

hour's time. So I went up to the Lobby, where I saw the Speaker reading of the letter; and after it was read, Sir A. Haslerig came out very angry. The House presently after rose, and appointed to meet again at 3 a-clock. I went then down into the Hall, where I met with Mr. Chetwind, who had not dined no more then myself; and so we went towards London, in our way calling at two or three shops, and could have no dinner; at last, within Temple bar, we found a pullet ready-roasted, and there we dined. After that, he went to his office in Chancery lane, calling at the Rolles, where I saw the lawyers pleading; then to his office, where I sat in his study singing while he was with his man (Mr. Powells son) looking after his business. Thence we took coach for the City to Guildhall, where the hall was full of people expecting Monke and Lord Mayor to come thither, and all very joyful. Here we stayed a great while; and at last, meeting with a friend of his, we went to the Three Tun tavern and drank half a pint of wine; and not liking the wine, we went to an alehouse, where we met with company of this third man's acquaintance and there we drank a little: hence I went alone to Guildhall to see whether Monke was come yet or no, and met him coming out of the chamber where he had been with the Mayor and Aldermen; but such a shout I never heard in all my life, crying out "God bless your Excellence!" Here I met with Mr. Lock, and took him to an alehouse and left him there to fetch Chetwind; when we were come together, Lock told us the substance of the letter that went from Monke to the Parliament: that he and his officers were put upon such offices against the City as they could not do with any content or honour. That there are many members now in the House that were of the late tyrannical Committee of Safety. That Lambert and Vane are now in town, contrary to the vote of Parliament. That therefore he doth desire that all writts for filling up of the House be issued by Friday next, and that in the meantime he would retire into the City, only leave them guards for the security of the House and Council. The occasion of this was the order that he had last night to go into the City and disarm them and take away their charter; whereby he and his officers see that the House had a mind to put them on things that should make them odious; and so it would be in their power to do what they would with them. He told us that the Mayor and Aldermen had offered him their own houses for himself and his officers, and that his soldiers would lack for nothing. And endeed I saw many people give the soldiers drink and money, and all along in the streets cried, "God bless them!" and extraordinary