

the sense of our Duty and Allegiance, humbly Declare, That we with our Lives and Fortunes will be always ready to defend His Majesties Royal Person, maintain the Government of His Kingdoms, and the Protestant Religion as now establish'd by Law, against all the enemies thereof.

Taunton, March 30. At the Assizes held here Mr. Thomas Dare was indicted for Seditious and dangerous words, &c. and being found guilty received judgment to pay 500*l.* To the King, to continue in Prison till he had so done, and to stand bound for three years to his good behaviour. And accordingly he was immediately committed to the County Goal. At the said Assizes the Grand Inquest made the following Presentment,

To the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Jones Kt. one of His Majesties Justices of the Kings Bench, and one of the Judges of the Western Circuit; The Presentment of the Grand Inquest of the County of Somerset, for the Assizes held at Taunton for the County aforesaid, the 29th day of March in the 31 year of His Majesties Reign, 1680.

Whereas there was a Petition lately delivered to His Majesty by one Thomas Dare of the Town of Taunton, Goldsmith in the name of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of Somerset, for the sitting of the Parliament; we do utterly disown the said Petition, and never consented to it, and do by no means either approve of the Petition or the manner of procuring hands to the same, being of opinion that such manner of procuring hands tends to Sedition, and the alteration of the Government. And we do hereby Declare, that we, with our Lives and Fortunes will defend His Majesties most Sacred Person, His Heirs, and lawful Successors, and the true Protestant Religion established by Law, and now practised in the Church of England against all opposers whatsoever.

We render His Majesty our most humble thanks, for the recalling His Royal Highness; as also for his declaring his full Resolution, that the Laws against Popish Recusants shall speedily and effectually be put in execution, signified in a late Letter from the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, directed to the Justices of this County; and also to your Lordships charge at the beginning of this Assizes.

We Present, that we are credibly informed, that the House called Pauls in this Town, is frequently used for unlawful Conventicles, and that great numbers of people do unlawfully frequent the said Conventicles, and that divers Nonconformist Ministers, do reside in the said Town, and within three miles of the same, contrary to a late Act of Parliament made, for forbidding such to live in or near any City, Town, or Burrough which sends Burgeses to Parliament, and we desire they may be punished for such their Offences according to Law.

We having delivered in a Bill of Presentment with the Names of all such Popish Recusants inhabiting within this County, as we do know or do hear of, doe humbly desire that according to His Majesties Commands they may be speedily proceeded against in order to their Convictions according to Law, and that the Laws against Nonconformists and other dissenters from the Church of England may likewise be put in execution, and so His Majesties Sacred Person (whom God grant long to live) and the Government both in Church and State, may be the better secured from all open violence and secret Conspiracies.

Chelmsford, April 1. At the Assizes held here the Grand Inquest presented to the Lord Chief Baron Mountague a Declaration subscribed by them, viz.

Whereas a Paper hath been lately dispersed about the County of Essex, which hath commonly been reputed the Petition of this County; We therefore, the Grand Inquest thereof, do in the name and behalf of the same, disclaim and renounce the said Petition, and do hereby declare our abhorrence and utter detestation of the same, and do humbly make it our Request to your Lordship that you will acquaint His Majesty therewith: To which the Justices of the Peace that were upon the Bench, being 27 in number, did add this which follows, Signed by them.

We His Majesties Justices of the Peace for this County of Essex, do declare our full Agreement with the Grand Jury, and beseech your Lordship to represent the same to His Majesty.

Kinsale, March 23. On Friday sailed the Garland Frigate, with several Merchant Ships, bound for the West-Indies; and the next day arrived the Hopewel. On Tuesday sailed the James Gally, and the Swan, with the Slip for Tangier, having on board four Companies of the Earl of Dumbartons Regiment, for the service of that Garrison. Four Companies more are to be embarked on the Hopewel, &c.

Lime, April 3. Yesterday arrived here the Mary from St. Malo and Guernsey, the Master says, that before he came from St. Malo, which was about 10 days since, there arrived a Vessel from Cadix, who had met some Algerines in her voyage. He adds, that the work at Guernsey where they are repairing the Cattle, advances apace.

Chester, April 3. Yesterday arrived here the Portsmouth Yacht from Dublin, from whence she came on Tuesday last; the Captain says, that through the great care and assistance of the Lord-Lieutenant, that Kingdom is very quiet and peaceable.

Whitehall, April 5. His Majesty was this day pleased to declare in Council, that he thought fit for several weighty considerations, to make a farther Prorogation of this present Parliament, till the 17th of May next.

And Mr. Attorney-General was ordered to prosecute Will. Barnsley Esq. Mr. Edward Whitaker, Mr. Tudman, &c. for undue and illegal practices, in tampering with Philip le Mar.

Whitehall, April 7. His Majesty being informed in Council that Sir William Waller had lately taken one Higgie, out of the Gatehouse whither he was committed for Treason, by order of the Board, and had kept him all night at a Tavern with other Company. His Majesty was pleased to direct that he should be put out of the Commission of the Peace; And that the Keeper of the said Prison should be Prosecuted for permitting the said Higgie to goe out of his Custody without a legal Warrant in that behalf.

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Whereas John Keaton Master of a small Vessel belonging to Dove, was supposed to be missing, and to have a parcell of Gold in Spanish Pistoles with him, of a considerable value. The said Keaton upon Notice of his being inquired after, came to the parties concerned whose Gold was missing, and delivered them the same to their satisfaction.