

under a Necessity to dispose the Militia by the Authority of both Houses, and that they had resolved to do so.

This Petition was brought to him by the Earls of *Warwick* and *Holland*, both sworn Servants to him, and both of his Privy Council; and at the same time they brought a Declaration of both Houses setting forth his Misgovernment, by attempting to incense the *Northern Army* against the Parliament, by his Proceedings against the Lord *Kimbolton*, and the five Members, by the suspicious Desire of a Guard about his Person, by his underhand promoting the *Irish* Rebellion, by ordering his Admiral Sir *John Pennington*, to land the Lord *Digby* to procure foreign Forces to assist him against his Parliament; and that this is the more credible because he removed from *London*, with the Prince, and because many Advertisements came from *Rome*, and other foreign Parts, of great Aids intended for him, in order to some Design then in hand against the Protestant Religion and Parliament, concluding with their humble Desires, that he would put away his Evil Counsellors, and trust to his Parliament; which if he would do, they would sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in his Service.

Then the afore said two Lords desired him to come nearer to his Parliament, but he refused; and when they mov'd him that the Militia might be settled for a time as the Parliament had desired, he swore, *No, not for an Hour, nor for a Minute, tho' his Wife or Children had desired it.*

Thereupon the Parliament voted that the Kingdom should be put into a Posture of Defence, and that the Navy should be commanded by an Admiral of their own Naming, and that a Declaration should be drawn up and published of the Reasons and Grounds of their Fears.