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THE  
 PROCEEDINGS  
 OF THE  
 COMMON-HALL  
 FOR THE  
 ELECTION  
 OF  
 MEMBERS  
 To serve for the  
 City of LONDON  
 IN  
 PARLIAMENT.

London, November 29. 1701.

**O**N Monday the 25th Instant, the Livery-Men of the City of London in Common-Hall Assembled, proceeded to the Election of Four Citizens to serve for this City in the next ensuing Parliament; My Lord Mayor and all the Aldermen (except the Two Sheriffs) were put in Nomination, together with Sir *Edmund Harrison*, *Gilbert Heathcote*, Esq; Commoners, &c. and there appearing upon View a very great Majority for Sir *Robert Clayton*, Sir *William Ashburst*, Sir *Thomas Abney*, late Lord Mayor, Aldermen; and *Gilbert Heathcote*, Esq; Commoners, the Sheriffs, without any Hesitation, declared them all Four Duly Elected. Upon which a Poll was Demanded for Sir *John Fleet*, Sir *John Houblon*, Sir *Richard Levett*, Sir *John Parsons*, and Sir *Charles Duncomb*, Knights and Aldermen, which began on Tuesday; and continued Wednesday and Thursday: On Thursday Night Declaration was made the Poll should be closed on Friday Noon, which was accordingly done, and the Votes were as follows.

Sir Robert Clayton—2602	Sir John Fleet—1428	Clayton more than Fleet—1174
Sir William Ashburst—2759	Sir John Houblon—995	Clayton more than Houblon—1607
Sir Tho. Abney—2647	Sir Richard Levett—945	Clayton more than Levett—1657
Gilbert Heathcote—2769	Sir John Parsons—137	Clayton more than Parsons—2465
	Sir Charles Duncomb—1490	Clayton more than Dunc.—1112

Ashburst more than Fleet—1331	Abney more than Fleet—1219	Heathc. more than F.—1341
Ashburst more than Houb.—1764	Abney more than Houb.—1652	Heathc. more than H.—1774
Ashburst more than Levett—1814	Abney more than Levett—1702	Heathc. more than L.—1824
Ashburst more than Pars.—2622	Abney more than Pars.—2510	Heathc. more than P.—2632
Ashburst more than Dunc.—1269	Abney more than Dunc.—1157	Heathc. more than D.—1279



On *Friday* between Four and Five in the Afternoon, Mr. Sheriff *Withers*, (Mr. Sheriff *Floyer* being ill) upon the Hustings ordered a Declaration to be made, at which was Present the Four Elected Members, and a very full Hall; and Sir *James Collett*, with several other Worthy Citizens, Common-Council-Men of this City, Presented them this following Advice.

*Gentlemen,*

We Earnestly Desire and Charge You Our Representatives, that in the Approaching Parliament You Heartily Pursue the Engagements made to His Majesty in Your Addresses of this City, and other Loyal Addresses from all Parts of the Kingdom.

To this Purpose We Expect that to the utmost of Your Power, and without Loss of Time, You Endeavour to put his Majesty in a Condition to Maintain His Undoubted Right and Title to the Crown, and to Vindicate His and the Nation's Honour: To Enable Him in this Critical Juncture to Provide for the Security of His Kingdom, to Appear at the Head of the *Protestant Interest*, to make good His *Alliances*, and in Conjunction with His *Allies*, so to Reduce the *French King*, that it may be no longer in His Power to Disturb and Oppress the Rest of Europe.

In Order to these Good Ends, We Desire You Diligently to Labour to Preserve an Entire Good Correspondence between the Two Houses of Parliament, and hinder the Pursuing of Private Piques and Animosities: To take Care of Our Trade, Support Publick Credit, make Good the Deficiencies, and to have a Special Regard to the Royal Navy.

*And so God Prosper Your Undertakings.*

Which was answered to this Purpose, *That they would follow this and any other Instructions the Citizens should give them; and they hoped that we would all lay aside our Heats and Animosities, and Cement both Heart and Hand to Oppose the Common Enemy.*

**GOD Save the KING.**