Memoirs of Sir John Berkley.

ss, nor any I doubted, pon them at they should ients, which preserve to were afraid hness would se they con-Army, that th with the l, than either urned, That e judged of adventure, well known expect any is Lordship nd Mr. John not go withnave it added hin few days vay of Dieppe, Bedchamber England; we the next day nbridge I met ieutenant-gof Barnstaple, he was going of the Army , which were to remember, Lambert, and rendering of ny's bitter in f he had been extolling thi any colour urses were no

" men to receive the alteration of Government, which they " intended that the Parliament should effect, by the assist-" ance of the Army ; which I had said, was not only a most " wicked, but a very difficult, if not an impossible, design, " for a few men, not of the greatest quality, to introduce " a popular Government against the King and his Party, " against the Presbyterians, against the Nobility and Gen-" try, against the Laws established, both Ecclesiastical " and Civil, and against the whole Genius of the Nation, " that had been accustomed, for so many ages, to a Mo-" narchical Government. Whereas, on the other side, if " they would but consider, that those of their Party had " no particular obligations to the Crown, (as many of the " Presbyterians had,) and therefore ought less to despair of "his Majesty's Grace and Favour; - that the Presbyter " began this War upon specious pretences of making the " King a glorious King ;- that, under that pretext, they " had deceived many well-meaning men, and had brought " great things to pass ; but that now the mask was taken-" off, and they were discovered to have sought their own " advantages—and, at the same time, that the power to do " themselves much good, or much huit to others, was now " almost wrested out of their hands; and that this had been " done by the Independent Party, who could establish them-" selves, no way under Heaven, so justly and prudently, as " by making good what the Presbyterians had only pre-" tended to do, that is, the restoring King and People " to their just and ancient Rights; which would so ingra-" tiate them with both, that they would voluntarily in-" vest them with as much trust and power as Subjects are " capable of : Whereas, if they grasped at more, it would " be with the general hatred, and with their own destruc-" tion. To this discourse of mine, they now informed me "that, at that time, they had only given a hearing, but no " consent, as proceeding from an interest much divided "from theirs : but that they had since found, by expe-" rience, all, or the most part, of it, to be so reason-" able, that they were resolved to put it in practice, as I " might perceive by what had already passed. They desired " for the present nothing of me, but that I would present ted to prepar of " them humbly to the Queen and Prince, and be Suitorto "me me " them in their names, not to condemin them absolutely, " but