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JAMES VERNON  
TO  
THE DUKE OF  
SHREWSBURY  
1696-1708**

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1 PROVENANCE

The material on this film, letters on foreign affairs from James Vernon to Charles Talbot, Duke of Shrewsbury, covering the years 1696-1708, forms Volumes II-IV of the Shrewsbury Papers in the possession of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry at Boughton House, Northamptonshire. The time and circumstances when the Shrewsbury Papers came to be deposited at Boughton House is not clear. It would seem, however, that the papers were at Boughton well before G P R James undertook his edition of the papers in 1841.

William of Orange is said to have taken England on his way to France and he certainly conducted his foreign policy with little direction from his Secretaries. The Earl of Nottingham and the Duke of Shrewsbury were the only two appointments where stature was combined with sufficient knowledge to initiate policy; Shrewsbury, however, neglected his duties and even Nottingham was not very forceful in implementing his suggestions. Henry Sydney, the Earl of Jersey and the Duke of Manchester filled their posts in much the same perfunctory fashion as Sir John Trenchard, Sir William Trumbull and Sir Charles Hedges. It might at first seem that James Vernon was the least important of all; never knighted and without personal electoral influence, he was so pedestrian and cautious that the seals virtually had to be forced upon him. Temerity, however, was as much an advantage as a liability in maintaining office during this tumultuous period. Counting the time when as an Under-Secretary he effectually executed the duties of the office during the absence of his superior, Vernon's tenure exceeds that of any other Secretary of the reign.

Vernon's positive qualifications for the office were based upon his exceptional background as a Secretary's secretary and civil servant. He had taken his BA and MA at Oxford where his undergraduate years at The House prepared him to understand the ways and needs of his aristocratic colleagues. He collected news for Sir Joseph Williamson, accompanied Halifax on his mission to the French court and for six years was secretary to the Duke of Monmouth. From 1678 until the Revolution he served in the Secretaries' offices as clerk and editor of the London Gazette.

With the Revolution the separation of the foreign duties of the Secretariate into Southern and Northern Departments became official. The Southern Province was conventionally held by the senior Secretary as it included not only France and the Iberian Peninsula but Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, the Channel Islands and the colonies. Shrewsbury's appointment to the Southern Department following the Revolution allowed Vernon, his client, to come in as Under-Secretary until the Duke vacated the office in June 1690. After serving as private secretary to Shrewsbury and subsequently to Sir John Trenchard, for whom he furnished dispatches, Vernon returned in March 1694, as Shrewsbury's Under-Secretary, first for the Northern Department and then, on 3 May 1695, for the Southern. While Shrewsbury held the office de jure until December 1698, from the opening of the correspondence in the autumn of 1696, he is seldom in town. Vernon's letters over the ensuing years kept his patron well-informed of state affairs but failed to persuade him to take an active role. Shrewsbury's very poor health is partially accountable for his absence from the smokey capital but so too were troubled nerves triggered by Sir John Fenwick's allegations that Shrewsbury and other leading Whig statesmen were engaged in treasonable correspondence with the

exiled court. It is not easy to say how true the charges were or rather, if true, how much importance should be attached to them. It was not unusual for men of office and acres to limit their liability in the event of Jacobite successes. Such actions, however, frequently took the form of innocuous gestures and William's sympathetic attitude towards those charged leads one to a charitable interpretation. But while others braved the heat of an unsettled parliament, Shrewsbury, elevated to a dukedom at the age of 33 while still a bachelor, seems to have preferred a waiting game. He was, nevertheless, asked advice on ministerial changes, offered all of the leading offices of the realm and given the post of Chamberlain in October 1699. Subsequent parliamentary attacks coupled with recurrent health problems appear to have confirmed him in the judgment of some contemporaries that English politics were less disquieting at a distance - and the greater the distance the better. From the autumn of 1700 Shrewsbury is found recovering his health abroad, sustaining his importance by functioning as an unofficial ambassador and remaining constantly informed of English affairs through Vernon's continued correspondence.

Shrewsbury's absences brought forth Vernon's talents as a politician. The lords justices appointed to act during the King's campaigns abroad appointed Vernon their secretary and as solicitor in Fenwick's proceedings he acquitted himself, Shrewsbury and the court in an outstanding fashion. Vernon effectively became acting Secretary of the Southern Department during the Duke's absence and, upon appointment as Northern Secretary on 2 December 1697, the de facto sole Secretary. When Shrewsbury at last succeeded in surrendering the seals on 12 December 1698, Vernon was confirmed in his post de jure. Vernon advanced to this position of precarious eminence largely upon the recommendations of that great Machiavellian and ministerial manipulator, the Earl of Sunderland. At a time of growing country hostility to the central government, Vernon knew that his prominence was due at least as much to expendability as to merit.

Vernon's immediate involvement in the First Partition Treaty, indeed, almost proved to be his undoing. Late in the summer of 1698 William and Marshal Tallard settled on the terms of the treaty and Vernon, after gaining the feeble acquiescence of Shrewsbury and the junto Whigs, fulfilled the King's request to prepare a commission with a blank for the later insertion of the names of the plenipotentiaries. During the heated parliamentary investigation of the two partition treaties in the spring of 1701, Vernon produced incriminating documents and correspondence to the great displeasure of the oligarchical junto ministers who, with the Duke of Portland, were subsequently impeached. Vernon's submission of 'parliamentary evidence' would seem not only to have averted his inclusion in the impeachments but probably aided him in maintaining office during the concurrent resurgence of the ministerial Tories.

Vernon was nobody's fool. He did not have the pretensions, lands or titles of an oligarch and was not about to assume the responsibilities of one either. On 14 May 1699 he had broken with precedent when he deferentially and wisely moved to the Northern Department, allowing Jersey the prominence of the Southern Province and its concomitant

responsibilities - which included considerable involvement in the Second Partition Treaty. On 27 June 1700, with Jersey's dismissal, Vernon was again sole Secretary. From 5 November he shared the office, being Southern Secretary until Hedges' dismissal from the Northern Department on 29 December 1701 when he followed his own precedent of enlightened deference and was transferred to allow for Manchester's appointment to the senior province.

On 12 May 1702 Vernon was dismissed. Despite his conciliatory gestures towards the ministerial Tories, Anne and her ministers evidently found Vernon not only too closely indentified with the old court but overly zealous in promoting the Hanoverian succession. If Vernon shared Shrewsbury's distaste for faction, he did so probably because he simply did not wish to become a Whig martyr. His sympathies with the Whig interest are revealed in his correspondence and an unblemished Court Whig parliamentary voting record. Nevertheless, by not employing Vernon's services somewhere in her administration, Anne lost not only a diligent administrator but an experienced parliamentarian. Vernon had represented Cambridge University in the First Exclusion Parliament and from 1690-8 sat for the scot and lot borough of Penryn under Godolphin-Boscawen patronage. Rising prominence had subsequently resulted in his repeated election as the Court candidate for Westminster. Contesting such an open constituency was seldom safe in the best of times and the withdrawal of Court support accompanying his dismissal meant that he could no longer be assured of a safe seat to fall back on. Defeated in the 1702 elections, he was turned out of doors. Subsequent letters to Shrewsbury, even those written before his return for Penryn in 1705, indicate, however, that he remained well-informed of both parliamentary proceedings and the activities of the increasingly important Secretariate.

It is perhaps as well for scholars that Vernon played but a minor role in formulating policy for it probably helped maintain the objectivity one usually finds in his correspondence. Extensive experience as newsletter writer, editor of the London Gazette and private secretary account for both his lapidary prose and the judicious exclusion of more general information supplied to Shrewsbury from other sources (which students of the period may find elsewhere). The training and status which suited Vernon to be less a Secretary than a Secretary's secretary also provided many of the qualifications of a good historian. Vernon's letters would constitute a great legacy even if the period were well documented. As it is not, the incisive discussion of events preceding the Treaty of Ryswick and extending into the War of Spanish Succession makes them indispensable to both domestic and early modern European historians.

### 3 PREVIOUS WORK ON THE PAPERS

Little more than three-fifths of the letters have ever been seen in print and most of this portion was edited in such a manner as might make Vernon turn over in his grave. A few of the letters were printed in Thomas Somerville's History of Great Britain during the reign of Queen Anne (London, 1798) and several more incorporated in Archdeacon William Coxe's Private and original correspondence of Thomas Talbot, Duke of Shrewsbury with King William, the leaders of the Whig Party and other distinguished statesmen (London, 1821). The only major effort to present a comprehensive edition was undertaken in 1841 by George P R James in Letters illustrative of the reign of William III from 1696-1708 addressed to the Duke of Shrewsbury by James Vernon, Esq, Secretary of State. Before discussing the edition, it would be wrong not to give James his just due, for he was unquestionably not only a most prolific writer of popular history and mystery stories but an outstanding courtier. Contemporaries thought his appointment as Historiographer Royal to William IV due to these qualifications and were reluctant to think of him as a serious historian. Such hesitancy was fully justified by the reception given this edition. While noting that the correspondence formed a needed supplement to Coxe's work, the Edinburgh Review thought James' edition utterly inadequate, vigorously condemning 'the variety of blanks, obscurities . . . misreadings [and] sundry inaccuracies . . . which a little ordinary information would have prevented'.(1) Dorothy Somerville's brave attempt to correct many of James' errors in dating(2) has conclusively shown, however, that even if one takes the advice of the Dictionary of National Biography and approaches the work as a mere 'collection', there is still much left to be desired. Rising printing costs might ordinarily tempt one simply to issue a supplement of the missing letters but the Historical Manuscripts Commission's report on the Buccleuch manuscripts states why in this case the temptation must be firmly resisted. James is said to have edited from extracts furnished by his publisher without having any opportunity of collating them with the originals and 'large portions even of the letters which he published are also omitted, mostly without any indication of the fact . . .'.(3) The appended calendar of the manuscript shows that 23 per cent of the contents was deleted in the form of letters wholly omitted, while an additional 15.3 per cent was omitted from letters only partially printed. Finding these partial omissions has undoubtedly been the most difficult barrier facing the scholar viewing the originals at Boughton House and there is unanimity in seeing the need for a completely new edition.

1 Edinburgh Review, LXXIV (1841) 129.

2 'The dates in the Vernon correspondence', English Historical Review, XLIII (1933) 624-30.

3 Historical Manuscripts Commission, Report on the manuscripts of the Duke of Buccleuch & Queensbury, KG, KT, preserved at Montagu House, Whitehall, vol. II, part 1 (HMSO, 1903) p.2. The papers are mentioned but not calendared in the report.

#### 4 CONTENTS OF THE FILM

This microfilm edition is of a xerox copy of the original manuscript at Boughton House. This has enabled the xerox copy to be checked with the original and words which have run into the binding of the manuscript have been copied onto the xerox. Also, a note of the lines printed in and omitted from the James edition has been marked on the outer margin of each page. These notations should make it easier for scholars using the calendar to see where and to what extent the omissions occur on each page, thus facilitating collation with the James edition.

The appended calendar lists the letters as they appear in the manuscript with the letter number to the left of each entry. (1) The date given is that found at the end of each letter. When letters are undated or Vernon is guilty of misdating, it has usually been possible to suggest the proper date from Shrewsbury's endorsement or internal evidence. To the right, two columns give approximations of the total number of lines printed and omitted in James's edition. There is also a note of how the printed and omitted sections (roughly 180,000 words) appear in the manuscript. By using both James's edition and the calendar, the reader will more quickly find his way through the three compendious volumes containing 648 letters and just under a half-million words in Vernon's excellent handwriting.

- REEL 1 Calendar of the Shrewsbury Papers, volumes II-IV  
Shrewsbury Papers, volume II: 198 letters, 25 September  
1696 - 26 February 1697/8 (544 ff.)
- REEL 2 Shrewsbury Papers, volume III: 248 letters, 29 March 1698 -  
28 October 1699 (479 ff.)
- REEL 3 Shrewsbury Papers, volume IV: 202 letters, 23 November 1699 -  
6 November 1708 (378 ff.)

- 1 The letters of the poet and resident minister at Vienna, George Stephney, which James incorporates in his edition (Letters illustrative of the reign of William III, III, 163-221) are not found in the Shrewsbury manuscripts and will not be included in this edition.

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Letter

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|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| 1 | 24 September 1696, 6 at night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 71 | 12 |
|   | 56 lines printed, several of the next 10 lines jumbled, <u>2 lines omitted</u> ,                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    |    |
|   | 5 lines printed, <u>10 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |    |    |
|   | Compensation to continue for those participating in the recoinage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |
| 2 | 26 September 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 30 | 78 |
|   | 30 lines printed, <u>78 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |    |
|   | Admiralty affairs: Sir Cloudesley Shovell; East India ships. Changes<br>in aldermanic council. Treasonable activities in London; actions by<br>the lord mayor to thwart same.                                                                                                                              |    |    |
| 3 | 28 and 29 September 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 64 |    |
|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 88 |    |
|   | Somerville notes that the portion of 29 September begins in James, I, 8.<br>These are not two separate letters but different parts of the same letter<br>written on different days.                                                                                                                        |    |    |
| 4 | 1 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 70 | 82 |
|   | <u>32 lines omitted</u> , 70 lines printed, <u>50 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |    |
|   | Dutch navy: William's attitude towards having the Dutch fend for their<br>own shipping interests; protocol to be observed by the Dutch admiralty.<br>Admiralty affairs: disagreement between commissioners of trade and<br>Admiralty over convoys. Improvement of Spanish king's health. Irish<br>affairs. |    |    |

A Calendar of the Shrewsbury Papers, volumes II-IV, including an analysis indicating those letters which have been printed in the James edition and those which have been partly or entirely omitted; with corrections, a summary listing of the omissions and summaries of the omitted sections.

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| 5  | 3 October 1696, 2 in the afternoon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 122 |    |
|    | Discussion of commerce treaty with France by lords justices and Sir William Trumbull. Expedition to Dutch West Indies. Admiralty affairs (Shovell); protection of Dutch and Spanish trade. Differences of opinion between Admiralty and the Council of Trade over the Virginia convoy. Stanhope sent by William to Spanish Court to be 'informed and employed in everything where his application may be useful'. |     |    |
| 6  | 8 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 20  | 81 |
|    | 20 lines printed, <u>81 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |
|    | Disagreement between Admiralty and Council of Trade. Diplomatic affairs with Spain. Deposition of Hunt's wife. Irish affairs. Peace negotiations, especially regarding the Emperor's attitude towards same.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |
| 7  | 12 October 1696, 2 in the afternoon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 39  | 85 |
|    | <u>55 lines omitted</u> , 39 lines printed, <u>30 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
|    | Shrewsbury's ill health. Admiralty affairs (Shovell). King's movements. Shrewsbury's letter sent to William. Preferment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |
| 8  | 13 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 80  | 19 |
|    | 80 lines printed, <u>19 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |
|    | Admiralty affairs. The Bank of England and its relations with the King.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |    |
| 9  | Sunday night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 108 |    |
|    | James prints this letter as 20 October but Somerville notes that the original is dated only Sunday night and suggests 18 October as the date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |
| 10 | 15 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 50  | 10 |
|    | 50 lines printed, <u>10 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |
|    | Admiralty (Shovell). London. Military affairs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |

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|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | printed | omitted |
| Letter |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |         |
| 11     | 24 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 125     | 35      |
|        | 125 lines printed; <u>35 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |         |
|        | Parliament and supply; Vernon notes that Robert Yard's earlier newsletter told Shrewsbury of previous proceedings; King's reply in Banqueting Hall. Committee of Elections. Admiralty; Shovell; Barbados news.                       |         |         |
| 12     | 27 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 69      | 38      |
|        | 57 lines printed; <u>35 lines omitted</u> , 12 lines printed; <u>3 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                 |         |         |
|        | Somerville notes that the concluding 12 lines are printed as if they were another letter of the same date, while in fact they form the concluding paragraph.                                                                         |         |         |
|        | Spanish king's health. Shrewsbury's request for £500 from secret service money noted. Success of all the court's business in spite of opposition by Seymour, Temple and Harley.                                                      |         |         |
| 13     | 29 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 89      | 25      |
|        | <u>14 lines omitted</u> , 22 lines printed; <u>11 lines omitted</u> , 67 lines printed                                                                                                                                               |         |         |
|        | Shrewsbury's case: Lord Galway; Sir Harry Furnace. Meeting of Smith, Littleton and Chadwick seemingly over Orkney affair. Ministerial conflicts.                                                                                     |         |         |
| 14     | 31 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 100     | 45      |
|        | 100 lines printed; <u>45 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |         |
|        | French comments on Fenwick affair. Possibility that certain Catholics in Flanders are planning an assassination attempt on William's life. Local news. Financial: value of tallies; Vernon's advice to Shrewsbury on buying tallies. |         |         |

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| 15 | 30 October 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10  |    |
|    | Letter from Portland to Vernon (in French) relating to Fenwick affair.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |    |
| 16 | 3 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 62  | 77 |
|    | 45 lines printed, <u>15 lines omitted</u> , 17 lines printed, <u>62 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |
|    | Relating to coinage. Fenwick attainder; Vernon notes that Sir Joseph Williamson's statements as a country gentleman carried 'more credit than anybody'; fear of opposition's plans; unanimous support of Rose Club for court's plans desired; Howe's actions to stir up discontent, etc. |     |    |
| 17 | 5 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 82  | 17 |
|    | 70 lines printed, <u>17 lines omitted</u> , 12 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |    |
|    | Admiralty; problems of convoys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |
| 18 | 7 November [1696], 2 in the morning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 185 |    |
|    | 7 November is the correct date and not 6 November as in James (noted by Somerville).                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |
| 19 | 10 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 120 |    |
| 20 | 12 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 100 | 60 |
|    | 100 lines printed, <u>60 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
|    | Military: troops in Dunkirk greater than usual; convoy movements off the French coast. Difficulties with French informants being discovered - 'so many of them are hanged' - etc. Ministerial problems.                                                                                  |     |    |
| 21 | 13 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     | 30 |
|    | Parliamentary proceedings: Sir John Fenwick's attainder; speakers named; Vernon conjectures about results. Ministry. Domestic affairs.                                                                                                                                                   |     |    |

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| 22 | 14 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 44  | 31 |
|    | 44 lines printed, <u>31 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |    |
|    | Howe causes problems over treatment of Brandenburg trooper involved in plot and deported although naturalised and married to an English woman; threatens to bring matter up again in parliament; Vernon suggests that Howe may be stopped from doing so by Shrewsbury's intervention. Neuburg affair discussed.                                                                                                                |     |    |
| 23 | 17 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 40  | 72 |
|    | 40 lines printed, <u>72 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |    |
|    | Reports on favourable effect of Shrewsbury's letter which he has shown to Howe; expects Howe to stop causing troubles over matter. Discussions of bill of attainder. Admiralty affairs; build up of cruisers off the French coast. Brief discussion of events in Commons and problems faced by the lord steward.                                                                                                               |     |    |
| 24 | 19 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 49  | 85 |
|    | 49 lines printed, <u>85 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |    |
|    | Comments on plot. Court successes over supply which is attributed to Rose Club's preparations to 'concert matter before hand'. Howe presents case of Brandenburg trooper in House; report for same to lie on table as Secretary not in House; Howe reopens matter the next day. Martin Pean's case: problems of plot and need for Shrewsbury to come up if possible. Admiralty. Fenwick case: Vernon's involvement as witness. |     |    |
| 25 | 21 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 119 |    |
| 26 | 24 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 190 |    |
| 27 | 26 November 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 190 |    |

Letter

- 28 28 November 1696 117
- 29 30 November 1696 50      110  
52 lines omitted, 50 lines printed, 58 lines omitted  
 Plot and information given to Vernon by Lady Westmorland. Admiralty.  
 Commons proceedings: by-election. Finance: ways and means; excise  
 preferred over capitation.
- 30 1 December 1696 70
- 31 2 December 1696 114      38  
38 lines omitted, 114 lines printed  
 Somerville notes that James, I, 96-9, contains the conclusion of  
 manuscript letter no. 40 (see below)  
 Shrewsbury's health (cures suggested); William's concern to bring  
 Shrewsbury to court.
- 32 3 December 1696 75  
 Country gentlemen determined over bill for regulating elections;  
 threats by Jack Howe as to what would occur if the king were to use  
 his negative voice; pros and cons of employing same; great division  
 which might go against country gentlemen if it is brought up again.  
 Griebe affair. Admiralty. Danger of French invasion of Ireland;  
 French troops' activities around Dunkirk. Treason questions.
- 33 5 December 1696 157      75  
4 lines printed, 16 lines omitted, 153 lines printed, 59 lines omitted  
 Domestic finance. Bromfield affair. Admiralty: movement of French  
 ships off Ireland. Finance: discussion of Foley's plan to make up  
 deficiencies; enemies of the Bank discussed. The barber Proctor's  
 allegations of treasonable correspondence against Sir Harry Belasyse;  
 Proctor sued after he used information to hurt Belasyse in election (£500);  
 Proctor states that he was put up to it by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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| Letter |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |         |
| 34     | 8 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 121     | 44      |
|        | <u>19 lines omitted</u> , 91 lines printed, <u>10 lines omitted</u> , 24 lines printed,<br><u>15 lines omitted</u> , 6 lines printed                                                                                                                                   |         |         |
|        | Discussion of Shrewsbury's health; Princess Anne's fits (Dr Radcliffe was<br>slow to arrive). New military officers appointed. Household finance.                                                                                                                      |         |         |
| 35     | 10 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 136     |         |
| 36     | 12 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 153     |         |
| 37     | 15 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 170     |         |
| 38     | 17 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 159     |         |
|        | Printed as 1796 in James. Noted by Somerville.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |         |
| 39     | 19 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 88      |         |
| 40     | 22 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 160     |         |
|        | Somerville notes misdating by James. First 90 lines printed as second<br>letter of 2 December and concluding 70 lines printed on the end of letter<br>1 of 2 December (manuscript letter no. 31). The date is, however,<br>clearly 22 December 1696 in the manuscript. |         |         |
| 41     | No date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         | 30      |
|        | Not a letter but a list of the 'Content' and 'Not Content' in the Lords.<br>Omitted but mentioned at end of manuscript letter no. 42.                                                                                                                                  |         |         |
| 42     | 24 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 236     |         |
| 43     | 26 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 132     |         |
| 44     | 29 December 1696                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 145     |         |

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- 45 31 December 1696 138  
 Shrewsbury's health; need for his presence at court. Admiralty.  
 Discussion of informants; treasonable accusations and prohibited trade;  
 Sir John Fenwick's confession etc.
- 46 2 January 1696/7 84 31  
 84 lines printed; 31 lines omitted  
 Ministerial (Marlborough in a hurry to leave town [or to avoid meeting  
 Monmouth and Sunderland]). Finance; meeting of the Bank and proposals  
 for same. William's offer to allow Fenwick to give king's evidence.  
 Finance; project of East India Company to raise money if established by  
 act of parliament. Admiralty.
- 47 No date 180  
 Duchess of Norfolk's testimony. Question of Aylesbury giving testimony:  
 Fenwick foresees that if he should give testimony 'he should lose his  
 honour and not preserve his life' etc; further incriminations; further  
 assassination plots involving foreign troops; satire in Gazette about  
 assassination informers. Personnel of English embassy (Vernon seems to  
 be trying to push Rowley into the negotiations). Problems of commerce.
- 48 7 January 1696/7 105  
 Somerville notes that this letter is of 7 November 1696 and misdated  
 by Vernon as is confirmed by internal evidence.
- 49 7 January 1696/7 195  
 Fenwick's attainder; division 189-69; William to sign a number of  
 attainders. Ministerial problems; Monmouth vs Marlborough, Wharton and  
 Russell. Treason investigations in the Lords; Nottingham and especially  
 Rochester and Leeds being most active; details of personalities and  
 motives involved; further treason questions. Discussion of fire started  
 in the room of Keppell's page in Kensington Palace.

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50 9 January 1696/7

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51 14 January 1696/7

175

Various offices discussed; Lord Keeper Somers' opposition to 'this engrossing of employments' by Methuen for his friends and relatives. Fenwick case; Monmouth 'very angry' for having been named by Fenwick (rumour) but is consoled by Lady Mary Fenwick that this was not said and Monmouth finds Fenwick 'a man of honour' after all; more on Fenwick's case, investigation of MPs (Trumbull, Monckton and Moyle) in Lords brought on by Monmouth (who appears to have caused Monckton's anger); Vernon notes that 'this trifling away time has done him [Monmouth] little service'. Lady Fenwick appeals to King for clemency as Sir John's due for having saved William's life, etc. Pirates' bill. Shrewsbury's finance. French naval movements. Search for traitors, etc.

52 No date

130

This letter is printed by James as 12 January. Somerville notes that although the original is not dated, 12 January seems to be correct.

53 15 January 1696/7

160

Somerville notes that while the original is dated 15 January, internal evidence indicates 16 January.

54 18 January 1696/7

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Further details of treason cases, especially regarding Smith's information and recompense for same; further discussion of Fenwick affair in Lords and mention of division (26-24) for the omission of certain words concerning 'nature of the fact' from the Journal. Discussion of confusion over Keppell's earldom (Arlington was already held). 'Mr Vernon's' candidacy as Irish

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Chancellor supported by Ranelagh, Romney and Coningsby; Vernon sees that 'they do not affect Mr Methuen' and believes that Somers will be less for him 'than the other'.

55 19 January 1696/7 155

Discussion of Smith's papers before Council of Lords which Vernon attends; Shrewsbury's involvement and Wharton's attempt to discredit Smith; Vernon interrogates Smith who leaves in anger having noted Vernon's actions; further remarks; Vernon denies Smith's allegation that he tried to keep Smith from seeing the King; visits of men of the first rank to see Monmouth in the Tower (said to be trying to keep him in a good humour).

56 20 January 1696/7 175

Course of proceedings against Shrewsbury with notes of Rochester's and Burnet's defence of Shrewsbury; Vernon enquires about Mathew Smith's allegations. Shrewsbury's health; William's and Portland's desire to have him return to court. Other parliamentary affairs discussed; capitation bill, post office etc. Discussion of the Lancashire Plot.

57 21 January 1696/7 95

Further discussion of Fenwick proceedings; Burnet's attitudes and activities. Spittlefield's (xenophobic) 'rabble' demonstrates at the Commons against import of raw silks.

58 23 January 1696/7 175 9

9 lines omitted, 175 lines printed

Notes riots of the weavers; several in Newgate including one from the mint who might 'be made an example of'.

59 26 January 1696/7 192

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60 28 January 1696/7

115

Somerville notes that original is dated 1696 and not 1698 as James believed.

61 30 January 1696/7

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14 lines omitted, 22 lines printed, 85 lines omitted

Vernon finds Fenwick's final speech 'a very odd piece' and notes that 'his sincerity failed him in this last act of his life'. Sir James Forbes's disclosures and treatment of same. Preferment requests; Vernon speaks of Sir Thomas Domville's papers which he will transmit directly to the Lords of the Treasury rather than send to 'the other office for forms sake'; his office has parted with too much business already. Bill against importation of Indian silks to be passed Monday; 'It will be considered that those who are grown desperate by these necessities ought not to be made mad'.

62 2 February 1696/7

95

(Although a 'B' and 'E' at lines 55 and 70 respectively.)

Discussion of personnel of Irish lords justices. Recoinage. Desire of Lord Pagett to be recalled from French treaty legation. Lay and ecclesiastical patronage. Sunderland sees Vernon to enquire after Shrewsbury which Vernon thinks relates to the regency of the next summer. Miscellaneous news.

63 4 February 1696/7

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130 lines printed, 20 lines printed, 45 lines omitted

First 130 lines printed as a second letter of 4 February in James, VI, 196-200. Somerville notes that the 20-line portion printed in James, I, 195 is the conclusion of the letter on p. 196 and should follow it on

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p. 200; she does not mention, however, the 45 lines which were deleted. Personnel of embassy to France. Discussion of Cook's papers and those of Porter. Admiralty. Hopes for early end of the session; Vernon notes that Rose Club had meeting to concert policy over ways and means.

64 6 February 1696/7

130

Fears of Monmouth and Mrs Mortimer causing trouble. Consular patronage (Methuen). Irish lords justices discussed. Archbishop of Canterbury's remarks on Fenwick's statements. Household offices. Admiralty. Informers.

65 7 February 1696/7

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King virtually by-passes Shrewsbury in appointing Methuen's son as envoy; Vernon uncertain whether Methuen's empire building or the King's wishes are the cause.

66 9 February 1696/7

166

67 11 February 1696/7

203

Discussion of Shrewsbury's relations with Burnet, Russell and Wharton; Russell and Wharton propose paying Shrewsbury a visit, etc (Vernon seems to be trying to bring Shrewsbury firmly into the junto's camp). Incisive information about the electoral lists for the commission of accounts. Bill prohibiting the importation of East India silks discussed.

68 13 February 1696/7

192

Regarding Burnet's writings on Fenwick and King James's Memorial; will be sent by Burnet to Shrewsbury. More on Methuen's appointment. Treasonable correspondence. Doubts of Portland about Shrewsbury's illness; Vernon urges that he come up. Shrewsbury's finance. Bail set for those involved in treason accusations. Admiralty. Irish assassination plots. Personnel of plenipotentiaries to France.

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|     | 69 16 February 1696/7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 105 |
|     | 70 18 February 1696/7, Saturday night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 105 |
|     | 71 20 February 1696/7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 124 |
| *72 | 1 March 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 80  |
|     | <p>Duncombe bill. Discussion of finance; slowness of plans for supply and ways and means; 'we are thought to be stronger and better united in any thing than in carrying on the public concern'; Vernon believes that speaker Foley and friends are behind the provision that the East India Company may provide for civil list on condition of being established; uncertain as to outcome of proposal. Admiralty; African company. Treason proceedings. Affairs relating to Irish lords justices.</p> |     |
| *73 | 2 March 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 50  |
|     | <p>Duncombe bill. Problems of protocol for Portland's embassy. Military questions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| *74 | 7 March 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 90  |
|     | <p>Somerville notes this as a letter of 1697/8.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |
| *75 | 8 March 1697/[8]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 60  |
|     | <p>Commons' refusal to pay any part of the money owing to foreign princes during the current year, even a sixth part; designs to revive same owing to mustering of court forces over Duncombe bill.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |

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\* All letters with asterisks are somewhat difficult to date owing to old style-new style dating and appear to be 1697/8 rather than 1696/7. Three of these are printed in James, I, as Somerville notes. Three others are printed in vol. II under 1697/8 and are not noted by Somerville.

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- \*76 9 March 1697[/8] 100  
 Lord Clancarty's pardon. Ways and means. Duncombe bill; Shrewsbury's presence requested. Admiralty; visit of Czar Peter and attempt to establish Anglo-Russian trade; harsh terms of same.
- \*77 10 March 1697[/8] 48  
 Printed in James, II, 20 (not mentioned by Somerville).
- \*78 11 March 1697[/8] 40  
 Discussion of the embassy going to Vienna for negotiations with the emperor. Treason proceedings against Chaloner of the mint.
- \*79 14 March 1697[/8], 7 at night 45      35  
 45 lines printed, 35 lines omitted  
 Somerville notes this as a letter of 1697/8.  
 Further discussion of treason proceedings against Chaloner; 'I rather believe Chaloner has thrust himself into a noose he will not so easily get out of it'. Lord Macclesfield's divorce bill.
- \*80 No date 30  
 Lords order Bertie's case to be burnt; proceedings over same in Commons; question over commitment.
- \*81 14 March 1697[/8], 8 in the morning 22      34  
 22 lines printed, 34 lines omitted  
 Somerville dates this letter 1697/8. James states that both this letter and manuscript letter no. 79 may well be of 1697/8 and not 1696 as he prints it.  
 Treason proceedings; Chaloner. King of Spain's health; if he dies it is 'like to throw us back into a war again'.
- \*82 15 March 1697[/8] 80

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- \*83 16 March 1697[/8] 105  
Printed in James, II, 24-7.
- \*84 17 March 1697[/8] 45  
Duncombe's affair; attack by Bertie (?) upon Lord Chancellor Somers  
and the justices.
- \*85 18 March 1697[/8] 110  
Possibly two letters, the second with the date altered later, though  
probably sent together.  
English policy of keeping the foreign office as a separate branch of  
government discussed; Vernon notes that reforms are necessary to recruit  
'men of ability'. Splendid insight into the problems of being a secretary  
without status; difficulties of office and expenses of same; Vernon's  
salary £800 or £500 pa; speaks of not pushing himself hard enough and  
wishes Shrewsbury to forward his interest. Controversy between Commons  
and Lords over privilege.
- \*86 21 March 1697[/8] 80  
Arrival of French ambassador and his initial peculiar indifference  
towards showing credentials etc.
- \*87 No date 18  
Commons proceedings. Quakers.
- \*88 22 March 1697[/8] 70  
Activities of French ambassador etc.
- \*89 23 March 1697[/8] 40  
Cotterell. Bertie's case. Duncombe's surrender. Treason proceedings.

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| *90 | 24 March 1697[/8]                                                                              | 40  |    |
|     | Cotterell. French embassy's activities. Discussion of proceedings over exchequer bill schemes. |     |    |
| *91 | 25 March 1697[/8]                                                                              | 44  |    |
|     | Progress of bill relating to exchequer bill flotations and discount of quarters.               |     |    |
| *92 | 26 March 1697[/8]                                                                              | 16  | 33 |
|     | <u>11 lines omitted, 16 lines printed, 22 lines omitted</u>                                    |     |    |
|     | In James, II, 27-8.                                                                            |     |    |
|     | Shrewsbury's health. Activities of French court. Apoplectic fit of Wharton's brother.          |     |    |
| 93  | 29 April 1697                                                                                  | 57  |    |
| 94  | 1 May 1697                                                                                     | 83  |    |
| 95  | 4 May 1697                                                                                     | 82  | 15 |
|     | <u>50 lines printed, 15 lines omitted, 32 lines printed</u>                                    |     |    |
|     | Military. Irish ecclesiastical vacancies and plans to fill same.                               |     |    |
| 96  | 6 May 1697                                                                                     | 120 |    |
| 97  | Tuesday                                                                                        |     | 9  |
|     | Copy in Vernon's hand of a letter from a 'Mr B' [Brown].                                       |     |    |
| 98  | 8 May 1697 (Whitehall)                                                                         | 110 |    |
|     | Dated 1796 in James; noted by Somerville.                                                      |     |    |
| 99  | 10 May 1697                                                                                    | 94  |    |
| 100 | 11 May 1697                                                                                    | 105 |    |

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101 13 May 1697

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102 15 May 1697

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103 18 May 1697

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62 lines printed, 5 lines jumbled, 62 lines omitted, 13 lines printed,  
30 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 42 lines omitted

Printed under 20 May 1697 in James; noted by Somerville.

Secretariate of Jamaica discussed; Lady Sunderland active in promoting two men in Trumbull's office. Admiralty. Irish affairs. Treasury, Admiralty and victuallers meet with lords justices; victuallers promise to try to have creditors accept tallies (Vernon believes that they seek monopoly privileges in return). Lord Stamford's desire to effect changes in personnel of duchy. Miscellaneous financial matters. Discussion of Burnet's papers regarding the Fenwick case and (with Lord Chamberlain Sunderland) agrees with Shrewsbury that it must not appear to be the King writing an official apologia. Treaty negotiations.

104 20 May 1697

202

Junto wishes Sir Harry Hobart to succeed Chadwick (deceased). Politics of making appointments to the lieutenancies of Plymouth and Devon discussed in depth. Meeting of lords justices, Admiralty and victuallers and discussion of a forcing out of new tallies by victuallers and navy (25 per cent discount expected). Admiralty. Swarm of Papists in London to be reduced by execution of statutes by lord mayor, etc. Troubles of Barbados convoy. Exchequer bills. Lords justices of Ireland to visit Shrewsbury on progress.

105 22 May 1697

170

Vernon passes on Shrewsbury's suggestion of naval decoy strategy to Orford; regimental deployment and financial difficulties. Discussion of problems

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and politics involved in contraband French trade. Patents. Acceptance of exchequer bills. Irish finance.

106 25 May 1697

205

Ministerial; minor appointments and patronage (Vernon dealing through Sunderland's aide, Henry Guy), etc. Admiralty; deployment of personnel and strategy; problems of trade versus defence; admiralty told 'that they could not depend on having any land men on board'. Fears of ill designs of Papists in London. Schomberg's attempt to gain funds by having troops camp on Black Heath.

107 27 May 1697

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Secretariate; passports, warrants, etc. Victuallers wish 25 per cent rather than 15 per cent discount on tallies. Problems of false coining at the mint. Problems of preserving the peace in London.

108 21 May 1697

170

Unfavourable comments on suitability of Marquis of Winchester for government post; Shrewsbury's patronage problems. Problems of the credit of the exchequer; discussion of a variety of methods to raise money including patent credit, etc. Treaty problems. Admiralty; problems of payment (mutiny at Portsmouth). Irish preferment. Treason, etc.

109 1 June 1697

188

Treasonable correspondence; misuse of passports. Admiralty strategy. Favourable comments from Lord Chacellor Somers about Shrewsbury's thoughts on Irish affairs. Devonshire offices; Lord Stamford's charges against the misuse of the official press. Clipping and coining problems; general treasury success in disposing of tallies.

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- 110 8 June 1697 255  
Burnet's manuscript being passed about; treason problems; Sunderland very active in handling same. Powers of lords of trade and plantations; Admiralty. Pardons; Albermarle involved in procuring same. Irish lords justices (salaries raised from £400 to £600). Patronage. Divorce proceedings. Military; Vernon notes 'a great uneasiness everywhere about subsisting soldiers any longer'.
- 111 3/13 June 1697 35  
Copy of letter from Blathwayt to Vernon.  
Discussion of demarcation between offices over patronage etc.
- 112 3 June 1697 155  
Vernon received key but 'having no occasion to make use of it I return it again'. Personnel of messenger service. Personnel of a new commission. Divorce bill. Payment of cash to military encampment by lords justices. Admiralty. Shrewsbury's business transactions (coal works).
- 113 3 June 1697 35  
Admiralty Office to lords justices.  
Admiralty; providing for fleet.
- 114 4 June 1697, Whitehall 67  
Copy of a letter from Vernon to Blathwayt enclosing copy of manuscript letter no. 113.  
Blue water school; discussion of parliament's desire for increased naval preparations and making whole line of battle 'fitted for sea'; objections. Finance and problems of the exchequer.
- 115 5 June 1697 175  
Warrants sent on to Shrewsbury (demarcation dispute); interesting comments from Vernon about avoiding unfavourable comparisons. Admiralty. Passes.

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- 116 10 June 1697 103 127  
103 lines printed, 127 lines omitted  
Admiralty; Red Sea privateering. Pardons; for Peter Cooke and conditions of same. Patronage. Irish affairs.
- 117 12 June 1697 115
- 118 15(?) June 1697 95  
Ministerial. Warrants. Admiralty and convoys; question of putting land men on board ships.
- 119 17 June 1697 133 235  
56 lines omitted, 47 lines printed, 29 lines omitted, 134 lines omitted,  
86 lines printed, 16 lines omitted  
James prints this as two letters, the first consisting of 47 lines and the second 86 lines printed. In the manuscript there is a '2' as the heading of the latter section between the 29 lines omitted and the 134 lines omitted; they probably comprise two letters sent on the same day. Noted by Somerville, although the '2' is not mentioned.  
Problems of the post; treason information. Patronage. Warrants. Admiralty. Need to suspend teller of the exchequer for misappropriations; an example to be set. William opposes use of civil list to settle debt (of the exchequer?). Finance; treasury problems. Patronage; Vernon tries to bring his son in the council chamber; his qualifications given. Admiralty. Treasonable correspondence. Wharton wishes to visit Shrewsbury.
- 120 19 June 1697 185
- 121 22 June 1697 216
- 122 24 June 1697 125

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| 123 | 26 June 1697    | 226 |  |
| 124 | 29 June 1697    | 195 |  |
| 125 | 1 July 1697     | 135 |  |
| 126 | (a) 3 July 1697 | 122 |  |

Printed under 14 August in James, I, 306-10.

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| (b) | Whitehall, 14 August 1697 | 30 |  |
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Seemingly the last folio of a longer letter dated 14 August 1697. Printed as the last part of manuscript letter no. 126(a) (I,310-11). Partially noted by Somerville.

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| 127 | 17 August 1697 |  | 165 |
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Warrants. Irish affairs: ecclesiastical; bishops dislike oath of abjuration 'But the commons are so unanimous in it that it will be hard opposing it elsewhere'. Official miscarriages and use of admission to reach accommodation between Savage and Solicitor Brodrick. Admiralty. Irish affairs: ecclesiastical; financial; William's desire to vett all private bills before they are initiated. Devon offices. Admiralty. Colonial offices. Financial: exchequer bills; King's devices to raise money by borrowing in Holland on the English salt tallies.

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| 128 | 19 August 1697 | 21 | 127 |
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1 line printed, 7 lines omitted, 20 lines printed, 120 lines omitted

Problems with the Irish post. Admiralty; problems of victualling. Counterfeiting. Passage of private bills. Irish affairs (Galway).

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| 129 | 21 August 1697 | 45 | 121 |
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40 lines printed, 16 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 105 lines omitted

Passage of Irish bills. Admiralty with lords justices and victuallers.

Vernon mentions that the King signed a warrant previously granting place of

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provost marshall of Jamaica to himself for two lives as well as to M Blancard [Agent for Hesse-Cassel (1697)]; question of foreigners being allowed to hold post although the Commons passed this qualification after the warrant was signed, thus Vernon hopes Blancard's daughter is eligible. Admiralty. Trading. Progress of treaty negotiations. Irish affairs; articles of Limerick.

130 24 August 1697 45 110  
35 lines omitted, 8 lines printed, 30 lines omitted, 37 lines printed,  
45 lines omitted

Ministerial offices. Lady Orkney's grant. Irish affairs. Admiralty; care to meet French naval disarmament.

131 26 August 1697 102

Irish affairs. Admiralty. Question of the number of Papists in the regiments. Postal problems of Spanish ambassador.

132 28 August 1697 75 96  
11 lines omitted, 75 lines printed, 85 lines omitted

Lord Chamberlain Sunderland going to Althorpe. Admiralty; ill treatment of Swedish ships etc.

133 31 August 1697 265

134 2 September 1697 98 85  
3 lines printed, 85 lines omitted, 95 lines printed

Complex patronage problems. Vernon notes that it is 'one of the problems of our constitution, where those who are in the ministry are the only persons liable to be oppressed'.

135 4 September 1697 236 3  
130 lines printed, 3 lines omitted, 106 lines printed

Strong security for treason charges.

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| 136                                                                                      | 7 September 1697  | 245     |         |
| 137                                                                                      | 9 September 1697  | 210     |         |
| 138                                                                                      | 11 September 1697 | 260     |         |
| 139                                                                                      | 14 September 1697 | 247     | 47      |
| 247 lines printed, <u>47 lines omitted</u>                                               |                   |         |         |
| Postal problems; Yard sending some of his newsletters to Papists etc. Admiralty.         |                   |         |         |
| 140                                                                                      | 16 September 1697 | 237     |         |
| 141                                                                                      | 18 September 1697 | 160     |         |
| 142                                                                                      | 21 September 1697 | 207     | 3       |
| 203 lines printed, <u>3 lines omitted</u> , 4 lines printed                              |                   |         |         |
| Admiralty.                                                                               |                   |         |         |
| 143                                                                                      | 23 September 1697 | 185     |         |
| 144                                                                                      | 25 September 1697 | 145     |         |
| 145                                                                                      | 28 September 1697 | 160     | 69      |
| 25 lines printed, <u>20 lines omitted</u> , 120 lines printed, <u>35 lines omitted</u> , |                   |         |         |
| 15 lines printed; <u>14 lines omitted</u>                                                |                   |         |         |
| Warrants ordered for treaty of ratification. Admiralty; laying-up preparations.          |                   |         |         |
| Irish affairs.                                                                           |                   |         |         |
| 146                                                                                      | 30 September 1697 | 66      | 60      |
| 66 lines printed, <u>60 lines omitted</u>                                                |                   |         |         |
| Lords justices distaste for Price and Chaloner. Admiralty; disbandment. Scottish         |                   |         |         |
| affairs. Irish affairs; arrival of lord chancellor's letter. Bills in council.           |                   |         |         |

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147 2 October 1697

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Shrewsbury about to come up; Vernon states that he will 'have all the reason in the world to acquiesce in whatever your grace shall please to determine in my behalf'. Ryswick. Recoinage and exchequer bills: interest rates discussed; payment of navy. London preparing for King's return. Prior brings over a defective copy of the treaty which omits mention of the six week delay before the cessation of naval hostilities: 'I expect we shall hear of it from Holland by next post and poor Prior will have another reprimand for his over haste'. Need to expedite treaty ramifications regarding Newfoundland.

148 5 October 1697

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75 lines omitted, 15 lines printed, 67 lines omitted, 22 lines printed (in front of the 15 lines section), 17 lines omitted

Action to be taken over privateers wishing to return home. Vernon thanks Shrewsbury for intentions of mentioning him to the King but does not think it will be necessary to mention him to Portland, for Portland would speak of it to Lord Chamberlain Sunderland and Vernon thinks 'it is too soon for that'; Wharton thought to be with Shrewsbury by now, for Wharton is 'fully resolved to see you before he comes thither'. Irish affairs. Treaty matters; Newfoundland. Admiralty; ships dispatched to protect Cadiz fleet before French interception (full effects of treaty being delayed six weeks). Irish bills before Lords justices.

149 7 October 1697

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117 lines printed, 25 lines omitted, 22 lines printed

Irish bills etc.

150 9 October 1697

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| 151 | 12 October 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 55 | 163 |
|     | <u>40 lines omitted, 55 lines printed, 123 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |    |     |
|     | Cadiz fleet expected to arrive safely. Irish affairs; Poyning's Act and ramifications questioned and discussed; desire of Irish Protestants to restrain those in French service from returning to Ireland. Disbandment. Petition of Lustring company against Goudet and other French merchants destroying silk manufacture. Question of misuse of French passes. Admiralty.                                                                                           |    |     |
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| 152 | 14 October 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 183 |
|     | Disbandment. Finance; Bank of England's projected loan offer treated tepidly by lords justices owing to act of parliament and alternative ways proposed. Vernon believes it unlikely that the Bank might sell the tallies in their possession, for the bankers 'are desirous to play the good husbands and reserve some of the interest for the king'. Irish affairs. Admiralty. Jacobites meet for King James's birthday at playhouse ( <u>Marriage à la Mode</u> ). |    |     |
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| 153 | 16 October 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 117 |
|     | Disbandment. Counterfeiting. Privateering. Irish affairs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |     |
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| 154 | 19 October 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 217 |
|     | Peace proclamation preparations. Darien. King's disbandment preparations; finances of same. Problems over receipt of taxes; Exchequer bill abuses. Personnel of foreign ministries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |    |     |
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| 155 | 21 October 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 112 |
|     | Burnet's domestic problems. Admiralty. Irish affairs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |    |     |
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| 156 | 23 October 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11 | 110 |
|     | <u>11 lines printed, 110 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |     |
|     | Party. Disbandment. Darien company. Admiralty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |     |

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- 157 30 October 1697 133  
Admiralty. Bath-Montague estate dispute. Treasury actions against Knight.  
Demarcation of patronage; post office vs secretariate and Englishmen vs  
foreigners; 'If children and strangers are first to be provided for, God  
help us old Englishmen'.
- 158 2 December 1697 56 42  
56 lines printed, 42 lines omitted  
Second letter printed under this date; see below manuscript letter no. 159.  
Noted by Somerville.  
Disposition of minor offices; Vernon speaks of removing his nephew 'because  
I look upon him as useless to you his hand being very indifferent'; notes that  
Bernard is more reliable 'than the other side' and would be of use to him,  
except that Bernard has incurred Shrewsbury's displeasure.
- 159 4 December 1697 84 25  
68 lines printed, 16 lines printed under 2 December, 25 lines omitted  
Commons' power: 'It was endeavoured only to postpone the report of the king's  
speech to the reading of the bill as the more parliamentary way of opening the  
session but the speech took place'. Court pamphlets brought out in reply to  
disbandment pamphlets.
- 160 6 December 1697 40
- 161 7 December 1697 45  
Shrewsbury's resignation and its effect. Commons postpone vote on supply,  
156-153, until after consideration of the King's speech.
- 162 9 December 1697 62  
Talk of Wharton replacing Shrewsbury; Vernon speaks of wishing to resign  
and condemns himself every minute 'for my unadvised submission at first and

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when I speak of it to my lord chancellor and Lord Orford they think one is in jest'. Disbandment projections: 'it is taken for granted the house will not exceed 18,000 or 20,000 at most'. Personnel of customs and excise offices.

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| 163 | 11 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 37  |    |
|     | Full discussion of the disbandment crisis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |
| 164 | 14 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 107 | 7  |
|     | <u>7 lines omitted</u> , 107 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |
|     | Fisher's French correspondence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |
| 165 | 16 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 41  | 28 |
|     | 41 lines printed, <u>28 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |    |
|     | French admiralty news. Preferment; discussions with Burnet and Archbishop Tenison about same for 'Mr Vernon'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |
| 166 | 17 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     | 37 |
|     | Committee on fleet estimates; Sir Richard Onslow's motion for a militia bill. Further discussion of the civil list and the activities of the Rose Club; French letters.                                                                                                                                                                             |     |    |
| 167 | 18 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     | 66 |
|     | Mention of bill against English in French army. Secretary's fees. James's correspondents. Civil list. Rose Club activities. Mention by [James] Sloane [of the Inner Temple, MP for Thetford] to Lord Chamberlain Sunderland of the use of bishops in 'King James's time'; discussion of behind the scenes activities during the Seven Bishops Case. |     |    |
| 168 | 21 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 59  | 59 |
|     | 43 lines printed, <u>47 lines omitted</u> , 16 lines printed, <u>12 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
|     | Problems of dealing with Mr Arnold's 'calumny' in the House; various members to be spoken to including Seymour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |

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| 169 | 23 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 51  | 19  |
|     | <u>4 lines omitted, 51 lines printed, 15 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |     |
|     | Question of military replacements for deceased 'but the King seems to be in no haste to dispose of either'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |
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| 170 | 25 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     | 50  |
|     | Discussion of bringing a new man 'B' into employment at the urgings of Lord Chancellor Somers; questions about his employment and payment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |     |
|     | [Vernon now making more of his position, although still under Shrewsbury's influence and advice.]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |     |
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| 171 | 27 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 86  | 21  |
|     | <u>86 lines printed, 21 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |     |
|     | James dates this letter 27 December 1697 and 6 January 1698.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |     |
|     | Patronage; difficulty of getting someone who is cared for to take a post.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |     |
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |     |
| 172 | 28 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     | 108 |
|     | Importance of Shrewsbury to government; Vernon, with <u>Sunderland's and Somers'</u> urgings, wishes Shrewsbury to take the key; '1000 to 1 voting for it if the nation were polled'.                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |     |
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| 173 | 29 December 1697                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 79  |     |
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |     |
| 174 | 1 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 155 |     |
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |     |
| 175 | 4 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     | 186 |
|     | Minor secretarial and consular problems: the outlawed Clancarty arrives and while Vernon acquits Sunderland of having any knowledge of his coming over, he is uncertain that others will take so charitable a view which is what 'one gets by having the reputation of a cunning man that what ever happens although never so accidentally shall be interpreted a finesse'. The |     |     |

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Earl of Clancarty's domestic life and problems etc. Incriminations of Mariot against Burton and the two Knights for false endorsements of exchequer bills; hearsay against Sir Stephen Fox, Montague and Smith; Vernon believes that the principal commissioners of the treasury are aimed at; the trick does not work and Knight is sent to the Tower. Bill to prevent people coming from France.

176 6 January 1697/8

83

Discussion of fire and William's plans for new buildings. Clancarty's case. More on Knight and Burton and the false endorsement of exchequer bills; Rivers, Marlborough, Montague, Sir Richard Onslow and his brother are named but accusers then modify their statements.

177 8 January 1697/8

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Vernon speaks of Shrewsbury's concern to provide new quarters for the Secretary 'as if it were for me'; general reconstruction of burned buildings to be at the Cockpit. The outlawed Strickland's return; Vernon sets £2000 surety for four persons and hopes that he has not used them too well but wishes to draw distinctions between voluntary and involuntary surrenders. Disbandment bill; very detailed and interesting discussion of proceedings after concerting efforts (unsuccessfully) at the Rose Club the previous night.

178 11 January 1697/8

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68 lines printed; 28 lines omitted

Czar Peter sets up residence on waterside of Arundel Street and Vernon speculates that 'perhaps the next news one hears of him will be that he has drowned some body or will be in danger of it himself'.

179 13 January 1697/8

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| 180 | 15 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 82 |    |
| 181 | 18 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 88 | 72 |
|     | 6 lines printed, <u>72 lines omitted</u> , 82 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    |    |
|     | <p>Problem of grants; Montague's grant attacked but Vernon expects that some of Montague's friends will ask that all grants since the revolution be laid before the House. Disbandment; Vernon passes on Shrewsbury's advice regarding troop numbers 'but my Lord Wharton differs a little in opinion and in the countries where he has been he thinks they would have been very well contented to have kept up 4 or 5000 more'. Excise commission; personnel and payment. Bolton, Normanby, Peterborough and Stamford are said to be causing trouble in the Lords: 'It is thought Lord Haversham has left them and the others are so well known as to have all their motions narrowly watched'. Late queen's settlement. William expected to restrict privy seals for suspected persons wishing to stay in England.</p> |    |    |
| 182 | 20 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 84 |    |
| 183 | 22 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 62 |    |
| 184 | 25 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 43 |    |
| 185 | 27 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 25 |    |
| 186 | 29 January 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 87 |    |
| 187 | 1 February 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 62 |    |
|     | Dated 8 February in James, I, 486-8 ; noted by Somerville.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |    |
|     | <u>End of James, Vol. I</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    |    |
| 188 | 3 February 1697/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    | 56 |
|     | <p>Danger of Clancarty being called to bar by Duke of Bolton diminished; it would not be in the Sunderland family interest. Irish bills; discussion of</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |    |

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exchequer bills 'grows flat and tedious'. Jacobites seem to obstruct attempt to divide their numbers through selective pardons, two being rumoured.

189 8 February 1697/8 116

190 5 February 1697/8 74

Manuscript letter no. 190 is printed in James, I, 483-6, while nos. 189 and 191 et seq. are printed in Vol. II, 1-5, 5-7, etc.

191 10 February 1697/8 70

192 12 February 1697/8 94

(Short lines.)

193 15 February 1697/8 87

Printed under 14 February in James. Noted by Somerville.

194 17 February 1697/8 115

195 19 February 1697/8 86

Irish forfeitures and cantoning out of Duncombe's estate 'and yet some say they will get no more out of that than they shall from the Irish forfeitures which were this day under consideration and in the manner the committee was attended one might judge they were grown very indifferent what became of them'. Problems raised by the emperor's desire to take more cities before concluding peace; discussion of balance of power. Patronage in customs office.

196 22 February 1697/8 65

197 24 February 1697/8 113

Interesting discussion of Duncombe's tactics; Vernon believes Duncombe would have been better advised to come to a £100,000 settlement with the treasury than allow lawyers and others to gobble it up in fees while he waits for

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another parliament which 'shall be a little more toryish', Turkey Company wishes to suggest an ambassador to the king; Vernon had it in mind to let things continue so 'that my Lord Paget and his son may no longer lay it upon the court that he is recalled and that Mr Paget might see what it is to bottom upon Sir Wm. Trumbull's friendship', Machiavellian intrigues over appointment of new ambassador. Affairs of the Jacobites.

198 26 February 1697/8

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Turkey Company; Vernon notes that the company wishes to proceed to elect Dursley before letter of recommendation is brought them so that they may 'strengthen their precedents of having made the choice themselves'. Duncombe's bill taken to the Lords where the opposition is expected to be led by his 'father' (Duncombe was born of mean parentage and Vernon was probably using a euphemism to refer to Duncombe's patron, friend and fellow financier, the Duke of Bolton; Bolton was heavily indebted to Duncombe for wise financial advice and if this interpretation is correct, so was Vernon). Irish affairs.

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| 1 | 29 March 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 77 |     |
| 2 | 31 March 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 79 |     |
|   | William's concern for Shrewsbury's health; Shrewsbury unable to go to Newmarket. French ambassadors' visit and attending ceremonies; Vernon's concern that ambassadors fail to observe protocol and see him before the King.                                                                                                                                              |    |     |
| 3 | 1 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 45 |     |
|   | War and finance; dangers of reopening hostilities and the strategic problems inherent in keeping the war from its usual theatre in Flanders. Discussion of repudiation of the banker's debt; while justice requires a reversal of the judgement, to do so would entail swallowing the excise which would deplete the King's funds.                                        |    |     |
| 4 | 3 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 43 | 36  |
|   | 43 lines printed; <u>36 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |    |     |
|   | In cabinet William expresses concern about French ambassadors and the ceremonial; King leaving for Newmarket the following day. Information about pistol found in the princess's chapel.                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |
| 5 | 4 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 89 | 105 |
|   | <u>105 lines omitted</u> , 89 lines printed under 11 April in James, II, 44-7, between letters of 10 April (manuscript letter no. 12) and 11 April (manuscript letter no. 13).                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |     |
|   | Pistol found in the chapel by the chapel keeper; further talk of earlier plot to poison the King during communion at Christmas; Vernon observes that those who talk of plots often simply wish a reward. Portland's remarks about ambassadors and ceremony. Discussion of bill to prevent those who refused to sign the voluntary association from sitting in parliament. |    |     |

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| 6  | 6 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 18  | 82  |
|    | <u>79 lines omitted, 18 lines printed, 3 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |     |
|    | Plot to assassinate the French ambassadors. The chapel pistol plot; Vernon asks Shrewsbury to inform the King and suggests that a committee of lords be appointed to make enquiries; talk of the woman informer. Ways and means; discussion of a duty on coal and the poll tax.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |     |
| 7  | 7 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 49  |     |
| 8  | 7 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 58  |     |
|    | Letter from Vernon to the King.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |     |
| 9  | 8 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15  | 106 |
|    | <u>15 lines printed, 106 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |     |
|    | Discussion of the mysterious pistol; interrogation of the informer, Mrs Hansard; Vernon hopes that Irishmen believed to be involved will be discovered at Newmarket. Proposed meeting with the French ambassadors; their letter to Vernon regarding complaints over shipping. Mention of another (?) treason plot concerning the messenger Chapman [Lewis Martin], Pean [a Frenchman], Lord Romney and the French ambassadors; Pean has not been seen but is supposed to be in [Worcester County] gaol; Vernon states than Pean is willing to swear treason against four relatives; discussion of Pean's letters. |     |     |
| 10 | 9 April 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 30  |     |
| 11 | No date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 114 | 1   |
|    | <u>65 lines printed, 1 line omitted, 49 lines printed</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |     |
|    | Somerville notes that this is probably the beginning of manuscript letter no. 10, as suggested by the lack of a date on no. 11 and the absence of any superscription [ie 'My Ld Duke'] on no. 10.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |     |

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Of Mrs Hansard's information, Macdonnel remarks: 'We shall see whether she will go on in her banter'.

12 10 April 1698 51

13 11 April 1698 72

14 12 April 1698 61

15 13 April 1698 30

16 13 April 1698 46

17 14 April 1698 80

18 16 April 1698 85

19 17 April 1698 and 18 April, at noon 86

58 lines printed, 28 lines printed

The latter 28 lines, written at noon on 18 April, is printed as a separate letter dated 18 April in James. Noted by Somerville.

20 19 April 1698 55

21 28 April 1698 45 61

10 lines printed; 48 lines omitted, 35 lines printed; 13 lines omitted

Lords may be willing to relieve such commissioners of the excise as were included in general bill of indemnity; case of four men who took positions without realising that they would be obliged to take the sacraments according to the Test Act; Vernon's speculation that the bill would be unlikely to pass the Commons, owing to patronage temptations posed by five spare places in the excise commission. King goes to Windsor and French ambassador gains audience although Vernon does not know what is to be discussed. King speaks to Orford and Montague to stop any suspicions that he would expedite public business.

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printed omitted

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- 22 30 April 1698 29
- 23 3 May 1698 73 73  
6 lines omitted, 10 lines printed, 26 lines omitted, 63 lines printed,  
41 lines omitted  
Shrewsbury's health better. Vernon complains of the ambassadors' treatment  
of the King's ministers as subjects. Pean. Discussion of the king of Spain.  
Foreign military preparations, James and Queen ill.
- 24 5 May 1698 57
- 25 7 May 1698 13 55  
33 lines omitted, 13 lines printed, 22 lines omitted  
Swedish ambassadors. Financial; ways and means; salt and stamp duties doubled.  
Sloane's accusations against Leeds. Vernon states that there was reason for  
a bill of attainder; talk of the subscription not being filled; Wharton tells  
William that £350,000 was subscribed 'yesterday'. Grand jury's findings of  
high treason against Barry. Fermond, a relative of Mme de Gouvernet, found  
guilty of treason and clipping.
- 26 10 May 1698 82 24  
82 lines printed; 24 lines omitted  
French ambassadors; question of protocol.
- 27 12 May 1698 68
- 28 14 May 1698 42
- 29 17 May 1698 21 58  
21 lines printed; 58 lines omitted  
Berwick and Gallmoy in Europe. Montague's new East India scheme: subscriptions

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£1,200,000. Finance; exchequer bills. Harry Buccly's suicide. Mme de Gouvernet's kinsman not pardoned owing to fear of showing the French too much sympathy.

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| 30  | 19 May 1698                               | 46 |    |
| 31  | 21 May 1698                               | 40 |    |
| 32  | 24 May 1698                               | 95 |    |
| 33  | 26 May 1698                               | 65 |    |
| 34  | 28 May 1698                               | 31 |    |
| 35  | 31 May 1698                               | 60 |    |
| 36  | 2 June 1698                               | 51 |    |
| 37  | 4 June 1698                               | 63 |    |
| *38 | [7 June 1698]                             | 33 | 11 |
|     | 33 lines printed, <u>11 lines omitted</u> |    |    |
|     | New East India Company subscriptions.     |    |    |
| *39 | [7 June 1698]                             | 41 |    |
| *40 | [7 June 1698]                             | 72 |    |

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\* Of manuscript letters nos. 38, 39 and 40 James notes that 'These three last letters bear all the same dates, and were undoubtedly written on the same day'. However, letter no. 39 is correctly endorsed by Shrewsbury as 7 July, as shown by the contents. While no. 38 is endorsed as 7 June, which he has changed to 7 July, manuscript letter no. 40 is correctly dated. It seems probable that Vernon misdated nos. 38 and 39, as he does occasionally on other letters. James manages to get the order correct, which is therefore wrong in the original manuscript, while misdating two of them. Partly noted by Somerville.

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| 41 | 9 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 48      |         |
| 42 | 11 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 47      |         |
| 43 | 12 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 38      | 35      |
|    | <u>13 lines omitted, 38 lines printed, 22 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         |
|    | Endorsed by Shrewsbury 12 July, probably misdated by Vernon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |         |
|    | Regarding establishment of New East India Company.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |         |
| 44 | 14 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5       | 64      |
|    | <u>36 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 28 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |         |
|    | Question of sending ambassadors to The Hague and to Vienna; the latter to renew alliances; Vernon seems to suggest Mr Walsh; talk of other foreign affairs especially relating to Spain. Determination concerning the New East India Company and disposition of the Old Company. Sir Harry Colt (MP for Newport) tells Vernon of a petition to the Commons brought by the informer, Aubrey Price, against Vernon and Shrewsbury for suppressing his services; Vernon sees Speaker Foley who promises to give a day's notice of any proceedings. |         |         |
| 45 | 16 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 28      | 46      |
|    | <u>7 lines omitted, 8 lines printed, 39 lines omitted, 20 lines printed</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         |
|    | Patronage; Vernon states that he has mentioned Walsh to the King and will provide a subsequent reminder. East India Company bill: Vernon comments on its chances of passage and efforts of the Old Company to thwart same; the question of the possibility of two companies. Vernon has heard nothing more of Price's petition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |         |
| 46 | 18 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 52      |         |
| 47 | 21 June 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 66      |         |

48 23 June 1698

31 56

31 lines printed, 56 lines omitted

Ecclesiastical patronage; Vernon meets with Archbishop Tenison to discuss Shrewsbury's views on filling the see of Worcester. Council disagreement over some lesser patronage. East India bill; Vernon enquires whether Shrewsbury wishes to participate in the new subscription. Price executed,

49 25 June 1698

68 32

68 lines printed, 32 lines omitted

William Bridgeman desires to resign secretaryship at the Admiralty; Vernon's speculation that Bridgeman cannot foresee rising to become a commissioner. East India bill passed. Workmen in Westminster Hall. Vernon gives further encouragement to Sir Harry Colt to stand for Westminster,

50 28 June 1698

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51 30 June 1698

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52 2 July 1698

27 40

27 lines printed, 40 lines omitted

East India Company bill out of danger in Lords. Lords' message to Commons regarding impeachment fines. Projected journey of King to Holland. Vernon reports rumour that Ormonde will become Chamberlain and his troop of guards will be given to Albemarle. Vernon agrees with Shrewsbury that if Sir Walter Clarges stood for Westminster he would have a better 'interest' than Sir H.C. [Harry Colt]; Vernon dreads work involved in the elections.

53 5 July 1698

43 36

43 lines printed, 36 lines omitted

Parliament prorogued; Vernon finds that it satisfied the King although some expected a dissolution. William's attitude towards Walsh as an envoy. King approves parliament's desire to apply fines to Greenwich hospital fund.

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| 54 | 9 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 56  | 21 |
|    | 41 lines printed, 4 lines from end of letter printed, then 11 lines following<br>41 lines printed, <u>21 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                              |     |    |
|    | Discussion and acceptance of Robert Yard (newsletter writer to Shrewsbury<br>and others) as secretary to the commission of justices. Discussion of<br>Lord Belmont's dispatches from New York.                                                                          |     |    |
| 55 | 13 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 34  | 37 |
|    | 25 lines printed; <u>37 lines omitted</u> , 9 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |    |
|    | East India Company charter etc; subscriptions to open the next day; Vernon<br>will subscribe for himself and Shrewsbury.                                                                                                                                                |     |    |
| 56 | 14 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 62  |    |
| 57 | 16 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 135 |    |
| 58 | 19 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 26  | 57 |
|    | 26 lines printed; <u>57 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
|    | Shrewsbury's subscription of £400 to East India Company. William to embark<br>from Margate. Honours. Commission of excise. Household appointments;<br>Vernon's son mentioned, Reduction of forces; ten men from each troop and<br>company. Yard's appointment expected. |     |    |
| 59 | 21 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 94  | 20 |
|    | 72 lines printed; <u>14 lines omitted</u> , 22 lines printed, <u>6 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |
|    | Fletcher's case; Belmont wishes him to be hanged. Vernon paid £275 13s 4d<br>for Shrewsbury's subscription.                                                                                                                                                             |     |    |
| 60 | 23 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 72  |    |
| 61 | 26 July 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 32  |    |

Lines  
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62 28 July 1698

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63 30 July 1698

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32 lines printed; 36 lines omitted

Election gossip; Vernon fears that there will be many less honest men in the next parliament (names).

64 2 August 1698

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65 4 August 1698

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66 6 August 1698

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67 9 August 1698

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68 11 August 1698

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69 13 August 1698

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70 16 August 1698

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71 18 August 1698

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72 20 August 1698

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'Copy of My Lord Chancellor's Letter'

Interesting letter from Lord Chancellor Somers concerning the secret continental negotiations with which the King wishes to proceed. Expected death of the king of Spain.

73 20 August 1698

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74 23 August 1698

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75 14/24 August 1698

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Copy of letter from Lord Portland to Vernon (in French) concerning negotiations, general European affairs and the possibility of renewed conflicts.

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| Letter |                                                                                                                                                                               |         |         |
| 76     | 25 August 1698                                                                                                                                                                | 60      |         |
| 77     | 26 August 1698                                                                                                                                                                | 31      |         |
| 78     | No date                                                                                                                                                                       | 72      | 20      |
|        | <u>72 lines printed, 20 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                     |         |         |
|        | Printed in James, II, 179-81, under 'September No Date '98' between manuscript letters nos. 87 and 89, Electoral matters.                                                     |         |         |
| 79     | 30 August 1698                                                                                                                                                                |         | 39      |
|        | Improvement of the health of the king of Spain, Dissenters,                                                                                                                   |         |         |
| 80     | (a) 1 September 1698                                                                                                                                                          | 69      |         |
|        | (b) 3 September 1698                                                                                                                                                          | 20      |         |
|        | Both letters are marked 80 but with pencil marks 'a' and 'b' at the top of each and were possibly sent together, Printed in James separately and not mentioned by Somerville. |         |         |
| 81     | 6 September 1698                                                                                                                                                              | 135     |         |
| 82     | 8 September 1698                                                                                                                                                              | 65      |         |
| 83     | 10 September 1698                                                                                                                                                             | 34      |         |
| 84     | 13 September 1698                                                                                                                                                             | 49      |         |
| 85     | 15 September 1698                                                                                                                                                             | 34      |         |
| 86     | 17 September 1698                                                                                                                                                             | 17      | 20      |
|        | <u>20 lines omitted, 17 lines printed</u>                                                                                                                                     |         |         |
|        | Size of military establishment.                                                                                                                                               |         |         |
| 87     | 20 September 1698                                                                                                                                                             | 65      |         |

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88 22 September 1698 51

Vernon's surprise that the Duchess of Portsmouth lowers herself to request that he visit her. Health of the king of Spain. Question of reinforcing the Mediterranean squadron; William wants more ships than the Admiralty say they can spare from the Home fleet.

89 24 September 1698 80

90 27 September 1698 45

91 29 September 1698 22

92 1 October 1698 69

93 4 October 1698 49

94 6 October 1698 52

95 8 October 1698 36

96 11 October 1698 19 49

19 lines printed, 49 lines omitted

Linen bills; possible disputes. Council of trade discusses various trade bills.

97 13 October 1698 78

98 15 October 1698 25 50

25 lines omitted, 25 lines printed, 25 lines omitted

Discussion of Captain James Steward. Irish bills. Forces and supply.

99 18 October 1698 93 45

45 lines omitted, 93 lines printed

Vernon speaks of 'Mr Vernon's' surprising indiscretion: 'I thought he had

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abated his former heat and that the zeal he showed for the revolution would make him a friend to those only that were for maintaining it<sup>t</sup>; discussion of whether the bishop of Worcester will be in favour of Mr Vernon. Question of the disposition of French troops in Ireland; they might take up trade or be incorporated into English companies. Irish bills.

100 20 October 1698 8 147

147 lines omitted, 8 lines printed

Vernon finds Lord Chancellor Somers happy to find an excuse to write to Shrewsbury. Linen and woollen bill. Parliamentary affairs in Ireland; question of sending a money bill into Ireland; Sloane's discussion of the problem with Vernon and his advice on the best way to proceed with the bills. Mention of the letter of the informer, William Fuller. Norris appointed ambassador to the East Indies. Discussion of ships for suppressing pirates. Problem of the free trade of corn raised by Dutch plans to effect a large purchase.

101 21 October 1698 120

William Fuller to Vernon

Fuller's complaints and discussion of conspirators and plots. Foreign affairs.

102 22 October 1698 80 4

80 lines printed, 4 lines omitted

Death of Sir Edward Atkins, jr (brother to Sir Robert).

103 25 October 1698 108 28

97 lines printed, 10 lines omitted, 2 lines printed from end of the letter,

9 lines printed, 18 lines omitted

Molyneux's death; Vernon notes his authorship of book censored by parliament. William staying in Holland until late November. Discussion of qualifications of persons desiring to buy corn for export. Patronage.

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- 104 27 October 1698 116
- Lengthy discussion of Stamford's complaints over written accusations previously made to Vernon against Stamford's officers in the forest of Norwood; Stamford's requests to see the documents rejected by Vernon. Highly incisive discussion of the canvassing for the speakership (Grenville, Foley and Littleton). Vernon's 'intelligencer' is said to be with him again; talk of meetings in taverns. Mention of Commons' debate over pamphlet; possible connection with Worth and Ormonde. Ways and means.
- 105 29 October 1698 25 35
- 20 lines omitted, 25 lines printed, 15 lines omitted
- Irish parliament; Vernon complains of Irish obstruction over disposition of French troops. Financial settlement between Bath and Montague. Vernon is becoming disillusioned with his 'intelligencer'.
- 106 3 November 1698 115
- Vernon tells Shrewsbury of another projected assassination attempt. Discussion of allowances to be made to the Earl of Berkeley as representative of Turkey; Turkish trade. Irish bills; omission of the words 'towards supply'; question of whether woollen bill should be called a money bill.
- 107 5 November 1698 80
- Committee of ways and means vote salt duty; Vernon supposes that the remaining supply will be raised by a land tax. Discussion of French troops in Ireland and Ormonde's actions towards them. Robert Jennings leaves for Europe. Edward Herbert dies without changing his religion. Vernon mentions plot and futile search of the Pope's Head Tavern.
- 108 8 November 1698 62 55
- 12 lines omitted, 62 lines printed, 43 lines omitted
- William's movements in Europe. Irish affairs: relief of prisoners bill

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receives royal assent; salt tax; reassumption of grants and remittals of quit-rents; land tax; bishop of Derry; linen bill.

109 10 November 1698 57 40

57 lines printed, 40 lines omitted

William's movements. Lords justices to see Vernon's informer; informer has told Vernon about events at the 'club'.

110 12 November 1698 58 3

58 lines printed, 3 lines omitted

William's affairs.

111 24 November 1698 27

Vernon, on going down to visit Shrewsbury, hears that he has gone to Gloucestershire; Vernon hopes the King will 'understand the necessity of it and be satisfied that no respect was wanting' and desires that the King will accept Shrewsbury's 'surrender' (resignation).

112 26 November 1698 64

The prorogation of parliament extended. Naval and East India Company matters.

113 29 November 1698 127 25

20 lines printed, 25 lines omitted, 10 lines printed, 8 lines printed from end of the letter, 89 lines printed

East India Company and Kidd's Commission.

114 1 December 1698 86 30

86 lines printed, 30 lines omitted

William's movements. Poland and Brandenburg controversy.

115 3 December 1698 102

Berkeley comes to terms with the Turkey Company. Kidd. Land Tax. Sir Harry Colt's prosecution of Captain Rigby. The Duke of Hamilton involved in a brawl and injured. William returns; mention of Shrewsbury's resignation.

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| 116 | 6 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 65      |         |
| 117 | 8 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 34      | 75      |
|     | 22 lines printed, <u>75 lines omitted</u> , 12 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                 |         |         |
|     | Sir William Beeston's case. Irish affairs.                                                                                                                                                                                   |         |         |
| 118 | 10 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 61      |         |
| 119 | 13 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 59      | 18      |
|     | 59 lines printed, <u>18 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |         |
|     | Captain Rigby's case.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |         |
| 120 | 15 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 79      | 9       |
|     | 79 lines printed, <u>9 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         |
|     | Ireland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         |
| 121 | 17 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 42      | 20      |
|     | <u>18 lines omitted</u> , 42 lines printed, <u>2 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                           |         |         |
|     | Prebendary of Worcester. Vernon mentions that Mr Sutton has written to Shrewsbury (enclosed) to discuss how 'the peace stands with the Turks'.                                                                               |         |         |
| 122 | 20 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 70      | 22      |
|     | 70 lines printed, <u>22 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |         |
|     | Sir Harry Colt's case heard in parliament and rejected.                                                                                                                                                                      |         |         |
| 123 | 22 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         | 72      |
|     | Controverted elections; Sir Edward Seymour questions the right of French refugees who are neither naturalised nor denizens to vote at Westminster. Second reading of disbandment bill. Meeting of sheriffs with the Council. |         |         |
| 124 | 24 December 1698                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 50      |         |

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| 125 | 27 December 1698                                                                                                      | 44      | 22      |
|     | 44 lines printed, <u>22 lines omitted</u>                                                                             |         |         |
|     | Printed under 29 December in James. Noted by Somerville.                                                              |         |         |
|     | The Irish parliament; Vernon's opinions.                                                                              |         |         |
| 126 | 29 December 1698                                                                                                      | 20      |         |
| 127 | 31 December 1698                                                                                                      | 34      | 17      |
|     | 34 lines printed, <u>17 lines omitted</u>                                                                             |         |         |
|     | Scottish expedition to Darien and Vernon's provocative prognostications of possible consequences.                     |         |         |
| 128 | 3 January 1698/9                                                                                                      | 36      | 20      |
|     | 36 lines printed, <u>20 lines omitted</u>                                                                             |         |         |
|     | Dispute over prizes concerning Orford. James's daughter to marry.                                                     |         |         |
| 129 | 5 January 1698/9                                                                                                      | 72      | 13      |
|     | 72 lines printed, <u>13 lines omitted</u>                                                                             |         |         |
|     | Petition against Lord Stamford.                                                                                       |         |         |
| 130 | 10 January 1698/9                                                                                                     | 72      |         |
| 131 | 12 January 1698/9                                                                                                     | 31      | 21      |
|     | 31 lines printed, <u>21 lines omitted</u>                                                                             |         |         |
|     | Complaints against Lord Stamford. Old East India Company petitions the King over Norris's instructions.               |         |         |
| 132 | 14 January 1698/9                                                                                                     |         | 40      |
|     | Disbanding bill passes after debate in which Harley and Montague discuss raising capital at the lowest interest rate. |         |         |
| 133 | 17 January 1698/9                                                                                                     | 15      | 25      |
|     | 15 lines printed, <u>25 lines omitted</u>                                                                             |         |         |
|     | Distilling bill. Sir John Philips bill. Religion.                                                                     |         |         |

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| 134 | 19 January 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 60 |    |
| 135 | 21 January 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 44 |    |
| 136 | 24 January 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 24 |    |
| 137 | 26 January 1698/9                                                                                                                                        |    | 43 |
|     | Vernon speaks disapprovingly of Sir James Hayes's expenditures.                                                                                          |    |    |
| 138 | 31 January 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 60 |    |
| 139 | 2 February 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 57 |    |
| 140 | 4 February 1698/9                                                                                                                                        |    | 79 |
|     | Discussion of naval strength in the Commons; the Rose Club and effects a meeting might have on Commons' business. Mention of the King's speech.          |    |    |
| 141 | 7 February 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 50 | 22 |
|     | 50 lines printed; <u>22 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                |    |    |
|     | Printed under 9 February in James. Noted by Somerville.                                                                                                  |    |    |
|     | Election at Aylesbury disputed.                                                                                                                          |    |    |
| 142 | 9 February 1698/9                                                                                                                                        | 30 |    |
|     | Between manuscript letters nos. 142 and 144, James includes part of a (short) letter of 10 February 1698/9 which in manuscript Vol. IV is letter no. 31. |    |    |
| 143 | 11 February 1698/9                                                                                                                                       |    | 36 |
|     | Discussion of who is to succeed to the see of Worcester. Some members expelled from the Commons.                                                         |    |    |
| 144 | 14 February 1698/9                                                                                                                                       | 29 |    |

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- 145 16 February 1698/9 39  
Vernon expects that the two most difficult days of the session lie ahead; question of (1) Orford's victualling account (hidden naval increases) and (2) marines (hidden increase in army). Split in opposition (country Whigs vs Tories); Harley and Musgrave support 'lumping the ordinary of the navy' with Seymour and Howe opposing; problems of the valuation of guineas and their acceptance at the customs house; lord mayor's attitude etc.
- 146 18 February 1698/9 40  
Ministry fears direct attack on Orford, possibly led by Godolphin either acting on his own or in concert with Musgrave; problems discussed regarding corruption and the victualling of the fleet; nature of victualling defined. Disbandment goes against court wishes; garrisons will be in a poor state and there will be more naval forces than necessary.
- 147 21 February 1698/9 21  
Disbandment proceedings; opposition goes too far in ascertaining troops' supply before clarification as to what type they should be and how many would be horse or dragoons. Howe and Seymour urge that they should not make up for deficiencies but are reproved by the House.
- 148 23 February 1698/9 35  
Disbandment bill; discussion of problems, details and loopholes.
- 149 25 February 1698/9 40  
Effects of Smith's book and actions by parliament.
- 150 28 February 1698/9 25  
East India Company. Lord Warwick committed to the Tower.
- 151 2 March 1698/9 26  
Stamford versus Denbigh and Sir Basil Firebrace. Duke of Bolton's will.

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152 4 March 1698/9

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Smith's book. Vernon's fears that the session will not end well; parliament has not considered the bills necessary for the public credit; land tax expected to be 4s; malt duty and excise. Rumours of plots; Chaloner's case; religious problems.

153 7 March 1698/9

17

'The party are likely to hold on in the same victorious manner to the end of the session'. Incisive discussion of the state of finance,

154 9 March 1698/9

52

Land Tax to be 3s; East India bill and Vernon's opinions on proceedings; Vernon notes that the Old Company does not intend to surrender. Vernon supposes that Jersey is to succeed Shrewsbury. Admiralty.

155 11 March 1698/9

47

Successful day in Commons. Admiralty. Junto. Finance of forces. Discussion of the possibility of Tanderville as Secretary.

156 14 March 1698/9

55

Orford's victualling and contingent accounts. Herbert's petition: Vernon says he knows nothing of a counter petition: 'which I don't complain of, not caring at what distance I stand from feuds and wrangles, but where I have anything to determine I shall always wish that right may prevail'. Bolton's son.

Between the letters of 14 February 1698/9 and 18 March 1698/9 James prints part of a letter which he dates 5 March 1698/9 (II, 266-8). In fact this is a letter of 5 March 1699/1700 (manuscript Vol. IV, no. 41, see below).

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- 157 16 March 1698/9 70  
 Orford's narrow escape in division over accounts; detailed account of debate; voted that posts as a commissioner of the Admiralty and treasurer of the navy should not be held by the same person. Darien.
- 158 18 March 1698/9 35 28  
 35 lines printed, 28 lines omitted  
 Discussion of who shall become teller of the exchequer; Smith versus Wharton's candidate (Mordaunt); speculation about Lord Jersey and the position of Secretary.
- 159 21 March 1698/9 55  
 Bolton's will. Wharton continues to promote Mordaunt for position as teller; Smith's petition to the King. Irish forces to be maintained. Marines; doubts as to the future of four regiments.
- 160 23 March 1698/9 32  
 Grants. No direct vote against Orford. Admiralty discussion in Commons.
- 161 25 March 1698/9 13  
 Commons' Address to the King and reply discussed. 'Maj. Gen. Churchill expected to become Governor of Berwick on death of Col. Leveson [Leveson]'.  
 Commons' Address to the King and reply discussed. 'Maj. Gen. Churchill expected to become Governor of Berwick on death of Col. Leveson [Leveson]'.
- 162 28 March 1698/9 25 30  
14 lines omitted, 20 lines printed, 13 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 3 lines omitted  
 Vernon thanks Shrewsbury for looking over his past letters to ascertain that he gave Wharton no assurances that Mordaunt would be made teller; Vernon supposes that Smith will now get the post. Discussion of who is to be elevated to see of Worcester; Vernon and Shrewsbury favour the Dean of Worcester but Tenison hedges saying that he wishes to make the bishop's bench more 'ductile'. Warwick's trial.

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163 30 March 1698/9

55

Shrewsbury intends to go to Newmarket when the King departs; Vernon urges Shrewsbury to attend: 'I think your grace's coming thither should be the least observable since it is a place of general rendezvous' (but then Vernon observes it to be a 'place of intrigue'). Discussion of who is to fill various positions. Lansdowne comes up to town; 'people are guessing at what he is to be'. Warwick acquitted but found guilty of manslaughter. Further discussion of who is to be elevated to the see of Worcester; Vernon's talk with Burnet. Lord Mohun tried and acquitted. Discussion of when Bolton will return to England.

164 1 April 1699

18

See of Worcester. 'I am told my Lord Orford will quit the treasuryship of the navy'. Supply. Lord Jersey.

165 4 April 1699

40

Vernon states that he was unwise to have given Browne £140 to leave the country. See of Worcester. Orford, Bolton. Smith's paper delivered to Commons.

166 6 April 1699

34

18

34 lines printed; 18 lines omitted

William to go down to Newmarket Tuesday; bad weather. Letters from Jersey and Prior; Prior wishes to leave Paris and 'come into the office'.

167 8 April 1699

51

11

51 lines printed; 11 lines omitted

Oxford transferred to Worcester; discussion of who will succeed to see of Oxford etc.

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168 12 April 1699

72

Dispute between Ormonde and Albemarle over the 'chief command'; Vernon believes that precedents favour the Earl's side 'but if one of the duke of Ormonde's quality and alliance has a mind to make a quarrel of it, many things may fall in to make a young favourite and a stranger very uneasy'. Discussion of the young Dean of Worcester's prospects. Vernon hopes Shrewsbury will mention Mr Walsh to William for post of envoy to The Hague: 'I don't know of any one that would discharge it better'. 'Noise' over Ormonde's quitting. Vernon's comments on how the 'Gentlemen' defeat 'our side' in division over appointing sheriffs in each county to receive the tax; Vernon states that the gentlemen supported it to prevent sheriffs being made through court displeasure. Clause in land tax bill rejected, 50-30.

169 13 April 1699

34

Ways and means: paper tax; salt; tobacco; Vernon notes: 'I take it for granted that they will not have a poll, neither side caring to propose it'. Vernon supposes that Albemarle will not fare well owing to Ormonde's departure.

170 14 April 1699

24

Harry Chivers was to face parliament but owing to illness he did not appear; on division ordering him to appear the next day, it was carried '199 against 83'. Vernon relates rumour that Pembroke might resign as lord privy seal but questions veracity. Vernon states most favour the Duke of Ormonde. Wharton loses in the Malmsbury controverted election; better fortune at Newmarket.

171 15 April 1699

27

Ormonde's case. Ways and means; very interesting comments on committee proceedings.

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172 17 April 1699

16

Resolutions of 'Saturday put into bills': land tax; doubts whether poll tax would be carried even if proposed in committee of ways and means. Gossip relating to Lord and Lady Inchiquin.

173 18 April 1699

21        76

8 lines printed, 9 lines omitted, 8 lines printed, 58 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 9 lines omitted (very small writing)

Favour of Ormonde among 'all degrees', Dean of Worcester to be elevated to Oxford; comments by Vernon on situation and Tenison's activities; Vernon urges Shrewsbury to appoint the Dean to his parsonage, so that he will have another living 'if it were within the rules'. 'I am afraid your grace has had no occasion to mention Mr Walsh to the King, but however, I shall do it in a much less advantageous manner'. Shrewsbury's instructions to Vernon concerning dispute between Ormonde and Albemarle. Vernon's message to Ormonde; replies and actions.

174 20 April 1699

16        55

55 lines omitted, 16 short lines printed

Interesting discussion of proposed patronage for the Dean of Worcester: 'I moved at last to hold the parsonage for a year only, but I think it will not be granted though it was taken ad referendum'; mention of George Vernon, a neighbour of Shrewsbury, who might get 'some prebend the Dean has'. Admiralty; Sir George Rooke will apply to the King to dispose of his service as he sees fit.

175 22 April 1699

29

Vernon hopes that the quarrel between Ormonde and Albemarle is 'well made up'. Patronage. Paper presented to Commons regarding birth of the Prince of Wales and the succession.

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176 25 April 1699

13 54

23 lines omitted, 13 lines printed, 31 lines omitted (small writing)

Congé d'elire; warrants for translation of the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry to Worcester etc; the £600 pa lease of the see of Oxford expires in eight years but Vernon intends to have the emoluments increased by at least £100 pa. Admiralty. Rumours of James joining French force in Flanders. Pembroke to become lord president; Lonsdale, privy seal. Berkeley asks to be excused to go to Constantinople to trade.

177 27 April 1699

22 77

7 lines printed, 21 lines omitted, 15 lines printed, 56 lines omitted (small writing)

Shrewsbury's proposals about Windsor Park discussed regarding keeper etc. Lady Salisbury travelling to France. Bolton. Lords pass land tax bill by a majority of only 5 or 6 owing to the tacked clause concerning Irish forfeitures. Speculation relating to paper bill. Commons resolutions relating to officer's half-pay; William may only give commands to those who are already entitled to half pay and live within the three kingdoms. Walsh's employment as envoy; 'Your Grace, make no scruple of recommending Mr Walsh; no man in the House behaves himself more steadily, or is more esteemed by your friends'.

178 29 April 1699

9 68

8 lines omitted, 9 lines printed, 60 lines omitted (small writing)

William wants Portland to stay in his service. Extensive discussion of ecclesiastical patronage: Vernon advises not to do as Lord Chancellor Somers wishes for it would offend the commissioners after they had done Shrewsbury the favour in elevating the Dean of Worcester to Oxford. Bernard Howard's buying of horses; JPs are to make him swear 'the oaths'. French Papists

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reported to be living in Westminster. Paper bill in the Commons, passes despite considerable opposition. Salt tax bill; sweets and mollasses bill.

179 2 May 1699 5 20

8 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 12 lines omitted

Shrewsbury plans to go to Windsor and Vernon writes: 'I think your being out of employment is of great advantage to the public. You will judge of everything more indifferently and not be heard with less authority'. Lords send down paper bill with amendment; Vernon considers the bill lost; sweets and mollasses bill. Jersey to leave Paris.

180 4 May 1699 26 54

24 lines printed, 51 lines omitted, 2 lines printed, 3 lines omitted

(small writing)

Howard's horses declared forfeited but Vernon believes the Brandenburg envoy (for whom they were purchased) will get them. King of Spain's health and reaction to the news of his possible death. 'The Lords and Commons are not parted extraordinary friends today'; Commons' reasons why Lords' amendment to the paper bill was unacceptable; Commons' stand on privilege over money bill; discussion of issue. Debate in Lords over Admiralty's monetary dispute with the 'wives of Wapping'. Carmarthen. Lords give third reading to the sweets and mollasses bill,

181 6 May 1699 9 19

8 lines omitted, 9 lines printed, 11 lines omitted

Printed after manuscript letter no. 179 in James with no heading, only a space. They are in fact two distinct letters (noted by Somerville).

Vernon acquaints William that Shrewsbury cannot be at Windsor until Monday. Orford suggested Lord Hartington to be treasurer of the Navy but there was no resolution; 'All reserved for the meeting at Windsor'.

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182 12 May 1699

21

Somewhat sycophantic letter in which Vernon thanks Shrewsbury 'for the trouble you were pleased to give yourself on my behalf'.

183 13 May 1699

46

Vernon tells of his dedication to hard work, assiduous avoidance of making enemies and attitude towards the Tories: 'No man has ever had so little conversation with the Tories as myself and I thought it was generally agreed among the Whigs that my Lord Orford could not do himself a greater prejudice than in driving Sir G Rooke from the Board'. Vernon notes Jersey's (proper) fear in accepting office. Patronage problems.

184 15 May 1699

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34

26 lines printed, 34 lines omitted (small writing)

Offices and patronage: Smith to stay in treasury 'with the addition of the chancellorship of the exchequer'; teller to be Mr Godolphin, treasurer of the navy to be the Speaker. Vernon wishes William to do something over patronage for Mordaunt; Jersey 'took seals last "night" as secretary of state and his place at the board'.

185 16 May 1699

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186 17 May 1699

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187 20 May 1699

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37 lines printed, 35 lines printed

James does not date the letter but it is clearly 20 May in the manuscript. Part (35 lines) is printed after 37 lines as a separate letter of 20 May. In fact this is merely a postscript (noted by Somerville).

188 23 May 1699

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| 189 | 25 May 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 29 |    |
| 190 | 27 May 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 55 |    |
| 191 | 30 May 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 55 |    |
| 192 | 31 May 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 51 |    |
| 193 | 3 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 27 |    |
| 194 | 6 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 43 |    |
| 195 | 8 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 65 |    |
| 196 | 10 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 62 |    |
| 197 | 13 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 25 |
|     | Discussion of Rear-Admiral Benbow's case, Lords justices orders relating to the libel against Worcester; printer to attend 'Thursday next'. Smith sworn in as chancellor of the exchequer. Duchess of Mazarin ill. |    |    |
| 198 | 15 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 96 |    |
| 199 | 17 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 18 |
|     | Portland to buy Lord Craven's house; Portland leaving for Holland. Bolton. <u>[Francis?] Conway Seymour's prospects of recovery.</u>                                                                               |    |    |
| 200 | 20 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 75 |    |
| 201 | 22 June 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 45 |
|     | Bolton's debts. Quarrel between Sir Harry Belasyse and Sir Basil Firebrace over former's dog being killed; Vernon settles matter and prevents a duel.                                                              |    |    |

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202 24 June 1699

27

Czar Peter intervenes in the quarrel between the elector of Brandenburg and the Poles; 100,000 men in readiness on the borders of Smolensk to invade Lithuania if the Poles invade Prussia. King of Poland has drawn 4000 Saxons together around Warsaw. Captain Polton RN killed by a bastard son of the Lord Steward. Sir Josiah Child expected to die shortly.

203 27 June 1699

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204 29 June 1699

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On the death of John Tanner (MP for Grampond), Vernon comments: 'It would be a much greater loss if his countryman Mr Boscawen should go off'. Case of Sir Harry's dog; affidavits presented to lords justices. Darien and Sir William Beeston's correspondence.

205 1 July 1699

10

'I have been to see My Lord Rochester's house by Richmond which makes me pity those who are engaged in building and at the same time have vast designs of gardens, I think they must be always poor, always uneasy'.

206 4 July 1699

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6 lines omitted, 37 lines printed

'I hope Brown will tire himself by his own impertinances'.

207 6 July 1699

55

Council meeting; discussion of charges against Sir Basil Firebrace. Disbandment; a disgruntled marine officer strikes Captain Lewis Mordaunt over the head with his sword; Mordaunt proceeds to display wound at the Admiralty and other public places. Sir William Trumbull's problems with the Hudson Bay Company over French violations of treaty (regarding beaver skins, etc).

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- 208 8 July 1699 85  
Vernon discusses with Lord Jersey the case against the informer [George] Jones [a porter at the Harrow in Grey's Inn Lane]; 'Your grace will take no notice of this affair; where I find My Lord Stamford concerned I am always jealous that somebody or another is to be tagged to his plots who know nothing of the matter, and therefore I will watch it as well as I can'.  
Pirates: Kidd; question of recompense for those pirated. Meeting of Old East India Company; prospects of a better understanding between Old and New. Four or five Irish officers seized at Loo (Holland); Vernon recounts a history of the men. Robert Young again in custody; [Irish?] Commissioners.
- 209 11 July 1699 44  
Discussion of developments in Jones's case. Lady Middleton's movements in Calais and elsewhere. Possibility of Berwick being in London but after Vernon investigates he finds that it was the Earl of Sandwich come over from France to clear his debts and that he had gone back.
- 210 13 July 1699 32
- 211 15 July 1699 55
- 212 18 July 1699 52
- 213 20 July 1699 22
- 214 22 July 1699 7  
William may see the elector of Bavaria.
- 215 25 July 1699 79
- 216 27 July 1699 26  
Discussion with Lord Chancellor Somers over the custodianship of Worcester;

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- Shrewsbury's candidacy. No council meeting owing to only three or four privy councillors attending; time of meeting to be in the mornings.
- 217 29 July 1699 17  
News of search for Captain Kidd. Case of the Bishop of St Davids. Sodomy case.
- 218 1 August 1699 80
- 219 3 August 1699 42
- 220 5 August 1699 40
- 221 8 August 1699 89
- 222 10 August 1699 85
- 223 12 August 1699 30  
Jones (?) takes out writ of Habeas Corpus; plot involving Mr Browne. Sir Robert Rich very ill.
- 224 15 August 1699 38  
'I am glad Mr J's [Jones's] friends are satisfied' as he is now at liberty; more talk of plots although it is rather obscure. Agreement between the elector (of the) Palatinate and the Duchess of Orleans.
- 225 17 August 1699 90
- 226 19 August 1699 15  
Tankerville's health. Possibility of the death of the queen dowager of Spain.
- 227 1 September 1699 34

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- 228 12 September 1699 29  
Plots and plotters: 'It is certain nobody will have [anything] to do with her [Mrs Scot], and she is ready to starve by her trade of offering her service everywhere', Vernon questions [John?] Dyer for his news about parliament and the sending of £200,000 into Holland. Actions of Irish Commissioners.
- 229 15 September 1699 11  
Scots quit settlement in Caledonia; discussion of future involvement there and in Darien.
- 230 18 September 1699 31  
Shrewsbury's bleeding. Vernon's rentals in Burfield. Scots merchants in city do not believe Sir William Beeston's news. French intend to have a settlement between Darien and Porto Bello (gold).
- 231 19 September 1699 56
- 232 21 September 1699 34
- 233 23 September 1699 14
- 234 26 September 1699 48
- 235 28 September 1699 38
- 236 No date, September 15  
Message from Vernon to the Spanish ambassador ordering him to leave England within eighteen days upon receipt of communique.
- 237 30 September 1699 84 15  
58 lines printed, 15 lines omitted, 26 lines printed  
Communique of manuscript letter no. 236.

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238 3 October 1699

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37 lines omitted, 8 lines printed

Shrewsbury's health. Guy's offer to Shrewsbury. King's movements in Holland: 'It will be now as at the making of the peace; they would have a seeming force upon them'. Vernon grows weary of the presence of the Spanish ambassador and wishes him gone. Confirmation that the Scots have left Darien owing to sickness and lack of supplies: 'It will not be amiss if they fall out amongst themselves about this matter'.

239 5 October 1699

39

Admiralty: discussion of Sir Thomas Littleton's hearing at Council; Lord Chancellor Somers states that there ought to be a more satisfactory and regular way of settling naval accounts; Vernon believes that Littleton's patent will continue in the meantime. Scots give little credit to Beeston's account, despite two Darien ships arriving in New York.

240 7 October 1699

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Departure of Spanish ambassador.

241 10 October 1699

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242 12 October 1699

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'Tho there is nothing to trouble your grace with this post I would not admit of telling you so'. Hampton Court not yet ready.

243 14 October 1699

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Discussion of why the states of Holland find difficulty in concluding Jersey's business. Admiralty: Thomas Littleton; ship's books; victualling etc.

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| 244 | No date, Thursday 2 o'clock<br><br>No mention of date by Somerville,<br><br>Sunderland and patronage. Drogheda and the report of the Irish commissioners. | 24 |  |
| 245 | No date, Saturday 10 o'clock<br><br>James printed this letter as either 15 or 16 October 1699, Somerville suggests 4 November or possibly 11 November.    | 38 |  |
| 246 | 17 October 1699<br><br>Business in Holland. King lands in Margate.                                                                                        | 38 |  |
| 247 | 19 October 1699<br><br>Probability of Shrewsbury coming to see the King.                                                                                  | 7  |  |
| 248 | 28 October 1699<br><br>Ireland. Ormonde 'a good deal out of humour at Mr Churchill being in the Admiralty'; Ormonde's poor health.                        | 20 |  |

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| 1 | 23 November 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 55  |    |
| 2 | 25 November 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     | 29 |
|   | <p>Vernon does not think that the Commons will bring proceedings against Captain Smith's book; lord president considers the book to be unprintable. William proceeds to Richmond not knowing what to make of parliamentary proceedings.</p> |     |    |
| 3 | 28 November 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 54  |    |
| 4 | 30 November 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 40  |    |
| 5 | 2 December 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 90  |    |
| 6 | 5 December 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 64  |    |
| 7 | 7 December 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 150 | 27 |

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Lords take Smith's book under consideration; as it includes a discussion of their proceedings, it is considered a breach of privilege.

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| 8  | 9 December 1699  | 64 |    |
| 9  | 12 December 1699 | 87 |    |
| 10 | 14 December 1699 | 68 |    |
| 11 | 16 December 1699 | 40 | 56 |

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James prints the letter as 18 December, Smith's 'matter is well over'; book declared a false and scandalous libel, reflecting on Shrewsbury's honour; Vernon doubts that Smith or his followers (especially Arnold) should be given so much importance.

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| 12 | 19 December 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 128 |    |
| 13 | 21 December 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 37  | 4  |
|    | 1 line printed; <u>4 lines omitted</u> ; 36 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |    |
|    | Smith to be released from prison if he petitions the Lords, admitting his faults.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |
| 14 | 23 December 1699                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 71  |    |
| 15 | 3 January 1699/1700, Wednesday 2 o'clock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 28  |    |
| 16 | 4 January 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 25  |    |
| 17 | 9 January 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 33  | 68 |
|    | 33 lines printed, <u>68 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |    |
|    | William's plans to go to Scotland; Lord Seafield proceeds north to calm churchmen. Discussion of Dartmouth election. Irish bill and payment of army. East India Company petitions for corporate status, 'they only stay for Sir Edward Seymour's coming to town'. Smith has not petitioned the Lords. Lord Ranelagh buys Cranbourn Lodge. |     |    |
| 18 | 11 January 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 35  | 7  |
|    | 35 lines printed, <u>7 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |
|    | Smith has still not petitioned. (Contested election at Newark-upon-Trent): 'We have voted Sir Francis Molyneux out of the House upon the report of his election and one Rayner comes in who is of very different principles'.                                                                                                             |     |    |
| 19 | 13 January 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 66  |    |
| 20 | 16 January 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 122 |    |
| 21 | 18 January 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 57  |    |

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| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 20 January 1699/1700 | 88      |         |
| 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 23 January 1699/1700 | 85      |         |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 25 January 1699/1700 | 105     | 7       |
| 5 lines printed, <u>7 lines omitted</u> , 100 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      |         |         |
| Vernon believes that Smith does not dare leave prison owing to his indebtedness.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                      |         |         |
| 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 27 January 1699/1700 |         | 96      |
| 20 lines in manuscript are marked 'B' and 'E'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |         |         |
| Sloane's election; 'corruption' and contravention of the act preventing bribery and corruption in elections. Discussion of 'English Grants' and civil list. Wool trade committee resolves that duty should be raised on silks and lowered on woollen goods. Discussion of East India trade. Discussion of Kingston's attack in the Commons during the previous session. Smith's book. |                      |         |         |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 30 January 1699/1700 | 18      | 87      |
| 18 lines printed, <u>87 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                      |         |         |
| 40 lines in manuscript are marked 'B' and 'E'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |         |         |
| Irish grants, Land tax, East India goods, Darien project discussed. Lords state that Seafield has letter and that it will not be treated differently from any other calumny; Vernon doubts the existence of the letter. Smith is said to be writing another book attacking Kingston but not Shrewsbury; in the book there is talk of plans to overthrow the government.               |                      |         |         |
| 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 February 1699/1700 | 79      |         |
| Printed under February 1698/9 with the manuscript dated 1 February 1699. Somerville notes this, stating that the content supports the date 1699/1700 [ <u>writing larger</u> ].                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |         |         |

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| 28 | 3 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 48 | 17 |
|    | 1 line printed, <u>17 lines omitted</u> , 47 lines printed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |    |
|    | Vernon notes parliament's pacifism and hostility towards the Dutch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |    |
| 29 | 6 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 76 | 37 |
|    | 76 lines printed, <u>37 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |
|    | Vernon speaks to the King who has not replied to a diplomatic proposal made by Shrewsbury; William believes that the Dutch quarrels with England have been settled by the last two treaties. Commons committee gives officers half-pay; attempts to expose Ranelagh's handling of the account. New poor law provisions discussed. |    |    |
| 30 | 8 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 94 | 15 |
|    | 94 lines printed, <u>15 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |
|    | Attempts to restore the Old East India Company's charter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |
| 31 | 10 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 13 | 6  |
|    | 13 lines printed, <u>6 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |    |    |
|    | Printed as 10 February 1698/9 in James, II, 265 (not mentioned by Somerville). William passes bill taking the bounty on exported corn. Sir Thomas Felton's election discussed.                                                                                                                                                    |    |    |
| 32 | 13 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 29 |    |
| 33 | 15 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 27 |    |
| 34 | 16 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 80 |    |
|    | Somerville notes that the letter is dated 16 February 1699/1700 by Vernon but Shrewsbury has endorsed it '16 February should be 17th'.                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |
| 35 | 20 February 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 61 | 38 |
|    | 61 lines printed, <u>38 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |
|    | Norfolk's divorce bill. Patronage. Swedish treaty concluded; ratification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |

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under discussion, Jersey ill, Quarrel and duel between Sir George Rooke and Captain Norris.

36 22 February 1699/1700 78 30

78 lines printed, 30 lines omitted

Report from the committee against Popery. Norfolk's divorce discussed in Lords.

37 24 February 1699/1700 105 39

93 lines printed, 38 lines omitted, 12 lines printed, 1 line omitted

Bill for incorporating the Old East India Company passed in Lords; details given. Proposal that a committee be set up to enquire into the obtaining of the Privy Seal 'for determining of the Old Company'; Leeds proposes that the King was ill-advised to issue the Privy Seal in that instance; proposal defeated by Godolphin, Marlborough and Rochester. Norfolk's divorce bill.

38 29 February 1699/1700 65 36

65 lines printed, 36 lines omitted

Lords bill regarding the appointment of commissioners to Scotland sent to the Commons with a message recommending it as important; message referred to committee to decide whether this accorded with accepted methods of procedure. Popery bill in Commons. John Colt's sharp practices during recoinage result in his removal from the Bristol customs house; Vernon comments: 'I can't but reflect on the just ways of providence when I see a man fall under a criminal accusation who I must say has been too busy in fomenting accusations against innocent persons'.

39 27 February 1699/1700 203 34

203 lines printed, 34 lines omitted

Out of order in manuscript but James prints it in the correct order.

The Papist Stephens fined; Jack Howe said to be very angry at being reflected

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on 'as chairman of Commons committee against Popery' in Stephens' letter;  
Seymour brings libel action on Howe's behalf into House while Harley orders  
him proceeded against by the attorney; Vernon believes Stephens could have  
caused trouble at the Commons bar. Norfolk's divorce bill 'will stick in  
one house or t'other'.

40 2 March 1699/1700 38 5

38 lines printed, 5 lines omitted

Commons confirm Sloane's election 144-112.

41 5 March 1699/1700 67 45

35 lines printed, 26 lines omitted, 11 lines printed, 9 lines omitted, 21  
lines printed; 10 lines omitted

A 'B' and an 'E' are marked on the manuscript but are in the wrong places.  
Printed under 5 March 1698/9 in James, II, 266-8. Mentioned by Somerville.  
Vernon has a very pleasant encounter with Lord Peterborough in the Painted  
Chamber although Sunderland subsequently comments on Peterborough unfavourably,  
finding him 'such a fickle capricious creature that there was no laying hold  
on him or depending upon a word he said, for his part he had not spoke to  
him this month but took all the care he could to avoid him'. Vernon  
uncertain whether Lord Chancellor Somers will be attacked but notes lack  
of concern and believes that Howe will not become involved. Musgrave and  
Howe successfully attack court proposals over the land tax.

42 7 March 1699/1700 28

43 9 March 1699/1700 59

Discussion of Brown's disclosures and search for patronage; his declining  
interest with Dr Chamberlain which Vernon believes will cause a decline in  
support from Lord Burlington. Vernon states that he will wreak vengeance

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upon Bobin for translating Smith's book and sending it to The Hague; Bobin soon apologises. Ways and means; important discussion of the debate to effect reconsideration of the banker's debt which involved Lowndes, Howe, Harley and Sir Christopher Musgrave.

44 12 March 1699/1700

64

Mention of naval captains Benbow and Long (Vernon states that nobody has a very high opinion of Long abroad). Ways and means; resolution to put a 15 per cent tax on East India wrought goods which may raise £100,000 for the next year. Norfolk's divorce. Bishopric of St David's. Bill against Popery.

45 14 March 1699/1700

88

Portland threatens to issue a passport to Mr Bridges in Shrewsbury's name but Vernon advises him to do nothing until he hears from Shrewsbury, urging Shrewsbury to write to Lamberty. Land tax bill and Irish forfeitures. Norfolk's divorce; the Duchess's petition. William enabled to farm the excise as he deems suitable and MPs are excluded from farming same. Howe moves for two clauses to be added to the land tax bill limiting expenditure for forces to £300,000 and requiring William's guards to be within ten miles of his person; Vernon believes that it is designed to reduce the number of horse.

46 16 March 1699/1700

65

Land tax bill; composition of commission; Harley and Christopher Musgrave oppose others of the opposition; Vernon conjectures on the results of the split. Norfolk's divorce bill; Sir John Germain named as correspondant. Captain Kidd and the pirates bill.

47 19 March 1699/1700

180

Bill against Popery in the Lords. Report of money bill (land tax). Norfolk's divorce. Vernon asks Shrewsbury to intervene in Lady Anne Holles's quarrel with the Bishop of Oxford.

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48 21 March 1699/1700

79

Captain Kidd's case and its relation to domestic politics. 'Opposite party' divided over the question of land commissioners for Ireland. Lord Hartington chairs meeting of 'Whig party' with forty or fifty present. Irish forfeitures bill.

49 23 March 1699/1700

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86

18 lines printed, 86 lines omitted

Parliamentary commissioners to appropriate military funds which will be limited to £300,000; details of the debate led by Harley and Smith; discussion of Howe's clause regarding quartering. Other financial matters.

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50 26 March 1699/1700

71

Norfolk's divorce bill.

51 28 March 1699/1700

63

Split in opposition over election of commissioners of accounts; Howe's wish to be a commissioner and his statement that he knew of several others who would serve without reward or salary; opposed by Harley and Musgrave who wished commissioners to be remunerated, not to be MPs and to be chosen by ballot; allowance fixed at £400 pa; commissioners named: Sir Godfrey Copley, Mr Cook, Bridges and Byersley; Vernon expects that if two more are added they will be Hammond and Davenant (who are said to aim at it). Irish forfeitures bill; election of commissioners; Vernon expects re-election of the four old commissioners and the secretary but notes that Lord Hartington and Jack Howe have concerted their lists; Musgrave, Seymour and Harley are said to leave out the old commissioners and to put Sir Cyril Wyche and Sir John Werden at the head of their lists. Norfolk's divorce bill.

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| 52 | 30 March 1699/1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 45  |    |
|    | Mention of the commissioners of accounts; debate over members and qualifications. Trustees for Irish forfeitures. Third reading of the land tax bill. Address of House to the King regarding JPs to which William replies that men of the best quality and estates should get the best jobs as commissioners of the peace and as lieutenants.                                          |     |    |
| 53 | 2 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 73  | 3  |
|    | 73 lines printed, <u>3 lines omitted</u> (writing smaller)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |    |
|    | Fear of delays in the Commons.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |
| 54 | 4 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 48  | 16 |
|    | 48 lines printed, <u>16 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |
|    | Minor proceedings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |
| 55 | 6 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 88  | 25 |
|    | 88 lines printed, <u>25 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |
|    | New members elected to the commission of accounts (lists etc). Lords amend excise bill throwing out clause naming commons commissioners, 56-33; Vernon expects the Commons to be in a higher ferment upon meeting 'than ever I yet saw them'; William worried as is Vernon: 'God grant that this does not end in a dissolution of the parliament and in all the confusion imaginable'. |     |    |
| 56 | No date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 223 |    |
|    | Endorsed 'April 9th Ansd 13, 1700'. James prints the letter as 'April 9 and 13' (noted by Somerville).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |    |
| 57 | 11 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 38  |    |
| 58 | 11 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 175 |    |
| 59 | 13 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 95  |    |

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| 60 | 16 April 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 189 |    |
| 61 | Sunday noon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 25  |    |
|    | Endorsed 5 May by Shrewsbury.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
| 62 | Wednesday 10 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">O'clock</span>                                                                                                                                                          | 12  |    |
|    | Endorsed 8 May by Shrewsbury. Not mentioned by Somerville.                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |
| 63 | Thursday 6 in the morning                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 76  |    |
|    | Endorsed '9 May, Ansd 10 May' by Shrewsbury. Printed in James under 9 and 10 May. Noted by Somerville.                                                                                                                                      |     |    |
| 64 | Thursday 8 at night                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 32  |    |
|    | Endorsed '9 May, Ansd 10th May' by Shrewsbury. Printed in James under 9 and 10 May (noted by Somerville).                                                                                                                                   |     |    |
| 65 | 11 May 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 109 |    |
| 66 | 12 May 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | 55 |
|    | Shrewsbury to Vernon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |
|    | Plans for handling ministerial changes etc; discussions to be held with Sunderland about same; fears etc.                                                                                                                                   |     |    |
| 67 | 14 May 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 46  |    |
| 68 | 14 May 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | 47 |
|    | New lists of deputy lieutenants and council. Admiralty; Rooke sails, perhaps to The Hague which parliament might 'cavil at' the next winter. Complications for foreign affairs owing to disclosures of the details of the Partition Treaty. |     |    |
| 69 | 16 May 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 50  |    |

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70 18 May 1700

84        22

84 lines printed, 22 lines omitted (smaller writing)

Vernon does his best to handle case against two priests but fails owing to disappearance of witnesses.

71 21 May 1700

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72 23 May 1700

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73 25 May 1700

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74 28 May 1700

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75 30 May 1700

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76 1 June 1700

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19 lines printed, 27 lines omitted

Problems of French military activities; siege of Tønning raised. Question of Lowther, the new lord keeper, receiving imagined slight.

77 4 June 1700

58        36

58 lines printed, 36 lines omitted

King opposes farming of the excise, wishing to appoint commissioners himself; Vernon hopes that 'proper persons' will be appointed so that no exceptions will be taken. Lord Keeper Lowther wishes to fill vacant judge's place and would recommend the Recorder; Vernon doubts success of Lowther's plans and believes the City would choose Sir Bartholomew Shower. Danish treaty forthcoming seemingly under French mediation.

78 6 June 1700

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30 lines printed, 18 lines omitted

Lord Keeper Lowther's plans to install Recorder as justice thwarted; Sergeant Darnell to be appointed.

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| 79                                                                                                                                                        | 8 June 1700  | 70      |         |
| 80                                                                                                                                                        | 11 June 1700 | 85      | 16      |
| 85 lines printed, <u>16 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                 |              |         |         |
| Sergeant Darnell refuses appointment as justice and wishes to be in the court of the exchequer instead (more money). Appointment of new recorder awaited. |              |         |         |
| 81                                                                                                                                                        | 13 June 1700 | 56      |         |
| 82                                                                                                                                                        | 15 June 1700 | 26      | 22      |
| 26 lines printed, <u>22 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                 |              |         |         |
| Further problems of negotiating a Northern peace.                                                                                                         |              |         |         |
| 83                                                                                                                                                        | 18 June 1700 | 113     |         |
| 84                                                                                                                                                        | 22 June 1700 | 185     | 9       |
| 185 lines printed, <u>9 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                 |              |         |         |
| New lords justices appointed for Hertfordshire.                                                                                                           |              |         |         |
| 85                                                                                                                                                        | 25 June 1700 | 110     |         |
| 86                                                                                                                                                        | 27 June 1700 | 56      |         |
| 87                                                                                                                                                        | 29 June 1700 | 84      | 11      |
| 84 lines printed, <u>11 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                 |              |         |         |
| Admiralty.                                                                                                                                                |              |         |         |
| 88                                                                                                                                                        | 2 July 1700  | 39      | 28      |
| 27 lines printed, <u>28 lines omitted</u> , 12 lines printed                                                                                              |              |         |         |
| Admiralty; movements in Northern waters and inherent dangers.                                                                                             |              |         |         |

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- 89 4 July 1700 75 29  
1 line omitted, 56 lines printed, 28 lines omitted, 19 lines printed  
 Scottish affairs and Scotland's furor over colonial disappointments; Vernon expects the parliament to be dissolved. Discussion of French ambitions in Spain; hopes that treaty negotiations at Vienna will be expedited.
- 90 6 July 1700 18  
 William sails to Holland; Vernon expects that Lord Chamberlain will leave a commission of justices and spend the rest of the summer with the King in Holland.
- 91 9 July 1700 60 75  
 60 lines printed, 75 lines omitted (smaller writing)  
 Admiralty; fleet movements; Danish peace negotiations; discussion of power struggle in the North. Scottish affairs.
- 92 11 July 1700 31 30  
 31 lines printed, 30 lines omitted  
 Vernon attends Tory dinner at Earl's Court while apologetically noting that such dinners are 'suspected to cover something very mysterious' but he observed nothing 'but good cheer and toasting'; Vernon may reciprocate. Comments made by Dr Radcliffe about being held responsible for the King's health by his critical colleagues. Rochester to travel in west country with Ormonde as he is critical of the composition of the commission of the peace; Vernon believes that the tour will change his mind.
- 93 13 July 1700 20 67  
 20 lines printed, 67 lines omitted  
 Admiralty: Northern fleet movements; question of what action to take if the Danes have troubled the English fleet. Harley intends to visit Shrewsbury, disposed to moderation 'but he hears the violence will begin on the other side'.

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- 94 16 July 1700 38  
Admiralty; dangers in the North; treaty problems.
- 95 18 July 1700 36 23  
36 lines printed, 23 lines omitted  
Arrival of Virginia fleet. East India Company commission for seizing pirates questioned but Lord Chief Justice Holt states that such commissions are 'very lawful'. Vernon thinks that he stands rather well 'if twice dining with Mr Harley and Mr Guy has not overturned it again. I see enough of both sides to think the world would go better if suspicions reigned less'.
- 96 20 July 1700 40
- 97 23 July 1700 59 32  
59 lines printed, 32 lines omitted  
Problems over the appointment of a new Lord Privy Seal. Admiralty; Northern problems. Harley has sore throat 'which he is subject to'.
- 98 25 July 1700 28  
Promoters of Address in Scotland do not meet with much success, especially in boroughs. Question of quarter for Virginia pirates.
- 99 27 July 1700 40  
Admiralty; English accused in the Dutch post of trying to bombard the Danish ships in harbour.
- 100 30 July 1700 45
- 101 1 August 1700 42  
Vernon speaks of visiting sick son at Windsor. Burnet notes the prince and princess are as well as can be expected; examination of Duke of Gloucester's body indicates that he died of a violent fever. Admiralty; Swedes had bombarded city only to make guns unserviceable.

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- 102 3 August 1700 77
- 103 6 August 1700 31 15  
31 lines printed, 15 lines omitted  
Vernon's son recovered.
- 104 8 August 1700 87
- 105 10 August 1700 15 64  
2 lines paraphrased, 7 lines printed, 8 lines omitted, 1 line printed,  
12 lines omitted, 1 line printed, 9 lines omitted, 2 lines cut and jumbled,  
37 lines condensed and paraphrased to 2 lines  
Peace in North all but concluded; discussion of its effects upon England  
with fears that while one of the parties may have been obliged by English  
action the other may be displeased. News of St Germain and the jubilation  
of the French court over Gloucester's death; Prince of Wales to be allowed  
20,000 pistoles pa. Details of Blathwayt's personal finances and attempts  
to gain an American estate.
- 106 13 August 1700 7 31  
31 lines omitted, 7 lines printed  
Question of peace or armistice in the North; the last 'will leave the  
wrangle entire and the war to break out again whenever the French please'.
- 107 15 August 1700 5 34  
28 lines omitted, 5 lines printed, 6 lines omitted  
Discussion of Shrewsbury's list of candidates for deputy lieutenants is  
signed in council. Kidd. King displeased by weak settlement for the  
succession and wishes it enlarged. Admiralty.
- 108 17 August 1700 19  
Hopes that the Danes will be driven to peace shortly.

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- 109 20 August 1700 31  
 Peace signed; Northern situation; hopes that the Swedes will retire with good grace. St Germain's not to go into mourning for Duke of Gloucester; Vernon expects that Middleton will be appointed governor to the Pretender. Sunderland seems resolved to have no more to do with public affairs.
- 110 22 August 1700 82 20  
 82 lines printed, 20 lines omitted  
 Scurrilous assassination tract discussed.
- 111 24 August 1700 19  
 Vernon will let Shrewsbury know of King's thoughts on some unstated matter as soon as possible.
- 112 27 August 1700 46 10  
 46 lines printed, 10 lines omitted  
 Discussion of king of Portugal's attitude towards Spain.
- 113 29 August 1700 66  
 Discussion of the balance of power; England will be trying to ally the various princes and France will try to have something to offer them too. Admiralty; Danes and Swedes seem to be resolved to a peaceful settlement owing to balance of power: 'Copenhagen was still to be attacked and the other [saw] that the Danish fleet would be at liberty to follow upon their ships'; Rooke said to be 'caresst' on both sides; king of Sweden's plans for Poland; Poles are now near Riga.
- 114 31 August 1700 33 52  
 33 lines printed, 52 lines omitted  
 Somerville notes that the beginning of this letter is briefly summarised in James, III, 135, but in fact only part of the omitted section is

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summarised.

Vernon relates Sir William Norris's exposition of difficulties encountered as representative of the New East India Company [and ambassador to the Great Mogul]; Norris's troubles were caused by the ill words of the Old Company and Vernon believes that Norris can cause them trouble in return.

115 3 September 1700

62

Succession; William willing to remarry if the nation desires it; a question as to how or whether he would otherwise enlarge the succession; Wharton said to be indisposed to further alterations as well. A priest imprisoned for life at the Old Bailey. French news, Questionable revelations from a Scotsman, James Somerville.

116 4 September 1700

68

William's early return brings about expectations of a new parliament but parliament may not meet until December if there is a meeting of the Scots parliament. Admiralty; Rooke may assure safe conduct of the Swedish fleet.

117 17 September 1700

24

Poles bombard Riga and hope for help from Moscovites. William so enjoying his new exercises that he may not return until October although Vernon is uncertain: 'whither that be the beginning the middle or the end of it I don't know'.

118 19 September 1700

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George Davenant soliciting for Robin Sayer's place [ensign of the yeomen of the guard]; William will not dispose of same until his return; Albemarle and Jersey promise Davenant their support [but on 27 November the post was given to Richard Uphill]. Marlborough visits Althorpe.

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| 119 | 20(?) September 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 28 |    |
|     | Election of lord mayor of London. Reluctance of Swiss canton to come into Spanish treaty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    |    |
| 120 | 21 September 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 32 |    |
|     | Scottish parliament to meet before William's return; method of controlling same.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    |    |
| 121 | 24 September 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 22 | 55 |
|     | 6 lines printed, 5 lines jumbled; <u>55 lines omitted</u> , 4 lines printed, 7 lines printed before 4 line section                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |
|     | Anxiety over enlarging the succession; Portland hopes to settle problem and favours prince of Denmark; present time thought auspicious as French are 'busyed about the Spanish Succession'. State of Northern affairs. Princess Anne ill. Wharton relates that Sunderland is likely to stay away this winter. |    |    |
| 122 | 26 September 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 23 |    |
|     | Changes in JPs of Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire; Wharton not consulted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |    |
| 123 | (1 October?) 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 65 |    |
|     | William's problems with Dutch politics; Frisia and Groningen are reluctant to consent 'to so high a state of war, as is prepared, and rather press that some of the forces be reformed'. Pensioner tries to bring peace to Swedes, Poles and Moscovites at Loo. Election of mayor of London.                  |    |    |
| 124 | 5 October 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 77 |    |
| 125 | 8 October 1700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 63 |    |
|     | Spanish succession: Pope dies; king of Spain very ill; growth of French forces. French court in mourning over Gloucester's death; Manchester                                                                                                                                                                  |    |    |

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treated by French court upon giving them the news; the Jacobite court displeased. Disputed election of mayor of London but Sir Thomas Abney is duly elected and the 'violent men lose grounds'.

126 10 October 1700 8      39

8 lines printed, 39 lines omitted

Election of mayor; discussion of attitude of factions. French army moves towards Guipúscoa owing to belief in Spanish king's death.

127 12 October 1700 19      56

1 line printed, 56 lines omitted, 18 lines printed

Northern affairs; details of attempt to effect peace.

128 15 October 1700 29

Northern affairs,

129 17 October 1700 18

Shrewsbury asks to go abroad for reasons of health.

130 19 October 1700 46

King of Spain's new will and its implications; imbroglios of the Spanish court. French sending twelve men-of-war to the Mediterranean to 'make a trial of how much we intend to be in earnest in the Execution of this treaty'.

131 20 October 1700, 5 in the afternoon 15

William's activities and movements.

132 21 April 1701 32      17

32 lines printed, 17 lines omitted

(Endorsed by Shrewsbury: 'April 21 O.S. Ansr'd. May 16 N.S. 1701')<sup>1</sup>

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1 Vernon now writes either weekly, fortnightly or less frequently but usually on the same day of the week, so as to coincide with the weekly post to Italy, enabling him to recount as many events as possible.

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Foley to be sent commission for deputy lieutenancy in Worcestershire as soon as Shrewsbury returns to England and is well satisfied; Robert Chaplain to be deputy lieutenant in Herefordshire; Thomas Smith, marshal to lieutenancy of council. King in quandary 'to know how to make a satisfactory answer to opposite addresses from the Lords and the Commons'.

133 15 May 1701 24      12

1 line printed, 9 lines omitted, 23 lines printed, 3 lines omitted

(Endorsed by Shrewsbury: 'May 15 O.S., Ansd. June 6th N.S. 1701')

Vernon states that he has told William of Shrewsbury's suggested project of doing 'extraordinary execution by canon'; William questions whether it is practicable but would have the experiment 'tried before some competent judge'; Hervart baron d'Huningen or some other suggested. Bedford made lord of the bedchamber.

134 9 June 1701 43      7

7 lines omitted, 48 lines printed

('June 9th O.S., Ansd. July 1st N.S. 1701')

Account of Shrewsbury's illness,

135 23 June 1701 68      3

68 lines printed, 3 lines omitted

('June 23rd O.S. Ansd. July 15 N.S.')

Shrewsbury acquainted with William's pleasure for the chancellorship at Orange.

136 14 July 1701 36      18

1 line printed, 18 lines omitted, 35 lines printed

19 July in James (noted by Somerville).

('July 14 O.S., Ansd. Aug. 5th N.S. 1701')

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Vernon will forward Shrewsbury's comments on a project proposed by Blathwayt to the King; Vernon agrees with Shrewsbury that it seems unworthy and that 'the secret consists of getting the money'. Vernon queries whether Naples might be a place of too much jealousy for Shrewsbury. Musgrave is said to have only kissed the King's hand and not to have had an audience; Vernon notes that Lord Ranelagh asked him to have William take notice of Musgrave 'and I see that it is improved by report'.

137 21 July 1701 21  
( 'July 21 O.S. Ansd. 12 Aug. N.S. 1701' )

138 28 July 1701 2            16  
3 lines omitted, 2 lines printed, 13 lines omitted  
( 'July 28 O.S. Ansd, Aug. 26 N.S. 1701' )

Nos. 137 and 138 are separate letters although James prints no. 138 without a new heading, as is noted by Somerville. It is improbable, however, that the letters were sent together or, according to Shrewsbury's endorsements, that they were answered at the same time.

Encloses letter from Godolphin. Discusses project of doing execution with bombs with a history of such projects and their projectors; William's pessimism noted.

139 7 August 1701 30  
( 'Aug. 7 O.S. Ansd. from Chambin Aug. 31, 1701 N.S.' )

140 1 September 1701 (Whitehall)<sup>1</sup> 45            6  
45 lines printed, 6 lines omitted

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1 Manuscript letters nos. 132-7 all appear to have taken 10 days to be answered by Shrewsbury (see discrepancy between dates of endorsement allowing for old style and new style). After manuscript letter no. 140, however, Shrewsbury has crossed the Alps and is in Italy and the letters take longer to reach him and to be answered, eg letter 140 is answered in slightly less than four weeks.

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('Sept. 1 O.S. Ansd. Oct. 7th N.S.')

Admiralty,

141 17 October 1701

33 55

5 lines omitted, 33 lines printed, 50 lines omitted

('7 Oct. O.S. Ansd. Dec. 3rd N.S.')

Somerville notes that without Walsh's letter of a week earlier (said to be enclosed) it is difficult to say whether 17 or 7 October is correct.

However '7' in the endorsement is written by Shrewsbury quite heavily as though he wished to emphasise it.

Thoughts that Manchester is becoming rather Francophile in his slow departure from France; Manchester's leave-taking from Torcy and family and a week's dining with the governor of Calais; Manchester's questionable excuses and how his good treatment is quite out of line with present French treatment of other Englishmen (examples). Details of young Christopher Musgrave's quarrel with Benjamin Overton over Musgrave's anonymous address in one of the Post Boys which 'finds fault that a neighbouring prince should set up another pretended king here'; discussion of conflict with other addresses of a similar nature.

142 31 October 1701

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This letter is endorsed as follows: 'Mr Secry. Oct. 31 O.S. Rd. 12th

Dec. : Mr Rizzi to whom it was enclosed being out of towne. Ansd.

17 Dec. N.S. 1701 . . . reason to apprehend mine of the 17 December

. . . I writt againe . . . Count Bossells. March 4th'

Shrewsbury expected to do some spying or at least he has been asked to watch Count [Galeas] Boselli. [In the event it would seem that Shrewsbury did not have to bother for a time. Boselli, whose plans to assassinate William III were (too) well known, was arrested on coming to Paris on

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31 January 1699 (NS) (Saint Simon).<sup>7</sup> Vernon assures Shrewsbury that 'nothing more is meant by it than to have a pension for some insignificant advices, but in a thing of this nature one must submit to it'; Vernon urges Shrewsbury to make certain, however, that he receive adequate payment. Portland arrives and William is expected to arrive shortly; Parliament to be prorogued week to week until William's arrival 'then I suppose it will be thought too late to call a new one if such a thing were ever intended'. Admiralty; mystery of ship's movements lifted.

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| 143 | 28 November 1701                                                                                                      | 77 |   |
|     | ('Nov. 28 O.S. Ansd. Jan. 28 N.S. 1702')                                                                              |    |   |
| 144 | 24 March 1701/2                                                                                                       | 56 |   |
|     | ('March 24 O.S. Ansd. May 13 N.S. 1702')                                                                              |    |   |
| 145 | 1 May 1702                                                                                                            | 21 |   |
|     | ('Mr Vernon May 1st O.S., Ansd. June 10th N.S. 1720 this letter is dated the same day the seals were taken from him') |    |   |
| 146 | 12 June 1702                                                                                                          | 27 |   |
|     | ('12 June O.S. Ansd. 5 Aug. N.S. 1702')                                                                               |    |   |
| 147 | 26 June 1702                                                                                                          | 40 | 6 |
|     | 40 lines printed, <u>6 lines omitted</u>                                                                              |    |   |
|     | ('26 June O.S. Ansd. 5 Aug., N.S. 1702')                                                                              |    |   |

NB Increased importance of the exchequer: Halifax expected to be sued by Carmarthen in the exchequer court which although an irregular place for deciding titles 'it may give an occasion for appealing to the house of lords in order to obtain there a direction for a trial at law'.

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| Letter |                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| 148    | 21 August 1702                                                                                                                                                   | 19          6            |
|        | <u>6 lines omitted</u> , 19 lines printed                                                                                                                        |                          |
|        | ('Aug. 21 O.S. Ansd. 7 Oct. N.S. 1702')                                                                                                                          |                          |
|        | Death of Mr Cecil.                                                                                                                                               |                          |
| 149    | 6 November 1702                                                                                                                                                  | 58                       |
|        | ('Nov. 6 O.S. Ansd. Jan. 6 N.S. 1703')                                                                                                                           |                          |
| 150    | 23 March 1702                                                                                                                                                    | 31                       |
|        | ('23 Mar. O.S. Ansd. 5 May N.S. 1703'). Printed out of order in James under 23 March 1701/2, III, 197-8 (noted by Somerville).                                   |                          |
| 151    | 28 May 1703                                                                                                                                                      | 53                       |
|        | ('Mr Vernon on 28 May O.S., Rd. July 4th, Ansd. 7 July N.S. 1703')                                                                                               |                          |
| 152    | 13 August 1703                                                                                                                                                   | 56                       |
|        | ('Aug. 13 O.S. Ansd. 22 Sept. N.S. 1703')                                                                                                                        |                          |
| 153    | No date                                                                                                                                                          | 44                       |
|        | Endorsed '24 Sept. Rd. 15 Nov., Ansd. 19th N.S. 1703'. James prints under the correct date (III, 236-8). Somerville does not mention that the letter is undated. |                          |
| 154    | 15 October 1703                                                                                                                                                  | 48                       |
|        | ('Oct. 15 O.S. Ansd. 15 Dec. N.S. 1703')                                                                                                                         |                          |
| 155    | 24 December 1703                                                                                                                                                 | 41                       |
|        | ('24 Dec. 1703 O.S. Ansd. 11 Mar N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                     |                          |
| 156    | 15 January 1703/4                                                                                                                                                | 99                       |
|        | ('Jan. 15 O.S. Ansd 1st Mar. N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                         |                          |

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| 157 | 24 March 1703/4<br><br>('Mar 24 O.S. Ansd. 3 May N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 151 |    |
| 158 | 31 March 1703/4<br><br>('31 Mar. O.S. 10 May N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 90  |    |
| 159 | 26 May 1704<br><br>('26 May O.S. Ansd. 12 July N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 71  |    |
| 160 | 2 June 1704<br><br>('June 2 O.S., Ansd. July 12 N.S.')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 42  |    |
| 161 | 18 August 1704<br><br>83 lines printed, <u>33 lines omitted</u><br><br>('Aug. 18 O.S. Ansd. 27 Sept. N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 83  | 33 |
|     | <p>Suspicion of plot increased by the queen coming up to town but council does nothing save to call a day of general thanksgiving on 7 September; fears decrease as none of note are 'taken up' and only Coleman and two others are named. Swedish man-of-war brought in by Rear-Admiral William Whetstone after refusing to strike flag, although it is subsequently released; Vernon considers the incident to be unprecedented and hopes that the king of Sweden will disregard it.</p> |     |    |
| 162 | 13 October 1704<br><br>('Oct. 13 O.S. Ansd. Nov. 22 N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 57  |    |
| 163 | 20 October 1704<br><br>('20 Oct. O.S. Ansd. 29 Nov. N.S. 1704')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 55  |    |
| 164 | 1 December 1704<br><br>('1st Dec. O.S. Ansd. 10 Jan. 1705 N.S.')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 90  |    |

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| 165 | 8 December 1704<br><br>( '8 Dec. O.S. Ansd. 24 Jan. N.S. 1705 ' )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 97 |    |
| 166 | 2 December 1707<br><br>James prints the letter as 4 December (Somerville does not mention this error),<br><br>James writes the following footnote to this letter: 'A great lapse takes place here in the correspondence, which I have not had the means of supply, though doubtless, there are many other letters existing',<br><br>In this intervening gap of three years Shrewsbury has returned to England. He left Rome on 27 April 1705 and was back in England on 10 January 1705/6. | 60 |    |
| 167 | 4 December 1707<br><br>Printed as 14 December 1707 in James, III, 294-6 (not mentioned by Somerville).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 68 |    |
| 168 | 6 December 1707                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 53 |    |
| 169 | 9 December 1707                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 60 |    |
| 170 | 11 December 1707                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 47 |    |
| 171 | 13 December 1707                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 46 |    |
| 172 | 16 December 1707<br><br><u>18 lines omitted</u> , 20 lines printed, <u>59 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 20 | 77 |

Land tax bill passes. Asgill's breach of privilege committed 16 years before is passed over but Vernon expects that his book will be censored. Problems in framing the bill abolishing the privy council in Scotland discussed; Vernon complains of the difficulties of Union, especially the ecclesiastical problem; Vernon favours maintaining the present privy council system for a time, owing to such Scottish problems as the regulation of disorders and the collection of customs. Queen expected to assent to the land tax.

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173 18 December 1707

20      20

20 lines printed, 20 lines omitted

[John] Asgill's book censured by the House and Vernon finds that his 'long defence [was] as full of fancy and banter as his book', Anne's speech to parliament asking for the increase of supply for war. Marlborough and the prince of Arenburg proceed to Woodstock,

174 20 December 1707

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Somerville notes that this letter is dated 'Jan.' by Vernon but corrected and endorsed by Shrewsbury as December,

175 23 December 1707

15      37

8 lines omitted, 15 lines printed, 29 lines omitted

The 'gentle men who have their country seats out of distance' dislike Sir W. Paulet's suggestion that parliament recess on 12 January and 'desired that the public business might be dispatched so they might return to their homes'. Committee of supply proceedings. Admiralty; movements of cruisers in the Channel.

176 13 January 1707/8

77      19

1 line printed, 17 lines omitted, 76 lines printed, 2 lines omitted

Shrewsbury's relations with Mr Secretary [Harley]. The grand jury finds against the clerk(?); Chancy and others are arrested on some unspecified charge.

177 15 January 1707/8

31      38

25 lines omitted, 31 lines printed, 13 lines omitted

Plea made that Scottish bills be made more specific regarding (1) the militia and (2) powers of JPs. Admiralty; new flag officers named. Vernon hopes that the Droitwich bill [for the better preserving the ancient salt springs] will go forward, although 'there is some doubt about this as the speaker is against it',

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178 17 January 1707/8

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179 20 January 1707/8

16      62

1 line printed, 45 lines omitted, 15 lines printed, 17 lines omitted

Admiralty. [William] Greg pleads guilty (of treasonable correspondence) at his trial and receives the death sentence, Droitwich bill, Frederick Tilney accused of unfair practices in Whitchurch by-election. Proceedings of the committee of ways and means, Lords have made no further progress with Spanish affairs except to prosecute Dr [Richard] Kingston who behaved 'very pertly without any respect to Ld. P. [Peterborough]'.

[Kingston was the author of Remarks upon Dr Friends account of the Earl of Peterborough's conduct in Spain, chiefly since the Peace of Barcelona, 1706.]

180 22 January 1707/8

47      41

47 lines printed, 41 lines omitted

Scottish Union; bill relating to the privy council discussed in detail with the successful actions of those who were enemies of the union.

181 24 January 1707/8

38      48

38 lines printed, 48 lines omitted

Scottish Union; remains of bill for dissolving the Scottish Council; arguments pro and con but the bill was ordered engrossed by a vote of 179-118. Spanish papers read; Vernon's interesting remarks. Discussion of treasonable correspondence.

182 27 January 1707/8

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183 29 January 1707/8

67      56

1 line printed, 56 lines omitted, 66 lines printed

Scottish affairs. Financial problems of the judicial system in Scotland and Wales discussed; the old standing committee for law affairs revived.

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East India Company; William Lowndes advances motion that if the Company advance £1,200,000, their charter should be prolonged for 21 years; independent traders who 'have many favourers' opposed the plan, as did the Scots' interest, but Vernon doubts that a better deal shall be made; discussion of debate and the division where it was carried 130-57 not to have further discussion but rather to proceed 'so the resolution passed',

184 31 January 1707/8 90

185 3 February 1707/8 62 47

1 line printed, 47 lines omitted, 61 lines printed

East India Company votes to accept House resolution after internal debate, Vernon notes the problem of the shareholder with little capital; 'some can't bear the inconvenience of always paying in money instead of receiving it. So those must sell perhaps to very little advantage'. Regency bill; discussion of clause passed that placemen excluded from sitting in an English parliament should also be excluded from a parliament of Great Britain; clause added that new north Britain officers should also be excluded from the time of the first regency bill; Vernon notes that the Scotch could think only of the commissioners of the equivalent who being appointed for seven years cannot lay down their offices even if they would; these will be provided for by a rider at the last reading of the bill but 'there may be more concerned than they were aware of'. Lords rules on private bills discussed.

186 5 February 1707/8 71

187<sup>1</sup> 7 February 1707/8 59

1 Throughout the manuscript there are two numberings per letter, one in black, one in red. Manuscript letter no. 187 has not been numbered in black and consequently numbers of subsequent letters do not correspond. The red numbering has been followed since this seems correct throughout.

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188 10 February 1707/8 63 11

63 lines printed, 11 lines omitted

Discussion of Droitwich bill. Annuity bill. Health of prince.

189 12 February 1707/8 63

14 February in James and the mistake is noted by Somerville,

190 14 February 1707/8 44

Annuity bill receives royal assent by commission, is fully subscribed that night 'and double the sum might have been received if the hand would have admitted it'. Ways and means; Lowndes proposes more annuities to the value of £70,000 pa; discussion of same; no resolution taken but Vernon notes 'a disposition to go that way'. Committee on American bill; aim to get rid of prize office and encourage 'men of war and privateers as a cheaper method'; Vernon notes all the international complications and questions whether the bill can be made acceptable. Lords' examination of spies.

191 17 February 1707/8 20 155

20 lines printed, 155 lines omitted

Ways and means; annuity bill passes; Scoball renews proposal for raising £900,000 which was to be supported by the resemblance of the Hollow Sword Blade Company; Vernon (no friend of the proposal) writes that this bank which had grown 'low in the world' had sold out 'to a parcell of designing citizens and others who have been carrying on contrivances to undermine the Bank of England and have been assisted in it by Goldsmiths and Scriveners'; discussion of their past actions and progress in undermining the Bank of England by issuing their own notes, etc; in the Commons Lowndes discussed the drift of their proposition 'and showed the artifice of it that they had exercised powers that they could not justify and were seeking an establishment under a disguise'; spirited debate over the plan, mention of the old Land Bank but as the opposition had the support of only a fourth or a fifth of the committee, it 'yeilded without telling', in an attempt to delete the

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|     | 99 year proviso, Droitwich, Whitchurch by-election, Bill against bribery and corruption in elections; discussion in committee.                                                                                  |    |    |
| 192 | 19 February 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                              | 57 |    |
| 193 | 21 February 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                              | 34 |    |
| 194 | 24 February 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                              | 24 | 82 |
|     | 1 line printed, <u>54 lines omitted</u> , 23 lines printed, <u>28 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                             |    |    |
|     | Scottish affairs; finance, discussion of representation of the commissioners for the Scotch equivalent. Military; detailed discussion of debate on the Queen's answer to the question over the forces in Spain. |    |    |
| 195 | 26 February 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                              | 30 |    |
| 196 | 28 February 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                              | 26 |    |
| 197 | 2 March 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 75 |    |
| 198 | 4 March 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 48 | 5  |
|     | 48 lines printed, <u>5 lines omitted</u>                                                                                                                                                                        |    |    |
|     | Printed out of order in James, III, 367-8, after manuscript letter no. 199 (not mentioned by Somerville).                                                                                                       |    |    |
|     | Lords bill on behalf of the bishops. Annuity bill engrossed.                                                                                                                                                    |    |    |
| 199 | 6 March 1707/8                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 45 |    |
| 200 | 30 October 1708                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 |    |
| 201 | 6 November 1708                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 33 |    |
| 202 | 6 November 1708                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 22 |    |

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