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1 Introduction

The Copleston family has been well researched (believe it or not!) and can be traced back as far as the year 1200.

A lot of this work has been to the credit of Muriel Reson who sadly left us in 2003.

I hope you find the information here informative and an incredible insight to the world of

Cop(p)leston(e)s

Note the spellings vary and are predominantly the same family

Sir John Copleston

2 'House of Lords Journal Volume 13: 9 December 1680'

Copleston versus Utting, in Error.

Whereas, by virtue of His Majesty's Writ of Error, returnable into the House of Peers in Parliament assembled, a Record of the Court of King's Bench was brought into this Court, on the 6th Day of November last, with the Transcript thereof, wherein Judgement is entered for Sir John Copleston, against Robert Utting Gentleman; upon which Writ, the General Error being assigned, and Issue joined, and this Day given to hear the said Error argued: Upon hearing Counsel on the Behalf of the said Sir John Copleston; but no Counsel appearing to maintain the said Error assigned by the said Robert Utting; after due Consideration had thereof, it is ORDERED and Adjudged, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Judgement of the Court of King's Bench, given for the said Sir John Copleston, recited in the Transcript to the said Writ of Error annexed, be, and is hereby, affirmed; and that the said Writ, and Transcript annexed, be remitted into the Court of King's Bench, to the End that the said Sir John Copleston may have Execution upon the said Judgement, in like Manner as if no such Writ of Error had been brought into this Court.²

3 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 19 May 1657'

Title of Protector.

The Question being propounded, That Lord Protector shall be the Title to be inserted in the humble Petition and Advice; and that it be referred to a Committee, to consider how that Title may be bounded, limited, and circumstantiated;

And the Question being put, That that Question be now put;

The House was divided.

The Noes went out.

Sir John Hobart, Tellers for the Noes:46.

Sir Richard Lucy, With the Noes,

Sir John Copleston, Tellers for the Yeas:47.

Colonel Bingham, With the Yeas,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

And the main Question being put;

The House was again divided.

The Yeas went forth.

Lord Deputy, Tellers for the Yeas:77.

Lord Strickland, With the Yeas,

Lord Broghill, Tellers for the Noes:45.

Sir Wm. Roberts, With the Noes,

And so it was Resolved, That Lord Protector shall be the Title to be inserted into the humble Petition and Advice: And that it be referred to a Committee to consider, how that Title may be bounded, limited, and circumstantiated: Viz. To Lord Chief Justice Glyn, Lord Deputy, Lord Commissioner Fiennes, Mr. Bampfild, Major General Whalley, Major General Bridge, Lord Broghill, Lord Cockram, General Disbrough, Mr. Secretary, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Sir Lislebone Long, Major General Lilborne, Lord Lambert, Colonel Sidenham, Lord Strickland, General Mountague, Major General Berry, Attorney of the Duchy, Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Drake, Colonel Hawksworth, Colonel John Jones, Lord Eures, Sir Wm. Strickland, Mr. John Trevor, Mr. Jenkinson, Sir Thomas Wroth, Major General Goff, Colonel Philip Jones, Colonel Purefoy, Dr. Clerges, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Grove, Colonel Cooper, Mr. Dunch, Mr. Baines, Sir John Copleston, Sir John Hobart, Lord Commissioner Lisle, Sir John Thorowgood, Mr. Franc. Harvey, Colonel Wood, Major General Boteler, Mr. Cary, Mr. Young, Colonel Clerk, Colonel Zanchy, Major Owen, Lord Whitelock, Sir Thomas Pryde, Mr. Nath. Bacon, Mr. Francis Bacon, Mr. Cobb: To meet this Afternoon, at Three of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber. Earl of Northumberland.³

4 John Disbrowe

Major General Disbrowe To Secretary Thurloe [2]:

Sir,
I had yours with the former, for which I returne you my thanks. I perceive there are great contendings and struglings in all parts. I cannot saye we are free heare. Yet by the elections already made in corporations we may give some judgement, that the spirit of opposition to the present government bears not that away, that some men fancy; for att Bridgewater they have chosen myself, at Wells major Jenkins, at Bath John Ash the younger, att Thaunton generall Blake and Tho. Gorge, att Barnstaple sir John Coplestone, at Honiton major Searle. Sir I have consulted with the honest people of every county, as I came along, and with them agreed upon names, and have sett them at worke for the improvement of their interest to elect sober and good men. I must confess in every county I yet came in I heare of their making parties and undoubtedly their designs are to overthrow all. Therefore my busines is as much as in me lyes, to prevent and break all such contrivances which is and shall be the endeavour of sir,
 Your real and cordial servant,
 John Disbrowe
 Lancelton, 12 Aug. 1656⁴

5 Diary of Thomas Burton

The petition of one Marcellus Rivers, and Oxenbridge Foyle, as well on the behalf of themselves as of three score and ten more freeborn people of this nation now in slavery in the Barbadoes; setting forth most unchristian and barbarous usage of them.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, assembled in Parliament, the representative of the freeborn people of England.

The humble petition of Marcellus Rivers and Oxenbridge Foyle, as well on the behalf of themselves as of three score and ten more freeborn people of this nation now in slavery, Humbly sheweth,

That your distressed petitioners and the others, became prisoners at Exeter and Ilchester, in the west, upon pretence of Salisbury rising, in the end of the year 1654, (fn. 3) although many of them never saw Salisbury, nor "bore arms in their lives. Your petitioners, and divers of the others, were picked up as they travelled upon their lawful occasions.

Afterwards, upon an indictment preferred against your petitioner Rivers, ignoramus was found; your petitioner Foyle never being indicted: and all the rest were either quitted by the jury of life and death, or never so much as tried

or examined. Yet your petitioners, and the others, were all kept prisoners by the space of one whole year, and then on a sudden, (without the least provocation,) snatched out of their prisons; the greatest number by the command and pleasure of the then High-Sheriff, Coplestone, and others in power in the county of Devon, and driven through the streets of the city of Exon, (which is witness to this truth,) by a guard of horse and foot, (none being suffered to take leave of them,) and so hurried to Plymouth, aboard the ship John, of London, Captain John Cole, Master, where, after they had lain aboard fourteen days, the Captain hoisted sail; and at the end of five weeks and four days more, anchored at the Isle of Barbadoes, in the West Indies, being (in sailing) four thousand and five hundred miles distant from their native country, wives, children, parents, friends, and whatever is near and dear unto them; the captive prisoners being all the way locked up under decks, (and guards,) amongst horses, that their souls, through heat and steam, under the tropic, fainted in them; and they never till they came to the island knew whither they were going.

Being sadly arrived there on the May 7. 1656, the master of the ship sold your miserable petitioners, and the others; the generality of them to most inhuman and barbarous persons, for one thousand five hundred and fifty pound weight of sugar a-piece, more or less, according to their working faculties, as the goods and chattels of Martin Noell and Major Thomas, Aldermen of London, and Captain H. Hatsell, of Plymouth; neither sparing the aged of seventy-six years old, nor divines, nor officers, nor gentlemen, nor any age or condition of men, but rendering all alike in this inseparable captivity, they now generally grinding at the mills and attending at the furnaces, or digging in this scorching island; having nought to feed on (notwithstanding their hard labour) but potatoe roots, nor to drink, but water with such roots washed in it, besides the bread and tears of their own afflictions; being bought and sold still from one planter to another, or attached as horses and beasts for the debts of their masters, being whipped at the whipping-posts (as rogues,) for their masters' pleasure, and sleeping in sties worse than hogs in England, and many other ways made miserable, beyond expression or Christian imagination.

Humbly your Petitioners do remonstrate on behalf of themselves and others, their most deplorable, and (as to Englishmen) their unparalleled condition; and earnestly beg that this High Court, since they are not under any pretended conviction of law, will be pleased to examine this arbitrary power, and to question by what authority so great a breach is made upon the free people of England, they having never seen the faces of these their pretended owners, merchants that deal in slaves and souls of men, nor ever heard of their names before Mr. Cole made affidavit in the office of Barbadoes, that he sold them as their goods; but whence they derived their authority for the sale and slavery of your poor petitioners, and the rest, they are wholly ignorant to this very day. That this High Court will be farther pleased to interest their power for the redemption and reparation of your distressed petitioners, and the rest; or if the names of your petitioners, and the number of the rest, be so inconsiderable as not to be worthy of relief or your tender compassion, yet, at

least, that this Court would be pleased on die behalf of themselves and all the free-born people of England, by whose suffrages they sit in Parliament, any of whose cases it may be next, whenever a like force shall be laid on them, to take course to curb the unlimited power under which the petitioners and others suffer; that neither you nor any of their brethren, upon these miserable terms, may come into this miserable place of torment. A thing not known amongst the cruel Turks, to sell and enslave those of their own country and religion, much less the innocent. These things being granted as they hope, their souls shall pray, &c. (fn. 4) ⁵

6 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 20 January 1658'

Wednesday, 20th January, 1657.
Meeting of Parliament.

HIS Highness the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, issued his Commission under the Great Seal of England, bearing Date at Westminster, the Eighteenth Day of this Instant January; "To the Right honourable Nathaniel Fiennes, and John Lisle, Commissioners of the said Great Seal; the Right honourable John Thurloe, his Highness' Principal Secretary of State; Sir Thomas Wroth Knight, Sir John Thorowgood Knight, Sir John Trevor Knight, Sir John Copplestone Knight; Sir Lislebone Long Knight, Recorder of London; Sir Thomas Foote Knight, Alderman of London; Wm. Ellis Esquire, his Highness' Solicitor General; Nathaniel Bacon, and Francis Bacon, Esquires, his Highness' Masters of Requests; Francis Drake, William Purefoy, John Clarke, Dennis Bond, John Stone, William Boteler, Dudley Templer, Thomas Kelsey, Hezekiah Haynes, John Crofts, and Thomas Saunders, Esquires, directed; thereby authorizing them, or any Three or more of them, to tender and administer the Oath, according to the Form and Effect prescribed and set down in the humble Additional and Explanatory Petition and Advice of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, assembled in the Parliament of this Commonwealth; unto all and every Person and Persons, which then were, or then after should be, elected and returned to be Knights, Citizens, or Burgesses, of this present Parliament; and to take and receive the said Oath of all and every Person and Persons which were, or should be, so elected and returned to be Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the same Parliament; the Tenor of which Oath followeth, in these Words; viz.

I A. B. do, in the Presence, and by the Name of God Almighty, promise and swear, that, to the uttermost of my Power, in my Place, I will uphold and maintain the True, Reformed, Protestant, Christian Religion, in the Purity thereof, as it is contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, and encourage the Profession and Professors of the same; and that I will be true and faithful to the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of

England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, as chief Magistrate thereof; and shall not contrive, design, or attempt, any thing against the Person or lawful Authority of the Lord Protector; and shall endeavour, as much as in me lies, as a Member of Parliament, the Preservation of the Rights and Liberties of the People.

This present Day, early in the Morning, the aforesaid, Sir Thomas Wroth, Sir John Copplestone, Nathaniel Bacon, Francis Bacon, Dennis Bond, and John Stone, Esquires, Six of the said Commissioners, being met together in the Outer Court, at the Door of the Parliament House, with the said Commission; the Clerk of the Commonwealth's Deputy in Chancery attended with a Book of the Returns of the Names of the Knights, Citizens, Burgesses, and Barons, elected and returned, of this Parliament: And a large Table, covered with a Carpet, was placed on the South Side of the said Outer Court, and Seats on either Side thereof: And the Clerk of the Parliament attending the Commons, standing at the West End of the said Table, by Command of the said Commissioners, read the said Commission in their Audience: Whereupon the said Six Commissioners did themselves first take and receive the said Oath, every one of them repeating the Words thereof distinctly after the Clerk, who read the same, and afterwards marked the aforesaid Book of Returns, that they the said Commissioners were sworn: And the said Commissioners, being sat down at the said Table, did, in the like manner, administer the said Oath to others of the said Commissioners and Members of Parliament then present, and so successively to other Members, as they came into the said Outer Court; who, after they had taken the same, went into the House: And the Right honourable Sir Thomas Widdrington, one of the Commissioners of his Highness' Treasury, and Speaker of this House, being attended with the Serjeant at Arms, and divers other Gentlemen, waiting on him; after he had entered into the Parliament House, and that the Mace was placed on the Table, in the usual Manner; came back to the said Commissioners; and at the Table, in the said Outer Court, did, with others, take the said Oath, and then returned to the House: Also, during the Time the said Oath was administering to the Members, the said Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, before their going to the other House, came, attended with their Serjeant at Arms, and divers other Officers and Ministers of his Highness' Court of Chancery, to the said Outer Court; and sat down at the aforesaid Table there; and were present, with others of the said Commissioners in the said Commission named, whilst the said Oath was administered unto divers of the said Members of Parliament; and afterwards, taking their Leave of the other Commissioners then present at the Table, retired, and went to the other House.⁶

7 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 19 September 1656'

Renouncing Right of Car. II.

According to the Order Yesterday, the Bill, intituled, An Act for Renouncing and Disannulling the pretended Title of Charles Stuart to the Crown of England, &c. was this Day read the Second time; and, upon the Question, committed to Lord Broghill, Mr. Recorder of London, Lord Commissioner Whitelock, Mr. Bampfild, Sir Charles Wolsley, Colonel John Jones, Major General Berry, Lord Commissioner Fienes, Mr. Bond, Mr. Buller, Mr. Solicitor General, Sir Tho. Barnardiston, Mr. Crook, Major Beak, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Francis Rous, Sir Wm. Strickland, Lord Commissioner Lisle, Colonel Rous, Colonel Philip Jones, Mr. Arthur Upton, General Disbrow, Colonel Cock, Major Aston, Lord Lambert, Earl of Tweddale, Sir John Copleston; all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe that are of the House: And are to meet in the Speaker's Chamber, at Two of the Clock this Afternoon.⁷

8 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 23 May 1657'

Protector to be attended.

The Question being propounded, That a Committee be appointed to attend upon his Highness the Lord Protector, to know when this House shall attend his Highness with this humble Petition and Advice;

And the Question being put, That this Question be now put;

It passed with the Affirmative.

And the main Question being put; It was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to attend upon his Highness the Lord Protector, to know when this House shall attend his Highness with this humble Petition and Advice, Viz. Lord Chief-Justice Glynn, General Disbrow, General Mountagu, Sir Thomas Pryde, MajorGeneral Goff, Sir Lislebon Long, Lord Strickland, Lord Cleypole, Sir John Thoroughgood, Mr. Holland, Lord Commissioner Lisle, Sir John Barstead, Sir Christofer Pack, Mr. Williams, Sir John Hobart, Colonel Beomond, MajorGeneral Boteler, Sir Tho. Honywood, Lord Lambert, Sir Richard Lucy, Sir Wm. Strickland, Lord Commissioner Whitelock, Mr. Bampfild, Lord Eures, Mr. Barkley, Lord Cockram, Sir John Copleston, Colonel Purefoy, Mr. Francis Bacon, Doctor Clarges, Mr. Lucy, Sir James Mackdowell, Colonel Phil. Jones, Lord Deputy Fleetwood, Mr. Attorney of the Duchy.

Resolved, That this Committee do wait on his Highness, so soon as the House riseth.⁸

9 'House of Lords Journal Volume 13: 25 November 1680'

Percy versus Blackston and Coppleston, in Error.

Whereas James Percy Esquire hath brought Two Writs of Error into this House, in one of which the said James Percy is Plaintiff, and John Blackston Esquire is Defendant; and in the other Robert Utting is Plaintiff, and Sir John Copleston is Defendant; upon both which Writs, the Errors being assigned, and Issue joined:

It is this Day ORDERED, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That this House will hear the Errors upon the said Two Writs of Error respectively argued, by Counsel, at the Bar, on both Parts, on Thursday the Ninth Day of December next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon; whereof the said John Blackston and Sir John Coppleston respectively, are to cause timely Notice to be given to the said James Percy for that Purpose.⁹

10 The British Library - Manuscripts Catalogue - Manuscript description

11. Petition from Ames Short, clerk, to the Lord Protector Cromwell, relative to the presentation to the church of Ashwater, co. Devon, in dispute between himself and Benediet Morse; *n.d. Signed.* With minute of reference to Sir John Coppleston, Knt., and others Whitehall, 23 Nov. 1655. *Signed* "Oliver P." f. 29.
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11 'House of Lords Journal Volume 11: 30 March 1662'

Copleston's Bill.

Hodie 1avice lecta est Billa, "An Act for vesting certain Lands of John Copleston Gentleman, in Sir Francis Vincent Knight and Baronet, Thomas Waldesgrave Esquire, Charles Cornwallis Esquire, Thomas Westlake Gentleman, and their Heirs, to sell, for Payment of his Debts."¹¹

12 'House of Lords Journal Volume 11: 17 April 1662'

A Message was brought from the House of Commons, by Sir Thomas Gore and others; who brought up these Bills following, to which they desire their Lordships Concurrence:

1. "An Act for preventing of Theft and Rapine upon the Northern Borders of England."
2. "An Act for confirming a Sale of Land, made by John Copleston Gentleman, to John Mayne Merchant."

A Message was brought from the House of Commons, by Sir Solomon Swale and others; who returned these Bills following:

1. "An Act for the Reversing the Earl of Strafford's Attainder;" to which they agree, without any Alteration.
2. The Bill concerning confirming of a Decree made on the Behalf of Thomas Deereham Esquire, sent down with an Amendment, to which the Commons agree with their Lordships.¹²

13 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 1 June 1657'

Recusants.

Ordered, That Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Brisco, Mr. Bampfeyld, Mr. Pickering, Mr. West, Mr. Buller, Mr. Mackworth, Mr. Moody, Mr. Timbes, Colonel Castle, Mr. Jenkinson, Sir John Thorowgood, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Kiffin, Major Beake, Mr. Margetts, Sir John Copleston, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Burton, be added to the Committee to whom the Bill touching Recusants is referred.¹³

14 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 5 May 1657'

Adjournment.

The Question being put, That the House shall be adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Eight of Clock;
The House was divided.
The Yeas went forth.

Mr. Nath. Bacon, Tellers for the Yeas: 47.
Mr. Franc. Bacon, With the Yeas,
Sir John Copleston, Tellers for the Noes: 50.
Major Waring, With the Noes,

So it passed in the Negative.¹⁴

15 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 9 December 1656'

Carter's Estate.

A Bill to enable Richard Carter Esquire, Son and Heir of John Carter Esquire, deceased, to sell Part of his Lands, for Payment of his Debts, was this Day read the Second time; and, upon the Question, committed to Colonel Rous, Alderman Foote, Mr. Robinson, Colonel Shapcot, Captain Bradden, Captain Sutton, Colonel White, Colonel Blake, Colonel Purefoy, Mr. Reynell, Mr. Upton, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Margetts, Sir John Copleston, Mr. Fowell, Mr. St. Aubin, General Disbrow, Major Saunders, Colonel Ceely, Mr. Bampfild, Mr. Buller, Sir Christofer Pack: And are to meet To-morrow at Two of Clock in the Afternoon, in the Duchy-Chamber.¹⁵

16 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 25 November 1656'

Passing Bills.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to attend his Highness the Lord Protector, to desire his Highness to appoint a Time when this House may present unto his Highness some Bills which have been passed by this House. Resolved, That the Committee formerly appointed to attend his Highness, touching the Manner of Addresses to his Highness, shall be the Committee to attend his Highness upon the former Vote; and that Mr. Barkley, Mr. Roll, Mr. Cole, Sir Sam Sleigh, Major General Skippon, Sir John Copleston, Colonel

Purefey, Mr. Noell, Lord Deputy, Lord Cockram, Mr. Throckmorton, Mr. Robinson, Captain Baines, Sir John Hobart, Mr. Disbrow, Mr. Downing, Mr. Drake, Lord Rich. Cromwell, be added to this Committee: And they are to meet Tomorrow in the Afternoon, at Three of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.¹⁶

17 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 13 October 1656'

Leave of Absence.

Resolved, That Sir John Copleston, a Member of the House, have Leave to go into the Country for a Month.¹⁷

18 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 27 September 1656'

AN Act for the Increase and Preservation of Timber, was this Day read the Second time; and, upon the Question, committed unto Lord Whitelock, Colonel Fitz James, Lord Lambert, Colonel Chadwick, Master of the Rolls, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Gyles, Sir John Copleston, Lord Fynes, Mr. Pury, Colonel White, Major Beake, Mr. Recorder, Sir Edw. Rhodes, Colonel Shapcott, Captain Blackwell, Colonel Howard, Captain Nicholas, Colonel Cock, Colonel Michell, Mr. Hoskins, Major General Kelsey, Mr. Pytts, Colonel John Jones, Mr. George Smyth, Mr. Young, Mr. West, Mr. Throckmorton, Captain Hatsell, Mr. Trumbell, Colonel Mackworth, Captain Wagstaff, Mr. Fleetwood, Mr. Rous, Mr. Carter, Major General Bury, Colonel Clerke, Major General Lilborne, Mr. Downing, Mr. Hopkins, Major General Haines, Mr. Carey, Major Saunders, Colonel Purefoy: And this Committee are to meet in the Duchy Chamber, at Three of the Clock this Afternoon. Ordered, That the Consideration of the Preservation of Woods and Timber in the several Forests, be referred to the same Committee: And the Lord Richard Cromwell and Colonel Goff are added to that Committee.¹⁸

19 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 26 September 1656'**Security of Protector's Person.**

The Bill, intituled, An Act for the Security of his Highness the Lord Protector his Person; and Continuance of the Nation in Peace and Safety, was this Day read the Second time; and, upon the Question, committed to Mr. Recorder, of London, Mr. Secretary Thurloe, Lord Chief Justice Glyn, Sir Charles Wolsley, Mr. Attorney General, Lord Lambert, Colonel Philip Jones, Mr. Carey, Lord Rich. Cromwell, Major General Goff, Mr. Thomas, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Major Blake, Mr. Bond, Lord Commissioner Whitelock, Sir Roger Burgoyne, Major General Kelsey, Colonel Cock, Mr. Mackworth, Lord Commissioner Lisle, Mr. Lewes, Colonel Weldon, Major Beake, Major General Boteler, Colonel John Clerk, Mr. Pedley, Mr. Fowell, Sir Christofer Pack, Mr. Cromwell, Mr. Young, Colonel John Jones, Colonel White, Lord Commissioner Fyenes, General Disbrow, Major General Packer, Colonel Dawkins, Lord Broghill, Mr. Swynton, Major General Whalley, Mr. Waring, Earl of Tweddaile, Mr. Price, Colonel Jephson, Colonel Sidenham, Captain Hatsell, Sir Edward Rhodes, Mr. Shapcott, Mr. Kiffin, Mr. Hoskins, Colonel Beamont, Sir Wm. Strickland, Sir John Copleston, Colonel Rous, Alderman Foot: And are to meet in the Duchy Court, on Monday, at Two of Clock in the Afternoon.

Prisoners under condemnation.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to consider of the Business of the Portugals condemned in Prison; another condemned for Murder, Twenty Years since; and also touching Prisoners condemned, and now in Exeter Gaol; or any other of the like Nature, for Treason or Murder; and to state the particular Cases; and report the same, with their Opinion therein, to the House: Mr. Recorder, Major General Whaley, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Major General Boteler, Mr. Shapcott, Mr. Secretary Thurloe, Lord Cleypool, Colonel Purefoy, Mr. Hopkins, Colonel Jones, Mr. Waring, Major General Goff, Mr. Cludd, Colonel Fitz-James, Mr. Gorges, Mr. Heley, Major General Lilborne, Sir John Copleston, Mr. Carey, Major General Howard, Major General Bridges, Mr. Attorney General, General Disbrow, Mr. Stone, Major Blake, Mr. Shield, Major Burton, Colonel * Gorges, Mr. Hoskins, Judge Ad. Whaley, Major Templer: And are to meet Tomorrow in the Afternoon, in the Exchequer Chamber: With Power to send for Persons, Papers, Witnesses, Records.¹⁹

20 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 22 September 1656'

Publick Fast.

Lord Commissioner Whitelock reports from the Committee appointed to withdraw, a Clause to be added to the Declaration: Which was twice read; and, upon the Question, was agreed.

And the whole Declaration, so amended, with the Title thereof, being put to the Question, was passed.

Resolved, That his Highness be attended with the Draught of this Declaration, to desire his Highness's Concurrence therein.

Resolved, That Lord Commissioner Whitelock, Lord Broghill, Sir Wm. Strickland, Mr. Attorney General, Major Morris, Sir John Copleston, Sir John Hobart, Mr. Lucy, Sir Christofer Pack, Mr. Hampden, Colonel Rous, Mr. Trevor, Colonel Cock, Major General Goff, Sir John Trevor, Mr. Grove, Colonel Carter, Colonel Harvey, Lord Deputy of Ireland, Lord Lambert, Lord Commissioner Fienes, Sir Sam. Sleigh, Sir Charles Wolsley, Sir Tho. Honeywood, Major General Berry, Colonel Twisleton, Colonel Sidenham, Mr. Solicitor General, Major General Whalley, Sir Tho. Barnardiston, Earl of Tweddale, Lord Cleypool, Colonel John Jones, Sir Wm. Roberts, Lord Richard Cromwell, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Colonel Fitz-James, Lord Provost of Edenborow, Mr. Ashe, Colonel Rogers, Sir Edward Rhodes, Mr. Windham, Mr. Pitt, Colonel Grosvenor, Colonel Thistlethwaite, Colonel Coker, Major General Boteler, Colonel Chadwick, Mr. Secretary Thurloe, Colonel Disborow, Colonel Ingoldsby, Colonel John Clerk, Major General Bridge, Colonel Purefoy, Major General Howard, Mr. Rous, Mr. Williams, Major Haynes, Mr. Thomas, be a Committee appointed to attend his Highness the Lord Protector, this Afternoon, with this Declaration: And to that End they are to meet at Two of the Clock this Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber.²⁰

21 'House of Commons Journal Volume 7: 27 October 1652'

Forfeited Estates.

The humble Petition of Larder Coplestone, being about Sixteen Years old, the Son of John Copleston, of Nashe in the County of Dorset, but before his Death late of Upton in the County of Devon, was now read.

Resolved, The Name of John Copleston, late of Nashe, in the County of Dorsett, be inserted into this Bill.²¹

22 'House of Commons Journal Volume 8: 17 April 1662'

Copleston's Estate.

AN ingrossed Bill for confirming a Sale of Lands, made by John Copleston Esquire, to John Mayne, was this Day read the Third time.
Resolved, That the said Bill do pass: And that the Title shall be, An Act for confirming a Sale made by John Copleston Esquire to John Mayne Merchant.
And Mr. Cornwallis is to carry up this Bill to the Lords.²²

23 'House of Commons Journal Volume 8: 15 February 1662'

Copleston's Estate.

Sir Robert Brooke reports from the Committee to which Mr. Copleston's Bill was committed, That they had perused the Bill; and found no Defect therein, or Cause to amend the same.
Resolved, That the said Bill be ingrossed.²³

24 'House of Lords Journal Volume 12: 28 May 1675'

Ly. Clifford versus Percy, Privilege.

Upon reading the Petition of Elizabeth Lady Clifford; complaining, "That one James Percy hath brought several Actions at Law against her, and Sir John Copleston her Trustee, for Lands in Cannington, in Somersetshire, and is putting on a Trial the next Term at the King's Bench Bar in Ejectment; and praying, That she may enjoy the Privilege of a Peeress in Time of Parliament:"

It is ORDERED, That all Proceedings in the said Suit against the said Lady Clifford be, and are hereby, stopped during the Privilege of Parliament; and that the said James Percy and Mr. Utting his Lessee, and Robert Leake and Andrew Innis his Attorney and Solicitor, be, and are hereby, required to appear at the Bar of this House to answer to the said Complaint of Breach of Privilege, on Tuesday next, being the First Day of June next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.²⁴

25 'House of Lords Journal Volume 13: 6 November 1680'

Writs of Error brought in.

This Day the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench brought in Three Writs of Error, to reverse Judgements given in that Court:

1. James Percy Plaintiff, versus John Blackston Defendant.
2. Robert Utting Plaintiff, versus Sir John Copleston Defendant.
3. Christopher Fletcher Plaintiff, versus John Legg Defendant.²⁵

26 'The Diary of Thomas Burton: 24 March 1658-9'

There was, towards night, a Petition preferred on behalf of one Rivers, and one Foyle, and seventy persons sold into slavery in the Barbadoes by the Major-generals.

The Petition concerned several members, as namely, Captain Hatsell, Sir John Coplestone, and Mr. Noell. Therefore, the Committee thought fit to proceed no farther in it, but report the petition to the House.²⁶

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