

EXTRACTS.

On the 26th of October, 1795, there was a most numerous meeting of the people, near Copenhagen House, at which it was determined to present a strong remonstrance to the King.

On the 29th Parliament met. The crowd assembled on this occasion was perhaps the most numerous that has ever been remembered. In Parliament Street stones were thrown at the carriage in which the King was, and near the Ordnance Office, the glass appeared to have been broken by a ball from an air gun. Circumstances of insult and outrage attended the return of the King from the House of Parliament to St. James's Palace. His Majesty set off afterwards in his private carriage for Buckingham House. In his way through the Park the mob surrounded the carriage, and prevented it from proceeding. In that critical moment, a gentleman (we understand Mr. Bedingfeld of the Pay Office of the Navy) repressed with firmness the fury of the mob, &c. &c.

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STATEMENT OF H. J. PYE, Esq.

On the day the outrage was committed on the King on his return from the House of Lords, I attended in the Park as a Magistrate. I was stationed, with the officers of Queen Square Office, at a considerable distance from the spot: but as soon as I was informed of it, I went towards it as expeditiously as the pressure of the crowd would permit. When I came opposite to the way that leads to the Palace, between St. James's and Marlborough House Gardens, I met Mr. Frankland, who told me he was close to the place where the mob attempted to force open the door of His Majesty's carriage, and which they must inevitably have effected, if it had not been, for the spirited and powerful exertions of a gentleman, whose name he had learned, was Bedingfeld. Mr. Frankland, (who is since dead) was a gentleman of great respectability, &c. &c. &c.

Queen Square, Oct. 29, 1807.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM LAMBERT, Esq.

of Woodmanstone, near Cashalton, Surry.

I was in St. James's Park, on the 29th of October, 1795, when the mob attacked the carriage in which the King was, in his way to Buckingham House. The guards were absent. I saw Mr. Bedingfeld, he drove part of the mob against the wall of the garden, and placed himself close to the carriage. The fury of the mob was so great that, in my opinion, if it had not been for Mr. Bedingfeld's exertions, the door would have been forced open, &c. &c.

August 6, 1807.

STATEMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL BARTON.

I was well acquainted with Captain Lees of the First Regiment of Horse Guards. He commanded a detachment on the day the King was attacked in the Park. By some mistake the troop was marched away from St. James's towards the Horse Guards. Captain Lees informed me that hearing a great noise, he ordered the troop to wheel round. He saw Mr. Bedingfeld in the crowd, waving his hand towards him to urge him on. He galloped up accordingly with several men, and found that Gentleman close to the carriage in which the King was, with a pistol in his hand, &c. &c.

LONDON GAZETTE, OCTOBER 31.

At the Court at St. James's, the 31st Day of October, 1795,
present,

The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY,

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,	Earl Spencer,
His Royal Highness the Duke of York,	Lord Grenville,
Lord Chancellor,	Lord Onslow,
Lord President,	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Lord Privy Seal,	Mr. Vice-Chamberlain,
Duke of Portland,	Mr. Villiers,
Lord Chamberlain,	Field Marshal Sir George Howard,
Earl of Westmoreland,	Master of the Rolls,
Earl of Jersey,	Mr. Secretary Dundas.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

Whereas, on the 29th day of this instant month of October, diverse persons, riotously assembled and stationed in different parts in our City of Westminster, proceeded to commit certain daring and highly criminal outrages, in gross violation of the public peace, TO THE ACTUAL DANGER OF OUR ROYAL PERSON, and to the interruption of our passage to and from our Parliament; we, therefore, with the advice of our Privy Council, in pursuance of an Address from our two Houses of Parliament, do hereby enjoin all Magistrates, and all other our loving subjects, to use their utmost endeavours to discover and cause to be apprehended the authors, actors, and abettors concerned in such outrages, in order that they may be dealt with according to law: and we do hereby promise, that any person or persons, other than those actually concerned in doing any act by which our Royal Person was immediately endangered, who shall give information, so that any of the authors, actors, or abettors concerned in such outrages as aforesaid, may be apprehended and brought to justice, shall receive a reward of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, to be paid on conviction of every such offender; which said sum of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury are hereby required and directed to pay accordingly. And we do further promise, that any person or persons concerned in such outrages as aforesaid, other than such as were actually concerned in any act by which our Royal Person was immediately endangered, who shall give information, so as that any of such authors, actors, or abettors, as aforesaid, shall be apprehended and brought to justice, shall, upon conviction of such offender or offenders, receive our most gracious Pardon.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the thirty-first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, in the thirty-sixth year of our reign.

GOD save the KING.