

# Lord Del—r's Speech.

THE occasion of this, is to give you my Thoughts upon the present juncture, which concerns not only you, but every Protestant, and Free-born man of *England*, I am confident, that wishes well to the Protestant Religion and his Country; and I am perswaded, that every man of you thinks both in danger, and now to lye at stake. I am also perswaded, that every man of you will rejoyce to see Religion and Property settled; if so, then I am not mistaken in my Conjectures concerning you. Can you ever hope for a better occasion to root out *POPERY* and *SLAVERY*, than by joyning with the *P. of O.* whose Proposals contain and speak the desires of every man that loves his Religion and Liberty? And in saying this, I will invite you to nothing but what I will do my self; and I will not desire any of you to go any further than I will move my self; neither will I put you upon any danger where I will not take share in it. I propose this to you, not as you are my Tenants, but as my Friends, and as you are *Englishmen*. No man can love Fighting for its own sake, nor find any pleasure in Danger. And you may imagine, I would be very glad to spend the rest of my days in Peace, I having had so great a share in Troubles, but I see all lies at stake; I am to choose whether I will be a *Slave* and a *Papist*, or a *Protestant* and a *Freeman*, and therefore the Case being thus, I shall think my self false to my Country, if I sit still at this time. I am of Opinion, that when the Nation is deliver'd, it must be by force or by miracle; it would be too great a presumption to expect the latter, and therefore our Deliverance must be by force, and I hope this is the time for it; a price is now put into our hands, and if it miscarry for want of Assistance, our blood is upon our own heads; and he that is passive at this time, may very well expect that God will mock when the fear of Afflictions comes upon him, which he thought to avoid by being indifferent. If the *K.* prevails, farewell Liberty of Conscience, which has hitherto been allowed, not for the sake of the Protestants, but in order to settle Popery. You may see what to expect if he get the better, and he hath lately given you, of this Town, a taste of the Method whereby he will maintain his Army. And you may see of what sort of people he intends his Army to consist, and if you have not a mind to serve such Masters, then stand not by and see your Country-men perish, when they are endeavouring to defend you. I promise this on my Word and Honour, to every Tenant that goes along with me, That if he fall, I will make his Lease as good to his Family, as it was when he went from home. The thing then which I desire, and your Country does expect from you, is this, That every Man that hath a tollerable Horse, or can procure one, will meet me on *Boden-Downs*, to morrow, where I *Randezvouze*: But if any of you is rendred unable by reason of Age, or any other just Excuse, then that he would mount a fitter Person, and put five pounds in his Pocket. Those that have not, nor cannot procure Horse, let them stay at home, and assist with their Purfes, and send it to me with a particular of every mans Contribution. I impose on no man, but let him lay his hand on his Heart, and consider what he is willing to give to recover his Religion and Liberty; and to such I promise, and to all that go along with me, that if we prevail, I will be as Industrious to have him recompenced for his Charge and Hazard, as I will be to seek it for my self. This Advice I give to all that stay behind, That when you hear the *Papists* have committed any Out-rage, or any Rising, that you will get together; for it is better to meet your Danger than expect it. I have no more to say, but that I am willing to lose my Life in the Cause, if God see it good, or I was never unwilling to dye for my Religion and Country.

