem it those Libels to be the contrivance of seditious and affected Persons to His Majesty and our present Establishments in Church and State, who endeavour by all means to calumniate divers of the Magistrates of this City, the Right Reverend Father in God our Lord Bishop, the Right Worshipful Sir John Knight, one of our Sheriffs, John Romkey Esq; our Town Clerk, John Hellen Esq; Chief Constable of the Ward of St. James, and several other Constables and others, who out of their Zeal to the Church and their Loyalty and Obedience to the King and his Laws, have been active and industrious in putting them in execution: And we humbly recommend to your Court, as the sense of this City, that the Authors and Dispersers of these, and all such like Libels, may be severely proceeded against, and Punished; and that the Libels themselves

may pass under some publick and exemplary mark of the displeasure and detestation of this Court. We are very glad to see and observe that your Worships Proceedings in executing the Laws against Dissenters, have been productive of such good fruits, in order to the reconciling divers of His Majesties Subjects here to the Government both in Church and State. And particularly we congratulate Erasmus Dole, (a Quaker) for his taking the Oath of Allegiance now tendered him, which he refused last Sessions, and are so far from any insolent Triumph on that occasion, that we think our selves, and all Loyal Men, obliged in Christian Charity to encourage and cherish him, and all others in returning to their Loyalty to His Majesty, and reconciling themselves to the Church.

And whereas Baldwin's Libel before-mentioned, bath the impudence to Charge the execution of the Laws here with Partiality towards Papists; for the just Vindication of this City in that particular, we Present and Affirm, That there are not, nor for seven years last past, and more, have been, to the best of our knowledge, above two Families of Papists within this City and County; one of which removed to avoid Prosecutions, and the other hath hitherto escaped it (as many scores of other Recusants have done) by sheltering themselves in the Castle, being Extra-Royalist, and their common Sanctuary; but even there, we hope the Justice of this Court will in short time find them all out, and bring them to Comfort, or some dignified Punishment.

We have lately brought to our hands another Libel, styled, The Address importing an abhorrence of an Association, &c. purporting to be Printed for R. Baldwin, which having read, it gives us just occasion to testify our concurrence with those of this City and elsewhere, who have formerly declared their Thanks to His Majesty for his most Gracious Declaration of his Reasons for Dissolving the two last Parliaments, and their Detestation and Abhorrence of this Treasonable Instrument of Association found in the Port of Shaftsbury's Chosen. And although we are not so tame as to wear Chains, we worship the Host; yet we declare our selves willing to bear the easy yoke of Obedience and Submission due to His Majesty, His heirs and Successors, and to the Laws as now established, and shall account it our Interest as well as Duty, according to our sworn Allegiance, with our Lives and Fortunes to maintain and defend Him and them against what, and with what such like damnable Associations and Confederations whatsoever. And in regard the Printers of these Libels are but of the Liberties of this City, we humbly request your Worships to Address His Sacred Majesty in Council, and Implore the Aid and Assistance of that Honour, in order to their being dealt with according to their demerits.

It is Ordered, That Mr. Town Clerk prepare an Address to His Majesty and Council, that the Libellers of this City and Proceedings therein, might be brought to some due Punishment.

This Court being very sensible of the great Dishonour and Scandal the several Libels mentioned in the Presentment of the Grand Jury, have brought upon the Government of this City, and their Proceedings, and many of the Persons named in them, do, for the vindication of the Proceedings, and Persons aforesaid, and in detestation of such inauspicious and evil Practices, Order, That the said several Libels be at the rising of the Court, publicly burnt by the Beadle or Common Executioner, and that the Bellman attend them to Publish this Order.

At the General Session of the Peace, holden for the City and County of the City of Chester, the 10th of April in the Fourth and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Lord, CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

WE the Grand Jury, Sworn to enquire, &c. for the County of the City of Chester, do think our selves obliged in Duty to God, Allegiance to the King, and for the common Concern we have in our Countries safety, solemnly to Declare and Testifie to this Court, City, and the World, our utter Abhorrence and Detestation of all Seditious and Traiterous Projects, Conspiracies, or Associations, and particularly, that Treasonable Model published in the Proceeding at the Old Bailly, against the Earl of Shaftsbury; for we cannot but with Horror reflect upon so great a piece of Wickedness, when those Men, who by God and Nature, are placed in the common rank of Subjects, shall by such bellish Devices, assume to themselves an Arbitrary Power to ruine the Monarchy, and enslave their Country: And though Religion, and the common Good be pretended, yet we have just reason to think, that the real Design is, to renew our late Miseries, and embroil the Kingdom in a fresh Rebellion, whilst they bind themselves and their Associates to pursue unto Destruction, all such who out of a Principle of Conscience and Allegiance, are resolved to assist and maintain the Crown and Dignity, the just Rights and Prerogatives of His Majesty, and this Monarchy in its Lineal Descent and Succession. We having therefore a deep sense of those Miseries which must inevitably befall our King and Country, if such Conspiracies should take effect, do solemnly declare, that we will not easily and tamely part with our Religion, as it is now Established in the Church of England; which we do frily believe, to be in its Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship, most Pure and Apostolical. We do further declare, That we are highly satisfied with the Temper and Constitution of the English Monarchy, and that we truly Honour, and entirely Love the Person of our Sovereign. And whereas it appears too plainly to the World, that of late the course of Justice has been Obstructed, and his Majesty denied the Benefit of the very Laws he gives Life to, we cannot but with just detestation, abhor all Discourses, Writings, or Actions, which shall presume to justify or excuse that cursed Association. And we do declare lastly, That we utterly detest the seditious Murmurings, undutiful Summings, and unreasonable Clamours of Men, factious and disaffected to His Majesties Person and Government: Both which we daily pray for, and resolute (through Gods help) to Defend, with whatever we have or are.

To this our Declaration, we humbly desire the Concurrence of this Court, and that in Testimony of the Duty and Loyalty of this City, it may be presented to His most Sacred Majesty.

We the Justices of Peace, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Coroner of the said City, whose Names are Subscribed, do heartily concur with the Grand Jury in their said Declaration.

At the General Sessions of Assizes held at Chester for the County Palatine of Chester, the 13th of April, 1681.

May it please Your Majesty

WE Your Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Grand Jury of Your Ancient County Pala-

line of Chester, do own (with our humble and hearty Thanks) Your Royal Care for us and the whole Nation by Your reasonable preventing the horrid Effects of that Rebellionous Association, found in my Lord of Shaftsbury's Closet, and produced against him at the Old Bailly, which seems to outvie all Treasonable Inventions, even that barbarous Vote of Non-Adresse to Your Father of blessed Memory. It is likewise our Duty with all Gratitude, to acknowledge Your great Wisdom in ordering the due Execution of the Law, the true Means to preserve Your Sacred Majesty in safety, to secure a Legall Succession, and to perpetuate Peace and Unity in Church and State; And though some would insinuate among the Vulgar, the Republick Principle, That a Legislative Power may be in one or both Houses of Parliament, and so make Votes equal to Acts, the consequence of which Assertions, has proved so Fatal to this Nation; We do humbly beg leave hereby to declare to Your most Gracious Majesty, and to the whole World, our Hatred and Detestation of that, and all abominable Tenets, which induce Mens Consciences to dispense with Oaths; and that we will upon all Occasions, be ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to manifest the same. To which, we account our selves ever bound by our Allegiance, Nature, and Religion, and shall ever pray to Him, by whom alone Kings Reign, for Your Sacred Majesties long and prosperous Reigne over us, and that all Arbitrary Associations be ever Infatuate; to the continued Prayer of

Dread SIR,

Your Majesties most Loyal, and most Obedient Subjects,

The Subscribers, do heartily say Amen.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Jury of the Town and Borough of Southwark, in the County of Surrey, Summoned and Sworn to Enquire and Report for our Sovereign Lord the King, and the said Town and Borough, at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, holden for the said County on Tuesday the Five and Twentieth day of April, Anno Domini 1681. at Chroydon in the County of Middlesex.

Dread Sir,

THE extraordinary Applications made unto us by eminent Persons, upon our last election of Burgesses for Parliament, (wherein it was laboured, though fruitlessly to persuade us into such a Choice, as would, in our opinion, have brought a perpetual shame and Reproach upon this your Majesties ancient Borough) having raised in us early Apprehensions of all Designs on foot, we were possibly less surpris'd than some others of Your Majesties Subjects, to find, in the Papers containing the late Proceedings at the Old-Bailly against Anthony Earl of Shaftsbury, published by Your Majesties special Command, among other things, a Model of a Traiterous Association, expressly Sworn to be seized in the Closet of that Noble Peer, which expounded to us the reasonable ground of our fears aforesaid: Yet we humbly beg leave to declare that we think our selves obliged not to come short of any the most Zealous Abhorers of it. And therefore, besides that we solemnly Vow, That by a firm Adherence to Your Majesties Person and Government, we shall always approve our selves to be indeed True Protestants, without the vain affectation of that meer Name, so much of late professed, by a few application of it to those who have all along abused it, to the imposing upon such of Your Majesties Subjects, whose Credulity has rendered them seducible by the bare Pretext of Religion; and do also assure your Majesty, and publish to all the World our utter Detestation of all such accursed Projects as tend to the Diminution of Your Majesties Honour, or the Subversion of the Monarchy, and of all such Persons as are endeavouring

deavouring to make their counterfeit Pretences of a forward Zeal for Your Majesties Esteem and Preservation, to pass current for Sterling Loyalty. We further, with regard particularly to this Association, (which by its very Figure and Complexion, so much resembling the Holy and the Souldier Leagues, sufficiently betrays it self to be the Offspring of a Sire, who at once Squints favourably both upon Rome and Geneva) do in all Humility declare our selves to Disavow, Renounce, Abominate, Detest, Execrate and Abhor it: And if Posterity shall find out any Words more significant of the highest Indignation, all those we mean in expelling our Remembrances of it.

Moreover, if it may please Your Majesty, since by the sad experience of our late Calamities, and joyful sense of our present Happiness, we see the Iniquity and Vanity of all Democratical Eutopian Projects, and are convinced that if we lawfully might, we never could, but to our infinite loss, exchange either our Monarch, or the Monarchy. We make an humble Tender of our Associated Hearts and Hands, in defence of Your Royal Person and Crown, in its due Course of Decent, and of the Government established in Church and State.

This Declaration, flowing purely from a profound sense of our Duty, we humbly lay at Your Majesties feet, in firm assurance of Your Royal Protection, from all Arbitrary and Illegal Proceedings against us, for our abhorrence of Treason and Sedition.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

At the great Sessions held at the Town of *Denbigh*, for the County of *Denbigh*, the 17th Day of *April*, in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King *CHARLES* the Second, the 34th.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Grand Inquest for the Body of the said County, being met together upon the Publick Service of Your Majesty, and our Country, do think it a great and a necessary part of our Duty to both, to offer to Your Majesty our most humble Acknowledgments, and hearty Thanks, for the many great Benefits we daily enjoy under the happy Influences of Your most Gracious Government. We cannot but acknowledge with grateful Hearts, that Justice is duly Administred amongst us, to the great satisfaction of this our Country, our Liberties and Properties are fully preserved, and nothing is wanting to make us happy, save only a due sense of our own great Happiness. And whilst we enjoy all the blessed Effects, which flow from a good and a prosperous Government, we cannot sufficiently Detest and Abhor that Treasonable Paper, and project of Rebellion, which lately was found and discovered in the Closet of the Earl of *Shaftsbury*: And humbly crave leave to assure Your Majesty, that with our Lives and Fortunes, and all that we have, we shall ever oppose such Traiterous Conspiracies and Associations, and to the utmost of our power, endeavour to support Your Majesty, and Your Government, (which God preserve) Your Heirs, and Lawful Successors, against all their Enemies and Opposers whatsoever.

We the Inquest for the Burroughs within the said County, do Concur with the Grand Jury in the abovementioned Address.

We the Justices of the Peace of the said County, whose Names are subscribed, do humbly Concur in this Address.

An humble Address was likewise presented to His Majesty from the Town of *Wrexham*; as well as several others which we shall give you in our next, all which His Majesty received very Graciously.

Dover, May 2. On Saturday last, a Session of

Oyer and Terminer, for the Admiralty of the *Cinque Ports*, was held here, and three Mariners were Condemned to be Hanged, for Piratically taking out of the Vessel to which they belonged, several Merchandizes of great value, brought from *Portugal* to be carried to *France*, by one Mr. *John Carquillan*, a Dutchman.

Portsmouth, May 2. Yesterday Sailed from hence His Majesties Ships the *Glocester*, commanded by Sir *John Berry*, the *Dartmouth*, the *Ruby*, and the *Happy Return*, for the *Downs*.

Windsor April 29. His Majesty has been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon *Charles Skrimshaw* Esq; High Sheriff of the County of *Stafford*, in consideration of the eminent Loyalty and services of himself and his Family.

Windsor, May 3. This morning early the Duke parted from hence in order to his Embarking for *Scotland*. His Royal Highness will make a very little stay there, and in a short time will be back here with the Dutchess.

Whitehal, May 3. About 12 a clock this Morning his Royal Highness, attended with many of the Nobility and other Persons of Quality, passed by here, coming by Water from *Puney*, and intending to go in His Majesties Yachts to *Margate Road*, or the *Downs*, and there to Embark on the *Glocester*, commanded by Sir *John Berry*, which with four or five other of His Majesties Frigats are appointed to attend his Royal Highness.

Whitehal, May 3. This Morning arrived here Captain *Aylmer*, being sent Express by Admiral *Herbert*, with the Articles of Peace, which he concluded on the 10th of the last Month, with the Government of *Argiers*.

William Morgan, His Majesties Cosmographer, having Dedicated and Presented to His Majesty, his Royal Highness, and the Privy Council, his Map of the exact Survey of London, Westminster, and Southwark, and received His Majesties gracious Approbation thereof: His Majesty has been pleased to grant him His Royal Warrant, straightly Charging and Commanding, that no Person, or Persons, upon any pretence whatsoever, do presume to Copy or Epitomize the same, or any part thereof, within the space of Fourteen Years, from the Date of these Presents without the Consent and Licence of the said William Morgan, under his Hand and Seal.

The Authors House is next the Boat in Ludgate Street, where the said Map is only to be had.

Advertisement

Francis S good, of *King-Lyn* in the County of *Norfolk*, Hollow-Wear Pewterer, hath Molds and Stacks to sell, all good and fashionable. If any person hath a desire to buy them, they shall be well used by the person above said, and time given for the payment.

On the 29 of *April* last, there was by me taken one *John Brye* a Bricklayer, a Man of a ruddy complexion, with grait brown hair, a rust Pock holes in his face. The Nag hath a white star and his knees are a little broken, with one foot behind which he hath a large black Saddle, it is a slit sore in the Seal, Whoever gives notice of the said Horse, either by Writing, or otherwise, to *George Smith* at the upper end of *St Martin* in the Fields, shall have Ten shilling Reward, if he discovers the same.

Was was His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to grant unto the Town of *Wrexham* a Right-Market to be kept on *Friday* every fortnight: This is to certifye, all Persons that may be concerned in Buying or Selling Fat or Lean *Butter* may be accordingly regulated.