That wee read Sr Robert Cotton was found more deeplie engaged in the fort then all the rest, in that it was tooke out of his study, and brought back, and wonde also seme as yet he had never seene it. That they wonde bee pleased to grant two things.

First for the destroyinge of the pieces.

Secondlie that Sr Robert Cottons papers might bee sorted, so that yet there bee found those wch are onlie fit for the Kings keepe, paper cowse, they maie bee there kept, where it is most convenient they shulde bee, after said the Attorney, there are found in Sr Roberts studie not Copies or transcripts, but the verie originalls of Records Leaes and treaties, wch in deed are not fit for a Sub^t to keepe. And besides as it plainlie appeares Sr Robert Cotton gate not distraction to keepe them secrett; for as yee remembred the said Sr Robert Cotton had a pardon in the 14° Jacobi for unlawfull papers.

The Lord Keeper presentlie asked the Attorney whether or not hee meant not by those originalls his Maties Records? wee answered hee did. Whereupon the Lord Keeper thought fittinge that a Commission shulde bee made for the findinge out of those originalls of Records, Leaes, treaties, and evidences, not lettinge him therby to keepe those papers wch bee fittinge for a Sub^t to possesse, So hee hee tonlinded that the Kings Records must bee kept where the Kings will have them.

The Lord Litchfeld went further, besides his assent to what the Lord Keeper had spoken. Nay said he, I believe there are papers that are not fit at all to bee kept.

Whereupon instantlie replyed. My Lordes I have knowne Sr Robert Cotton, and have knowne him longe, and to my knowledge hee hath made a Gallonder of all his papers and presented them to Kinge James to peruse. For as my Lordes in my presence brought dangerous pamphlettes to bee sacrificed to the Kings wrath and fyre, and the Lord Wee sitte were mee meaninge Montagne (wee testified as much afterwarde for his Dozen) ran witnes wch mee, therefore my Lordes seinge it is a day of mertie, rather let Sr Robt (as I know hee will) present those papers to his Maties pleasure

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