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Note.

The first series of Extracts from the State Papers preserved in the Public Record Office in London, relating to Friends, now presented to the reader, covers the period 1654 to 1658, from the first mention of Quakers to the death of Oliver Cromwell. These Extracts demonstrate the considerable amount of suffering inflicted on Friends by local authority during the Interregnum, and they also exhibit the desire of Cromwell's Council of State to mitigate and prevent such sufferings, so far as possible.

Charlotte Fell Smith, who has transcribed these Extracts from the original MSS., is engaged on the preparation of a further series, and it is hoped that the result of her work may be published in due course.

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Abbreviations Used.

F.P.T. = "The First Publishers of Truth," published by the Friends' Historical Society, 1907.

τ, ç = a soft c, as petiçon = petition.

p = p succeeded by a vowel and r, pills = perills.

β = p succeeded by r and a vowel, ꝑceed = proceed.

Introduction.

The "Public Record Office," in its present building and fulfilling its present functions, is the creation of an Act of Parliament passed in 1838, the second year of the reign of the late Queen Victoria. But the "Public Records" which it contains stretch over a period beginning nearly eight hundred years before the date of this Act. They have been gathered into the one building from many sources, sources alike, however, in this, that they have all been concerned with the various branches of the business of the King and his kingdom. The Public Records, in short, comprise documents of every description that belong to the Sovereign in right of his crown.

Until this Act came into operation, the ancient records were widely separated in different places, many of which were, in every respect, unfit. They were also under the control of different persons. Now they have been brought into a single central building and are in the charge and superintendence of one high official, the Master of the Rolls for the time being. The Public Record Office itself is a fine and extensive building, erected from the designs of the late Sir John Pennethorne, and is situated on what was known as the "Rolls Estate," between Chancery Lane and Fetter Lane, with frontages to both these old and famous highways of London, and is in close proximity to the new Law Courts in the Strand.

Of the value of the contents of this capacious and imposing building, there is no question. An oft-quoted remark with regard to them is that they excel all others

in "age, beauty, correctness and authority," so that even though there have been in the past many losses and much damage (such as there is reason to believe will henceforth be avoided), enough remains to yield information with regard to almost every department of life throughout the empire from generation to generation, and undoubtedly to be the proud possession of the British people. The bulk is enormous; year by year it is being added to, while the character of the records is multifarious, both as regards form and subject.

Going a little more into detail, they include, first, the records of the Chancery and the Exchequer. To particularise as regards one example only, belonging to the division of the "Receipt of the Exchequer" are the two volumes of supreme antiquity, interest and value, known collectively as "Domesday Book." But this is only one of many noble possessions to be found in this division. Then come the records of the Superior Courts of Law, formerly separated into the Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, and of the High Court of Admiralty, all now united with the Court of Probate, the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and the London Court of Bankruptcy, into the one "Supreme Court of Judicature in England." The records of the three last-mentioned Courts are not, however, in the Public Record Office, but deposited elsewhere.

Then there are the records of special and abolished jurisdictions such as the Marshalsea Court with its prison (known to the readers of Dickens's stories), the Palace Court (brought to an end through the satire of Thackeray), the Court of Requests (which has lately yielded a new signature of Shakespeare), the Court of Star Chamber (established by King Henry VII. in order to secure "good governance," but utilised later in a manner that brought about its abolition by an indignant people), and the "Court of Wards and Liveries" (also in course of time enlarged in its powers so as to be oppressive, and finally

abolished in the first year of Charles II.'s Restoration). The mere mention of these titles is sufficient to indicate what treasures of legal, historical, and social information they are capable of yielding.

To the list must be added the records of the Palatinates of Durham and Lancaster, and of the Principality of Wales and the Duchy of Lancaster, more local in their character than those previously referred to, but still of the greatest value and interest.

And, omitting some others of comparatively minor character, two more classes remain to be specially noticed, because from the first of them are drawn the contents of the pages of the volume to which these remarks form a slight introduction. They may be conveniently described as two, though in effect the second is a modern development of the first.

In the year 1578, by which time paper, as distinguished from parchment, had long been brought into common use for writing purposes, an office for keeping papers and records concerning matters of State was established. Early in the reign of James I., these papers, which had hitherto been kept in chests, were reduced into the form of a library, and the King appointed two Keepers of the State Papers, and assigned apartments in the Palace of Whitehall in which the papers should be kept. From that time onwards there was always a "Keeper of the State Papers," until in the year 1854, on the death of the last holder, the Rt. Hon. Henry Hobhouse, the office was abolished and the papers, which in the intervening centuries had been moved about and escaped some great perils, were transferred to the custody and the record habitation of the Master of the Rolls. These are what are now known as "State Papers,"—"Domestic," "Ireland," "Borders," "Foreign," "Colonial," and they correspond essentially to the class to be mentioned last, *viz.*, the "Records of the Departments of State"—Home Office, Foreign Office, Colonial Office, Admiralty, etc., etc.

The records of these departments are already deposited in the Public Record Office to a comparatively modern date, and occupy a very large space and are added to in great quantity from time to time.

These are the main divisions of the Public Records in the Public Record Office. There are others, of an analogous kind, relating to Scotland in the General Register House at Edinburgh; to Ireland, in the Public Record Office of Ireland in the Four Courts, Dublin.

The separation of the old State Papers into the different series in which they are now found was not the work of contemporary hands, for, until the latter part of the eighteenth century, there were no separate Secretaries of State dealing respectively with Domestic, Foreign, and Colonial affairs. Nor, on the other hand, has this arrangement of the papers been made in quite modern times. It is of some standing. It will be seen that the documents published in this little volume are almost entirely taken from the "Domestic" series. To this series, Calendars have been published from the reign of King Henry VIII. down to near the end of the reign of Charles II., and also for parts of the reigns of subsequent sovereigns. There are Calendars also of portions of other series. These form excellent guides to the contents of the Papers, and sometimes serve the purpose of the historical student equally well with the originals. There are also printed lists of the various series, showing what volumes exist for the different reigns and the periods they respectively cover.

For access to the Public Records in England, generous provision is made in the case of all legitimately entitled to it. There are two large Public Search Rooms and a third restricted to such persons as have permits to examine documents not open except by special permission of the Head of the Department of the Government concerned. To students pursuing historical, antiquarian and genealogical purposes, a student's ticket, obtained without

difficulty by persons of respectability, gives free admission to and accommodation in the Search Rooms. Others are charged moderate fees. And to those thus admitted every facility possible is given by the officials in charge.

Mention of the Museum must not be omitted. In a fine hall, occupying the site and area of the Rolls Chapel, now pulled down, are arranged a certain number of interesting specimens of records, beginning with Domesday Book and including such documents as letters of the Sovereigns, statesmen, warriors and other men and women famous in the story of the English people. This is open freely to the public on all week-days except Saturdays and holidays, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A catalogue, sold at sixpence, gives adequate information and guidance to the interested visitor.

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Extracts from State Papers.

For a long time it has been felt that a thorough and exhaustive search should be made of the documents stored in the Record Office, for the sake of discovering what contributions towards the early history of the Society could be levied upon these unique and original sources.

The investigation has at length been commenced, and has resulted in many remarkable discoveries. The following pages contain the results, which consist mainly of accurate transcriptions of the documents themselves, supplemented only by such few notes and explanations as may be essential to connect the thread of history. The chronological order in which the papers are printed seems, on the whole, best, though involving a somewhat fragmentary effect.

First Reference to Friends.

The earliest mention of Quakers that has been traced occurs in the proceedings of the Council of State of Wednesday, 14th June, 1654, when an order was issued to four members of the Council to consider how the meetings of Quakers, which were becoming so numerous, might be best suppressed. The order was the third for the day.

“That it be referred to S^r Charles Wolseley, Major Gen^l Lambert, Mr. Rous, Maior Gen^l Skippon, and M^r Maijor or any two of them to consider of the most convenient way to prevent and suppress all tumultuous meetings of persons, on pretence of Quakers or otherwise and to report their opinion to the Councell.”¹

On the same day, the President of the Council, Henry Lawrence, signed and sent the following letter to Colonel Saunders in Derbyshire, with instructions to break up the meetings of Quakers in that county:—

¹ S.P.D., I. 75, p. 368. *Cal.* 1654, p. 210.

“ To Colonel Saunders in Derbyshire.

S^r. The Councill have received Information this day that tumultuous and numerous meetings have beene lately had in Derbyshire, by persons goeing under the Name of Quakers, whose assembling together (though upon other pretences) may countenance and give oportunity to disaffected to the good and peace of this Comonwealth, to attempt and prosequate designes tending to a publique prejudice. The Councill have therefore thought fit to recomēd it to yo^r Care that all such meetings in yo^r parts may be scattered, and for the tyme to come (soe farr as in you shall lye) prevented. And that if you shall finde amongst them any persons whose notorious disaffection to the present government, or former adherence to the Enemyes of the Parlament shall render justly suspitious, you cause such persons to be apprehended and secured till further order, which the Councill have ordered me to signifie to you, and to desire yo^r speedy and effectuall execution of the premises, and in order thereunto to make use of any the forces under you, as you shall finde most conducing to this service.

Signed in y^e Name & by Order of the Councill,

HE. LAWRENCE, Pres^t.

Whitehall, 14th June, 1654.”¹

The result of this letter is seen by the record given for this year by Joseph Besse: “ Several Meetings in this County were broken up, and the People forcibly haled out of them by Soldiers commanded by a Colonel, who said he had Authority from the Protector to disturb all Meetings.”² He adds that when a Friend asked to see the authority, rough usage was the answer. We can now fix the date of the disturbed meetings as June or July, 1654.

A Petition from Mansfield.

About a month later, the people of Mansfield, being much exercised in their minds at the spread of Quakerism, sent a petition to the Protector for the appointment of Mr. John Firth as their minister. The petition was received on 12th July, 1654. It has twenty-two signatures.

“ To his Highnes Oliver Lord Protector of y^e Comon-wealth of England &c.

The humble petiçon of divers of y^e well-affected Inhabitants of Mannseild in the Countie of Nottingham, sheweth

¹ S.P.D., I. 75, p. 373. Cal. 1654, p. 211.

² *Sufferings*, i. 137.

That y^e said towne is a considerable Markett through fare (and for its proporcion very populus) But the Rectory is Improprate, and soe the maintenance for a Minister very small & incompetent, not exceeding to xx^{li} pound, their vicarage being formerly in y^e donaçon of y^e deane of Lincolne, for which reasons (amongst others) it hath now by the Space of five yeares & vpwards bene destitute of an able Godly & orthodox Minister to dispence the Misteries of the Gospell & the minde of Christ, for their edification, although it hath bene the earnest desires of yo^r pet^r to find out a man of Gospell principles and Spirite of good affection to yo^r highnes & this Co^mon-wealth to preach the Gospell there : And the Comon Enemy of Mankinde takeing occasion thereby hath poysoned the spirits of very many, wth that erroneious Spirit of Quaking whereby y^e interest of Sathan hath increased more & more in the Said towne.

Now at last an extraordinarie hand of providence and goodnes of God (not without some labo^r and struggling on their parts) hath vouchsafed them one Mr. John ffirth, a man of very gracious abillities & experiences, of an Evangelicall Spirite, vnblameable and Gospell Conversaçon, as by many of the hands of the most pious & able Ministers of the City of Yorke, and other places, will testify ;

And forasmuch as they of the said towne for their parts, have found the Lord setting a Seall to his Ministerie amongst them by bringing over the Spiritts of Some (and that of those that were the most repugnant to the wayes of God), soe that they now Concurr and agree in their desires with others for his Setlement and Continuance there ; And it is much hoped that others y^t are gone astray into by pathes, and fallen from the wayes of truth into error, wilbe reduced and brought into the fould of Jesus Christ by his Ministry in the said towne.

Therefore doe humbly pray that the said M^r John ffirth may by yo^r Highnes order be settled in the same place as their Minister to preach the Gospell there, And the Soules of many shall have cause to blesse yo^r Highnes.”¹

Prison Doors Closed and Opened.

We come next to a letter from Captain Henry Hatsell, a Navy Commissioner stationed at Plymouth, to Robert Blackborne, Secretary to the Admiralty Commissioners in London, in which he reports the arrival of three Quakers from Bristol. We give only an extract from the letter, but sufficient to shew how entirely the mission of these three preachers was misunderstood.

¹ S.P.D. lxxiii. 25, 26. *Cal.* 1654, p. 250.

“ 25 May, 1655. Plymouth.

. . . here came to this place About five Dayes since, 3 quakers ffrom Bristoll,¹ & y^e last Lords Day they gathered people together in A house at y^e out skirte of this Corporation, & there made Discoveries of new Lights: and two Dayes since they heard that y^e Mayo^r would send for them. Came to him to knowe his pleasure, with A salute, what wilte thou haue of vs? & wth their hats on, w^{ch} much Amazed y^e people: one of them when they Came to be Examined was somewhat Ingeneous & Acknowledged y^e Cause of his Comming into these parts, & p^mised to Returne into his owne home: the other two stood stiffe in their hardned folly. y^e first is att Liberty, the other two are Committed, where they have been two Dayes, & as an honest man told me Just now, that since they have been in the prison they have neither sought god by prayer, nor Craved A blessinge on what they have Receyved, nor Returned thanks,² the More I behold y^e workings of Satan in this Manner, the More Cause I have to Acknowledge the mercie of y^e Most high. . . .”³

On 28th May, Hatsell wrote again to the Admiralty Secretary and shewed himself no hard man after all. He alluded with much sympathy to “ the unheard of cruelties practised against the professors of the Truths of Christ, whose blood the Lord will no doubt avenge,” meaning the Waldenses, and added as postscript:—

“ The Quakers are still in prison, being very stiffe & are Like to be sent to y^e Common Gaole, our quiet west country people doe judge them to be men of A strange humo^r.”⁴

Many Friends were now in prison in different counties, and various petitions were sent up by them to the Council of State.

On 6th February, 1655/6, Wolsley, Mulgrave, Jones, Rous,

¹ We know from the tract, *The Wounds of an Enemy*, 1656, that two of the travellers were Thomas Salthouse, from Lancashire, and Miles Halhead, from Westmorland. The other is described as “ a friend of Bristoll, born at Exeter, who spake not to the people,” and so “ was set free, with charge to be gone home.”

The First-day meeting was held at the house of John Harris, and among those present was “ George Brooks, then Priest of the Nightingale Friggot,” a man of notoriously bad character, to whom some plain questions were put, and who was the cause of the commitment of Salthouse and Halhead. These two Friends suffered imprisonment for more than a year in Plymouth and Exeter. See also *F.P.T.*; *Besse*.

² The same complaint is made in *The Character of a Quaker*, 1671, p. 10. But when Friends were moved to express a few words before a meal, they were, at times, apprehended for preaching at a Conventicle! See *Journal of George Fox*, ii. 133; *Besse's Sufferings*, i. 764; *F.P.T.* 240.

³ S.P.D. xcviil. 83. *Cal.* 1655, p. 183.

⁴ S.P.D. xcviil. 87. *Cal.* 1655, p. 184.

Lisle, the Lord Deputy Fleetwood, and Lambert were appointed "to consider what is to be done on two papers delivered from the Quakers and whether it be fitt to make any recommendation thereon to the Majors-General."¹

The arrests went on, and on 25th February, Capt. Francis Willoughby wrote from Portsmouth to the Admiralty Commissioners that he had received as prisoners from the southern parts of Sussex, "a tinker, a quaker, two glass-carriers . . . thus many a poor man [is] brought from his home to travel 100 miles or more without a penny in his purse."²

By the autumn, it was decided either by Cromwell or the Council, or by both in unison, that severity against the Quakers should be abated. They were not only to be released from prison, but the fines imposed were to be discharged. On 2nd October orders in Council were made, and approved by the Protector in person, that the Quakers now in prison in Exeter be forthwith released and set at liberty. Major Gen. Desborough (Western Counties) to take order the same be done; he to consider the most convenient way to take off and discharge the Fines sett upon any of them, he to take care upon discharging them that they be sent to their respective homes.

Quakers imprisoned at Dorchester also are to be forthwith released & sett at liberty, Desborough to see that the order concerning Exeter be pursued also at Dorchester. Quakers imprisoned at Colchester and Bury St. Edmunds be forthwith released, their fines discharged, and they be sent to their respective homes. Major Gen. Hezekiah Heynes to see this carried out.³

On 16th October an order was made for the release of Quakers imprisoned at Colchester, Bury St. Edmunds and Ipswich. Sir Francis Russell was ordered to see it done, consider how the fines set on them, if any, might best be discharged, and send them to their respective homes. This order was approved on 17th October.⁴

On 11th December, 1656, there is an order made for payment to Edward Birkhead, Sergeant-at-arms, of the sum of

¹ S.P.D., I. 76, pp. 524, 525. *Cal.* 1655-6, p. 164.

² S.P.D. cxxxv. 69. *Cal.* 1655-6, p. 489.

³ S.P.D., I. 77, p. 422. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 122.

⁴ S.P.D., I. 77, pp. 441, 447. *Cal.* 1656-7, pp. 133, 135.

£26 18s. 8d., the charge "for bringing up the Quakers from Bristol,"¹ presumably James Nayler and his companions.

In the following February, 1656/7, a most important and special order was made for the discharge of fines levied upon twenty-two Friends. Slightly abbreviated from the Order Book, it runs as under :—

1656-7. Feb. 3.—Whereas at the Assizes at Launceston 24 March, 1655, Edward Pyott, George Fox & William Salt were indicted & convicted before justices for severall Contempts & misdemeanours by them Committed in the County, and fined; & at Dorchester assizes 24 July, 1656, Richard Faireman & George Bayly likewise indicted & fined; also at Exeter Castle 2 August, 1656, Thomas Boylstone, Henry Godman, Thomas Powell, William Bayly, John James, Humphry Smith, John Boulton, James Nayler,² Thomas Hawkins, Samuell Cater, Robert Crabb, Nicholas Gannycliffe, & Priscilla Cotton were convicted of misdemeanours & fined; & whereas at Launceston Assizes 9th August, 1656, John Ellis, James Godfrey, James Myer & Joseph Cole were indicted & fined, it is ordered that the Clerk of Assize, Western Circute, do forbear to estreate any of the said fynes, seuerally sett on any or either of these aforesaid until he receive further order from His Highness or the Councell in this behalfe.

Approved by the Protector, 7 February.³

Justices of the Peace.

It is well known and understood that the hardships suffered by Friends often resulted from the whim, fancy, or even the personal dislike of the magistrates before whom Friends were brought. It is not so well understood, and indeed it has come as a surprise to those best acquainted with the history of Quakerism, that Friends exerted themselves eagerly to obtain the appointment, as Justices, of persons whom they knew to be inclined to fairness and good ruling. They even went so far as to send up to the Council lists for various counties of those whom they thought suitable for the post. The earliest list of this character to be found is from Northamptonshire, and is signed by nineteen Friends. It was presented to the Council of State, 19 December, 1655.

¹ S.P.D., I. 77, p. 566. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 192.

² Nayler had been brought up to London for trial.

³ S.P.D., I. 77, pp. 673, 674. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 262.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

freindes Names that have estates in this County and Judged to be fitting men to Rule for god.

Thomas Allen, of Dingley, a man of about one hundred pound A yeare, one that were one of the first that owned truth 4 yeares agoe¹ and hath beene seruisable for truth ever since.

John Makernes of Thingdon [Finedon], A man of About pound a yeare, reseiued truth at the first 4 yeares agoe¹ and hath beene much seruissable for truth to this day.

William Louill of Hardington, his free land worth 30 pound a yeare, owned truth at first 4 yeares agoe,¹ suffered A long time of Imprissonment 3 seuerall times for truth sake and a man of A Noble bould spirit.

The names of such men in this county that have estates & that are free from persecution and louing towards freindes.

Adam Baines, of Holmbey, one of this last plament and stood firm to the Common wealth pty, one in Commiçion allready as Justice, a grate estate, hath publickly declared himselfe to owne freindes. Chose one to be ouerseer of all his estate assoone as he hard he owned truth.

Thomas Bletsoe, of Addington, one in Commission as Justice, a sober, Modderate man would never have anie hand against freindes.

Francis Cooch, of Kingstrop [Kingsthorp], a man of A grate estate, A sober Modderate man really Conuincd of truth, owneth freindes, his hand against tythes, A man Judged fitt for the place of A justice.

One Knightley² in this last Parlament stood ferme to the Common-wealth spoke bouldly in ther behalfe in the howse one of the long parlament modderate & free from psecution.

Willyam Raynsborrow, his Brother y³ were murdered a grate estate living in Higham Parke much against persecution and Modderate.

Henry Benson, Shreife of this County, A Modderate man and free from, against³ persecution.

Thomas Nottingam, a Man of about 80 pound p ann, and a modderate man hath seuen Children and his wife reall freindes.

¹ That is, about the end of 1651; *F.P.T.* states that "the Publication of Truth" in this county was "as near as can be remembered, in ye year 1654," p. 194.

² Knightley of Fawsley.

³ This word was afterwards erased.

The Names of such that are in Commission in this County who have all allong giuen ther power vnto the beast and haue fought with the Lambe and to this day thinke they doe god good seruise in Imprissoning of his seruantes and abussing them Contrary to the righteous law of God, and Contrary to the law of the Nation.

1. First. William Butler of Oundle,¹ a Mayor he ware late in the Army, a man whom prid hath ouer come, one that at one time Cast 16 into the Common Goale and neuer one of them were brought before him or anie in Commiçion first, nor neuer knew why he Cast them into prisson, nor neuer would suffer one of them to be brought to A publick tryall, but kept some of them neare a whole yeare in prisson, most of them a quarter of a yeare, Cast some others into prisson after the Judges had releaced them according to law for their factes, Came with armed souldyers violently into freindes Meeting as they were waiting vpon the Lord in Isham vpon a first day and drew them forth of the howse and stroke them and much thretned them y^t he would brake vp ther meetings, and sent one freind to the howse of Correction Thomas Stubs and gaue a Command to the Goaler to soundly whip him which he did to the sheading of Inocent blood, he tooke our freind Willyam Louill aforesaid from his outward being by two souldyers and Carryed him to Oundle 20 miles from his outward being and there prissoned him in an Aylhowse 16 dayes and would neuer shew anie Cause why, and said that he would be his accuser and Judge, help himselve how he Could, he gave a Charg in the publick sessiones to the Goaler that noe freindes shoulde be suffered to Come into prisson to vissitt their freindes there, which the wicked Goaler put in execution and for 16 weekes would not suffer their acquaintance to Come into them, their being 10 freindes at that time in prisson, who never were proued transgressers of anie law. their might be A grate vollome writt of the wicked tyrannicall Actions of this man in the last 4 yeares. A shame to the Nation.

2. John Browne of Kettering, hath Committed 18 freindes to prisson and not one of them were proued transgressers of the law of the Nation, and would not release some of them when there time were out, hath Joyned with Butler in pulling freindes forth of ther Meeting, beating and abussing them, and said that he

¹ Afterwards Major General for the Counties of Northampton, Bedford, Rutland, and Huntingdon, and frequently mentioned in the State Papers and histories of the period. See also *Besse*, i. 529; *F.P.T.* Of the other persecutors mentioned under this heading, Browne, Benson, Mansill, Harvey, and Ward appear in *Besse*. See also *The Discovery of the Great Enmity*, 1655, *A True Discoverie*, 1655, *A True Testimony*, 1655, and other tracts recording sufferings in this county

hoped to haue A place At gods right hand in heauen for his punishing the quakers, and wished he had more power in his hand. A proud man and a bloodye persecutor. A shame to true Magistracie.

3. John ffarmer of Daventry, Committed Thomas Stubs to prisson for declareing the word of the lord to the people in the streetes at Dauentry, and said in the Open sessiones when two wicked men had falsly swore against a freind ffancis Ellington that they should haue his hand to take away his life, when there law for whot were swore against him if it had beene truth had beene but 6 monthes Imprissonment, let us be deliuered from bloodthirsty men.

4. Gorg Benson of Tossiter [Towcester], a man that hath much abused freindes sett them in the stockes for Coming to Meetinges, taking away ther horses from them, Imprissoning men for speaking to A priest after he had dunn, one that hath Cast the law of God behind his back.

5, 6. John Mansill of Tharpe & his son Mansill, both liuing in one house & both in Commission and both Joyning together to persecute, sent A warrant this last weeke for a freind Willyam Unicell in his owne name without either parlament protector king or states name or in their names, much seruissable for the wicked preistes for whot ever they will say that there tythes are worth he and his son will giue them there warrant for treble damages, and give them allsoe good Cost of sute besides, mett 2 freindes one A first day as they were goeing to a meeting and he himselfe were goeing from his owne parish to a Meeting, allsoe, he Commanded the Cunstable to keep ther horses all night & the next day and after sent his warrant to destraine 10^s a peece of them, which were dunn, for noe other fackt then whot he himselfe were guilty of, hath Committed 2 since & three before Contrary to all law, let us be deliuered from such vnreasonable men.

7. Francis Haruey, of Weston, a Counseller, one of the last parlament, last Ester sessione passed Centence against 2 freindes for exorting people after the preist had dunn, and the preist swore that he ware not desturbed and yet he fined them 5^{li} apeece and to lye in prisson vntill they payd it allsoe he fined the afforesaid Willyam Lovill 30 pound for saying that the scripture were not the word of god but god was the word. Wooe will be the portion of such wicked Lawyeres.

8. William Ward, of Hoton,¹ one that hath allwayes Joyned with the rest that have dun euill in persecuting the people of god.

9. John Norton of Cotterstock a bitter man and hath said that none were fitt to liue in the Common wealth that dessented from the preistes of England.

¹ Houghton.

10. John Thornton, one that haue allwayes Joyned with the Rest at the bench against the people of god as bitter as anie of them.

11. Robert Guy, Clarke of the peace, one of the same spirit with the worst of thes, hath from the beginning allways Incenced them and stirred them up to persecute, Came with Butler & Browne to pull freindes out of their meeting, hath drawn up wicked false Inditementes against freindes, hath partaked with them in ther sin, and is fitt to Receiue with them of ther plauges.

ROBERT LOUE
RICHARD WRIGHT
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN ROGERS
WILLIAM BURNELL
THOMAS [?] CRAPPON
RICHARD SMITH
SAMUELL ROBERTS
WILLIAM WARREN
NICHOLAS DAY

JOHN BALY
FRANCIS ELLINGTON
WILLIAM VINCENT
WILLIAM RICHARDSON
ROBERD COXX
WILLIAM GAGE
RICHARD PEIL
RICHARD BROWNE
EDWARD ABBATT¹

An order in Council was made on the same day, 19 December, 1655, that Sir Gilbert Pickering "signify to Major General Butler His Highness's pleasure to release some imprisoned Quakers according to a letter this day read."

DORSETSHIRE.

The document that follows was sent up to the Council, in October, 1656, by the Friends of Dorsetshire as a protest against the injustice to which they were subjected. It contains not only names of suitable Justices, but a very remarkable suggestion, *viz.*, that the officers commanding the troop of Militia for the county, being in the Friends' opinion unfit for the office, should be replaced by two of their nomination.

A List of y^e names of such men in Comission for Justices of the Peace in Dorsetshiere as have persecuted friendes.²

First. John Fitzjames, who is a great enemy to truth, and haue been continually a great persecutor of friends, in laying violent hands on friends and casting them into prisson, some because they would not put of their hatts before him, saying to some friends that as longe as hee had power, hee would send friends to prison if ever they did come before him. There being once a

¹ S.P.D. cii. 50. *Cal.* 1655-6, pp. 64, 65.

² All the following names, except Fulford, Grove, and Edmund Butler, appear in *Lamentable Sufferings . . . in Dorsetshire, 1659.* Edmund Butler is mentioned by Besse.

meeting of friends in a Towne called Shirborne in Dorset shiere, where many rude people being generally caueliers rose vpon friends & cruallly abused them, knocking them downe with stones in y^e street, & John Fitzjames afterwards in the presents of som friends told y^e rude people that if the Quakers did come to there towne againe y^t y^e Counstable should desire them to depart y^e towne, & if they did not depart y^e towne then they should raise y^e towne vpon them, but y^e people answered that y^e Counstables should have no need, they would rise soon enough themselues. Att y^e same time hee sent two friends to prison for not putting of their hatts who came then before him to lay y^e wicked actions of y^e rude people before him; but hee sent y^e two friends to prisson for not putting of their hatts to him, & encouraged y^e rude people. Also hee sent some to prisson & some hee sett in y^e stocks for not coming to y^e priests worship; more may bee said of John Fitzjames his actions, but this is as short a relation as wee can give of him.

Second. Walter Foy, of Milberry Bubb, who is a great enemy to truth and a great persecutor, who haue wickedly and enuiously cast many friends into prison & sent a broad wicked warrants, to take up friends at meeting for rogues & vagabonds & Idle psons & strangers, & caused them to bee whipt & sent a way with passes; also hee comanded one tything man to whip a friend, but y^e tything man beinge somthing tender could not, but carried him away to the next tything man; so y^e next tything man lett him goe for that. Walter Foy made him pay him ten shillings & thretned him that it should cost him ten pounds. Here is also a testimony Inclosed, of what Nathaniell Harris have given concerning Walter ffoy, under his hand.

Third. Francis Hollis, of Martins Towne, a great enemy to y^e truth and a passecurator of friends: John Fitzjames, Walter ffoy and Francis Hollis at a sitting at broad Saran sent for two friends (poore men haueing many small Children each of them), & when they came before them, they tendered them y^e oath of abiuration to sware haueing nothing to accuse them of, but y^e people of y^e towne said to them that they did know that they were not popishly affected; then they questioned them for not coming to y^e church as they called it [*two or three words illegible*] vn manerly fellows & then whispered together & made them a mittimus & sent them to prisson, who continued prissoners more then a whole yeare.

Fourth. George Fulford, of litle Toller,¹ who is an enemy to truth & psecutor of friends & knowne to be a caueliere; hee tooke a way a friends Horse for comeing eight miles to a

¹ Toller Fratrum.

meeting, & sent home y^e friend with a pass from tything to tything, & ordered him to bee whipt & said to him now you shalbee whipt, & sent home with a pass. If you come to y^e meeting againe you shalbe sent to prisson, & said if y^e Quakers did keep meetings so neare his nose hee would fill y^e prisson with them.

Fifth. Edward Chicke, of Gabrills, who is a great enemy to friends & a bloody persecutor, caused a woman friend (for going to a steeple house) to be cruelly whipped till y^e blood ran, & her brests were raw with whipping.

Sixth. John Whiteway, of Dorchester, a great enemy to friends, & a passecurator, who caused a friend of y^e same County to bee whipt & sent home with a pass from tything to tything for coming to a meeting in that towne, & sent an other to prisson for going to y^e steeple house to declare against there wickedness.

Seventh. Roger Clauill, of Winefruit,¹ who is an enemy to truth & a passecurator of friends, who haue sent many friends to prisson, one taken vpon y^e highway as hee was traulling toward his outward dwelling, & when hee was brought before him, haveing nothing to accuse him of, hee tendered to him y^e oath of abiuration as a snare, & sent him to prisson, others were hulled out of a meeting, & by him sent to prisson.

Eighth. William Hussey, of Shasberry, Judge of y^e sessions, an enemy to friends & a persecutor, who haue passed sentance against many friends, & fined them and sent them to prisson.

Ninth. James Dewey, of Ockford, an Enemy to truth & a passecurator^r (& an enemy to all appearances of good & a louer of none but y^e Priest & y^e pty), a friend being taken vp in Blandford for speaking y^e word of y^e Lord in Blandford Street, was by y^e said Dewey sent to prison.

Tenth. Edward Butler, an Enemy to truth & a persecutor, by a warrant given forth by him a friend was taken vp and hulled out of a meeting; & carryed before Thomas Groue, who caused him cruallly to bee whipt, so y^e this doth manifest that Grove and Butler are both psecutors.

Eleuenth. Thomas Groue, who haue a commission for y^e place of a Justice both in Dorsett shire & Wiltshiere. Hee is a pestilent fellow against friends, an Enemy to truth and a grand persecutor.

Twelfth. Edmond Butler, of Amor, an enemy to truth & a passecurator, who thretned a woman to send her to prison, because shee did not come to y^e Priests worship, to y^e Mass house, & made her a Mittemus, & tooke it to y^e tything man to carry her to prisson, and affrighted y^e Woman that shee was sicke; where vpon the tything man did not then carry her. Then Butler thretned y^e tything man, who Answered that y^e

¹ Winfrith parish and hundred.

woman was sicke. Then Edmond Butler caused y^e tything man to bring a Cart to y^e womans doore, to hall her out of her house & to hall her to prisson, shee being sicke ; y^e woman being by it affrighted did promise Butler to come to y^e priests worship, to y^e Mass house, where vpon hee lett her alone.

Here followes the Names of such in Comission as are Priest ridden men & of y^e same Spirit its like as y^e former, but haue not had such accon to manifest themselues as y^e other haue :—

William Constantine,	Richard Bury,
Walter Earle,	John Squibb,
John Still,	Thomas Gollop.

John Strood, high Sheriff of the County, a Caeleer ;

James Dewey, Comander of y^e Melitia troop, a very bad man & a psecuto^r ; John Lea, cornett of y^e same troop, a priest-ridden man, neither of them fitt for that comand. Wee Judge Richard Chaning, of Cadstocke to bee fitt to comand that troop, & John Pitman, of Shirborne, a fitt man for y^e Cornetts place ; they are men well affected to y^e Common welth. Richard Chaning hath beene an approued Captaine, as is well knowne, and John Pitman hath been a stout & faithfull Liftenant in y^e States Seruice already.

A List of the names of such men as are moderate & against persecution :—

John Warr, of Yetminster,
 Richard Channing, of Catstoke,
 John Chafin, of Shirborne, y^e elder,
 James Baker, of Shaston,
 Henry Waltham, of Waymouth,
 James Gaich, of Lyme,
 Edward Tayler, of Poole,
 Thomas Downton, of Chattenhole,
 John Sweet, of Bradpole,
 John Sampson, of Blantford,
 John Galler, of Sturmister Newton,
 John Newberry, of Wooth,
 Richard Lawrance, of Steepletone,
 Edward Kennell, of Hasleberry brian,
 Joseph Chaning, of Simonsberry.

Here followeth the names of such friends as are Capeable of y^e place of Justices :—

John Frey, of Bursise,
 Nathaniell Harris, of Ryme,
 Roger Coward (y^e elder), of Pidle Trenthed,
 Edward Tucker, of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis.¹

¹ S.P.D., I. 77, p. 426. Cal. 1656-7, pp. 123, 124. (1656 Oct. 2. ?)

A Quaker Master Gunner.

A graphic picture is drawn in a letter from a sea captain, in October, 1656, of a nameless gunner converted to peace principles, and wishful to be released from his warlike occupation. The sympathetic insight of his superior officer is in striking contrast with the harsh and superficial view of the Quaker principle which was the general rule of the time.

Captain Peter Foote, of the *Mermaid*, wrote from Portsmouth on 22nd October, 1656, to Robert Blackborne, the Secretary to the Admiralty Commissioners, a

“ request y^e to signifie to y^e right honourable Commiss^{rs} that our m^r gunnor willed me to acquaint ther hon^{rs} that hee doth intend to quit his imployment in y^e service, for hee haue not acted this two months, but have altogeather confined himselfe to his cabbinne and have given out to our m^r Carpenter that noe powre shall command him to ffire a gunn as that fr^m thence blood might be spilt, his tenits obliginge him there vnto : y^e w^h my selfe with others doe ffind to come neerest to those w^{ch} are called quakers, ffor his caraige towards me and others is without any outward respect and ffrom a spirit of delusion, as to y^e deniing of ordinances, and vissible authority; is at present by a hand of providence under a troubled spirit, y^e w^{ch} have occasioned some bodyly weakness in him. S^r, I earnestly desire that hee may have his will as that I may discharge him withall speed, and for present supply of his place have thought fitt to intrust one Christopher Taylor, a midshipman w^{ch} have bine in this ffrig^t this ffoure yeare, who is by report a man w^{ch} have bine very ffaithfull in many things committed to his trust : and one very fitt to mannadge a gunnors place and is one that have for this 8 monthes observation of mine : behaved himselfe Civell and valient : and doubt not but that he will as he theretofore have done, stand ffast in his affections to y^e goverment,” &c., &c. ¹

Sussex.

The next group of documents relates to Sussex, and may be thus classified :—

1. Appeal by seven Quakers to the Protector, 23rd November, 1656.
2. Order from him to three persons to examine case.
3. Information of another Quaker, beaten, etc.
4. Punishment of kind and friendly gaoler.
5. Reference of all the papers to five other persons.

¹ S.P.D. cxlvi. 144. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 441.

6. Their Report.
7. Reference in Council of all papers to the Lord Deputy and others.
8. Order in Council to this effect.
9. Report and reference to Major General Goff.

The first document is interesting as bearing Cromwell's autograph signature and an order from him that three persons (named) shall examine the case.

1. To Olliuer Cromwell, Protector, And Gouvernor ouer this Nation vnder whose Gouvernement wee whose Names are heere vnder written doe Lye in Prisson for Conciencie Sake, whom, Sume of vs haue suffered Aboue A yeare And noe Breach of Law found Against vs, neither Towards God nor the Law of this Nation and still doth suffer by men of Preiudiced Spirites whoe p̄tende by vertue of Thy Authority to doe what they doe Against us, And soe for Conciencie sake wee lye in Prisson Though formerly wee suffered with thee to the hassarding of our liues And estates in the behalfe of this nation, Against the Enimyees thereof, whom God hath Cute off for their Tiranye Iniustice And opression. And soe wee Lay downe the vnIuste Causes of our imprissonmentes before thee, pticularly and Truly And according to our seuerall Commitments.

Wee three, namely, Thom̄ : Patching, Briante Wilkinson, & John Fursby, Lye Committed And haue soe laine this fowre & twenty weekes as our mittimuses will make Apeere, being Committed by Will : Freeman, Edward Michell, Rich : Yeats ; whoe goe vnder the name of Justices in the County of Sussex ; in which County Common Goale, wee for Conciencie Sake now lye, for noe Cause at all : but for owning sume books which were sett out by them whoe goe vnder the name of Quakers, which books were Publickly sowld, wherin is nothing Contained but what of Nessesity euery one must owne And Pase through if euer they Come to know the state of regeneration for the which wee are Groundlessly Charged to bee seditious psones, although all of vs haue beene Alwaies faith full to our vtmost to the Common welth and still is to this daye.

Another whose name is Ninian Brocket, who Lyes Committed because hee Could not sweare at the County sessiones, and soe goe out of the doctrine of Christ and his Apostle, it being all hee is Charged with, sauing the offence they took at his not dofing his hate.

Allsoe Nicho : Rickman, who Lyes Committed, by one Thomas Souton,¹ Maiore of Aroundell, into the County Goalle, but only

¹ Sutton.

for writting of A Coppie of A paper, which hee the said Nicho : Rickⁿ owned before him the writting therof, not knowing in the Least why hee might not honestly doe it ther being nothing in it Contained Contrary to the Peace of the p̄sent Gouernment, or to godlynesse or to sound doctrine, as the paper it selfe, before Any but them whoe Are our Cruell p̄secutors will make Apeere.

And Alsoe Margarett Wilkinson, wife of Briant Wilkinson, And Frances Rickman, wife of Nicho : Rickman, lying their Committed Also, wee being all together regardlesly by them Called Justices befor mentioned taken from our howses and families, w^{ch} Consists of Children And saruants, as fare as in them lyes to vtterlye Ruen & destroy vs all together, by being forced to leaue all into the hands of straingers, their offences being only for spaking as they were moued of the Lord, A word to two preists, and soe made offenders for A word, which Lying vpon their Conciences to bee done, Could not otherwise Chuse but bee done, though for their Conciences sake they And wee suffer nere soe much.

And therefor for Conciencie sake doe wee Laye the Causes of thes our Sufferings befor thee, for the scriptures wee owne to bee true, and wee Looking into them, wee find Daved who was A man Chossen of god to bee A Ruler ouer his people, and in his dayes vnder his Gouernment there were diuers who suffered then Contrary to his Mind & knowledg, by his officers and those in Authority vnder him, as wee suppose, wee doe now vnder thee, vnjustly, but hee not being Priuie there-vnto was Inocente in the thinge, soe wee heering that thou declaredst vnto the People that there was none thou knewest of did suffer vnjustly for Conciencie sake, in this nation, now if it bee soe wee Cannot blame Thee, but now wee Lett thee know, that for Conciencie sake wee heere mentioned doe suffer and for Conciencie sake Lye in Prisson, And therfor if wee suffer, still thou arte from hence forth left without excuses, since all that wee Cane doe is but to p̄sent this our Casses befor thee, Committing our Cause to him who knoweth the secrets of all harts, who neuer failed to Judg the Cause of the Inocente.

ffrom the Common Goale at Horsham in Sussex this 23 day of the Ninth Mounth, 1656, By vs who are in scorne Called Quakers who suffer as Afforsaid.

NICHO : RICKMAN

FRANCES RICKMAN

BRYANTE WILKINSON

MARGARET WILKINSON

THOMAS PATCHING

NINIAN BROCKETT

JOHN FURSBY¹

Upon the back of this appeal is the Protector's autograph signature, and below is written :—

¹ S.P.D. cliii. 11. *Cal.* 1656-7, pp. 229, 230.

2. We doe referr these Pap^{rs} to Co^{ll}: George ffenwick, Maio^r ffenwick & Thomas Moor Esqrs, to examine whither the psons mençoned therein were comitted to Prison according to Law & to Certifie their opinion to Vs.

White Hall, Decemb^r 2^d, 1656.

3. A true Information of the Imprisonment & Suffering of Tho: Laycoke, one who hath ingaged his life for y^e iust freedome & Lyberty in the Common wealthes Seruice, hath Contrary there unto, bene by the will of Tho: Sutton, Mayo^r of Arendall, taken out of y^e house of his ffriend Nicolas Rickman, one alsoe that hath bene faithfull to y^e Common wealth, and A sufficient Inhabitant there, vpon the second day of y^e weeke, being the 10th day of y^e 9th month, y^e said Mayo^r did then Issue forth A warrant to the fecthing out of the said Tho: Laycoke, haueing noe iust thing to lay to his charge, but asked him these questions, whether he had A passe for his trauell, he Answering nay, then y^e Mayo^r asked him where his Dwelling was; His Answer was at y^e lodge in Shedwicke parke,¹ which is in y^e same County, to which the Mayo^r replied, you are a Vagabond Rogue & I will haue your back slashed, & forthwith withdrew himselfe and made A mittimus, sent him to the Bridewell House, where they forth with put on A Cheine & A Locke vpon one of his Leggs, thus lyeing in a dampy room 10 dayes & 10 nightes wthout fire or Candall in the couldest of this weather, & some dayes keepeinge of him darke And on y^e 9th day they violently rent of his Cloathes & vnhumanly did slash him according to the threatenings of the Mayo^r, where he still remains A Causeless sufferer, haueing only A little strow to lye on, the keeper reffusseing ffriendes to bring him any other Lodging, & Seuerall tymes not suffering ffriendes to uissitt him; the Mayo^r & y^e cheife keeper denying him A Cobby of his Mittimus.

On the other side, erased by pen, is the following:—

His Highnesse pleaseth to refer these two annexed White Hall, papers to the Consideraçon of Major Gen^{ll} Goff Decemb^r 2, and Major Gen^{ll} Kelsey, and Tho: Moore in the 1656. County of Surrey, Esq. to make in quiry into the particulers therein contained and thereof to make Certificate to his Highness with their opinion with speede convenient.

NATH^{LL} BAIN.²

The next paper shows how a gaoler, for shewing some tenderness to the above-named, his prisoners, was thrown into prison by

¹ According to *F.P.T.*, Sidgwick Lodge was the residence of Bryan Wilkinson, where T. Laycock was being entertained.

² S.P.D. clil. 12. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 230.

the Sussex Justices for six or eight weeks. He seems to have permitted several of the Quakers to visit his prisoners and to distribute books or pamphlets.

4. Also Rich. Luckin, Jaylor of the s^d Com^o Gaole in the s^d pap^{rs} mençoned, was Comited to the house of Correçon in the affores^d County of Sussex by some of the s^d Justices for that the s^d Rich Luckins was tender of the s^d prisoners & gaue them sometimes a little libtie. the s^d Luckins beinge now upon his poll [parole] & haueinge lane so Comited in the s^d howse of Correçon to his very great damage about six or eight weekes.

5. Oliver P

We doe referr the pap^{rs} annexed to the Consideraçon of L^t Collonell ffenton, Methusalah Turner, M^r Richard Egglestone, M^r Richard Smith & Thomas Moore Esq^r, or any three of them, to examine whither the psons mençoned in those pap^s were comitted to prison and so continewed according to Law & to Certifie their opinion to Vs.

5th of Decemb: 1656.

6. To His Highnes Oliuer Lord Protector of the Common Wealthe of England, &c.

Accordinge to an order of reference graunted by yo^r Highnes, dated the 5th of decemb^r, 1656, for y^e examininge y^e case of some prison^{rs} in y^e County of Sussex whether their Comittment and continuance therein bee accordinge to Lawe, & to certifiye our opinion thereof; now doe humbly certify.

That wee did y^e 15th, & 16th, & 17th instant sitt vpon y^e examinaçon thereof and in order thereto Sent to y^e Justices of peace concerned in y^e said comitm^{ts} giuinge them to vnderstand y^t in pursuance of yo^r Highnes said order of reference to vs & others directed, wee did desire they would meet vs at Horsham in y^e said County. Wee alsoe sent to y^e Jaylor at Horsham and the keeper of y^e house of correçon at Arundell, to bringe before vs y^e prison^{rs} & to produce their respectiue Mittimusses whereby they were comitted, Some of y^e Justices mett vs, the Jaylour & keeper alsoe came wth their prison^{rs}, and vpon examinaçon of y^e Mittimusses then produced wee find as followeth:—

ffirst. Thomas Patchinge, comitted y^e 21th of May, 1656, to y^e Gaole at Horsham for not giuinge suretys for his appearance touchinge his publishinge certaine seditious bookes & for his good behaviour.

2nd John ffursby and } both comitted 9th of June, 1656,
3^d Bryan Wilkinson } to y^e Gaole at Horsham for in-
deavouringe to publish diuers scandalous books tendinge

¹ S.P.D. cliii. 13. Cal. 1656-7, p. 230. See Besse, i. 709.

to y^e breach of y^e publike peace & refusinge to giue suretys for their appearance & good behaviour.

- 4th Thomas Laycocke comitted y^e 10th Novemb^r, 1656, to y^e house of correçon at Arundell as an Idle disorderly & wanderinge person.
- 5th Nicholas Rickman comitted y^e 10th Novemb^r, 1656, to y^e Gaole at Horsham for not finding suretys for his good behaviour.
- 6th Frances Rickman comitted y^e same day for matter of misbehavio^r and refusinge to find suretys for her good behaviour.
- 7^{ly} Margaret Wilkinson comitted 16th Novemb^r, 1656, to y^e Gaole at Horsham for disturbinge M^r John Chatfield in his sermon.
- 8^{ly} Ninion Brockett comitted by order of Sessions to y^e Gaole at Horsham 6th of Octob^r, 1656, for refusinge to plead to an Inditem^t against him.
- 9^{ly} Richard Luckens, Jaylour of Horsham, comitted to y^e house of correçon in y^e Cliffe neere Lewis, y^e 11th of Octob^r, 1656, as a daingerous person for sufferinge great assemblies of people to have accesse to a discourse wth y^e said prison^{rs} & to disperse amonge y^e people daingerous books tendinge to sediçon and disturbance, & settinge them at liberty wthout any warrant.

Wee therefore humbly offer as our opinion y^t y^e said comittm^{ts} and continuance therein are not accordinge to Lawe.

ffirst. Because of y^e insufficiency of y^e crymes inserted in y^e said Mittimusses as y^e ground or cause of their comittm^t.

2^{ly} Because noe Legall conclusion is contayned in y^e said Mittimusses for their deliuery by due course of Lawe.

3^{ly} Because they haue not bene brought to tryall y^e next Sessions after ther comit^t.

4^{ly} Because y^e whole proces seemeth to bee a ßjudice receiued for matt^{rs} of opinion in worship.

All w^{ch} wee humbly tender to yo^r Highnes consideraçon together with the declared willingness of y^e Justices for y^e said ßson^{rs} inlargm^t.

METHUSELAH TURNER

RICH : ECCLESTON

JOHN FFENTON

THO : MOORE.

December 24th, 1656.

(endorsed) dd [delivered] by his Highness 25 Dec., 1656.
ref[erred] 6 Jan. 1656[7].

preparative ord^r 12 ffeb. 1656[7].¹

¹ S.P.D. cllii. 14, 15. *Cal.* 1656-7, pp. 230, 231.

7. Tuesday, 6th January, 1656[7]

At the Councill at Whitehall.

A Certificate to his Highness the Lord Protecto^r from Thomas Moore Esq^r, L^t Colonell fenton, Methuselah Turner, and others, was this day read, the same being made in Pursuance of His Highness reference, upon a Paper from seuerall persons (under the name of Quakers) imprisoned in the County of Sussex.

Ordered that it be referred to S^r Gilbert Pickering; Gen^l Disbrowe; the Lord Deputy; the Lord Lambert; the Lord Vis^t Lisle; the Lord Com^r ffiennes, or any two of them, to consider of the said certificate, and to speake with the certifiers, and any others as they shall thinke fitt, and to informe themselves of the matter of fact, and how the said Referees have Pursued the said Reference, and thereupon to make report to the Councill.

W. JESSOP

cl^k of y^e Counsel.

8. An order of the Council to this effect was made on 6th Jan., 1656/7, and

9. 12 Feb., 1656/7, on the Committees report it is ordered that Pickering and Disbrow are to speak with Maj. Gen. Goff about that business.¹

Ann Blaykling.

A warrant issued by Sir Thomas Barnardiston for the committal of Ann Blaykling, the well-known Quaker Minister, to Bury St. Edmunds gaol, follows. She was apprehended at Haverhill for disturbing the minister while preaching in the church. The name is spelt variously—Blackly, Blackling, Blakelin, Blaykling, etc.

“Suffō ss. I send yo^e heere wthall in the Custody of the Constable of Haverill, the Bodye of Anne Blacklyn, late of Ladbridge² in the Countie of Yorke, for that shee was this day brought before me & charged wth the enteringe into the Church of Haverill & there Affronted the Minister in the Pulpit, callinge him Priest hirelinge & deceiuer, greadie dume dogge wth manie more words of the same nature All w^{ch} the said Ann Blacklyn haue this daye confessed before me & still doe continue to

¹ S.P.D., I. 77, pp. 612, 704. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 231.

² This should probably be Sadbridge, near Sedbergh, Yorks.

Aver the same, And for that she refuseth to find sureties for her apperance, These are therefore in the name of his Highnesse the Lord Protecto^r of England, &c., to charge & comānd yo^r vpon sighte heereof to take & receiue into yo^r Gaole the Bodye of the s^d Ann Blacklyn, & her safely to keepe vntill she shall be from thence deliue^d by due Order of lawe And heerof faile not at yo^r pille.

Dated this 16th of December, 1656.

THOMAS BARNARDISTON, KT.

To the keep of the Gaole at Bury St.
Edm^s or to his deputy.”

After nearly three months waiting for the assizes the sentence was delivered as under, with the result that Ann Blaykling remained still in Bury gaol.

“Suffō ss. Att the geñall Gaole deliu’y holden at Bury St. Edm^s for the Com^ā aforesaid on fryday the Sixt of March, 1656, Ann Blacklyn beinge convict for A disturbance of A Minister in the pishe Church of Haverill is to remayne in gaole vntill she shall paye A ffine of xx Nobles.

[addressed] These To the honorable Henry Scobell, Esq^r, at his house in the old pallace yard, present, in Westminster.”¹

James Nayler.

Passing on to the end of the year 1656 and the beginning of 1657, the subject of James Nayler’s trial and his barbarous sentence is several times commented on by outside correspondents. The trial took place before a Committee of the House of Commons in November and December, 1656. See *A True Narrative of the Examination, Tryall, and Sufferings of James Nayler*, etc., 1657.

Petition concerning James Nayl^{er}

(endorsed) “Left in lo. ch. [lower Chamber] by his Highnes 25 Dec. 1656.”

“To his Highnes Oliver Lord Protecto^r of the Comonwealth of England, Scotland & Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging.

The humble Petition of Divers peaceable & well-affected Persons in & about the Cityes of London & Westminster in behalfe of themselves and many others

¹ S.P.D. cliv. 13. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 305.

Humbly sheweth

That yo^r Pet^r having out of tendernes to the good Cause of o^r Spiritual & Civil libertyes Conserr'd in Some late Proceedings of the House of Parliam^t and to the Good of these Nations & the Governm^t therof appeard in a Petition to the Parliam^t (the Coppy wherof is hereunto annexed) for the Remitting the remaining punishm^t of James Nayler w^{ch} Petition is received into the House and resteth there. We humbly conceive it o^r duty also in Consideration of the joynct interest yo^r Highnes hath with the Parliam^t (by the Instrument of Governm^t) in the Legislative power to make our humble addresse and Request to yo^r Highnes

That you will be pleased according to former Declarations and the experience we have had of your Highnes Care of this tender Interest of Liberty of Conscience to weigh the Consequence of these late Proceedings and according to the 37th Article of the said Instrum^t and one of the Grounds you declare vpon in yo^r Warr with Spaine, yo^r Highnes will stand vp for the poore people of God in this day, in doing whereof yo^r Highnes will not doe more right to yo^r Pet^r then to yo^r selfe and these Nations.

And we shall pray, &c.

FF SCROPE
NATH JAMES
THOMAS ZACHARY
EDW STOKES
WILL MASKELYNE
LEWIS MEAX
JOHN WARR
FRA STOKES
JOSHUA SPRIGGE
ROBT BACON
[THO BOWDEN, erased]
THO MOORE
METHUSALEH TURNER
JOHN WEB
RI WATSON S^R
VALENTINE WILLIAMS
GEORGE ELTON
GILES FFORSRASTON
JOHN LAWSON
WILLIAM SMITH
EDWARD SMITH
RICHARD NICOLSON
WILLM LIGON
EDW BUSHELL
W^M POTT

RICHARD KINGSTON
THEOP GREENE
J ANDREWS
JOHN GRIGGS
THOMAS RUTTY
WOODWARD ABRAHAM
JOHN MANN
WILLIAM SMILER
NATH BONNICK
JOHN BENNINGTON
JOHN PERROTT
RICHARD SOMES J^R
EDMOND ROZER
SAMUELL HANMER
JOHN WEEKES
RICHARD CARTER
JOHN MATRAUARS
JOHN STOWE
JOHN STOKES
SILUEST^R WAIGHT
WILL : WORMELL
HUMPFREY JAMESON
W^M PHIPS
WILL : HARDING
THOMAS EMPSON

AQUILA TANFEILD
 GYLES WARREN
 THO ROBINSON
 FF. VAN [?] GELDEN
 ABRAHAM ANDREWES
 WILL^M CURRER
 JOHN SMYTH
 JOHN SPENCER
 W^M TRAVERS
 WILL^M SEDGWICK
 WILLIAM RUTLIDGE
 ROBT BOWCHER
 W^M SMITH
 JOHN SHORT
 THO SLOUGH
 JAMES GRUNWICK
 RICHARD YORCKE
 PHILLIP EADES
 W^M SALTER

GEORGE BACKLER
 EDWARD SKALES
 FFRAN : LYGON
 JOHN OSGOOD
 RICHARD PIPER
 JOSHUA SAYER
 THOMAS FFAIERCLOUGH
 EDWARD GOULDNEY
 ALEX : AKEHURST
 JOHN CROSON
 HENRY ROBINSON
 THOMAS SHARPE
 NICHOLAS WILLIAMS
 W^M DENISON
 GILES CALUERT
 JO COK
 JOHN MORGAN
 MATH WHITE
 JO^S QUASH

To the Parliam^t of y^e Comonwealth of England Scotland & Ireland. The humble Petition of Divers peaceable & well-affected Persons in & about London in behalfe of themselues & many others

Sheweth

That yo^r Moderation & Clemency in respiting the punishm^t of James Nayler hath refreshed the hearts of Thousands (persons not at all Concern'd in his judgment or Practise) & hath open'd their eyes to see something besides the terro^r of Mount Sinai to dwell vpon this Hon^{le} house withall giveing vs hopes to see y^e Come forth in the Spirit of o^r Lord Jesus yet more & more to the Convincem^t of them that err and are out of the way.

Wherefore we must humbly begg yo^r pardon that we are Constrayned to appeare before you in Such a Suite (not daring to doe other) That ye would remitt the remayneing part of the punishm^t of the said James Nayler leaveing him to the Lord & such Gospell Remedyes as he hath sanctified and we are persuaded y^e will find such a Course of Love & forbearance most effectual to reclayme him, & you will assuredly leave a Seale of yo^r Compassion & tendernes on the Spirits of yo^r Pet^{rs}

Who will pray &c."'

A letter from Humphrey Robinson to Secretary Williamson in Paris with a mention of the Protector's plea for moderation

¹ S.P.D. cxxxl. 45. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 206. See *Commons' Journals*, vol. vii., p. 471.

in the sentence is interesting. Robinson kept a shop at the Three Pigeons in St. Paul's Churchyard. He sold cloth, gloves, stockings, and made suits. He also dealt in second-hand books, especially Bibles and French Testaments, and he seems to have acted as Williamson's agent in London, receiving and forwarding his letters and transacting his business in bills of exchange, &c. He writes on 15th January, 1656/7 :—

“That Naylor at last was sentenced by the Parl^t; whipt and bored through the tonnge heare, and nowsent to Bristow, where his blasph were comitted, to ride to the horses tale through the Citty and after to be whipt. the Prot^r writt a letter for some moderation but the house would not harken to it.”¹

A letter from Charles Perrott, in Paris, to Secretary Williamson, is dated 7th (17th) Jan., 1656/7, and gives an account of two quaker Missionaries in Paris.

“Honest Joseph.

. . . . I suppose 'tis noe newes to you, that of one Nayler, a Quaker in England y^t pretended to be y^e Messiah, & carry^d about wth him 12 Apostles & two sinfull Magdalens, but that fancy is (I suppose) well jerkt out of him by this; according to his sentence. I wish his Apostles y^e same persecution, & perchance some of them may find worse. Two of y^e sect past lately by Paris, they were found in y^e streetes soe starued wth cold & hunger, y^t one would have thought y^e Spirit had beene dead in them; y^e charity of some English gentleman relieued them, not knowing att the p^sent y^r [their] Religion; but y^e fire & a supper reviued itt, & would you know their buisenes, they were Ambassadors from y^e Ld to y^e Duke of Sauoy, w^t y^r message was is unknowne, but they despayrd not of y^e gift of tongues & y^e Lord had told y^m they should haue successe. You see I want newes to write to you, howe I am forcd to fill up my letter wth such bad subjects.”²

A petition from Anne Nayler, wife of James Nayler, presented on 24th February, 1656/7, follows:—

“To His Highness (of Engl)³ and the Councill. The Representation & Peticon of Anne Nayler wife of James Nayler Sheweth

That not wthstanding all y^e extreame sufferings of my Husband, when his body stood neede of refreshing for his recovery,

¹ S.P.D. cliil. 41. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 243.

² S.P.D. cliii. 33. *Cal.* 1656-7, pp. 236, 237.

³ The letters within the parenthesis are erased in the original.

yet he is cast into y^t calld y^e Hole, in Bridwell, a cold, dampish unsavoury place, where y^e damp strikes upp his leggs like water, where he wants Aire & fire ; kept under 3 keyes put in three severall mens hands, y^t when one is p^sent another is absent ; & is not allowed so much as a candle, being in y^e hands of cruel and unmercifull men, who neither will suffer mee his wife to come at him except four Governors be p^sent nor suffer w^t I carry him to come to him. Who much increase his misery beyond all Orders of Parliam^t. Their perverting of yo^r owne Order may be sufficient prooffe to you w^t cruel mindes are in them, for though you ordered his wifes comⁱng to him & y^t they should see y^t he be accomodated wth convenient necessaries, yet neither of these is don, because (say they) it is referred to them. Whereas y^e Order saies expresly, To see y^t he be accomodated wth convenient necessaries.

His Keepers are as cruel also, one especially, Win by name, who when my husband desired a little fair conduit water, because one had put a little sugar in it, he poured it into y^e Kennel. Another time he turned back a poor dish of Turnips, & would not let y^m go in, besides divers other things w^{ch} I would have carried him to preserve his life.

And this is not all, but they have raised a false report of my husband to harden yo^rs & all mens hearts ag^t him, saying That he starves himselfe & will not eate w^{ts} carryed him, when as his body is so weake y^t he cannot eate y^t w^{ch} is strong. He told y^e Governo^rs in my hearing y^t he did but eate a bitt of flesh meate w^{ch} they brought him, & he was very ill after it, but said also That he did not refuse such things as he could eate.

And truly I cannot otherwise thinke, but y^t his Keepers & others have a designe to starve him, for they have kept his condition from mee as much as they could, & having brought him so weake for want of convenient food (y^t now they may have a cover for themselves), they have sent to y^e Doctor one D^r Nurse wth his urine, unknowne to mee, w^{ch} Dr finding him so weake hath prescribed him milke wth sugar of Roses to take, whereby you may understand that this is not feigned.

My humble Request therefore is y^t you would be pleased (if he must continue longer in Prison) y^t he may be where he may have Aire, & fire, & be allowed candle-light and y^e attendance & company of his owne wife, or one whom she shall appoint to supply him wth convenient necessaries out of his owne estate, & be but under one lock.

But rather that you would be pleased wholly to release him, for his f^families sake, who have not offended you (he having suffered all y^e parts of yo^r Sentence, and lying onely a Prisoner during

pleasure) y^e his body may be refreshed by Aire & comfortable looking to, & so preserved from perishing if it may be.

ANNE NAYLER”¹

endorsed “Or^d 24 Feb. 1656[7].”

This is followed by an abstract of the above :

“James Naylers present Case.

1. He is in y^e Hole at Bridewell, a Cold dampish place wth a house of Office in it.
2. He wants Aire, hath not so much as a ladder to step up on to y^e little window it hath to get a mouthfull of aire.
3. He can have noe fire, there being no chimney in it.
4. His Wife is not permitted to come to him or get him things convenient in this his weaknes or any to make his bed.
5. He is under three locks, y^e keyes being in 3 severall mens hands.
6. He hath not so much as Candle light allowed him.”²

The Council’s heart melted somewhat at this piteous appeal, and on

“24 Feb. Ordered that the governor of Bridewell suffer James Naylers wife to come to him, and see that he have necessaries according to the order of Parliament.”

This was approved in person by the Protector himself, and is so noted in the Council Minute Book.³ Five months later, Nayler was still in prison and very ill.

1657, July 16. Order in Council.

“That it be referred to D^r Wright, D^r Cox & D^r Bates to visitt James Nayler prisoner at Brydwell and to consider of his condition as to the state both of his mynde and body, that M^r Scobell doe gett ready for the Council orders of Parliament relating to James Nayler.”⁴

The following relates to some of Nayler’s followers:—

Minutes of the Council, Tuesday, 26 May, 1657.

“3. Upon consideraçon of a Resolve of Parliament Dated the 14th February last recomending it to y^e Counsell to take some order for satisfying the charge of the Serg^t at Armes attending the Parliament in keepeing John Strangers and Hannah his wife, Martha Symonds and Dorcas Erbury, and also of a

¹ This petition is printed in Barclay’s *Inner Life*, see page 426.

² S.P.D. cliii. 128. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 289.

³ S.P.D., I. 77, p. 733. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 290.

⁴ S.P.D., I. 78, p. 22. *Cal.* 1657-8, p. 29.

Bill of the said Charge vnder y^e hand of y^e said Serg^t at Armes, and annexed to y^e said Resolve, whereby the said Charge is expressed to be lxxiiiⁱ xiii^s iii^d. Ordered, that it be offered to his Highness, as the advise of the Counsell, that His Highness be pleased to issue his Warr^t, authorizeing and requireing the Com^{rs} of his Highness, Thr^y, out of such moneys as are or shall come into y^e Receipt of his Highness Excheq^r to satisfy and pay vnto Edward Birkhead Esq. the said Serj^t at Armes attending the Parliament, y^e said Sum of Seaventy fower poundes thirreen shillings and Fower pence, in discharge of y^e said sume and that it bee inserted into the privyseal ordered for other moneys to him.”¹

Quakers in the Navy.

“Capt. Marryott to Admiralty Comissioners, Limehouse, April 23, 1657.

Mr. Thomas Shewel, late boatswain of the *Discovery*, has turned quaker & will not sweare but will affirme that he saw ten barrells of powder carried aboard at Bristoll; he lys at the 3 Cups in bred street [London].”²

Thomas Shewell was apparently a well-known character in Bristol, acting as agent and correspondent for the Navy Commissioners, negotiating bills of exchange, and purchasing powder and cannon balls on their behalf, sometimes despatching these missives of war to the Tower on the *Friendship*, of Bristol.

This spread of Quaker principles among the Navy is further illustrated by a letter, written by Richard Knowlman, gunner on board the *Assistance*, lying in the Downs, to an Admiralty Commissioner, not named, on 4th April, 1657.

“frind : I sullute Thee in the Lord : wishing thy Eternall wellfare Thou being now in place of Athoritie in this nation which I owne soe fare forth as thou dost doe that which is Just, & if the lord beare rull in thee in neuer soe litle measure, thou wilt not be ofended with mee because I doe not giue thee flateringe Titells of honor as most men doe though in thare hartes they are Ennimises. frind I haue Served this Commonwealth by Sea & land very faithfully to the losse of my limbes euer since the yeere forty one & am willing to Continew in this Commonwealthes searvice soe fare forth as I may be profitable vnto it vpon some other acount then I am att present, not that I desire to be in a hier place, but that I may be free to acte a gainst all

¹ S.P.D., I. 77, p. 825. Cal. 1656-7, p. 384.

² S.P.D. clxv. 49. Cal. 1656-7, p. 548.

decete in howe soe euer it raynes, for I see most men, & espechally those in the nauie of most ranckes & quallities, how they are Corrupted, & still they will remaine soe till there be a seed of god springing vp in them: till that appeereth they Cannot deell Justly with god or man: the reson that I send these lines vnto thee & not vnto Any other of the Commishoners because I haue heard that thee dost Contienance those that haue a desire vnto righteousnes tharefor I shall desire thee as sune as it may be that thou wilt thincke of some other Implyment for mee: for I am not very free to stay much Longer in thus: for I desire but a liuelyhood for I & my wife & Children, though it be but a meane one: soe the lord almighty be thy derecter & preserver & that thou mayest once Come to feed of the true bread of life which will be a Continuall sattisefaction vnto thee when all the pompe & glory of the world will pase away.

RICHARD KNOWLMAN

Guner of the *Assistance* frigott.

ffrom a bord of the *Assistance*
frigott the 4th of Aprill 1657,
in the Downes ”¹

With these naval matters may be coupled a letter of 23rd April, 1657, from Captain William Whitehorne on board the *Essex* in the Downs to the Admiralty Commissioners, in which he mentions that two Quakers calling each other John² and George³ went on board ship the *Oxford* at Dover, bound for Dieppe. They were provided with passes from the clerk of the port. They had not been long on board before they began to speak to the seamen “according to their judgments.” This created disturbance and Captain Algate examined them as to their reasons for going over to France. “They answered that they were led over by the Spirit for the conversion of souls, and in order thereto they carried over the English and French booke here inclosed. They were willing to lose their lives for their religion. The Captain, upon mature deliberation, not knowing what might be the effect if he should land them on the French shoare, returned them again to England.”⁴

¹ S.P.D. cliv. 58. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 326.

² Probably John Harwood, who was a prisoner in the Bastile about this date.

³ Probably George Bayly, of London. He finally succeeded in reaching France, for he was imprisoned in that country and died in prison. See *F.P.T.* 157; Besse, *Sufferings*, il. 397.

⁴ S.P.D. cliv. 102. *Cas.* 1656-7, pp. 351, 352.

Fifth Monarchy Men.

On the 23rd April, 1657, "P.W." wrote to an unnamed correspondent of Venner and other persons arrested "on discovery of the late plot against his Highness," and added, "Its sayed the Anabaptists and Quakers were chiefly active in the conspiracy."¹

Somerset.

The next document, dated 6th April, 1657, refers to the arrest and imprisonment of Friends of Ilminster.

"Som^rsett.

ffor as much as James Stronge of the Parishe of Elmester² in the said County Came before me and hath required suerties of the peace to be granted against Elizebath Tucker Joane Giles and Ann Willmott the wife of Humphrey Willmot, all of the Parishe of Elmester, and with all hath taken his Corporall oath this day before me that hee requireth the same not for any priuat Malice hattred or euill will Neither for vexation or trouble but simply for the þservation of his life, body or goods. These are therefore in the name of his highnes the Protecto^r to will and require you that forth with on sight hereof you Cause the said Elizebath Tucker Joane Giles and Ann Wilmott the wife of Humphrey Willmott to Come before me to find sufficient suerties of the peace as well for their Personall appearance at the next genarall asizeses to be held for this County as also that they shall in the meane time keepe the peace towards all people of this Co^mon wealth and especialy towards the said James Stronge and in Case they shall refuse so to doe That then Imediatly without Expectinge any further Warrant you doe convay them to the Co^mon Goale at Iuelchester there held for the said County and there to remaine vntill they shall willingly doe the same and on sight hereof the keeper of the said Goale is hereby required to receiue them And see that you Certifie yo^r doeings in the þmises at the next Generall asizes held for this County aforesaid bringinge then and there this warrant with you and hereof faile you not at yo^r pille.

Giuen vnder my hand and seale the sixt day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred fifty and seauen.

HENRY BONNER.

To the Constables of the Town of Elmester
and to either of them these.

¹ S.P.D. Foreign Correspondence, France, 113, 157. *Cal.* 1656-7, p. 351.

² Ilminster.

Elizabeth Tucker	}	By the Kallender of the asizes held at Taunton 1657
Ann Wilmott		
and		
Joane Giles		
		fined Twenty pounds
		fined Twenty markes
		apeece and to remaine
		in the Goale vntill they
		pay theire seu'all fines.

A true Coppie and Examined by me

RICHARD BROWNE

Keeper of y^r pryson

in the other syde more”

“Some’sett.

John Dogett detained by vertue of an attachment yssueinge out of his highnes Court of Exchequer at Westm^r to answeere the said Protecto^r of diuers trespasses Contempts and offences retur^d from the day of Easter in 15 dayes.

George Tayler detained &c. [same as above].

Henry Clothier	}	detained &c. . . . offences retur ^d in 8 dayes of St. Hillary.
Thomas Lokier		
and		
Samuell Clothier		

William Sariant detained by vertue of a Cap yssueing out of the Court of the comon bench at Westm^r to answeere Phillipp Elis in a plea of trespasse and retur^d from the morrow of St. Martin.

The same William Sariant [as above].

The aforesaid Samuell Clothier [as above] to answer Margareat Kirton Widdow in a plea of trespasse and retur on the morrow of the purification of the Virgine Mary.

Thomas Loscome, to answer Henry Androse.

Edmond Beakes was detained by vertue of a Cap yssueinge out of the Court of the Comon bench at West^m to answeere Thomas Edwards in a plea of trespasse but hee beinge dead the said Edmond Beakes was discharged out of prison.

Henry Gundrye to answer Josiah Primott, but by agreemt with the said Josiah the said Henry was discharged out of prison.

A true coppie and examined by me

RICHARD BROWNE,

Keeper of y^r Prison.”’

’ S.P.D. clv. 80. *Cal.* 1657-8, p. 21.

A Successful Remonstrance.

In November, a Remonstrance was presented to the Council by the Quakers, as under:—

“ Wee the seruants and chillren of the Lord who are this day a suffering people vnder the Cruelty of men in Authority which dothe neither regard the Lawe of God to walke by, nor the due execution of the Law of the Land, but doth Imprison & release at their wills and pleasure; and what their minds & Malice leads them too without any Conscience, but inflicts Cruell things vpon the people of God, through all these Nations; and wee cannot bee vnmindful of our Breethren, but are fellow sufferrers with them being members of one head; and hereby wee doe present vnto you the Chiefe Councell of this Nation, the State in Short, of some of our Breethren and freinds in seuerall Goales, that if there be pittie in your hearts, you may be stirred vp to relieue the oppressed which groanes vnder many heauy Burdens (God knowes) to the greife of Gods spirit, and to the oppression of the Creature, and many beinge fined by Cruell men, and committed to prison, except you open your bowells of Compassion towards them, there cann be freedome noe other way to them, but by Losse of Life, according to outward appearance.

Att Exon in Deuonshiere four.	{	Captain Thomas Curtis of Reddinge wollen draper hauing beene in the west about much busines, and making his returne homewards: one John Martindale merchant, of Plymouth did come along with him 17 miles, where they tooke their Lodginge, to stay all night, purposinge the next morninge to part, each towards their owne homes, about the 12 th howre, was taken in their bedds, by a Constable and about ten men, who abused them with many filthy expressions and reuilinge Language, and Carried them to two Commissioners for the peace in that County who Committed them to prison as vagrants, though noe man accused them of any euill: But on the Contrary: Thomas Curtis shewed them Bills of Accoumpt and Letters of Goods bought, to the vallew of some hundreds of pounds, yet notwithstandinge were these true and just men sent to Exon Goale, this was the second day of the fourth month this present yeare 1657.
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Againe, beinge kept vnjustly in bonds ouer the Generall sessions, till the Generall Assize, and sufferinge vnjust things in the meane tyme, the 30th of the 5th month the said two men were called to before Judge Nicholas who sate Cheife Judge, and noe man appeared against them to lay any euill whatsoeuer to their Charge, yet the said Nicholas because for Conscience sake they

could not put of their hatts, fined them forty pounds a peice, and recommitted them to the Goale in Exon where they remaine vnjust sufferrers because of the Cruelty of men in Authority.

One Ellin Roberts, a poore sickly maide, and liuinge in the Suburbs of the Cittye, for comminge to a meetinge of our freinds was sent to Bridewell, and was Cruelly used, and for some Nights was not suffered to have straw to Lie vpon, and her freinds was not suffered to vissit her, and she was Cruelly whipped in the said prison of Bridewell of Exon, and there Doth remaine with most Cruell threatnings from the keeper of the prison:

There is alsoe another woman, on of our freinds in the same Bridewell, which hath suffered about seauen months hard Labour, and many stripes.

These aforesaid beinge thus vnjustly Committed and recommitted, now remaynes in the Common Goale. But this is not all the vnjustice and Cruelty which hath beene acted, in the said County of late, many others haue beene Committed to prison, and put forth againe, at the pleasure of their enimies, and some hath beene stockt and whipt for noe other thing but for trauellinge two or three miles to a meetinge of the people of God, on the first dayes. Soe that it is admired, what heauye yoakes and vnjust burdens haue beene laid vpon the innocent: euen such as hath beene knowne honest men in the COUNTRY: And these things Cheifly haue beene by John Beare, William Bastard, John Hale, with some others, as the Mayor of Exon, who are in Commission to doe Justice, but Justice is peruerted and true Judgment is turned Backward:

Likewise two lately Committed at Bury in Suffolke and indited because they did not come to their parrish Church (as they call it).

GER. ROBERTS
WILLIAM MARKEY
RICHARD DAUIS
AMOR STODDARD
HUMPHREY BACHE

(endorsed) r^d 10 Nov. 1657

Copie incl to Justices of Devon 8 Dec. 57."

Order in Council. 10 Nov. 1657.

"On reading a pap^r pnted to y^e Counsell on behalfe of Cap^t Thomas Curtis of Redding, and one John Martindale march^t of Plym^o who being in the West about their private occasions, as is alleadged, were apprehended and Comitted to Exeter Gaole, as Vagrants and at the gen^l Assizes were fined in 40^l apeice, because they would nott of thei^r hattes, and were thereupon sent back to prison, where they still remayne.

Ordered that the Clerke of the Assize for the County of Devon doe certifie this boord what fines were imposed vpon the said psons, or either of them and for what cause.

That in Case it shall appear vpon his Certificate that the Cause of their fyneing was noe other then what is alleadged in the said pap^s it be offered to his Highnes as the advice of the Counsell, that his Highness will please pdon y^e s^d Fines.

And whereas it is further alleadged in the s^d pap that one Ellen Roberts for comeing to a meeting of the Subscribers friends was sent to Bridewell at Exon, and their wipped and Contynued under hard usage As also y^t another woman, one of their friends, is in y^e same Bridewell, haueing suffered about 7 moneths hard labo^r and many stripes ; and that some haue been Stockt and whipt for no other thing but for travaileing 2 or three miles, to a meeting of the people of God, upon the Lordes Day, and that theis things haue been Chiefely done by M^r John Beere, W^m Bastard, John Hale, the Mayor of Exon, and others, in Com^{on} for the peace of that County, and that two were lately comitted at Bury in Suffolke, and indited because they came not to their pish Church.

Ordered that Letters be written to the respective Justices of the peace to know y^e groundes of y^e respectiue Comittm^{ts} of y^e s^d psons.”¹

The outcome of this Remonstrance was the following noteworthy letter :—

“ President Lawrence to the Justices of Peace, (draft).
Gentlemen

His Highnes and the Councell haue receiued seu^rall addresses on the behalfe of diu^{er}se psons com^{on}ly called Quakers who are imprisoned in seuerall places, some of them for not putting off their hattts, others for not finding sureties for the good behauior or for their retorne to their owne homes, and some of them haue layne long in prison and not likely to get out by Conforming to what might be expected from them and becomes them to doe, his Highnes & the Councell though they are farre from giving any Countenance to the ’mistaken principles’ or practizes of such men especially in their disturbance of godly Ministers or in any affronts put vppon Magestrates whose dignity ought to be maintained, yet finding that the same doth for the most part p^{ro}ceed rathe^r from a spirit of erro^r w^{ch} hath seduced them then from a malicious opposition to authority in w^{ch} case they (especially such among them as are otherwise of sober Conuersaçon) are to

¹ S.P.D., I. 78, pp. 259, 260. Cal. 1657-8, p. 156.

² . . . ² These words take the place of others written, or partly written, and crossed through—*euil fooli opinions*.

be pittied and dealt wth as psons vnd^r a strong delusion who chuse rather to suffer and pish then to doe any thing contrary to their though ungrounded and Corrupt principles. therefore his highnes and the Councill haue thought fitt to recemend their Condiçon vnto yo^r prudence to take such Course for the discharge of such of them as are in prisons within yo^r County as (having put a discountenance on their miscarriages) their liues may be preserved, diu'se of them hauing died in their imprisonments. And that out of a tendernes towards such poore deluded persons you would as much as in you lyes endeauo^r to prevent their running into such Contempts for not giving that Civill respect w^{ch} they owe to you as Magestrates when they are brought before you, by Causing their hatts to be pulled off before hand, or that for such Contemptes such punishment may be inflicted as may rather discountenance their folly then endang^r their Liues. His Highnes & the Councill judging it safer, in dealing wth persons whose miscarriages arise rather from defects in their vnderstanding then from malice in their wills, to exercise too much levity then too much severity." 1

Orders in Council.

"President Lawrence to Justices of Devon.

Gentlemen.

A Paper hath been p^sented to this boord a Copie whereof is here inclosed And supposeing that in some of the Cases therein mençoned there may be some pressure on them And to the intent the Councill may have a right vnderstanding of the truth of ffact in some other of the Cases which assigne no other reason for p^{re}ceeding against the persons but their going to some meeting place for wopp on the Lords day or the not yeilding that due respect vnto persons in authoritie that becomes them to doe The Councill have thought fitt to transmitt to you the said Persons with their desire that you will enforme your selues of the seuerall Cases from those who were principally concerned in the Comitment and proceedinges therein Specified and to Certifie to this Boord the true grounds thereof with yo^r first oppertunity.

Whitehall 10 Nov. 1657.

Signed in the name & by
order of his Highnes & y^r
Councill

For Arthur Upton, Wm
Fry, John Wollacombe Esq^{rs}
and the rest of his Highnes Jus-
tices of Peace for the County
of Devon or any of them to be
Communicated to the rest." 2

HE LAWRENCE Presd^t

¹ S.P.D. clvii. 88. *Cal.* 1657-8, p. 156. See *F.P.T.* 351.

² S.P.D., *I.* 78, pp. 840, 841. *Cal.* 1657-8, p. 157.

Cumberland.

The papers that follow consist of copies of the mittimus for the arrest of Matthew Robinson, Richard Robinson, Joseph Nicholson, and John Askew, committed to prison in the spring of 1658 for disturbing the services in the churches of Brigham, Corney, Drigg, and Muncaster.

“Cunbraland

Lancelot fletcher Esq^r one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Cumberland to the Keeper of the Comon Goale att Carlile for the said County & his Dup^y Greetinge : I send you heire withall by the Constables of Brigham And soe from Constable to Constable the derect way to you att Carlill a fowre said the Body of Mathew Robinson wth in the said County yeo : Brought before me this p^sent day. And by Oathes of sufficient wittnesses Charged wth the wilfull & Malicious Disturbing & Molesting of M^r Thomas Denton, Minister att Brigham wth in the said County vpon the seuententh day of this Instant Janiery being the Lords day in the forenounge of the same day in the Church att Brigham of his Exercise, to the grett hindrance of the GossPELL, Molestation & disturbance of the said M^r Denton, and the whole congregacion there assembled. These are therefore in the name of his Highnes the Lord Protector of England to Require you that vpon sight heireof you Resceave and take the Body of the said Mathew and in your safe custody Kepp in the said Goale safely keepe there untill the next Generall Quarter Sessions of the pece to be houlden for the said County wthout Baile or Maneprise, then & there to be furder p^{ro}ceeded against according to the late Act of Parlement in that Case p^{ro}ceeded, heere of faile not att your pelles [perils].

Giuen under my hand and Seale att Tallentyre wth in the said County the 18th day of Janiery 1657 [8].

LANCELOT FFLETCHER.”

“Cumbr^r

William Thomson of Thorneslet, one of the Justices of the pece wth in the County of Cumberland To the keper of the Comⁿ Gaole att Carlile for the said County or his deputy there being : I send you heire wth all the constables of Mancester the Bodyes of Richard Robinson & Joseph Nicholson lat of Boutle who you are to kepp in your said Goale till the next Quarter Sessions of the pece to be houlden for the said County, That they may be then & there p^{re}sent to doe and Receeive that which by the Court shall be Enioyned them, for that they haue both bene lawfully convicted before me that they have wilfully and Malitiously

disturbed two publick Ministers of this Nation contrary to the late Acte of Parlement in that case βvided, That his to say the said Richard Robinson for disturbing of M^r James Thompson in his pish church of Corney wthin the said County vpon 30th day of May last past being the lord day, And also for that the s^d Richard Robinson & Joseph Nicholson did vpon the 11th day of the moneth of June in the Church of Drigg in the said County disturbe M^r Andre Thomson & vpon the 13th day of the same Mounth of June being Lordes day did againe disturbe the said M^r Andre Thomson in the Chirch of Munkester And heire of you are not to faile att your pills.

Giuen vnder my hand and Seale the 14th day of June in the yeare of our lord God 1658.

WILLIAM THOMSON.”

“Cumbrld

S^r George ffletcher Bart high Sheriffe of the s^d County to William Salkeld Baliff of Allendale ward belowe Deruen greeting whereas be fore I Co^mand you by vertue of a writt to me directed from his highnes furth of the Court of Excheq^r 3 weeks from the day of East^r, against John Askow att the sute of Richard Hutton clarke. These are theirefore to Co^mand you to attach the s^d John Askew and him safly Conuay to his Highnes gaole att Carlill and that george Marton my Gaoler theire doe Receiue and take in to his Costody the s^d p^{te} [party] and him safly keepe untill such time as he shall be enlarged by due course of law : faile not heire of att your perells.

Giuen under the Seale of my office the 22th day of March, 1657.

By the Sd Sheriff.

By ROBERT CARR
Clarke.

[Endorsed]

The true Coppy of
Mathew Robinson mitim̄
Joseph Nicholson mitimus
& Richard Robinson,
John Askowe : Mitimus.”

¹ S.P.D. clxxxii. 136. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 147.

Prisoners in 1658.

From a Quaker to [the Protector ?]

A List of Prisoners now in England for Conciens sake.

In			
Aplbey prison	01	Norwich prison	14
Carlisle prison	04	Winchister prison	07
Yorke prison	04	Durham prison	03
Pontefract prisō	01	Gloster prison	11
Lancaster prison	01	Geathous Westmī	01
Northampton prison	04	Lewes prison	01
Huntington prison	01	Horsham prison	05
Cambridg prison	04	hartford prison	04
Canterbury prison	01	Kendall prison	01
fflett London prison	09	Warwicke prison	02
Suffolke prisons	06	Bristoll prison	02
Collchester prison	07	Dorsett prisons	06
Iuellchester prison	11	Hull prison	01
taunton prison	01	Newgatt Loñ prison	01
Bodman prison	01	Dyed in all prisons	09
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	56		68
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Maney of thees prisoners haue bine in About two years and sume for (it may bee) for biding the priest repent, and wishing the people to feare god, and sume for not swaring and others for not doffing their hatts to A proud man, but all for Consciens sake doe they now lye in prisons and for the truth suffer and not one of them for Euell doing, and this is but A tenth of the servants of the Lord suffering in the nation sume are hulled out of their meettings and whipt and sume are allmost killed goeing to meettings and Latly a house plucked downe, and many Indited for not Coming to the steple house All though they keepe Constant Christian meeting. therefore Consider thees thinges now they are Come bee fore thee, and Apeare for them, then wilt thou Answere that of god in thy Consciens which crys for justice, and Remember the goodnes off the Lord how hee hath Covered thy head in the warrs and consider to what purpose hee gaue thee thy life and forgett not his mercys, I haue some desiers to see thee Afore I Leve this nation.

[Endorsed] A Note of Quakers in prison

Ref. 30 Sept. 1658.¹

¹ S.P.D. clxxxii. 137. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 147.

Under the same date appears an individual protest addressed by Gilbert Latey to Henry Scobell, Clerk of the Council.

Gilbert Latey to Henry Scobell, Clerk of the Council, 30 September, 1658.

To all you who sitt in Counsell to Judge and determine the Cause of the people see that you have the Spirit of Sound Judgment to deserne and Judge withall that to the principle of god in every mans Conscience yee may be manifest in the sight of the Lord, whereby the Innosent may be unburthened, and the opressed eased of their heauie burthens, which by unjust Lawes you suffer to be inflicted upon them, as evill doers because thay cannot breake the Comand of Christ nor disowne the Apostls Doctrine, which forbids to swere but keepes to yee, and nay, in their Communication, for what is more cometh of evill, and this was not any evill to obay Christ, and the Apostles Doctrine, Though many now for the same thing hath Long Layne in prison, for not disobaying Christ and the Apostles Doctrine which saith above all things swear not Least yee fall into condemnation as doth all swearers, that are out of Christ and the Apostles Doctrine which was in the spirit, that could nott swear att all, soe all the swearers are out off the spirit, and out of the power, that they were in that could not swear, to which power every soule must be subiect that is a follower of Christ and the Apostles, by whom all swearing and swearers are excluded and shut out by the Life, power and Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, which denies to swear att all, and therefore take heed how you Cause any to swear and sin against Christ, and the Apostles Doctrine, which forbids any to swear to breake the comands and denie the power which the Saints are subiect to that keepes to yee and nay, and out of condemnation which all the Swearers enter into who denies Christ, that forbids to swear, soe all you must waite to know the Spirit, to receiue the Saints testimony, in which you will see that non should swear att all.

And this is sent to thee Henry Scobell to be red to the Counsel that they noe Longer cause any to suffer because thay cannot swear att all.

And this is from one of the children of the Lord whose testimony in the truth is that thos that are in Christ cannot swear at all

GILBERT LAYTE.

[Endorsed] ffor the hands off Henry Scobell.¹

¹ S.P.D. clxxxii. 136. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 146.

The following address, which accompanied the list of prisoners, is an interesting and valuable document:—

To the Protector and his Councill.

Freinds

It may seeme strange unto yoⁿ as it doth vnto others to heare y^t so many of o^r freinds should be cast into prisons, there being few goales or howses of Correction in England, to w^{ch} some of them haue not been comitted, & yoⁿ partly know how many of them are this day in bonds; And it is noe lesse strange to vs that such frequent & heauy sufferings for matters of Conscience should come vpon us & our brethren, who, for y^e most part, haue been instrum^{ts} with yoⁿ & others for casting off that yoke of oppression w^{ch} att y^e begining of y^e late warres lay vpon y^e honest people of this land, w^{ch} made many fly into strange Nations, & to seeke habitations in y^e deserts; But we wonder y^e more that they should come from those we counted o^r freinds, that so much haue p^rtended y^e liberty of conscience, & many of themselues practised y^e same things for w^{ch} we now suffer.

May we not aske what hath been done by o^r freinds; what lawes are those w^{ch} they have broken? whose persons or possessions haue they wronged? what force or violence to any man haue they vsed? haue yoⁿ found them in plotts or guilty of sedition? or making resistance against authority? haue they not patiently borne y^e greatest sufferings y^t any people of this Nation euer lay under since Queen Maryes dayes, without murmuring or discontent? & when haue they sought to revenge themselues? or troubled yoⁿ or others to be repaired for those many injuries & false imprisonments w^{ch} they haue endured? how haue they been counted as sheepe for the slaughter, persecuted & despised, beaten, stoned, wounded, stocked, whipped, haled out of yo^r sinagogues & cast in dungeons & noysome vaults, where many of them haue dyed in bonds, shutt upp from their freinds, denyed needfull sustenance for severall dayes together, not suffered to haue penn, inke or paper, & when they haue layd there many moneths, & some of them yeares, denyed a legall tryall; continued from sessions to assizes, & from one assizes to another, & noe Equity to be found from Judge or Justice?

If it be answered to vs, they are comon disturbers of Ministers, they will not pay tithes, they will not sweare, they will not putt off their hatts, they travaile vpp & downe from one Country to another without a Magistrates passe, & on y^e first dayes to meetinges att great distance; they will not pay fees when they are brought into Courts, nor plead in y^e formes there vsed, nor giue security to keepe y^e peace, or to be of y^e good behavio^r

when y^e Justices of peace require it, & we haue lawes or Customes that require these things should be done :

Is it forgotten what was one of y^e great causes of o^r late warres ? y^e sufferings that then were imposed & lay upon many for matters of Conscience ; & was it not a cheife p^tence of o^r fighting y^t we might enjoy the freedome of Conscience, as well as outward rights ? not only in y^e inner man, for that y^e B^{pps} or high Comission Court could not hinder, but y^e free exercise in all acts of piety & religion, of what y^e Lord should make manifest to us ; But whether this was then intended, or is now perverted, it is that w^{ch} is o^r right, w^{ch} we must clayme & noe man may take from vs ; ffor this we know, y^t Christ Jesus alone hath right to rule ouer y^e Consciences of men, vnto whom Euery one must giue an accompt of himselfe according to y^e just, p^fect & vnchangeable law of god, w^{ch} is revealed wth that alone of god wth is made manifest in man, w^{ch} he hath shewed vnto him, by w^{ch} Euery one shall be judged att y^e last day when y^e booke of Conscience shall be opened ; & therefore all vnequall, imperfect, & changeable lawes of men, we doe deny, & by them or for their transgression we shall not be judged of y^e lord ; And all lawes made in their wills, by their wisdomes in y^e thinges of God, w^{ch} concernes religion, & the free exercise of a good Conscience towards God & man, against them all we do beare wittnesse ; & knoweing y^e Com^{andem}^{ts} of the lord, & what he requires of vs, & haueing tasted his tender loue to those y^t keepe them, & felt his terrors against all disobedience, we are made willing to beare y^e greatest sufferings, rather then sin ag^t God ; And in this ground we stand not carefull what man can doe vnto vs, or sayes of us, nor to giue him an answer in this matter ; ffor whether is it better to obey god, or man, lett him judge.

Yett here, to p^{re}vent mistake, we doe with y^e like clearnesse declare o^r free & willing subjection in y^e things of this world, to euery ordinance of man that is just according to y^e righteous law of god ; and o^r worke is not to weaken, but to strengthen y^e hand of y^e Magistrate, by labouring to bring all to owne that of God w^{ch} should exercise their Consciences, to doe in all thinges as they would be done vnto, in w^{ch} is fulfilled y^e law & y^e prophets, w^{ch} takes away y^e occasion it selfe of y^e law, & brings to liue in peace & loue, wherein should be y^e magistrates joy & glory.

And doe but looke backe to y^e Crimes charged against vs, & all y^e sufferings we lye vnder, & yo^u may clearly see y^t not for any Euill done, or just law broken, that Concernes man, are we thus punished, but for things w^{ch} concernes o^r God. And cheifly for bearing o^r wittnesse, as we are moued of the Lord, against y^e false prophetts, & hirelings of these dayes, who by their fruites are made manifest, not only vnto us, but to many thousands

besides, yea y^e greatest pt of all y^e sober people of y^e Nation, their owne hearers, will confesse it, and we see and know that they and all Ministryes and worshippes in the world, sett vpp & standing in y^e will of man, shall perish and come to nothing; and y^e rise of these men, their growth and end we comprehend; & sees their downefall hasten greatly; and all y^e powers of y^e earth shall not be able to support them. And with them shall fall their titles, their temples, their glebe lands, & offerings, their sett dayes of worshipp in their wills, & all lawes limitting y^e holy one, made to vphold their craft; and blessed are they who through y^e day of tryall shall stand in their wittnesse faithfull vnto God, not fearing what man can doe unto them.

Doe not yo^u approve Christ Jesus his going into y^e temple, & doe not yo^u owne the Apostles who went into y^e Jews sinagogues Euery Saboth day, & into y^e markett places to testify of Christ Jesus, & reason with y^e people; And doe not yo^u Comend Luther, and Calvin, John Wicliffe & others as famous for their zeale in publishing abroad what then was manifest vnto them; & those persons w^{ch} in Queen Maryes dayes went into y^e popish steeple howses to beare wittnesse ag^t their superstitions, w^{ch} caused her to make a law against them, by w^{ch} many of them then suffered, & by w^{ch} y^e preists of England, till y^e last Parliam^t were guarded, And is it now become an offence to practise y^e same thing? & is y^t a just law made by y^e late parliam^t by w^{ch} many haue suffered; Are not y^e preists sprung from y^e old root of Episcopacy, & it from y^e Pope, & are they not forced to fly thither for their ordination? & is not that spirit y^e same, w^{ch} makes these lawes to support them? how shall y^e kingdomes of y^e Earth, y^e Papists, turkes, infidells, heathens be converted? yo^u priests sitt downe in their ease & will not goe, though they call themselues Ministers of y^e reformed Church; and haue not yo^u taught other Nations how to make Law^{es} to restraine y^e testimony of those whom y^e lord sends, & is sending into all y^e Corners of y^e Earth?

Did y^e Comand of god w^{ch} gaue tithes to y^e Jewish priesthood concerne y^e Gentiles? Or was not y^e Comandem^t to y^e Jews themselues disannulled, when y^e priesthood was changed? did Euer any of y^e beleiveing Jews pay tithes to y^e Apostles, or any of y^e Gentiles either? Did not y^e papists bring in this doctrine & oppression? and did not many of y^e Martyrs in Q. Maryes dayes, wittnesse against tithes, & was not that an article for w^{ch} some of them suffered, and doe not yo^u owne, & Comend those Martyrs, or doe yo^u judge them for holding an Error? has not all or most of those Countryses y^t turned from y^e Pope, & are called reformed, cast off tithes wth y^e Pope, & were ashamed of them? And is it y^e glory of England who p^tendes to y^e highest reformation to keepe upp tithes, y^e popish preistes maintenance,

and first fruites & tenths, y^e wages of y^e very pope himselfe, & to hale before Courts, cast into prisons, & spoyle y^e goodes of all those who for Conscience sake cannot pay them? Lett that of God answer.

And how many haue, & att this day doe, suffer because they cannot sweare, w^{ch} Christ Jesus & his Apostles aboue all thinges forbidds? how are y^e Comānds of Christ made voyd by y^e Customes & traditions of men? were it not easy, by turneing y^e law against lyers, & false wittnessers, w^{ch} y^e law of god is against, to find out that w^{ch} y^e law ag^t false swearing neuer did or could discover?

Doe yo^u owne Christ Jesus, of whom y^e Jews y^t putt him to death gaue this wittnesse, that he respected noe mans person? doe yo^u comēd Moredcai who could not giue y^e outward hono^{rs} to Haman? & doe yo^u regard his words who said I know not to giue flattering titles unto men for in soe doing my maker would soone take me away? hath not god made of one Mould and one blood, all Nations to dwell upoⁿ y^e face of y^e Earth? & doth not he y^t respects psons Comitt sin & is convinced of y^e law as a transgresso^r? & must it now be an offence not to putt off y^e hatt? or giue respect to y^e pson of him that hath a gold ring, & fine apparell? hath not all y^e earthly Lordshipp, tyranny, & oppression, sprung from this ground, by w^{ch} Creatures haue been exalted & sett vpp one aboue another, trampling vnder foot, & despiseing y^e poor? & is it not easy to see, that power & authority without contempt, may be p̄served, the power hono^{red}, obeyed, & submitted vnto & y^e pson not respected?

Has not y^e great & heavy oppressions of y^e law been long felt & Cryed out against, y^e long delayes in Courts & y^e great fees of officers, w^{ch} raiseth many to be Excessively rich, out of the ruines of the poor, w^{ch} hath brought an odium vpon y^e law it selfe; for to y^e poor, y^e remedy is frequently worse than y^e disease, & while people are free to feed this deceit there is little hope to haue it amended? And how full of lyes, deceit, p̄tences, & needlesse Circumstances are all yo^r pleadings & proceedinges, to y^e burthen of many mens Consciences, & ruine of their Estates, & how vile & wicked are y^e greatest pt of Lawyers, y^t will plead any thing for money, & by their subtilty doe most Comonly hide & Cover y^e truth, & when doe y^e Judges reprove it? & how treacherous & deceitfull are the sollicito^{rs} & attourneys, y^t truth or honesty can scarce be found amongst them, & how doe those eat upp y^e people as it were bread, & grow great & rich by raiseing & increasing suites, troubles, strife & debate amongst their neighbo^s? And wee seeing these oppressions are made to beare o^f wittnesses ag^t them & cannot vphold them, & o^f testimony shall not be invayne.

And how is the power giuen to Justices & Judges to bind to y^e peace & good behavio^r, being left to their discretion, turned against y^e most peaceable & best behaved p^{er}sons amongst men, meerly because they cannot bow to their wills, & hold their tongues, when y^e Lord God requires them to speake.

Doe yo^u Co^mend Christ Jesus, his Apostles & Saints who were sent to preach y^e Gospell & travayled from Citty to Citty, from Nation to Nation, from Country to Country, y^t y^e ends of y^e Earth might heare y^e glad tydeings of saluation ? & doe yo^u Co^mend those they called Puritans for goeing many miles to worshipp y^e Lord ? & doe y^u now condemne those that practise y^e same thing ? would not yo^u law ag^t vagabonds have taken hold of Christ & his Ministers, & hindered their worke ; by it haue many honest & good people suffered most shamefull whippings & imprisonm^{ts} who were travaileing in their owne Country, about their outward & lawful occasions, y^t were of considerable estates, & could not be counted vagabonds ; & what use is made of this law, throughout y^e Nation yo^u cannot but heare.

Are not these things like y^e sayings of those who sayd had they liued in y^e dayes of y^e prophetts, they would not have psecuted & putt them to death, & yett they crucified Christ, & so y^e Cry att this day is ag^t the Jews for their Cruelty, when themselues are found exerciseing y^e same things ag^t his saints & members.

Long has y^e beast reigned who vsurped power in these thinges, & y^e false prophetts who have overspread y^e earth, & y^e great whore, who have made all Nations drunke with their abominations, & y^e wine of their fornication, with whom y^e kinges of y^e Earth haue Co^mitted adultery, whom Christ said should come, & before y^e Apostles decease did come, who went out from y^e Apostles, & putt on their cloathing but inwardly were destroyers, ravening wolfes w^{ch} y^e wholl world went after, who turned against y^e Saintes who kept to y^e spirit, y^e life w^{ch} they went from, & made warr wth y^e saintes till they ouercame & their power reached ouer y^e wholl earth. But now is y^e life risen, & is againe made manifest, w^{ch} they went from w^{ch} giues to see before y^e apostacy was ; Now is y^e lambe risen & riseing to make warr with y^e great dragon, y^e beast, & false prophetts, & now shall y^e great whore be taken, & her flesh shall be burnt with fire, & the saintes shall have y^e victory.

Therefore lett all Kings, Princes, Rulers, Magistrates be warned not to take pt with the beast, nor to vphold with their power y^e false p^{ro}phetts who haue long deceived y^e Nations, But in their place stand to keepe y^e outward peace, that none may offer violence, or destroy another, w^{ch} hath been y^e way of y^e beast & false prophetts & the propp and support of their king-

dome ; But leaue Christ Jesus in his saintes to manage y^e warre, whose warrfarr is not carnall, whose weapons are not carnall, yett are they mighty through God to the pulling downe of strongholds, & ouerturning y^e foundation of Sathans kingdome ; and they shall soone see what is truth & what is error, for great is y^e truth & will p̄vayle ; They shall not need to cry out for want of Ministers, or that Christ Jesus is not able to send forth labourers, nor will those he sends forth trouble them for maintenance, And here is y^e Magistrates true place to keepe peace amongst all men, to punish him that doth Euill, & to encourage him y^t doth well, to rule y^e kingdomes of y^e earth in righteousnesse, y^t justice & equity may be exalted, that way may be made for y^e lord Jesus Christ, who is comeing to reigne & to take y^e dominion to himselfe ; and we are wittneses in o^r measures, of his comeing, & of the workeing of his mighty power by w^{ch} he is able to subdue all thinges to himselfe, and this is y^e testimony vnto w^{ch} we are called, & many thousands with us, in y^e verity of y^e same spirit.

And wittneses we stand against preistes, tithes, temples, swearing, and all y^e Carnall way of worshipp, sett upp & vpholden by outward lawes, & powers, w^{ch} would limitt & restraîne y^e spirit of y^e lord, which is greived, & dayly cryes out against these abominations.

Wittneses we stand against Parliam^{ts}, Councells, Judges, Justices, who make or execute lawes in their wills ouer y^e consciences of men, or punish for Conscience sake, & to such lawes, Customes, Courts, or arbitrary vsurped dominion, we cannot yeild our obedience.

Yett doe we declare as it is testified in all Countyes, Cittyes, Goales & prisons, to Judges, Justices, & others, that as we preach Christ Jesus alone in y^e [*illegible, crease*] to be o^r Lawgiuer ; so doe we owne him to be o^r King (& owne Magistrates in thinges Civill), not resisting y^e Evill but following his Example, who was made pfect through suffering, & for his salvation we waite, till he alone shall plead o^r cause ; And therefore for Conscience sake, haue we joyfully borne & doe beare so many & great sufferings —since y^e day we were Convinced of y^e Everlasting truth.

These things we haue declared, not to obrayd yo^u with y^e injustice of others, nor to revile y^e Governem^t itselfe, nor as a Complaint ag^t o^r oppresso^{rs} but that yo^u may see y^e ground & true cause of all o^r sufferings, & of y^e sufferings of y^e saints in all ages & generaçons, & in all Nations of y^e world this day ; And we leaue it to that of god in yo^u all to weigh & Consider, whether it be not tyme to reforme both Lawes Courts & officers.

{ from yo^r freinds who are louers of peace
& truth, who waite for y^e comeinge of y^e Lord
to Establish justice & righteousnesse in y^e
Earth, whom he hath raised vpp as wittneses
of his appeareing & of y^e dawneing of y^e mighty
& dreadfull day of god in light, life & power,
who are hated of men and reproached vnd^r y^e
name of QUAKERS.

GER ROBERTS	JOHN FFIELDER
EDW. BYLLYNGE	THO MOORE
THOMAS CURTIS	NICH BOND
AMOR STODDART	JOHN CROOK
THO : HARTE	ANT. PEARSON
JOHN SMYTH	WILL OSBURNE
GEBERT SIKES	WALTER CLEMENT
RICHARD DAUIES	WILLIAM WOODCOCKE
SAMUEL FFISHER	JOHN ASKEW
THO COURNEY (COVENEY)	SAMUELL VAUSE. ¹

The list of Friends in prison, prepared by those active on their behalf outside, appears in duplicate among the State Papers.² There are numerous variations, especially in the spelling of surnames, and persons studying the names of prisoners from either historical or genealogical interest should not neglect to make a careful comparison of the two originals. It is only thought necessary to print one here, but references are given in footnotes to the other, described as B. The annotations running down the left side are written in other hands, and the endorsement "Returned from seuerall Goalers the names of Prisoners," shews that the information when received from the gaolers was added to the original document. A form of the circular letter sent down by Henry Scobell, on 16th October, to each of the thirty-four Prisons where Friends lay, appears on page 55. It demanded information as to the cause of commitment and detention of those whose names were given. Replies from gaolers were at once received, some with astonishing celerity, as from York on the 20th, Ilchester, on the 21st.

A list off friends who are now prisoners In the seueall goals of this nation for Conscience sake, that thos in Author[ity] may see what is done in the nation and

¹ S.P.D. clxxxii. 138. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 147, 148.

² S.P.D. clxxxii. 139; clxxxiii. 15. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 148-150, 156.

what worke is Committed by Euell men Against the servants of the lord to the Ruen of maney family if Not speedyly preuented.

[Endorsed]

Returned from seuerell Goalers the names of Prisoners.

WINCHISTER PRISON—7.

[Annotated in other hands
as under]

For high misdemenors comited By the Judge to the house of Correction till give security to returne home. { Anthony Milledg' latly A Captaine of A shipp off warr for the stats now as A Vagoebond put in prison att winchister prison.

Convicted for disturbing a Minister in devine worship. { Danell Baker latly A Captaine of a shipp of warr for the stats now in winchister prison for speaking to A priest.

For the same wth cause wth Milledge ut supra. { Humphry Smith taken vpp as a wanderer and whipt and now lyes in winchester prison wher hee hath Continewed About halph a year.

For the same Cause with Milledge also. { William Bayly for speakeing to A priest now in winchester prison.

For disturbing a Minister is fined 5^s for contempt of ye Court. { James Potter for goeing to A steple house now prisoner att winchister.

For the same cause wth Baker ut supra. { George Henderson ffor speaking to A priest now prisoner in winchister.

For the same cause wth Baker. { John Day for speaking to A priest now prisoner att Winchister goale.

CARLILE PRISON—4.

{ Joseph Nicoleson for goeing to A steple house prisoner in Carlile.

{ Richard Robinson for goeing in to A steple house prisoner in Carlile.

{ John Askue² for goeing to the steple house now prisoner att Carlile.

¹ Milleadge in B.

² Askew in B.

{ Mathew Robinson for goeing to A
steple house now prisoner att
Carlile.¹

APLEBY PRISON—1.

distrayned

{ Thomas (George) Tayler fined
fiue pounds for not puting off his
hatt put in Apleby prison.

HULL PRISON—1.

Sent thither by Maj^r Cam-
bridg by vertue of an ord^r
from his Highnes for being
at a tumultuary meeting at
Leeds.

{ John Leuenes² formerly A Cap-
taine of A troope of horse in the
Army for the parlement, and yett
still in Commission A Justice of
peace was Committed vnto hull
prison for haueing A metting att
his house.³

YORKE PRISON—4.

For not paying tithes.

{ Robert Maitford Imprisoned att
Yorke for non-payment of tyths.

releas'd. proces out of Upper
bench—action of trespass.

{ Roger Hebden⁴ for non-payment
of tyths now prisoner at Yorke
prisoner.

For not paying tithes Upper
bench.

{ Thomas Wauen⁵ for non-payment
of tythes now prisoner att Yorke
prisoner.

dead. proces out of Exchequ^r

{ John Summerton prisoner for
non-payment of tyths att Yorke.

For not serving a war^t of of y^c
Justice of peace for profana-
tion of the Lords Day.

{ Anthoney hakes⁶ for Refusing to
leuell moneys vppon friends for
travelling to A metting vppon A
first day of the weeke, prisoner
now att Yorke.

IUELLCHISTER PRISON—12.

attachm^t out of Excheq^r.

{ John Dogett for Refusing to pay
tyths now in Iuellchister prison.

¹ " These foure are putt in for tithes."—B.

² Leavens in B.

³ " Neare Leades in Yorkshre."—B.

⁴ Hebton in B.

⁵ Woven in B.

⁶ Haukes in B.

discharged.	{ Henry Gaudy ¹ for Refusing to pay tyths now in Iuellchister prison.
discharged.	{ Edward baker for Refusing to pay tyths now in Iuellchister prison.
procese out of Comon pleas for trespase.	{ William Sergent for denying to pay tyths now prisoner att Iuelchister.
procese out of Excheq ^r .	{ Samuel Clothyer ² for deny to pay tythes now prisoner at Iuellchister. Thomas Locker for denying to pay tythes now prisoner att Euelchister. henry Clothyer for deneying to pay tythes now prisoner at Euelchister.
procese out of Excheq ^r .	{ George Tayler for denying to pay tythes now prisoner at Iuelchister.
proces out of Comon pleas.	{ Thomas Lustcome ³ for denying to pay tythes now prisoner at Iuelchister.
for not putting in sureties for y ^e peace, being sworne against them and fined 20 ^s on Tucker & xx marks on y ^e [other] 2.	{ Elizabeth Tunker for goeing to A priest now prisoner att Iuelchister. Ann will mott for goeing to A priest now prisoner att Euellchister. Jeane Gyles for goeing to A priest now prisoner at Euell "though 2 of them spoke not A word" (B.).

NORWICH—4.

ffor disturbing a minister for w ^{ch} he was fined 5 ^{li} .	{ Edward Warren for speaking vnto people in the graue yard.
vppon p ^{ces} out of the Excheq ^r .	{ William Barber ffor denying to pay tyths now prisoner att Norwich.
none such there.	{ William King for not takeing his oaths now prisoner att norwich
discharged	{ John Godard Imprisoned att norwich prison.

¹ Gandy in B.² Clothier in B.³ Lostcomd in B. Loscomb, *Besse*.

HUNTINGTON PRISON—1.

For not answering a bill in y^e Excheq^r. { Symond Stanford for denying payment for tyth prisoner att huntington.

IPSWICH—4.

Lies in for 4^s. 4^d fees to y^e Cl of y^e peace. { William Allixander for Goeing to the steple house prisoner att Ipswich.

For not answering a bill in the excheq^r. { Arnall nunn for denying tyths Imprisoned att Ipswich prison.

the like. { William turmott for denying tythes Imprisoned att Ipswich prison.

the like wth Alexander. { George Whithead for speakeing to A priest in Ipswich prison.

EDMONDS BURY—1.

Convicted for disturbing a minister. { Ann Blackly^r for bidding A priest proue his doctrine prisoner.

MILTON PRISON—1.

For not answering a bill in y^e Excheq^r. { George Shering for tyths put in milton prison.

NORHAMPTON PRISON—3.

vppon ꝑces out of the Excheq^r. { John Gerrett in norhampton prison.

a ffine of 30^{li} by the Sessions. { William Soule [*Lowel erased*] for saying god was the word and not the scriptuers.

ffor 5^{li} 13^s 2^d & 21^s 11^d to Lionel Goodrick Clerke. { Edward Robbards^r in northampton prison.

John Winter in Est Kent had his house plondered of his goodes by A priest for tyths to the vallue of ninty nine pounds.

¹ Blakeley in B.

² Roberts in B.

FLETT—8.

Upon attachments and orders out of y ^e Court of Excheq ^r	{ Dauid hall John Lucas Rich Marks water mably Alix heblewarte James Corney ¹ Rich Robinson Will Slater ² W ^m Glidwell	} all these haue bine prisoner About two yeares for tythes never the less the priest makes spoyle out off their goods att home and keeps their boddys Imprison In the flett att London.
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KENDALL PRISON—1.

ffor disturbing the minister & Congregaçon	{ Jeane Waugh for speaking to A priest prisoner att Kendall.
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PONTEFRACT—1.

none such in prison there	{ Richard Stubbs for Reading A paper in the steple house in pontefract prison.
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TAUNTON GOALE—1.

Convicted for dis turbing Minister a on y ^e Lords day on 17 July last Devine worship comited for 5 m ^o to house of Corection	{ William Wokey for speakeing to A priest.
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GLOSTER PRISON—10.

Sett at liberty	Rich hollister	} all these friends Are in gloster prison for that they can not pay tythes Unto A man they know is not of gods sending noe minister of Christs that teacheth for filthy Lucur and miends Earthly things suche mines not the Lord Jesus but their owne bellyes.
Upon process out of excheq ^r	{ Edward Budding William peasly Thomas Beale ³ ffrances pennell	
upon an action of trespase out of upper bench	{ Joseph Tomlinson	
ffor Debt upon process out of upper bench	{ Tho hapcoat	
Upon proces out of Comon pleas for 7 ^s 10 ^d . debt	{ Thomas whit	
Sett at liberty the like	2 Rich Marshall 3 Isacke Whitting	

¹ Gorney in B.² Cleater in B.³ Boale in B.

DURHAM—3.

George humble^r put in prison Vntell death for speaking to George Lilborne att Durham Goale.

on p^{tes} out of the Excheq^r at the suite of Tho : Bower esq^r { James Whit in prison for tyths in durham pris.

Released Mary Camshow^r Prisoner for speaking to A priest.

CANTERBURY—1.

by proces out of the vpper bench { Edward Noaks prisoner att Canterbury prison and had 99^{li} worth of his goodes taken Away for tyths.

LEWES PRISON—1.

Released John Pillett for speaking to A priest is prisoner in Lew^r prison.

HORSHAM GOALE—5.

vppon p^{tes} out of the Excheq^r for non paim^t of tithes { Robert Adames }
 { Richard pratt } thees to for tyths
 { Richard Pockney }
 ffor disturbing the minister & Congregaçon { John Snashall } thees thre for speaking
 { Alce west } to A priest.
 { Tho Patching }
 all 5 in horsham goale.

BRISTOLL—2.

both discharged { John Whethers³ } both imprisoned because
 { John Caneloue⁴ } they Could not put off
 ther hats to A proud man.
 are now in bristoll prison.

CAMBRIDGE—3.

By procese out of y^e Excheq^r. Lancaster discharged { Robert Lettword⁵ } these two for tyths in
 { Christopher lan-caster } Cambridg prison

¹ Himble in B.

² Kampsha in B. Ramsey, Besse.

³ Withers in B

⁴ Love in B.

⁵ Lethworth in B.

The wife comited for disturbing a Minister and fined 8s. { bonyface Norris and his wife } { this man for goeing to a meeting who dyed A week after hee Cam out but his wife Remanys for speaking to A prist.

CARDIFE PRISON—2.

ffor disturbing the minister in his exercise on the Lords day { Dobias hoges and Dorcas Erbury are } { both in Cardife for speaking to A prist.

BODMAN—I.

no such pson there but Loueday Hambley deliu'ed. { Lowly hamblton in bodman prison for that shee Could not pay tyths vnto A man that shee knows is not A minister of Xt.

4 in HARTFORD PRISON—4.

By proces out of the Excheq^r { W^m Doget. Georg hacke^r put in for tyths by the priest of hichen and never had Any thing tythable but for smook [smoke] hath hee Layne about halph A yeare in bonds.

Convicted on confession for disturbing a minister & fined 50^s to his highnes & 50^s to y^e prosecutors Convicted to y^e house of corection for 3 m^o for disturbing a minister 29 Aprill last. { Henry fest [ffeast] } { thees for goeing to the steple hous are put in prison. } { Thomas Harris and one more in hartford goale for setting upp A paper of truth A gainst the prist.

IN COLCHESTER GOALE—10.

A person of evill behaviour & disturbing y^e peace refusing to find sureties { nine for tythes and goeing to the steple house and William Allen put in prison for goeing to A metting. } { by Dudly Templer.

^r Huckell in B.

MALBOROW PRISON—1.

released before Malborow prison Edward Southwood for goeing to the stephouse and three more whipte in that towne its their Common practis to whip friends they Latly whipt a Judges mayd and A Citysen of London.

ALSBURY PRISON—1.

no such prisoner there John browne for not taking his oath.

OXFORD PRISON—3.

uppon proces out of the Excheq'. { Alix harris
Will Coale
Tho French } all in Oxford for not paying tyths.

IN DORSETTSHERE PRISONS—

Disturbing a minister John Gundry for speaking to A prist.
the like. Eliz Atkins for speaking to a prist.
misbehaving themselves { Georg harris fined ten pounds for
before the justices of peace } the hatt
Tho Strickland prisoner for the hatt
frances dumberfoad [Dumberfold].
not in his custody William Elliott } all these pris-
peter maber } oners in Dor-
Bridewell in Sherborn Nicholas Ston. } settshere.

one in NEWGATT, bennjomyn Wallis for speaking to A prist att London.

one att the GATT HOUSE att Westminster for speaking to A prist.

two In SALSBURY for tyths.

LESTER PRISON

discharged last assizes Rich ffarmer for Reading A Letter in the steple house.

WHITE LYON—I.

proces out of y^e Comon { henry gill in the whit lyon by the
pleas. { priest of godly man¹ for tyths.

[On the back is the following list :—]

Winchister Prison07	Canterbury prison01
Carlile prison04	Leues prison01
Hull prison01	horsham prison05
Apleby prison01	Bristoall prison02
York prison04	Cambridge prison03
Juellchister prison12	Cardife prison02
Norwich prison04	Bodman prison01
Huntington prison01	hartford prison04
Ipswich prison04	Colchester prison10
Edmonds Bury01	Malborow prison01
Milton prison01	Alsbury prison01
Norhampton prison03	Oxford prison03
fflett London08	Dorsettsher prisons08
Kendall prison01	Newgatt London01
pontefract prison01	The geat house Lond01
Taunton prison01	Salsbury prison02
Gloster prison10	Lester prison01
Durham prison03	Whit lyon prison01

Ric Osborne dyed in Lancaster	
gaole for tythes	I
att Ipswich on dyed	I
2 dyed in Yorke one for About	
2 ^s 6 ^d for tyths	2
one dyed att durham	I
one att Gloster	I
one att Colchister	I
Exceter	I
and one dyed at bristole and was	
Carried dead out in a Baskett	I

the blood of thees 9 Inocent Lambs Lyes uppon you and ther is now About six score in prison in this nation for Consens sake.² Now yee that bee in Authoryty, Consider thees things for they Concerne you if you judg for the Lorde. serch the Records and you will hardly fiend soe many In prison for Consciens sake sence the dayes of queene mary, as now is In your day, and

¹ That is, Godalming.

² The other list (B.) gives the number of "About A hundred and tenn prisoners In Goales and holes and in houses of Correction throughout the nation," and states that many of the prisoners have lain in prison about two years.

if you doe not Relese them, but harden your hart Against them
and Lett them lye and dye in prisons, it is A signe you are without
Pitty, without feelling.¹

[The form of letter sent to the various Jails is here given,
and it is followed by the replies received from the Keepers.]

S^r

I am comanded by the Councell to Require you vpon
receipt hereof to send vnto me a pticular accompt of the Cause
of the Comitment and detention of the seuerall ps^{ns} hereund^r
named in the prison of _____ and] copies of the Orders or
warrants by w^{ch} they stand Comitted.

Yo^r louing ffriend

Whitehall

Octob: 16: 1658

To the keeper of y^e Goale.

These letters sent 16 Octob^r 1658

Winchester	Canterbury
Carlisle	Lewis
Hull	Horsham
Apleby	Bristoll
Yorke	Cambridge
Ivellchister	Cardiffe
Norw ^{ch}	Bodman
Huntington	Hartford
Ipsw ^{ch}	Colchester
Edmonds Bury	Malborough
Milton	Alesbury
Northampton	Oxford
fleet London	Dorchester
Kendall	Newgate London
Pontefract	Leicester
Gloucester	White Lyon Southwarke
Durham	Taunton ²

CAMBRIDGE.

ffor the right worth Henry Scobell Esq^r at his office thes present
in Whitehall hast hast post hast.

Hono^red S^r

I rec^d yo^r Letter in obedience to w^{ch} I c^rtefie that Robert
Lettword otherwais Letchworth is detained by uertue of a p^{ces}
from the Barons of Exchq^r a copie of w^{ch} is heare vnder me^çioned
Christopher Lancaster was detained by the lieke p^{ces} and sence

¹ S.P.D. clxxxii. 139. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 148-150.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 16. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 156.

he hath satisfied y^e minister whom p^{re}secuted hath giuen the prisoner a discharge; and the wief of Boniface Norris was conuicted in Court of Sessions held at Camb^r Castle for the County of Cambridg for disturbinge the minister in y^e parochall Church in Ouer and was judged to pay a fine of fiue poundes for y^e same offence; w^{ch} fine is not yett payd, w^{ch} is all that consernes the thre prisoners in yo^r letter mençioned

this ffrom yo^r seruant

JOHN BARON

Cambridge Castle,

keeper of Camb^r Castle.

y^e 18 day of October 1658.

Camb^r ss^r

Richard Woodward Esq^r Sherife of the County of Camb^r aforsaid to y^e Baylife of y^e hundered of Staplehõ & also to Thomas Wrawlings gretinge

by uertue of a writt of his Highnes Oliuer Lord Protector of the Co^mon welth of England, Scotland and Ireland and y^e Dominions therevnto belonginge to me directed: I comand you that you omitt not &c but take Rob^t Lecheworth if he shall be found in my Bayliwicke & him safely keep, soe that I may haue his body before y^e Barons of Excheq^r at West minster from the day of S^t Michell^r in thre weekes to Answer y^e Lord Protector of diuers trespases contempts and Misdemenos^s by him latly done & comitted. heare of faile not at yo^r perill

giuen under the seale of my office y^e xxi day of Septemb^r 1657.

By y^e same ssherife.

[Endorsed] Cambridge Castle, retorne touching Quakers
21 Oct. 1658.²

IUELCHESTER.

ffor the r^t worppⁿ Henry Scoble Esq^r Clarke of his Highness Councill att Whitehall these Westminster.

ffranck.

Honored S^r

Accordinge to your Letter I have enclosed sent A true Coppy³ of y^e Causes w^{ch} are now in my handes ags^t the seu^rall p^{er}sons mençoned in yo^r Letter: the three woemen for the ffines are very meane of estate and not well able to pay y^e fines beeinge nowe in Custody and there haue remayned aboue a yeare, though the

¹ *Martin* was first written and then erased.

² S.P.D. clxxxviii. 17. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 156, 157.

³ This copy is missing.

cause bee not expressed wherefore the fines were sett. I can satisfie you that the mynister Mr Stronge pferred an Indictm^t at the Assizes ffor a Ryott w^{ch} wth my humble servisce p^sented is all att p^sent ffrom

yo^r humble servant

RICHARD BROWNE.

Ivelchester y^e 19th of
October 1658^r

YORKE.

for the special service of the state

To the worpp^{full} Henry Scobell Cl^k to the Counsell of State att Whitehall London These.

Hon^{ed} S^r :

According to the Comand receiued I haue sent you Inclosed the Coppies of y^e warrantes by w^{ch} y^e psones Mençioned in y^e same standes Comitted to o^r Charge & I shall also giue you an account of their Comittm^t soe farre as I am able; Robert Mainford & Thomas Wawne are prisoners with us for y^e Not payinge of their Tythes for w^{ch} y^e Ministers of their seuerall pishes haue sued them & cast them into prison; John Semerson was for the Like but he dyed May the Last. Roger Hebden for the same but he was Released y^e 15th of this Instant October & is att Large; Andrew Hawkes is prisoner for not serving y^e Justice of peace warrant as his Mittimus doth expresse;

S^r I haue also made bold to send a Coppy of a warrant by w^{ch} John Ellis & Mathew Maire are deteyned here it is for y^e aforesaid Not paying of Tythes & My request is that if any thing be done for y^e releasing of the abouesaid prisoners y^t you would be pleased to Moue the Counsell of State with these two poore Men who are deteyned for y^e Like offence: thus Much att p^sent from him who is S^r : yo^r servant to Comand

in what I may

Yorke Castle

JO THOMLINSON.

October y^e 19th.

Yorkeshire.

John Bright Esq^r sheriffe of y^e said County to y^e keep^{rs} of the Gaole att y^e Castle of Yorke greeting.

I Comand you that the body of John Semerson Lately by me Attached you receive & him safely keepe soe that I may haue his body before the Barrons of y^e Excheq^r att Westm^r in fifteen dayes after Easter To Answer his highnes the Lord Protector of

^r S.P.D. clxxxiii. 22. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 158.

diuers trespasses Contempts & offences by him Lately done & Comitted And this &c.

Giuen vnder the seale of my office the 3^d day of Aprill 1656.

A true Coppy

exam̄ by JO THOMLINSON.

By ye Sheriffe

the prisoner abouesaid dyed in y^e Castle y^e 2^d day of May 1658.

Yorkeshire

Thomas Harrison Esq^r Sheriffe of y^e said County To the keeper of the Gaole of y^e Castle of Yorke greeting.

I Comand that the body of Roger Hebden by me Lately Taken you receiue into your Custody soe that I may haue his body before y^e Lord Protector in y^e Upper bench at Westm^r on Munday Next after three weekes of S^t Michaell to Answer Henry Sotheby in a plea of trespas.

Giuen vnder the seale of my office the 9th day of August 1658.

By y^e Sheriffe.

A true Coppy exam̄ : by JO THOMLINSON.

Yorkeshire

Thomas Harrison Esq^r Sheriffe of y^e said County To y^e Goaler or keeper of y^e Castle of Yorke Greeting.

I comand you that the body of Robert Mainford by me taken you deteyne & safe keepe soe that I may haue his body before y^e Justices of the Com̄on bench att Westm^r from y^e day of Easter in one Month to Answer Charles Keane Clerke in a plea of trespas.

Giuen vnder the seale of My office the 28th day of Aprill 1658.

by y^e sheriffe.

A True Coppy

Examined by JO THOMLINSON gaoler.

Yorkeshire ss^t

Thomas Harrison Esq^r sheriffe of y^e said County to y^e Goaler or keeper of y^e Castle of Yorke greeting

I Comand you that the Body of Thomas Wawne by me taken you receiue into your Custody & him safe keepe soe that I may haue his body before y^e Lord Protector in y^e vpp bench at Westm^r on Satterday Next after a Month of Easter to satisfie John Norton Clerke of Seauen pounds eighteen shillings & six pence damages where of he is Convicted.

Giuen vnder the seale of my Office the 15th day of May 1658

A true Coppy

examined by JO THOMLINSON.

by y^e sheriffe.

Yorkeshire ss^t

Thomas Harrison Esq^r sheriffe of y^e said County to y^e keeper of y^e Goale of his highnes the Lord Protector of y^e Castle of Yorke greeting

I Comand you that the body of John Ellis & Mathew Maire into yo^r Custody you receiue & them safely keepe soe that I may haue their bodies Before y^e barrons of excheq^r att Westm^r from y^e day of S^t Michaell in three weekes to Answer the said Lord Protector of diverse trespasses Contemptes and offences by them Lately comitted & done And this &c.

Giuen vnder the seale of my office y^e 18th day of August 1658.

A true Coppy exam^d by JO THOMLINSON. by y^e sheriffe.

West Ridd. of Yorke shire.

To y^e Sheriffe of y^e County of Yorke & To y^e Gaoler of y^e Castle of Yorke to his deputy or deputies greeting

I send you herewth all the body of Andrew Hawkes Late of Whixley for that he being Constable hath refused to serue y^e warrant of the Justice of peace to him deliuered for the Levying of certaine fines of seuerall psons for their p^rfanation of y^e Lordes day and refusing to finde suretyes for his good behaiour ;

These are therefore in y^e Name of his highnes the Lord Protector to Charge & Comand you forthwith to receiue the said Andrew Hawkes into yo^r Custody & him safely keepe vntill he shall be deliue^d by due Course of Law ffaile not herein att yo^r pill :

Giuen vnder My hand & seale att Kirkby Hall this 18th of ffebruary.

THO : DICKINSON.

A true Coppy

Exam : by JO THOMLINSON.¹

WINCHESTER.

ffor the Hon^{ble} Henry Scobell Esq^r Secretary to the Councill of State these A^t White Hall.

Honrd S^r

In Obedience to y^e Comand of the Hon^{ble} Councill of State I haue here inclosed sent you the seuerall Comittments (& Orders) That I haue ffor y^e deteyneinge of HUMPHRY SMITH ANTHONY MELLAGE W^m BAYLEY JOHN DAY DANIELL BAKER GEORGE HENDERSON & JAMES POTTER, which I hope will be A full Answere to yo^r desires, And soe I take my Leaue and rest S^r yo^r most Humble seruant

Winchester pson,

JO. HAYWARD.

y^e 19th October, 1658.

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 23. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 158.

South^m ss^t

To the keeper of the Comon Goale ffor this County at Winton or to his Deputye here Greeteinge.

I send you herewthall the bodyes of Humphry Smith of Cowhorne in the County of Hereford Antony Mellage of Lyme in the County of Dorsett. And W^m Bayley of [] ffor that they haue bene charged before me wth seuerall High Misdemeano^{rs} by them Comitted at Poulner in the pish of Ringwood And ffor that they haue refused to finde suretyes for there Appearence Att the nexte Generall Assyzes to be held ffor this County, And in the meane time to be of the good behau^r These are therefore to require you to receiue them the sayd Humphry Smith Anthony Mellage & W^m Bayley, into yo^r Custody & them safely Keepe, in yo^r Co^mon Goale vntill they shall be thence Deliuered by due Course of Lawe, And hereof ffayle you nott

Giuen vnder my hand & seale the 7th day of ffebruary 1657

A true Copie of the Mitemus.

JO. BULKLEY.

Att Lent Assyzes 1657.

South^m ss^t.

Then Ordered by the right Hon^{ble} Judge Windham, the then Judge of Assyze That the sayd Humphry Smith Anthony Mellage & W^m Bayley; be sent to the Howse of Corec^on there to remayne untill they giue Securyty to retourne to there seuerall Habita^ons Where they remayne accordinge to the Judges Order.

To the Keeper of the Co^mon Goale at Winton these

I send you herewthall the bodyes of Daniell Baker & George Henderson, brought before me this day & Charged upon Oath wilfully to molest & disturbe M^r Robert Dingley Minister of the pish of Brixton in the time of his Sermon, it beeing the day of publique Humilia^on, These are therefore in the name of Oliuer Lord Protector of England Scotland & Ireland, To will & require you fforthwth on sight hereof, to receiue the sayd Daniell Baker & George Henderson into yo^r Custodye & them safely to keepe, vntill they shall bee thence discharged by due Order of Lawe, And hereof ffayle nott at yo^r perill.

Giuen vnder my hand & seale at Brooke in the Isle of Wight this Ninteenth day of May 1658.

A true Copie of the Mitemus.

THO BOWREMAN.

South^m ss^t

Att the Generall Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden for the sayd County at the Castle of Winchester on Tusday nexte after the weeke of the feast of the Transla^on of S^t Thomas, the Marter in the yeare of o^r Lord 1658.

The sayd Daniell Baker & George Henderson were by the Bench Convicte for disturbeinge of Robert Dingley Clercke in the time of his Officiateinge & pformeinge of the Office of A minister in the pish Church of Brixton And stands Comitted to the House of Correcçon To be kepte at Moderate Laboure for six Months. Or vntill they shall be Legally discharged payinge fees, where they remayne accordinge to the order of the Bench.

To the Keeper of the Comon Goale at Winton these

I send you herewthall the body of John Day of the pish of Brixton in the Isle of Wight & County of South^m Brought before me this day And charged vpon Oath wilfully to disturbe M^r Robert Dingley Minister of the sayd pish in the discharge of his Ministereill duty the Last Lords day These are therefore, in the name of his Highnes the Lord protecto^r to will & require you fforthwth on sight hereof to receiue the sayd John Day into yo^r Custody And safely keepe vntill he shall bee thence deliuered by due order of Law, And hereof ffayle not att yo^r perill.

Giuen vnder my hand & seale att Brooke in the Isle of Wight & County aforesayd this ninth day of July 1658.

A true Copie of the mittimus.

THO : BOWREMAN.

South^t ss^t.

Att the Generall Quarter Sessiones of the peace holden ffor the sayd County at the Castle of Winchester On Tusday next after the weeke of the ffeast of the Translaçon of S^t Thomas the Marter in the yeare of o^r Lord 1658.

The sayd John Day was then by the sayd Bench Convicte ffor disturbeinge of Robert Dingley Clercke in the time of his officiattinge & pformeinge of the office of A minister in the pish Church of Brixton And stands Comitted to the Howse of Correçon To be kepte at Moderate Laboure ffor six months or untill hee shall bee Legally discharged payeing fees Where hee remaynes accordinge to Order of the sayd Bench.

South^t ss.

James Potter Comitted by W^m Wither Esq^r ffor disturbeinge of M^r Bentall Minister at Baghurst. And at Somer Assizes 1657 vpon his tryall for the same, before the Right Hon^{ble} Baron Nicholas the then Judge of Assyze was fined ffive pounds for A Contempte to the Court. And Comitted to pson vntill he payd the same where he remaynes for the same.¹

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 24. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 158, 159.

COLCHESTER.

To his worthy and Much hono'ed freind Henry Scobell Clerke
to the Councill of State at White hall. Lond^d
for the speciall service off the state. haste post hast :

Worthy S^r

Haueing receiued yo^r l^{er} or ꝑcept dated the 16th instant
wherein yo^u desire me to send yo^u a ꝑticular account of the cause
of the Commitm^t & detençon of the seu'all ꝑsons under named
in the same l^{er} Remaining in my prison and yo^u haueing under writt
& mençoned onely one man namely Will^m Allen I am much
troubled at the business haueing diuers prisoners besides him in
Custody some called Quakers who are committed for refusing
to pay tithes & some for other misdemeano^{rs} alsoe some others
who are fellons and also others that are debtors and some that
remaine for other Crymes : being in all a great number wherefore
if you desire to be further acquainted in the business as to what
prisoners are in custody & of what sort of them let me receiue a
lyne or two more from yo^u & I am ready to returne yo^u a true
Cattologue of them all or as many as yo^u please & the causes of
their detençons In the meane tyme herevnder written yo^u shall
See the cause of W^m Allens detençon according to yo^r subscription :
In the meane tyme I am

Yo^r humble S^rvant

NICHOLAS ROBERDS.

Colchester Castle 8^{bris} 19th 1658.

Will^m Allen of Samford he was committed by Justice
Templer for being a ꝑson of euill behauior & a disturber of the
peace of this Com^wwealth for w^{ch} refusing to fynde suretyes to
appeare at the then next Sessiones was to remaine in Gaole till
he be deliue^d by due order of law the mittimus is dated the
24th of June 1658.

Afterwards that is to say at the sessions following holden
for the County Essex he did appeare at Chelmesford the 13th of
July 1658 & refusing to fynde suretys he was remanded againe
to gaole the wordes of w^{ch} sessions Kalender here follows

W^m Allen : being accused for seu'all mis-demeano^{rs} & being
Committed for want of suretys is to remaine in custody till he
findes suretyes for his good behauior.

NICHOLAS ROBERDS.

[Endorsed] Retorne from Colchester touchinge Quakers
21 Oct. 1658.¹

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiiil. 25. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 159.

MELTON.

for the hon^rable Henry Scobell Esq Clerke to the Councell
at Whitehall, these
for the Service of the State.

Hono^rd S^r

In Answere to yo^rs dated the 16th of this instant October
1658 The onely cause of George Sheringe his Comitment for w^{ch}
he hath byne & now is deteyned prison^r by me as I vnderstand
is for not payment of Tythes ; prosecuted by Dame Veere Gawdye
widdow^r in the Court of Exchequer : A Coppy of w^{ch} warr^t is
heervnder written.

f^m yo^r humble s^rvant

October the 19th 1658.

JOHN SMYTH.

keep of the prison at Melton in Suffolke.

Suff :

Leicester Viscount Hereford Baylief of the Liberty of
of S^t Ethelred in the County aforesaid to Robert Brown & William
Burnett my Baylieffs in this behalfe greetinge.

By vertue of a warr^t from the sheriffe of the said Cownty
to me directed and by vertue of my office I Comānd yo^u that yo^u
attach George Sheringe & him safely keepe soe that I may haue
him before the Barrons of the Exchequer in eight dayes of
S^t Hillary to Answere the Lord Protector of certaine trespasses,
Contemptes, &c by him done & Comitted

Given vnder my seale of Office the 24th day of December
1656.

By the same Bayliefte.

[Endorsed] Melton in Suffolk retorne 21 Oct 1658.²

IPSWICH.

To the right worth⁷ Henry Scobell Esq. at White Hall give
these :—

worthy S^r

according to yo^r wor^{pp}s βscripçon I haue sent yo^u vpp a
Kalender of those Prison^{rs} subscribed in yo^r Letter wth a p^ticuler
wth a p^ticuler of the causes of there deteynm^t viz^t

Will^m Alexander } To be discharged paying their fees to
& } the clerke of the peace w^{ch} is 8^s 8^d betweene
George Whitehead } them w^{ch} they refuse to paye.

Arnold Nunn. By war^t from the Sheriff of the County
of Suff. for diu^se trespasses contemptes and offences by him
lately done & comitted retoriⁿ before the Barons of his Highnes

¹ *Hist. MSS. Com. Report*, x., Part ii. The Gawdy Papers.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 26. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 159.

Exchequer at Westm̄ in eight dayes of S^t Hillary to answer his said Highness &c.

Will^m Tummett By war^t from the same Sheriff for diu^se trespasses contemptes & offences by him lately done & comitted retorn̄ before the Barons of his highnes Excheq^r at Westm̄ in eight dayes of S^t Hillary to answer his said Highnes &c.

And soe my humble Service being remembred I rest now & allwayes.

Yo^r Servant to com̄nd,
JOHN STORYE.

Ipsw^{ch} County Gaole
this 20th of 8^{ber} : 58.¹

OXON.

These ffor the Ho^{b^{te}} Henry Scobell Esq^r at Whitehall p̄sent ffor the service of the State.

Honored S^r

I re^{cd} yo^{rs} of the 16th of October whereby I am comanded to send you a p̄ticular accompt of the Cause of the Comittm^t of Alexander Harris William Cole & Thomas french vnto my Custody In obedience wherevnto I doe humbly Certify That they have & doe stand severally comitted by vertue of severall Warr^{ts} from Will^m Draper Esq^r now Sheriffe of this County the Coppys whereof I have here inclosed sent vnto you And for those & noe other Cause or Causes they have been by me deteyned & imprisoned. And soe In all humility I take leave to subscribe myself

Yo^r most Humble serv^t

ROBT. THORPE

Keeper of the Gaole for the
County of Oxon.²

Oxon 20 Oct. 1658.

Oxon ss^t

William Draper Esq Sheriffe of the said County, To Michell Child John Gardner my Bayliffs for this service Espetially appointed Greetinge

By vertue of A writt from his Highnesse Oliver Lord Protector of the Common Wealth of England Scotland and Ireland, &c. To mee directed I command you and every of you that you or one of you attach Alexander Harris, if &c. and him safely keepe soe that I may have his Body before the Barons of the publique Exchequer at Westminster on the morrow of the Purification of the Virgin Mary to answer the said Lord Protector of divers

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 27. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 159.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 28. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 159.

trespasses Contemptes and Offences by him lately done and Committed And how &c, And this &c,

Giuen under the Seale of my Office the 20th day of January 1657.

By the same Sheriffe.

Oxon ss^t

William Draper Esq Sheriff of the said County, To Michael Child, John Gardner, John Syms, John Stayte, John Diston, ffra : Barefoote my Bayliffs for this service Espetially appointed Greeting

By vertue &c [precise wording as above] that you attach Thomas ffrench if &c [same wording]

13th day of March 1657.

Oxon ss^t

William Draper Esq Sheriffe of the said County. To Edward Ashfeild Richard Greenway John Sheppard my Bayliffs &c that you attach William Cole if &c And him safly keepe &c [same wording as above]

13th day of March 1657.¹

HUNTINGTON.

S^r

In Answer to yo^r letter Comanded by the Counsell to Certify yo^u of my Prisoners in my custode, which is but that one Symon Sanford which is mencioned in the letter I receued ; exceptinge debtors And fellons which I vnderstand are not ment in it the Coppie of him is here vnder written ; thus wth my humble seruice p^sented I rest

Yo^{rs} to serue yo^u

October the
20th 1658.

ROB^t CURRIER,
Goaler.

Hunt. ss

Richard Woodward Esq^r Sherriffe of the County aforesaid to the Bayleiffe of the hundred of Lughtenstone greteinge

By vertue of a writt of his highnesse the Lord Protecto^r of the Comon wealth of England Scotland & Ireland And Territores there to belonginge I comand you that you Attach the bodie of Symon Sanford and him safely keepe soe that I may haue him before the Barons of the Exechequer, at Westm^r from the day of S^t Hillary in ffifteene dayes to answeere of diuers trespasses contemptes and offences by him lately comitted And hereof faile not.

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 28. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 159.

Giuen the thirteen day of January 1657.

The said Symon Sanfford hath bine Thurte nine weeks Imprisoned by the vertue of this Attachment at the sute of John Manton of Alcombury Clarke.¹

BRISTOLL.

To the most Hon^{ed} Henry Scobell Esq^t present at Whitehall.

Bristoll 20th Octo : 1658.

S^r

In Obedience to the order of the Councill I humbly returne this answeare, that the two persons named in yo^r letter (viz) John Withers & John Love were by order of the Courte of Goale deliu'y & Oyer & Terminer Comitted vnto my custody for refusing to give suerties, to be of the good behaviour for some contempt done by them to the Courte, since which the said John Love was discharged out of prison aboute a fortnighte since, And the said John Withers on friday last before the receipt of yo^r letter was sent for by the Justices in order to his release, and on monday the same day yo^r letter came to hand was accordingly discharged soe I crave leave to rest subscribing

Yo^r most humble servaunt
JOHN ROCHE.²

GLOUCESTER.

ffor the hon^{ble} Henry Scobell Esq^r Clerke to his highnes the Lord Protecto^{rs} Councill these present at Whitehall. For the speciall service of the state.

Hon^{red} S^r

In Obedience to yo^r Comannde I haue heere inclosed sent the Coppies of the seuerall warr^{ts} by w^{ch} the seuerall persons vnder written are detained, one of the prisoners named in yo^r hon^{rs} L^{re} by name Thomas White is not in my Custodie but is in y^e Goale for the Cittie, and for three other of those mençoned in yo^r hon^{rs} L^{re} Likewise, by name Richard Hollister Richard Marshall and Isaac Whitinge they were sometime since sett at Libertie, I haue allsoe ꝑcured a Coppie of the charge against y^e said Thomas White, w^{ch} is allsoe heereinlosed soe humblie takinge my Leauē I am

yo^r hon^{rs} most humble seru^t

Glouc^r the 20th
of October 1658.

STEPH. HALFORD,
keeper.

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 29. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 160.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 30. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 160.

The names of those prisone^r remaininge in the Castle of Glouc^r are

Edward Buddinge	francis Pinnell
William Peaslie	Joseph Tomlins
Thomas Beale	Thomas Hoptcote

and in the northgate or Cittie prisson Thomas White.

JOSEPH TOMLINS.

Gloucester ss^t

John Bernard Esq. Sheriffe of the County aforesayd, To all and singular Bayliffs, Constables, and other Officers in the said County And to Anthony Lampet, Anthony Garret, Philip Payton, Thomas Payton, Henry Reade, William Payton, Nathanael Skerton, Richard Round; and allsoe to John Townesend, and William Clements my Bayliffs for this tyme onely, And to euely of them greeting.

By vertue of a Writ of his highnesse the Lord Protectour of the Commonwealth of England &c. to mee directed. I require you ioyntly and seuerally to take Joseph Tomlins, if &c. and him safely to keepe, soe that I may [haue] his body before the sayd Protector in the Vpper Bench at Westminster on Tewsday next after fiue weeks of Easter to answer Toby Edmonds Esquire of a plea of Trespasse, And this shall bee your Warrant.

Giuen vnder the seale of mine office the Thirtieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord 1658.

By the same Sheriffe.

[In another hand]

A trew Coppie of y^e warrent
by w^{ch} Joseph Tomlins is
deteined.

Ex. by me STEPH. HALFORD keeper.

THO : HOPTCOTE.

Glocester. ss :

John Bernard Esq. Sheriffe of the County aforesayd. To all and singular Bayliffs, Constables, and other officers in y^e sayd County And to Anthony Lampet, Anthony Garret, Philip Payton, Tho Payton, Henry Read, William Payton, Nathanael Skerton, Richard Round, and allsoe to Richard Watkins my Bayliffs for this time onely, And to euely of them, greeting.

By vertue of a writt of his Highnesse the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, &c. to mee directed, I require you ioyntly and seuerally to take Thomas Hopcott late of Stoke Orchard, husbandman, if &c. and him safely to keep, soe that I may haue his body before the Justices of the Common Bench —at Westminster, from Easter day in one Moneth to answer

Timothy Gate gent—of a plea of debt—And this shall be your warrant.

Giuen vnder the seale of mine office the xiiijth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord, 1658.

By the same sheriffe.

A true Coppie of the warr^t by
w^{ch} Tho : Hopcott is deteyned
Ex : by me STEPH : HALFORD keeper.

FFRANCIS PINNELL.

Glouc : ss.

John Barnard Esq^r Sheriffe of the County aforesaid to all Bayliffes, Constables, and other officers within the said County, and especially to Joseph Poore, John Curtis My Bayliffs in this behalfe greeting

by vertue of a writ from his Highnesse Oliver Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England &c to mee directed I command you that you Attach the body of ffrancis Pinnell if hee shall bee found within my Bayliwicke and him safely keepe soe that I may haue his said body before the Barrons of his Highnesse exchequer at Westm^r in the morrowe of the holy Trinity to answer the said Lord Protector of diuerse trespasses contemptes & offences by him lately done and Committed, &c :

Giuen vnder the seale of my office this 31th day of May, 1658.

By the same Sheriffe.

A true Coppie of the warrent
by w^{ch} ffrancis Pinnell is
detayned.

Ex : by me STEPH : HALFORD, keeper.[†]

DORCHESTER.

To the worth Henry Scobell Esq^r att White Hall these present in London. for the speciall service of the state.

Worthy S^r

Yo^{rs} of the 16th of this instant Moneth I receiued on the 18th of the same And according to yo^r order I haue heerein sent yo^u a perticular Accompt of the Causes of the Comitm^t and detençon of the persons named in yo^r letter, they were comitted before my tyme of being keeper.

Yo^r servant

WILL^m WILSON.

The 20th

[†] S.P.D. clxxxiii. 31. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 160.

John Gundry Comitted for disturbing of M^r Jeremiah ffrenche
Mynister of South Parrott.

Elizabeth Atkins for the like against the same Mynister

George Harris and } ffor misbehaueing themselues before the
Peter Maber } Justices of Peace.

Thomas Strickland } Comitted for Misdemeano^r before the
francis Dumber } Justices of Peace.

William Elliott & } were never in my custody, but the said
Thomas Stone } Stone is in the Bridewell att Sherborne.

S^r I intreate yo^r answeere for the discharge of the parties.¹

TAUNTON.

To the Hono^{ed} Henry Scobele [&c as before].

Hono^{red} S^r

I Receiued yo^r L^{re} By which yo^u Require an Accompt of the
Comittm^t & deteyninge of one William Wookey forme^{ly} comitted
to the Howse of Coreccon in Taunton in the County of Som^{ss}^t
In Order wherevnto These may Certify Yo^r Hono^r that the said
William Wookey was brought in att a gen^{all} Sessiones of the
peace held at Taunton aforesaid for the said County the 17th
day of July : 1658 : And was there Indicted before the Justices
then sittinge att the said Sessions for Disturbeinge of the Minister
of Lydford in tyme of Divine Service vpon a Lordes day, And
there beinge tryed by a jury and found guilty of the same was
by order of the same Sessions Comitted to the said howse of
Correccon for ffyue Monethes And this is all at p^{sent} from

S^r Yo^r Most Humble Servaunte

Taunton the xxth of

EDWARD CORAM

October : 1658 :²

deputy keep of the said howse of
Correccon.

DURHAM.

ffor the Honrd Henry Scobell Esq [&c. as before].

Hon^{ed} S^r

I Receiued yo^r Letter, and in obedience to the Councells
Comand : I haue sent you heere inclosed true Copyes of the war-
rants, by virtue of w^{ch} the two prison^{rs} mençoned in yo^r Lette^r
were detained : butt one of them vidzt Margrett Ramshaue
was by her mitemus to remaine (butt) till the sessions soe she is
now att Large, butt the other is in prison now ; and the Cause
of the writt against [him] was for nott paying his tythes as the

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 32. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 160.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 33. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 160.

plaintiffe told me himselfe This is all I Can Informe you
Concerneing them ; and soe takes Leue to subscribe my selfe

S^r yo^r ffathfull servant

Durham October
the 21th 1658.

J. JOPLING
keepe^r of the Castle att
Durham.

Co Dunelm̄

To the keep off the Co^mon Gaole att Durham these.

f^orasmuch as Informa^çon haith beene made before me vpon
oath that Margarett Ramshaw late off Sunderland by the sea
single woman, did vpon the Eightenth off July Instant being
the Lords day, willfully disturbe & disquiett M^r Josias Dockery
minister off the parish of Lanchester in this Countie, in the doing
off his dutie in the parishe Church there, contrary to a late Act
of Parliam^t in that behalfe made and p^{ro}vided, f^or which her said
offence she being brought before me by one off the Churchwardens
off the saide parish, Therefore according to & [in] Vertue of the
said Law I sende yo^w herewithall her the said Margaret Ramshaw
and do in the name off his Highnes the Lord Protector will and
Comannd yo^w her forthwith to receiue and keep in y^e Gaole without
Bayle or Mainprize till the next Generall Sessions off the peace
to be held f^or this said Countie f^oraile not hereof att yo^r pill.

Giuen att Durham vnd^r my hande & seale the 19th day off
July 1658.

RICH. ROWE.

Timothy Whittingham Esq^r Sheriffe off the Countie of Durham
to John Mitchell Gent bayliff off the liberties off Barnard castle
& to his deputies Greeting

by vertue off a writt off his Highnes the Lord Protector et^c
to me directed, I comannd yo^u & euery off yo^u Joyntly & seuerally
that yo^w or some off yo^w take James White and him safely keepe,
so that I may haue his body before the said Lord Protector in the
Vpp Bench att Westminster on wednesday next after fiftene
dayes off Easter to Answere Thomas Bowes Esq^r in a Plea off
tresspasse et^c

Giuen at Durham vnd^r the Seale off my office this thirteenth
day off ffebruarie In the yeare off our Lord 1657.

Yo^w are to take good bond
f^or the Defend^{tes} Appearance

By the Sheriffe himselfe.

These are true Copyes
Examened by

J. JOPLING Keeper.

October the 21th 1658.^r

^r S.P.D. clxxxlii. 35. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 162.

HERTFORD.

Hertf. ss^t.

Att the gen^l quarter Session of y^e Publique peace of the Countie afforesaid holden att the Towne of Hertf. in the same Countie one Munday affter the Close of y^e feast of Easter That is to say the nyneteenth day of Aprill 1658.

Whereas Henrie feast of Roydon in y^e Countie of Esex husband-man by recognizance was lately bound ouer to this p^sente session for disturbing of the minister of Hunsden wthin this County of Hertf. And therefore indicted & by Confession Convicted and fyned to pay the some of fieve poundes That is to say fifty shillinges thereof to the Clerke of the peace of this Countie to the use of the Lord Protector and fifty shillinges residue thereof vnto Thomas Cowell, Robert Graygoose and Thomas Prickloue inhabitants of Hunsden afforesaid and p^secuters of the said Bill of Indictm^t And whereas the said Henry refuseth to pay the said fieve poundes and the fees of the Cort Itt is Therefore ordered that he the said Henrie feast be sent to y^e Gaole of this Countie there to remayne vntill he pay the said some of fieve poundes in manner afforesaid for y^e disturbance afforesaid and fower shillinges and fower pence for the discharge of the said recognizance wth fieve shillinges and fower pence for y^e discharge of y^e Indictm^t afforesaid to the Clerke of y^e peace of this County all ammounting vnto the some of fieve poundes nyne shillinges and eight pence.

By the Corte.

Hertf. ss.

Att y^e gen^l quarter Session of y^e Publique peace of y^e Countie aforesaid holden att y^e Towne of Hartford in y^e same Countie on Munday next after St Michael Tharchangell That is to say the fowerth day of October 1658.

Whereas Thomas Harris of Thorly wthin this County Stands indicted for disturbing of the minister of Thorly afforesaid and Therevpon att this session Convicted It is therefore ordered That y^e said Thomas Harris be sent to y^e house of Correcçon there to remayne by the space of Three months And there to receiue due Correcçon & be kept to hard labour dureing the tyme afforesaid

By the Corte.

Hertf. ss.

Edward Gardiner Esq^r Sheriffe of the Countie afforesaid To the Bailiffe of y^e halfe hundred of Hitchen and liberty thereof greeting.

I Commaunde you that you omitt nott for any liberty of y^e County afforesaid but that you enter into and Attach George Huckle and William Dogett and safely keepe them soe that I may haue them before the Barrons of The lord Protectors

Exchequer at Westm̄ one the twelſe day of february next Comming to Answer to y^e Lorde Protector of Divers Trespasses Contemptes and offences by them lately done and Committed.

And this ys Dated the 29th day of January in the yeare of o^r Lorde 1657.

By the same Sheriffe.

[Endorsed] Hertford retorne touching the Quakers 21 Oct. 1658.¹

FFLEETE.

The ffleete ss^t

William Clater was broughte to the ffleete the first day of June in the yeare of our Lord 1656 beeing Committed by vertue of an Order issueinge out of his highnes Co^rt of Excheq^r which followeth in these wordes.

In Hillary Tearme 1655 on the parte of the Remembranc^t of the Lord Protector : Tuesday the viith day of february :

Nottingham ss^t

Whereas William Clater defendant in this Co^rt by English bill at the suite of Dove Williamson Clerke pl^t [plaintiff] beeing arrested vpon p^ocesse of Attachm^t ag^t him awarded for want of an Answer to the said bill hath this Tearme appeared to the said Attachm^t and hath departed without any Order or puttinge in of his answer to the said bill in contempt of this Court & great delay of the said pl^t Wherefore vpon the Mo^ocon of M^r Gundry on the behalfe of the said pl^t it was desired that the said defe^t might stand Committed It is therevpon this day Ordered by the Co^rt that the said Defe^t for his said contempt shall stand Committed to the prison of the ffleete as is desired.

BABB for the pl^t

ROOKE for the defe^t

Ss.

Richard Robinson & Alexander Heblethwayte & James Corney were brought to the ffleete the xxiiijth day of October 1656 beeing Committed by vertue of an Order issueinge out of his highnes Co^rt of Excheq^r w^{ch} followeth in these words.

In Mich Tearme 1656 Thursday the xxiiith day of October On the parte of the Remembrancer of the Lord Protector :

Yorsh^r ss^t

Whereas Richard Robinson Alexander Heblethwayte & James Corney defe^s in this Co^rt to an English bill Exhibited ag^t them & others by Richard Atkinson & others compl^s have bin apprehended by M^r Baker Deputy to the Sergeant at Armes attendinge the Lordes Comiss^{es} for the Treasury and this day brought into this Court to answer their contemptes in not answer-

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 36. Cal. 1658-9, p. 162.

inge the said bill accordinge to an Order of this Cort made to the second day of July last past Now vppon the Moçon of M^r Procter who is of Councill for the said pl^t It is this p̄sent day Ordered by the Co^t that the said Richard Robinson Alexander Heblethwayte & James Corney shall stand Com̄itted to the prison of the f̄leete And that the Warden of the f̄leete shall take them into his charge and custody.

YOUNGE for the pl^t.

Richard Markes & Walter Mabley brought to the f̄leete the xxith day of November 1656 beeinge Com̄itted by vertue of an Order issueing out of his highnes Court of Excheq^r which followeth in these wordes.

In Mich Tearme 1656 : f̄riday the xxith day of November : on the parte of the Remembrancer of the Lord Protector :

Bucks. ss^t

Whereas a Comission of rebellion hath bin awarded out of this Co^t to Attach Richard Marks & Walter Mably for not answeringe vnto an English bill exhibited against them by John Andrewes vpon which Comission Paule Parker one of the Comisse^{rs} named in the said Comission hath this Tearme retorned that he had Attached the said Richard Markes & Walter Mably whose bodies he had ready to bee p̄duced before the Barons of this Co^t at the day of the retorne of the said Com̄ission as by the said Comission it was Com̄anded vnto him As by vertue of the said Comission appeareth wherevpon the said Richard Markes & Walter Mabley p̄sonally appinge in Court this day it is humbly prayed by M^r Hide of Councill with the said pl^t that the said defend^{tes} might stand Com̄itted for their said contempts It is therevpon this day Ordered by the Court That the said Richard Marks and Walter Mabley shall stand & bee Com̄itted to the prison of the f̄leete for their said contempts.

HALL for the pl^t.

HARPHAM for the Defe^t.

The f̄leete ss.

Charles Barrett & Davide Hall were brought to the f̄leete the xiiijth day of May 1657 beeinge Com̄itted by vertue of an Order issueing out of his highnes Court of Excheq^r which followeth in these wordes.

In Easter Tearme 1657 : f̄riday the viiith of May.

Wiltes ss.

Whereas severall p̄cesse of Attachments have beene awarded out of this Co^t ag^t Charles Barrett & David Hale Defend^{tes} to an English bill here p̄ferred ag^t them by James Crumpe Clerke for their Contempt in not puttinge in their answers to the said bill directed to the Sheriffe of Wiltes who by vertue thereof did Certife

this Co^t that he had Attached the bodies of the said Charles Barrett & David Hale whose bodies he had ready at the day & place in the said writt contened as to him was Comanded As by the said writt and the retornes thereof returned into this Co^t and here remayninge in the custody of this remembrancer appeareth Now for asmuch as the said Charles Barrett & David Hale did this day psonally appeare in Court but have not as yet answered the said bill It is this day Ordered by the Co^t that the said Charles Barrett & David Hale shall stand Comitted to the prison of the ffleete And that the bondes by them entered into to the Sheriff for their appearances to bee deliuered up to bee cancelled :

YOUNGE for the pl^t
HARPHAM for the Defe^t.

John Lucas was brought to the ffleete the sixt day of July 1658 beeing Comitted by vertue of an Order issueinge out of his highnes Co^t of Excheq^r which followeth in these wordes :

In Trinitie Tearme 1658 : Tuesday the xxixth of June : On the parte of the Remembrancer of the Lorde Protector :

Buckes ss.

Upon the Moçon of M^r Atkyns of Councill with William Abraham pl^t in this Court by English Bill ag^t John Lucas defend^t Informinge the Co^t that the said Defend^t hath beene Attached vpon pcesse awarded out of this Co^t for not answeringe the said bill and this day brought into the Court by the Sheriffe of the County of Bucks It is this p^sent day Ordered by the Co^t that the said Defend^t John Lucas doe stand Comitted to the prison of the ffleete there to remayne vntill he shall haue answered the said bill :

YOUNGE for y^e pl^{tes} :

Ss.

William Glidwell was likewise Comitted by Order w^{ch} followeth in these wordes

In Trinitie Tearme 1658 : Tuesday the 29th of June On the parte of the Remembrancer of the Lord Protector.

Buck ss.

Whereas pcesse of Attachment was heretofore awarded out of this Court directed to the Sheriff of the County of Buckes to Attach the body of William Glidwell to answer to an English bill Exhibited ag^t him here at the suite of Thomas Tirrell Esq^r wherevpon the said Sheriffe returned that he had taken the body of the said William Glidwell and beeing therevpon called this day in Co^t to bringe in his body the said William Glidwell was Comitted vntill he had answered the pl^{tes} bill It is there vpon Ordered by

the Court that the said William Glidwell shall stand Committed to the flete vntill he hath answered the pl^s bill :

And these are the Causes of the takeinge & deteyninge of the aforesaid respective prisoners. All wth I humbly Certifie vnder my hand this 21th day of October 1658.

BOLD BOUGHEY

warden of the flete.

from the prisoners in the flete.

Wee heareinge that the Warden of the flete is required to send to you coppies of the Causes of our Comittment and of our beeing kept in prison or the orders or warantes by w^{ch} we stand Comitted and we haueing formerly had our selues Coppies of the same from the Clerke where we weare rendered as psons comitted for contempt and that refused to Answer to the bills in Courte ag^t vs the w^{ch} thinge is false therefore we thought it convenient to giue yo^r the truth why we weare comitted and for w^t we haue all this time beene kept in prison.

Alexander Heblethwaite James Corney Richard Robinson we three was Comanded to appear and to giue in our Answers to a bill that the Masters of Trinety Colledge in Cambridge soe Called, or the farmers of the tythes had putt in ag^t vs, and we did appeare accordinge to comand and did tender our Answeres but because we for conscience sake could not sweare vnto them & soe breake the Comands of Christ, but weare at yea and nay in our Communications theirefore they cast vs into prison, and this they call contempt becaus we would not breake Christes comandes, & for this cause we have laine this tow yeares in prison in y^e flete.

William Cleator was imprisoned upon y^e same accmpt because he could not sweare to his Answer to the bill y^t the preist put in ag^t him, and he hath laine about tow yeares.

Richard Markes Walter Mabley Daud Haile, John Lucas Will Glidwell all theas was imprisoned vpon the aforesaid accmpt Concerninge tythes and some of theas they neuer putt it to them to sweare to their Answeres, but wthout pticular examination cast them into prison (as Willyam Glidwell he came before the courte wth his Answer in his hand reddy to giue in and one oficer tould him he would not sweare and soe wthout tryinge of him Comitted him to prison.

And all wee weare willinge to appeare and to giue in our Answers yet because we Could not sweare the[y] Cast vs into prison which they Call a contempt but we are obedient vnto the doctrine of Christ and the Apostle whoe saith sweare not at all but are at yea and nay in our communications.

And thus for obeyinge Christes comandes, are wee Imprisoned as contempt^{rs} and is not this a sad thinge Amongst yo^u y^e obedience to Christes Commandes is Called a contempt, and thus the righteous suffers and few layes it to harte, & not only we but many more in other prisons.

And if farther satisfaction herein be desired by yo^u if you please to send for any tow of us and wee might haue liberty to come before yo^u wee should giue yo^u ffurther satisfaction heare in

ALEXANDER HEBLETHWATE	WALTER MABLEY
JAMES CORNEY	DAVID HAILE
RICHARD ROBINSON	JOHN LUCAS
WILLIAM CLEATOR	WILLYAM GLIDWELL ¹
RICHARD MARKES	

[Endorsed] Warden of y^e ffleete Retorne touching Quakers.²

WHITE LION, SOUTHWARK.

Sur[rey]

Thomas Walker Esq^r Sherrife of the County aforesaid To the Bayliff of the Hundert of Godlymin by avertue of a Writt to mee directed I comāund you that you take Henry Gill of Eshing If hee shall be found in my Bailywicke and him safely to keepe soe that I maye have his Body before the Justices of the Comon bench at Westm^r in the morrow of All Soules to Answer to Isaack ffortrey Clarke in a Plea of Trespasse And this &c.

Given vnder the seale of my Office the 10th day of August in the yeare of our Lord 1658.

By the same Sherrife.

This is a true Coppy of the warrant which is the Cause of deteyning of Henry Gill in the Prison of the White Lyon in the County aforesaid.

White Lyon 21th of
October 1658.

Yo^r servant
W^m ARTHUR
keeper of the White Lyon.

[Endorsed] White Lyon prison retorne 21 Oct 1658.³

PONTEFRACT.

For the esteemed Henry Scobell Esq^r Clarke to his Highnesses Councill at Whitehall these.

¹ The names are all in one handwriting.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 37, 38. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 162, 163.

³ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 39. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 163.

S^r

I receiued an Exprese from yo^w on Tuesday last, directed to the keeper of the Prison of Pontefract requireing an Accompt of the cause of the Comittment and imprisonment of one Richard Stubbs in the Prison of Pontefract, together with the Copy of the Order and warrant by which he stands comitted These are therefore humbly to certify yo^w that there is noe such person prisoner in o^r Gaole for the Burroughe of Pontefract nor ever hath beene that I can possibly gett any informaçon of. This is all from

S^r yo^r humble servant

Pontefract 22th of
October 1658.[†]

ROB^t COOPER

Maior.

LEICESTER.

For the wo^{ll} Henry Scobell Esquire at White Hall theis present London.

ffor the speciall seruice of y^r State.

S^r

I haue herewth sent yo^u a true Copy of Richard ffarmers Comittm^t Hee was set at Liberty the last Assizes at Leic^r by my Lord Widdrington And bound to his good behaiour till the next Assizes Soe hauinge performed what yo^u were pleased to send for by yo^r L^{te} I humbly take my leaue and Rest

yo^r humble S^{vt} to Comannd

Leic^r this 22th
of Octob 1658.

JOHN WALE

Goaler.

Copia.

Leic^r ss.

To the Keeper of the Goale for this County of Leicester or to his Deputy.

Whereas Oath hath byn made before me by Two severall witnesses that Richard ffarmer the younger of Twycrosse did vpon the 27th of June last past beinge the Lordes day in the afternoone make a great disturbance and Confusion in the Congregation of Twycrosse, beinge assembled for the performance of diuine worship in the Sanctificaçon of the Lordes Holy day, Now by this disturbance God was much dishonored and the Godly party grieved Now by the late Act made in Parliament intituled an Act for the better Sanctificaçon of the Lordes day All such Disturbers are by that Act to bee sent to Goale. Theis are therefore in his Highnes name the Lord Protector to Comannd yo^u that yo^u him safe keepe in yo^r Custody till hee shall from

[†] S.P.D. clxxxiii. 42. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 163.

thence bee set free by due Order of Lawe And hereof faile yo^m
not at yo^r perill.

Given at Upton vnder my hand and Seale the 14th day of
July 1658.

ffRANCIS
SSHUTE.¹

KENDALL.

ffor the Right Hon^{ble} Henry Scobell Esq^r &c
Right Hon^{ble}

In obedience to yo^r hono^{rs} order of y^e 16th of this instant,
I haue inclosed sent yo^m the Copy of y^e warrant by w^{ch} Jane
Waugh was Comitted to me w^{ch} I humbly certify and with my
respectes remaine.

S^r yo^r Humble seruant

JAMES SUTTON

Kendall 23^o Oct
1658.

Keeper of y^e Prison att Kendall.

Westmoreland ss.

John Archer Esq^r one of the Justices of peace for the said
County to the keeper of the Goale in Kendall for the said County,
or his deputy there being Greetinge.

I haue sent yo^m heer wthall the body of Jane Waugh spinst^r
who by her owne Confession was conuicted before me ffor the
disturbance of an Asembly mett togeth^r at Old Hutton Chapple
ffor the publike worshipp of God: And being by me Required
to finde sufficient suretys ffor keeping the peace, did Reffuse
soe to doe these are therefore to Require you or eth^r of you
Imediatly vpon seight hereof to take the said Jane Waugh into
yo^r Custodij and her safely to keepe and not deliu^r till she shall
ffind sufficient suretys for keepeing y^e peace and Appearance
at the next Gen^{ral} sessions to be Houlden ffor this county And
this shalbe yo^r warrant Therefore

Giuen vnd^r my hand and seall at Kendall the ffirst day of
August 1658.

JOHN ARCH^r.

Ver : Cop.²

APPLEBY.

ffor the Right Hon^{ble} Henry Scobell &c.
Right Hon^{ble}

I receiued yo^{rs} of the 16th instant In obedience wherevnto I
doe humbly certtify that I neither haue nor euer had any such

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 43. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 163.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 46. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 164.

person as George Taylor in my custody. But I conceiue there may be a mistake; ffor I had one Thomas Taylor A prisoner whoe at y^e Assizes holden at Apleby y^e 20th day of August 1657 before Baron Parker and Seria^t Crooke was found Guilty of disturbing y^e Minister and congregaçon in y^e Church of Apleby and was fined fiue markes & deliuered ouer in y^e Indenture of y^e Gaole betweene y^e sheriff of Westm^lland and John Carill esq^r Late clerke of Assize for y^e Northern Circuit to remayne in Gaole till he payes y^e same w^{ch} said ffine being afterwarde estreated to y^e said sheriffe out of his Highnes Excheq^r was at y^e last assizes at Apleby holden y^e 19th day of August 1658 payd to y^e said sheriffe, and therevpon y^e said Thomas Taylor was discharged from his imprisonm^t, for non paym^t whereof he had remayned there in Gaole from y^e time of his Comittm^t All w^{ch} I humbely certify and tend'ing my respectes remayne

S^r yo^r humble serv^t

GEORGE BECKE

Apleby 23^o October
1658^r

Keeper of y^e prison at
Apleby.

NORTHAMPTON.

For the Hono^{ble} Henry Scobell Esq^r these present &c.

Honored S^r

In pursuance of yo^r Comaund I haue sent the Coppyes of w^t is against John Garrett in my Custody and against Edward Rob^{ts} who is in the Towne Gaole, and am pswaded there is a mistake you writt of W^m Soules I haue none such but there is on William Lovell in my Custody who is of the same temp as the other two are but not vpon the same account, but I haue made bold to put in w^t is alsoe against him in this inclosed paper Thus Crauinge your pardon because it is not sooner answered it was in regard I Could not get the Coppey of Rob^{ts}, And shall remayne

Yo^r humble servant to Comaund

JOHN SNART

Northton this 23th
of October 1658.

keeper of the prison
for the County of Northton.

The Towne of Northampton

Oliver Lord Protector of the Comon Wealth of England Scotland & Ireland & the Dominions & Territories thereto belonging To the Bayliffes of the same Towne greeteing.

wee Comaund you that you take the bodye of Edward Robertes if hee can be found in yo^r Baylywicke And that you keepe him safe, Soe that you maye have his bodye at the next Co^{rt} of Record to be holden in the Guildhall of the same Towne

¹ S.P.D. clxxxliii. 47. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 164.

after his takeing to satisfie Lyonell Goodricke Clerke as well ffive poundes Thirteene shillings for his Damages and Two pence Costes which the said Lyonell hath lately Recovered in the said Co^t of Record against the said Edward As alsoe One and Twentye Shillings and Eleaven pence which hath been in the same Co^t adjudged to the said Lyonell of increase And that you have then and there this ꝑ^ept Witnesse Jonathan Whiston Maio^r of the same Towne the second daye of November In the yeare of our Lord 1657.

ffarmer.

THO^s JUDKIN }
SAM HARBER } Bayliffes.
By the Cort.

Northton ss.

Edward Nicolls Barronet Sheriffe of the County aforesaid to Thomas Bonninge Edward Lawford John Lavret, my Bayliffes in this behalfe joynntly & severally greetinge.

By vertue of a writt of Oliver Lord Protector of the Co^mon wealth of England Scotland Ireland & the dominions & Territories thereto belonginge to mee directed, I comaund you y^t you omitt not, for any liberty but enter into it And attach the body of John Garrett if hee Cann be found &c and him safely & securely keepe, soe that I may haue him before the Barons of his highness Excheq^r at Westminster from the day of S^t Hillary in fiteene dayes next, To answer the said Lord Protector of divers trespasses Contemptes & offences by him lately done & Comitted &c.

Dated vnder the seale of my office the thirteenth day of January, In the yeare of our Lord 1657.

By the same Sheriffe.

Thindon :

Att the sute of Williã Downhall Esq
and Christopher Cole gent for not
appinge :

The Cause of John Garrett his deteyninge in
prison & nothinge else, By mee

JOHN SNART

keep of the prison for the County of Northton.

Epiph Sessions 1657.

William Lovell Comitted to the Co^mon Gaole to pay 30^{li}
ffine before hee bee released by the Court,

ROBERT GUY

Cl. of the peace.

This is the Cause of William Lovell his deteyninge, and
nothings els, By mee

JOHN SNART
keep of the prison for the County of Northton.¹

CARDIFF.

These to the right worth Henry Scobell &c.
S^r

Wee the sergeants at mace and keepers of the prison
in the towne of Cardiffe haue receaued yo^r L^{re} of the 16th of this
instant October, by w^{ch} wee were required to send yo^u a perticular
accompt of the Cause of the Comittm^t and detençon of Tobias
Hodges and Dorcas Erburie in the prison of the said towne wee
therefore in obedience to yo^r commaund, doe hereby Certife yo^u,
that the cause whie the said persons are by vs deteyned, Is for
disturbinge the minister of the said towne vpon the lords daie
in the time of diuine exercise, ffor w^{ch} they were comitted to our
Custodie by the Bayliffe and Justices of the peace of the said
towne, as by the Coppies of the said Comittments vnder the
handes and seales of the said Bayliffes and Justices of the peace
w^{ch} hereinclosed wee hauesent vnto yo^u, more att lardge appeareth:
And yo^u may further please to vnderstand, that there hath ben
noe generall Sessions of the peace houlden in the said towne
of Cardiffe since the said Tobie Hodges and Dorcas Erburie were
Comitted to our Custodie as aforesaid, And soe haveinge not else
to trouble you wee remaine S^r yo^r most humble servants

LEWIS COXE.
ARTHUR YEOMANS.

Cardiff the 24th
daie of Octob: 1658.

Cardiffe Towne.

To the sergeants at mace and keepers of the Gaole of the
said towne, and to their deputie or deputies and to euerie of them
greetinge.

Whereas Tobie Hodges of this towne of Cardiffe Taylor in our
viewe and in the presence of all the Congregaçon then present,
willfullie made a public disturbance in the Church of St John
the Babtist yesterdaie in the forenoone, beinge the lords daie
and did disquiett Mr. Beniamyne fflower minister of Gods word
then and there in the pulpitt in the doeing and performeing
the dutie of his place: These are therefore in the name of his
highnes the lord Protector To will and require yo^u to receaue and
take the bodie of the said Tobie Hodges and him in yo^r custodie

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 48. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 164, 165.

safelie to keepe without baile or mainprise vntill the next generall Sessions of the peace To be houlden for the said towne, Then and there to answer the premisses, accordinge to the tenor of an acte of Parliam^t in that case latelie made and prouided ; hereof faile ye not at yo^r perill.

dated at Cardiffe vnder our handes and seales the twentieth daie of Julie 1658.

A true Coppie taken out of
the originall and examined
by vs LEWIS COXE.

RICHARD SHEERE.
JOHN SHEERE.

ARTHUR YEOMANS.

[Exactly similar wording respecting "Dorcas Erburie of Cardiffespinster;" mittimus dated "the last daie of August 1658," signed by the same four persons.]¹

CARLISLE.

for the honored Henry Scobell Esq^r &c.

S^r.

In observancie vnto yo^r Comand I haue sent you the Amittimusses² of the psons required here vnder written and the cause of there Commitment and by whom they were Committed w^{ch} seuerall psons being now at libertie by Order from the ssessions houlden at Carlile for the Countie of Cumberland.

The prisoner names
that were wth me
Josph Nicholson
Richard Robinson
John Askewe
Mathew Robinson

Your humble Servant
GEORGE MARTON
Keep of the prison In Carlile.

Carlile
Octob^r 25
1658.³

AYLESBURY.

For Henry Scobell Clerk to his Highness Councell at Whitehall these p^ste.

Honord S^r

Yo^{rs} I rece-d dated the 16th instant on satterday last being the 23th instant and not before. and haue here inclosed sent you

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 49. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 165.

² The mittimuses are mssing.

³ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 50. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 165

acopie of yo^r owne L^{re} least there should be any mistake in it for I haue noe such pson in my Custodie as John Browne mentioned in yo^r L^{re}

Aylesbury 25^o Oct.
1658.

Yo^r humble ser^t to comand,
WILL GOODMAN.

Bucks ss.

Mittimus [partly in print on a stamped form] issued by Thomas Coppin Sheriff to take William Hickman & bring him to the Justices of the Comon Bench on the morow of All Souls to answer Samuell Treacher in a plea of trespass.

10 Sept. 1658.

S^r

I am comāded by the Councell to require you vpon receipt hereof to send vnto me a perticuler accompt of the cause of the Comittment and detention of the seuerall psons hereunder named in the prison of Aylesbury and Copies of the Orders or Warr^{ts} by which they stand Comitted

Whitehall
16th Octob^r 1658.

Yo^r lov freind
HEN: SCOBELL.

John Browne.¹

LEWIS.

ffor the ho^{b^{le}} Henry Scobell at Whitehall.

Honord S^r

In obedience to yo^r Comādes of the 16th instant requiring me to send you a perticuler accompt of the Cause of the Comittm^t and detention of John Pellett in the prison of Lewes and copyes of the Orders or Warrantes by w^{ch} he stood comitted I haue herevnder sent a Copy of the Order of Sessions mençoning the Cause of his Comittm^t and Detention w^{ch} expired at the last Sessions and then he and the other who was Comitted with him went at liberty and were no longer deteyned. this is all the accompt I can giue and doe remayne

Yo^r most humble serv^t
NICHOLAS SHELLEY.

Lewes 25th October
1658.

Sussex ss.

At the generall quarter Sessions of the publike peace holden at Lewes for the sayd County the fifteenth day of July 1658.

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 51. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 165.

It is ordered that John Pellett and Richard Pratt for making of a mutiny and disturbance in the open Court of Sessions be comitted to the house of Correction to be punished and sett on Worke and there to remayne till the next Sessions.

Exa^{ied} by WILLIAM ALCOCK

Clerk of the peace of the County aforesayd.¹

HORSHAM IN SUSSEX.

Sussex ss.

To the keeper of the Common gaole of Horsham in the sayd County or to his Sufficente deputy greetinge &c.

I send you hearwithall the body of John Snashall of Chillington in the sayd County Blacksmith brought before me this day & by the oath of one Sufficent wittnesse it appeared to me that the sayd John Snashall the twentieth day of this instante December beeing the lordes day in the parish church of Willinghurst in the sayd County did willfully & of purpose molest & disquiett & trouble M^r William Willson minister of Willinghurst aforsayd in the doeinge & pforminge the duty of his place as minister of Willinghurst These are therefore in the name of the Lord p^rtector &c to Command you that you receaue the sayd John Snashall into the gaole & him their safly to keepe² without bayle or mainprise, untill the next generall quarter Seassions of the publicke peace to bee holden for the west parte of the sayd County And vntill hee bee thence deliuered by the dew order of the lawes of this land & hearof fayle you not, as you will answeare for y^e Contempt at yo^r perill.

dated at Horsham the 21 day of December 1657.

To the keeper of the Common Gaole of Horsham in the Sayd County or to his sufficient deputy greetinge.

Sussex ss.

fforasmuch as I am informed vppon and by the oath of one Sufficent wittnesse that Thomas Patchinge late of Ifeild in the sayd County yeoman the nine & twentieth day of August last past (it beeing the Lordes day did willfully & of purpose, make a publicke disturbance in the parish Church of Ifeild beeing then & their assembled) Contrary to the statut made for the better observation of the Lordes day) These are theirfore in the name of his Highnesse Oliuer Lord Protector of the Comon wealth of England &c To Command you that you receaue the sayd² Thomas Patchinge (whom I send hearwith vnto you, into your sayd Goale & him their safly to keepe without bayle or mayn-

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 52. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 165.

² In the margin opposite the line in which these words occur is the name Edward Michell.

prise, vntill the nexte generall quarter Seashones of the publicke peace, to bee holden for the west parte of the sayd County, And vntill hee shalbe thence deliuered by the dew course of the lawes of this nation, And you are also required hearby at the sayd Sessions to haue the sayd Thomas Patchinge together with this warrante, And heareof fayle you not.

dated at Horsham the first day of September 1658.

Sussex ss.

To the keeper of the Goale of Horsham for the Countye aforesayd.

Whearas oath hath bine made before me that Alce West did disturbe the minister of Wisbourough greene, Contrary to the Lawe in that Case made & provided these are theirfore in the name of the Lord Protector of England &c to will & require you to take the body of the sayd Alce West into your Custodye[†] & her safely to keepe till the next Sessions & that you haue her their to answeare what that Courte shall adjudge.

giuen vnder my hand & Seale at Dunwicke this 14th day of June 1658 &c.

Sussex ss.

Att the General quarter Sessions of the publicke peace holden at Arundell in the countye aforesayd the Eleventh day of January 1657.

John Snashall for refuseing to answeare an Inditment of Record against him for a sertayne trespase hee to remayne in the goale, and to bee brought to the next generall quarter Sessiones of the publicke peace to answeare the sayd Inditments.

WILLIAM ALCOKE

Clerk of the Peace of the sayd County.

Sussex ss.

Att the Generall Quarter Sessiones of the publike peace holden at Chichester for y^e County aforesayd the ffowereth day of October in the yeare of our Lord 1658.

Thomas Patchinge Alice West John Snashall	}	To remayne in the Gaole as before, and to bee brought to the nexte generall Quarter Sessiones of the peace, to bee holden for the west parte of this County to answeare the Inditments against them.
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WILLIAM ALCOKE

Clerke of the peace of the sayd County.

[†] In the margin opposite the line in which these words occur is the name Henry Onsbey.

Sussex ss.

William Yalden the younger Esq^r Sheriffe of the sayd County to the Bayliffe of the Libertie of S^r John Pelham, Barronett of his Rape of Hastinge and also to Henry Weekes and Edwarde Bodell, my bayliffes for this tyme greetinge.

I command you & euery of you that you or one of you omite not for any libertie but enter into it and atach the bodye of Robert Addames & him safly keepe so that I may haue his body before the Barrones of the Exchequer of Oliuer Lord protector At Westminster, one the eleauenth day of May nexte ensewinge to answeare the sayd lord Protector of diuers trespasses Contempes & offences by him latly done & Committed & this &c.

dated &c.

By y^e Same Sheriffe.

Take good bond for his appearance.

Att the Sute of John Moore
Clarke for want of answeare.

Richard Prate { Are in vppon the Same accompte with Robert
Richard Pockney { Addames for tithes & their warrantes are
the Same :

By me

RICHARD LUKINE

Keeper of his Highnesse the Lord Protectors
Prison for the County of Sussex.¹

BODMIN.

ffor the honored Henry Scobell Esq^r at Whitehall these
ffor the speciall seruice of y^e state.
honored S^r

I re^d youres of the 16th Instant wherin you require mee to giue a pticuler account of the Cause of Comitment and dedention of the psons vnder named in your Letter with Coppys of the the orderes or warrantes by w^{ch} theye wear Comitted the pty nominated by you to bee in my Costody was one Lowly Hambleton of w^{ch} name I had neuer anie one in my Costodye) I had on Loueday Hambley who about a month sithence was deliuered out by order of the sheriffe not knowing but she may be the pty meant by you, I haue vnder written a trew Coppy of the warrant by w^{ch} she was brought in to prisson resting your Most humble seruant,

JOHN BOXE
keeper.

Bodmin the 25th 8^{tober} 1658.

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 53. *Cal.* 1658-9, pp. 165, 166.

Cornewall ss^t

Peter Jenkyn Esq Sheriffe of the County afors^d to John Upcot W^m Pickering W^m Bouett Henry Bouett W^m Griffine & to euery of them greetting.

By virtue of a write to mee directed these are to will & requier you & euery of you ; that you omit not for anie Liberty but enter into y^t & attach the body of Loueday Hambley widow wher soe ever you find her in my Bayliwyke & that you sume or one of you Carry her to my prisson at Bodmyn in this County to the keeper of these prisson ther to bee deliuered safely & securely to bee kept soe that I maye haue her befor the Barrones of his highniss exchequer at Westm^r from the day of S^t Michell next in three weekes To answer his highnis Oliver L^d p^tector of dyverse trespasses Contemptes & offences by her Laetly done & Comitted And this &c.

Giuen vnder the seale of my office this xixth day of August in the yeare of our Lord 1658.

PETER JENKYN Esq^r
Sheriffe.¹

MARLBOROUGH.

To henry Scobell Esquire Clark of the Councill att his Chamber in White hall Esq^r p^sent. post p^a 4^d

Wee the late baylyffes of the Towne of Marleborough who were keepers of the prison there when Edward Southwood named by the letters herevnto annexed² was deteyned in the Prison of the said Towne doo certifie that the said Edward was comitted vnto vs by Thomas Bayly gent then Mayo^r and one of the Justices of Peace of the said Towne for disquieting and disturbance of M^r Proffitt the minister of Peters in the Church there whilst he was in the pformance of the duty of his place on the sabboth day which disturbance was in the view of the said Mayo^r who was p^sent in the said Church at the same time, And wee were com^aunded by the said Mayo^r to keepe the said Edward Southwood in Prison vntill the then next gen^alle Sessions of the Peace for the said Towne, vppon which he was by vs deteyned in the said Prison accordingly till the said then next Sessions which was holden the ffowerth day of this instant October and was then discharged and sett att liberty longe before the comeing of the said letters herevnto annexed In testimony whereof wee have herevnto subscribed o^r names the seaven and Twentith Day of October 1658.

FRANCIS RAWLIGH.
EDWARD PURLIN.³

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 54. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 166.

² The letter annexed is the form as before, dated 16 Oct., requiring the causes of commitment of persons named.

³ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 63. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 169.

NORWICH.

To the right worsⁿ &c.
worthy S^r

my moste Humbel Sarues to you p̄sent I Receiued yo^r letter and according to your Comand haue sent you here Inclosed both the Coppey of the warrant by which William Barber stand Comitted^r with a Coppey of Ed Warren his Commitment with a note out of Calender Touchinge Edward warren his fine and as William King wee haue none Such and as for John Goddard he is discharged allready by my Ceare and paynes I shall note furdre Trobell you at p̄sent but Commend my Du Respects to yo^r good worthy and Reste yo^r to Com̄and in what he may

JOHN PLUNKETT.

from Norwich this
22th of November 1658.

Norff.

Where as it hath been duly proued before me this day by Testimony of two sufficient Wittnesses vppon Oathe vppon the two last Lords dayes being the ixth and xvith days of this Instant May Edward Warne of Westfeild came into the church of Westfeild aforesaid Imediatly before the usuall time of the begining of the exercise [&] there did malisiously molest let & hinder the minister & publike preacher there in his officiating to the great disturbance² of the said minister and Whole Congregation ;

These are therefore on the behalfe of his highnes Oliver Lord Protector of the comon wealth of England &c by vertue of a late Acte of parlament for the better observation of the Lords day to require you to receiue the said Edward Warne whome I haue heere with sent into your Comon Goale & there him safely to keepe vntill the next generall Quarter Sessions of the publike peace to be houlden for this Countie at the Castle of Norwich in the said Countie And heerof faile you not ;

Giuen vnder my hand and sealle at Letton this xviiith day of May 1658.

To the keep of the Comon Goale for the County of Norf^k or to his Lawfull Deputy.

[Another copy of the same, identical wording, but signed at bottom]

BRAMTON GURDON Esq^r.

¹ This copy is missing.

² In the margin opposite the line in which these words occur is the name Edward Buler Esq.

Captane William Barber vpon an excequer warrant to Aunswer his Highnes of Certaine Trespasses & Contempts.

At the gen^rall Quarter Sessones of the Publick peace houlden at the Castill of Norwich in the Sherehouse there vpon Tuesday the Thirteenth of July 1658 it was ordered that Edward Warne should Remyne In Gaole till he pay a fine of fve pownds beinge Conuicted vpon an Indictment for disturbing a Minister In the Church.

At the same Sessones

John Goddard was ordred to Remyne in Goale till he pay fve shillings for a fine for Refusing to Serue of the Inqueste of the Hundred.¹

REPORT TOUCHING Y^e QUAKERS.

Read 27 Nov. 1658.

By the Com^{tee} to whom the Paper of the Quakers was referred.

The Com^{mittee} haue caused Retornes to be made from the seu^rall prisons where the psons named in the said list haue been Comitted and are said to be prisoners and find by the said retornes that some of them are discharged, and as to those who are yet in prison, they are as followeth

quere to pardon	James Potter is fined 5 ^{li} for a Contempt to
y ^e reste	the Co ^t lyes in Winchester prison.
Edward Warne fined 5 ^{li}	in the Gaole for the County of Norfolk.
Elizabeth Tucker, fined 20	} for a Riot & lye in Iuelchester
Anne Wilmote fined 20 markes	
apiece	
W ^m Monck in Colchest ^r	
{	²] Giles

Henry Feast fined 5^{li} in Hartford prison.

William Lovell fined 30^{li} in Northampton prison

and the Comittees humbly opinion is that it be offered to his highnes that his highness wilbe pleased to graunt a pdon for the said fines They also find that diu^rse psons haue been comitted and are in prison vpon Contemptes by not answering bills in the Co^t of Excheq^r exhibited against them for tithes w^{ch} Contemptes the Committee doe humbly Conceiue are discharged by the death of his late Highnes and doe humbly offer that it be recomended to the Barons of the Cort of Excheq^r that those

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 132. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 193.

² Name altered and now illegible.

Contempts and the imprisonment^s of the several persons therevpon may be discharged viz^t

W Barber in the gaole for the Countie of Norw^{ch}.

'John Sumerton in Yorke prison^t mort

John Doget

George Taylor

Henry Clothier

Thomas Lockier

Samuel Clothier

Simon Stanford

Arnold Nunn

Will^m Turmot

George Shering

John Garrett

David Hull

John Lucas

Richard Markes

Walter Mobly

Alexander Hebelthwaite

James Corney

Richard Robinson

William Slater als Claten

William Glidwell

Edward Budding

William Peasley

Thomas Beale

Francis Pennell

James White

Robert Adams

Richard Pratt

Richard Porckney

Robert Letwood

George Huckle

William Doggett

Alexander Harris

William Cole

Thomas French

} in Iuelchester prison in y^e Co. of Somerset

} in Huntington Prison

} in Ipswich prison

} in Milton prison

} in Northampton prison

} in the fleet

} in Gloucester

} in Durham

} in Horsham Goale

} in Cambridge prison

} in Hartford

} in Oxford prison

And whereas they find diu^{er}se other persons Comitted in seu'all Counties some for disturbing Ministers others for not putting off their hatts to the Co^{rt} or Justices of Peace othe^rs vntill they shall find suretyes some for the good behauior others to retorne vnto their homes many of them having layne long in prison the Com^{tee} doe humbly offer it as their opinion that a Letter may be sent in the name of his Highnes and the Councill to the Justices of the

* . . . * These words are crossed through.

Peace in the seu'all Countyes according to the draught herewth presented and that his Highness wilbe pleased to giue some intimation to the Judges when they are to goe the Circuites that what in them lyes they would prevent the Contemptes of such psons (w^{ch} expose them to fines & imprisonm^{ts}) for not pulling off their hatts by Causing them to be pulled off before they come into the Court.¹

COLCHESTER.

To the Right wor^{ll} Hen. Scobell Esq^r Clerke to the Councell of State in Whitehall London hast post past for the special seruice of the state.

Right wor^{ll}

According to my promise when I was at yo^r house I haue inclosed sent you an account of the Quakers names & causes of detençons who are in my custody: I had sent sooner but possible I could not sooner get the busines ready wherefore I craue to be pardoned: soe not els

yo^r wor^{pps} humble s^vant,

NICOLAS ROBERDS.

Colchester Castle 11th December 1658.

I pray returne me a lyne or two whether this come safely to yo^r handes or not If yo^r will command me in any further seruice I am vt supra :

Colchester Castle ss^t

December xith 1658 :

A Cattalogue or list of the names of such prisoners (called Quakers) as are remaining in the custody of Nicholas Roberdes keep of the sherriff ward in Colchester Castle afores^d together wth the day & cause of their detençons :

WILL^M MUNCK.

He was Committed by Justice Mildmay & Justice Paschall by mitimus dated the 26th day of May 1657 for that he vpon the 24th of May then past did disturb Samuel Smith minister of

¹ S.P.D. clxxxiii. 139. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 199. The Editor of the *Cal.* states, in a note, "Most of these names are in the returns from the several prisons; those omitted are:—

Gloucester: Edw. Budding, W^m Peasley, Thos. Beale.

Horsham: Rob. Adams

The Fleet: David Hall

Colchester, from which the enclosure is missing: John Doget, Geo. Taylor, Henry and Sam. Clothier, Thos. Lockier, also Eliz. Tucker, Anne Wulwoth, and — Giles, fined 20s each for a riot in the prison—these being the 7 recommended for pardon."

Sandon & other psons then & there assembled together in the tyme the s^d Mr. Smith was excerciseing in the office of a minister : but haueing since appeared at the assizes following was remanded againe to gaole there to remaine till he finde suretys for his good behaiour :

WILL^m ALLEN.

He was Committed by Justice Templer by Mitimus dated 24th of June last : for being a pson of euill behaiour & a disturber of the peace of this Comon wealth & refuseing to fynde suretys for his appearance at the sessions following : & still remaines for want of bayle according to the sessions order :

THOMAS MOUNTFORD.

Came to custody the 10th of Nouemb^r 1657 vpon a proces yssuing forth the Co^t of Co^m bench reter^{ble} in 8 days of S^t Martin to answer to John Coop Gent in a plea of trespas the war^t dated the 31st October 1657.

eid [em].

Vpon another war^t out of the vpp bench reter^{ble} in 8 days of S^t Martin to answer Anthony Maxey Esq^r tr^{ps} dat 25th Octob^r 58.

ROBERT ABBOTT.

Came to custody the 27th January 1657 vpon a writt yssuing forth the Court of vpper bench at Westm^r retur^{ble} on Satterday next after the morrow of the purificaçen of S^t Mary to answer to Richard Harlakenden Esq^r in a plea of trespas the war^t dated the 13th of January 1657.

JOHN ADAM.

Came to custody the 30th of August 1658 vpon a Co^m pleas writt retor^{ble} in the morrow of All Soules to answer Thomas Wallis Clarke in a plea of trespas the war^t dated the 25th of August 1658.

eid.

Upon a Co^m pleas writt retor^{ble} from the day of S^t Martin in 15 days to answer Tho : Wallis Clerke in a plea of debt for 48^{li} war^t dated the 23th dec : 1658.

WILL^m BALL.

Came to custody about the last of August 1658 vpon a Comon pleas writt retor^{ble} from the day of S^t Michael in one month to answer to John Wright Cle^r in tr^{ps} the war^t dat 16th of August 1658.

BRIDGET BALL.

Vpon the like writt retor^{ble} vt sup̄a ad respond̄ vt sup̄a dat vt sup̄a :

JAMES POTTER.

Came to custody the 25th No : 58. vpon a Co^m pleas war^t retor^{ble} from the day of S^t Martin in 15 days ad respond̄ W^m Turner in tr^{ps} dat the 17th Nouember 1658.

JOHN CLAYDON.

Came to custody Aug : 30th 58 : vpon a Co^m pleas war^t retor^{ble} in the morrow of All Soules ad respond̄ Tho : Wallis Cler : in tr^{ps} dated the 26th August 1658.

ANTHONY PAGE.

Came to custody the 10th No : 57 vpon a Co^m pleas war^t reter^{ble} in Eight days of S^t Martin ad respond̄ John Coop gent in tr^{ps} dat 27th October 1658.

HENRY SMITH.

Came in 8th Nov : 1658 vpon an upp bench war^t retor^{ble} on tuesday next after 8 days of S^t m^tin to answer to Anthony Maxey Esq in tr^{ps} the war^t dat 25th october 1658.

John Pollard & Andrew Smith were in custody but they are remoued to lond̄ by ha^{es} Corpus.¹

HULL.

For Henry Scobell Esq^r Clerke to his Highes most Hono^{ble}
Priuy Councill
at White Hall

S^r

I receiued your letter concerning Cap^t Leuens who was sent hither by Maior Cambridg by uertue of an ord^r from his late Highnes to bee kept in safe Custody in this Garrison for being amongst others at a tumultuary meeting about Leeds w^{ch} is all I can say concerning that busynes who am

S^r

Your humble seru^t

JOHN STANSFIELD.

Hull Octo : 26
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¹ S.P.D. clxxxiv. 30. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 213.

² S.P.D. clxxxiii. 62. *Cal.* 1658-9, p. 168.

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