

CHARLES

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cured from his Majesty a lodging in this house, and so his diet comes to be divided here for himself, and at Kingston for his company; so as increase of several new demands come in, for wood, and coals, and twenty other things; and so for Madam St. George, the Bishop, and that train, which makes the white staves to scratch where it itcheth not. It must come to be examined by commission; if I am one, I will never give my consent to additions.

His Majesty hath written to the Duke de Chevreuse roundly, as you will see by the copy of the letter herewith sent. His Majesty's pleasure is, that you let the Duke know, that he doubts not his good affection, nor his good offices, but writes in that manner to give him warrant, as well as occasion, to press the French King the more earnestly.

Order is gone out for disarming the noblemen recusants. The list of their names I send your Grace herewith; as also a list of their names, which by extraordinary recommendation were pricked for sheriffs; and this puts me in mind to give you another account. The Deputy Lieutenants of Northamptonshire, being Sir William Spencer, Sir Hatton Farmer, Sir Thomas Cave, Mr. Knightly, and Mr. Elwes, went to the house of Mrs. Vaux, to search for martial munition, found my Lord Vaux there, and civilly acquainted him and Mrs. Vaux, his mother, with the purpose of their coming. They respectfully consented to the search, which was performed orderly, and no arms found. But in conclusion, a brother of the Lord Vaux (amongst other intemperate and unadvised terms) said, that they gave to the recusants the worst usage they could, except they should cut their throats, and with divers oaths wished it were come to that day. Mr. Knightly replied to him, there were divers statutes against the recusants, which they were not troubled withal; which the other denying with great oaths, Mr. Knightly alledged the statute of the 20^l. monthly for recusants. And further told him, there was a late statute against swearing, which put a penalty