

And, 1681. In an humble sense of your Majesties Clemency, and our own Duty, approach your Royal presence, with Hearts full of Loyalty and Gratitude, humbly acknowledging your entire Acquiescence in your Majesties Just and Gracious Government, which hath relieved our good Laws and Liberties of Religions, notwithstanding the horrid Combinations of Perfidious Men, to plainly demonstrate in that accursed Association, and Contivance of the greatest Treason imaginable, (which we call an ASSOCIATION) most happily discovered among the Members of the said Papers, which would not only have cut off the Succession; but also have undertaken and designed your Majesty (the best of Princes) as well as the best of Governants, at a time when all good Men (out of a sense of Duty) should have congratulated your Majesty's happy Government as well as the admirable Conduct, whereby his Royal Highness hath so well served the Peace of your ancient Kingdom of Great Britain, in due Obedience to your Sacred Majesty. And we do solemnly swear, Honor and Obedience that Traiterous and Devilish ASSOCIATION, whereby they would not only have deprived your Majesty of your Guards, to necessarily establish for the Government, as well as Safety of your Royal Person; but would also have subverted the established Government. In Defense of which, as also of your Royal Prerogative, and the undoubted Right of Succession, we do most sincerely renew all our Obligations, to assist your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, against all your Enemies, whether Secret Associates, or open Rebels.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition and Protest, of the Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen. Met at the Assizes for the County of Hertford, March the 2<sup>d</sup> 1681. against the late Treasonable piece of Impudence, called an Association.

Dread Sovereign,

Whereas we Your Majesty's most Loyal and Obedient Subjects have been, so unhappily even in this very Age, to see the most Apostolical Church upon the face of the Earth Overthrown, the best of Governants Dissolved, and the best of Princes Murder'd by the force of Conspiracies and Conventions, further'd by the force of Conspiracies and Conventions, under a colour of asserting the Liberty of Religion, the just Rights of the Crown, and the Liberties of the People. And whereas we find manifestly the same Practices and Methods set a-foot again, and probably for the compassing of the same ends, we do reckon it our Duty to God, Your Majesty, and our Country, to do all that lawfully we may for the Preventing and Suppressing such Execrable Conspiracies; and likewise to profess our utmost Detestation of all Conspiracies and Associations whatsoever, and to give our assistance, and the Knowledge, or against the Approbation of their Conspiracies. And most particularly we do, as yet, and declare our Abhorrence to the highest degree, of the said Association, in the form of an Association, as we do find in the Study of the said Association, as the most detestable and dangerous Conspiracy, or Treason that ever came to the knowledge of our Majesty.

And we do take leave farther to declare, with all dutiful Submission, that we will never cease, by our Fortunes, and Drop of our Blood, to defend Your Majesty's Person and Dignity, the Rights of Your Royal Brother and Family, the Established Church, and Religion against all Opposers, whether Phanatics or Papists, and bricks, against all Association.

Pleasers whatsoever: Beseeching the Almighty Providence to Guard Your most Sacred Majesty, through a very long and most happy Reign, until as long as You change Your Temporal Earthly Crown, for one Eternal in Heaven.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

We the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common Council, and other principal Inhabitants of Your Ancient and Loyal City of York, do most humbly shew, that this our Association at Your Majesties request, not such a one as was proposed by the Earl of Shaftesbury's Closet, designed and contrived in the City, but such as is dictated to us from the Sacred Oracle of Heaven, and the good Law of England, whereby we are taught, and ever will Religiously observe, to remain in the true Blessing of the Almighty, for that He hath been pleased to send and continue such an Excellent Prince to Rule over us in Love, and not with a Rod of Iron. We therefore are amazed, that any Sect of our Fellow Subjects, especially such as are themselves True Protestants, should be so audacious, and impudently ungrateful to such a King, to Repine, much more to Scurrilize, and destroy this great Blessing. Relieving us on one hand, secretly detest and abhor all unlawful Associations and Conspiracies; on the other, to Associate our selves firmly and unanimously to Support, and as far as in us lies, to Destroy all such as go about to invade, or alter this excellent Constituted Government in Church and State, which we do most particularly flourish under the Conduct of Your Sacred Majesty, and Your Lawful and Lineal Successors; we shall, when ever it shall please Your Majesty in Your Princely Wisdom to call a Parliament, make it our principal care to Elect such Members (true Sons of the Church of England) who may vigorously contribute to the ends thereof: And ever cordially Pray, &c.

Plymouth, March 24. Wednesday last came in here the Pearl, Captain Williams Commander, from cruising.

Dead, March 26. This day about Noon sailed out of the Downs, the Faulcon, the Lancaster, and the East India Merchant for the East Indies.

Advertisements.

The Learned Mr. Matthew Pool, having

Completed his First Volume of English Examples of Conspiracies, &c. &c. and gave it forward to make Proposals of his own for that purpose, and likewise obtained His Majesties Gracious Letter of License, the King since deceased, and the Work now fallen into other hands, who design it for the Advantage of the Publick. The Undertakers do offer these Proposals in order to the printing of it. 1. That this first Volume be reach'd to the end of March. 2. That it will contain about 800 Sheets. 3. The Price 10 s. in Hand, and 10 s. at the Delivery of a Book. 4. They that subscribe for 6 s. shall have a 7th gratis. 5. This Volume to be finished by Midwinter. 6. There are Persons of approved Learning and Integrity, that will take up the Work where Mr. Pool hath left, and finish the whole in 2 Volumes. 7. There fore all who are willing to promote so great and useful a Work, would send in their Subscriptions by Post, or direct to the Undertaker, Thomas Aldrich, at the Bible and three Crowns in Chancery Lane, London, or to Mr. Thomas Aldrich, at the Bible and three Crowns in Chancery Lane, London, who will give Receipts for the same, and give out the Proposals more at large, and Specimen.

Coltsbour St. Feb 15, 1682. Black and white Birch made like a soft Goeywood, but very brittle, being cut above a Foot long, and cut her side Feet a little crooked, and have been broke and now well set. Whoever gives notice of her to the Porters of the same, is to have 10 s. in money, and 10 s. in reward.