

That as for leaving *Delinquents* to their Justice, he protected none; but if by *Delinquents* they meant such who refused to submit to their Orders about the *Militia* and *Navy*, or such who had published his *Declarations* or *Proclamations*, he would protect them to his utmost Power; but was contented that all *Delinquents* should be prosecuted according to the known Laws of the Land; that since they had sent this Petition, they had beaten Drums for Soldiers, and chose a General of Horse; that Sir *John Hotbom* had seized his Wine and Provisions for his Household: And desired, that *Hull*, his Magazines and Navy be forthwith delivered to him, it being High Treason in those who commanded them; and demanded, that all Arms and Provisions for War, made by both Houses, might be laid down immediately, and that then he would instantly lay down all his Forces and come to the Parliament; that all Differences might be debated in a Parliamentary way, and that he expected a full Answer on the 27th day of *July*, and that till then he would make no Attempt upon *Hull*.

The Parliament replied by the Earl of *Holland*, That they could not deliver *Hull*, nor the Navy, nor recal their Ordinance for the *Militia*, nor lay down their Arms, because what they had done was for securing their Religion, and the Laws and Liberties of the People; all which they saw were in imminent Danger, from which Danger when they should be secured, and that the Forces raised by the King, should not be used to their Destruction, then they would comply with the King's Demands; but they excused their laying down Arms, till the Causes which moved them to take them up were removed, and then they would make no farther Preparations.

But previous to all this matter, and a little before the Lord-keeper *Littleton*, and other Lords, had signed