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OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
Assembled in Parliament.

For

The Calling of an Assembly

Of

Learned, and Godly Divines to be
consulted with by the PARLIAMENT,

For the Setting

Of the Governement and Liturgy,
of the CHURCH of ENGLAND,

And for Vindicating and Clearing
the Doctrine of the said Church, from false
Aspersions and Interpretations; as shall be
most agreeable to the Word of God.

With the Names of all the Ministers appointed for the same.

Die Lunæ, 12 Jun. 1643.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that this
Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons
in Parliament, for the calling of an Assembly of learned
and godly Divines, and others, to be consulted with, by the Parlia-
ment, for the setting of the Government and Liturgy of the
Church of *England*, and for vindicating and clearing of the Doctrine
of the said Church from false aspersions, and interpretations.

Whereas amongst the infinite blessings of Almighty God
upon this Nation, none is, or can be more deare unto us,
then the purity of our Religion, and for that as yet ma-
ny things remaine in the Liturgy, Discipline and Go-
vernment of the Church, which doe necessarily require
a further and more perfect Reformation, then as yet hath been attai-
ned: And whereas it hath been declared and resolved by the Lords
and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the present Church-
government by Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, Commis-
saries Deanes, Deanes and Chapters, Archdeacons, and other Eccle-
siasticall Officers depending upon the Hierarchy, is evill and justly
offensive and burthensome to the Kingdome, a great impediment to
reformation and growth of Religion, and very prejudiciall to the state
and government of this Kingdome, and that therefore they are re-
solved that the same shall be taken away, and that such a government
shall be settled in the Church, as may be most agreeable to Gods holy
word, and most apt to procure and preserve the peace of the Church
at home, and nearer agreement with the Church of Scotland, and o-
ther reformed Churches abroad, and for the better effecting hereof,

and to the vindicating, and clearing of the doctrine of the Church of England from all false calumnies and aspersions, It is thought fit and necessary to call an Assembly of learned, godly, and judicious Divines, to consult and advise of such matters and things, touching the premisses, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the Houses of Parliament, and to give their advice & counsell therein, to both or either of the said Houses, when, and as often as they shall be thereunto required. Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That all and every the persons hereafter in this present Ordinance named, that is to say, Algernon Earle of Northumberland, William Earle of Bedford, Phillip Earle of Pembroke and Montgomery, William Earle of Salisbury, Henry Earle of Holland, Edward Earle of Manchester, William Lord Viscount Say and Seale, Edward Lord Viscount Conway, Phillip Lord Wharton, Edward Lord Howard of Effr. John Selden Esq. Francis Rows Esq. Edmund Prideaux Esq. Sir Henry Vane Knight *senior*, John Glyn Esq. Recorder of London, John White Esq. Bouldstrod Whitlocke Esq. Humphrey Salloway Esq. Mr. Serjeant Wild, Oliver Saint Iohn Esq. His Majesties Solicitor, Sir Benjamin Rudyard Knight, John Pym Esq. Sir John Clotworthy Knight, John Maynard Esq. Sir Henry Vane Knight *junior*, William Pierpoint Esq. William Wheeler Esq. Sir Thomas Barrington Knight, Mr. Young Esq. Sir John Evelin Knight Herbert Palmer of Ashwell Batchelor in Divinity, Oliver Boles of Sutton Batchelor in Divinity, Henry Winkinson of Madeloden Batchelor in Divinity, Thomas Valentine of Chalfont Giles Batchelor in Divinity, Dr. William Twist of Newbury. William Reynor of Egham, Mr. Haoniball Gammon of Haugan, Mr. Jasper Hicks of Lawricke, Dr. Hoyle late of Dublin in Ireland, William Bridges of Parvouth, Thomas Wincop of Ellsworth Doctor in Divinity, Thomas Goodwin of London Batchelor in Divinity, John Ley of Sudworth in Cheshire, Thomas Case of London, John Pyne of Berckerrers, Mr. Whidden of Amoretton, Dr. Richard Love of Ekington, Dr. William Gouge of Blackstrers London, Dr. Ralph Brownerigg Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Samuel Ward Master of Sid-

ney Colledge, Iohn White of Dorchester, Edward Peale of Compton,
Stephen Marshall of Finchingsfield Batchelloz in Divinity, Obediah
Sedgewicke of Cogshall Batchelloz in Divinity, M. Carter, Peter
Clerke of Carnaby, William New of Estington Batchelloz in Divi-
nity, Richard Capell of Hitchcombe, Theophilus Bathurli of Over-
ton waterbile, Phillip Nye of Kimbolton, D. Brocket Smith of
Barkway, D. Cornelius Burges of Watford, Iohn Greene of Pen-
combe, Stanley Gower of Hampton Bryan, Francis Taylor of Pak-
ding, Thomas Wilson of Otham, Anthony Tuckney of Boston, Tho-
mas Coleman of Bliton, Charles Herle of Mawthicke, Richard Her-
ricke of Manchester, Richard Cleyton of Showell, George Gibbs of
Apleston, D. Calibute Downing of Hackney, Jeremy Borroughes of
Stepney, Edmund Calamy Batchelloz in Divinity, George Walker
Batchelloz in Divinity, Ioseph Carroll of Lincolns Inne, Lazarus
Saman of London, D. Iohn Harris warden of Winchester Colledge,
George Morley of Hildenhall, Edward Reynolds of Bzanston,
Thomas Hill of Croomarch Batchelloz in Divinity, D. Robert
Saunderson of Worthby Hamell, Iohn Foxcroft of Gotham, Iohn
Jackson of Marfæ, William Carter of London, Thomas Thorough-
good of Millingham, Iohn Arrowsmith of Lynne, Robert Harris of
Hamwell Batchelloz in Divinity, Robert Crosie of Lincolne Colledge
Batchelloz in Divinity, James Archbishop of Armagh, D. Matthias
Styles of Saint George Cicheape London, Samuel Gibson of Burs-
ley, Ieremiah Whittacre of Stratton, D. Edmund Stanton of Kuge-
ston, D. Daniel Featley of Lambeth, Francis Coke of Porhall,
Iohn Lightfoote of Acheley, Edward Corbet of Merton Colledge
Dron, Samuel Helderham of felton, Iohn Langley of Westenderley,
Christopher Tisdale of Uppulbozne, Thomas Young of Stowmar-
ket, Iohn Phillip of Wrentham, Humphrey Chambers of Claver-
ton Batchelloz in Divinity, Iohn Conant of Lymington Batchelloz
in Divinity, Henry Hall of Norwich Batchelloz in Divinity, Henry
Hutton, Henry Scuddir of Colingbozne, Thomas Baylie of Manning-
ford Bruce, Benjamine Pickering of Easthondeley, Henry Nye of
Clapham, Arthur Sallaway of Seaberneskeake, Sydrake Sympson of
London, Anthony Burgesse of Sutton Coldfield, Richard Vines of
Calcot,

Calcot, William Greenhill of Stepney, William Moreton of New
castle, Richard Buckley, D. Thomas Temple of Battersey, Iosias
Shute in Lombardstreet Batchelloz in Divinity, W. Nichollson, Tho-
mas Gattaker of Rotherhithe Batchelloz in Divinity, James Weldy
of Sylatten, D. Christopher Pashley of Hawarden, Henry Tezer
Batchelloz in Divinity, William Spurstow of Hampden in Bucks.
Francis Channell of Oxon, Edward Ellis of Gillsfield Batchelloz in
Divinity, Dr. Iohn Hacket of S. Andrews Holboyne, Samuel de la
Place, Iohn de la March, Matthew Newcomen of Dedham, William
Lyford of Sherboyne in Com. Dorset, M. Carter of Dinton in
Com. Bucks. William Lance of Harrow in Middlesex, Thomas
Hodges of Kensington in Com. Middlesex, Andreas Perne of Wilby
in Com. Northampton, D. Thomas Westfield of S. Bartholomew le
great London Bishop of Bristol, D. Henry Hammon of Benshurst in
Kent, Nicholas Prophet of Marlborough in Com. Wilts, Peter
Sterry of London, Iohn Erle of Bishopston in Com. Wilts, M. Gib-
bon of Waltham, Henry Painter of Exeter Batchelloz in Divinity,
M. Michelthwaite of Cheryburton, Dr. Wincop of S. Martins in
the fields, M. Price of Pauls Church in Covent garden, Henry Wil-
kinson Batchelloz in Divinity, D. Richard Oldsworth Master of
Emmanuel Colledge in Cambridge, M. William Duning of Cold-
ston, and such other person and persons, as shall be nominated and
appointed by both Houses of Parliament, or so many of them as
shall not be letted by sicknesse or other necessary impediment, shall meet
and assemble, and are hereby required and enjoyned upon commons
signed by the Clerkes of both Houses of Parliament, left at their re-
spective dwellings, to meet and assemble themselves at West-
minster in the Chappell called S. Henry the seventhes Chappell, on the
first day of July in the yere of our Lord, one thousand six hundred
fifty three; and after the first meeting, being at least of the number
of forty, shall from time to time sit and be removed from place to
place, and also that the said Assembly shall be dissolved in such man-
ner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be directed; And the said
persons, or so many of them as shall be so assembled, or sit, shall have
power and authority, and are hereby likewise enjoyned from time to
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time during this present Parliament, or untill further Order be taken, by both the said Houses, to confer & treat amongst themselves, of such matters and things, touching and concerning the Liturgy, discipline & government of the Church of England, or the vindicating & clearing of the doctrine of the same from all false aspersions and misconstructions, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, and no other, & to deliver their Opinions and Advices of, or touching the matters aforesaid, as shall be most agreeable to the word of God, to both or either of the said Houses, from time to time, in such manner and sort, as by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, shall be required, & the same not to divulge by printing, writing or otherwise without the consent of both or either House of Parliament. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that VVilliam Twist doctor in divinity shall sit in the Chaire as Prolocutor of the said Assembly, and if he happen to die or be letted by sicknesse or other necessary impediment, then such other person to be appointed in his place, as shall be agreed on by both the said Houses of Parliament; And in case, any difference of Opinion shall happen amongst the said persons so assembled, touching any the matters, that shall be proposed to them as aforesaid, that then they shall represent the same, together with the reasons thereof to both or either the said Houses respectively, to the end such further direction may be given therein, as shall be requisite in that behalfe. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That for the Charges and Expences of the said Divines, and every of them, in attending the said service, there shall be allowed unto every of them that shall so attend, during the time of their said attendance, and for ten daies before and ten daies after the summe of foure shillings for every day, at the charges of the Commonwealth, at such time and in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be appointed. And be it further Ordained, That all and every the said Divines, so as aforesaid required and enjoyned to meet and assemble, shall be freed & acquitted of and from every offence, forfeiture, penalty, losse or damage which shall or may arise or grow by reason of any non-residence or absence

sence of them or any of them, from his or their, or any of their Church, Churches, or Cures, for, or in respect of their said attendance upon the said Service, any Law or Statute of Non-residence, or other Law or Statute enjoining their attendance upon their respective Ministries or Charges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; And if any of the persons before-named shall happen to die before the said Assembly shall be dissolved by Order of both Houses of Parliament, then such other person or persons shall be nominated and placed in the room and stead of such person and persons so dying, as by both the said Houses shall be thought fit and agreed upon: And every such person or persons so to be named shall have the like Power and Authority, Freedom, and acquittal to all intents and purposes, and also all such wages and allowances for the said Service, during the time of his or their attendance, as to any other of the said persons in this Ordinance is by this Ordinance limited and appointed. Provided alwaies that this Ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not give unto the persons aforesaid, or any of them, nor shall they in this Assembly assume to exercise any Jurisdiction, Power, or Authority Ecclesiastical whatsoever, or any other Power, then is herein particularly expressed.

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