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A Letter from a Nobleman in London, to his Friend in the Country: Written some Months ago.

Now Published for the Common Good.

Affure you, Sir, whatever you have heard to the contrary, my having been in and out in the prefent, as well as the two former Reigns, proceeds not from any incompatibility or uncertainty of humour, but from a true English Temper and Spirit, that cannot endure Slavery in it felf, and abhors to be the Instrument of it in otherss. I ever exclaimed against the Court Mixime, Live and let others Live; and watch'd my fellow Minifters actions, as I defired they would mine, that our Mafter might not be defrauded, nor his Subjects oppressed; and believing nothing could make England unhappy, but a change of our King's limited, legal Authority, into an unbounded Arbitrary Power, I always advised my Prince to a steddy conformity to the Laws, to place his fecurity on the affections of his Subjects, which this would gain him, and not on Guards or Army. These principles were not like to make me thrive in any Court. The apprehension I had, that the late King's Religion would carry him to that extreme, made me not only weary of his Service, but uneasse under his Government, and defirous to change it for a better; which my first heat of fancy suggested I could not miss in a Protestant; but, my cooler thoughts, what I have already feen acted, and my Knowledge of what is further defign'd convince me of my own and the Nations folly. The reports of Char. II's Murder, the Earl of Effex's Death, and a supposititions Prince of Wales, all Men of common fense knew to be false and malicious; but, I confess, I looked upon the noise of a League with France to be real; (yet without the ridic flous and spiteful addition of cutting the Protestants throats;) because the King's arcumst mees, especially the proceedings in Ireland, made it abiolutely necessary for his even preservation. Yet now 'tis Plain, this also was a pure invention, and that the Danch du'l varincy are, have out-witted the English; and by a trick drawn us into a Wall, to defend them aguinft France: Nor i it less evident, that Motticur d'Avana's Manorial er the 922. of September (88) to be States, corpudently

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to have been the cause of the long before intended Invafion,) was, though a Gentiler, as meer a Stratagem: The King, his Mafter, not more ascertained of the Confederacy against himself, than of the Hollander's Preparations against K. J. hop'd by this flight of Generolity, to have wrought into his Interests, Him, who before had rejected his repeated offers of fuccour. 'Tis no wonder each Party should labour to get England on their fide; the ballance of Enrope put into either scale, must of necessity have made that out-weigh the other: But now,too late, we find our King was too good a Christian, to believe his Son and Nephew could gratifie his Ambition, at so barbarous a rate; and too much an English-Man, to engage with France, against his Subjects Interests; which certainly was to ingrofs the Trade of the World, and fafely looks on, while the French and Dutch destroy'd each other. But alas! our want of wit, and others cunning, would not fuffer us to be thus happy; fear of Slavery, artificially spred among the Gentry, and of Popery among the Commonalty, did not only make way for our ruine, but bewitched our felves to be the Instruments of it. We dreaded and roar'd against a standing Army of English. of Protestants, so zealous, that they would loofe their reputation, rather than fight for their Popish King: Yet now we can kifs the rod that scourges us, tamely suffer an Army of Forreigners, of Popith, or of no Religion; who will execute, with joy, the Commande of our new K. their General; whole will, and whole interest it is to enflive us, You have long known my Opition about Religion, and the force of it. among Men of refined Understandings: I laugh at all forts of bigotry, and prefer our own Religion to Popery, not as more agreable to Truth, but as established by Law ; Disputes of this Nature ought, in my Mind. to be banished the Common-Wealth, at lead, corfin'd to the Schools; nor should I trouble my Head, nor would any Man that wanted not Brains, what Religion a lawful Pacliament put down, or fet up; provided we could but be fecured againft Slavery, and the lofs of Abby Lands. Nor need I tell

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is not a more natural confequence of Popery, than of Presbitery, or any other Sect. If from what I write, y a cannot gather why Imake not the fame Figure in the State I lately did, read the inclosed advice to our new K. and communicate it, but one by one, to our Friends, the Earls of K. and of E. the Ep. of ---- and the rest of our knot; 'tis, Word for Word, taken from the Original, and it is what cleared my Eyes, and gave me a full prospect into the bottom of the defign; which, after I had for some time laboured in vain to cross, I made a Leg and withdrew; concluding it base and ignoble, for an English Peer, to joyn in Council, or 20t in Concert with a Dutch----, a French Higonot, and a Scotch Presbyterian, under a King without Title, whose Religion is Policy, and whose No-Title and Policy must be supported by a strong Army, the subversion of the State, and the Conquest of Er glarid.

The enclosed Paper was in the following Vords.

SIR,

Itherto, it is true, your Affairs feem to have succeeded prospercusly; you have got a Crown, and you have got it with ease; but it cannot be preserved, with-

out difficulty. Your Interest, as P. of O. Statholder of Holland, is very different from when Interest, as K. of England; but since you are the one, and yet for some time must be the other, your game is the harder, and requires double the skill, that when you landed was necessary. The Prince of Orange, as Head of the Protestant League, (which among our felves we must own this to be, notwithstanding that the Spaniards natural aversion to the French, and the growing Gentless of their Monarchy, have drawn in to it, the whole House of Afria, and The other Popish Princes of G. rada v.) is enwiged in an Alliance, the K. C. Ergland ought in prudance, to have evel ! !: Charles V. and First II. have folleholdy proved the Universal Monarchy a Latistick Theam, him modes ble, impossible a Lifets the Nethe and particular of last of Commission, inflictently fecuse it sprint and resonal-Gerre, Mande have I . White, and ea-. Tar Neither Cet greatile great to any

her Rivals, for this read never to be suforched and kept under, we einterrupted by W.r. encreated her Naval frength, by building new Ships, repairing the old, and filling her Magazines with all receffacy Stores, and erected Forts and Block-homes where wanting, to fecure her against sevasion. The Treaty of N. megnen, if it condat all affect the late K. could not have obliged him to act otherwise: The War Leing on France's fide purely defenfive; their being beforehand in declaring, after they were convinced of the Confederacy, makes no alteration; 'tis an effect of the nimbleness natural to that Nation, to make the fi it pass when they see their Enemies ready to fall But though Neutrality be the true Interest of England, and must have been the late King's, inppering him a Stranger to the Invation, and ture of his Subjects, yet can it not, for the present, be yours; who have and must carry on, an Interest directly contrary to the Peoples, till you are better fettled in the Throne, and have forced the English to be indeed your Subjects. This done, you may (as the Dutch did in the last Confederacy, and, as it is to be feared, they will again, when they perceive in your acceptance of the Crown, the ill effect of their own Politicks) prevent all others by a feperate Peace. In the mean time, you must mind your cwn, and not the Nation's Intereft, and proceed with your Confederates, as Prince of Orange; they will, without doubt, defire, as the States have already done, that you would as K of England, renew and confirm the Alliance, and declare War against France; you will for a while frand in need of their help, and find, though they think otherwise, much greater advantage by their affiftance, than they can have by yours; a Truth they cannot but discover, if they reflect upon the three principal Causes of this Ampendious Revolution. First, The temper of the English, a bondy, refer, inconfiderate, unconfiant People. Secondly, The incompatibility and natural averfine of Protestant Subjects to a Popilio Prince; the Church of England, in van, endervours to exempt it felf from this Charect. 13 their Publick Actions in the three last Page, their Acts of Parisinent, Tefts, Lill of Exclision and Rye-horse Conferracy, m. Lobert 1 lt of the fame from p with tift; and they cannot, withou sof fiscal. min we be received that the constant

in Course, brome Presbyterians, irresences Your feeming to there the Sovers anthus of trable Errol a tau Posilo Minarch. Sografe have long ambitioned, is the na ft file on a Man, muft not beirny you, into a truft bait to catch your Fish; it will pertuace the and confidence of their Loyalty, as it did your to find Money for the expence, and hereafte Production (absferm'd, at haft, to forg + the forcen you from the Peoples murmurings. coing of the Nation, That the Duke of Dik You have already given orders for mohad no fault but his being a Papist, to make delling the Moss and Army, and whely rehim unfit to Govern and Subseed,) unless solved to include in neither, nor in Civil you will be a seemen run his Fortune and Regueceson. The Thirl and charlift was, the King's want of an Airry; which, be could not be properly faid to hive, follong as they stere Protestants, (the few Papists among them deserv'd not to be considered under a Name) and taught, it was against Conscience to draw in defence of a P-piso K, the event has fleton that Religion had pudlocked their Swords, and bound up their Hands, o herwije he could never have picked up and trained fuch a number of Men, all resolved either to fight against him, or run away from him. There, Sir, are the Shelves on which he was thipwracked, as you likewise must be, unless you steer a contrary courfe. Your new Subjects will be Hill the same, and, upon second thoughts, cannot but repent, what inconsideration made them Act hand over head; your being a Protestant Will not secure you: the odds between a Dutch Presbyterian, and an English Papist, are, in the Church of England Men's Opinion, either none at all, or so very inconfiderable, that they cannot turn the Scales, or give you any advantage. You are fenfible with what difficulty your Party, in the two Houses, got the better of those who were for calling back K.F. on terms, and of those who were for setting up a Commen-Wealth: These two Parties will always be your Enemies, you cannot hope to make them Converts; nor that the third will be long, either willing, or able to support your Cause: So that nothing but an Army can do confidering, that the nothing but an Army can do confidering, that the nothing but an Army, to the number of not able, with an 'U.S. who will find to make I fee than four you will be a some your great, what a R. ought, and what the tember 53, when it for a four of the source of the H. of Englishit needs most to be, Mailer of his Subjects. In the francing out, which importained by a feven tens Rebs. on feeres a Crofs, is, on the contrast, a Dishi go an opportunity, that we I managed and improved, will effablif a you. Domision. It is a long l'egge sort ited re olle, in you have greed this point, you must run fir do of con have learned to a Art cononly keep fair, but Court and Flotter the Aroad, and were not regarded a west

er iffe, that the table People of England are, both may be the effect of their own in the Chiers, any Boglin, but fuch as are Men c no Fortung, or inrecencileable Enemies to your Piedroe Et. Endeavour to keep, .. peffible, all the Dutch Troops, and to ea change for them as many English; the N.magnen Treaty, in which, if for no other reafon, you must pretend the Nation ingraid, will rid you of Soco of 'em; fome you may dispatch towards Chifter, in order to the kith Expedition; and others you may march towards the borders, to be called into Seedland, in case. Makay should find himilif too weak, to aw the Convention and reduce Eximbing Castle. Seedand is too dangerous a back door to be left open; you ought therefore to be well fearred of it. before you think of carrying your Arms further the Hobility and Presbytery govern there absolutely; you have alreadyalist of both, with convenient remarks, all forts of Coin will pass among them and tie very necessary you prevent, by good store of Guineas, the course of Luin wis, in a Kingdom long allied to France, and heretofole useful in their Wars with England. You cannot better dispose of the Lish in the life ex Wight, then by making them a prefent to the Engarage for his Warragui for the Park, to put ant defertion, if imployed matter howill. When mutters are talls fet let, non may fafely turn you. Face of made also where, though you could, you en tomake an ender the Varilie de la comme though of this cattlion there \$ continued in the filtance, buch a into Euc. 11, 191 . . . Ciril Tan; a d Mill, rely d'abre te . i eigprefent. Greg Gregoria, das Parliament, at oath, till you has engaged a got yet, allowing the control of the worlds

stake, their All, Life, Liberty, Fortune, and chiefly to the Commons, who holding the Religion, they cannot but fight manfully, Purse-strings of the Nation, ought to have and supported by France. K. James's overfights here, will instruct him how to act there; the Protestants he will disarm, and imprison, at least, the Chief of them, and feize all their Corn and Cattel: Londonderry, if he do not take, he will starve, before you can fuccour it: and, the Papilts being reckoned twenty to one Protestant, he cannot want men for feveral Armies; nor Arms, Ammunition, nor Money, while the French K. stands his Friend; who thereby eludes the threatned Invalion from England, distracts and weakens its Power, and imploys the whole of it, without the least service or advantage to the Confederates; and who, perhaps, will further enable him to land fome thousands in Scotland; 'tis a thort cut to the Highlands, where they will be joyned by greater Numbers of those wild People, who long for an opportunity to enrich themselves by the spoils of England. Whence it is plain, that the reduction of Ireland, is like to prove a Work of time, and of much greater difficulty, than the Protestants of that Kingdom would perfuade you; and you will find that a compleat Conquest of it will require vast numbers of Men, divided into several Armies, and your being Mafter, not only at Sea, but also your imploying, constantly, a second Fleet, to transport hence Provisions, for the Inbastence of those Armies. The fatigues of the first Campaign, lying in the Field, scarcity of Victuals, and the Flux, which the English never miss, and therefore call it that Country Difeafe. will discourage your new Subjects, confume their best Troops, and and Trade,) quite weary of the Service. depending upon that Kingdom's being continued a Member of its Dominion, will neceffitate the Parliament to beg your regaining it on any terms, and confent, for that purpose, to your bringing in Danes, Swedes, Germans, Dutch, and Swiffers; who, having done your work in Ireland, will afterwards with eafe perfect it here, make you the most absolute Prince, that ever sway'd the Sceptre of England. But, in the mean time, you rault not feem to affect any fuch thing, but

especially when headed by their own Prince, most of your compliance and condescentions: As for the Lords, 'tis enough to engage in your Interests, by charges of Honour, rather than profit, as many as you can of the rich and popular: their Numbers, as weil as other accidents, have made their House the less considerable of the two; and it will be for your fervice to treat them accordingly. After all, you must presuppose the English will, ere long, grow weary of your Government; and also that the Confederates may come to be fo of the War, before you are able to stand upon your own Legs: the extraordinary charge must make the First uneasie; and the others, disappointed of your promifed affiftance, may possibly give credit to what your Edemies will suggest, that you have out-witted them, and follicited a League more to gratifie your own Ambition, than for the Common Good, to humble France. The Parliament having once advised you to the War, will be too far engaged to draw back, or think of a change; but to make your felf fure on that fide, you must hasten your Army to hinder it, in case they should: To prevent the misfortune from abroad, you must speedily possess your Allies, by Envoys and Ministers, that the Crown of England was freely offered, and not fought by you; that the disposal on't was the People's Rights and that their affiftance to confirm you in the Postession is necessary, to hinder the Common Enemies being enabled, as otherwise he certainly will, by the late King's united Power, to fwallow the Spanish Netherlands, fubdue Holland, and give Law to the Empire and the reft of Europe. Your Protestant make Men, already effeminated by idleness Allies you must perswade, by remonstratand Luxury, (theufual Concomitants of Peace ing the necessity of their firm adhesion, on a double account, Religion, and Temporal However, the importance of Iceland to Eng. Interest. The States you must sweeten, more land, the Trade, Strength, and Safety of this, particularly by repaying their 600000 l. and farther promifing what advantages they please in the Trade of both the Indies. Nor must you spare the Wealth of England, to draw the Dane and Swede into a stricter Alliance: the first may probably be won by the prospect of his Brother's Interest in the Succession: and the latter prevailed upon by a confiderable yearly Penfion, unless a forefight of his own future ruine from Denmark, when strengthned by Prince George's Poffesfion of the Crown of England, should make asther from content with the Name of King him deaf to your Proposals. It were to be

with you, in fending abroad his Agents, and filling all Courts of his own profession with his Manifesto's; making a jest of the Parliament and its Pretences, his own Abdieation, and your Election; justifying all his Actions, even the Dispensing Power, as conformable to the Laws and effential to the nature of all Government; acquitting himself from all things, but his being a Papist; representing the League to be all over Protestant, and design'd, at last, for the total coverthrow of the Popish Religion: You know how much this Prince is the Jefirsts Darling, and what influence they have in the Emperor's and all other Courts of Europe; and how probable it is that upon this Pope's Death, which cannot be far off. another may be chosen, more zealous for the promotion of his Religion, than for pulling down France, its chief support; which considerations cannot but quicken you in this Now, that you may begin your Reign, as Princes in your circumstances used to do, by some Acts of Popularity, recommend to the Parliament the taking off the Chimney-Money, (which feenis a burden on the poorer fort: you need not fear but what they thus take away with one hand, they must give back with another, till they have put you into a condition to carve for your felf:) and also a Bill of Union, or Comprehension, of all your Proteltant Subjects; and though it is possible neither may succeed, especially the last, to which the Church Party are not like to confent; the Clergy in Poffession having always been averie to any change in their Popish Common-Prayer-Book, and much more to let others thare their Titles and Benefices; the Propositions nevertheless will be very advantageous to you, in the love and efteem of the generality of the People. As for Religion, (the common Cloak for Rebellion, but never a security against one,) you ought to confider it, and the several Sects into which it is divided, no farther than as may best serve and promote your Interest: In publick seem to favour the Church of England, because the Laws, the Nobility, and best estated Gentry are of its fide; underhand, the Presbyterians, and other Nonconformists are to be careffed; the Numbers, the Trade, the Riches, and your Prote**lt**ant Allies are of their fide; the Romanists you must likewise study to oblige; this may possibly in time wean them

from K. F. and will please a considerable part of your Army, and your Confederates of the same Opinion; who must be taught to infer from your Actions, that what is in your Declaration against Popery, as your Ministers abroad must also infinuate, was only a Blind, a necessary Cant to perswade the English to receive, and the Parliament to enable you to invade France the following Spring, by obliging their King to joyn in the War, the main end of your hazardous Winter Voyage. Thus, Sir, in obedience to your Commands, we have freely and briefly given your Majesty our Opinion 3 concluding, that Cowardize, Treachery, and an innate defire of Change having given you the Crown, nothing can fecure it, but tuch a formidable Army as we have described; this when you have compassed, you may fafely affume the Title of Conqueror. and, after the Example of W. the First, referve for your Self what Land you pleafe, and divide the rest among your Followers; fettle in all your Dominions, such Religion, Laws, and form of Government, as shall best suit with your own Grandeur, and the extent of your Empire: But if you truft an English Army, though never so great, and despise our advice, the touchstone of sincere Councellors, your Reign will be fbort, and your Ruine inevitable: For when your Subjects reflect, they have changed a firm Peace for a lasting War, that the Flower of their Youth is deftroyed, by Land and Sea. their Freedom from Taxes turned into a Grievous Load of endless Impositions, their Trade loft, their Rents fallen, and the Na. tion reduced from a Rich and Glorious, to a poor contemptible People; and to compleat their Misery, next door to be enslaved by Foreigners, that they have brought all these Evils upon themselves, to secure their Religion, now really exposed to Calvinifm or Lutheranism, extreams, in their Opinions. equally pernicious with Popery sof which,before, the danger was indeeed but imaginary: they will, without doubt, repent, and contrive fuch a general Revolution, as happen'd in 1660, when both the Fleet and the numerous Army, in the three Kingdoms, conspired with the rest of the English to call back their exil'd Prince. The same causes cannot but produce the same effects; you will therefore live to fee your felf more thamefully fly out of England, than you came into it triumphantly, if the defire of Fame

Fame, and the fense of your own safety, make you not betimes provide against the Storm, and imprint on your Mind, that it is more Great and Glorious, to owe a Crown to Merit, than to Chance; to get a Kingdom by Conquest, rather than by Eirth:

II bich is humbly fubmitted, &c.

Have, at laft, after above four Months irrefulution, concluded, I could not better ferve my Friend, or my Country, than by publishing his Letter, and the good Advice given our new King; every Body will fee a Plot is laid for the ruine of E gland; and none can wonder, a Lord, of his great Sense and great Estate, should refuse to be an Actor in the Tragedy; wherein he would not have feem'd, to long, to have born a part, as he has fince often vow'd, if he had not had the vanity, to have hoped he could have perswaded his Master to have been an English K. to have made good his Declarations, his Promiles, and his Oaths, to have fent back his Forreign Troops, and called a free Parliament, to reform and fettle all our Diforders: But had not he had a large share in our common infatuation, one to renown'd could not have expected this from the P. of O. who could not be well supposed to have made them but with purpote to break them, as foon as they had smooth'd his way to the Crown; no Man in his Wits could imagine, he meant to be a Slave to his Word, or trust the Loyalty of Mon, Lec. me Lis Subjects, by Treachery to their can Prince; and it was more ridiculous to believe, That, after he got to be Kike would make good the obligations he had, in order to it, put himself under, than it would be for a Wite to hope from her Hufband, the performance of the Vows he made her when a Lover. He that, without recald to Humane or Divine Laws, had This ped upon the Righes of an Uncle, Brother, Father, and Wife, was not like to be restrained by Rules of his own preferibing. We are well enough ferr'd, and can juftly blame none but our felves, He understands his Interest and pursues it, though we did, and still do, grossly mittake ours. Our Treatons have been useful to him, and he rewards us with hatred and contempt, and cannot beneve himself fafe, unless he make us Slaves. He will force us, with the Ab in the

Apologue, dearly to repent our change of Mafters. And if we do not account a lafting War, both at Sea and Land, insupportable Taxes, loss of Trade, hundreds of our Ships (and among them not a few Royal ones) loft by Storm, and made Prize by France; 14000 of our Aimy, that was to have Conquered Ireland before last Michaelmas, defroyed without fighting, eaten up by Lice, Flux, and Famine; and above 5000 of that in Flanders loft by Hunger, Difease, and Defertion; 7000 of our ill-man'd Fleet Dead, and above 4000 more Sick; most poylon'd by flinking rotten Victuals, for want of French Salt; an evil like to continue next year alfo; unless we, who are far from being Mafters at Sea, can take it by force; frequent Robberies, barbarous Minders, and licentious Extravagancies, of Danes and Gimans, tokens of the Wrath of Heaven, and punishments for our crime, We shall be concluded to have as little fear of God, as we have had Hongur for the K. But all this we fuffer, and mere we are yet like to leffer, to be delivered from the frightful Bugbears of Pepery; from Fire and Fagot, breiling and burning in Smithfield and St. Johns; dangers, only of our own devising, whispered about by Knaves, and fuallowed by Fools: To avoid being confinned by these painted Flames, we have plunged our felves into a real Sea of Milery, and without a Miracle (which we Protestants, who believe them ceased, must not hope for) cannot cape drowning. We have long complained of a Defign, in the three last Reigns, to introduce the Frerch Form of Government, and fibrert our own; make the Parliament a Cypher, ferve for nothing but to burthen the Nation with Taxes, to support a Standing Army, and make our Kings Absolute. If ever there was ground for this Outcry, there is at this day, when the Name of Parliament is made use of, to unhinge the very Fundamentals, undermining in few Hours, by a fervile compliance with an Uiurper, our Laws, our beloved Migna Charta, what our Ancestors were a brilding up, hundreds of years, with a great deal of Toil and Blood, to enable their new Mafter by excellive Impolitions, feur Millions, and Scooco I. Sterl. over and above the ordinary Revenue, in his than one years time, to raife an Army, under pretence of un-necessary and destructive Wars, not of Erglife, but of Strumgers; not

to conquer others, but to enflave our seives; to bare faced a violation of our Rights and Liberties, was never before attempted by any of our Lawful Kings, or their reputed Penfioners: But is not this the Summ Total of our Convention, nick-named Parliament, proceedings? What good this immense profusion of our Treasure has produced, is but too well known: Nor can it but Stomuck every true English Man, that 600000 L. or it should be given to the States of Holland, for contributing to our Ruine, to serve themselves; their Manifesto of the 28ch. of Officer, has told us plainly, but faifly, That having understood the Kings of France and England, had entred into a League, to subvert their State, they had therefore affifted the P. of O. in his enterprise. Had there been any fuch League, our K. would not have refused the French King's offered Succours; which were sufficient to have prevented our Calamities, and the lois of his Crown: But from a Common-Wealth of Merchants and Hucksters, whose Policy and Religion is Interest and Gain, we are not to expect Truth, or Integrity, Conscience, or Honour. Our Parliament had no fooner perfected the Money Bills, and refolved, with a true zeal, and the wonted courage of their Predecessors, to rouse themselves up from their thameful flumbers, and enter in good earneit upon methods of redreffing the milmanagement of the Revenue, the ill conduct of the Fleet, non-payment of Seamons wages, starving the Aimies in Flanders and Iteland, the false Musters in all, the Navy Commanders pirating upon our Merchants, the Dutch and Danish Inflencies, the illegal free-quartering of Soldiers, our other many Publick Grievances, and the ill state of the Nation, than they were kicked out of Doors, as impertinent Medlers in what was not their proper business, with a surprising Prorogation, and a ridiculous baraigue; deferving the credit, the exact performance of his former Declarations and Speeches have taught us to give; That he is forry the Taxes are so beary on the People, and that h: intends to free them from the charge, by a speedy reduction of Ireland; against his Interest and his Practice, pursuant to the excellent advice given him; all which plainly prove, the spinning out this War, is the only certain way to his End, a Desperiek Arbitrany Power: The Demonstrations of this Truth, and our Mifery, are but too many, and

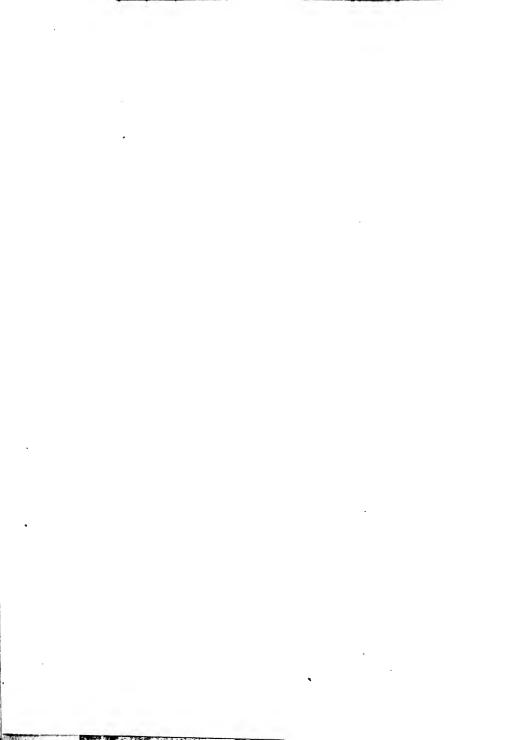
too evident. His now summoning another Convension of Lords and Commons, by the Name of Parliament, is not to remove, or leffen our burden, not to fatisfie, but amufe, by Coaxing and Cajoleries, the City and Country enraged at their Oppressions and the unexpected diffolution of the former, to gain time, for bringing in the reft of his Eody of Foreigners, the intended Inftruments of our Slavery, and to try, whether the Church of England-Men, whom he inwardly hates and fears, will be catched with chaff, prove kinder, greater foois than the Presbyterians, grant him more Money, more than the already impoverish'd Nation can bear, enough to enable him to compais his End, an Absolute boundless Pomer, under the plaufible pretence of reducing Ireland; which, reduced his way, would indeed put an end to Parliament Tixes, but not to his more Grievous Impesitions. He thinks it mean to cringe, and court, and ask for Money, and longs to throw off his Vizard, to be in a condition to take it as his own, when, and in what proportion he shall please. If his common Cant, and empty Words, which he has been always used to give, prevail with his new Px:liament, he will focu despise his equally by b' led Conformist and Ninconformist Friends; laugh at all cur Constitutions, and know no Law, but his own 1172, and in the stile of Ocr, by bim much envied, Neighbor, enforce his Edicts, to which ASts of Parliament must give place, with a For fuch is our pleafure; the only leafon he would fain give of all his Actions. His Counfels, and his Piececedings here, and in Holland, Cofficiently speak his Imperious Humor, and that this is his ultimate defign. If he would give the World the lye, and be gloriously just to himself, to his Word, to his Honour, and the good of E[g]land, which he pretends to much to affect, let him fend back his Troops of Strangers, lay aside his Crown, and propose to both Houses at their Meeting, in March, the rewarding his extraordinary zeal for the Protestant Cause, the calling a Legal Fice Parliament, to compole all our Diforders, and to to fettle our Government for the hature, that there may be no possibility of overturning our Laws, or our Religion, whether the Sovereign happen to be a Protestant, or a Papist, (he must be a stranger to Germany, and the Pewer of Parliaments, that thinks such a contrivance impossible,

or impracticable, this defire that what is past may be pardoned, and the Succession continued and provided for in the right Line. beyond the hazard of any illegal interuption. Such a generous proposition would quickly regain, and for ever establish our Peace and Trade, restore the distracted People to their Wits, and to their love of him, and prove no fmall argument to convince the many Gainsayers, that the P. of O-----s Dominion, though thort, was founded in Grace: But if, inftead of this Heroick Godlike temper, he should still infist, as we have cause to fear, upon his no-right of Possession. and playing the K. press for more Subsidies. or, which is tantamount, a fond to enable him to raise his projected Army, for other ends than that specious one of Ireland: I hope the H. of Commons will be fo sharp fighted, so honest and so wife, as to observe the Snake hid under this Grass, hold their hands, and not do his business, before their own and the Nations'; not part with a Shilling, till they have first fecur'd us against Conquest and Slavery. They, who repre-

fent the People, need not be told, the genea rality of England wait but for the word, to shew they are yet able and ready to back, them with Lives and Fortunes, in the defence of their Liberty, Properties and Religion, when, and however they in Christian Politicks shall prescribe. The Armed strangers, which we, forgetful of Danish cruelties, have suffered to Land, are yet too few, to master our Women; but if there be not an immediate stop put to their Inundation, they will foon be an unequal Match, even for our Men. Upon the whole Matter, Instead of a Moses, a Deliverer, as we were made believe, we bave found a Pharoah, a heavy Task-Master; and, like true Northern Heroes, have caughe a Tartar with a Witness: and unless we resolve to show our selves Men. English-Men, alike zealous for Glory, Liberty. and Life, and speedily call for Succour, a Free Parliament, and our old King, which alone can make one, we shall be devoured by For reigners at home, and become the scorn of all the World abroad.

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