

Procession and Proceedings on the Eighth and Ninth Days of November 1796.

On the Morning of the 8th the following sixteen Gentlemen, nominated at the last Court for the purpose viz^t Mr. Key, Master, Mr. Steele, Mr. Ellis Wardens, Mr. Gatsfield, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Harrop, Mr. Wadd, Mr. Moore, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Gough, Mr. Shoon, Mr. Smith, of the Court, and Mr. Joseph Green, Mr. Thos Wood and Mr. Job Williams of the Livery, with the Assistant Clerk of the Company, met in the Court of Requests Room Guildhall, from whence on being fetched by the City Marshalls, they proceeded in Coaches to the Mansion House to Breakfast and after Breakfast returned in the same manner to Guildhall and took the left of the Hustings, sixteen Gentlemen of the Worshipful Company of Drapers (the Company of the Lord Mayor) taking the right during the Ceremony of swearing in Mr. Alderman Watson as Lord Mayor, After which they returned to the Mansion House (the Musicians taking the right) where a sumptuous dinner was provided.

On the Morning of the 9th the same sixteen Gentlemen except Mr. Gatsfield and Mr. Hardy who attended by their Proxies, met in the Sitting Alderman's Room Guildhall, and walked in Procession with sixteen Gentlemen of the Worshipful Company of Drapers with Music playing and Colours flying to the Three Candles, where they opened right and left while the Lord Mayor