

At a general Meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Urgesses of Your Majesties Antient and Loyl Corporation of Wigan, at the Courton Hall there Assembled, Feb. 18. 1681. Humbly, and in all Loyalty representeth;

May it please Your Majesty,

WHEN we laid at your Sacred Feet the Tender of our hearty Acknowledgments for your Majesties Gracious Declaration, as we thought our Selves in Duty obliged to express our Gratitude for so great and seasonable a Consideration; so we hoped it would be abundantly satisfactory to all good Men, and allay those groundless Fears, and Jealousies which were too generally instilled into the Minds of your Majesties Subjects, by crafty and ill-designing Men. But finding (to our grief) that the restless attempts of Fattious Republicans, and Undermining Dissenters, are still vigorously carried on against the Government, both in Church and State; and that they have so far pursued their former Method of Seditious and Rebellion, that they have again projected a most pernicious Confederacy or Association, contrary to the known Laws and Establishment of this Realm; and had possibly ere this involved us in the dismal consequence of such an impious Conspiracy, had not your Majesty's great Care and Vigilance happily discovered, and seasonably exposed to the World their Traasonable Machinations, manifest in a late Model, called an Association, seized amongst the Earl of Shaftsbury's Papers, and Printed by your Majesties Command: As we heartily bless God for bringing to light such designs of darkness, and thereby preventing the mischief thence threatened to this flourishing Monarchy, and the Religion now by Law established; so next under God we owe it to your Majesty's Prudence and unwearied Endeavours, to preserve inviolably our Peace, our Religion, and whatsoever is near and dear to us. For which, as we are bound to acknowledge the happy influence of your Majesties excellent Government, so we think our Selves obliged to Declare to all the World our Abhorrence and Detestation of all such Trayterous Associations; and to assure your Majesty that we will never take part with them that joyn in the Rebellion of Absalom, or follow the Counsels of Achitophel. For as we cannot but with grief reflect on the fatal effects of the late unnatural Rebellion, so we have too much reason to be sensible that the same Beginnings tend to the same End: And since we now find the old Methods again made use of to imbroil both Church and State: since Faction grows numerous and daring, and with venom'd Tongues bespatter, and with swarms of infamous Libels traduce the Government, since the Laws are villified with Contempt, and openly violated without Shame or Regret; since the most Sacred Obligations of Oaths and Consciency are prostituted to serve the Designs, and carry on the Interest of a Party, so that Justice cannot be Administred, nor the Laws put in execution. We think it highly seasonable to present to your Majesty, the repeated Assurances of our Loyalty, and firm Adherence to your Majesties Person and Government, and to your Lawful and Rightful Successor; together, with our utter dislike of all such Contrivances as shall any way tend to the Subversion of the antient Monarchical Government of this Nation, or the alteration of Religion, as is now by Law established in the Church of England. And when ever your Majesty shall in your Princely Wisdom think fit to meet your People in Parliament, we shall make choice of such Representatives, as shall cheerfully concur with us in these hearty Expressions of our Loyalty, and the Abhorrence of Faction in the Government, and Schisme in Religion.

Nor shall we only Detest such Practices, but to our Power endeavour to discover such Persons as blow up the Sparks of Rebellion, and seek to put the Nation in a Flame: whom as we hope to see restrain'd by a vigorous Execution of the Laws so we could wish to see them convicted that your Majesty bears not the Sword in vain, but as a Terror to Evil-doers.

May the God of Heaven (in whose Hands are the Hearts of Kings) put it into your Royal Heart; May he direct your Councils, and prosper your Proceedings, and make you to these Nations, a Second time, the Glorious Instrument of our Peace and Settlement.

John Bradshaigh, Mayor

London March 3. His Majesty having by His Letters Patents, Dated the 24th of June, 1680. appointed Sir Henry St. George, Kt. Clarenceux King of Arms, by himself or his Deputies, to visit his Province and to Register the Pedigrees and Arms of all the Nobility and Gentry therein, according to antient usage; The said Clarenceux hath thereupon constituted Thomas May, Esq; Chester Herald, and Gregory King, Rouge dragon, Officers of Arms, his Deputies for the Counties of Northampton, Rutland, Leicefer, and Warwick, who will accordingly visit the same this Lent Assizes.

Whitehal, March 2. This Afternoon the Count de Pertengue, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy, was brought by the Right Honourable the Earl of Aylesbury and Sir Charles Cooterel, Master of the Ceremonies, in His Majesty's Coach, followed with his Excellencies Coaches, and a great number of others with six Horses apiece, from the Lady Williams's House in the Palace-yard, to Whitehal, and Conducted to his Audience of their Majesties in the Banqueting-House, with all the Honours and Respects usual on the like occasions.

Whitehal, March 3. This day the Right Honourable George Legg, Esq; Master-General of the Ordinance, was Sworn of His Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council, and accordingly took his Place at the Board.

Whitehal, March 4. This Morning early, their Majesties parted from hence for Newmarket, to pass some short time there.

Advertisements.

Butler's Ghost, or Hudibras, the Fourth Part, with Reflections upon these Times. Sold by Joseph Hindmarsh at the Black Bull in Cornhill.

WHereas there has been lately discovered a way to cleanse Trefryl, or Hye-clover Seeds from their Husk and other ill Seeds, &c. by Richard Hams of Sulsting in Suffex, by means of which it is become much better for certain growing and profitable Crops; inasmuch that some Lands not worth six Shillings an Acre for Pasture, may be improved to the value of Thirty Shillings per Acre: These are to Ceruifice, That the Seeds so cleaned, are to be Sold with Bills of Direction more at large, shewing the advantages thereof. by Mr. Th. Motte Sher at the Goffs Keys in Lombard Street, and Mr. Edward Fuller, Seedsmen at the Three Crowns and Naked Boys against the Maypole in the Strand, and not elsewhere in London. Twelve pound will sow an Acre.

Lost or Stolen the 17th of February last, betwixt London and Hedgden, a parcel of Silk, viz. 36 pound of Lege white; 17 pound of Lege Rera; 7 pound of Shammi; 3 pound of Sky colour; 7 pound of Single White; One pound of Bellony White. Whoever gives notice of it, so as that it may be had again, to Mr Southgate a Norwich Carrier, who Inns at the Four Swins in Bishopsgate Street, LONDON, or at the Coach and Horses in St. Geseffes in Norwich, shall have Ten pounds reward.