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was ill used, that he was at Bridgwater, that he had but 2,000 horse and a few foot, that he was offered any conditions if he would be of the Independents' faction, which he professeth to oppose, that the King's army there is 10,000 strong at least. There are many of Col. Poyntz's horse separated, as we are informed, some troopers stayed behind and many went to other places, when they came over at Bewdley, some [went] to Birmingham, but the body went to Stourbridge, from whence they might either march toward Chester or Newark. Our hopes from the north keep us in some life. Your Lordship hath encouraged me to this boldness, but I beg your pardon, and desire the burning of this letter. [2 pp.]

Sept. 24.  
Bridgnorth.

141. Robert Stanier to the same. On Saturday the 20th the Earls of Carnwath and Niddisdale [Nithsdale], with all the King's servants who were left at Worcester, came to Bridgnorth, where upon our arrival the Governor acquainted us with your order for our march to High Arcoll [Ercall in Salop]. On Sunday I sent a messenger to advertise you that Ercall was besieged and to desire further orders, but he returned the next day, not daring to proceed on. Here we have lain ever since, advising hourly with Sir Lewis Kirke, the Commissioners, and all men else who knew the country and the condition of the enemy's garrisons, or who came from any other garrison of the King's. None of them, considering the number of the enemy, their [strong]holds, and the way of their march, would advise us to follow the King until we should hear further. In short, every man did conclude that either the King was got over the pass at Halesford into Lancashire, and then it would be too late to follow, or that he was forced back into Wales, and then we should hear of his Majesty near Bridgnorth or Ludlow very suddenly. Thus we live in expectation of hearing of his Majesty's motions, or receiving your Lordship's further orders; and as soon as we are certain that the King is in Lancashire, we shall suddenly resolve of returning to Worcester. I pray God bless the King and your Lordship in all your undertakings. P.S.—I have sent you a letter from the Commissioners of Salop about their commission, who desire that it may be expedited and sent them according to the draft I send herewith, and that you would consider of the note which you will find in another hand. [Two seals with arms. 1 p.]

Sept. 25. 142. Resolutions by the Lords and Commons touching the disposal and pay of the Scots' army, now ordered to march to the siege of Newark. [Almost identical with the Commons' resolutions passed on the 23rd, and calendared above under that date, p. 154. Printed in Lords' Journals vii., pp. 598, 599. Copy. 1½ pp.]

Sept. 25. 143. Ordered by the Lords and Commons, that Sir Wm. Brereton shall command in chief the forces of co. Chester, as formerly he did, for four months longer. [Subsequently continued for 40 days, and then 3 months. Printed in Lords' Journals vii., p. 599. =¼ p.]

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Sept. 25. 144. Ordered by the Lords and Commons, that Raby Castle be garrisoned during the continuance of these troubles. [Printed in Lords' Journals vii., p. 599.]

Sept. 25. 145. Order of the Commons. That the Earl of Denbigh shall have the pay and entertainment of 10l. per diem as Sergeant-Major-General. And that it be referred back to the Committee of Accounts to allow him the said allowance, and thereupon to certify his accompts. [Printed in Commons' Journals iv., p. 286. Copy. ¼ p.]

Sept. 25. 146. Resolution by the Commons. That this House doth declare that for the future no man, who has been in arms against the Parliament, or has adhered to the enemy's party, be admitted to be of any Committee until his particular case be first represented to this House, and allowance be given for him to be of the Committee. [Printed in Commons' Journals iv., p. 284. Copy. ½ p.]

Sept. 25. 147. Another copy of the same. [½ p.]

Sept. 25. 148. Order made at the Committee of the House of Commons for the reduced officers, signed by Anthony Nicoll, M.P., and addressed to Captain Vernon, Deputy Treasurer. On the 8th present the House having given order for 400l. to be disposed of [for arrears] to the Reformadoes who were with the Lord General [Essex] in Cornwall, and are included in the list given in by him to the House, these are to authorize you to pay to Lieut. Roger Oram 8l. 10s. This with his receipt shall be your sufficient discharge. Underwritten,  
148. i. Receipt by Roger Oram for that sum. 29 Sept. [1 p.]

Sept. 25. 149. The like to pay to Lieut. Thos. Cooper the sum of 8l. 10s. Underwritten,  
149. i. Receipt for the same. 29 Sept. 1 p.]

Sept. 25. 150. The like to pay to Lieut. John Watkin the like sum. Underwritten,  
150. i. Receipt by Thos. Chamberlain by assignment of John Watkin for 8l. 10s. [1 p.]

Sept. 25. Newcastle. 151. Sir Wm. Kerr, Earl of Lothian, to Sir H. Vane, senr., one of the English Commissioners at Berwick. Excuses his not having before replied to Vane's letter, being hindered by their march, which had been daily since the 2nd of this month. We are now stopped on the other side Tees, upon the good news we got from Scotland, and upon the desires of our Commissioners from London, that we should stay where their letters came to us. It is now desired that our army were about Nottingham in order to straiten Newark. If the letters had come to us in time we had not advanced beyond it. The Earl of Callander and myself, with one or