

A
Glorious and Happy
VICTORY

Obtained by the Volluntiers of *Buckingham, Bedford, Hartford, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and Northamptonshire*, being almost seven thousand able souldiers

Against the Lord *Wentworth*, Sonne to the *Earle of Strafford*, with 8000, Horſe and Foot, nere *Alesbury and Wickham*, in *Buckinghamshire*, December 6 1642

Declaring the manner of the Bataile, which Laſted five hours, and the number that was ſlain On both ſides, being the greateſt Victory that hath beene obtained ſince the beginning of theſe Warres.



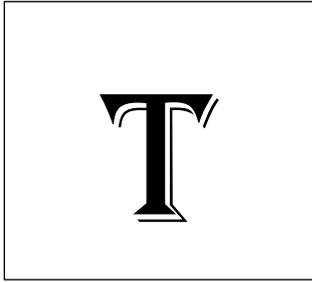
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A glorious victory obtained against

the Cavaliers, by the Volluntiers of the
County of *Buckingham, etc.*



He Cavaliers having of late days plundered and pillaged many wealthy and godly mens Houses, in severall parts of this Kingdome, especially in *Oxfordshire* and *Buckinghamshire*.

But not being content, or satisfied with that which they have most wickedly and barbarously taken, they beginne to thirst after the County of *Cambridge*, and had a great desire to visite the said County, and so they concluded to have done, for about 3000 of their Horse and Foot, consented together, and marched towards *Cambridge*, where they had thought to have inriched themselves very much, but their hopes were quite frustrated, neither could their designs take any effect.

For when the Inhabitants of the said Shire had information, and saw that the Cavaliers were resolved to come into their County, they with all expedition raised the Trained Bands and all other Forces that possibly they could, and also sent to all the other adjoining Counties to aid and assist them in this Designe against the Cavaliers, that were coming to ransacke and pillage them of all they had, and for feare they should have a feeling of their miseries, which they were like to undergo, if that the Designe of the Cavaliers tooke effect.

But before they could come to *Cambridge*, the Inhabitants thereof had raised a great Power, insomuch that they did not feare the Cavaliers, nor all their threatening speeches, but at last, about fifteen hundred made their approach nere to the said County, and began to put in execution their most damnable and wicked projects, whereupon the inhabitants, having raised a great strength, to the number of two thousand, advanced towards the Cavaliers, but no sooner did these wicked catiffs see the Forces of the said County coming, but they beganne to retreat and betake themselves to flight, not daring to give Battaile to the

Parliaments Forces, whereupon the Volluntiers seeing that they begaune to fly, set spurres on their Horfes and hasted after them, and in the overtaking of them, they let flye, their piercing meffingers, and sent roring bullets after them, infomuch that they flew some three hundred of them, the rest were glad to save themfelves by flight,

In *Hartfordshire* at *Watford*, they made the like attempt, but their defigne could not take effect, for the inhabitants of the faid Towne and County, arofe and muftered their Forces together and advanced toward their Enemies and gave them the fame entertainment that their confederates had about *Cambridgeshire*, for when they thought that they were not able to incounter with them, they likewise betooke themfelves to their Heels.

The Counties of *Hartford* and *Cambridge* have joined themfelves in a Covenant of Affociation, with thefe following counties, (viz.) *Buckingham*, *Bedford*, *Huntington* and *Northampton*, and fuch is the forwardneffe of thefe Counties that they have already 8000 men, and every man contributes acording to his eftate, for the maintenance of the faid Forces.

The Kings Party haveing information of these proceedings, the Lord *wentworth*, Sonne to the late deceased Earle of *Straford*, with about five thousand horse advanced toward the said forces at *Wickham* and *Alsbury* in *buckinghamfhire*, where they lay billeted, but our forces having information of their comming, with all the speed that they possibly could make, they began to make a breast workes and made two half Moones where they had planted seven Peeces of ordnance haveing received them from his Excellence and upon the six of this month the Lord *Wentworth* arrived neere the said forces at *Alsbury* and *Wickham* where he sounded his trumpets and made a glorious shew upon the tops of two great hills thinking the day to be his owne, for he had information that the forces which lay there about, did not amount to above foure or five thousand and indeed well might he receive this newes for one Captaine *Hayes*, which commanded the greatest part of these forces, had drawn out neare upon foure thousand of them and had set them in two valleys one the left side of *Wickham*, carrying their Colours low, and every

man trayling his Pike because the enemy should not discry them, and gave them strict charge that every man should be silent when they see the enemy advance towards *Wickham*, they should fall on so soone as they hard the ordnance fly, which command they diligently obferved, no sooner had the ordnance discharged but they fell on fighting with extraordinary courage and much pollicy which when the enemy seing amased to se such a company behind them and another before them, the ordnance playd very fast and the Commanders of the volunteers shewed very much discretion, so that for the space of foure hours they fought very valiantly , till at last the enemy retreated leaving behind them at least nine hundred of their confederates slaine and maimed in the field, the young Lord *Wentworth* being dangerously wounded all this was done with losse of three hundred men.

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons

Whereas divers souldiers have in a tumultuous and violent manner broken into

Diverse of the Kings Subjects Houses, pillaged and ranfacked them, under colour, that they are Papist-houses, or the houses of persons disaffected; The Lords and Commons taking the premises into consideration, doe declare and order, that whatsoever Souldier, or Souldiers shall without the command of the Captaines of their respective Companies, or the Officers of the Field, attempt upon or breake open any house, shall be pursued and punished according to the law as a felon; And the Lords and Commons doe require all Officers of the Army to imploy their best endeavours, for the bringing of any souldiers that shall commit any of the insolencies aforefaid, to condigne punishment that they may be severely and effectually proceeded against, according to Law. And the Lord Generall is desired, that this may be duely published in the Army, in the head of each particular Company.

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parliamentorum

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