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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 last, where, it is said, the Lord Chancellor was present: But perceiving his Cause desperate, and the King's Interest not capable of supporting him, he, from the breaking up of that Council, retired himself from Business, and from any Conversation, studying, as 'tis supposed, how and by what means to shift for his Safety, and avoid the Storm (that he no doubt foreaw) hanging over his Head, and on Tuesday 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 Escape beyond the Seas. And so indeed it fell out: For having made over some of his Goods, and otherwise disposed of what he could with conveniency in so short a time, he betook himself to find a Passage by Water, and in order thereto went down to Wapping, there waiting for the Opportunity in a Dugie, contrary to his former florid Equipage. However he carry'd it not so secretly, but those who pryed into such Affairs, understanding a great quantity of Treasure, and other things of Value were towed in a Veel lying near the River side, it gave suspicion that something more than ordinary was intended. Inasmuch that expecting it a Freight no ways convenient for such a Veel, it being said to be a Collier, soon it came in Question. And thereupon they apply'd themselves to the Officers proper for that

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