

CHARLES

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Lord Carlisle to the Duke of Buckingham.

Nov. 20.

My most noble dear Lord,

SINCE my last to your Lordship by Mr. Endymion Porter, there hath not happened any matter of great moment or alteration here, saving the resolution which his Majesty hath taken, by the advice of his Council, for the disarming of all the Popish Lords. In the execution whereof there fell out a brabble at the Lord Vaux his house in Northamptonshire, wherein there were some blows exchanged between the said Lord and Mr. Knightly, a justice of the peace, who assisted the Deputy Lieutenant in that action, whereof complaint being made, his Majesty was pleased himself in Council, to have the hearing of the business, and upon examination to refer the judgment thereof to the Star Chamber, the next term; but at the issuing out of the Council Chamber, the Lord Vaux taking occasion to speak to Sir William Spencer, who with the rest had given information in favour of Mr. Knightly, told him, that though he neglected his reputation before the Lords, yet he doubted not but he would have more care of his oath, when the business should come to examination in the Star Chamber. Herewith Sir William Spencer finding his reputation challenged, presently complained, and thereupon the words being acknowledged, the Lord Vaux was committed prisoner to the Fleet.

In the disarming of the Lords Recusants, there was as much respect had of some who have relation * to your Lordship as you yourself would desire.

The Papists in general here do give some cause of jealousy, by their combinations and murmurings, wherein it is suspected, that they are as fondly as busily encouraged by the pragmatical Monsieurs;

* The Duke's father-in-law, the Earl of Rutland, was a Papist.

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