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Windsor, June 18.

This day the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of London presented the following Petition to His Majesty in Council.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SHewETH,

That Your Petitioners were most heartily and unfeignedly sorry for the Mis-Government of this Your City of late Years; whereby the Citizens have fallen under Your Majesty's Displeasure; which occasioned a Quo Warranto to be brought against them: Upon which Judgment hath been pronounced for Seizure of their Liberties and Franchises in Your Majesties Hands.

That Your Petitioners are deeply sensible of, and thankfully acknowledge the great Favor of this Opportunity of Application to Your Royal Grace, vouchsafed them by means of Your Majesty's not Requiring Judgment to be immediately entered thereupon.

And now considering this our Distressed Condition, we humbly cast our selves at Your Royal Feet, Implo- ring Your Princely Compassion and Grace so be extended to this Your Ancient City, most humbly begging Your Majesties Pardon for all our Offences.

And we do in the Name of our selves, and all the Citizens, humbly tender, and pray Your Majesty to accept the most solemn Promises and Assurances of Constant Loyalty and Obedi- ence to Your Majesty, Your Heirs and Suc- cessors, and of our Regular and Dutiful Ad- ministration of Your Government of this City for the future: Wherein we submit our selves to your Majesties good Pleasure, and humbly beg your Majesties Commands and Directions: Which we will with all Humility and Thankfulness Obey.

And Your Petitioners shall ever Pray, &c.

After the Reading of which Petition, The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens were Commanded to withdraw: And being again called in, the Lord Keeper spake to them as followeth.

My Lord Mayor,

I Am by the Kings Command to tell you, That He which considered the humble Petition of the City of London, where so many of the present Magistrates, and other eminent Citizens are of undoubted Loyalty, and Affection to His Service, That for their sakes His Majesty will show the City all the Favour they can reasonably desire.

It was very long before His Majesty took Resolutions to question their Charter: It was not the Seditious Discourses of the Coffee-Houses, the Treasonable Pamphlets and Li- bels daily Published and Dispersed thence into all Parts of the Kingdom, the Outragious Tumults in the Streets, nor the affronts to his Courts of Justice could provoke Him to it.

His Majesty had Patience until Disorders were grown to that height, That nothing less seemed to be Designed than a Ruine to the Government of Church and State: For the Factious Party were not content with the Practice of these Insolencies, but endeavoured to have them publickly coun-

terpranged by the Magistrates, and for that end in all Elections they tickled to Chuse the most qualified into Offices of the greatest Trust in the Government, and carried themselves with that Heat and Violence, that it was a Terror to all sober and discreet Citizens: And the City was in unhappily divided into Parties, that there was no likelihood of their return to good Order, so long as the Factious retained any hopes of procuring the Election of their own Party, for their Impunity, was but acquired by a small Evil. It was high time to put a Stop to this growing Evil. This made it necessary for His Majesty to enquire into the Abuse of Franchises, that it might be in His Majesty's Power to make a Regulation sufficient to restore the City to its former good Government.

It was not for Punishment, but in Mercy for the Good of the City that He took this Course. And now the King hath obtained Judgment in His Majesty's Name, that the Citizens should restore to the Court their own Liberties and Franchises, and that they should be restored to the same, as if they had never been taken away. His Majesty was so tender of them, that He caused Mr. Attorney to forbear the same at present, that the City might have some time to consider their own Con- dition: It is to be desired that you should consider this.

My Lord, I must needs say, The Court hath not been well pleased to defer their Application to His Majesty, until the Court hath pronounced Judgment: It had been done with a much better Grace, if it had been more early.

But for that Reason you will have the less time to deliberate upon the Particulars the King hath required of you. And indeed, there will be little need of Deliberation, for His Majesty hath followed the same Order as He was wont to do, and as easily to be satisfied with the good Govern- ment of the City, and the Possession of the King's Peace.

His Majesty requires your Submission to these Resolutions.

That the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Recorder, Common Ser- jeant, Town Clerk, and Coroner, with the City at Large, do not void by their Quitting of the City, shall be capable of being admitted to the Exercise of their respective Offices, before His Majesty shall have Approved them under His Sign Manual.

That His Majesty shall approve the Choice of any Persons to be Lord Mayor, and signify the same under His Sign Manual to the Lord Mayor, and signify the same under His Sign Manual to the Recorder or Sheriff Alderman: The Citizens shall within one week proceed to a new Choice: And if His Majesty shall in the manner aforesaid approve the second Choice, His Majesty may by His Sign Manual nominate a Person to be Lord Mayor for the ensuing Year.

That the Lord Mayor, Recorder, and Sheriff, shall approve the Persons chosen to be Sheriff, or either of them, His Majesty may appoint Persons to be Sheriffs for the ensuing Year, by His Commission: And the Sheriffs shall be sworn in the usual manner.

That the Bishops of these Offices may be ac- cused of any Crime, and be tried in the City, with these Resolutions.

The Lord Mayor and Common Council may not have of His Majesty's displeasure, any Person to be Town Clerk, or Coroner of the said City, and Steward of the said Burrough.

Upon Election of any Alderman, if any of the Persons that shall be Presented to the Court of Aldermen by the Ward shall be adjudged unfit, upon such Declaration by the said Court, the Ward shall proceed to the Choice of other Persons in the room of such, or so many of them as are so disapproved: And if the said Court shall disapprove such second Choice, they may appoint any others in their Room.

The Justices of the Peace, to be by the Kings Commission, which His Majesty will grant according to the usual Custom, unless upon Extraordinary Occasions, when His Majesty shall think it Necessary for his Service.

These Matters are to be done in such manner as shall be approved by His Majesties Attorney and Solicitor General, and Counsel Learned in the Law.

My Lord Mayor,

These Regulations being made, His Majesty will not only Pardon this Profection, but confirm your Charter in such manner as may be Consistent with them.

The City ought to look upon this as a great Condescension on His Majesties part; it being but in the Nature of a Relaxation of a small part of what is already in His Power by the Judgment: And of those things which will conduce as much to their own Good and Quiet as to His Service.

If the City should Look upon it with another Eye, and neglect a speedy Compliance, yet His Majesty hath done His part, and Demonstrated His Affection to the City, by giving them this Opportunity.

And if there shall be any heavy Consequence of this Judgment, which it will behave you well to Consider, The fault will lye at their doors, in whose power it now is, to bring this Affair to a happy Conclusion.

My Lord Mayor,

The Term draws toward an end, and Midsummer-day is at hand, when some of the Officers are to be Chosen, whereof His Majesty will Reserve the Approbation; Therefore it is His Majesties Pleasure that you return to the City, and Consult the Common-Council; that He may speedily know your Resolutions hereupon, and accordingly give His Directions.

That you may see the King is in earnest, and the Matter is not capable of Delay, I am Commanded to let you know, He hath given Order to His Attorney-General to Enter up Judgment on Saturday next, unless you prevent it by your Compliance in all these particulars.

Milan, June 2. Next week Monsieur de Louvigny, our Mestre de Camp General, parts hence for *Fiscal*, to take a Review of the Troops which have been lately sent thither for the reinforcement of that Garrison. The Count de Merinix is arriv'd at *Florence*, being employed by the Emperour, to sollicite the assistance of the Princes of *Italy* in his Wars against the *Turks*.

Madrid, June 10. The 29th past his Majesty went abroad, being perfectly recovered of his late Indisposition, to the great joy of this Court. His Majesty has appointed *Don Juan Carlos de Bazan* to reside with the Senate of *Genova*, in quality of his Envoy Extraordinary, in the room of *Don Manuel Colonna*, who is recalled. The Fleet which the King has ordered to be Equipp'd for this Summer, will be in a readines to sail about the later end of this month. The French Fleet under the command of Monsieur du *Quefne*, after having appeared on the Coast of *Catalonia*, is sail'd for *Argiers*.

Cologne, June 15. The Commonalty of this City continue still in Arms, and keep the Gates shut night and day, not suffering any to go forth, but with great caution. The 12th instant they met, to hear the Report of the 44 Commissioners, whom they have appointed to examine the matters, wherewith they charged the Persons, whom they imprisoned the 2d instant. And the Syndick *Fudenock* being accused of fomenting the differences between the Magistrates and the Burghers, they have ordered him to be removed to the Tower. Colonel *Kirprich* is accused of holding a dangerous Correspondence with certain Persons, in order to the surprizal of this Place; and the Sieur *Heffelman* of other crimes and misdemeanors.

Paris, June 16. The 14th instant the Dauphin lodged in the Camp on the *Soane*, to give the necessary Orders for the march of the Troops, who accordingly decamp'd about two of the Clock the next morning, to take the Quarters assigned them near *St. Jean de Laune*. The 15th, his Majesty parted from *Bellegarde*, and arriv'd that evening at *Dole*, where he immediately took Horse, visited the Fortifications of the Place, and took a Review of the Garrison. The 16th his Majesty parted from *Dole*, and arriv'd in the evening at *Bezancon*, and saw the Company of young Gentlemen, which are entertained there at his Majesties Charges, and commanded by the Sieur de *Mon-*

caud, perform their Military Exercises near the *Citadel*, the Fortifications whercof he view'd the *gtr*.

Edinburgh, June 9. In several Letters from *Stirling* we have an account of the great Honour and Respect that was paid to the Lords of the Justice-Court by Persons of all qualities, both on their way thither, and at their reception there, having been sent to that place by the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council here, to hold a Circuit-Court for the Shires of *Fife* and *Kinross*, *Perth* and *Stirling*.

Those persons who were Indicted (a small number excepted) did appear, and some Gentlemen of those Shires who were found innocent and acquitted, and so not obliged to take the Test, yet as an evidence of their Loyalty, and to give good Example to others, frankly demanded and took it; which had so good an effect upon the Commons, even those who were in the Rebellion, besides several Guilty of other Crimes, that they also cheerfully took the Test, and were thereupon acquitted without paying any Fees. One Man only was Condemned to be Hanged upon his obstinate owning his Treasonable and Rebellious Principles and Practices, notwithstanding the Judges endeavoured as much as in Law they could to save him; the Spectators expressing a general satisfaction when the Court ordered him to pass to the Knowledge of an Assize. The Judges used so much Discretion and Moderation in all things, (according to the Instructions they had from the Privy-Council) as it is not doubted but their good success there will very much influence their Proceedings in the other Circuits; where they are to hold Courts for the like purpose, and will be a powerful motive to settle and secure the Peace of the Country, which has been so long disturbed by the barbarous and cruel Principles and Practices of the Phanatick Party.

Deale, June 18. This day arriv'd in the Downs His Majesties Ship the *Mermaid*, Captain *Tirrel* Commander, from the *Barbadoes*.

These are to give notice, That whereas there hath hitherto gone but two Posts a Week from *London* to *Ireland*, viz upon *Tuesdays* and *Saturdays*; There will, after *Midsummer-day* next, go three every Week on the General Post nights, viz, *Tuesdays*, *Thursdays*, and *Saturdays*, and accordingly return thrice a Week from *Ireland*.

Advertisements.

These are to give notice, That there is a one days Stage-Coach goes from the *Black-Bull* in *Holborn* to *Althrop-Wells* three days every Week, so likewise there will a Stage-Coach begin on the tenth of *July* next from the *Mitre* in *Oxford* to *Althrop Wells*, three days every week, during the Season for Drinking the Waters, and performs the Stage in four hours. There is also accommodation for Reception of Company, as at *Tunbridge-Wells*.

This is to give notice, That the *Winchester Annual Feast* for the Natives will be kept at *St Johns* house in *Winchester*, on *Thursday* the ninth of *August* next, and all Gentlemen that are Natives of that City may be supplied with Tickets in *London* of *Mrs Joanna* from, at the Gun, at the West-end of *St Pauls Church-yard*, and of the Stewards in *Winchester*.

The Libraries of *John Collins Esq*, late of *Grays-Inn*, and another Practitioner in the Law, consisting of the completest Collection of the Common and Statute Law Books hitherto extant, together with a considerable Number of choice Books of the Civil and Canon Law, will be expos'd to Sale by way of Auction, on *Monday* the second day of *July 1683*, at the first Houle on the left hand in *Flying-horse Court* in *Fleet-street*, near the *Kings-head Tavern* at *Chancery Lane* end. Catalogues are given gratis at *Richards* and *Rainbow Coffee-houle* in *Fleet-street*, &c.

These are to give notice, That the *Yorkshire Annual Feast* will be kept at *Merchant-Tailors-Hall*, on *Thursday* *June 28*, 1683. And that all Gentlemen may be supplied with Tickets at *Mr. Edward Goulton*s, Engraver, under the *Piazza* on the South-side of the *Royal Exchange* in *Cornhill*, at *Mr. William Pettit*s at the *Greyhound-Inn* in *Holborn*, and at *Mr. William Petty*s, at the three *Anchor* and *Crown Tavern* in *Cheapside*.

On the 17th of this instant *June*, *Roeyden-Hall* in the County of *Suffolk*, was broke open in Church-time, and a considerable sum of Money, both of Gold and Silver taken thence; with a bay Mare, with a timber-coloured Saddle, and one short Hand-whip, with a Silver twist about the Handle. Supposed to be done by one *Joseph Garret*, who lived in the said House; he is a thick short young man, blackish brown hair, broad faced, flat Nose, a black Hat, with a red and black Ribon in it. Whoever gives notice of him to *Mr. Plumpein* of *Roeyden-Hall* aforesaid, or to *Mr. John Browning* at the *Anchor* in *Lad-Lane*, *London*, they shall have Three Guineas Reward.