

price paid for the collection, is no disadvantage in terms of the Turnbull's collecting emphasis for the seventeenth century. A decision to move away from collecting expensive major works and to concentrate on the selective acquisition of minor publications around subjects already well represented in the collections was made several years ago.

The Turnbull's collection of seventeenth century broadsides and broadsheets before this acquisition of 289 pieces in 1976 was small and very uneven in its chronological spread and subject coverage. There were only 75, all published in the 28 years between 1672 and 1699, and they were predominantly political and religious. Thirty-three published between 1672 and 1685 bound in with *Popery Display'd in its Proper Colours* by J. S. (1681) relate to the Popish Plot and 23 bound in with John Zeale's *Narrative of the Phanatical Plot* (1683) relate to the Rye House Plot. Six more, bound in with the *Arraignment, Trials, Conviction and Condemnation of Sir Rich. Grahme, Bart. Viscount Preston . . . and John Ashton, Gent. for High Treason* (1691) relate to various trials and executions for treason in the period 1695-7. The new acquisition widens the chronological spread and the subject coverage and strengthens the already strong political and religious emphasis. Though it is not fully representative of the output of broadsides in the period, the Turnbull collection now documents most of the major political and religious concerns of the period 1660-1700 and imparts much of the flavour of the times. The broadside, with its coverage of official news from the executive and Parliament, unofficial news from the streets, and current political and religious controversy, was a forerunner of the newspaper and as such justifies the description applied by Sir Leoline Jenkins, Secretary of State 1680-84 and a notorious opponent of the publication of the transactions of the House of Commons, of 'a sort of appeal to the people'.

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Items in the collection not listed in Wing (1945 & 1972) Short-Title Catalogue, 1641-1700

BRYDALL, JOHN. The case of Robert Williamson, merchant, one of the assignes of Sir Robert Vyner . . . Between Robert Williamson . . . and Mr Attorney General, defendant. Upon a writ of error in Parliament. [1699?] brs.

Dr Oates's answer to Count Teckly's letter giving him a true account of the present horrible plot. [n.p., n.d.] brs.
Possibly Wing O 2B [1684].

ENGLAND: PARLIAMENT. Die Veneris, 4. Decemb. 1646. Ordered by the Lords and Commons . . . that Wednesday next be appointed for a day of public humiliation. *For Edward Husband*, [1646] brs.