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SIR CHARLES LYTTLETON.

MY LORD,

London, July 24, 1681.

This morning, y^e K^s surprized every body that is not a Privy Counsellor by coming by 8 a clock to town, and sat immediately in counsell. The matter was, my Lord Shaftsbury was seized by a Sarjeant at Armes (M^r Deerham) this morning in his bed and brought to y^e Councell, and, after having bine examined, was committed to y^e Tower upon a warrant of high treason, wth was sworn agst him by four persons. The Judges were sent for to y^e Councell, and they all declared wth was sworn agst him to be high treason. The persons that have sworn are one Haynes,^a who my Lord Shaftsbury had so much appeared to get a pardon for, one Rouse,^b formerly a clerk, as I heare, to S^r Thomas Playce, and Turberville, and another^c I know not. They say, too, that Turberville has

^a Bryan Haynes, one of the principal witnesses against both College and Shaftsbury.

^b This is a mistake. John Rouse was himself proceeded against, but the grand jury threw out the bill. He was afterwards executed for his part in the Rye House plot.

^c Edward Turberville and John Murchison.

sworn that all he sayd of my L^d Stafford was fals. They talk too that Dugdale is come in, too, to sweare on that side. It was sayd that there are warrants out for severall others. My L^d of Essex was named; but I beleve there is no such thing as to him, because I saw my Lord goe out of town this afternoone towards his own house, wth 5 or 6 of servants wth him on horsback; and I beleve, by his equipage, he came to town but this morning. The King returned to Windsor after dinner.

Plunket^a and Fitzharris^b were both executed yesterday. Plunket is generally pittied and beleved to dye very innocent of w^{ch} he was condemned. Fitzharris left a paper behind him to be given to his wife, in w^{ch}, I heard the K^e say, he says that w^{ch} he sayd in his examination before y^e 2 sherriffs, when he was first taken, was dictated to him by the sherrills, that is, as to y^e Quon, y^e Duke, my Lord Danby, and y^e K^e himself.

WILLIAM LONGUEVILLE.

MY LORD,

9 July [1661].

Yesterday the bill of enditement ag^t Colledge^c was preferred to y^e grand jury at old Baily; and Dugdale, Smith,^d Haynes, and Macknamara, as also S^r W^m Jennings, were witnesses of his declaring a plott ag^t y^e King at Oxford, and of his professing treasonable designes, &c.; w^{ch} being heard in y^e court, y^e jury did afterwards catechise in private, but on what grounds satisfied I have not yett

^a Oliver Plunket, titular primate of Ireland, the last victim of the Popish plot.

^b Edward Fitzharris, the author of the Libel.

^c Stephen College, the Protestant Joiner.

^d John Smith, commonly called Narrative Smith, being the author of a Narrative of the Popish plot. He was sometime rector of St. Mary's, Colchester.

heard, but ignoramus was found. The Duke of Monmouth, Earles of Salisbury, Essex, cum aliis, M^r Ralph M[ontagu], and such like, were all there. Then came y^e point whether y^e habeas corpus for L^{td} Shaftsbury and Howard^a should bee granted, and y^e judges (9 of them being there) declared it could not bee, as y^e Tower not being within their commission of oyer and terminer. Upon y^e Statute 3 Hen. 8 for correcting pannells of juryes, there was a paper printed, as also of another statute of Hen. 4, in Rastall at large; and y^e judges in that could not doe ought by reason of y^e statutes meaning only gaole delivery, whereas y^e jury was returned on y^e oyer and terminer commission. It is thought y^e bills of inditement against y^e L^{td} were not preferred by reason of Colledge's case. Y^e sollicitor Whitacre^b was committed yesterday to y^e Tower. Fitzharris his last papers were very odd ones.

THE SAME.

MY LORD,

26 July [1681].

The joyner is like to bee tryed by a speciall commiss^o at Oxford, and after him y^e L^{td} businesse comes on. My Lord Dorset^c is upon going beyond seas, as thought y^e hce may bee out of y^e way when y^e tryals come on. Tom of Ten Thousand or y^e Protestant Squire^d is most in talk for Lady Ogle, by y^e meanes of y^e Duke's M^r Bret.^e Y^e Duke is like to returne after his parl^t over in Scotland. Y^e poore protestants^f are to bee collected for next weeke

^a Lord Howard of Escrick had been committed to the Tower for contriving Fitzharris's libel.

^b Edward Whitaker.

^c Charles Sackville, 6th Earl of Dorset.

^d Thomas Thynne.

^e Richard Bret.

^f The Huguenots who had escaped from persecution in France.