



THE PARLIAMENTARY DIARY OF LAWRENCE WHITAKER 1642-43.

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Octobr. 8. 1672. This Day Mr Legge came to  
you to be brought into y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>r</sup> to be received into the  
Ch<sup>r</sup>ch, who did bring to him (sp<sup>t</sup> of a Trunck of H<sup>r</sup> &  
L<sup>r</sup>) & was committed to Newgate.

After it was resolved w<sup>t</sup> Mr White a Sec<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup>  
and in W<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> should take charge of y<sup>e</sup> jail doo<sup>r</sup>. &  
a key thereof being sent to Newgate in writing by L<sup>r</sup>  
Legge.

After dinner given by C<sup>o</sup> G<sup>r</sup> & G<sup>r</sup> a Sec<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup>  
have leave to furnish themselves w<sup>t</sup> the necessary of food &  
quantity of Drapery & Cartines. W<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> giving y<sup>e</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>  
of their City.

Oct. 9. 10. This day a New Bill was brought into y<sup>e</sup> C<sup>o</sup> m<sup>ee</sup>  
by y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> it was appointed to draw it, for y<sup>e</sup> answ<sup>r</sup> of  
Opposity of Divines upon y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> last, w<sup>t</sup> the  
same had been committed to a Committee of other men in a  
Bill Dr Purdey M<sup>r</sup> of Broad<sup>r</sup> having been author<sup>r</sup> of  
of them, was exculpate<sup>d</sup> by Mr P<sup>r</sup> on the reason y<sup>e</sup> like  
several times to be<sup>r</sup> strait<sup>r</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> Parliament.

After a Report was made by y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> of  
y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> T<sup>r</sup> Mar<sup>r</sup>s. who being laborious and  
bold, when in some place in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>ince of Nobility  
had undertaken to blow up y<sup>e</sup> whole traine, y<sup>e</sup> great  
of y<sup>e</sup> Par<sup>r</sup>l<sup>r</sup> Arms.

Oct. 11. This day a Conference was had betw<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>r</sup>  
w<sup>t</sup> a Committee of both H<sup>r</sup> & S<sup>r</sup> of L<sup>r</sup> & Com<sup>ee</sup> (one  
called to talk w<sup>t</sup> his instructions wh<sup>t</sup> he had received from  
y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>r</sup> for his service in y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>r</sup> to make a speech  
professing his fidelity to y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>r</sup> & declarations y<sup>e</sup> only w<sup>t</sup>  
going into print had been that long delayed.

Oct. 12. This day y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> g<sup>r</sup> and w<sup>t</sup> a Co<sup>m</sup>  
written to Mr Rich<sup>r</sup> Nicholas to send y<sup>e</sup> pay of y<sup>e</sup>  
by his Master Com<sup>ee</sup> Declaring y<sup>e</sup> same recd<sup>r</sup>  
to his Master Com<sup>ee</sup> and y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> is sent into y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup>  
Mr D<sup>r</sup> Rappold & Mr R<sup>r</sup> G<sup>r</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> desired his  
s<sup>r</sup> to be<sup>r</sup> sent to y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> as soon as he com<sup>r</sup>

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## SUMMARY

This thesis has as its aim the presentation of the text of a substantial part of a diary kept by a member of the Long Parliament, in an edition which is readable, accessible and informative. It is essentially divided into three parts.

The first part comprises an introduction which discusses the value of historical editing as a discipline and sets out the principles upon which the present edition is constructed. It also includes biographical details of the diarist; and a physical description of the diary. Finally an essay describes some of the background to the period of the diary and an assessment is made of the value of the diary as an historical source for the period of the Civil War in England.

The second part comprises a transcription of the text of the diary: approximately fifty per cent of the whole is included in this edition.

Footnotes have been kept to a minimum in the text so as not to overburden it and smother it by an enormous apparatus. The approach taken in this edition has been to keep necessary detailed information to appendices which comprise the third part of the thesis. It is hoped that this aids the readability of the text while yet providing information necessary to a full understanding. The information includes: a list of principal persons mentioned in the text; a glossary; a chronology of events; and a map. Finally an index is included.

**STATEMENT**

This thesis contains no material which has been accepted for the award of any other degree or diploma in any university and, to the best of my belief contains no material previously published or written by another person, except when due reference is made in the text of the thesis.

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