

JOHN HARRISON OF SCARBOROUGH.

MR. TOBIAS CRADOCK TO BISHOP COSIN.

My Lord,—Faile not to gett John Harrison of Scarbrough put in the Act of Attainder, being one of those that satt in their trayterous Court to sentence the late King, and left out of the act by a notable juggle. There will come to your Lordship by it about 3,000*l*. There is a printed sheet called the Great Memoriall, with the list of the names of those pretended judges, will shew him to your Lordship. I shall acquaint your Lordship with other things at your coming into the Country which will be very advantagious. If Mr. Davison depart this life, as is feared, I shall propound that for the Stewardship of your Halmot Courts which will be very acceptable. So recommending the presumption herein to your Lordship's pardon, shall only for the present tell you I am—The humblest of your Lordship's servants.—TOBIE CRADOCKE.—Gainford Hall, the 11th of April, 1671.—To the Rt. Rev. Father in God John Lord Bishop of Durham, at his Lordship's house in the Pall Mall, in Westminster, These.

BISHOP COSIN TO MR. STAPYLTON.

April 25, 1671.—Mr. Stapylton,—I have received yours of the 21st inst., and am of the same opinion that you are touching Mr. Tobie Cradock his wild letter against young Harrison, upon whom he would revenge himselfe by giving him and mee a vaine trouble about him. I think the father Harrison was an errant knave and rebell against the King and a great stickler against mee in Mr. Smart's business: but the Act of Indemnity pardoned him, and it was a mad motion for any man without more adoe, *to bid me not faile but put him into the Act of Attainder*, though he were now alive, who you say is dead 7 years since, yet you say not where you had the intelligence, both about the father and the son. It is not so easy a matter as Mr. Tobie Cradock may imagine to get an act of parliament for any man's attainder that hath been pardoned, and especially if he have been dead so long since.—Yours, &c., Jo. DURESME.¹

¹ From copies in Mr. J. Brough Taylor's MSS.—Mr. Cradock died in August and the Bishop in January succeeding the date of the letters.