

to destroy it. And as we cannot but gratefully acknowledge the preservation of our Liberties to be wholly owing to Your Majesties most excellent Government, so we cannot but express our Joy, and return our Thanks, That Your Majesty hath not suffered Your Royal Prerogative to be trampled upon by Seditious and Factious Men, some of which we cannot but with grief confess to be even in this Your Loyal Corporation; whose actions, against Your Majesties express Commands, and the Peace of this City, we utterly detest, and shall endeavour to Reform. Give us leave further, Dread Sovereign, to Congratulate the signal Deliverance of Your Royal Brother from those imminent dangers that lately threaten'd him, and to express our sense of that Divine Providence that hath restored him to Your Majesty and his Native Country; and may that Providence which hitherto hath so wonderfully protected him, still continue to preserve him from his and Your Majesties Enemies.

Now, That Your Majesties Reign may be long and prosperous, and the Established Religion continue and flourish, that the Justice of the Nation may not be obstructed by those that disturb our Peace, nor one Criminal be a Protection to another; That the Imperial Crown of this Realm may ever descend by a true and legal Succession in Your Majesties Royal Family, are and ever shall be the hearty Prayers of Your Majesties most obedient and dutiful Subjects.

We Your Majesties Justices of the Peace for this City of Oxon, Precincts and Liberties of the same, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, being now assembled at the General-Sessions of the Peace held for the said City on Thursday the 13th day of July, in the 34th year of Your Majesties most Gracious Reign, do hereby declare our Consent to, and Concurrence with the said Grand-Jury to all and singular the matters and things contained in this Abbréviation.

Winchester, July 25. The Inhabitants of this City being ambitious of the Honour of His Majesties Presence, and desirous that many of the Nobility and Gentry of this Nation, who are Lovers of good Horfes and Field-Sports, may meet there to attend Him, and recreate themselves on their Downs; Have, pursuant to an Agreement in a Common Assembly, writ to a Person of Quality of their Corporation, humbly to propose to His Majesty at Windsor, That in case He would please to intimate, That He had thoughts of honouring their City with His Presence, they would set up a Ten Stone-Plate for seven years, to be Run for at such times as He should think He might most conveniently go thither from Windsor, and divert Himself on their Downs. To which His Majesty was graciously pleased to make answer, That He was so well satisfied with the Loyalty of that City, and good Affection and Duty of the Inhabitants, that He resolved to go thither as often in the seven years as His Occasions would permit, and appointed the day sevensnight after *Datcheferry-Plate*, (which is Run for on *St. Bartholomew-day*, the 24th of *August*) for the Plate to be Run for; and for the bettering of it, hath sent the said City Ten Guineas for this year, and a Promise of the like in every of the other six years. And several Gentlemen to whom the said City hath given their Freedom, and others, have each of them promised to subscribe Two Guineas yearly as Contributors to it. And it being believed that when the design of this Meeting is made publick, several others will contribute, and none of the said Freemen who wish well to the Town will stick out; The Mayor and Aldermen have desired, that the chief Conditions of the Articles of this, and a Fifteen Stone-Plate to be Run for next day, may be hereing inserted; that as many as wish well to their Town, or are Incouragers of Sportly Meetings may hereby have notice, and come in Contri-

butors to either or both of the aforesaid Plates.

The chief conditions are as follows. Any Man may be a Contributor to either of the Plates, that will subscribe two Guineas to them yearly for seven years; And have the Priviledge of putting in one and one Horse, Mare, or Gelding for nothing, so as it be really his own; and whoever is not a Contributor, is to pay five Guineas, and whoever puts in either, is then to give in Writing to the Mayor of *Winchester*, the Colour and Marks thereof, and the Places where they stand, and Names of the Owners a day at least before the day on which each Plate is to be run for, or not to be admitted.

The Plates are run for 3 times round the Round-Heat (and half an hour allowed between each, the day sevensnight after *Bartholomew day*. And the 15 Stone-Plate the day after. And if His Majesty, upon removing sooner or later from *Windsor* or any other motive, shall think fitting to alter the days for the following six years; then on such other times in *August* or *September* as He shall signify his Pleasure by giving notice thereof in the *Gazette*, a Month before the time now fixt, and at least three Weeks before such time as he shall appoint.

The time of Starting is at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and His Majesty hath for his own conveniency a Power of altering it to any other hour of the day, upon giving notice thereof to the Mayor of *Winchester* two days before the day of their Running, and having it then cryed in the Market-place; And for the conveniency of such as will contribute to either of these Plates, and that they may be brought in according to the value of what the Town giveth, and is, and will be given by several Persons of Honor and Quality; it is hereby desired, that such as will contribute to either or both of these Plates, will make known their minds in Writing, to Mr. *Coward* the present Mayor of *Winchester*, Mr. *Francis Child* Goldsmith at *Temple-Bar* London, or the Honorable *Bernard Howard* of *Norfolk* (at Mr. *Child's* Shop) whom the Mayor and Aldermen of *Winchester* have desired to take the trouble on him of providing this years Plates to be Run for, on the last of *August*, and first of *September*. And the Contributors are desired to pay in their respective Contributions of two Guineas apiece to any of the three persons aforesaid on or before the Twentieth of *August* for this year, and by the first of *August* for the following years. And though no man can have the Priviledge of a Contributor to either of these Plates, for contributing under two Guineas per Ann. (and none but His Majesty gives more) yet any Man may be a Benefactor for contributing any other Sum that he shall think fitting, and may signify his resolution, and pay his money to any of the three aforesaid persons.

#### Advertisements.

There having been a dead Female-Infant, of about a Fortnight old, embalmed and wrapt up in Leather, lined with Melilot, enclosed in a well-made Lead-coffin, and sent down in a silk Rug, fit for a Cradle, with other necessaries for a Child, within a Firr-Box, wherein it is supposed to have lain about two Months, left by an unknown Person at the Kings-Arms-Inn on Holbourn-bridge, to be sent to a Reverend Divine at Salisbury, on the 13th Instant, with a Letter under a borrowed name. If any person can discover whose Child the same was, or who sent the same, as aforesaid, and shall give notice thereof to Mr. *Mans*: a Stationer in the Inner-Temple, London, so as the Truth may be discovered, they shall have Twenty Pounds Reward.

Stolen or strayed on the 23 or 24th Instant, out of the Grounds of Mr. *Constantine Verriary*, of *Old-ford*, a black Gelding, above 13 hands, marked on the near side behind with I. C. full bred, and one foot behind white. Also a grey Mare of about 14 hands, bald-faced, well-eyed, same small white spots on her near Bittock, mealy-nosed, and thorough-paced, both having Whisk-tails. Whoever gives notice of them to the said Mr. *Verriary*, or at the Dolphin in St. Siches Lane, London, so that they be restored again, shall have thirty Killings Reward for each.