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CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS

LETTERS PAPERS

Written with the best of this Hand

June 21, 17...

By Mr. Jones, Esq.

Printed for A. Bell and G. Woodin, and sold by W. Chapman.
There were a great sin against the
mercies of God, to conceal
those evidences of truth, which
hee so graciously (and al-
most miraculously) by sur-
prize all of these Papers, hath
put into our hands; nor dare
we smother this light under a
Bushell, but freely hold it out
to our seduced brethren, (for
to in the spirit of meekness labouring to reclaim them, we
still speak) that they may see their errors, and return into
the right way: For those that willfully deviate, and make
their profession to oppose the truth, we think it below us,
to revile them with opprobrious language, remembering
the Apostle St. Jude, and that example which he gives us
in his Epistle. They may see here in his privat Letters
what affection the King beares to his people, what lan-
guage and titles he bestowes upon his great Counsell;
which we return not again, but consider with sorrow, that
it comes from a Prince seduced out of his proper sphere;
one that has left that seat in which he ought, and hath
bound himself to sit, to sit (as the Psalmit speaks) in the
Chair of the scornfull, & to the ruine (almost) of three King-
doms, hath walked in the counsels of the ungodly; and though
in our tenents we annex no inallibity to the seat of a King
in Parliament, as the Romanists do to the Papall Chaire,
(since all men are subject to errour) yet we dare boldly
say, that no English King did ever from that place, speak
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destruction to his people, but safety and honour; nor any that abhorred that Seat and Councell, but did the contrary. Therefore, Reader, to come now to the present businesse of these Letters, thou art either a friend or enemy to our cause: If thou art well affected to that Cause of Liberty & Religion, which the two Parliaments of England and Scotland now maintain against a combination of all the Papists in Europe almost, especially the bloody Tygers of Ireland, and some of the Prelaticall and Court Faction in England: thou wilt be abundantly satisfied with these Letters here printed, and take notice therefrom, how the Court has been Caiolde, (that's the new authentick word now amongst our Cabaliasticall adversaries) by the Papists, and we the more beleeling sort of Protestants, by the Court. If thou art an enemy to Parliaments and Reformation, and made willfull in thy enmity beyond the help of miracles, or such revelations as these are, then tis to be expected, that thou wilt either deny these papers to have been written by the Kings own hand, or else that we make just constructions and inferences out of them: Or lastly, thou wilt deny, though they be the Kings own, and beare such a sense as we understand them in, yet that they are blameable, or unjustifiable against such rebels as we are. As to the first, know that the Parliament was never yet guilty of such forgery, the King yet in all the Letters of his, which have been hitherto intercepted, never objected any such thing, and we dare appeale to his owne conscience now, knowing that he cannot disavow either his owne hand writing, or the matters themselves here written. All the Ciphers, Letters, all circumstances of time, and fact, and the very hand by which they are signed (so generally known and now exposed to the view of all) will avertere for us, that no such forgery could be possible. As to our Comments and
Annotations, if there be not perspicuity and modesty in them, there is no common justice nor place for credit left amongst mankind: but indeed most of the main circumstances want no illustration at all to the most vulgar capacities: and therefore we affirm nothing necessary to be believed, but what the printed papers will themselves utter in their own language: and yet for that which is not so clearly warranted here, we have other Papers for their warrant, were they not too numerous, and vast, and too much intermixed with other matter of no pertinence for publication at this time. Touching the last objection, if thou art a perfect malignant, and dost not stick to deny, that there is anything in these letters unbecoming a Prince, who professes himself Defender of the true Faith, a tender Father of his Country, and has been so faithfully engaged with frequent, speciall vows of affection, candour, sincerity, and constancie to his particular protestant subjects of England and Scotland: Then know, that thou art scarce worthy of any reply, or satisfaction in this point. Our cause is now the same as it was when the King first took up Arms, and as it was when the King made most of these oaths and professions. Our three propositions concerning the abolition of Episcopacy, the settling the Militia of the three Kingdomes in good hands, by advice of Parliament, the vindication of the Irish rebels, being all our main demands, the Treaty in February last, and no other then the Propositions sent in June 1642, before any stroke struck, will beare us witness that we have rather straitned then enlarged our complaints. But were our cause altered, as it is not; or were we worse rebels then formerly, as none can affirm which takes notice of our late sufferings, and our strange patience even now after the discovery of these Papers, and our late extraordinary successe in
in the Field, yet still this clandestine proceeding against us here, and condemning all that are in any degree Protestants at Oxford; as also granting a toleration of Idolatry to Papists, indemnity to the murthorous Irish, in a close trading way for meer particular advantage, cannot be defended by any, but by the falsest of men, Papists; or the falsest of Papists, Jesuits. Hitherto the English have had commission to chastise the Irish, the Irish have had the like to chastise the English, both have spilt each others blood by the Kings warrant; yet as both have been in part owned, so both have been in part disowned, and the King himselfe has not appeared with an open face in the busines, but now by Gods good providence the traverse Curtain is drawn, and the King writing to Ormond, and the Queen, what they must not disclose, is presented upon the stage. God grant that the drawing of this Curtain may bee as fatall to Popery, and all Antichristian heresie here now, as the rending of the vaile was to the Jewish Ceremonies in Iuda, at the expiration of our Saviour.

Dear Heart,

Since my last, which was by Talbot, the Scots Commissioners have sent to desire me to send a Commission to the generall Assembly in Edinburgh, which I am resolved not to do; but to the end of making some use of this occasion, by sending an honest man to London, and that I may have the more time for the making a hand some negative, I have demanded a passport for Philip Wmwick, by whom to return my answer. I forgot in my former to tell thee, that Lentall the Speaker brags, that Cardinall Mazarin keeps a strict intelligence with him; though I will not sweare that Lentall sYES true, I am sure it is fit for thee to know. As for Sabria, I am confident that either he or his Instructions are not right for him who is eternally thine.

Even now I am advertised from London that there are three or four Lords, and eight Commons (besides four Scotch Commissioners) appointed to treat, and they have named Vexbridge for the place, though not yet the particular persons. I am likewise newly advertised that General Goring prosperes wel where he is, and since Monday last hath taken 80. of the Rebels Horse; and upon his advance they have quitted Peterfield and Condry.

POSTSCRIPT.
The settling of Religion, and the Militia, are the first to be treated on: and bee confident, that I will neither quit Episcopacy, nor that sword which God hath given into my hands.


By P. A.

This is a true Copy, examined by Eddon. Prida. 1644.
Oxford, Sunday 30. March. Dear heart, since my last (which was but 3. days ago) there are no alterations hapned of moment, preparations rather than actions being yet our chief. until but inclem, in which we hope that we proceed farther then the Rebels, whose levies both of men and money (for certain) goes on very slowly; and I believe they are much weaker then is thought, even here at Oxford. For instance, A very honest servant of mine, and no fool shewed me a proposion from one of the most considerable London Rebels, who will not let his name be known untill he have hope that his proposion will take effect: It is this, That since the Treaty is to broken off, that neither the rebels nor I can resume it without at least a seeming total yeelding to the other. The Treaty should be renewed upon thy motion, with a pre-assurance that the rebels will submit to reason. The answer that I permitted my servant to give, was, That thou art the much fittest person to be the means of so happy & glorious a work as is the peace of this Kingdom; but that upon no terms thy name was to be prophaned, therefore he was to be satisfied of the rebels willingness to yeeld to reason, before he would consent that any such intimation should be made to thee, and particularly concerning Religion and the Militia, that nothing must be insisted upon but according to my former offers. This I believe will come to nothing, yet I cannot but advertise thee of any thing that comes to my knowledge of this consequence.

I must again tell thee, That most assuredly France will bee the best way for transportation of the D. of Lorraine's Army, there being divers fit and safe places of landing for them upon the Western coasts, besides the Ports under my obedience, as Shelley near Chichester, and others, of which I will advertise thee when the time comes.

By my next I think to tell thee when I shall march into the Field, for which money is now his greatest want (I need say no more) who is eternally shine,


This is a true Copie examined by Edmond Prideaux.
Dear heart, I wrote to thee yesterday by Sakefield, the subject of it was only kindneces to thee, which I assure thee shall ever be visible in all my actions: And now I come to Jermin's account, given me by thy command, which is very clear, hopeful in most particulars, and absolutely satisfactory as concerning thy care & industry. As for the main impediment in the D. of Lorraine's business (which is his passage) why may thou not procure him passage through France? (if that of Holland be stuck at) it will much secure and facilitate the sea transportation in respect of landing on the Western Coast, which I believe will be found the best, there being not so many places to choose on, any where else. But this an opinion, not a direction.

The general face of my affairs me thinks begins to mend, the dispositions at London rather increasing then ceasing, Moutreffe daily prospering, my Western business mending apace, and hopeful in all the rest. So that if I had reasonable supplies of money and powder (not to exclude any other,) I am confident to be in a better condition this year, then I have been since this rebellion began, and possibly I may put fair for the whole, and to enjoy thy company again, without which nothing can be a contentment unto me. And so farewell dear heart.

I intend (if thou like it) to borowe Percies place on the M of N. weaslto whom yet I am no ways engaged, nor shall be before I have thy answer. As for Jack Barclay, I do not remember that I gave thee any hope of making of him Master of the Wards: For Cottington had it long ago before thou went hence, and I intended it to Secr. Nich. if he then would have received it: and I am deceived, if I did not tell thee of it.

To my Wife 27. Mar. 1645. by P. A.

This is a true Copy examined by Miles Corbet.

Oxford, Sunday 4. May. Dear Heart, the Rebels new brutish Generall hath refused to meddle with forrrain Passes, so as not to tell thee of it.
yet I cannot dispatch Adrian May to thee, by the way of London which if I cannot very shortly, I will send him by the West, and now, if I could be assured of thy recovery, I would have but few melancholy thoughts, for I thank God my Affairs begins to smile upon me again, Wales being well swept of the Rebels, Farrington having relieved it self, and now being secured by Goring coming, my Nephews likewise having brought me a strong party of Horse and Foot, these Quarters are so free that I hope to be marching within three or foure dayes, and am still confident to have the start of the Rebels this yere: I am likewise very hopeful that my Son will shortly be in the head of a good Army, for this I have the cheerfull assurance of Culpeper and Hyde: Of late I have been much pressed to make Southampton Master of my Horse, not more for good will to him, as out of fear that Hamilton might return to a capacity of reofening me: wherein if I had done nothing, both jealouise and discontentes were like to arise, whereas I thought fit to put my Nephew Rupert in that place, which will both save me charge, and stop other mens grumblings: I have now no more to say, but praysing for and impatiently expecting of good news from thee, I rest eternally thine.

To my wife 4 May 1645.

By Malin St. Rayn.

This is a true Copie examined by Edm. Prideaux.

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Dear Heart,

Having decyphered thine which I received yesterday I was much surprized to find thee, blame me for neglecting to write to thee, for indeed I have often complained for want, never milit any occasion of sending to thee; and I assure thee never any dispatch went from either of my Secretaries without one from me, when I knew of it.

"As for my calling, those at London a Parliament, I shall refer thee to Digby for particular satisfaction, this in general: If there had been but two (besides myself) of my opinion, I had not done it, and the Argument that prevailed with me, was that the calling did no ways acknowledge them, to be a Parliament."
"liament upon which condition and construction I did it and no
otherways, and accordingly it is registred in the Councell
books, with the Councels unanimous approbation; but thou
will find, that it was by misfortune, not neglect that thou hast
been no sooner advertized of it.

As for the conclusion of thy Letter, it would much trouble me,
if thou didst not know, thy desire granted before it was asked;
yet I wonder not at it, since that which may bear a bad construc-
tion, hath been presented to thee in the ugliest form, not having
received the true reason and meaning of it; the fear of some such
mischance made me the more careful, to give thee a full account
by Tom Ellis, of the reasons of the D. o R. and E. of S. journey to
London, which if it come soon enough I am confident will free
thee from much trouble, but if thou hast not the patience to for-
bear judging harshly of my actions, before thou hearest the rea-
sions of them, from me, thou may be often subject to be doubly
vexed, first with Flanders, then with having given too much care
unto them. To conclude, estee me as thou findest me constant
to those grounds thou lefts me withall, & so farewell Dear heart.

Copie to my wife 2 Jan. 1645; by P. A.

This is a true Copie examined by Edm. Prideaux.

VI

any certain word concerning the issue of our Treaty, only,
the unreasonable stubbornnesse of the Rebels, gives daily leffe
and leffe hopes, of any accommodation this way; wherefore I
hope no rumors shall hinder thee from hastening all thou may, all
possible assistance to me, and particularly that of the D. of Lor-
raines; concerning which I received yesterday, good news from
Dr. Giff, that the P. of Orange will furnish Shipping for his trans-
portation, and that the rest of his Negotiation goes hopefully on,
by which, and many other wayes, I find thy affection to accom-
panied with dexterity, as I know not whether ( in their severall
kinds) to estee me molt; but I will say no more of this, lest thou
may think that I pretend to do this way, what is but possible to
be done by the continued actions of my life; though I leave news
to others, yet I cannot but telle thee, that even now I have recei-
ceived certain intelligence of a great defeat given to Argyle by Munro; who upon surprize, totally routed those Rebels, killed 1500, upon the place. Yesteray I received thine of 27. Jan. by the Portugal Agent, the only way (but expresses) I am confident on, either to receive Letters from thee, or to send them to thee: indeed Edward sent me word yesterday, besides some compliments of the Imbar- go of the rebels ships in France (which I likewise put upon thy score of kind- neffe) but is well enough content that the Portugall should be charged with thy dispatches. As for trusting the rebels either by going to London, or disbanding my Army before a peace, do no tryes feare my hazarding so cheaply or foolishly: for I esteem the interest thou hast in me at a farre dearer rate, and pretend to have a little more wit (at least by the sympathy that is betwixt us) then to put my selfe into the reverence of perfidious rebels. So impatiently expecting the expresse thou hast promised me, I rest eternally thine.

I can now assure thee, that Hertogen the Irish Agent, is an arrant knave, which shall be made manifest to thee by the first opportunity of sending Parquets.

To my wife 19. Feb. 1645. by P. A.

This is a true Copy examined by Edmond Prideaux.

VII

Dear heart, the expectation of an expresse from thee (as I find by thine of the 4. Febr.) is very good newes to me, as like- wise that thou art now well satisfied with my diligence in writing. As for our treaty, there is every day less hopes then other, that it will produce a peace. But I will absolutely promise thee, that if we have one, it shall be such as shall invite thy return. For I vow, that without thy company I can neither have peace nor comfort within my self. The limited dayes for treating, are now almost expired without the least agreement upon any one Arti- cle. Wherefore I have sent for enlargement of dayes, that the whole treaty may be laid open to the world. And I assure thee, that thou needst not doubt the issue of this treaty; for my Commissioners are so well chosen (though I say it) that they will neither be threatened nor disputed.
dissuaded from the grounds I have given them; which (upon my word) is according to the little Note thou so well remembers: And in this not only their obedience, but their judgements concur. I confess in some respects thou hast reason to bid me beware of going too soon to London: for indeed some amongst us had a greater mind that way then was fit; of which persuasion Percy is one of the chief, who is shortly like to see thee, of whom having said this, is enough to shew thee how he is to be trusted, or beleeved by thee concerning our proceedings here. In short, there is little or no appearance but that this Summer will be the hottest for war of any that hath been yet: and be confident, that in making peace, I shall ever shew my constancy in adhering to Bishops, and all our friends, and not forget to put a short period to this perpetual Parliament. But as thou loves me, let none persuade thee to shaken thine assitance for him who is eternally thine, C. R.


To my Wife 15. Feb. 1645. by P. A.

This is a true Copie examined by Edmond Prideaux.

VIII

Dear heart, now is come to passe what I fore-saw, the fruitlesse end (as to a present peace) of this treaty; but I am still confident, that if shall find very good effects of it: for besides that my Commissioners have offered, to say no more, full measured reason, and the rebels have fuddled rigidly to their demands, which I dare say had been too much, though they had taken me prisoner, so that assuredly the breach will light foully upon them. We have likewise at this time discovered, and shall make it evidently appeare to the world, that the English Rebels, (whether basely or ignorantly, will be no very great difference) have as much as in them lies, transmitted the command of Ireland from the Crown of England to the Scots, which (besides the reflection it will have upon these rebels) will clearly shew, that reformation of the Church is not the chief, much lesse the onely end of the Scotch Rebellion: but it being presumption, & no piece of true truth to a good cause, as not to use all lawfull means to maintain it, I have thought of one means more to furnish thee with for my assitance, then bitterest that last had: It is that I give thee power to promise in my name (to whom thou thinkest most fit) that I will take away all the penal laws against the Roman Catholics in England as soon as God shall enable me to do it; so as by their means, or in their favours, I may have so powerfull assistance as may deserve so great a favour, and enable me to do it. But if thou ask what I call that assistance, I answer, that when thou knowest what may be done for it, it will be easily seen, it is deserve to be so esteemed. I need not tell thee what fe-
crely this busines requirest, yet this I will say, that this is the greatest point of confidence I can express to thee, for it is no thanks to me to trust thee in any thing else but in this which is the only thing of difference in opinion betwix us: And yet I know thou wilt make as good a bargain for me, even in this I trusting thee (though it concern religion) as if thou were a protestant, the visible good of my affairs do much depending on it. I have so fully instructed this bearer Pooles, that I will not say more to thee now, but that here with I send thee a new Cypher (affairing thee, that none hath or shall have any copy of it but my self), to the end thou mayst use it, when thou shalt find fit to write any thing which thou wilt judge worthy of thy pains to put in cypher, and to be decyphered by none but me, and so likewise from him to thee, who is eternally thine.

To my wife the 5. March 1645. by Pooles.

This is a true Copy examined by Edm. Prideaux.

The little that is here in Cypher is
in that which I sent to thee by Pooles. Oxford, Wednesday 9 April. 1645.

Dear Heart:

Though it be an uncomfortable thing to write by a slow Messenger, yet all occasions of this (which is now the only way of conveying with thee, is so welcome to me as I shall be loath to loose any; but expect neither news or publick busines, from me, by this way of conveyances, yet judging thee by my self, even these nothings will not be unwelome to thee, though I should chide thee, which if I could I would do, for thy too sudden taking Alarms, I pray thee consider, since I love thee above all earthly things; & that my contentment is inseperably conjoinde with thine, my not all my Actions tend to serve and please thee? If thou knew what a life it lead, (I speak not in respect of the common distractions) even in point of mankind, in which in my mind is the chief joy or vocaction of ones life, I dare say thou would pity me; for some are too wise, others too foolish; some too base, others too reserved, many fantastick. In a word, when I know none better (I speak not now in relation to unfitness) then 39, 8, 230, 55, 5, 7, 67, 18, 294, 35, 69, 16, 54, 6, 38, 6, 68, 9, 68; thou mayst easily judge how my conversation pleaseth me. I confesse thy company hath perhaps made me in this, hard to be pleased, but not lese to be pitied by thee, who are the only cures for this diseafe. The end of all is this, to desire thee to comfort me as often as thou can with thy letters, & do not thou think, that to know particulars of thy health, & how thou spendest the time, are pleasing subjects unto me, though thou hast no other business to write of? Believe me, sweet heart, thy kindness is as necessary to comfort my heart, as thy assisstance is for my affairs.

To my Wife 9 April, 1645. by Binson.

This is a true Copy examined by Miles Corbet.
Upon Saturday last I wrote to thee by Sabran (but this I believe may come as soon to thee) and I have received thine of the seventh upon Monday last, which gave me great contentment both in present and expectation, (the quicke passage being likewise a welcome circumstance) and yet I cannot but finde a fault of omission in most of thy latter Dispatches, there being nothing in them concerning thy health. For though I confesse, that in this no news is good news, yet I am not so satisfied without a more perfect assurance; & I hope thou wilt by satisfying me confesse the justnesse of this my exception. I am now full fraught with expectation (I pray God send me a good unladings) for I looke daily for some blow of importance to be given about Taunton or Shrewsbury; and I am confidently assured of a considerable and sudden supply of men from Ireland, likewise the refractory Horse (as the London Rebels calls them) may be reckoned in, for yet it is not knowne what fomentes they have, or whether they have none, if the latter, there is the more hope of gaining them to me; howsoever I doubt not, but if they stand out (as it is probable) good use may be made of them. Of this I beleevve to give thee a perfecter account next weeke, having sent to try their pulses; Petit came yesterday, but he having at London thrust his Dispatches into the States Ambassadors Packets I have not yet received them, and I would not stay to lengthen this in answer of them, nor give thee halfe hopes of good Westerne news, knowing of an opportunity for writing to thee with in these three or foure days; onely I congratulate with thee for the safe arrivall of thy Tinne-adventure at Callis: and so farewell sweet heart.

Thine of the 10. I have newly received, whereby I finde that thou much mistakes mee concerning Mr. for I desire nothing more then a Peace there, and never forbad thy com...
mere there; onely I gave thee warning of some Irish in France, whom I then thought, and now know to be knaves.

To my Wife 20. March 1645. by P. A.

This is a true Copy, examined by Edm. Prideaux.

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Deare heart:

Marching takes away the conveniency of sending my Letters so safe and quicke to thee, as when I was at Oxford, however I shall not faile to doe what I can to send oftent to thee; there is so little news for the present as I will leave that subject for others, onely upon Saturday last I received a Dispatch from Montrose, which assures me his condition to be so good, that he bids me be confident that his Countrymen shall doe me no great harme this yeare; and if I could lend him but 500. horse, he would undertake to bring me 20,000. men before the end of this Summer. For the generall state of my affaires we all here thinke to be very hopeful; this Army being of a good strength, well ordered, and increasing; my Sonnes such that Fairfax will not be refused to be fought with, of which I hope thou wilt receive good satisfaction from himselfe. Its true that I cannot brag for more of money, but a sharpe Sword alwaies hinders starving at least; and I beleve the Rebels Coffers are not very full (and certainly we shall make as good a shift with empty purses as they) or they must have some greater defect; else their Leavies could not be so backward as they are, for I assure thee that I have at this instant many more men in the Field then they. I am not very confident what their Northerne Forces are, but except they are much stronger then I am made beleive. I may likewise include them.

Now I must make a complaint to thee of my Sonne Charles, which troubles me the more, that thou maist suspect I seeke by equivocating to hide the breach of my word, which I hate above all things, especially to thee: It is this be hath sent to desire me, That Sir John Greenfield may be sworn Gentleman of his Bedchamber, but already so publickly engaged in it, that the refusall would be a great disgrace both
to my Sonne and the young Gentleman, to whom it is not fit to give a just dispaiste, especially now, considering his Fathors merit, his owne hopefulnesse, besides the great power that Family hath in the West: Yet I have refused the admittance of him until I shall hear from thee. Wherefore I desire thee first to chide my Sonne for ingaging himselfe without one of our contents; then, not to refuse thy owne content; and lastly, to believe that directly or indirectly I never knew of this while yesterday at the delivery of my Sonnes Letter. So farewell, Sweet heart, and God send me good news from thee.

To my Wife, May 14. 1645.

This is a true Copy, examined by Miles Corbett.

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Deare Heart:

I know thy affection to me so truly grounded, that thou wilt be in as much (if not more) trouble to finde my reputation, as my life in danger: therefore lest the faile found of my offering a Treaty to the Rebels upon base and unsafe termes should disturb thy thoughts, I have thought it necessary (to assure thy mind from such rumours) to tell thee the wayes I have used to come to a Treaty, and upon what grounds. I shall first shew thee my grounds, to the end thou may the better understand and approve of my wayes; Then know (as a certaine truth) that all, even my party, are strangely impatient for peace, which obliged me so much the more (at all occasions) to shew my reall intentions to peace; And likewise I am put in very good hope (some holds it a certainty) that if I could come to a faire Treaty, the King-leading Rebels could not hinder me from a good Peace: First, because their owne party are most weary of the War, and likewise for the great distractions which at this time most affredly are amongst themselves, as Presbyterians against Independents in Religion, and Generall against Generall in point of command: Upon these grounds a Treaty being most desirable (not without hope of good success) the most probable means to procure it was to be used, which might stand with honour and safety, amongst the rest (for I will omit all those which are unquestionably cencernable) the sound of my returne to London was thought to have so much force of popular Retorique in it, that upon it a Treaty would be bad, or if rea-
feil, it would bring much prejudice to them, and advantageous to me; yet least foolish or malicious people should interpret this as to proceed from fear or folly, I have joyned conditions with the Proposition (without which this would will signific least nothing) which you will finde to be most of the chief ingredients of an honourable and safe Peace. Then observe, if a Treaty at London with Commissioners for both sides may be had without it, it is not to be used, nor, in case they will treat with no body but my Selfe, so that the conditions saves any aspersion of dishonour, and the treating at London the malignity which our factious spirits here may infuse into this Treaty upon this subject. This I hope will secure thee from the trouble which otherwise may be caused by false malicious rumours, and though I judge my self secure in thy thoughts, from suspecting me guilty of any basenesse, yet I hold this account necessary, to the end thou may make others know, as well as thy selfe, this certaine truth. That no danger of death or misery (which I thinke much worse) shal make me do any thing unworthy of thy love. For the state of my present affairs I referre thee to 92; concluding (as I did in my last to the) by conjuring thee, as thou lovest me, that no appearance of Peace (and now I add) nor hopefull condition of mine, make thee neglect to haste succour for him who is eternally thine.

Copy to my Wife, Decemb. 1644. by Tom. Elliot.
This is a true Copy, examined by Edm. Prideaux.

XIII.

Deare Heart:

What I told thee the last weeke concerning a good parting with our Lords and Commons here, was on Monday last handsomely performed, and now if I doe any thing unhandsome or disadvantageous to my selfe or friends, in order to a Treaty, it will be meerly my owne fault, for I confess when I wrote last, I was in feare to have been pressed to make some meane overtures to renew the Treaty, (knowing that there were great labouring to that purpose:) But now I promise thee, If it be renewed, (which I believe will not, without some eminent good successe on my side) it shall be to
my honour and advantage, I being now as well freed from the place of base
and mutinous motions (that is to say, our Mungrell Parliament here) as
of the chiefse causers, for whom I may justly expect to be chidden by the
for having suffered thee to be vexed by them. Wilt not being already there,
Percy on his way, and Sussex within few daies taking his journey to
thee, but that, I know, thou carest not for a little trouble to free
me from great inconveniences, yet I must tell thee, that if I knew
not the perfect stedinesse of thy love to me, I might reasonably ap-
prehend that their repaire to thee would rather prove a change
then an end of their villainies; and I cannot deny, but my confi-
dence in thee, was some cause of this permisive trouble to thee.

I have received thine of the third of March, by which thou
puts me in hope of affittance of men and Money, and it is no little
expression of thy love to me, that (because of my businesse) Festi-
vals are troubleome to thee, But I see that Assemblies in no Coun-
tries are very agreeable to thee, and it may be done a purpose to make thee
weary of their companies, and excuse me to tell thee in earnest,
that it is no wonder, that meere Statesmen should desire to be rid
of thee, therefore I desire thee to thinke whether it would not
advantage thee much to make a personall friendship with the
Queen Regent, (without shewing any distrust of her Ministers,
though not wholly trussling to them) & to shew her, that when
her Regency comes out (and possibly before) she may have need
of her friends, so that she shall but serve her selfe by helping of
thee; and to say no more, but certainly, if this Rebellion had
not begun to oppresse me when it did, a late great Queene had en-
ded more glorious then she did. In the last place I desire thee, to
give me a weekly account of thy health, for I feare least in that
alone thou takest not care enough to expresse thy kindnesse to him
who is eternally thine.

The Northerne newes is rather better then what we first heard,
for what by Sir Marmaduke Langdales, and Monroes victorie,
Carlile and the rest of our Northerne Garrifons are relieved, and we
hope for this year secured, and besides all this, the Northern Horse
are already returned and joyned with my Nephew Repert.

To my wife, 13. March. 1641.

By P. A.

This a true Copy examined by
Edm. Prideaux.
Deare Heart:

Oxford being free, I hope this will come sooner to thee then otherwise I could have expected, which makes me believe, that my good newes will not be very stale, which in short is this, since the taking of Leicester my marching downe hither to relieve Oxford made the Rebels raise their siege before I could come near them, having had their Quarters once or twice beaten up by that Garrison, and lost foure hundred men at an assault before Bostoll-House; at first I thought they would have fought with me, being marched as far as Brackley, but are since gone aside to Brickhill, so as I believe they are weaker then they are thought to be; whether by their distractions, (which are certainly very great, Fairfax and Browne having been at Budgells, and his men and Cromwell's likewise at blowes together, where a Captain was slain, or waffling their men, I will not say: besides Goring hath given a great defeat to the Western Rebels, but I doe not yet know the particulars; wherefore I may (without being too much languish) affirm, that (since this Rebellion) my affaires were never in so faire and hopefull a way, though among our selves we want not our own follies, which is needless, and I am sure tedious to tell thee, but such as I am confident shall do no harm nor much trouble me: Yet I must tell thee, that it is thy Letter by Fitzwilliams, assuring me of thy perfect recovery with thy wonted kindnesse, which makes me capable of taking contentment in these good successes; For as divers men proposes several recompences to themselves for their pains and hazard in this Rebellion; so thy company is the onely reward I expect and wish for.

To my Wife 9. June 1645.

This is a true Copy, examined by Miles Corbett.

Deare
Deare Heart:

Sunday last I received three Letters from thee; one a Duplicate of the 30. Decemb. another of the 6. Jan. & the last of the 14. Jan. and even now one Petit is come with a Duplicate of the last; wherein, as I infinitely joy in the expressions of thy confident love of me, so I must extreamly wonder that any who pretend to be a friend to our Cause, (for I believe thou wouldest not mention any information from the other side) can invent such lies, that thou hast had ill offices done to me by any; or that thy care for my assistance hath been the least suspected, it being so far from truth, that the just contrary is true. For I protest to God I never heard thee spoken of, but with the greatest expressions of estimation for thy love to me, and particularly for thy diligent care for my assistance: But I am confident that it is a branch of that root of knavery which I am now digging at, and of this I have more than a bare suspicion: And indeed, if I were to finde fault with thee, it should be for not taking so much care of thine own health as of my assistance, at least not giving me so often account of it as I desire; these three last, making no mention of thy selfe. Now as for the Treaty (which begins this day,) I desire thee to be confident, that I shall never make a peace by abandoning my friends, nor such a one as will not stand with my honour and safety; of which I will say no more, because, knowing thy love, I am sure thou must believe me, and make others likewise confident of me.

I send thee herewith my directions to my Commissioners, but how I came to make them my selfe without any others Dighy will tell thee, with all the newes, as well concerning Military as Cabbalistical matters. At this time I will say no more, but that I shall in all things, (only not answering for words) truly shew my selfe to be eternally thine.

The Portugall Agent hath made me two propositions, first, concerning the release of his Masters Brother, for which I shall have 5000l. if I can procure his liberty from the King of Spaine; the other is for a marriage betwixt my Son Charles and his Masters eldest daughter: For the first I have freely undertaken to do what I can, and for the other, I will give such an Answer as shall signify nothing.

I desire thee not to give too much credit to Sabrems Relations, nor
nor much countenance to the Irish Agents in Paris, the particular reasons thou shalt have by Pooty, (whom I intend for my next Messenger.) In the last place I recommend to thee the care of Jersey and Guernsey, it being impossible for us here to do much, though we were rich, being weak at Sea.

To my wife, 30. Jan. 1645
By Legge.

This is a true Copy, examined
by EDM. Prideaux.

Ormond;

XVI.

The impossibility of preserving my Protestant Subjects in Ireland, by a continuation of the war, having moved me to give you those powers and directions, Which I have formerly done for the concluding of a Peace there, and the same growing daily much more evident, that alone were reason enough for me, to enlarge your powers, and to make my Commands in the point more positive. But besides these considerations, it being now manifest that the English Rebels have (as far as in them lies) given the Command of Ireland to the Scots; that their aim is at a total subversion of Religion and Regal Power, and that nothing lesse will content them, or purchase peace here. I thinke my self bound in conscience, not to let slip the means of settling that Kingdom (if it may be) fully under my obedience; nor to lose that assistance which I may hope from my Irish Subjects, for such scruples as in a lesse pressing condition might reasonably be stuck at by me: For their satisfaction, I do therefore command you to conclude a Peace with the Irish, whatever it cost, so that my Protestant Subjects there may be secured, and my Regal authority preserved. But for all this you are to make me the best bargaine you can, and not discover your inlargement of power till you needs must. And though I leave the managing of this great and necessary work entirely to you, yet I cannot but tell you, that if the suspension of Poinings Act, for such Bills as shall be agreed upon between you there, and the present taking away of the Penal Laws against Papists, by a law will do it: I shall not think it a hard bargaine; so that freely and vigorously they engage themselves in my assistance against my Rebels of England and Scotland, for which no conditions can be too hard, not being against Conscience or Honour.

Copied to Ormond, 27. Febr. 1645.

A True Copy, Zouch Tate.

ORMOND, I should wrong my owne service and this Gentleman Sir Tymothy Frisleton, if I did not recommend him and his business to you; for the particulars of which I refer you to Digby: And now again I cannot but mention to you the necessity of the hastening of the Irish Peace, for which I hope you are already furnished by me, with material sufficient: But in case (against all expectation and reason) Peace cannot be had upon those terms, you must not by any means fall to a new rupture with them, but continue the Cessation (according to a Postscript in a Letter by Jack Barry (a copy of which I dispatch I herewith send you.) So I reft.

Postscript.

In case upon particular mens fancies, the Irish Peace should not be procured, upon powers I have already given you, I have thought good to give you this further Order (which I hope will prove needless) to seek to renew the Cessation for a year, for which you shall promise the Irish (if you can have it no cheaper) to join with them against the Scots and Inchequin; for I hope by that time my condition may be such, as the Irish may be glad to accept likewise, or I be able to grant more.

A true copy. Zouche Tate.


ORMOND, upon the great rumours and expectations which are now of Peace, I think it necessary to tell you the true state of it; lest mistaken reports from hence might trouble my affairs there.

The Rebels here have agreed to Treat; and most assuredly, one of the first and chiefest Articles they will insist on, will be, to continue the Irish Warre; which is a point not Popular for me to break on; of which you are to make a double use: First, to hasten (with all possible diligence) the Peace there; the timely conclusion of which will take off that inconvenience which otherwise I may be subject to, by the refusal of that Article, upon any other reason. Secondly, by dextrous conveying to the Irish, the danger there may be of their total and perpetual exclusion from those favours I intend them, in case
case the Rebels here clap up a peace with me, upon reasonable terms; and only exclude them; which possibly were not cancellable for me to refuse, if the Irish peace should be the only difference between us, before it were perfected there: These I hope are sufficient grounds for you to persuade the Irish diligently to dispatch a peace upon reasonable terms, affuring them that you having once fully engaged to them my word (in the conclusion of a peace) all the earth shall not make me break it.

But not doubting of a peace, I must again remember you to press the Irish for their speedy assistance to me here, and their friends in Scotland: My intention being to draw from thence into Wales (the peace once concluded) as many as I can of my Armed Protestant subjects, and desire that the Irish would send as great a body as they can to land about Cumberland, which will put those Northern Counties in a brave condition; wherefore you must take speedy order to provide all the shipping you may, as well Dukeirk as Irish Bottomes; and remember that after March it will be most difficult to transport men from Ireland to England, the Rebels being masters of the Seas: So expecting a diligent and particular account in answer to this Letter, I rest

Your most assured constant friend,

CHARLES R.

A true copy, Zouch Tate.

XIX

TO. ORMOND. 15. December 1644.

ORMOND, I am sorry to finde by Colonell Barry the sad condition of your particular fortune, for which I cannot finde so good and speedy remedy as the peace of Ireland, it being likewise to redresse most necessary affairs here; wherefore I command you to dispatch it out of hand, for the doing of which I hope my publique Dispatch will give you sufficient Instruction and Power; yet I have thought it necessary for your more Encouragement in this necessary work, to make this addition with my own hand. As for Pointings Act I refer you to my other Letter: and for matter of Religion, though I have not found it fit to take publique notice of the paper which
Brown gave you, yet I must command you to give him my L. Muskery and Plunket particular thanks for it, assuring them that without it, there could have been no peace; and that sticking to it, their Nation in generall and they in particular shall have comfort in what they have done, and to shew this is more then words, I doe hereby promise them, and command you to see it done) that the Penall Statutes against Roman Catholiques shall not be put in execution, the Peace being made, and they remaining in their due obedience; and further, that when the Irish gives me that assistance which they have promised, for the suppression of this Rebellion, and I shall be restored to my Rights, then I will consent to the Repeal of them by a Law, but all these against Appeals to Rome, and Premunire must stand, all this in Cypher you must impart to none, but those three already named, and that with injunction of strictest secrsise: so againe recommending to your care the speedy dispatch of the peace of Ireland, and my necessary supply from thence, as I wrote to you in my last private letter, Ireft.

A true Copy. Zouche Tate.

XXX

The Earl of Glamorgans Instructions to me, to be presented to your Majesty.

That (God willing) by end of May, or beginning of June, he will land with 5000 Irish.

That the Gentlemen of the severall Counties of Monmouth, Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Carmarthen, will very speedily for your Majesties service in securing these Parts, raise and arm foure thousand men.

That the Ships which shall bring over the Irish, his Lordship designes to block up Milford Haven, at which time he doubts not to draw those Welsh Forces into Pembroke-shire.

That to advance these his undertakings, he hath thirty thousand pounds ready, ten thousand Muskets, two thousand case of D2 Pittols.
Pistols, eight hundred barrels of Powder; besides, his own Artillery, and is ascertained of thirty thousand pound more which will be ready upon his return.

That he hath intelligence from his Ships, that divers Hollanders and Dunkirkers come in daily to him.

In Order to this service, he commanded mee humbly to put your Majesty in minde of his Commission, and that hee may in fitting time have such command in thee Counties as may bee sutable to his employment, and conducing to the service in hand: These being Counties in which (if other desigines of Landing faile) he can land in: And that your Majesty will seriously consider the services he hath done you in com-posing the distractions of the County of Monmouth; And that you will be pleased to countenance Sir Thomas Lansford, and graciously relieve the Countrey in such things as without prejudicing your service may ease them.

Concerning the County of Monmouth only.

That by his Lordships means, (who hath now raised two Regiments himselfe;) Sir Thomas Lansfords Forces will bee one thousand eight hundred foot, and seven hundred horse, which horse is intended to bee quarrted in the Forrest of Deane in places of secur Quartrring, as Langer attempted to have been taken by Sir John Winter, a place of great concernment, both for the reducing the Forrest, and securing Monmouth-shiere.

That by his Lordships intervention and endeavours, your Majesty really sees he hath much qualified the sense of the grievances of the County, and moderated their complaints by subduing the intended Petition, and therefore hopes your Majesty will so specially commend their humble suit to Prince Rupert, as it may be successfull.

That though the prayer of their Petition is to reduce the contribution to the proportion set by the Parliament at Oxford, yet his Lordship hath so wrought, as these Petitioners have
have under their hands obliged themselves to continue the double payment for two Months more, and doubts not but in relation to the exigence of your Majesties service to prevail for further time.

His humble suit is, that I may carry with me into the Country your Majesties Order, that the Forces of Sir Thomas Ludford may not bee removed, but upon urgent occasion, till his returne: And that only upon your Majesties or Prince Rupert's speciall Order, otherwise it will be a great obstruction and discouragement in raising or continuing the number proposed.

That your Majesty will be pleased in their favour, to write your Letter to Prince Rupert, and that the Country may have the honour to present it, to the end, they may be eased of Free Quarter, exactions above their contribution, and unnecessary Garrisons, that Chepstow and Monmouth may be the better strengthened.

That Sir Thomas Ludford may bee qualified with Authority, to protect them according to such order as the Prince shall make,

March 21. 1644.

These presented by your
Loyall Subject
Edward Bosdon.

This a true Copy.
Zonche Tate.

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Colowell Fitz-William humbly prays and propounds as followeth.

That your sacred Majesty will vouchsafe to prevail with his Majesty to condiscend to the just demands of his Irish subjects the Confederate Catholics in his Majesties Kingdom of Ireland, at least in private.

That upon the consideration thereof Colonel Fitz-William humbly propounds and undergoeth (with the approbation of Mr
Mr Hardegan now employed Agent for the sayd Confederate Catholikes in France to bring an Army of ten thousand men and more of his Majesties subjects in his kingdom of Ireland, for his Majesties service, into England.

That Colonell Fitzwilliam undertakes for the summe of ten thousand pounds sterling, to levy, ship, and arm, the said ten thousand men, and so proportionably for more or lesse; and that the said money may be put into such hands as may be safe for his Majestye, as well as ready for the Colonell when it shall appear the said Army shall be in a readiness to be transported into England.

That upon the landing the said men, there shall be advanced to the Colonell one months pay for all the Army, according to the Mutter, for the present support of the Army.

That Colonell Fitzwilliam may bee Commander in Chief thereof, and dispose of all the Officers, and only be commanded by his Majestye, his Highnesse the Prince of Wales, and Prince Rupert, and qualified with such Commissions as hath been formerly granted to his Majesties Generalls, that have Commanded bodies apart from his Majesties own Army, as the Marquiss of Newcastle, the Earle of Kingston, and others, hereby the better to enable him in the Leavies as well as in the generall conduct of the business; and that in respect the Parliament gives no quarter to his Majesties Irish Subjects, therefore that the said Forces shall not by any Order whatsoever be devided.

That the Colonell may be supplied with a body of horse, of at least two thousand, to be ready at the place of landing.

That the Colonell may be provided with Ammunition and Artillery, or with money requisite for himselfe to provide necessary proportions for to bring with him.

That the Army shall be paid as other Armies of his Majesties.

Having taken these Propositions into consideration, We have thought fit to testify our approbation and agreement thereunto under our signe Manuall affuring what hath been desired of us therein, shall be forthwith effectually endeavoured, and not doubting to the satisfaction of the Confederate Catholikes of his Majesties Kingdom of Ireland, and to the said Colo-
nell Fitz-William, so that wee may justly expect an agreeable compliance and performance accordingly from all parties in these severall concerns.

This is a true Copy of the Original sent by her Majesty to the King, May 16, 1645.

A. Lowny, Secretary to the right Honourable the Lord Termine.

A true Copy.    Zouche Tate.

XXII

To my Wife, 14 Jan. 1645. by Choquen.

Deare Heart,

Poorly came the 14. Jan. to whose great dispatch, though for some days I cannot give a full answer, I cannot but at this opportunity reply to something in thy Letter, not without relating to something of his Discourse.

As I confess it a misfortune (but deny it a fault) thy not hearing oftener from me, to excuse me to deny that it can be of so ill consequence as thou mentions, if their affections were so real, as they make shew of to thee; for the difficulty of sending is known to all, and the numbers of each Letter will shew my diligence, and certainly there goes no great wit to finde out wayes of sending, wherefore if any be neglected more, then our wits are faulty; but to imagine that it can enter into the thought of any flesh living, that anybody here should hide from thee what is desired, that every one should know (excuse me to say it) is such a folly, that I shall not believe that any can think it though he say it. And for my affection to thee, it will not bee the miscarriage of a Letter or two that will call it in question; but take heed that these discourses be not rather the effect of their wearinesse of thy company, then the true image of their thoughts; and of this is not the proposal of thy journey.
to Ireland, a pretty instance? For seriously of it selfe, I hold it one of the most extravagant propositions that I have heard, thy giving care to it, being most assuredly only to express thy love to me, and not thy judgement in my affairs: As for the business it selfe, ( I mean the peace of Ireland ) to shew thee the care I have had of it, and the fruits I hope to receive from it: I have sent thee the last dispatches, I have sent concerning it, earnestly desiring thee to keep them to thy selfe, only thou maist in general let the Q. Regent and Ministers there understand, that I have offered my Irish Subjects so good satisfaction, that a peace will shortly ensue, which I really believe. But for God's sake, let none know the particulars of my dispatches. I cannot but tell thee, that I am much beholding to the Portugall Agent ( and little to the French ) it being by his means that I have sent thee all my Letters, ( besides express ) since I came hither, though I expected most from Saboran.

I will not trouble thee with repetitions of Newes, Digbies dispatch which I have seen being so full, that I can add nothing; yet I cannot but paraphrase a little upon that which he calls his superstitious observation: It is this, nothing can be more evident, then that Straffords innocent blood hath beene one of the great causes of Gods just judgements upon this Nation by a furious civil warre, both sides hitherto being almost equally punished as being in a manner equally guilty; but now this last crying blood, being totally theirs, I beleive it is no precommision hereafter to hope that his hand of justice must be heavier upon them, and lighter upon us, looking now upon our Caule, having passed by our faults.

This is a true Copy examined
by Edmund Prideaux.
XXIII. Copy to the D. of R.

Richmond, I thank you for the acco nymph sent me by this Bearer, and have nothing of new to direct you in, but only to remember you that my going to West is not to be mentioned but upon probable hopes of procuring a Treaty with Com. there or there abouts, and that you mention the security I ask with my commaing to West. And I hope I need not remember you to Cajoie well the Independents and Scots; this Bearer will tell you how well our Weterne and Northernне Associations goes on to whom I reter for you for other things. I rest.

This a true Copy. Zouche Tate.


First for Religion and Church government I will not goe one jot further then what is offered by you already.

2. And so for the Militia more then what ye have allowed by me, but even in that you must observe that I must have free nomination of the full half; as if the total number Scots and all be thirty, I will name fifteen; yet if they (I mean the English Rebels) will be so base as to admit of ten Scots to twenty English, I am contented to name five Scots and ten English, and so proportionably to any number that shall be agreed upon.

3. As for gaining of particular persons besides security, I give you power to promise them rewards for performed services, not sparing to engage for places; so they be not of great trust, or be taken away from honest men in possession, but as much profit as you will; with this I fore you are only to acquaint Richmond, Southampton, Culpeper, and Hide.

This is a true Copy. Zouche Tate.

XXV. Directions for my Vxbridge Commissioners.

First concerning Religion.

In this the government of the Church (as I suppose) will be the chief question wherein two things are to be considered, Conscience and Policy. For the first, I must declare unto you that
I cannot yeeld to the change of the government by Bishops; not only as I fully concurre with the most generall opinion of Christians in all ages, as being the best, but likewise I hold my selfe particularly bound by the Oath I took at my Coronation, not to alter the government of this Church from what I found it. And as for the Churches patrimony, I cannot suffer any diminution or alienation of it, it being without peradventure sacriledge, and likewise contrary to my Coronation Oath but whatsoever shall be offered, for rectifying of abuses if any hath crept in, or yet for the case of tender consciences (so that it endamage not the foundation) I am content to hear, and will be ready to give a gracious answer thereunto: For the second, as the Kings duty is to protect the Church, so it is the Churches to assist the King, in the maintenance of his just authority; wherefore my Predecessors have been always carefull (and especially since the Reformation) to keep the dependency of the Clergy entirely upon the Crowne; without which it will scarcely fit last upon the Kings head; therefore you must doe nothing to change or lessen this necessary dependency.

Next concerning the Militia.

After conscience, this is certainly the fittest subject for a Kings Quarrell; for without it the Kingly power is but a shadow; and therefore upon no means to be quitted, but to be maintained according to the ancient knowne lawes of the Land: (yet because to attain to this so much wished peace by all good men) it is in a manner necessary that sufficient and reall security be given for the performance of what shall be agreed upon. I permit you either by leaving strong Townes or other Military force into the Rebels possession (untill Articles be performed) to give such assurance for performance of conditions as you shall judge necessary for to conclude a peace: provided always that ye take (at least) as great care by sufficient security, that conditions be performed to me: And to make sure that the peace once settled, all things shall return into their ancient Channels.

Thirdly for Ireland.

I confess they have very specious popular Arguments to preisse this point, the gaining of no article more conducing to their ends then this: And I have as much reason both in honour and policy to take care, how to answer this as any: all the world knows
knowes the eminent inevitable necessity which caused me to make the Irish Cessation, and there remaine yet as strong reason for the concluding of that peace; wherefore ye must consent to nothing to hinder me therein, until a clear way be shewed me how my Protestant subjects there may probably (at least) defend themselves; and that I shall have no more need to defend my conscience and crown me from the injuries of this rebellion.

A true Copy. Zouch Tate.

As Vxbridge on Wednesday the 29. of January, 1649, the Protestant under written was unanimously consented unto, and taken by all his Majesties Commissioners appointed to treat there, touching a well-grounded peace.

XXVI.

A B. being one of the Commissioners assign'd by his Majesty for this present Treaty at Vxbridge, doth protest and promise in the sight of Almighty God, that I will not disclose nor reveal unto any person or persons whatsoever (who is not a Commissioner) any matter or thing that shall be spoken of during the Treaty by any one, or more of his Majesties Commissioners in any private debate amongst our selves, concerning the said Treaty; so as to name or describe directly or indirectly the person or persons that shall speak any such matter or thing, unless it be by the consent of all the said Commissioners that shall be then living.

Memorandum, That it is by all the said Commissioners agreed, that this shall not bind where any ten of the Commissioners shall agree to certify his Majesty the number of Assenters or Dissenters, upon any particular result, in this Treaty, not naming or describing the persons.

This is a true Copy, examined by

Zouch Tate.

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MY deare heart; I need not tell you from whence this bearer comes; onely I will tell you, that the Propositions which he brings you are good, but 26s. I believe that it is not yet time to put them into execution: therefore finde some meanes to send them back, which may not discontent them (and doe not tell who gave you this advice. S.t. Hugh Cholmes is come with a Troop of horse to kiss my hands: the rest of his people he left at Scarborough, with a ship laden with Arms, which the ships of the Parliament had taken and brought thither, to she is ours; the Rebels have quitted Tadcaster upon our sending forces to Whetberby, but they are returned with twelve hundred men: we send more forces to drive them out, though those we have already at Whetberby are sufficient, but we fear left they have all their forces there about, and left they have some designe; for they have quitted Selby and Cawood, the last of which they have burnt: Between this and to morow night we shall know the issue of this business; and I will send you an express: I am more careful to advertise you of what we doe, that you and we may finde meanes to have passe-ports, to send: and I wonder that upon the Cessation you have not demanded that you might send in safety: this shewes my love: I understand to day from London, that they will have no Cessation, and that they Treat at the beginning of the two first Articles, which is of the Forts, Ships, and Ammunition, and afterwards of the disbanding of the Army: certainly, I with a peace more then any, and that with greater reason: But I would the disbanding of the perpetuall Parliament, first; and certainly, the rest will be easily afterwards: I doe not say this of my owne head alone: for generally both those who are for you and against you in this Countrey, with an end of it: and I am certain, that if you doe demand it at the first, in cale it be not granted, Hull is ours, and all Yorkshire, which is a thing to consider of: and for my particular, if you make a peace and disband your Army, before there is an end to this perpetuall Parliament, I am absolutely resolved to goe into France, not being willing to fall againe into the hands of those people, being well assured, that if the power remaine with them, that it will not be well for me in England; remember what I have written to you in
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in three precedent Letters, and be more carefull of me then you have beene, or at the least dissemble it; to the end that no notice be taken of it. Adieu: the man hastens me, so that I can say no more.

York this 30. of March.

XXVIII.

This Letter should have gone by a man of Master Denedsfide, who is gone, and all the beginning of this Letter was upon this subject: and therefore by this man it signifies nothing, but the end was so pleasing, that I doe not for beare to send it to you: You now know by Elliot the issue of the business of Todeefer, since we had almost lost Scarborough, whilst Cholmly was here, Browne Buswell would have rendred it up to the Parliament: but Cholmly having had notice of it, is gone with our forces, and hath re-taken it, and hath desired to have a Lieutenant and forces of ours to put within it; for which we should take his; he hath also taken two Ponaces from Hotham, which brought 44 men to put within Scarborough; 10. Pieces of Canon, 4. Barrels of Powder, 4 of Bullet. This is all our newes; our Army marches to morrow to put an end to Fairfaxe Excellency. And I will make an end of this Letter, this third of April. I have had no newes of you since Parsons.

A true Copy.

P. W.

30. March. 3. April.

XXIX.

The Queen to the King from Bath. April 21. 1644.

My deare heart, Fred. Cornwallis will have told you all our voyage as farre as Adlarie, and the state of my health; since my comming hither, I finde my selfe so ill, as well in the ill rest that I have, as in the encrease of my Rhume.

I hope that this dayes rest will doe mee good: I go to morrow to Bristol, to send you back the Cartes; many of them are already returned; My Lord Dillon told me, not directly from you, though
he says you approve it: that it was fit I should write a Letter to the
Commissioners of Ireland to this effect, That they ought to desist from
these things for the present, which they had put in their Paper, and to
assure them, that when you shall be in another condition then you are
now, that you will give them consent.

I thought it to be a matter of so great engagement, that I dare
not doe it without your command; therefore if it please you that
I should doe so, send me what you would have me write, that I
may not doe more than what you appoint: And also that it being
your command, you may hold to that which I promise: for I
should be very much grieved to write any thing which I would
not hold to, and when you have promised it me, I will be con-
dient. I believe also, that to write to my Lord Muskerry without
the rest will be enough; for the Letter which I shall write to
him shall be with my owne hand: and if it be to all your Com-
misurers, it shall be by the Secretary. Farewell my deare heart,
I cannot write any more, but that I am absolutely

Yours.

A true Coppy.

Zouch Tate.

XXX. The L. to the K. from Paris.

January 1646.

Paris, January, I have received one of your Letters, dated from
Marleborow of an old date, having received many others more
fresh, to which I have made answer: I will say nothing concern-
ing this but only concerning the affair of (Gor.) If it be not done,
it is time, being very reasonoble at this time, which I did not be-
lieve before. I understand that the Commissioners are arrived at
London; I have nothing to say, but that you have a care of your
honour; and that if you have a peace, it may be such as may hold;
and if it fall out otherwise, that you doe not abandon those who
have served you for fear they do forsake you in your need. Also I do not
see how you can be in safety without a Regiment of Guard; for
my self I think I cannot be, seeing the malice they have against
me, and my Religion, of which I hope you will have a care of both;
but in my opinion Religion should be the last thing upon which
you should treat; For if you doe agree upon strictness against the
Catholicks, it would discourage them to serve you: and if afterwards
there
there should be no peace, you could never expost succours either from Ireland, or any other Catholic Prince, for they would believe you would abandon them after you have served your selfe. I have dispatched an express into Scotland, to Mons. de Re, to know the condition he is in, and what there is to be done. This week I send to Mr. of Lorraine and into Holland, I lose no time: if I had more of your newes, all would goe better. Adieu my dear heart.

A true Copy. Lond. Tate,
My Wife Dec. 1644.

XXXI. The 2 to the K. Paris, Jan. 27. 1643.
Also March 13.

Paris Jan. 27. my deare heart, Tom. Eliot two dayes since hath brought me much joy, and sorrow: the first, to know the good estate in which you are: the other, the fear I have that you goe to London. I cannot conceive where the wit was of those who gave you this counsell, unless it be to hazzard your person to save theirs: but thanks be to God, to day I received one of yours by the Ambassadour of Portugal dated in January, which comforted me much to see that the Treaty shall be at Yxbridge: for the honour of God trust not your selfe in the hands of these people. And if you ever goe to London before the Parliament be ended, or without a good Army, you are lost. I understand that the Proposhtons for the peace must begin by disbanning the Army; if you consent to this, you shall be lost, they having the whole power of the Militia, they have done and will doe whatsoever you will. I received yesterday Letters from the Duke of Lorraine, who sends me word if his service be agreeable to you, he will bring you ten thousand men. Dr. Goffe whom I have sent into Holland shall treat with him in his passage upon this businesse; and I hope very speedily to send good newes of this, as also of the money. Assure your selfe I will be wanting in nothing you shall desire; and that I will hazzard my life, that is, to dye by famine, rather than not to send to you: send me word always by whom you receive my Letters, for I write both by the Ambassadour of Portugal and the resident of France. Above all, have a care not to abandon those who have served you, as well the Bishops as the poor Catholics. Adieu, You will pardon me if I make use of another to write, not being able to doe it; yet my self in cyphers shew to
my Nephew Rupert, that I intreat you to impart all that I write
to you, to the end that he may know the reason why I write not
to him; I know not how to send great Packets.

My wife, 17, Jan. 1664. A true Coppy. Zouche Tate.

XXXII.

Paris this 13 of March, My Dear heart, since my last, I have
received one of your Letters marked 16, by which you signi-
fie the receipt of my Letters by Poozy, which hath a little surpriz-
zed me, seeming to me that you write as if I had in my Letter
something which had displeased you. If that hath been, I am
very innocent in my intention. I only did believe that it was
necessary you should know all: there is one other thing in your
Letter which troubles me much, where you would have me keep
to self your dispatches, as if you believe that I should be ca-
pable to shew them to any, only to Lord Jer. to encypher them,
my head not suffering me to do it myself: but if it please you I
will doe it, and none in the world shall see them; be kinde to me
or you kill me. I have already affliction enough to fear, which
without you I could not doe, but your service surmounts all:
farewell my deare heart, behold the mark which you desire to
have to know when I desire any thing in earnest, and I
pray begin to remember what I spake to you concerning Jack
Barkly for Master of the Wards; I am not ingaged nor will not
be for the places of L. Per, and others, doe you accordingly.

13 March 1644.
XXIII.
Newarke the 27. of June

My deare heart, I received just now your letter by my Lord Savile, who found me ready to goe away, staying but for one thing, for which you will well pardon 2. days stopp, it is to have Hull and Lincoln, young Hotspur having bin put in prison by order of Parliament, is escaped: and hath sent to 260. that he would cast himselfe into his armes, and that Hull and Lincolne should be rendred, he is gone to his Father, and 260. writes for your answer, so that I think I shall goe hence Fryday or Saturday, and shall goe lye at Werton, and from thence to Ashby, where we will resolve what way to take, and I will stay there a day, because that the march of the day before, will have bin somewhat great, and also to know how the Enemy Marches: all their forces of Nottingham, at present being gone to Leicester, and Darby, which makes us believe, that it is to intercept our passage, as soon as we have resolved, I will send you word: at this present I think it fitt to let you know the state in which we march, and what I leave behind mee for the safety of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire: I leave 2000. foote, and where withall to arme 500. more, 20. Companys of Horse, all this to be under Charles Cavendish, whom the Gentlemen of the Country have desired me not to carry with me, against his will, for hee desired extremely to goe. The Enemies have left within Nottingham 1000. I carry with me 3000. Foote, 30. Companys of Horse and Dragoones, 6. pieces of Cannon, and 2. Morters, Harry Germain commands the forces which goe with mee, as Colonell of my Guard, and St. Alexander Leftrey the foote under him, and Gerard the Horse, and Robin Legg the Artillery, and her the Majestie Generalissima, and extremely diligent, with a 150. wagans of Baggage to governe, in case of Battell, have a care that no Troupe of Essex his Army, incommodate us, for I hope that for the rest wee shall be strong enough, for at Nottingham we have had the experience, one of our Troupes having beaten 6. of theirs, and made them fly. I have received your Proclamation or Declaration, which I wish had not bin made, being extremly disadvantageous for you, for you shew too much fear, and do not what you had resolved upon. Farewell my deare heart.

The Queen to the King, 27. June. 1643.

Charles
CHARLES Rex,

It is not unknowne both to the French King and his Mother, what unkindnesses and distastes have fallen betwene my wife and mee, which hitherto I have borne with great patience, (as all the world knowes) ever expecting and hoping an amendment, knowing her to be but young, and perceiveing it to be the ill craftie counsellors of her servants, for advanceing of their owne ends, rather then her owne inclination: for at my first meeting of her at Dover, I could not except more Testimonies of respect and love, then shee shewed, as to give one instance, her first letter to mee was, that shee being young, and cominge to a strange Countrey, both by her yeares, and ignorance of the customes of the place, might commit many errors, therefore that I would not be angry with her for her faults of ignorance, before I had with my instructions learned her to eschew them, and desir'd mee in these cases to use no third person, but to tell her my selfe, when I found shee did any thing amisse, I both granted her request, and thanked her for it, but desir'd that shee would use mee, as shee had desir'd mee to use her, which shee willingly promised mee, which promise shee never kept, for a little after this, Madam St. George taking a distaste because I would not let her ride with us in the Coach, when there was women of better quality to fill her room, claiming it as her due, (which in England we thinke a strange thing) sett my wife in such an humor of distaste against mee, as from that very houre to this, no man can say that ever shee used mee two dayes together, with so much respect as I deserv'd of her, but by the contrary, has put so many disrespects on mee, as it were too long to let downe all, some I will relate: As I take it, it was at her first coming to Hampton Court, I sent some of my Counsell to her, with those Orders that were kept in the Queen my Mothers house, desiring shee would command the Counte of Tilliers, that the same might be kept in hers, her answer was, shee hoped that I would give her leave to order her house, as shee lett her selfe, (Now if shee had said that shee would speake with mee, not doubting to give mee satisfaction in it, I could have found no fault with her, whatsoever shee would have said of this to my selfe, for I could only impute it to ignorance, but I could not imagine that shee affronted me so, as to refuse mee in such a thing publickly) after I heard this answer, I tooke a time (when I thought wee had both best leasure to dispute it) to tell her calmly both her fault in the publick denyall, as her mistaking of the business it selfe,
shee, shee instead of acknowledging her fault and mistaking, gave mee to ilan answer that I omit, not to be tedious, the relation of that discourse, having to much of that nature hereafter to relate. Many little neglects I will not take the painses to set downe, as her elshewing to be in my company, when I have any thing to speak to her, I must means her servante first; elle I am sure to be denied, her neglect of the English Tongue, and of the Nation in generall, I will also omit the affront she did mee, before my going to this last unhappy assembly of Parliament, because there has been talke enough of that already, &c. the author of it is before you in France, to be short, omitting all other passages, comming only to that which is most recent in memorie: I having made a commision to make my wives joynture &c. to assigne her those lands she is to live on, and it being brought to such a ripenesse that it wanted but my consent to the particulars they had chosen: shee taking notice that it was now time to name the Officers for her Revenue, one night when I was a bed, put a paper in my hand, telling mee it was a list of those that shee desired to be of her revenue, I tooke it, and said I would read it next morning, but withall told her, that by agreement in France I had the naming of them, she said, there were both English and French in the note, I replied, that those English I thought fitt to serve her, I would conforme, but for the French, it was impossible for them to serve her in that nature, then shee said, all those in the paper had breveets from her Mother, and her selfe, and that she could admit no other: Then I said it was neither in her Mothers power, nor Hers, to admit any without my leave, & that if the hood uion that, whomsoever shee recommended, should not come in; then shee badd me plainly take my lands to my selfe, for if she had no power to put in whom she would in those places, shee would have neither lands nor House of m-, but bad me give her what I thought fitt in pension; I had her then remember to whom shee ipake, and told her, that shee ought not to use mee so, then she fell into a passionate discourse, how shee is miserable, in having no power to place servante, and that busineses succeed the worse for her recommendation, which when I offered to anfwer, shee would not so much as heare mee; Then shee went on, saying, she was not of such base quality to be used so ill, then I made her both hear mee, and end that discourse. Thus having had so long patience, with the disturbance of that that should be one of my greatest contentments I can no longer suffer those that I know to be the caufe and fomeaters of these humors, to be about my wife any longer, which I must doe if it were but for one action they made my wife doe, which is, to make
her goe to Tiburn in devotion to pray, which action can have no greater invective made against it, then the relation. Therefore you shall tell my Brother the French King, as likewise his Mother, that this being an action of so much necessity, I doubt not but he will be satisfied with it, especially since he hath done the like himself, not staying while he had so much reason: And being an action that some may interpret to be of harshness to his Nation, I thought good to give him an accocnt of it, because that in all things I would preserve the good correspondence and Brotherly affection that is between us.

His Majesties instructions given mee at Wanstead, the 12b of July, 1626. signed 24.
A true Copie, Zacheus Tate.

XXXV.

Oxford Jan: 1644.

Dear Heart, I receive it as a good augury thus to begin this new yeere, having newly received thine of the 30. Decemb. which I cannot say to decipher, for not loosing this opportunity, it likewise being a just excuse for this short accost: This day I have dispatched Digbies Sec., fully relating the State of our affairs, therefore I shall only now tell thee, that the Rebels are engaged into an equal treat, without any of those disadvantages which might have been apprehended when Tom. Elliot went henc to, and that the distractions of London more never so great, or so likely to bring good effect as now lastly that assistance was never more needfull, never so likely as now to doe good to him who is eternally thine.

Copie to my wife, 1. Jan. 1644. by P. A.
This is a true Copie examined by Miles Corbetts.

XXXVI.


Harry left my wife should not yet be fit for any busines, I write this to you; not to excuse my paines but care hers, and that you may know but not be troubled with my kindness, I refer to your discretion, how far to impart my letter to her or any other busines, that is her health in the first place be cared for, then my affairs. And now I must tell you that undoubtedly if you had not trusted to Digbys Sanguine Complexion (not to be rebated from sending good news) you would not have found fault

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With him for sending mistaken intelligence, for if he should strictly eye himself to certain truths in this kind; you must have nothing from him but my Proclamations or Ordinances from the pretended houses, but tell me can you not distinguish between what we send you upon certainie and what upon uncertaine reports without making an oath the marke of distinction, and are you obliged to publish all the newes we send you: seriously I thinke newes may be sometimces too good to be told in the French Court; and certainly there is so much dexterity in publishing of newes, as in matters which at first sight, may seem of greater difficulty: for as I would not have them thinke that all assistance bestowed upon me were in vain; so I would not have them believe that I needed not helpe, lest they should misunderstand any Rebel to keep the balance of diffusion amongst us equal.

For matter of newes present State of my affairs I referre you to Digby only this in generall that if it shall please God to affit us this yeare but halfe so miraculously as hee did the last (my present State compared with what it was at this time twelve monthes) I am very hopeful to see a safety harvest before next Winter; nor do I thinke this in any humane probability possible; except my wife can procure me considerable assistance both of men and mony; of which I conceive little reason to dispaire, your last giving me good hope Concerning Loraine, as though I say not, that, or the other, I have so good an Author as 196, yet I hope you will not much blame my confidence, when 149 in his letter 10. of March, saies, Jay une Afaire assures que vous donnez 40000 Pitiols que je vous cufli envoye & je cufli lu mon navire revenu avec l'estain.

In the last place, I will impose that upon you, that is not reasonable to expect from my wife, which is to give me a continuall acconunt, what letters shee receives from me and what miscarries or comes slowely, to which end take notice, that all my letters to her are numerarly marked on the top as this with 37, and likewise I now begin the same with you; soe farewell.

In your next let me know particularly how my wife is which though it be not as I would have it, yet the perfect knowledge will hinder mee to imagine her worse than she is, if well then every word will please mee. I have Commanded Digby to write to you freely Concerning VVill Matty, which I hold to be necessary as concerning Munrofe busines.

To the L. Fermyn 24. April, 1645. concerning France.

A true Coppie, Zeeke Tate.
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A true Coppie, Zebbe Tare.
Dear heart, Since my last by Shoquen I have had no means of writing, and as little new matter; that which is now, is the Progress of the treaty, of which these enclosed papers will give thee a full account: but if thou have them sooner from London then mee, then haft no reason to wonder, considering the length and uncertainty of the way, I am forced to send this in respect of the other: for the business itselfe, I believe thou wilt approve of my choice of Treaters, and for my propositions, they differ nothing in substance (very little in words) from those which were last: Wherefore I need to say nothing of them, and for my instructions they are not yet made; but by the next I hope to send them: Now upon the whole matter I desire thee to show the Q. and Ministers there, the improbability that this present Treaty should produce a peace, considering the great strange difference (if not contrariety) of grounds that are betwixt the Rebels propositions and mine, and that I cannot alter mine, nor will they ever theirs, until they be out of hope to prevail by force, which a little assistance, by thy means; will soon make them so; for I am confident, if ever I could put them to a defensive (which a reasonable some of money would doe) they would be easily brought to reason. Concerning our intertentions here at Oxford I desire thee to suspend thy judgment, (for I believe few but partial relations will come to thee) until I shall send some whom I may trust by word of mouth; it being too much trouble to us both to set them down in Paper.

Copie to my wife. 22. Jan. 1644.
This is a true Coppy examined by Miles Corbett.

XXXVIII.

Dear heart, I never till now knew the good of ignorance, for I did not know the danger that thou wert in by the storme, before I had certaine assurance of thy happy escape; wee having had a pleasing false reporte, of thy safe landing at Newcastle which thine of the 19. Jan. to confirmed us in, that wee, at least were not deceived of that hope, till wee knew certeinly how great a danger thou haft past, of which I shall not be out of apprehension, untill I may have the happiness of thy Company, for indeed I think it not the least of my misfortunes, that for my sake thou haft run so much hazard; in which thou haft expressed so much love to mee that I confess it is impossible to repay, by any thing I can doe, much lesse by words; but my heart being
full of affection for thee, admiration of thee, and impatient passion of
gratitude to thee, I could not but say some thing, leaving the rest to
bee read by thee, out of thine owne noble heart. The intercepting of
mine to thee, of the 23 Feb. has bred great discourse in severall
persons, and of severall kinds as my saying I was percutted for places,
is applied to all and only those that I there name to bee Sutora whereas
the truth is: I meant thereby the importunity of others whom at that
time I had not time to name as well as some there mention'd, for I con-
fecte 174, and 133, are not guilty of that fault, some finds fault as too
much kindnesse to thee (thou may easilly voute from what constellation
that comes) but I assure such that I want expreession, not will, to doe it
ten times more to thee on all occasions, others presse mee as being
brought upon the Stage, but I answer that having profleet to have thy
advice it were a wrong to thee to doe any thing before I had it. As for
our Treaty (leaving the particulars to this inclosed) I am confident thou
will be content with it, as concerning my part in it, for all the Souldiers
are well pleased with what I have done, but expec a cessation of Arms,
for the lower house will have none without a disbanding and I will not
disband till all bee agreed, lastly for our Military affaires, I thank God
that heere and in the West they prosper well as for the North I referre
thee to 226. 149. information so dayly expecting and praying for
good news from thee. &c.

Copie to my Wife, 13. Feb. 1643.


a true Copie
Zouche Tate.

XXXIX.

Instructions to Colonell Cookran to be pursu'd in his nego-
tiation to the King of Denmarke.

You are to informe the King of Denmarke, that by his Majesties
command, as to the nearest Allye of his Crowne, his Uncle, and
whom he believes will not be unconcerned in his affaires, as well in
Interestts as affection, you are sent to give a particular accoumt of the
State of his Majesties affaires, to renew the ancient League and Amitie
that hath been between the two Kingdoomes, and Families Royall, and
to reduce it to more exact particulars, such as might be useful to the
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present affairs of England, and all occurrences in the future of those of Denmarke.

That the present affair of your negotiation, is to demand an assistance from his Matie, such a one as the present State of the affairs of England requires, against a dangerous combination of his Maties subjects, who have not only invaded his Matie, in his particular rites, but have laid a designe to dissolve the Monarchie and frame of Government, under pretences of Libertie and Religion, becoming a dangerous precedent to all the Monarchies of Christendome to be looked upon with success in their designe.

That the nature of their proceedings hath been such as hath not admitted any forraigne treaty to be interested in suppressing their designe, without giving them advantage of scandalizing his Maties intentions, and drawing away Universally the hearts of his people, whom they had infused under pretence of reformation of particular abuses of Government, and Ministers of Estate, to concur generally with approbation of their proceedings, and in which (though the dangerous consequence and designe were visible to his Matie,) a present compliance was necessary lest any publique opposition on his Maties part, that might seeme to defeate the greater expectations which they had raised in the Commons, in these plausible particulars might have occasioned a general revolte, throughout the Kingdomes, great jealouesies being dispersed and fomented amongst them of his Matie forraigne treaties and force, to be used to oppose and suppress those their desires and the moovers therein.

Upon the credit they had herewith built on the peoples opinions, they proceeded under pretence of Reformation of Religion to dissolve the Government of the Church, according to its constitution in England a chiefe columne and support to that Monarchy and Crowne.

They lastly invaded his Matie in all the Prerogatives of his Crowne, and under pretence of ill Ministers and Councillours of Estate, whom they pretended to remoue endeavoured to invest in themselves in all times for the future the Domination of all Ministries of Estate, and of his Maties family, withdrew all his revenues into their own hands, and to confirm themselves in an absolute power of disposing his estate, entered upon possessign themselves of the Militia of the Kingdome, his Navy and Magazines, in which his Matie, being forced to appear in opposition, dangerous tumults were raised against him, so that he was forced to forsake London, for preservation of his Person, his Queen and Children.
That since for the safety of the Queen he hath been forced to send her into Holland, to retire himselfe to the best affected party of his Subjects, from whence by declarations setting forth the sinister proceedings of that faction, discovering their designs of innovating the government, and falsifying the scandals they had imputed to him, he hath had the advantage generally to undeceive his people, to draw to him universally the Nobility and Gentry of the Kingdom. But the other faction still keeping up some interest and credit with the Commons, in the desperate estate they find themselves begin to make head against him, have appointed a General, and are levying Forces to maintain their party, committing divers acts of hostility, violence and rebellion.

That his Majestie having great encouragements given him by the exceeding numbers of Gentry and Noblemen that resort to him, is already advanced neere them with 6000. Horse, and 10000. Foot.

That the States of Holland have condescended to give her Majestie the Queen a convoy of the greatest part of their Fleet now at Sea, for her returne into England.

That divers Forts and Counties upon his Majesties personall appearance, have declared for him, so that his affaires at home grow daily into a better estate, as he likewise expects and hopes, that all his neighbour Princes and Allies, will not looke upon so dangerous a precedent to their own Crowns and Monarchies, without contributing to supresse this so pernicious a designe, begun within his Kingdom.

That to give his Majesty the juster ground to reflect upon the dangerous consequences, in relation to his own interest, of their success. It hath been by them publiquely moved in the Commons House long since, to interpose in the accommodation of the Dutch and to set out a Fleeete, to take away his Customs of the Sound.

That they have since imputed to his Meit. as a ground to scandal him with his people, that he did negotiate the introducing by his Uncle the King of Denmarke a forraigne power to settle his affaires, and under that pretext have given large Commission, and particular instructions to the Fleeete, to visite, search, and intercept all such Danish ships, as they should meete, and to fight with, sinke or destroy, all such as should refit them, not permitting the same, or to take and detaine them, having any Armes or Ammunition on board; according to which they have searched, visited, and detained divers, to the great prejudice and interruption of the Norway trade driven commonly in this Kingdom, in their owne bottomes: And that they did prepare force against others, whom they permitted not to water, nor any other accommodation being bound for the West-Indies, and put in by streffe of weather in the West of England.
That in pursuance of their great designe of extirpating the Royall blood, and Monarchie of England, they have endeavoured likewise to lay a great blemish upon his royall family, endeavouring to illegitimate all derived from his Sister, at once to cut off the interest and pretentions of the whole Race, which their most detestable and scandalous designe they have pursued, examining wittnesses, and conferring circumstances, and times to colour their pretentions in so great a fault: and which as his sacred Majestie of England in the true fence of honor of his Mother, doth abhor, and will punish, so he expects his concurrence, in vindicating a Sister of so happy memory, and by whom so near an union, and continued league of amity, hath been produced between the Families and Kingdoms.

That the particulars in which his Majestie doth desire his assistance, are, in the loan, and raising of men, money, armes, and Ships, all or such of them as may con*fit best with the convenience of his own affaires: And of such in the first place as may be most requisite, and a wanting to his Majesty.

That to set his leavies on foot, and put him in a posture to protect his subjects in all places that adhere to him, and receive their contribution; 100,000. li. will be necessary for him, which his Majestie desires by way of loan. And for the restitution of it, besides his Kingly word, and solemn engagement upon this treaty, he is contented of such his Crown jewels as are in his dispousal, to leave his royal pledge, if it shall be desired.

The particulars of Armes that he desires, are 6000. Musquets, 1500 Horse-armes, and 20. pieces of field Artillery mounted.

Assistance of men, he desires onely in Footemen, and to know in what time they may be ready, and how many.

That the Holy Iland, or New-Castle are designed for the landing of the said Horse, and Magazine of the said provisions, for reception likewise, and protection of such his Ships as he shall think fit to employ for the convenience and security of those his Subjects that shall trade upon these Coasts; and for ascertaining the correspondence, and intelligence between the two Kingdomes; in which the number is left to be proportioned as may best fort and agree with his owne affaires. And for which the Holy Iland is conceived one of the best Harbours in his Majesties Dominions, being capable of any Ships whatsoever, in a very great proportion, an excellent road at the entrance, a ready out lett, and a strong fort under his Majesties command.

That in Lieu of this assistance contributed by the King of Denmark, his Majestie will oblige himselfe, and raise in express articles to restore into the Magazines of Denmark, a like proportion of armes and ammunition, to repay and defray the charges of the money lent, and leavies of Horse, and to soon as his affaires shall be settled, and himselfe in a condition to
doe it upon all occasions to contribute the assistance of his Fleet, in maintaining his right and title to the Cuftomes of the Sound, against all persons whatsoever; and to ratifie the Treaty that was made left by Sir Tho- mas Roe, to enter into a league offensive and defensive, against intitute rebellions. In pursuance of which Treaty, while the negotiations and articles may be severally perfected, his Majestie doth expect this first supply of money, and arms, preuent affaires, not admitting a delay in the fame.

That in case the King of Denmark will lend money upon Jewells, there is in Holland a great Collar of Rubies, and another of Rubies and Pearles, that may be sent to him or delivered to his Agent here: Who may have order to pay the money here: or any other Jewells.

That there have beene in Discourses, severall Propositions of Accommodation made by them to the King, to which the King hath at all times made more advances on his part, then in reason could have beene expected from him, and the difficulties have still risen on theirs.

And that whereas his Majestie doth understand, that a Person is addressed to the K. of Denmark from his Parliament, to infinuation misunderstandings abroad with his Majesties Allies, as they have done at home among his People, his Majestie expects that he be neither received, nor permitted to remaine within his Dominions, to become an Intelligencer and Spyle upon the Treaty and Negotiations betweene their Majesties, but that he be dismissed and sent away so soone as ever he shall arrive.

Note this Paper concerning Cockram was not intercised amongst the Kings Letters, but is otherwise assisted.

ANNOTATIONS.

Much use may be now made of these precedent Papers, & many things therein will appear very worthy of our Notice. For,

1. It is plaine, here, first, that the Kings Counsels are wholly managed by the Queen; though she be of the weaker sexe, borne an Alien, bred up in a contrary Religion, yet nothing great or small is transacted without her privity & consent. See Pap. 38. If the Prince make suite to bestow a place in his own Bedchamber upon a Gentleman of extraordinary merit. The King cannot grant it, to save his Sons reputation, already engaged by promise, till He hath sent into France, and beg'd the Queens consent. See pap. 11.

2. The Queens Counsels are as powerfull as commands. The King professes to preferre her health before the exigence, and importance of his owne publick affairs, See pap. 14, &c.)
He avows constancy to her grounds and documents, See 
ap. 5 & c.

3. The Queen appears to have been as harsh, and imperious towards the King, nap. 34. as she is implacable to our Religion, Nation, and Government. She doth the offices of a Resident in France, to procure imbargoes of our Ships, to raise forreigne Forces against us, and in this she is restless to the neglect of her owne health, She vowes to die by famine, rather than to faile the King in such like negotiations, See nap. 31. She confines not her agency to France, but solicits Lorrain for Men, the Prince of Orange for Shipping. She sends Armes for Scotland to Montros, speeds Colonell Fitz Williams his Commission for Ireland, nap. 20. 21. The Counsels also in England which she gives the King are of very pernicious consequence, thereby the Parliament must be disbanded, nap. 27. Treaties must be suspected, great care must be had in them of Her, and Her Religion, nap. 39. Bishops and Catholicks must be specially provided for, nap. 31. The King must be forwarned, that He cannot be safe longer, then he defends all that have served Him, nap. 31. That peace cannot be safe to Him without a Regiment for his Guard (alapode du France, nap. 30. She interposes so in the business of Ireland, that the King is not seen therein, nor obliged to any thing immediately, nap. 29.

4. The King doth yet in many things surpass the Queene for acts of hostility, and covering them over with deeper and darker secrecy. He employes Collonell Crokran to sollicite the King of Denmarke, making not onely Papists our enemies for religions sake, but all Princes though Protestants for Monarchies sake, rather than faile of ayde from thence. He stirres rumours about his Mothers chastity, He promises to disobliege the Hollander in the busines of the Sound, He pawns the Jewels of the Crowne, nap. 39. He presses the Queen beyond her own fiery propension, urges her to make personall Friendship with the Queen Regent, furnishes her with dextrous policies, and arguments to worke upon the Ministers of State in
in France. Of his owne accord, without intreaty He proposes to the Queene the taking away all penall Statutes against Recusants in England. Tis true, He doth all by way of bargaine for his owne particular advantage: but the Papists conditions are better then ours, in regard that the Queen her self is trusted with that merchandize, *pp.8.* He prostitutes his pardon and grace to the Irish Rebels, importuning Ormonde, to use importunity to them, that they will accept of indemnity, and free use of Popery, and desiers nothing in lieu thereof, but that they will transport sixe thousand men into England, and some other supplies into Scotland. For this purpose He sends Posts after Posts, and hastens the business the rather because being in Treaty with the two Parliaments of England and Scotland, about prosecution of the Irish. He may be prevented therein, and preingaged not to consent, *See pp.16.17,18,19.* He onely excepts against Appeals to Rome, and Premunires. All other things He thinkes cheape enough for the Irish. He must not now stand upon scruples (tis his owne word) all things not disagreeable to conscience and Honor are to be admitted, & so to grant free exercise of idolatry, though abjured formerly, to the most odious, flagitious murderers in the world, is but a scruple not disagreeable either to conscience or honour. To bargaine away our Acts of Parliament by such clandestine ingagemnts, as passe onely by papers, and dare not looke upon the light, especially such Acts as concerne our greatest interrests, even those of Religion, supposses us to be slaves of the basest aloyce: and tis strange that the Irish and Papists should at all rest upon the strength of such assurances, when they see Records and Parliament Rolls are of no vertue at all, either to the English, or Protestants, *See pp.16.17,18,19.* He calls us a Parliament publickly, yet acknowledges us not a Parliament secretly, He suppresses still his not acknowledgement, onely He enters it in the Councell Book at Oxford, and so though it be smother'd to us, whom it most concernes, yet tis registred for our enemies use, upon all occasions of advantage. This favour we
we found from the Councell at Oxford, that the Name, though not the Thing, should be imparted to us: but even this was not willingly and freely allowed by the King, had but two of his Advisers sided with him, all the rest should have ballanced nothing at all in this case. This is a signe they fit there to great purpose, for though they are more worthy to be consulted with then Parliaments: yet their votes are but indifferent things, meere formalities, especially if there be any dissent at all amongst them, see p. 5. He in shew seakes Treaties, and wins upon the people by that shew, yet chufeth such Commissioners, and bindes them up with such instructions, that all accommodation is impossible. His amie is to winne upon our Commissioners, and for this purpose gives authority to propose rewards and other allurements, p. 24. gives avisoes to Caiole the Scots and Independents, as to the Duke of Richmond, p. 23. presses for forraigne Auxiliaries the more eagerly, p. 12. 35. hopes to cast the odium of the breaking of the Treaty upon our side, p. 1. 7, 12, 15, 25, 37. He seems more zealous for Bishops and Papists (call'd his, and the Queens friends) then the Queene her selfe, and therefore assures her of his resolution therein, without any request of hers, p. 7. He doth not thinke fit to treat with the Rebels, onely by the Interposition of the Queen or of Ormonde; but he sends particular thankes to Browne, Muskery, Plunket, p. 19. He pretends sometimes to have the hearts of the major and better part of his Protestant subjects firm to him in this cause, yet trufts none but Papists, and therefore is advised by the Queene, p. 31. by no meanes to disband for this reason, because all the Militia is generally in the Parliaments hands. We see what opinion the King hath of Wilmot, Percy, Sussex. We see what opinion he hath of the Lords and Commons at Oxford, who have despered their trust here, out of confidence in him: the 13. paper here tells us plainely what use the King makes of them.

The King will declare nothing in favour of his Parliament, so long as he can finde a party to maintaine him in this opposition
tion; nor performe any thing which he hath declared, so long as he can finde a sufficient party to excuse him from it.

And indeede it is a sad consideration to thinke what unhappye use the King hath ever made of the obedience, and patient loyalty of this Nation; finding alwaies that he might without any opposition or danger at least deny their just liberties, laws, and the very use of Parliaments; or if some urgency, or his own necessities, or advantages had caused him to call a Parliament he might afterwards with as little opposition, deny whatsoever he granted under his owne hand; as the Petition of Right obtained with some difficulty, and broken immediately after without any scruple may sufficiently testify. The Pacification with Scotland was not assented to, until the English people shewed some averlenesse to that wicked warre; and were loath any longer to fight for their owne slavery, nor was that Pacification any longer kept; then till a Party strong enough was found to maintain the breach of it. But without other instances, this Parliament had beene happie, the King glorious, and his people flourishing, if the King had found none to side with him against all these, and it is strange that so long experience had not taught them more wisedome. But they are now justly rewarded, and if they will but view the Kings Letter dated March 13, 1644. There it will be apparent to them he calls those, who have deserted their trust in Parliament, and given up their fortunes and conscience to a compliance with his will, by the name of a base, mutinous, and mungrell Parliament, and despises them for retaining some little conscience to Religion, and this Parliament. Lords and Gentlemen, make the right use of this; and if you be not wicked enough to serve that purpose fully, to which you are designd: endeavour to repent, and learne so much goodnesse, as may bring you back to the right side. There will shortly be no Medium left you: whatsoever you thought in the beginning (as our charity may thinke you were deceived) you will finde at last, that unless you thinke and act the same things, which those unhumane Irish Rebels, or the worst forraigne enemies to our Religion
and State could wish to see done, you are no fit Instruments for that cause, which you have unhappily chosen, unless you returne to the right way, you must goe as farre in the wrong one, as that will leade you. The Chronicles tell us that Henry Duke of Buckingham was deare to Richard the third, whereas he had so much wickednesse as to further the depoison or disinheriting of his two Nephewes: but when he was not bad enough to consent to the murder of those Princes, he was rejected by that King, and afterwards beheaded, if you cannot leare how to goe through with wickednesse: leare a better lesson to returne to goodnesse; or else perhaps the wrong which you have done your Country in betraying her trust, and by consequence shedding so much innocent bloud, may be at last revenged upon you, by them, for whom you did it. The King, who despiseth you by the name of Mungreells, as not altogether firme enough to his owne designe, in another late letter to the Earle of Ormond, gives thanks to Muskery, Plunket, and Browne, the cheife Actors in that horrid Massacre of Ireland. Which may teach the world what kind of men he consides truly in, and who they are that must reape the benefit of his Conquest, if God (for the sinnes of our English Protestants) should permit it: if Muskery had beene at Oxford, the King had had one man more of his owne opinion, in not acknowledging the Parliament of England, for want of such, he is forced to complain: And you may plainly see what a dishonourable use is made of your persons there, as men meerey operis secundi, a number onely that serve to give countenance and credit to the designe of a dearer Partie, and to perpecute your Countrey, not for your owne behooses. What is said to you, may be said to all, that are leade by you, to all those thousands which have followed the King as your Traine; for the same opinions which render you now contemptible to the King: render you acceptable to the major part of Protestants, which sides with you, and did at first make the Kings Power so considerable, as it is. If there be any thing of Protestants, of English men, of men remayning in you, repuse that, whatsoever it be, either acknowledge your selves such, as the King calls you
under the Rose, when he opens his breast to the only partaker of his thoughts; or declare your selves such Patriots, such true sons of the Church as the King pretends you to be, when he spreads his Oratory before the people. If we be Rebels at London, because we are not so servile as you are, and you are mutineers at Oxford, because you are not so servile as the King would have you. Let us know by what definition either you or we are measured, and how we are distinguished, and let us see that other third remaining party which the King owns as his loyal faithfull party indeed. It concerns you to look both forward and backward, and having now taken the dimention of the Kings minde by his secret Letters, turne about awhile and looke upon the same in his publike Declarations. See if you can reconcile his former promises to his present designes; for as you have had some representation of the latter in the former part, you shall now be made Spectators and Judges of the former in this latter part. The King (according to Digbys superstitious observation) in his Letter of Jan. 14. last, takes it as evident, that Straffords innocent blood has brought the judgement of this civil war equally upon both siders, both being equally guilty thereof. The Kings meaning is, That he and his siders was as guilty in permitting as the Parliament was in prosecuting. But now for Canterburies blood, that being totally put upon the Parliament s score, he doubts not but the hand of Justice will from henceforth totally lay the weight of this guilt upon the Parliaments side. The truth is, Strafford and Canterbury were the chiefe firebrands of this war, the two ill Councillors that chiefly incensed the King against the Scots, and endeavoured to subject all these three Kingdoms to a new arbitrary Government, & were justly executed for attempting that subversion of Law which the King has almost perfected since. The King and Digby both adjudged Strafford worthy of death, yet not for Treason, as it was charged, but not being able to save his life, without using force, and finding force very dangerous they left him to the blocke, against conscience, as is now allledged. Canterbury remains in the same case, and now remorse of Conscience (or rather the old project of altering Law) suggets to the King, that if no resistance be used, Straffords president will call
Canterbury, and Canterburies all the rest of the Conspirators, and so the people will make good their ancient freedom still. Hereupon discontents break out; the King withdrawes into Scotland, during his abode there the Rebellion in Ireland, some attempts against Marquess Hamilton and others in Scotland, and some other dangerous machinations in England put us into strange terrors and apprehensions. The King at his returne, Decemb. 2. 1641., complains of these Jealousies, Frights, and Alarms; with this profession, I am so farre from repenting of any Act done this Session for the good of my people, that if it were to doe againe I would doe it, and will yet grant what else can be justly desired. He concludes with a recommendation of the business of Ireland, and finding the preparations for the same flow, againe on the 14. of Decemb. he is patheticall in quickning them thereunto. All this notwithstanding the Parliament finds the old faction at Court to grow strong, and daily to attaine to more prevalence with the King, which besides other causes of jealousy makes them lay open the indisposition of the whole State in a plain and sharp Remonstrance, Decemb. 15., with the Remedies thereof proposed. The King as to the business of Religion answeres, For preserving of the peace and safety of the Kingdome from the designs of a Popish Party, we have and will concur with all just desires of our people in a Parliamentary way. For Ireland wee thank you for your care and cheerfull engagement for the speedy suppression of that Rebellion, the glory of God in the Protestant Profession, the safety of the British there, our Honour, and this Nations so much depending thereupon, &c. Your promise to apply your selves to such course as may support our Royall estate with honour and plenty at home, and with power and reputation abroad, is that which we have ever promised our selves, both from your loyalties and affections. Here are words that sound nothing but grace, and here is a cleare testimony from the Kings owne mouth, concerning the merit of this Nation to this day; But notwithstanding these promises and testimonies, the King discovers daily more and more regret for Straffords execution, sticks clo-
fer to the counsels of the same faction, and instead of hearkening to his Parliament, he commands a charge of Treason to be framed against six Members, the most eminent and active in both Houses. Also upon the fourth of Jan., the King comes in person with a great Train armed into the House, and missing the five Members there, tells the rest that he must have them wheresoever he findes them. Here was the fatal commencement of the war, for the next day the House declares, that they cannot sit in safety any longer at Westminster, and therefore they adjoyns for some daies, and retire into the City. Dec. 31. they had petitioned for a Guard out of the City, under command of the Kings Lord Chamberlain the Earle of Essex, which was denied, yet with these expressions: We are ignorant of the grounds of your apprehensions, but protest before Almighty God, had we any knowledge, or belief of the least designe in any of violence, either formerly, or at this time against you, we would pursue them to condigne punishment, with the same severity and detestation as we would the greatest attempt upon our Crowne; and we do engage solemnly the word of a King, that the security of everyone of you from violence, is, and shall be ever as much our care, as the preservation of us and our Children. These words were sweettly tempered, but wonne no believe, nor could over-power contrary actions, wherefore the Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell of London, seeing nothing but symptoms of war in the Court, frame a Petition, praying the King that the Tower of London may be put into the hands of persons of trust, that by removall of doubtfull and unknowne persons from about Whitehall and Westminster, a knowne and approved guard may be appointed for the safety of the Parliament, and that the accused Members may not be restrained or proceeded against, otherwise then according to the Privileges of Parliament. The King grants nothing, but answers, That his reception of such an unusall request, is a sufficient instance
instance of the singular estimation he hath of the good affec-
tions of the City, which he believes in gratitude will never be wanting to his just commands and service. Hitherto the King speaks nothing, but in justification both of the Cities, Parliaments, and Peoples loyalty. The tumults about Whitehall, &c. amounted to no war, are imputed by the King to the Rabble, and by us to the Kings Party; the Parliament is acquitted except the sixe Members, and the prosecution of them also is after declined by the King, yet the King departs from the City, as unsafe, seeing plainly, it could not be stirred from the Parliament. Upon the 20. of Jan. the King sends a Message to the Parliament, to state the differences on both sides, promising that when they are digested into a body, fit to be judged of, it shall appear what he will do. In answer hereunto, the Commons House (the Lords refusing to joine) onely petition for the raising up unto them and the State a sure ground of safety and confidence, that the Tower of London and the Militia of the Kingdome may be put into such persons hands as they shou'd recommend. The King replies; That the Militia by Law is subject to no command but his owne, which he will reserve to himselfe, as a principal and inseparable flower of his Crowne, professing to take care of Peace, and the rights of the Subject, equally with his life, or the lives of his dearest Children. He further also conjures them by all acts of duty and favour received, by hopes of future mutual happiness, by their love of Religion, the Peace, both of this Kingdome, and Ireland not to be transported with feares and jealousies. The Parliament could not believe themselves secured by these professions or affercations, & the King would not understand, that the selling the Militia at this time in confiding hands, to prevent civil war, was any other, than the taking the Crowne from his head. Hinc ille lacryme; the King nevertheless persists to declare his abhorrence of the Irish Rebellion frequently inciting the Parliament to send succours. He also strangely abjures any privy to plots or desigues against
the Lawes, &c. and further makes strict Proclamation, March 16, for putting Lawes in execution against the Papists. The Parliament seeing cause to suspect that the King and Queene did still favour Digby & others flying from the justice of Parliament, and appearing to be Incendiaries by Letters intercepted, knowing also that the Queen was going into Holland to pawner the jewels of the Crowne for Armes; and having divers other grounds of further apprehensions, against Petition concerning the setting up of the Militia, and the Kings returne, but are denied in both. Thoughts of Peace are now laid aside, and Hull being a strong Towne, and a Magazine of Armes, as also Newcastle being the publike Magazine of fuel, and a rich place, are looked upon with solicitous eyes; but as the Parliament prevents the King in Hull, the King prevents the Parliament in Newcastle: Yet the war being so far advanced, is scarcely avowed on either side, nor is it agreed which part was put to the defensive, and therefore on the 2. of June, 1642, before any blood shed, another assay is made for Peace, and the Parlaments Cause stated fully in 19 Proposicions, are dispatched to the King; the maine things desired were Reformation in Church Government, that power military and civil might be put into confiding hands; That justice of Parliament might passe upon Delinquents, but the Answere returned is, That if these things were granted, the King should remaine but the out side, but the picture, but the signe of a King. This, though it was the Trumpet of war, and the sound of defiance in effect, yet was not so owned, for still the King saies, He intends not to fixe any disloyall designe upon both or either House of Parliament, he is rather most confident of the loyalty, good affections, and integrity of the great bodies good intentions: but the malignity of the designe (he saies) hath proceeded from the subtile informations, mischievous practices, and evil Councils of ambitious turbulent spirits, not without a strong influence upon the very actions of both Houses. This was the utmost charge of Treason, that could be then brought against the Parliament, and the Proposicions of the Parliament treated lately at Uxbridge, in Feb. 1644, being no other in effect, than these of June, 1642. This inference may be truly made, that the King hath no cause to looke upon us now, otherwise then as he did then; and if he have varied since from those Vows and Asseverations which he made then, the blame will
not remaine on this side, but on his; so that the very calling to minde what hath been said by the King, will be now suffi-
cient for our purpose.

1. Wherefore, as to the waging of warre at all, the third of June 1642, the King in his Declaration to the Free-
holders of Yorkshire, renounces any intention of warre, his
words are, To the end this present posture, wherein we meet, shold
not affright you with the distempers of the times, we wish you to looke into
the composition and constitution of our Guard, and you will finde it so far
from the face or fear of war, that it serves to secure you as well as us from it,
&c. Also June 16, in his Declaration at York, he useth these words;
Wee againe, in the presence of Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer,
affire the world, we have no more thought of making war against our Par-
liament, than against our owne Children. To the same purpose he
made all his Lords signe a testimoniall with their own hands,
in affirmanse of his profession. Tis true, afterwards when he
tooke the field with his increased Guard, and became the Al-
tayllant at Hull, (having also poesfet himselfe of Newcastle) he
was driven to save himselfe by distinctions, for he had not dis-
claymed all war in generall, but all invasive war, and if the
fiege of Hull had some shew of invasion, yet indeed it was but
in order to his defence, and this was a subtily that all the
subsigning Lords and others, it is thought, had not foreseen
till now.

2. As to the waging war against the Parliament, June 16. The
King disclaimes all thoughts of war against his Parliament,
and in July, after the date of the Earl of Essex his Commit-
fion, he abhors the like. Desiring no longer the protection and blessing
of Almighty God upon himselfe and his posterity, then he and they shall fo-
lemly observe the Leaves in defence of Parliaments. Also on Aug. 12.
after, He acknowledge that the King and Parliament are like the trumns of
Hyppocrates, which must laugh and cry, live and dye together. So this
guides us to more distinctions, that the King may defend him-
selfe against a Parliament, yet not fight against it, or he may
affiaine a Malignant party in Parliament, yet not touch the
Parliament it selfe: These distinctions hold good on that side,
not on this: but by what distinction will the King put a
short period to this perpetuall Parliament without violence?
or how can he deny it the name of a Parliament without ho-
stility? Examine the Letters further about this.
3 As to the waging of War by Papists. The King August 4, when the Earl of Exeter his Army was in forming, in his Speech to the Gentry of Yorkshire avers, That he had taken order that the power of the Sword should not come into the hands of Papists. And Aug. 10. He makes strict Proclamation, That all Papists presuming to lift themselves under him as Officers or Soldiers should be punished, and no way by Oath was prescribed for discrimination of them. Also Aug. 29. The King gives Instructions to his Commissioners for Arrays to disarm all Papists. So Octob. 27., after the battle at Edgehill the King thinks it worth his excuse, That he had some few Papish Commanders in his Army, taken in of great necessity, he concludes thus: We shall never forget our several Oaths in our several Declarations, we are too much a Christian to believe that we can break those Oaths and avoid the justice of Heaven. Tis true, afterwards a new distinction came to light, for upon a Petition from the Lancashire Papists, the King did avow, That Papists were by Law prohibited Arms in time of Peace, not in time of War; and therefore he did not only authorize but require them to arm themselves, servants, tenants, and use the same Arms, &c. This distinction bore date long after the war begun, but that was want of invention only.

4. As to managing the War by Irish Papists, he had never before named them but with a bleeding heart. His words once were, We hope the lamentable condition of Ireland will invite us to a faire intelligence and unity, that we may with one heart intend the relieving and recovering of that unhappy Kingdom, where these barbarous Rebels practice such inhuman and unheard of Cruelties upon our miserable people, that no Christian can bear without horror, nor story parallel. At another time thus: We conjure all our Subjects, by all the bonds of love, duty, or obedience that are precious to good men to yoke with us for recovery of that Kingdom. In July, at the Siege of Hull, he conjures both Houses as they will answer the contrary to Almighty God, to unite their force for recovery of Ireland. In October, from Ayno, in his Proclamation, he excuses the taking of Clothes and some Draught-horses sent for Ireland, as done of necessity and against his will. In December the King answers some Irish Protestants thus: Since the beginning of that monstrous Rebellion I have had no greater sorrow then for the bleeding condition of that Kingdom. Nay, since the Treaty at Uxbridge, the King in publike washes his hands of all countenance given to the Rebels, and turns the blame upon the Parliament, though in private he had beene (as it were) afutter to them for Peace, and some assistance from them by private Letters.
Letters to Ormond. Quere how this may be reconcileable, &c.
5 As to the granting of a toleration. The King March 9, 1641,
in answer to the Parliaments Declaration, utes these words, Our
faithfull and zealous affections to the true Protestant Professions, and our re-
solution is to concur with our Parliament in any possible course for the pro-
agation of it and suppression of Popery. In April 1642, he calls God to
witness, with this assurance, That he will never consent (upon whatso-
ever pretence) to a toleration of the Papish Profession, or abolition of Laws
now in force against Recusants. Also April 25. He has no other end but
to defend the true Protestant Profession, &c. God so deal with us, as we con-
tinue in these Professions. So in his Speech in the head of his Army,
Sept. 19. So in his Proclamation of pardon to London, Octo-
ber 29. All the professions we have made in our severall Declarations for
suppression of Popery and maintenance of Religion, the Laws, &c. shall be as
inviolably observed by Us, as we expect a blessing from Almighty God, and
obedience from our Subjects. Quere then how this may be consistenf
with taking away Statutes in England and Ireland made for sup-
pression of Popery, and that by the Armes of Papists.
6 As to the bringing in of forraign Force, The King March 9,
1641, in his Declaration from Newmarket, faith; Whatsoever you
are advertised from Rome, Venice, Paris, of the Popes Nuncio's soliciting,
Spain, France, &c. for forraign Aids, We are confident no sober bosen
man can believe Us so desperate or senseless to entertain such designes as would not only
hurt this our Kingdom in sudden destruction and ruine, but our Name and
Prestiety in perpetual shame and infamy. Also March 26, 1642, about
solicitation suspected of the King of Denmarke, his words are.
We have neither so ill an opinion of our owne merit, or the affections of our
Subjects, as to dimine our selves in need of forraigne Force. Also August. 4.
the King in his Speech to the Gentry of Yorkshire acknowled-
ges, He is wholly cast upon the affections of his people, having no hope but in
God, his just cause, and the love of his Subjects. What distinction can
now satisfie us, that neither Irish, French, Lorrainers, Dutch,
Danes, are forrainers? The concealing of this by sealing up the
lips of the Queene and Ormond, and Cockram must supply all dis-
fections.

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