Martis xx° die Octobr
anno 1° Caroli Regis:

Rob: Heath — mi: Gaud.
Rob: Barkeley
Huntfray Davenport } De Consilio
Henedge ffinch
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To the Kings most excellent Ma:tie

Humbly sheweth, and informeth yt most excellent Ma:tie Sr Robert Heath Kt. yt ma: Attorney Generall That wheras amongst other officers and Ministers attending the service of yt Crowne and the government of the Lawes of this Realme the office of High Sheriffe of the severall Counties of this Realme is a place of greatest trust and Confidence and of daily and Continuall use in that Countie wherein he is Sheriffe into whose Custodie the Charge of the whole Countie wherein hee is made Sheriffe is Committed And therefore yt Ma:tie like as yt most noble Progenitors and Ydecessors have formerly done, doth allwayes out of yt Royall care and speciall providence in that behalfe take the Counsell and advice aswell of sundry of the right Rt: the Lords principall officers of yt Crowne as of yt grave and reverend Judges in the Court of the Exchequer of the severall Counties of this Realme of England, and to the intent that they Could behave themselves the more Circumspectly and honestly in their severall places and offices of Sheriffewicke during the continuance of their severall and respective Sheriffewicke: It is by the Lawe provided that a strict oath concerning the due execution of the said office Could be administred to every High Sheriffe before he take upon him the Execution of the said office And wheras

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wheras one Walter Longe of Wh[illegible]n in the Countie of Wiltshire Esq: on or about the