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dially. He had always professed great submission to the Parliament, (who had very liberally rewarded him for his service,) and was hopeful to have begotten so great a confidence in them, that they would have been contented to entertain the Army as their Pretorian Band; and therefore was very sorry to see the House bent to license them, but durst not appear against it, because he had many ill-willers in the Army, and did believe they durst not, or would not, unanimously oppose the Parliament in that particular, and therefore refused to go to the Army, tho' he was sent-for often by the mutinous party, who upon that score were not a little offended with him; and at length, their discontents increasing, seeing themselves deserted by their superior officers, they thought of some means to secure themselves from their ungrateful Parliament, which they began now perfectly to hate; and there-upon they chose to themselves Adjutors in every regiment, and in every troop of horse, by whom they engaged themselves to be absolutely concluded: The first Resolution these new-elected Officers took, was, not to disband, and, the next, to seize the King's Person. *Cromwell* staid very long in *London*, for one that had been the Author of that Design: however, he at last stole out of Town, and joined with the Mutineers, but did not so readily concur in the seizing the King's Person, or at least pretended not to do it; For he sent his Kinsman, *Whalley*, with Orders * to use all means but Force, to cause his Majesty to return to *Holmby*; but his Majesty absolutely refusing, *Whalley* marched with his Majesty towards the Army.

This account I had from the most discerning of my acquaintance in *London*, from whence I went to the Head-Quarters at *Reading*, with intention (after I had delivered my Message) to desire leave to wait on his Majesty at *Causum*. I was no sooner arrived at *Reading*, but I spoke with Sir *Edward Ford* and Mr. *John Den-*

The Army refuses to be disbanded.

They chose new officers called *Adjutors*, or *Agitators*, to manage their disputes with the Parliament.

* This information given to Sir John Berkley, by his friends at London, was not quite exact. For it was not Lieutenant-general Cromwell, but Sir Thomas Fairfax, the General in Chief, who gave this order to Colonel Whalley. Cromwell was the person who had advised and encouraged the seizure of the King's person by Cornet *Joyce*.