



The Copy of a Letter sent from the Committee at

Lincoln, to the House of Commons, directed to the Speaker of the said House, and subscribed with the names of the said Committee.

Sir,

Such is our earnest desire, to manifest our obedience to the Commands of both Houses, That we cannot omit any opportunity to advertise you of our first dayes proceeding, and successe therein. The Lord *Francis Willoughby* appointed by the Ordinance of Parliament, to be Lord Lievtenant of this County, had by his Warrant, summoned the chief Constables to attend him yesterday, the last of *May*, in this place, to give him an account concerning the Arms of the Trained-Bands and Ammunition, within their severall hundreds, and Wapentakes; which service accordingly they performed with all readinesse and alacrity, even beyond our expectations, there being the fullest apparance of them that we have observed upon any occasion heretofore, so as about fourscore in this great County, not above two or three of them were absent; Neither did the Kings Proclamation (published on purpose as we conceive, throughout the County, and which some had officiously fixed upon the Gates of the Inne where we met;) nor this inclosed Letter from His Majesty sent to the old (but as we hear new re-established Deputy Lievtenants, under the Earl of *Linsley*, who likewise hath a Commission under the broad Seal, for the Lievtenancy of *Lincolnshire*, as we are informed, any whit deterre, or hinder them. We have already delivered forth Warrants to those head Constables for Musters to be held (for the more conveniency) in severall places of this County, at each of which, God willing) we all of us intend to be assistant, the rather because we understand that our presence here doth not a little comfort and revive the spirits of all honest and well affected persons in this County; whose forward good examples will (we doubt not) be a means to draw the rest to a more ready conformity. In which hopes we are further encouraged by this dayes tryall in the Citie, finding, besides the Trained-Bands thereof, a like number of Volunteers well and compleatly Armed, who are ready to make tender of their Service, for the defence of His Majesties Person, the Parliament, and the Kingdom, according to their late Protestation. These are our first beginnings in your service, which we humbly submit unto you, and so remain

Lincoln, 1. Junii. 1642.

Your affectionate Friends and Servants,

*W. Armyne, Edw. Acscough, Tho Hatcher,
Christo. Wray, Antho. Irby, Joh. Broxolme.*

Ordered by the House of Commons, that this be forthwith Printed.

