

the Gout, and was still much indisposed, he was determined to be this Day in his Seat at the House of Commons, to support their Rights and Privileges, even though he should be obliged to be carried in a Litter, and that he was to leave the Mansion-House at One o'Clock. In consequence of the above, a very numerous Concurrence of People were assembled by Noon in Cheap-side, but no Disorder was committed.

About a Quarter past Two o'Clock his Lordship, attended by some Hundreds of the Populace, and accompanied by Mr. Alderman Oliver in another Coach, went up to the House, which continued sitting for some Time after.

The Minister is somewhat embarrassed about the intended Expulsion of Two City Magistrates, from a Conviction that One of them will be certainly re-chosen.

Last Night there was a Meeting of several of the Ministry at Carlton House, but it was very remarkable that a certain Counsellor did not appear.

March 20. Soon after the Lord Mayor entered the House of Commons Yesterday, he desired that the Business on which he was summoned might be brought on, as he was very ill, and wished to retire. The Speaker then offered him the Use of his Room. His Lordship asked if there was a Bed in it; and being answered in the Negative, said it would then be of little Service to him, as he was too ill to sit up. The Business at the Mansion House on Friday being then taken into Consideration, his Lordship, in his Place, avowed the Part he had taken, asserted that what he had done was agreeable to his Oath and the Charters of the City of London, and that he would act in the same Manner on any future similar Occasion. Mr. Alderman Oliver also spoke in Defence of the Rights and Privileges of the Citizens of London. A Motion was then made to adjourn the farther Consideration of this Affair until that Day Se'nnight, which was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was then made by Sir Joseph Mawbey, for Mr. Wilkes to attend the House, which was agreed to.

The Lord Mayor, when he went to the House of Commons Yesterday, was accompanied by a vast Concurrence of People. The Number increased considerably the nearer he approached to Westminster. About Exeter Change in the Strand they began their Acclamations, which did not cease until he had got into the House of Commons, for in the very Lobby, as he came through, and even when the Door of the House of Commons was set open for him, there was not a Voice or Hand, among some Hundreds of Persons of genteel Appearance, that was not employed to demonstrate their Approbation of his Conduct; in consequence of which immediate Orders were given to clear the Lobby, and every Person was turned out.

When the Lord Mayor left the House, the Populace, to shew their Regard to that patriotic Magistrate, took his Lordship's Horses from his Coach, and drew him themselves in Triumph to the Mansion House, amidst the loud and incessant Acclamations of his applauding Fellow-Citizens.

March 21. Captain Braithwaite, of his Majesty's Frigate the *Liverpool*, arrived at the Admiralty Yesterday Express from Commodore Proby, and it is said to bring certain Advices from Governor Boyd, that a Spanish Fleet of 20 Ships of the Line and Six Frigates, with Troops on Board, were expected to sail on the 14th Instant from Ferrol. They are expected to be joined by 12 Ships of the Line and Four Bombs, with Troops from Brest. The Commodore, when he dispatched the above Frigate, sailed with all the Ships under his Command to Gibraltar.

We hear as soon as the above Advice was received, Messengers were dispatched to the Docks at Portsmouth and Plymouth.

March 22. Mr. Wilkes, on Tuesday, having been served with an Order to attend the House of Commons on Wednesday, wrote the following Letter to Sir Fletcher Norton.

"SIR,
"I this Morning received an Order commanding my Attendance this Day in the House of Commons. I observe that no Notice was taken of me in your Order as a Member of the House, and that I am not required to attend in my Place. Both these Circumstances, according to the settled Form, ought to have been mentioned in my Case, and I hold them absolutely indispensable. In the Name of the Freeholders of Middlesex, I again demand my Seat in Parliament; having the Honour to be freely chosen, by a very great Majority, one of the Representatives of the said County. I am ready to take the Oaths prescribed by Law, and to give in my Qualification as Knight of the Shire. When I have been admitted to my Seat I will immediately give the House the most exact Detail, which will necessarily comprehend a full Justification of my Conduct relative to the late illegal Proclamation, equally injurious to the Honour of the Crown and the Rights of the Subject, and likewise the whole Business of the Printers. I have acted entirely from a Sense of Duty to this great City, whose Franchises I am sworn to maintain; and to my Country, whose noble Constitution I reverence; and whose Liberties, at the Price of my Blood, to the last Moment of my Life, I will defend and support."

I am, SIR,
Your most humble Servant,
JOHN WILKES."

It is beyond a Doubt that the *Obstinacy* of the Printers (as the Ministry term the noble Stand made by the Printers in Defence of the Liberty of the Subject, and the Law of the Land) has grieved the Government beyond any Incident since the Commencement of the glorious Reign of George the Third.

March 23. The Lord Mayor sent a Message Yesterday to a great Assembly, that his present indisposition prevented his attending in his Place that Day according to Order.

The Lord Mayor is ordered to attend in his Place on Monday next, if his Health will permit.

John Wilkes, Esq; is also ordered to attend again on Monday next, when, if he should refuse a Second Time to obey, it is imagined he will be voted guilty of Contempt.

Mr. Alderman Oliver attended in his Place Yesterday according to Order.

On Thursday about Two o'Clock, Mr. Morgan, by Order of the House of Commons (being then before them), was obliged to expunge the Entry in the City Minute Book of the Proceedings on Friday last, relating to Mr. Witham the Messenger, for taking Mr. Miller into Custody; and also that Part of it, wherein Mr. Miller was bound over to prosecute the Messenger. After which a Motion was made by Lord North, and the Question put, "That no other Prosecution, Suit, or Proceeding, be commenced or carried on for or on Account of the said pretended Assault or false Imprisonment;" which was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. Holder, Clerk to the sitting Aldermen at Guildhall, was ordered to attend a great Assembly Yesterday, with the Minutes he took respecting the Printers.

The Guards, both Horse and Foot, have Orders to be ready on Monday next, at a Moment's Warning, to prevent any Riots happening on Account of the Lord Mayor's attending the House.

It is confidently said, that the late violent Measures in respect to the Printers, was given in Command from Carlton House. The Premier represented in vain the bad Consequences which have since followed, and even the Two precipitate Tools, who were once as violent for Wilkes and Liberty as they are now for the Court, entered on the Business with unusual Reluctance, and for the First Time they proved they could construe their own Motto.

It is said that Charles Fox, Esq; is now the constant Messenger between Downing-street and the Carlton House Junta.

Lord North, it is said, heartily wishes himself fairly rid of the City Business, and curses the Two Onflows for their Officiousness in giving it Birth.

It is imagined by some, that no parliamentary Expulsions will take Place in consequence of some late Transactions in the City, the Government dreading nothing so much as to increase the Popularity of their Opponents; but it is conjectured that some Laws will speedily be enacted, to restrain more effectually the Freedom of the Press, and to give a certain House an established Authority over all Persons and Corporations.

When the Lord Mayor arrived on Tuesday at the House, he was questioned (as we are informed) concerning his Conduct at the Mansion House on Friday, in signing a Warrant of Commitment for One of the Messengers of that House to the Compter: To which his Lordship replied, "That he had only done his Duty as chief Magistrate of the City of London, having acted conformable to his Oath and the Charters of the said City, by which he was bound to protect the Persons, Property and Franchises of his Fellow-Citizens." After some Time spent in Debate, his Lordship told Mr. Trecothick that he was extremely ill, and wished to withdraw, which he was allowed.

March 26. It is thought that both Houses of Parliament will adjourn on Thursday next until Tuesday the 8th of April.

Yesterday Afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'Clock, a Motion was made in the Lower Assembly whether the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, in his late Conduct to one of the Messengers of their House, had not been guilty of a Breach of Privilege. Sir George Saville immediately moved for the previous Question, and declared, that if the first Motion was carried, he, and he hoped every independent Gentleman, would immediately quit the House; upon which a long Debate ensued.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and Mr. Alderman Oliver, went through the City to the House of Commons, in Consequence of an Order of the House to attend this Day in their Places. The Lord Mayor was attended in his Coach by his Chaplain (Mr. Evans) and Mr. George Bellas. They were accompanied by the Aldermen Stephenson, Turney, Kirkman, and the several Common Council that were ordered of the Committee, and were met at the House by Alderman Sir Charles Asgill. When they arrived there, the Lord Mayor, his Chaplain, the Aldermen, and Common Council, were ordered into the House. They were accompanied thither by a prodigious Concurrence of People, among whom was a great Number of Gentlemen, Merchants, and reputable Tradesmen, many of whom went in their Carriages.

Two o'Clock. The Printer has just received Intelligence that Alderman Oliver is committed to the Tower; and that the farther Consideration of the Lord Mayor's Affair, which the House terms a high Misdemeanor, is to be debated To-morrow, and that the House still continues sitting.

How wretched must have been the Conduct of the Ministry in regard to the Affair of the Printers, when it is universally condemned by Friends and Enemies! Nay, their loudest Abettors in the House, it is well known, condemn them out of it.

The Lord Mayor returned from the House of Commons last Night, about Eleven o'Clock, attended by a Number of Persons, to the Mansion House.

It is thought a Motion will be made, at the next Court of Common-Council, relative to the Conduct of a certain City Clerk.

TRECOTHICK, LOCUM TENENS.
CROSBY, MAYOR.

At a Common Council holden in the Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of London, on Thursday the Twenty-first Day of March, 1771.

(COPY.)

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Court be given to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen Wilkes and Oliver, for having, on a late important Occasion, supported the Privileges and Franchises of this City, and defended our excellent Constitution."

Sunday Night the Committee, appointed to support the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, sat at the Mansion House, in order to consider what Steps should be taken Yesterday, on his Lordship's going to the House of Commons. They did not break up till Ten o'Clock.

Sunday Fourteen Clerks were employed at the City Solicitor's Office, transcribing the City Charters and other ancient Records.

Yesterday, about Two o'Clock, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, attended by Mr. Alderman Oliver, went from the Mansion House, to attend in their respective Places in the House of Commons, pursuant to Orders issued to them on Friday last. There was a prodigious Concurrence of People about the Mansion House to see them come out, and the Crowd continued to increase the whole Way to Westminster Hall.

On their Arrival at the House, the general Approbation of the Lord Mayor's Conduct in this important Affair was expressed by loud and long continued Acclamations.

Yesterday Morning a great Number of Members came down early to the House of Commons, in order to take their Places, expecting a very full House.

WILLIAMSBURG, May 9.

By Captain Barron, who left London the 17th of March, we are informed that the Lord Mayor had been committed to the Tower: That the Merchants of London, by Subscription, had offered to bail him for Five Millions; and, on its being refused, they came to a Resolution of drawing on the Bank for the whole Sum: That the Populace had entirely demolished Lord North's Coach, and cut off the Tails and Ears of his Coach Horses.

ANNAPOLIS, MAY 23.

The Ship *Trimley*, Captain Page, arrived here Yesterday; he left London the First of April, and brings certain Intelligence, that Three Days before he sailed, the Right Hon. *Brass Crosby*, Esq; Lord Mayor, and *Richard Oliver*, Esq; both Members of Parliament, were committed to the Tower, by Order of the House of Commons; and that the Populace were much enraged.—The Captain brought no publick Prints.

To be sold by publick Vendue, on Friday the 7th of June, at the House of Mr. John Steele, in Calvert County, for ready Cash, or good Bills of Exchange.

A Parcel of Country born Negroes. Also, several Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs.
(2w) STEWARD & NORRIS.

May 23, 1771:
T O B E S O L D,

A Commodious Plantation, on *Elk-Ridge*, within Twenty-two Miles of Annapolis, Eighteen of *Baltimore-Town*, and Ten of *Elk-Ridge Landings*, well adapted to Grain and Grass. A View of the Premises will sufficiently evince the Beauty of the Situation and Fertility of the Soil.

(1f) H. GRIFFITH,

May 18, 1771.
Just imported from London, in the Sally. Capt. James Buchanan, and to be sold by the Subscriber, at Queen-Anne, on Patuxent River, for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco.

A Large and neat Assortment of European and India Goods, suitable to the different Seasons.
(w3) SINGLETON WOOTTON.

Annapolis, May 22, 1771.
WE the Administrators of *Edward Dorsey*, Esq; and *Henrietta Maria Dorsey*, his Daughter, deceased, have authorized and appointed *Mr. Reuben Meriwether*, of Annapolis, to settle the Business of the said *Edward Dorsey*, Esq; and *Henrietta Maria Dorsey*'s Estate, to receive all Monies due to, and pay all that may be owing by the said Estate. We earnestly request all those indebted to the Estate, by Bond, Note, or open Account, to come and make immediate Payment, to prevent Suits being brought against them, as we are determined to give no further Indulgence.

Whereas there have been several Judgments obtained and Executions issued, and not returned or satisfied by the Sheriffs, we give this last Notice, that unless they are without Delay, we shall proceed against the Sheriffs.

(w4) ELY DORSEY,
THOMAS BEALE DORSEY.

Annapolis, May 23, 1771.
PETER SINNOTT, TAYLOR, from Dublin, HERBY, informs the PUBLICK, that he has taken on his Trade in all its Branches, at the House of Mr. JAMES REID, Barber, where all Gentlemen who please to favour him with their Custom, may depend on having their Cloaths well made, according to their Direction, in the newest and neatest Fashion, either in Europe or America. He also scours and cleans Cloaths in a superior Manner than has hitherto been done in this Place, and is infallible at taking Spots and Stains out of Scarlet Cloth: He likewise makes Ladies Riding Dresses, long and short Cloaks, &c. whose Favours will be greatly acknowledged by PETER SINNOTT.