

corded, and that the Town Clerk be ordered to enter the same ; it was resolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly, which Instructions are as follow :

To Sir *Robert Ladbroke*, Knight, the Right Honourable *Thomas Harley*, *Barlow Trecothick*, and *Richard Oliver*, Esquires.

*Gentlemen,*

THE arbitrary Strides of Government, which seem daily increasing, to the Prejudice of our Liberties, cannot fail of alarming us in the most sensible Manner. Such indeed is the dismal Complexion of the Times, that to the whole World we appear even on the Brink of Slavery.

To enumerate the several Acts which have sullied the present Reign, would be much too tedious at present ; suffice it therefore to say, that it is impossible for us to behold with Indifference the Laws of our Country daringly trampled on, and the Lives of innocent People wantonly taken away.

Had this Nation been blessed with a virtuous House of Commons, we should by no Means have experienced the Oppression, which for thirteen Years past, we have unhappily laboured under : To long Parliaments, therefore, and a venal