

Of *Nov. 26. 1665.*

Ordere*d upon the Question*, That Sir *George Lane* Knight, with the rest of the persons under named, or any seven or more of them, be appointed a Committee, who are to repair to His Grace, the Lord Lieutenant, and humbly to acquaint His Grace, that His Majesties Letters of the Twenty sixth of *May*, in the Fifteenth year of His Reign, sent from His Grace by Sir *George Lane* to be communicated to this House, was read by their Speaker, being the lively Lineaments of that vast Soul His Majesty inherits, That they read in them His Majesties goodness, that rather interprets the failings of this House, to be their Error then their Crime: That He was pleased to term our amendment of what was amiss, being but the act of our duty, and so cheap an atonement, to be an action worthy His Gracious acceptance: That we admire the richness of His Nature, that in that Sheer, in which our hopes could be but to receive His pardon, He passeth by our escapes, and takes notice of our duty and affection, and assures us, and the people, We represent of His esteem and Royal favor to us, That We evidently observe His Majesties high esteem to Parliaments, who if they trip or fall (so that they have a minde to rise) holds forth His hand to support them: That in the next place, as We lay our error at our own doors, so We ascribe the ground of our recovery to His Graces prudent advice, and that the repeated advantages they have received by it, may well assure His Grace the welcome reception the continuance of it shall ever finde in this House: That His Grace, had he not a very tender respect to us, might have unconcerned himself, but he whose merits have placed him so near unto His Master, knowing His Spirit, would not have us unacquainted with it, to our disadvantage: That His Grace was pleased onely to make our fault known to our selves, but that our amendment of it he represented to the King, an Act that will endear Him to posterity, to preserve a good opinion in His Majesty to His Parliaments: That the sense and thanks of the House, of and for this particular instance of His Favor, be returned to His Grace; and that if His Grace think fit, He will be pleased to signifie to His Majesty, the submissive duty and thankfulness His Majesties gracious Expressions in that Letter were received with, and that We shall avoid any thing that may beget a dislike in His Grace, whom to our great comfort and satisfaction, His Majesty hath placed over us.

Ditto, Nov. 15. Here is much Robbing in several places of this Kingdom, as well by breaking open Houses, as on the Highway, and that by considerable parties; if we believe Report, they have been met 30. Horsemen in a Company, all well armed and mounted. The small Pox (considering the season of the year) is a little frequent in this City; some there have bin, and some now are, as well in the Country, as here, sick of a Spotted Fever; but because few die, and very rarely above one in an House is sick of it, we do not apprehend any danger of infection in it.

Portsmouth, Nov. 23. This late stormy Weather, few ships have pass't this way. The Seamen are much encouraged with the Pay they lately received here, and desire nothing more, than a farther Employment, which may give them the advantage of doing service to his Majesty, who has bin pleased to make such good provision for them.

Langward-point Fort, Nov. 23. Our Coast at present is clear of Hollaanders, and our ships begin to trade briskly. This day 3. Merchant men went for *Ostend*, under the Convoy.

Hull, Nov. 24. We have advice of three or four ships cast away on *Flamberg-Head* in the last Storm, and all the Men lost: what they were we hear not certainly, but 'tis supposed they were all Colliers.

London, Nov. 25. Letters are shown upon the Exchange, that from *Marseilles* a Squadron of ten French Ships under the Duke of *Beaufort*, should have taken three English Ships between *Trapana* and *Zante*, which, 'tis fear'd, are the *Advice* and *Prudence* belonging to *London*; and a *Bristol*-Ship bound from *Zante* home. But the advice not coming from a constant hand, we must expect the certainty hereafter.

Dover, Nov. 26. Three or four Privateers are cruising in the Narrow Seas, and have lately sent in some small Vessels laden with Wines, who, though they pretend otherwise, are like to prove good Prize. Last night about 12 a Clock, by an overflowing Flood, the Wind Easterly, were drowned 13 Men, Women and Children.

Chatham, Nov. 26. What offers at present, is only, that the *Resolution* now in the Dock, Launches on Tuesday 28. and that the *Unicorn* is to be brought in her room on Wednesday: The rest of the great Ships will be brought up very suddenly to be fitted, against the next Spring.

Portsmouth, Nov. 26. This Town (God be thanked) notwithstanding the general Concourse of People, occasioned by so great a part of the Fleet being here, remains yet without the least hint of infection. The Earl of *St. Albans* being arrived here, takes his Journey to Morrow towards *Oxford*, attended by several Persons of Quality. The Letters from *St. Malo* of the 18 present, say, there is an Embargo laid on all English-mens Goods; and that they daily abuse the English Merchants, walking up and down the Streets, insomuch that the very Women are not wanting in their affronts.

Oxon, Nov. 27. You have heretofore been told the sense his Majesty was pleased to express, of the barbarous usage shown to our Prisoners in *Holland*, and of the frequent Complaints made upon that subject to the States, by his Minister at the *Hague*; in all which, finding no Redress, but rather greater degrees of hardness and ill nature from them, notwithstanding the fair Allowances he was pleased to continue to theirs here; at last his Majesty was forced to bring it to this, That each party should maintain their own Prisoners: Since which, those of the Dutch here, are so dissatisfied at the shortness of the allowance made them by their Ambassador, that they are almost in a Mutiny against their own Masters, protesting openly they will never serve them more; but that they will tie themselves, by all possible assurances to his Majesties Service: Which we understand by Letters of the 25. from *Bristol*, several of those that are kept in that City have already done, and others every day offer themselves to do in greater numbers: And we perceive that it is the resolution of the rest of their Companions at *Winchester*, and elsewhere; to which they seem partly gained by the good usage they finde from our People, and partly starved by unnatural neglects from their own.

Oxon, Nov. 28. The Writ of Adjournment from *Oxford*, was read the 28th. of November, in the Kings Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, and Proclamation thereupon to *Westminster*, to *Oct. Hill*.

The account of this Weeks Bill of Mortality at *London*, runs thus. The Total 344. Plague 33; Decreased 361.