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—(4) He hath severall times perused the books of the holy scriptures,
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1685, May 18th, [London.]—"To the King's most Excellent Majesty: The humble petition of Titus Otes most humbly shews that Judgment having on Saturday last been entred in your Majesty's Court of King's Bench against your petitioner on two indictments of perjury assigned in evidence delivered above six years since in cases of high treason committed against his late Majesty of Blessed Memory by severall persons convicted attainted and executed for the same: the truth of which evidence was after strict and mature examination solemnly approved by his said late Majesty in Councell, the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, all the Judges of England and severall juryes. And for that there are manifest errors in the Proceedings and Judgements aforesaid against your petitioner,—Your petitioner most humbly prays your Majesty's warrant to the Lord Keeper of your Great Seale of England to grant your petitioner two writtes of error to the Lord Chief Justice of your Majesty's said Court of King's Bench to be directed, Requiring him to bring before your Majesty in Parliament att your Parliament to be held at Westminster the 19th of May instant the Records of the Processes and Judgements against your petitioner on both the indite-ments aforesayd that upon inspection thereof by your Majesty in Parlia-ment your Majesty may cause to bee further done what of right ought to be done therein And that in the meane time execution of the said Judgements be stayed. And your petitioner shall ever pray &c., Titus Otes."—This original petition is endorsed by the pen of Samuel Pepys, "May 18th, 1685: A Petition of Dr. Otes to the King for Writts of Error to be granted him for the bringing his Cause into Parliament, and staying execution of the late judgement against him.—Memor-andum, That he was this day the first time sett in the pillory."

JAMES THE SECOND to SIR JOHN TIPPETTS and SIR RICHARD HADDOCK, knts., and JAMES SOTHERNE, esq., Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

1685. January 6th, The Court at Whitehall.—"Our Will and Pleasure that in order to our being rightly informed in the particulars following,

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