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sworn all my men never to yield unless famine compel us, for prevention of which I shall drive the cattle of the island into the castle, for I have provision of salt. We are three quarters pay behind at Michaelmas; I understand our Lady Day's quarter by Sir David Cunningham's procurement is at Durham, but there is no way to get it. Sir John Conyers has prevailed with Mr. Payler to lend me 10*l.* on my bill; I wish we might be paid by exchange by him, otherwise we shall suffer too much. [*Seal with arms broken.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 10,
York.

5. Sec. Vane to Sec. Windebank. I now return you your bills, signed by Sir Will. Barkley, who will give you an account of the Scotch camp, whence he has returned. A brother of Lord Fleming has come with Barkley with demands from the Rebels high enough. I have not seen them, but they are eight in number; to-morrow the Lords meet upon them, what resolution is taken with a copy thereof you shall receive by the next. I shall only tell you that I hear that without confirmation by our Parliament of what shall be agreed, if these businesses should come to a treaty, they conceive it cannot be a safe and sure peace. By this you may judge of the rest. His Majesty is content you should furnish the City with powder for their money since the Lords advise it. The rebels have to-day in their answer to his Majesty intimated the same that Bedford declared to the Lords concerning the meeting of the Peers; and we are advertised out of the south that it is conceived the Peers will not assemble here, but that some of them will come down and make a second instance for the present calling of a Parliament; and it is said also that some of the nobility have come to London and purpose to stay there to see what will be the issue of these businesses. To-morrow we shall review all the King's horse and foot, and some resolution will be taken what shall be done with the army. P.S.—Dumbarton is taken, and Edinburgh I doubt will soon follow. I almost forgot to tell you that the Duke gave his Majesty to-day information of some Turks that were stayed at Dover that had taken an English ship and were afterwards taken again by a Dunkirk one. I have taken order with Mr. Webb to send you the informations, and when you receive them it his Majesty's pleasure that you advise with some merchants what is best to be done with them, for if they are Algerines they will tell you if the setting them at liberty may not be a means to set some of our nation free at Algiers. [*Endorsed*: "Received Sept. 11 by Sir Wm. Barkley, answered 11th." 3 *pp.*]

Sept. 10,
Hull.

6. Capt. Thos. Dymoke to the same. After many rumours of the Scots proceeding towards Berwick, our regiment, Sir Thos. Glemham's, was commanded to Newcastle, where we kept strict guard, but moved not, till the enemy marching within 4 miles of the town 2,000 foot and 1,000 horse were sent in haste to stop them at the ford by Newburn; their army appeared marching on the hills, above the ford, when we were drawing into our miserable works in the valley, where we lay so exposed to their battery that their great shot was bowled in amongst our men to their great loss and

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such confusion as made them quit their works, which the enemy's horse immediately possessed, seconded by their foot in great numbers ; but first the horse on both sides exchanged a most brave but bloody encounter, the enemy's cannon extremely afflicting ours, being within their range. There was another work reasonably strong but likewise abandoned to the enemy. Our horse retreated and the flying foot were rallied by Sir Jacob Ashley in a wood where an ambush was fitly placed, but their rashness prevented its success which might have been good. Our foot advanced from the wood to a hill, where six troops of our horse made a stand, and the enemy's horse coming up fought with them the second time, but the issue was bad, Commissary Wilmott, Sir John Digby, and Capt. O'Neale were taken prisoners, and we understand sent into Scotland. The fight was sharp and short, the flight general, and the foot being overrun by the horse in a narrow lane fled for company, less than 300 of ours fell, and more of the enemy. The next day early Newcastle was deserted by us and possessed by the enemy, but Leslie and his guards did not enter till Sunday, where he heard a sermon, and dining with the Mayor for requital turned him out of doors and seized his house and goods to his own use. He seems to dispense with the inhabitants, Protestants, but the arms, ammunition, ships, and provision, besides a levy of 10,000*l.*, were made lawful prize. The town they fortify and exact the profit on coals and the goods of Recusants for payment of their army. With long and foul marches we came to York, near which we encamped. Our regiment was sent to fortify Hull, the place now aimed at by the enemy, and the town is strengthened daily by the soldiers, who are continually busy in framing an outward defence. Neither my losses in field and town, which were to the doublet I now wear can afflict me like the malice of Sir Jacob Astley, which follows me with an endless persecution, vilifying my best actions. If I may speak my opinion the first error was in sending out so few men, the next in placing those in a low valley exposed to the enemy's ordnance, which almost encompassed us on the hills ; thirdly, our want of ordnance ; fourthly, the neglect of two high banks which, commanding the lane wherein our foot were marching, might very aptly have been lined with musketeers to destroy the enemy's horse. We lost many arms to furnish the naked Scots, whose army consists of 37,000 foot and horse. They have taken Durham and Sunderland. [*Endorsed:* "My cousin Dymock from Hull ; received 13 [Sept.], answered 13th October. *Seal with arms.*"] 3 *pp.*

Sept. 10,
Rye.

7. Certificate of Rob. Orwynn, mayor of Rye, to the same. That George Edge, ever since he has been postmaster, has been very diligent in carrying the King's packet, and furnishing passengers with good horses at reasonable prices, and is a very fit man for the place though he has been much opposed and hindered in it by one John Thomas. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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Notes by Sec. Windebank of his proceedings in the King's absence. I wrote to Marquis Hamilton and sent him a packet