

gainst *Hull*, an Infringement of the Liberties of the People; and immediately sent some of their own Members thither, the better to secure the Town and Magazine.

The King being now at *York*, issued out his Letters of Summons, to the Gentry of *Yorkshire* to attend him there, who coming accordingly, he told them of the Proceedings of the Parliament, and of the Business at *Hull*, and desired their Assistance to guard his Person; to which they agreed and returned to their respective Habitations to raise Forces, which the King told them were necessary for his present Service.

Not long after his coming to *York*, several of the Nobility and Gentry and some of the House of Commons came thither to him; particularly the Lord Keeper *Littleton*, who had already delivered the Seal to one who was sent for it by the King; but now it was recommitted to him again, and he, together with the Duke of *Richmond* and the Marquiss of *Hertford*, and about forty more Earls and Lords, subscribed a Writing dated the 13th of *June* 1642, wherein they engaged not to obey any thing which was not warrantable by Law, and that they would defend the King's Person, Crown and Dignity, against all Powers whatsoever, and also the Protestant Religion, and the lawful Liberties of the People, and of both Houses of Parliament, and that they would not obey any Order concerning the *Militia*, which had not the Royal Assent.

And now the King having raised an Army of about 3000 Foot and 1000 Horse out of the *Militia* of *Yorkshire*, he once more marched to *Hull*; but Sir *John Hotham* had furnished the Garrison with Men and Ammunition, and he caused all the Sluices to be pulled up, by which he laid all the low Grounds under Water, so that the King could not besiege the Town in Form, but blocked it up.