

NEW
PAPERS
FROM THE
ARMIE

CONCERNING

The Kings Majesties Letter sent to His
Highnesse the Duke of York written
by His Majesties own Hand

ALSO

The Resolution and proceedings of their
Commissioners at the *Treaty at Wickham*; concerning
the Peace and safety of the Kingdome of

ENGLAND

*With a Remarkable Passage concerning the
Kingdome of Scotland*

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From the

TREATY

Sir

Your laſt I have received, dated July 5, wherein I find many earneſt expreſſions, touching the proceedings of this preſent Treaty. And whereas you deſire to be a partaker of our intelligence in theſe parts, I ſhall here faithfully impart unto you, that which is of greateſt concernment, and moſt deſired by the whole Kingdome, viz.

Upon Fryday being the 2. of this instant July, the Commissioners authorized by both Houses of Parliament, and the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, began the treaty at *Wickham*, who at their first meeting declared themselves to each other with most gallant expressions of love and amity; which caused much triumph and joy throughout the whole army; and after some few houres in debate touching their instructions, they came to this result VIZ.

1. That some scruple was made about the passage in the instructions, viz. to treat with Sir Thomas Fairfax, and such as he shall appoint, whether that gave power to treat with those he appoints, himselfe not being there
2. Whether they should treat upon the Votes already made by the houses, or upon what shall be debated
3. Whether the Commissioners should give account to the houses before the conclusion of the severall things treated on or after the result of every particular Head.

After some time spent in debate thereof, the Commissioners for the army, viz.

<i>Lieutenant Gen.</i> Cromwel.	<i>Col.</i> Waller
<i>Commis Gen</i> Ireton	<i>Col.</i> Rich
<i>Colonell</i> Fleetwood	<i>Col.</i> Lambert
<i>Colonell</i> Rainsborow.	<i>Col.</i> Hamond
<i>Colonell</i> Harrison.	Major <i>Daisborough</i>

Proposed some things which they affirmed to be wanting in the late Votes of the houses in relation to the desires of the army, sent from *Uxbridge June 27*. The result of which debate, I shall here intimate unto you, consisting of 6 Heads.

1 For the publishing a Declaration against the votes for inviting Souldiers from the Army &c

2 For making the former Votes for provisions for the Army more effectuell

3 For speedy sending those that have left them into Ireland, &c

4 For the speedy passing the Ordinance for Ireland

5 For the speedy perfecting the establishment for the Army

6 That they have many things to present to the Houses of very great concernment, much conducing to the peace and safety of this Kingdome.

We have also received a Letter from the North, intimating proceedings of the Councell of Scotland, touching the present affaires in England especially concerning the present Designes and Engagements of our noble Generall and the Army; in which Letter, was discovered some notable projects for the raising a new Army to come into *England*, which for your further satisfaction I shall here recite verbatim.

The Copy of a Letter sent from a Gentleman in the North, to his friend in the Army

Sir

According to my promise in my last Letter, I shall in this give you a briefe relation of some passages here which are most Remarkable. On Thursday last being the 1. of this instant July, there was a Convention of the Councell of the Kingdome of Scotland, at which there was a very great appearance of the Estates of that kingdome, according to the weight of the business which was now to be debated; which was concerning the raising, or not raising of Forces to come into England; about which there was a long and deliberate debate. I shall not need to mention the various opinions on this Subject, nor give you the Propositions at large then insisted on; but the generall were these.

First, whether it were necessary to send Forces into England,

to assist the Parl. in settling the Kingdome, and whether the major part of the City of London did not hold with the Army

Secondly, what number should be thought fit for this service

Thirdly, under what conduct those Forces should be

Fourthly, how they should be paid

And 6. That it should be in pursuance of the League and Covenant and continuing of the Brotherly amity between the two Kingdoms, upon all which particulars, much time was spent; And waving the 1st was thought fit that if any Forces were sent, the number could not be under 20000. To the 3 it was thought fit that if any such Forces were sent into England, Lieut. Gen David Leslie should be Commander in chiefe. Something was then proposed, whether they should come in before they had a speciall invitation; to which was also laid in the ballance, the present condition of that Kingdome, in which, that which was of greatest weight was, That that Kingdome was still infested with an Enemy in the field, to whom, some Irish were expected to come over and joyn them, That some new Divisions were risen in the heart of that Kingdome, and their Souldiers much in arrear already for want of pay: All which (together with other things) being duly considered, the Councell came to their result, and declared, that for the present, no forces of theirs should come into England, and that all preparations in that kind should be laid aside, which is all at the present from

Sir, Your affectionate friend to serve
you,

W Gill

Berwick July 2.

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Yet although divers stormes and
oppositions may arise, I do verily believe,
those silver thrids of amity and love
throughout the whole army, can never be
separated or divided; for their hearts are
firmly knit and united together, fearing not
the strength of Man, but generally offering
themselves to the protection of the great
Jehovah. There is great hopes of a gallant
composure, for the treaty goes on fairly.
Wee beare that the Kings Majesty hath sent
a Letter to his Royall Son the Duke of
Yorke, it being his own hand-writing as
doth appeare by the superscription . Mayor
Generall Brown is in great favour with the
Kings Majesty &c. Thus for the present, I
remain

*Your most affectionate friend and
Kinsman*

T BURFOIT

Wickham July 9

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