

Die Martis, 21. Februarii, 1642.



Whereas in these times of eminent danger, there is by Order of Parliament a Fleet preparing, for the defence of this and other his Majesties Dominions, much greater then hath beene heretofore usual, presently to goe out, for the speedie manning whereof, with able Mariners, all possible diligence is to be used.

It is this day thought fit, and Ordered, by the Authority of both Houses of Parliament, That no Ships, nor Vessells whatsoever, which now are, or shall come into the River of Thames, be permitted to goe out thence upon any Voyage or other occasion, untill the said Fleet be compleatly manned, except such, whose Just Occasions shall appeare unto the Lords and others, Commissioners for the Admiralty, to be so pressing and Urgent, that the Interruption of those Ships would be a prejudice to the State; And the said Commissioners are to take notice of this Order, and to cause the same to be put in Execution accordingly.

John Browne Cleri. Parliamentorum.

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