

Papers relating to the general History of the County of Durham, in the time of CHARLES II. extracted from the 31st Volume of the MICKLETON COLLECTION; and communicated by the REV. JOHN HODGSON, Sec.

*To Colonell John Tempest Esq. Colonell of the Trainbands Leve^{nt}
Colonell Ralph: Cole and Major William Bellasor either of them
for the County of Durham.*

FORASMUCH as George Liburne and Thomas Brown of Sunderland-near-the-Sea are notoriously famed and iustly suspected to be dangerous and disaffected persons to his Ma^{ties} present governm^t and to the lawes of this kingdome, and hath been at their dwelling houses sum'oned by us to appeare before us on the 11th of this Instant September; And yet did not then, nor since that time make any such appearance, but wthdrew themselves from their habitations:—These are therefore in his Majestys name to will and require you to send and employ 2 commissio^r officers of the trained band together wth some constable to make due search for arms in their houses and the same to take away for the use of the county: and also to apprehend their persons wher-ever they may be found in this county and so convey and com'itt them to the goale of Durham, there to remaine untill our further order. Given under our hands and seals the 17th of Sept'. 1662.

JO: DURESME

JO: CONYERS

RO: HYLON

HEN: LAMPTON

MY LORD,

York, 4th Jan. 1663.

HERE are are prison^{rs} now to be tryd for contriveing Rebellion ag^t his Ma'tie, and that y^e p^{ro}fe may be cleare and convinceing, its necessary that Thomas Randall of Cockerton, does give evidence viva voce, at their tryall as he hath done by informa'con in yo' County otherwise some notorious Rebells may escape justice; therefore l'tres have been formerly written to yo' Lord^{pp} to desire hee may be sent hither, he dwelling within yo' Lord^{pp} jurisdic'con but neither receiving answer nor the partye, it is thought necessary to make this further addresse to desire your Lordships concurrence, and assistance in this affaire, which concerns his Ma'ties service, especially seeing it admitts noe delay because the Judges read their com'ic'on vpon Thursday next, we hope for an answer by the first post, that wee may be assured this comes to your hands.

My Lord,

Your humble servants,

RO: LANGLEY

T: OSBORNE

THO: GOWER

GODF: COPLEY

Wee make the like request concerning Mr Leeming the younger of Cornforth and Mr Ellerington and Joseph Weylin.

For the right Revered ffather in God John by divine providence

Lord Bishop of Durham att Durham.

To the Right Reuerent Father in God John Lord Bishop of Durham at Durham Castle present.

MY LORD,—THIS day most of the gentry and ffreeholders meet, at Morpeth with the Lord Widdrington and S^r William Fenwicke volenteure troops who was in reddynes to serue y^r Lordship; and to assist our neighbouring countys, but since by y^r Lordships letter you find

it not necessary for the continueing of them longer together in armes,
we shall dismiss them to morrow and vpon all occasion shew o'selves

My Lord y^r humble Servants,

THO: FOSTER

WILLIAM WIDDRINGTON

WILL STROTHER

WILLIAM FENWICKE

RA JENISON

CUTHBERT HERON

JAMES OGLE

HENRY WIDDRINGTON.

Morpeth this 15th of Octob^r 1663.

*To the right honourable John Lord Bpp of Durham at his lodging in the
Pellmel neere St Jameses these, London.*

RIGHT HONOURABLE

April 26th, 1664.

WE received yours on sunday, which (by the date) might haue arrived a post sooner, as to the persons who weere secured vpon the deputy Lieut^e of Yorkshires letter, they are still continued in the Prouost Marshall's custodie, and Liewis Frost is now made one of their number but as they are extreeme clamourous for their libertie, so wee can doe no lesse than to presse for an information against them, which will enable vs to answer their loud cryes of iniustice, and secure them by a more legall imprisonment, and then what fauour wee shew to them will contract a guilt vpon our selves: wee cannot silently passe ouer, that part of your Lordshipps letter concerning S^r Tho: Gowers assertion of some in office in our countie to haue given intelligence to Joplin of the intention to apprehend him, wee hope he is so much a wellwisher to his Ma^{ties} service, that he will name the person who hath offended in this high nature, that he may be discharged of his employment and receive such punishment as his crime doth deserve; and vn^{til} this be done wee all lye vnder the burden of this accusation at large, although wee do not doubt of your Lordshipps endeaouering

our iust vindication, for wee assure our selues, you do belieue vs to be
his Ma^{ties} truly loyall subiects, as you know we are

your Lordshipps humble servants

THO: DAVISON

WILL BLACKISTON

NICHOLAS COLE

JOHN TEMPEST

FR: BOWES

RALPH DAVISON.

DURHAM SS.—*Agreed upon and ordered at a meeting of the Lord
Lieuten^t and deputy Lieutenants of y^e said County, upon Wednesday
June y^e 22th 1664 as followeth: viz^t.*

1. That y^e L^d Lieuten^t shall addresse l^res to y^e L^d Chancellor and y^e
Kings secretary to signify y^e desire of the deputy Lieutenants and
Justices of the peace that those eight p^rsons vizt. Timothy Whitting-
ham Esq^r M^r W^m Midford, Lewes Froop shipmaster, George Watson,
Robert Selby, Thomas Burdus, George Bateman, and William Brasse,
now upon his Ma^{ties} com^{and} in custody here, may either have suffi-
cient cause shewed, why they should bee still detayn^d or else bayl^d
and so sett at liberty, and to appeare at the next sessions or assizes here
to be holden, or otherwise to give us such order therein as may pre-
vent their clamour for being imprison^d about y^e space of three moneths.

2. That Capt Newton shall prepare warrants to bee signed by the
deputy Lieutenants and sent to y^e head constables, that all y^e Mititia
horse and ffoot do appeare upon y^e Bellas heads neare Durham, on
tuesday y^e 26th day of July next by 9 of y^e clock in y^e fforenoone, with
a full supply of all defects formerly found amongst them, and that
each Musqueteer bring wth him halfe a pounce of powder 3 yeard of
Match, and bullets, and every ffootman six pence in money for y^e
Muster master; and that each horseman bring powder and bullet
according to his wanted propor^{on} and 12^d for y^e Musterm^r upon

paine and penalty allotted by act of parliamt and likewise that they desire all those that have subscribed the association to appear at the same time and place, in y^e best equipage they can.

3. That M^r High Sheriffe S^r Tho: Davison bee the chiefe of all the voluntiers, and that wee shall here agree, what other officers they shall obey upon any occasion according to their subscripc'on aforesaid.

RALPH DAVISON

JOHN HYLTON

JOHN TEMPEST

TO: DURESME

THO: DAVISON

HEN: LAMBTON

NICHOLAS COLE

MY LORD,—HAVING this convenient opportunity of the bearer, Capt Newton I assume the boldnesse to acquaint yo^r Lordship that my owne and my officers stock of money is almost totally exhausted w^{ch} is partly occasioned by a necessity there was for us to supply our soul-dieurs wants, their recruits for the next fourteen days pay being as yet not comd up to many of them, It is therefore my humble suit to yo^r Lordship in the behalfe of myselfe and officers, that yo^r Lordship will be pleased to issue out yo^r order for fourtene dayes pay already by past, w^{ch} (if yo^r Lordshipp will please to order us) will come very seasonably to us at Captaine Newtons returne; my Lord I shall trouble yo^r Lordshiy no further but only to crave pardon for this my boldnesse, and to subscribe

my Lord,

yo^r Lordships very faithfull and humble servant,

Hartlepool the 4th of ffeb^r 1665.

GEO: BAKER.

For the right reverend father in God John Lord Bishop of

Durham, these present, with my humble service.

For the Right Hon^{ble} my Lord of Durham these—Durham,

MY LORD,—I received your Lord^{ps} the 6, of this instant and before I got your Lord^{ps} commands, I got an order, from our Lord Lieu^{ts} for the County of Northumberland, for the drawing of that Militia nigh the sea coasts, and att my return from thence, I drew my company from Norham and Islandshire together on Munday last, and immediately carried them to the Holy Island, being as I conceived a convenient place, it being the desire of the inhabitants there, cause some piratts uses that coast and they weer afraýd that in some night they might send men ashore and ffire thare towne: my Lord, as for my going to Blith-nook I should have been redy to have gone thither, but that thare is our companie of the militia foot for Northumberland was designed to go thare, and the rest of them lies, betwixt Seaton-Delaval, and Warkworth and the horse fromthense to Bambrough: My Lord, I cannot as yet know of any Treasons in this part of the county, if thare be any, I shall take care to se your Lor^{ps} order put in execution. I must make a complaint to your Lord^{sp} against those that inioys the ffishings of Tweed, who as yet would neuer set forth thar militia; and the yearely renew of it is nigh two thousand pound a yeare: Thay pretend thay weer neuer charged formerly, but I am credible informed to the contrarie. If your Lord^{sp} be pleased to let me receiue your commands, I shall haue them raised, otherwise I humbly conceiue I cannot do it alone, thare being none heäre att p'sent but myselfe, what ever commands your Lord^{sp} hath for me it shall be faithfully and punctually obseru'd by, my Lord, your Lordships most humble servant

Feb. the 8th '65

WILL STROTHER.

Indors. " Coll' Strother l're Feb. 8, 1665. Answered, 16."

For his Hon^{ble}. friend lieu^t Newton these at his house, Durham.

BROTHER NEWTON,—I thought much to give my Countrymen any cause of complaynt therefore before I made you a returne of the defects I tooke the trouble vpon me to acquainte all y^e petty constables within this division of my Lord Lieut and deputy Lieutnt^e order made in that behalfe, And I finde none as yet refractory in all the sayd division but Garth the High Constable and John Hobson of Haughton-on-the-side who doth positively refuse to obey any such order as the bearer here off and his partner will inform you. Who according to my captaines com^{and} is come to wayte vpon you for that purpose. My capt. desires you to procure them warrants of distress from the deputy Lieutⁿs according to act of Parliament and to acquainte my Lord and the deputy Lieutⁿs how obstinate they are: if they be not made examples there will be but small appearance vpon the like occasion. The poore soldiers are forced to goe and seeke there pay whereas indeede they ought to bring it them and oftentimes gets their labour for their paynes and travell and at the best their pay without consideration for their journey. S^r this Garth who ought to shew good examples to the country is most obstinate and an unworthy person as partly you know you^rselfe all which abuses I hope you will see rectified. S^r I shall trouble you noe further but that I am

y^r loving Brother

Edderley Febr the 24th 1665.

RICH. SMELT.

John Dawsons returne.

	s.	
Im ^p He wants for two generall muster days of Garth	07	00
I ^t And for y ^e march to Durha' about y ^e plott	-	- 02 00
I ^t For a new scabbard	-	- 02 06
I ^t For fixing his musquett and dressing his Sword	-	- 02 06
I ^t For a new sword belt	-	- 01 08
For powder which he was forced to buy	-	- 02 06
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He wants a chollar of Bandelenes.

His red coate is made contrary to order.

This bearer hath been 3 tymes to demand this sūme of Garth and vpon his last demand gave this answer. That he would not obey any such order for his father had lost more then either Darcy Smelt or Tom Newton and he cared not one straw for their orders neither would he pay any thing but what pleased himselfe.

JOHN ✕ DAWSON,
M^rke.

Henry Lowsons returne for John Hobson off Houghton.

	s.	d.
Att the first meeting at Hartlepoole	-	- 0 6
For dressing his sword and mending his scabbard	-	- 0 10
For 3 tymes demanding it be 6 miles	-	- 2 00
Wants a chollar off Bandelenes		

Vpon his last demand Hobson told him that he cared not for the officers and he would try it out to the last end and that the officers had not any thing to doe with them when they were out of service and that he would pay what he pleased.

Marke.
HENRY ✕ LOWSON,

"A Copy of a l're sent to y^e severall captaines of y^e voluntiers appointing a Rendevouz upon y^e 7th of September 1665," by JOHN COUSIN S. T. P. Bishop of Durham.

SIR,

Auckland Castle September 2. 65.

HAVING rec^d com'and from his Ma^{ty} to take care that y^e voluntiers listed under you as their Captain be in readines to serve him: and being desirous to know in what readines and p'sent posture they are in this time of daily informations coming to his Ma^{ty} ag^t disaffected and disloyall persons who intend to disturb his Royall and peaceable governm^t both in Church and State; I have thought it fitt to summon you and yo^r Voluntiers together to shew themselues their horse armour and amunition that I may be the better able to render an account thereof (as I am required to do) both to his Ma^{ty} and to his Royall Highnes the Duke of York whose progress into this Countrey may happen to be sooner than is yet made known to us:—

I do therefore appoint that upon Thursday next by ten of y^e clock in y^e fforenoone you and yo^r company or troop of Voluntiers do present yo'selves at y^e White Crosse upon Spanymoore where I have appointed yo^r ffellow Captines and their troops to meet you at y^e same time: and where wee may advise and agree together upon a time that will be fitt for some or all of you that are Captines to go and p'sent yo'selues in y^e name of y^e Lieuten^{ts} and this County palatine unto his Royall Highnes the Duke of York and there manifest the readines of us all and the p'sent posture wherein wee are to serve his Ma^{ty} and our Countrey under the blessed p'tec'on of Almighty God to whom I commend you and rest

Yo^r very assured ffriend and servant,

DUNELM SS. *July 3. 1666.—By the Lord lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants at a meeting at Auckland Castle, according to the Kings letter dated y^e 25th day of June 1666.*

It is ordered as followeth, viz^t.

1. That in case of any invasion or sudden alarm by firing of Beacons or otherwise the Friends of this County shall resort to these several posts and places, viz^t.

The Coll' company	}	to the City of Durham
Lieuten ["] Coll' company		
and Capt. Darcy's company		
Capt. Belasys company	}	to Hartlepoole
Capt. Conyers company		
Capt. Bakers company		
Major Belasys company	}	to Sunderland
Capt. Carrs company		
Capt. Hedworths company		
Capt. Fetherstons Troop		to Sunderland
Capt. Halls Troop		to Hartlepoole

And that these Deputy lieutenants shall be p[']sent at y^e said severall posts in such cases, viz^t.

S ^r Nicholas Cole	}	at Sunderland
Baron Hilton		
and M ^r Henry Lambton		
S ^r W ^m Blackiston	}	at Hartlepoole
Mr Ra: Davison		
and Mr W ^m Blackiston		

Mr High Sheriffe and all y^e reste of y^e deputy lieutenants, at the City of Durham.

2. That p[']sent order be given by y^e High Constables for y^e sufficient watching of these Beacons following and firing as occasions shall require upon the landing of an enemy that is to say

1 Whitebourne Beacon.

2 Wardenlaw

3 Easington

4 Hart.

3. That the severall Companies and troops shall be muster'd, and special notice taken of all defects or insufficiency of men, horse, arms or amunition, and the same account to be delivered in writing by the Muster master forthwith after such musters to y^e L^d lieuten^t and that the act of Parliam^t be put in execution wth y^e utmost rigour.

The Coll' company and the majors company on monday the ninth instant at Pittiugton Hall Garth.*

Capt Belasys and Capt Conyers at Sedgfield upon tuesday the tenth being p'sent Coll' Tempest Coll' Byerley Mr Cuthbert Carr and Mr Ra: Davison.

Capt Darceys and Capt Baker's and Lieuten^t Coll's company at Hunwick edge tuesday y^e seventeenth. Coll' Byerley Mr Cuthbert Carr and Mr Ralph Davison to be p'sent. }

Capt. Carr and Capt. Hedworths company upon Chester south Moore, wednesday the eighteenth. S^r Nicholas Cole, Baron Hil- }
ton and Mr Henry Lambton to be p'sent.

The two troops of Horse on thursday y^e nineteenth at y^e white Crose upon Spany-moore, where all y^e deputy lieuten^t are to be p'sent.

And that warrants be sent out to y^e High Constables to give notice thereof accordingly.

That Capt. Newton provide 6 Barrells of powder or more, and lay them up in Durham Castle to be in a readiness for y^e service of y^e countrey, and for y^e paym^t thereof and other necessaries that an order be made for laying on a weekes cess upon y^e Countrey according to act of Parliam^t.

ANTH: BYERLEY

RA: DAVISON

CUTH: CARRE

IO: DURESME

NICHOLAS COLE

JOHN HYLTON

JOHN TEMPEST

* Sir Nicholas Cole Mr Wm Blackiston Mr Henry Lambton to be present at Pittington.

MY LORD—I should be ashamed thus to pass by your Lo^{shp} and not tender my duty, but really my order was to make all expedition to my garrison and here meeting with S^r Gilbert Gerard, I was glad that he might beare me witnes of my trouble that I did not waite on your Lo^{shp}. Saturday is appointed to meete att Sunderland, where we shall meete with your Lo^{shp}'s commands by which we ar to direct. I want your commission to act, which when receaued I shall take as a great honor conferrd on him that is

my honord Lord

your most ffaithfull obedient seruant

Durham Thurs: Noon 6th June 67. EDWARD VILLIERS.

*This to the most right honorable the Lord of Duresme
Present most humbly.*

To the right honourable JOHN Lord Bishop of Durham at his Castle at Aukland, these.

Sunderland by the Sea June the 7th 1667.

RIGHT HONOURABLE,—We did according to your Lo'pps orders draw our companyes and troops to this place on tuesday last the same night and the next day we were entertained wth a most violent storme w^{ch} had a lamentable effect upon a fleet of 100 light colliers coming from the southward and being in sight of this port when the storme began. We heare of many cast away upon this coast and by the judgment of able seamen it is doubted that at the least one halfe of them is lost. We thought it our duties to give your Lo'pp this sad account, but we are in hopes that if the Dutch fleet were out they would run the same risque, and secure us for some time from any attemp from them. We shall be circumspect and diligent in our stations and be

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ready to observe what further orders shall be transmitted from your Lordshipp to

your humble servants

WILL' BELASS, JOHN TEMPEST,
RA: HEDWORTH. THO: FETHERSTONHALGH,

Gretham June the 7. 1667

MY LORD,—By the inclosed yower Lord will know Coll: Villers is com down, and no dowtt his Maie^t does sussespectt ther desin may be upon thes costes, I haue bin at Hartellpole, wher the ffine compenies ar, and I shall consult with the offisers both towching the strengthening of the wekestt plases, as also what pleases ar mostt requisit ffor them to kipe ther gardes. I am too mett Col: Villers too morrow att Sunderland, with som off the offisers, I shall expektt too hear ffrom yower Lord and yower comands shall be faithfully obaied by

Your Lord obedientt sone and faithfull seruant

GILB: GERARD.*

Iff yower Lord thinke fitt too haue Col: Villers and the deputi Liff tenants too mette yower Lord upon Monday att Durham, ffor Aukland they can nott be bake the same daie where ther command lies. This I thought fitt too offer too yower Lord consideration.

*For the rightt honorab' my Lord the Bishope off Durham
att his castell at Aukland*

Gretham the 10 off June 1667.

MY LORD,—I am mor then in an ordinary trobell thatt I doo nott wait off yower Lord too Wolsingam butt in case I wear absentt iff the dutch should apear hear, I should be very much sensured ffor itt and mightt hazard the kinges fauer, ffor I writt my Lord Gerard word thatt

* See Surtces' Hist. of Durham, Vol. I. cxiv.

my staie was only too attend the kinges seruic in thes partes, besides too morrow and the next day ar off Grettestt danger the spring tide being the mostt likly time for them too make ther atempt iff they have any desin on thes partes. Pardon my, Mye honored Lord in this my motion, Iff yower Lord goo too Wollsingam nott too declare yower judgment and resolution in thatt bisnes wilstt yower Lord is ther upon the plase, ffor they will be importinatt in ther aplications, hoping yower Lord will mediatt ffor me with my wife I rest

Yower Lord obedient sone and most faithfull servant too comand

GILB: GERARD.

*For the Right honorabell my lord the Bishope off Durham
att his castell in Aukland with my duty present.*

South Sheelds June the 23th 1667.

MAY it please yo^r Lordshipp to be certiffyed that this day wee haue had an alarme, and according to yo^r Lordshipps direction I made all in reddienesse, it came about ten of the clocke, or rather after and about two of the clocke I marched wth my company consisting 180: and: od men to the sea side where we staid a while but heareing litle of any of the Hollands men of warr and pceuieing it to be some doubt of severall men that the Hollands ffeate were coming downe to y. Norward by reasin the windes were ffare there being none of them seene at sea except onely a suspition of one or two privateers: I with drew home againe and intend God willing to haue my company in armes againe to morrowe and so intreat yo^r Lordshipp that you will be pleased to send by this bearer our commissions that wee may be in better capacitye for to doe service to his Ma^{tie} and Countrye wth my service to yo^r Lordshipp I rest.

Yo^r serant to be com'anded

RALPH PENDERSON.

*For the right reverend ffather in god John Lord Bishop
of Durham these p'sent—Durham wth speede.*