

An Account of the Flight, Discovery and Apprehending George Lord Geffries, Baron of Wemm, Lord Chancellor of England: Together With the Manner of his being Taken, Examination, and Commitment To the TOWER; On the 12th. of December 1688.

UPon the News of the Prince of Orange's Approach, and the general Retreat and going over of the King's Forces, an extraordinary Council was held at Whitehall on Monday la#t, where, it is #aid, the Lord Chancellor was pre#ent: But perceiving his Ca#e de#perate, and the King's Intere#t not capable of #upporting him, he, from the breaking up of that Council, retired him#elf from Bu#ine#s, and from any Conver#ation, #tuding, as 'tis #uppo#ed, how and by what means to #hift for his Sa#ety, and avoid the Storm (that he no doubt fore#aw) hanging over his Head, and on Tue#day morning he was no where to be found: So that it was conjectured he, upon Notice of the King's Retiring, was endeavouring to make his E#cape beyond the Seas. And #o indeed it fell out: For having made over #ome of his Goods, and otherwi#e di#po#ed of what he could with conveniency in #o #hort a time, he betook him#elf to find a Pa##age by Water, and in order thereto went down to Wapping, there waiting for the Opportunity in a Di#gui#e, contrary to his former florid Equipage. However he carry'd it not #o #ecretly, but tho#e who pryed into #uch Affairs, under#tanding a great quantity of Trea#ure, and other things of Value were #towed in a Ve##el lying near the River #ide, it gave #u#pition that #omething more than ordinary was intended. In#omuch that #u#pecting it a Freight no ways convenient for #uch a Ve##el, it being #aid to be a Collier, #poke #o loud, that it came in Que#tion. And thereupon they apply'd them#elves to the Officers proper for that purpo#e, to Arre#t and Stay the #aid Ve##el, till a further Account could be given. And though it was not #peedily done, nor without further Application, yet upon Search it was plainly perceived, that no ordinary Per#on was concerned therein. However he had Notice, as it is conjectured, or at lea#t #u#pected a Search, and Retired, in Di#gui#e, to a Hou#e in Hope and Anchor Alley in Wapping, where, by the Vigilance of the Neighbours, he was this Day di#covered through his Di#gui#e; and #ome Con#tables being called and con#ulted, it was on all hands concluded, (#ince they had heard he was one of the principal Per#ons pro#cribed by the Prince of ORANGE, and Confederate Lords, as an Evil Coun#ellor, a Perverter of the Laws, and Betrayer of the Liberties of the People) it was convenient to #eize him, which they did without any Re#i#tance, between One and Two of the Clock, being then in a Furr Cap, a Seaman's Neckeloth, and a Ru#ty Coat. So proceeding to carry him before the Lord Mayor, they brought him into the City in a Coach guarded with Blunderbu##es, &c. preceded by one Coach and followed by another; as al#o by a great

Number of the Rabble, with shouts and Acc•••tions. When coming to the Entrance of Grocer's Hall, having then on an old Hat, in#tead of a Cap, he alighted, and was conducted thither, hanging down his Head, and #hedding #ome Tears. And coming before the Lord Mayor, after a #hort Examination, &c. and a Repa#t for Refre#hment, he was committed to the Tower in the charge of a #trong Guard, where re remains to expect the I##ue.

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