

# Wiltshire Nobles and a King Not Pleased 1679

Whitehall, Jan. 11.

This morning Thomas Thinne Esquire, accompanied by Sir Walter St. Johns, and Sir Edward Hungerford, presented the Wiltshire Petition to the King in the name of that County. His Majesty was pleased to ask them, whether they had their Directions from the Grand Jury. Mr. Thinne answered No. His Majesty was pleased to reply, why pray you then that you come from the County? You come from a Company of loose and disaffected people. Adding, What do you take me to be? And what do you take yourselves to be! I admire Gentlemen of your Estates should animate people to rebellion and mutiny. You would not take it well I should meddle with your affairs and I desire you will not meddle with mine, especially with a matter that is so essential a part of my Prerogative.

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