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March, 18. 1643.

VVE heare of a ftrange accident which chanced at Nuwark, Which however it hath befaln us, I thought good to acquaint you with, left the fame paffing through malignant hands, fhould encrease above what it is, a thing to too common with that party.

Three Companies of our men lying under the wals of Nuwarke, whether the Enemie had any notice, or only furmiled what after proved true; or whether it fell out by accident, I cannot tell, but it feems the enemy iffued out of the Town, and our men which were placed on that fide of the Town where the Enemy brak forth, had put out their matches; fo that whereas they had good Arms, Musker, Sword, and every thing compleat: neither was their any want of powder, yet the enemy came upon them juft at a pinch, when their matches were all out, fo that they could not doe any execution, fo that the enemy fupprefied three Colours, and two hundred men, fome of them they put to the fword, others A 2 they

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they use very cruelly, but the reft will be the more carefull. And how ever the Lord is pleafed to let us lose fome times; (for no fouldier can expect a continuall conquering in Military actions) yet the Lord appeares in abundance of good to us: We have of late had many viêtories, and however the Enemy may rejoice and take courage at this, and make a great matter of it, and perhaps advance it to a great height, yet let them know that the time will come wherein those milled foules they have traduced will curfe those Papifts, Prelats, Priefts, Friers, and the reft that have milled them, and therefore wee must wait Gods time, whose deliverance is most glorious in his own time.

Neither hath the Enemy much caufe to brag, for the fiege continues still, and they are as much straightned as they were before, and as far from hopes of relief.

Besides wee have this day newes of as confiderable a victory obtained by Serjeant Major Beere, neer Cambden in Glocestershire, in the edge of Warwickshire.

Serjeant Major Beer, feeing what danger he muft oppofe, the Ammunition defigned for Glocefter by reafon of fo firong a partie of the Enemies in the way, did carefully retreat with it to Warwick back again, but not to lie ftill when he had done. The valiant Major would first venture himfelf for the publick : before he ventured the publick Ammunition, hee drew out a partie of the forces defigned for the Convoy, and fell upon the enemies Quatters neer Cambden, the enemy in fhore time gave ground, our forces purfued, till at last the Enemiefied fled: divers of them throwing away their Armes for hafte.

Serjeant Major Beer tooke from the enemie I Collonell, I Lieutenant Collonel. Captains, 2 Cornets with their Colours, 2 Colours befides, the bearers being fled, 80 Horfe, 100 Prifoners, Befides divers that were flaine,

Concerning the fending of the Ammunition againe towards Glofter I can fay nothing, but no doubt God will direct them to it, when it will be beft for us, to his glo y and our good. In the meane time it is better to lie fife at Warwick, than to expose it to a hazard, I thought good to acquaint you with these short passages of news, coming fo conveniently to my hand.

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"Tertain Townsmen of Priscall, hearing of a merry meeting at a certain Alebonse, met in the fields a certain Preacher, who had lately made a bitter Sermon against Drunkards, and amongst other opprobrious words, he call'd them Mals-worms, wherefore they agreed to take him, and by violence compeld him to preach a Sermon, and his Text should be MALT, the Preacher thinking bester to yield than to contend wish them in their cause, began his Sermon as followeth.

The Text MALT.

Here is no preaching without devision, and this text cannot well be devided into words, becaufe it is but one word, nor into many fyllables, becaufe it is but one fyllable: It must therefore be devided into Letters, and those are found to be foure, that is to fay M A L T: which letters represent foure interpretations, which Schoolmen do use this M Morall, A Allegoricall, L Literall, T Typographicall.

I Part. M The Moral interpretation is M much, A Aledrinking, L Loseth, T Time.

But first to teach you boysterous men some good Manners, at least in procuring your attention to this Sermon: M Masters A All, L Listen, T to the Text.

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