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A Tyrall Skill,

BErwen *Jofias Maynard Citizen*, and Cutler of *London*, and Master of the *Noble Science of defence* at the *Black Swan* in *Holborne*, & of the *House of White-Friers*. And *William Swinnow*, alias *Scot*, *Citizen* and *Cooke* of *London*, and Master of the *Noble Science of defence*, of the *House of Tower Royall*.

GENTLEMEN,

ACcording to the ancient custome heretofore used, & practised in the use of weapons by way of Tryalls of Skill, where the Members of the said two Houses are to play one House against the other, and not to play two Members of one House against one another; Therefore for example sake, and avoyding of such disorder hereafter. I the said *Jofias Maynard* do invite the said *William Swinnow*, alias *Scot*, to meet at the *Hope* on the *Banck-side* on *Munday* next being the *twentieth* of this instant *September 1652*, betweene one and two of the *Clock* in the afternoon at the firthest. at these fourteene weapons

The Names of the Weapons,

<i>Long Sword,</i>	{	<i>Short Sword and Gauntlet,</i>
<i>Back Sword,</i>	{	<i>Halbert,</i>
<i>Single Rapier,</i>	{	<i>Case of Rapiers,</i>
<i>Sword & Dagger,</i>	{	<i>Mall,</i>
<i>Rapier & Dagger,</i>	{	<i>Single Faulchion,</i>
<i>Sword & Buckler,</i>	{	<i>Flayle,</i>
<i>Halse Pike,</i>	{	<i>Quarter-staffe,</i>

KNOW GENTLEMEN,

THat I *William Swinnow*, alias *Scot*, shall dare to meet the afore named *Jofias Maynard* if *God* permitt, at the time and place appointed, where according to the the ancient custome above mentioned: I shall without question give that content unto all, deserving Spectators as shall bee, both to my credit, and the whole *House of Tower Royall*.

GENTLEMEN.

If any accident may chance to happen, as you may conjecture easily may be, in playing of so many weapons; there shall be as formerly mentioned, Bengimon Dobson, and Francis Burgis, Professors of the Noble Science of defence, ready to performe what shall be wanting in my Person. Thus desiring nothing more then a cleare stage & from him no favour.

God preserve the Commonwealth of England.

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