

These Letters were printed and published by the Order of the Parliament; but it being contrary to the Rules of Humanity to publish those things which pass between Husband and Wife, it was generally disliked; and therefore the Parliament gave Order, that these intercepted Letters should be left out of that Volume of Ordinances published by *Edward Husbands*.

After this Battel, the King or his Party were never able to make any considerable Opposition to the Forces of the Parliament, but lost Battel after Battel, and Place after Place, under the Conduct their two Generals, the Lord *Fairfax* and *Oliver Cromwel*; till at last being reduced to a very low Ebb of Fortune, he was forced to quit *Oxford*, and fly to the *Scottish* Army for Protection, by whom he was some time afterwards delivered up to the Parliament, upon such Terms as had been agreed between them.

Then he was confined to some of his own Houses, and having refused to pass such Bills which were offered to him, they voted, that no more Addresses should be made to him.

'Tis true, *Cromwell* and the Officers of the Army treated him very honourably, and with Respect and Freedom at *Hampton Court*; but he fled from thence to the Isle of *Wight* in a Disguise, and there he was kept close Prisoner for several Months.

In *Scotland*, Duke *Hamilton* had raised an Army for the King, and to set him at Liberty, and thither *Cromwell* went to oppose him.

During his Absence, those who were called *Puritans* in both Houses (for the Name of *Presbyterian* was not then in fashion) resolved to take this Opportunity to treat and make a final Agreement with the King, then at the Isle of *Wight*, upon certain Conditions, to which at last he agreed; and