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London  
1642

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RELATION  
of the late Expedition into  
KENT

By the appointment of both Houses of  
PARLIAMENT.

As it was expressed in a Letter from a man  
of good credit, who was in the Action, Dated  
from Dover the 29. of August, 1642.

WHEREIN

My Lord ROPER, and Sir PETER RICAULT,  
were taken into custody and Confined unto  
Uppar Castle, and likewise how we tooke His  
Majesties great Ship called the Sove=  
raigne of the Seas, and furnisht  
her with a sufficient guard.

As also Newes from Cambridge, and  
the bringing in of Dr. WREN Bishop  
of Ely, with good store of treasure,  
to the Tower of London.

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Good Newes from  
KENT.

My love to you remembred,  
and your sonne his duty, be=  
ing both of us in good health  
praise be given to God.

When we went from Lon=  
don, the first place we staid at was Dert=  
ford in Kent, where wee quartered our  
selves for a night. The next day we came  
to Cobham-Hall, an House belonging to  
the Duke of Lenox, from whence wee  
tooke three Barbary Horses, valued at  
200. pound a piece, and five loads of  
Ammunition. The next day we went to

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Rochester, where wee had very good re=  
spect from all, and made our abode  
there two dayes: Our next remove was  
towards Maidstone, where by the way at  
Ailsford two miles short of that Towne,  
we found the House of Sir Peter Ricault,  
who also hath a faire House in London  
neere to the Stocks, he dwelleth in Ails=  
ford next doore to Sir William Cooper;  
from him they tooke certaine Plate and  
some Money, and committed his person

to Upnar-Castle over-against Chatham, which Castle we took, and all the Ordnance, and put in a Garrison of Souldiers, who keep and hold it for the King and Parliament. At Rochester wee light upon the Lord Roper, and sent him to Upnar-Castle likewise to beare Sir Peter Ricault company. After this we came to Sir William Butlers house not farre from Maidstone, where wee found good store of Plate, Money, and Povvder, all vvhich vve took possession of, but vvithall our

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Souldiers stumbled upon such plenty of Sugar and Svveat-meats, as served to take avvay the stomacks of the most of them for that day and the next. When vvee came to Maidstone, many gave us good vvords, but vvee might perceive by the countenances of divers of them, that vve vvere not so generally vvelcome as many expected. From thence vve advanced as farre as Canterbury, only by the vvay vve called in at Sir Edward Deerings, and made bold to plunder his house, albeit vve found very little, either Money or Armes. After vve vvere entred into Canterbury, vve took out of the Deanes house great store of Armes, about some three Carts lading beside 14. Barrels of Gunpovvder, vessels about the bignesse of a beer-barrel; divers of our Troop having got into the Minster, pulled dovvn the Organs, and pulled to pieces the Rayle about the Communion Table, and removed that they called their high Altar into the body of the Chancell.

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From thence wee removed towards Dover, where wee found our selves least welcome of any place we yet came to, for scarce any one would vouchsafe us a good looke, yet wee made shift to possesse our selves of the Castle for all that, and have furnished our selves with about seven thousand pounds, all which wee have made bold with out of the houses of Recusants.

One thing I had almost forgotten, that at our being at Chatham we possessed our selves of the Kings great Ship, called the Sovereigne of ehe Seas, and have put in to her a Guard of Souldiers. We suppose our next moving will be towards Rye and Hastings. Having no more to write at this time, I rest,

Yours, J. W.

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Thursday the 1. of September,  
1642.

This morning earely Nevves came to London by a Minister vvho came from Cambridge yesterday, that by Order from the Honourable House of Parliament, certaine Troopes of Horse have surprized divers Heads of the Colledges, vvho vvere suspected for sending Monies and Plate to the King, and imprisoned them, and have searcht their Colledges, and taken avvay such Plate and Money as they found there: And this afternoone Doctor Wren Bishop of Ely vvvas brought up to London, vvith otherv Doctors and Heads of Houses, being guarded vvith 500. Horse, vvho vvere seene comming thorovv West-smithfield

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in London, vvith a Cart load of Treasure brought up to the Parliament to be disposed of by them, and in the meane time the Bishop of Ely vvvas conveyed to the Tover, vvith others in his company, till the Honourable Houses of Parliament shall determine vvhat is further to be done.

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