PUBLICK AFFAIRS
IN
IRELAND
SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF THE
LATE PLOT
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most noted Protestants, for that purpose named in the several Counties, who were to take such Arms and give Receipts for what they took, and send the same to his Majesties Stores. That the Justices of the Peace and Officers of the Army should, after the time expired, search for and seise the Arms of unlicensed Persons; or if they found more Arms than were expressed, with those that had License, they were to bind the Delinquents over to the next Assizes or Sessions of the County. And all Persons of the Popish Religion, and all Merchants and others, retailers of Powder, were required to send in an account of their Stores, if the same exceeded one pound, and of any Powder which they might afterwards receive.

Another Proclamation issued, forbidding Papists to come into the Castle of *Dublin*, or into any Fort or Citadel of that Kingdom: Appointing also that the Fairs, and weekly Markets of certain places, *viz. Drogheda*, *Wexford*, *Cork*, *Limerick*, *Waterford*, *Youghal* and *Galloway*, be thenceforth kept without the Walls of the said Garrisons. And that Papists be not suffered to continue or reside in the said Towns, or in any *Novemb.* 29. 1678.

ther ſearch, and propoſing a method for preventing of forged Licenſes. And to look upon all who ſhould be remiſs in their Duties, as Contemners of the King's Authority, and proceeded againſt as the Abettors of thoſe who diſturb the Peace.

December 13. 1678. Another Proclamation iſſued, taking notice of a Letter ſcattered in the Streets of *Dublin*, intimating a Conſpiracy againſt the Life of the Lord Lieutenant, promiſing Protection and 200 *l.* Reward unto the Diſcoverer. And it afterwards appear'd that one *Jephſon* a young man, perverted from his Religion by ſome *Iriſh* Prieſts was a Party engaged in that Deſign; and two *Iriſh* Prieſts, his Abettors therein, were taken and put into Cuſtody: and their Examinations tranſmitted to the Council here, and from thence ſent to the Houſe of Lords.

There were two great Queſtions among others under the ſerious Debate of the Lord Lieutenant and Council, from whence much ill grounded Reflection hath ariſen; The one about ſecuring the principal Heads of the moſt conſiderable Clans, or Families of the *Iriſh*, who have loſt their Eſtates: ſome ſuppoſing that it might

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proposing to bring Arms and Ammunition out of his Majesties Magazine in the Tower of *London*, and to furnish the Kingdom with such proportions, as the Lord Lieutenant should think fit, at as reasonable Rates, as any others could do, for as good and servicable Arms: The other Licences were stayed, having not been call'd for by the said Merchants, before these Proposals of the Officers of the Ordnance.

Letters from the Council-board issued to the Commissioners of Array in the several Counties, giving them notice of the expectation of the suddain arrival of Arms and Ammunition out of *England*: and that they should certifie to the Board the quantity and quality of the Arms they would have occasion to buy for the use of the Militia, and to have the money ready to be paid upon delivery of the Arms. *March.* 3. 1678.

Letters were sent to several persons at *Galway* and *Buffin*, to be diligent in searching and seizing on any Arms that might be brought in there, upon intimation, that at *Brest*, Arms were put on board two Fly-boats belonging to *Galway*, the Masters whereof were Papists. *March*, 11. 1678.

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