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**I**T being his Majesty's Royal Intention, That the Parliament, which is summon'd to meet on Friday the 31st of this Instant (May) should then meet, and sit; The King has been pleased to direct a Commission to pass the Great Seal, appointing, and authorising His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, Thomas Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and other Lords, to open, and hold, the said Parliament, on the said 31st Day of this Instant (May,) being the Day of the Return of the Writs of Summons.

*Extract of a Letter from Major Stringer Lawrence to the Court of Directors of the East-India Company, dated at the Camp near Trichenopoly, the 15th of Sept. 1753, (which it is supposed should be the 25th of Sept.) received by the Delawar, the 7th of May 1754.*

**SINCE** my Letter of the 14th Instant, Capt. Ridge joined me with a Detachment of above 200 Europeans. This Addition of Force made me resolve to attack the Enemy, as the Monsoon approached, and their Situation was such, that they cut off our Provisions, which must have ended in the Loss of Trichenopoly: Accordingly, on the 19th, I made a Motion in the Night towards the Left of the Enemy's Camp, for they had Possession of two large Rocks, about a Mile distant from each other, and I found it necessary to gain one of them. The whole Day of the 20th was spent in Cannonading; and the better to conceal our Design, I had order'd out an 18 Pounder from the Fort, that they might think we had no other View than that of disturbing them in their Camp with our Shot. This lulled them into a Security, and at Four o'Clock in the Morning of the 21st, our Europeans being disposed in three Lines, with the Seapoys on our Flanks, and the Horse in our Rear, we attacked the Rock on the Left, called the Golden Rock, and gained it without any Loss, the Enemy retiring after a faint Resistance, and leaving behind them two Pieces of Cannon. This Earnest of Success, encouraged the Men greatly, and determined me to push on to the main Body; so, that no Time might be lost, I disabled the two Guns, and advanced towards the Sugar-Loaf Rock, just as the Day began to break. The Enemy were drawn up close to the Rock, and had fortified themselves with Breastworks, so it was necessary to gain their Black Camp, that we might fall upon them in the Rear: This was effected with little Trouble, and our Soldiers marched thro' a constant Fire from nine Pieces of Cannon, attacked a Line of Men, which greatly outnumber'd themselves, and in

their Lines. They however rallied, and made some faint Resistance afterwards, supported by the Morattas, who rode up very desperately; But as these could not sustain a galling Fire, which fell upon them from all Quarters, they at length run away, and left us compleat Masters of the Field of Battle, their whole Camp, Baggage, and Ammunition, and ten Pieces of Cannon. The Remains of their Army retreated, some towards Altoora and Syringham, some towards Tondamons's Country, and some towards Tanjour. The Polligars and Seapoys bring in Prisoners every Minute. The Action lasted near two Hours. We took eight Officers, and 100 Soldiers, besides the Killed, which might be about 60 more. The Morattas saved the rest, and prevented a Pursuit, as they were vastly superior to Monage, our Tanjour Friend, in Numbers. On our Part, we had six Officers wounded, and several Men killed and wounded, as you will see by the inclosed Return. I received a slight Wound in the Arm with a Musket Ball; but I thank God it does not prevent me from keeping the Field, and continuing to do my Duty.

## Members returned for the ensuing Parliament.

*City of London*, Sir John Barnard, Knt. Sir Robert Ladbroke, Knt. Slingsby Bethell, William Beckford, Esqrs.  
*County of Montgomery*, Edward Kynaston, Esq;  
*Borough of Montgomery*, William Bodvell, Esq;  
*County of Cambridge*, The Hon. John Manners, Esq; commonly called the Marquis of Granby, the Hon. Philip Yorke, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Royston.  
*Borough of Cambridge*, The Right Hon. Thomas Hay, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Dupplin, the Hon. Thomas Bromley, Esq;  
*University of Cambridge*, The Hon. Edward Finch, The Hon. Thomas Townshend, Esqrs.  
*County of Huntingdon*, The Right Hon. John Proby, Baron of Carysfort in the Kingdom of Ireland, Coulson Fellowes, Esq;  
*Borough of Huntingdon*, Edward Montagu, Robert Jones, Esqrs.  
*County of Nottingham*, The Hon. Robert Sutton, Esq; commonly called Lord Robert Sutton, John Thornhagh, Esq;  
*Borough of Newark upon Trent*, John Manners, Job Staunton Charlton, Esqrs.  
*Borough of East Retford*, John White, John Shelley, Esqrs.  
*Town of Haverford West*, William Edwardes, of Johnston in the County of Pembroke, Esq;  
*County of Edinburgh*, Robert Dundas, of Arniston, Esq;  
*City of Edinburgh*, The Right Hon. William Alexander, Esq; Lord Provost of the said City.  
*County of Perth*, The Right Hon. Lord John Murray, of Pitnacree.  
*County of Renfrew*, William Mure, of Caldwell,