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THE
ARTICLES
AND
CHARGE
OF THE
ARMIE,

AGAINST

Fourscore and odd of the Parliament men, who have acted contrary to the trust reposed in them by the People, and would have his Majesties late Concessions to be a Ground of Peace.

WITH

The Names and Number of those who were seized on by Col. *Pride* on Wednesday last at Westminster, and committed to safe custody.

LIKEWISE.

The further Demands of his Excellency, and the Generall Council of Officers; and their Desires touching an eminent person within the City of London.

BY the Appointment of His Excellency the Lord Fairfax
Lord Generall, and His Generall Council of Officers,

Signed,

JOHN RUSHWORTH, Secr.

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1648.

THE
ARTICLES
AND
CHARGE
OF THE
ARTICLE

That the said King, his heirs and assigns, shall not give, sell, or otherwise dispose of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, nor any franchises, liberties, or jurisdictions, nor any offices, dignities, or honors, nor any charters, patents, or letters, nor any other things, which in anywise concern the right, title, or interest of any person, without the assent of the Parliament first so made, in that behalf lawfully assembled, and so to be made, in that behalf lawfully assembled, according to the ancient and undoubted laws and customs of the Kingdom of England.

That the said King, his heirs and assigns, shall not take, receive, or otherwise receive any money, nor any other thing, which in anywise concern the right, title, or interest of any person, without the assent of the Parliament first so made, in that behalf lawfully assembled, and so to be made, in that behalf lawfully assembled, according to the ancient and undoubted laws and customs of the Kingdom of England.



THE
CHARGE
OF THE
ARMY,

Against

Major Generall *Massey*, Sir *William Waller*, Col. *Hollis*,
Col. *Copley*, and the rest of the Parliamen men, who
was impeached and taken into custody on
Wednesday 6 Decemb. 1648.

I.

THat whereas *Denzil Hollis Esq;* *Lionel Copley Esq;*
Maj. Gen. Massey, and others of your members, were
in the year 1647. impeached by your selves for
treason

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treason, or for high crimes and misdemeanours, in relation to the treasonable Engagement of the city of *London*, &c. and upon cleer proofs against them, were by your censure expelled the House; yet by the prevalency of their Faction the same persons were afterwards readmitted to sit in the House, and vote as formerly, without any tryall or satisfaction in the things whereof they were accused: We demand that all those members so impeached may be forthwith secured, to be brought to justice or tryal for their said crimes, and that such others of their faction, may be secluded from the House, &c.

II.

That whereas by the confederacy of Major Gen. *Browne* (now Sheriff of *London*) with the said impeached members, and others, the Scots were invited and drawn in to invade this Kingdom the last Summer, insomuch as when upon the actuall Invasion the House proceeded to declare them enemies, and those that adhered to them traytors; yet the said confederates and other treacherous members (to the number of ninety and odd, as upon the division of the House appeared) did by their Councils and Votes endeavour to hinder the house from declaring against their confederate invaders; We desire, that the said M. G. *Brown* may bee also secured and brought to judgment, and that the rest of the ninety and odd persons dissenting in the said vote, may bee excluded the house, and not trusted further in your Councils.

III.

That whereas in a continued Series of your proceedings for many moneths together, we have seen the prevalence of
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the same treacherous, corrupt, and divided counsels, through factions and private interests, and in their late Votes declaring the Kings past concessions to be a ground for the house to proceed upon, for the settlement of the peace of the Kingdom, notwithstanding the visible insufficiency and defects of them in things essentially concerning the publike interest & liberties of the Kingdome.

IV.

That such as by faithfulness have retained their trust, being set in a condition to pursue and perform the same, without such interruptions, diversions and depravations of counsels, as formerly, We shall desire and hope you will speedily and vigorously proceed, 1 To take order for the execution of Justice, 2 To set a short period to your own power, 3 To provide for a speedy succession of equal Representatives, according to our late Remonstrance, wherein differences in the kingdom may be ended, and we and others may comfortably acquiesce; as (for our parts) we hereby engage, and assure you we shall.

*By the Appointment of his Excellency the Lord Fairfax,
Lord General, and his Generall Council of Officers.*

Signed,

JOHN RUSHWORTH, Secr.

The Articles and Proposals.

1 That what evidences and proofes, or upon what Reasons and grounds the King stands acquitted of the charge of the Houses against him, in their late Declaration to the Kingdom.

2 What persons especially what members of either Houses have plaid the Traytors, by Inviting the Scots to invade this Kingdome, or gave them countenance, or encouragement in that perfidious attempt.

That

3 That the promoters of the first and second war bee brought to Justice.

4 That the arrears and debts of the Kingdom be secured and satisfied, and that the publike faith be not made a publike fraud to the Kingdom,

5 That the Court of Wards be abolished without exacting satisfaction for the same.

6 That the Consciences of men be not cruelly and vnconscionably shipwacked.

7 That the cunning device upon the Army for hatefull free quarter, and the contrivers thereof be discovered, and the Mariners and Army vindicated from the slander thence raised upon it.

8 That the Orders for reducing any of the Souldiers or Sea men either by Sea or Land may be suspended, untill the Commonwealth be settled, and the enemies thereof brought to justice. That these and the like things being satisfied and secured to the Kingdome, your Excellency and your Army may return from this present employment in honour and good conscience, as faithfully discharging the Armies engagement to the Kingdom, and not beare the shame and reproach of men that only acted for hire, and so that base scandall, so much in the mouths of your and our treacherous enemies, will not be justified in the hearts of our friends: for the effectuall obtaining of these good things, wee shall really adhere to your Excellency to our utmost ability.

By His Excellency the Lord Generall Fairfax.

THese are to require all Officers and Souldiers of Horse and Foot who shall quarter in and about the City of London and Suburbs thereof, that they behave and demean themselves and peaceably towards all sorts of people, not giving any just cause of offense, or provocation by language, or otherwise, upon pain of such severe punishment as to a Court Martiall shall be thought meet, and not do any unlawfull violence to the person or goods of any, either in their quarters or elsewhere, upon pain of death: And for the more due execution hereof, all Commanders and Officers are hereby required not to be absent from their severall and distinct charges, without leave first had from their superiours, upon pain of such punishment.

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punishment as the party injured shall sustain, and such further con-
fure as to justice shall be thought fit. Given under my hand and
seal, Decemb. the first, 1648.

T. FAIRFAX.

FOrasmuch as divers ill-affected persons have of late made their
Resort to the City of London, the Subburbs, and places adjoy-
ning, with Designe (as there is cause to believe upon Grounds
more then probable) to imbroile this Kingdome in further trou-
bles; and whereas by Ordinance, or Order of Parliament, such re-
sort hath been prohibited, and the departure of such persons enjoy-
ned; these are therefore to require all persons that have engaged
for the King in the first or latter War, or have adhered unto, or
assisted him or his party therein, and are now residing in London,
or within ten miles distant there from, that within twenty foure
hours, after publication hereof, they depart from the said City and
Subburbs, and all places within ten miles distance thereof, and not
to return for the space of one month, next ensuing the publication
hereof, if the Head-quarters shall continue here so long; and who
ever shall be found and taken, contrary hereunto, they shall be dealt
withall as Prisoners of War, except such of them as have perfected
their Compositions, and not engaged again in the latter War.

Given under our Hand and Seal the fourth of Decemb. 1648,

T. Fairfax.

By His Excellency the Lord Generall Fairfax.

WHereas it is informed, that many Souldiers and others of
the Army going without leave of their Officers from the
places where they are quartered, do straggle about the City of Lon-
don and Subburbs, contrary to Orders in that behalf given; I do
hereby require and command all such Souldiers and others of the
Army, forthwith upon publication hereof, to repair to their severall
Quarters upon pain of being strictly proceeded against according
to the said Orders and the Generall Articles of War. And where-
as it is informed, that divers loose persons going about the City un-
der the name and in the Garb of Souldiers, have been very abusive
in language, and otherwise, to the injury of some Inhabitants, and
just offence of others; I do hereby desire, that if any such be here-
after

after found going about without order, or Officers to govern them, whether they be indeed souldiers or no, and committing any such abuses, they may be apprehended by the next Countables and sent to White Hall, there to be delivered as prisoners to the Marshall generall, together with what information and evidence there is against them by a Council of War, to the due punishment of those that shall be offended, and to the just satisfaction of the persons injured, and if any of the Souldiers going about with their officers, shall be so abusive in case their Officers shall not restrain them, such Officer being complained of, shall himself be punished, and give satisfaction to the party injured. Given under my hand & seal, Decemb. 8. 1648.

T. FAIRFAX.

Col. Pride having received Orders from the Generall, to secure a certain number of the Parliament, on Wednesday last marched with his Regiment to Westminster, and took divers of them into custody, viz. Sir William Waller, Major Gen. Massey, Sir Benjamin Rudyard, Col. Hollis, Col. Fines, and about 30 more who are committed to safe custody, and whether they shall have their enlargment upon paroll, or be continued prisoners, is uncertain.

A List of the Parliament men, that are now in custody.

Sir Robert Harlow,	Mr. Swynfen.	Mr. Drake.
Col. Harlow.	Mr. Crew.	Mr. Green.
Sir Wil. Waller,	Mr. Ed. Stephens.	Mr. Bowton
Sir Walter Earl.	Mr. Bulker.	Mr. Pryn.
Sir Samuel Luke.	Sir Harbor, Grimston	Mr. Priestly.
Sir Rich. Anslow.	Mr. Bunkley.	Sir Simon Dewes,
Sir John Merrick.	Maj. Gen. Massey.	Sir William Lewis,
Sir Martin Lister.	Sir Robert Pye.	Sir John Clotworthy
Lord Wenmar,	Mr. Hen Pelham.	Col. Wil. Strode.
Sir Gilb. Gerrard,	Sir Anthony Irby.	Commissary Copley
Mr. Knightley.	Col. Birch.	r. Vaughan.
Mr. Francis Gerrard	Mr. Wheeler.	

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