

And now the Garrison sallied out with about 500 Men, commanded by Sir *John Meldrum*, and beat the King's Forces, who run away to *Beverley*; and afterwards upon a second Sally commanded by the same Officer, they killed about twenty, and took as many Prisoners on the King's Side, and set Fire to his Magazine of Gunpowder, which ill Success made him raise the Blockade, and return to *York*.

All this while the Parliament were not idle; for they insisted that what they had done at *Hull*, was to prevent a War upon them, which they knew, the King designed when he first went into the *North*; for otherwise why did the Queen go into *Holland*, with the ancient Jewels of the Crown, and with Pictures of great Value, but with an Intent to raise Money and buy Arms, which she afterwards brought into *England*, when she landed at *Burlington-Bay* in *Yorkshire*? Or else why did the King leave his Parliament and go to *York*, and there raise Forces upon a Pretence of a Guard for securing his Person, which soon encreased to an Army?

Then they published a Declaration, forbidding all Men to attend the King at his Pleasure, except such who were bound to it by special Service; and that all others should be esteemed Disturbers of the publick Peace; and that the Sheriffs thro' *England* should raise the Power of each County, to suppress them.

They also set forth another Declaration, charging the King with the Breach of his Word and Promises, and with many Oppressions of his Subjects, and Violations of the Laws: And they voted, That he being seduced by wicked Counsel, intended to make War against the Parliament, who proposed no other End in all their Consultations and Actions, but the Care of the Kingdom, and Duty to his Person.

Then they made a large Remonstrance in Justification