

fulſon, by Fanatical, Antimonarchical, and Atheiſtical Perſons diſturb- ing themſelves under the name of True Proteſtants, (but being as far from True Proteſtants as they are from being True Subjects) and that the Ring-leaders and chief Conſpirators in this Deſpicable Treason were either thoſe that held their Lives by Your Majeſties former Clemency, or owe their Fortunes to Your Favour. We therefore, Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having ſeriously reflected upon the ſaid Execrable and Damnable Conſpiracy, Do offer up our ſolemn and hearty Thanks to Almighty God for your Majeſties, and your moſt Illuſtrious Brother's miraculous Preſervation from the ſame; And ſhall always with Hearts full of Loyalty and Duty be ready with our Lives and Fortunes to defend your Sacred Majeſty, Your Heirs, and Lawful Succeſſors, and the Government, as it is by Law eſtabliſhed, from all Traiterous Aſſociations, Plots and Conſpiracies whatſoever. In Teſtimony whereof we have ſet our Hands, and cauſed the Common Seal of the ſaid Borough to be hereunto affixed, the Twenty fourth day of July, in the Five and thirtieth Year of Your Majeſties Reign.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Adreſs of the Bayliffs, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the Borough of Fewkeſbury, in the County of Glouceſter.

Great Sovereign,

WHILE Your Majeſties moſt Obedient and Loyal Subjects, having with great Aſtoniſhment and Horror heard of the late Execrable Conſpiracy, to take away the Life of Your Sacred Majeſty, and of His Royal Highneſs (Your deareſt Brother) contrived and carried on by deſperate Miſcreants, of Fanatick and Atheiſtical Principles, do from the bottom of our Souls, detest and abhor ſo devilish and unheard of Treason. And we heartily bleſs and adore the infinite Goodneſs of Almighty God, in the happy diſcovery of it.

May the ſame Providence ſtill Protect and Preſerve Your Majeſty, and the Royal Family, from the Curſed Deſigns of all Your Enemies, that the Imperial Crown of theſe Kingdoms may for ever continue to Your Majeſty, Your Heirs, and Lawful Succeſſors; Which, as we Pray in all Sincerity, ſo we humbly preſume to repeat our engagement and ſteady reſolution, to ſtand by and defend the ſame, and the Government Eſtabliſhed by Law, both in Church and State, to the utmoſt of our Lives and Fortunes, againſt all Traiterous Aſſociations and Confederacies whatſoever.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Adreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Capital Burgeſſes, and all other the Inhabitants of Your Ancient and Loyal Corporation and Borough of Stamford.

Humbly ſheweth,

THAT we Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, whoſe Hearts have been deeply affected with Amazing Sorrow, upon the firſt ſenſe and apprehenſion of theſe Treasonable and Horrid Conſpiracies, againſt your Majeſties Sacred Perſon, and Royal Brother, James, Duke of York, deſign'd and contriv'd by Men as much void of all Humanity, as of the fear of God, or any ſenſe of true Religion, endeavouring to extirpate the Royal Family, to ſubvert this Ancient and Flouriſhing Monarchy, to reduce us into the Chaos of Modern Anarchy, and by that means to plunge all Your Majeſties Dominions into an Ocean of Blood, Ruine, and Confuſion, Do now with all poſſible expreſſions of Loyal Joy, Congratulate the happy and miraculous Deliverance of your Sacred Perſon and Royal Brother, from the moſt deſperate and impious Attempts of Barbarous Traitor; Humbly imploring the Mercy of Heaven, that as He hath hitherto moſt ſignally delivered from many imminent Dangers, and doth deliver, ſo He would pleaſe (as we truſt He will) yet to deliver both of You from the blow and reach of all ſuch detestable Machinations; and moſt ſolemnly declaring, That we Your moſt Loyal and Obedient Subjects, in Defence of Your Majeſties Royal Perſon, your Heirs and Succeſſors, and for the Maintenance of your Government in Church and State, as by Law eſtabliſhed, againſt all ſuch Treasonable Conſpiracies, and Traiterous Aſſociations, will moſt heartily and zealouſly appear upon all Occaſions, with the utmoſt expence of all

our Temporal Interests, whether they respect our Lives or Fortunes, and shall continually offer our humble and fervent Prayers to Almighty God, that as your Majeſties Reign hath been to us and to all your Loyal Subjects moſt graciously Auſpicious, ſo it may be to Your Royal Self moſt happy, long, and Glorious over us.

Lintz, Auguſt 31. The 29th Inſtant we had an account by ſeveral Perſons, who came hither, that the King of Poland arrived the 27th with 15000 Horſe at Welckersdorf, three miles from Vienna, and that his Foot would be come up in two or three days. Their Imperial Majeſties are ſtill here, and we are told the Emperor's journey to Crems to meet the King of Poland, is laid aſide. An Expreſs arriv'd this day brings news that the Imperialiſts have poſſeſſed themſelves of a ſmall Iſland lying in the Danube, not far from Vienna; the ſtrict account we have of the condition of that place, is contained in the following Letter from the Governor to the Duke of Lorraine.

A Copy of a Letter from the Count de Starenberg Governor of Vienna, to the Duke of Lorraine, Dated Auguſt 27. 1683.

ICASE myſelf at Your Highneſs's feet, moſt humbly to thank your Highneſs for the goodneſs you were pleaſed to expreſs towards me in your laſt Letter. Your Highneſs knows I am perfectly Devoted to you, and that I deſire nothing more paſſionate than by my beſt labours and ſervices to render my ſelf worthy thereof. Since my laſt the Enemy have ſprung 6 or 7 Mines in the Ravine, which, after having reſuiſed them, we preſently repaired again, and we ſtill maintain our Retrenchments, the Enemy having hitherto gained no more than a Lidgemen on the Point of the Ravine. We ſearch above and under Ground, and have Countermine'd ſome of the Enemies Mines, and ſprung two Mines, which had good effect, and would have had better, were our Miners more brave and expert, but being People which we get together any way, it is impoſſible to make them enter a Mine when they once ſee the Enemy at work. In the Counterscarp the Enemy have 1 Kenel ſprung, three Mines near a Retrenchment, Paſſado's, which we ſtill maintain, to cover the Caponiers we have in the Dutch and ſo the Paſſado's were in ſome ſort ſeized down by the laſt Mine, yet 100 men remain in the Piſt with their Swords in their hands, ſuch as are the Enemy made good again, and we do ſtill keep it. The Enemy have again made two deſcents into the ditch, the one towards the Baſtion of Lebel and the other towards that of the Count, from whence our men did in open day, under the favour of the Fire we gave upon the Enemy two hours together, very bravely diſlodge them, while others, Commanded for that purpoſe, filled up their Works and burnt their Gabions and Galleries, ſo that they muſt now begin again. But, Sir, it is time to ſuccor us, we loſe a great many men, and many Officers, more by the bloody flux than by the Fire of the Enemy, for there dies almoſt every day 60 of this ſtemper; we have 10 more Grenado's, which was our laſt defence; our Cannon are partly ſpoiled by the Enemy, and partly burnt, not having endured ſo ſtill by reaſon of the badneſs of their Metal; And the Enemy finding they cannot with ſmall numbers ſodge themſelves in the ditch, make great Lodgments on the Counterscarp, to keep a great number of men there, and to make an extraordinary Effort. For the reſt it is certain that the Enemy have liſt, and do it liſt every day a great many Spaniſh, and that they have many wounded and ſick of the ſame Diſtemp'r, which kills ſome amongſt them. They have ſeveral Camps far and nigh ſtill with each