XVII. *Warrant of Indemnity and Discharge to Lionel Earl of Middlesex, Lord High Treasurer, and to the other Commissioners of the Jewels, for having delivered certain Jewels to King James the First, which were sent by his Majesty into Spain, to the Prince of Wales and Duke of Buckingham, dated July 7, 1623. Communicated by ROBERT LEMON, Esq. in a Letter to HENRY ELLIS, Esq. F. R. S. Secretary.*

Read 18th November, 1824.

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DEAR SIR,

I BEG leave to advert to a very interesting Communication, which you laid before the Society of Antiquaries, the last night of their Meeting before the recess, of Letters from Charles Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Buckingham, to King James the First, from Madrid, in April 1623, requesting that a supply of Jewels might be sent to Spain, for their use, and to make presents; which you have recently printed in your valuable Collection of Original Letters on English History; and I have now the pleasure of transmitting to you, a copy of a very curious Document in this Office, which I flatter myself you will consider as an interesting appendage to the Letters alluded to, as it specifies every Jewel which was delivered to King James the First, to be sent to Spain, in consequence of the Prince and Duke's requisition.

The Paper which I beg leave, herewith, to inclose, is an accurate Copy of the Original Warrant of Indemnity to the Lord Treasurer

(Lionel Earl of Middlesex) and the other Commissioners of Jewels, for having delivered those Jewels to the King, which he afterwards sent to Spain, and which appear to have been considerable, both as to number and value. I leave it entirely to your better judgment to determine, whether it is worthy of being laid before the Society, or not: at all events, I have much pleasure in availing myself of Mr. Secretary Peel's permission to submit it to you, and have the honour to remain, with great respect,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient faithful servant,

ROBERT LEMON,

Deputy Keeper of State Papers.

TO HENRY ELLIS, Esq. F. R. S.
Secretary.

JAMES R.

JAMES, by the grace of God, Kinge of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whome these presentes shall come, greetinge. Whereas sithence the remaine of our secret Jewelles remayning in our secret Jewelhouse in our Tower of London, by virtue of our Commission under our Great Seale of England, bearing date the twelveth daie of November, in the nineteenth year of our raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the five and fiftith, directed to our right trustie and right welbeloved Cosens and Councillors, Lionell Lord Cranfeild, now Erle of Middlesex, our High Threasorer of England; Edward Erle of Worcester, Keeper of our Privy Seale; Thomas Erle of Arrundell and Surrey, now Erle Marshall of England; and William Erle of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlaine of our Houshold; and to our trusty and right welbeloved Coun-

cellors, Fulke Lord Brooke, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Knight, Treasurer of our Houshold, and Sir Richard Weston, Knight, Chauncellor and Underthreasorer of our Exchequer, and to our trustie and welbeloved Sir Henry Mildemay, Knight, Master of our Jewelles and Plate. And whereas also since the remaine of our secret Jewelles taken at Denmarke House, after the decease of our late deare consortie Queene Anne, by virtue of our Commission under our Greate Seale of England, bearing date the nineteenth Daie of Aprill in the seventeenth yeare of our raigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotlande the two and fiftith, directed to our right trustie and right welbeloved Cosens and Councillors, Lionell Lord Cranfeild, now Erle of Middlesex, and then Master of our Courte of Wardes and Liveries, Edward Erle of Worcester, Keeper of our Privie Seale, William Erle of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlaine of our Houshold, and John then Lord Digby, and now Erle of Bristoll, and to our trustie and right welbeloved Councillor, Sir Robert Naunton, Knight, then our Principall Secretarie, and Sir Edward Coke, Knight ; to whome wee, by our princelie word and commandment, did add our trustie and right welbeloved Councillor Sir Fulke Grevill, Knight, now Lord Brooke ; We have sent for manie and great Jewelles and precious stones, which wee commaunded the said Lord Brooke and Sir Thomas Edmondes, Knight, with others, to bringe unto us from our said Jewelhouse, at severall times ; the greatest nomber wherof wee have sent into Spaine, to our dearest sonne the Prince of Wales, and to our right trustie and right welbeloved Cosen and Councillor, George, then Marques of Buckingham, and now Duke of Buckingham, for the use and service of our said dearest sonne the Prince of Wales : and the residue have bene disposed and translated by us, according to our pleasure and direc'con in that behalf given ; that is to say, Jewelles, precious Stones, and Pearles sent into Spaine, for the use aforesaid, by severall persons undernamed : viz. A Lorayne or Double Crosse of gould, sett with two large table dyamondes ; two large triangle Dyamondes ; one pointed Dyamond, and two Dyamondes cut in fawcettes, and two rocke Rubies ; a Crosse of gould, having fower

large dyamondes, cut in fawcettes, and twelve small triangle dyamondes, with a table dyamond for the middle stone, which was wanting and supplied out of a broken Coller taken out of our old cheste; a Crosse of five large dyamondes, cutt in fawcettes; an old Crosse with fower dyamondes, cut in fawcettes, and three pearles pendant; an old Crosse of gould sett with sixe dyamondes, cutt in fawcettes; a Ringe of gould, with a large pointed dyamond cutt in fawcettes, without foyle; a Pendante of two longe faire dyamondes cutt in fawcettes, without foyle, with a faire dyamond pendante, taken from a large try-angle dyamond; three greate peare pendante Dyamondes, taken from a necklace; a Looking-glasse, sett in goulde, the backside richlie garnished with faire dyamondes, and sixe peeces of a cheyne to hange at, garnished with dyamondes on both sydes; a Head Attyre of twenty and one great peare pearles; a long Cheyne of two long ropes of fayre round pearles, weighing ten ounces, a half, and two pennie weight; a Coller of gould, conteyning thirteene great ballaces, and thirteene peeces of gould with thirteene cinques of pearles betweene them; a faire Flower of goulde, with three great ballaces in the middst; a great pointed Diamond, and three great pearles fixed, with a faire great pearle pendante, called the *Bretheren*; a great table Dyamond sett in gould, called the *Mirror of Fraunce*; and a great table Dyamond, sett open, without foyle, to which is added the least of the three pearles pendante, which did hange at the *Portugall Dyamond*: All which severall parcelles were, by our speciall comandment, delivered to our right trustie and welbeloved the Lord Compton, to be carryed into Spaine; as by our Warrant, under our Signe Manuell, dated the seventeenth day of March in the twentieth yeare of our raigne of England France and Ireland, and of Scotland the sixe and fiftith, remayninge with the said Sir Thomas Edmondes, Knight, Threasorer of our Houshold, doth appeare: also a Ring of gould, enamelled white, having a great rocke Rubie in fower clawes; a Tablet of goulde, with the Infantae's picture, garnished fullie on both sides with dyamondes; a Clocke of gould garnished on the one side with letters of dyamondes, "*Dieu et mon droyte*," and on

the other side, a crosse of dyamondes fullie garnished, with a pendaunte of dyamondes; an old Crosse of gould, sett with fayre dyamondes of an old cutt; fower round pearles fixed, and a faire round pearle pendante; an old Jesus of gould, with a crowne garnished all with dyamondes on the one side; which said five parcelles, were by our like speciall comandement, delivered to Sir John Wentworth, Knight, to be caried into Spaine to our right trustie and right welbeloved Cosen and Councillor George Duke of Buckingham; as is acknowledged by our like Warrant, dated the sixteenth day of Aprill, one thousand sixe hundred twentye and three, remayninge with the said Sir Thomas Edmondes, Knight; also a faire riche Sword, which was Prince Henrie's, fullie garnished with dyamondes of severall bignes; a great table dyamond, called the *Portugall Dyamond*, with the *Cobham Pearle* hanging at it, and the last of the three pendant pearles which did hang at this jewell; the remainder of a Necklace, havinge at the same thirteene small pendante dyamondes, and seventeene great round pearles; a faire Hattband of blacke velvett, garnished with twentie faire dyamondes, sett in buttons of gould, in manner of Spanish worke, wherof eight are fower square table dyamondes, two large sixe square table dyamondes, two eight square table dyamondes, two fower square table dyamondes, cut with fawcettes, two large pointed dyamondes, one faire hart dyamond, and three triangle dyamondes, and twenty small barres of gould, each sett with five small table dyamondes betweene every button; a long Rope of two hundred threescore and sixteene very great round pearles, weighing nine ounces; a Hattband of gould, that was Prince Henrie's, fully garnished with dyamondes, wanting one dyamonde; a Cheyne of gould, of eight and forty peeces, wherof twenty and fower are great, and twenty fower small, garnished with dyamondes, and a great George of gould hanging thereat, garnished with dyamondes of sundry sortes on the one side; a Girdle and Hangers of purple velvett, embrodered all over with pearles, and thirty fower pearles pendante of sundrie bignes, with the buckles and hookes of silver guilte; a Head Attire, broken, with two dyamondes and thirteene

great pearles; A Head Attire, having five great Emeraldes, six faire peare pearles, and five round pearles; A Pendaunte of a large tryangle dyamonde, and a small dyamonde pendante; A Coller of Gould, conteyninge thirtie peeces, wherof fifteene are roses, in eache a great pointed dyamond, and fifteene crowned cyphers of the Kinge and Queene's names, having in each of them a table dyamond; A Ring with a pointed dyamond, cutt in fawcettes, fower tryangle and two . . . le dyamondes; A Ring of a frogg of dyamondes, with a ruby in the head; A Ring like a hart, sett with small dyamondes; A Ring of plaine goulde, sett with a small pointed dyamond; A Head Attire of eleven faire peare pearles; A Bracelet of fowerscore and ten perles in three rowes, with a Locke of eight dyamondes; And a Bracelett of fowerscore and fower pearles in three rowes, with a Locke of one dyamonde and three rubies: All which severall parcelles were also, by our speciall commandement, sent into Spaine, to our dearest sonne, the Prince of Wales, by Sir Francis Stuarte, Knight; as by two warrantess under our hand, dated the ninth and fourteenth of May, one thousand six hundred twentie three, remayning with the said Lord Brooke, doth appear. Also one Coller of Goulde, of thirtie and nine peeces, sett with table dyamondes, table rubies and pearles, with letters, delivered to our owne handes, by the Erle of Middlesex, our High Threasorer of England, and by us given to our dearest Cosen, the Dutches of Lenox, at Newyearestide, one thousand six hundred twenty two; also one faire Cheyne of Gould, having threescore peeces, with fower dyamondes in each peece, and threescore great round pearles, delivered to our owne handes, by the Lord Brooke; and by us given to our deare Cosen, the late Marchionesse, and now Dutches of Buckingham, at Newyearestide, one thousand six hundred twentie two; Also one great Bezar stone, sett in gould, which was Queene Elizabethes's, with some Unicorne's Horne, in a paper; and one other large Bezar stone, broken in peeces, delivered to our owne handes, by the Lord Brooke, the two and twentieth day of Januarie, one thousand six hundred twenty and two; Also a Jewell, in forme of the letter H, sett with two pointed dyamondes, five

table dyamondes, and three pearles pendante, which wee, by our warrant, dated the eleventh of March, in the twentieth yeare of our raigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the sixe and fiftith, did comaunde our trustie and right welbeloved Councillor, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Knight, to presente, as of our guifte, to our said dearlie beloved Cosen, the Dutches of Lenox ; Also a Ringe with a small highe pointed dyamond, fower tryangle dyamondes, and sixe table dyamondes, delivered to our owne handes, by the Lord Brooke, the fowertenth daie of Mai, one thousand sixe hundred twenty three, as by our warrante of that date, remayninge with him doth appeare ; A table dyamond taken out of a Coller, devided into two branches, having in the same seaven table dyamondes, and ten rubies, eight of them being rocke rubies and two table rubies, with thirtie and sixe round pearles in twoes, for supplying of a middle stone wanting in a crosse of gould, having fower large dyamondes cutt in fawcettes, and twelve small triangle dyamondes, which crosse is sent into Spaine ; Also three table dyamondes more, taken out of the same Coller, towards the makinge of a Jewell for the Marques Inosocha, Ambassador expected from Spaine ; Also ten dyamondes, taken out of a border of gold of seaventeene collettes, in eache a faire dyamonde, towards the making of the said Jewell for the Marques of Inosocha, Ambassador expected from Spaine, all which thirteene dyamondes are delivered to George Herryott, our servante for that service, by our commandment, as by our warrante of the two and twentieth of Aprill, one thousand sixe hundred twentie three, remayning with the said Sir Thomas Edmondes, appeareth ; And, lastly, two dyamondes more, taken out of the said border, to supplie the defecte and wante of two dyamondes in the late Queene's Coller of Roses, now sent into Spaine. Wee, tendring the discharge and indempnitie of all such as wee have used therein, of our certen and assured knowledge, by these presentes doe agnize and acknowledge all the premisses to be true, and to be truly and justly recyted, and expressed, and done, by our expresse direccion and comandment ; And doe, also, by these presentes, of our especiall grace, certen knowledge and mere motion, for us,

our heires and successors, fullie, clearlie and absolutely, pardon, acquite, discharge and release, unto the said Lionell Erle of Middlesex, our High Treasurer of England ; Edward Erle of Worcester, Keeper of our Privie Seale ; Thomas Erle of Arrundell and Surrey, Erle Marshall of England ; William Erle of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlaine of our Houshold ; John Erle of Bristoll, our Vicechamberlaine ; Fulke Lord Brooke ; Sir Thomas Edmondes, Knight, Threasorer of our Houshold ; Sir Richard Weston, Knight, Chauncellor and Underthreasorer of our Exchequer ; Sir Robert Naunton, Knight ; Sir Edward Coke, Knight, and Sir Henry Mildemay, Knight, Master of our Jewelles and Plate ; their and everie of their heires, executors, and administrators, all and all manner of actions, informations, suites, claimes, impetitions, trespasses, troubles, damages, accomptes, charges, and demandes whatsoever ; which wee, our heires or successors, shall, maie, or might, by anie waie or meanes whatsoever, have, take, sue, prosecute, or demande, against the said Lionell Erle of Middlesex, Edward Erle of Worcester, Thomas Erle of Arundell and Surrey, William Erle of Pembroke, John Erle of Bristoll, Fulke Lord Brooke, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir Richard Weston, Sir Roberte Naunton, Sir Edward Coke, and Sir Henry Mildemay, Knightes, or anie of them, or against their, or anie of their heires, executors or administrators ; or their, or anie of their landes, tenementes, heriditamentes, goodes or chattelles ; of, for, touching or concerning the premisses, and all and every parte and parcell therof : And we doe, likewise, of our like certen knowledge, speciall grace, and mere motion ; for us, our heires and successors, grante unto the said Lionell Erle of Middlesex, Edward Erle of Worcester, Thomas Erle of Arundell and Surrey, William Erle of Pembroke, John Erle of Bristoll, Fulke Lord Brooke, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir Richard Weston, Sir Robert Naunton, Sir Edward Coke, and Sir Henry Mildmay, Knightes ; and every of them, their and every of their heires, executors and administrators ; that they, and every of them, their, and every of their heires, executors and administrators, and their and everie of their landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, goodes and chattelles, be of and from all actions, informations, suites, claimes, impetitions, trespasses, troubles,

damages, accomptes, charges, and demandes whatsoever, of and concerning the premisses, or anie parte or parcell therof, against us, our heires and successors, clearly and absolutelie acquitted, released, and discharged for ever, by these presentes: And further wee, of our especiall grace, certen knowledge and meere motion, doe, by these presents, for us, our heires and successors, grante unto the said Lionell Erle of Middlesex, Edward Erle of Worcester, Thomas Erle of Arundell and Surrey, William Erle of Pembroke, John Erle of Bristoll, Fulke Lord Brooke, Sir Thomss Edmondes, Sir Richard Weston, Sir Robert Naunton, Sir Edward Coke, and Sir Henry Mildmay, Knightes: and every of them, and everie of their heires, executors and administrators, that these our letters patentes, or th' inrollment therof, shalbe against us, our heires and successors, a full and sufficient discharge and acquittance, unto the said Lionell Erle of Middlesex, Edward Erle of Worcester, Thomas Erle of Arundell and Surrey, William Erle of Pembroke, John Erle of Bristoll, Fulke Lord Brooke, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir Richard Weston, Sir Robert Naunton, Sir Edward Coke, and Sir Henry Mildmay, Knightes; and everie of them, their heires, executors and administrators; and everie of them, for and concerning the premisses, and everie parte and parcell theroff, in all and every the Courtes, and before anie the Justices, Barons of the Exchequer, and other officers of us, our heires and successors whatsoever; and shalbe construed most beneficiall and availeable in the lawe, to the best benefitt and behoof of them, the said Lionell Erle of Middlesex, Edward Erle of Worcester, Thomas Erle of Arundell and Surrey, William Erle of Pembroke, John Erle of Bristoll, Fulke Lord Brooke, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir Richard Weston, Sir Robert Naunton, Sir Edward Coke, and Sir Henry Mildmay, Knightes: and everie of them, their and every of their heires, executors and administrators, and every of them; anie statute, custome, ordinance, restraunte, cause, matter or provision, had, made, ordeyned or provided, to the contrary notwithstanding. In witnes &c. Witness &c.

Exam.

(Signed) THOMAS COVENTRYE.

It maie please your Most Excellent Majestie,

This bill conteyneth your Majesties gracious pardon and discharge, unto the Lord Threasorer, and others your Commissioners for the secret Jewelles in the Tower of London, for divers and sundrie Jewelles, precious stones and pearles, sent by your Majestie into Spaine, at severall tymes, to the Prince's Highnes, and the Duke of Buckingham, by the Lord Compton, Sir John Wentworth and Sir Francis Stuarthe; and for a Ringe, with a small high pointed diamond, fower triangle diamondes, and sixe table dyamondes, and two Bezar stones, taken into your Majesties owne handes; And for a Coller of letters, with diamondes, given to the Duchesse of Richmond, Newyearestide last, And for a Cheyne of gould, with diamondes and pearles, given to the Duches of Buckingham, at the same time; And for an old Jewell, in forme of the letter H, with diamondes, given to the said Duches of Richmond; And for a table diamond, taken out of a Collar, to supplie a middle stone in a crosse with diamondes, sente into Spaine; And for three dyamondes, taken out of the same Collar, and tenn diamondes taken out of a border, delivered to George Herryott your servant, towards the making of a Jewell for the Marques of Inosocha; and for two diamondes more, taken out of the same border, to supplie two collettes, wanting diamonds in the late Queen's Coller of Roses.

Signified to be your Majestie's pleasure by the Lord Brooke.

(Signed) THOMAS COVENTRYE.

(Indorsed,)

Julij 1623.

Ex^o apud Westm' septimo die Julij, Anno R. R^os Jacobi
vicesimo primo.

(Signed) P WINDEBANKE.

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ROBERT LEMON,
Deputy Keeper of State Papers.