

THE HUMBLE  
Desires and Propositions

OF  
The LORDS and COMMONS  
in PARLIAMENT, tendred to His  
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AND  
His MAJESTIES Gracious  
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*W*E Your Majesties most humble  
and faithfull Subjects, the  
Lords and Commons in Parlia-  
ment assembled, having in our  
thoughts the Glory of God, Your  
Majesties Honour, and the Pro-  
sperity of Your People, and be-  
ing most grievously afflicted with the pressing Mi-  
series and Calamities which have overwhelmed  
Your two Kingdoms of England and Ireland, since  
Your Majestie hath, by the perswasion of evil Coun-  
sellours, withdrawn Your Self from the Parlia-  
ment, raised an Army against it, and by force there-

of protected Delinquents from the Justice of it ;  
 constraining us to take Arms for The Defence of  
 our Religion, Laws, Liberties, Priviledges of  
 Parliament, and for the sitting of the Parlia-  
 ment in safetie ; which Fears and Dangers are  
 continued and increased by the Raising, Drawing  
 together, and Arming of great numbers of Papists  
 under the command of the Earl of Newcastle :  
 likewise by making the Lord Herbert of Ragland,  
 and other known Papists, Commanders of great  
 Forces, whereby many grievous Oppressions, Ra-  
 pines, and Cruelties have been, and are daily exer-  
 cised upon the Persons and Estates of Your People,  
 Much innocent blood hath been spilt, and the Pa-  
 pists have attained means of attempting, with hopes  
 of effecting their mischievous Designe of rooting out  
 the Reformed Religion, and destroying the Profes-  
 sors thereof. In the tender sense and compassion of  
 these Evils, under which Your People and King-  
 dom lie (according to the Dutie which we owe to  
 God, Your Majestie, and the Kingdom for which we  
 are trusted) do most earnestly desire, That an end  
 may be put to these great Distempers and Distrac-  
 tions, for the preventing of that Desolation which  
 doth threaten all Your Majesties Dominions ; And

*as we have rendred, and still are ready to render to Your Majestie that Subjection, Obedience, and Service which we owe unto You, so we most humbly beseech Your Majestie to remove the causes of this War, and to vouchsafe us that Peace and Protection which we and our Ancestours have formerly enjoyed under Your Majestie and Your Royall Predecessors, and graciously to accept and grant these our most humble Desires and Propositions.*

## I.

**T**hat Your Majestie will be pleased to disband Your Armies, as we likewise shall be ready to disband all those Forces which we have raised, and that You will be pleased to return to Your Parliament.

## II.

That You will leave Delinquents to a legall triall, and Judgement of Parliament.

## III.

That the Papists may not onely be disbanded, but disarmed according to Law.

## IIII.

That Your Majestie will be pleased to give Your Royall assent unto the Bill for taking away superstitious Innovations: To the Bill for the utter abolishing and taking away of all Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors and Commissaries, Deans, Subdeans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, Canons, and Prebendaries, and all Chaunters, Chancellours, Treasurers, Subtreasurers,

Succentors, and Sacristis, and all Vicars Chorall, and Choristers, old Vicars and new Vicars of any Cathedrall or Collegiate Church, & all other their under Officers out of the Church of *England*: To the Bill against scandalous Ministers: To the Bill against Pluralities: And to the Bill for consultation to be had with Godly, Religious, and Learned Divines: That Your Majestie will be pleased to promise to passe such other good Bills for settling of Church-Government, as upon consultation with the Assembly of the said Divines shall be resolved on by both Houses of Parliament, and by them be presented to Your Majestie.

## V.

That Your Majestie having exprest in Your Answer to the nineteen Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, an hearty Affection and Intention for the rooting out of Popery out of this Kingdom, and that if both the Houses of Parliament can yet finde a more effectuall course to disable Jesuits, Priests, & Popish Recusants, from disturbing the State, or deluding the Laws, that You would willingly give Your consent unto it. That You would be graciously pleased for the better discovery and speedier conviction of Recusants, that an Oath may be established by Act of Parliament, to be administred in such manner as by both Houses shall be agreed on, wherein they shall abjure and renounce the Popes Supremacy, the doctrine of Transubstantiation, Purgatory, worshipping of the consecrated Hoast, Crucifixes and Images; and the refusing the said Oath, being tendred in such manner as shall be appointed by Act of Parliament, shall be a sufficient conviction in Law of Recusancie. And that Your Majestie will be graciously pleased to give  
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Your Royall assent unto a Bill for the Education of the children of Papists by Protestants in the Protestant Religion. That for the more effectuall execution of the Laws against Popish Recusants, Your Majestie would be pleased to consent to a Bill for the true leavying of the Penalties against them, and that the same Penalties may be leavied and disposed of in such manner as both Houses of Parliament shall agree on, so as Your Majestie be at no losse: And likewise to a Bill, whereby the practice of Papists against the State may be prevented, and the Law against them duly executed.

## VI.

That the Earl of *Bristol* may be removed from Your Majesties Councils; and that both he and the Lord *Herbert*, eldest son to the Earl of *Worcester*, may likewise be restrained from coming within the Verge of the Court; And that they may not bear any Office, or have any Imploiments concerning State or Common-wealth.

## VII.

That Your Majestie will be graciously pleased by Act of Parliament to settle the *Militia* both by Sea and Land, and for the Forts and Ports of the Kingdom in such a manner as shall be agreed on by both Houses.

## VIII.

That Your Majestie will be pleased by Your Letters Patents, to make Sir *John Brampton* chief Justice of Your Court of Kings Bench; *William Lenthall* Esquire, the now Speaker of the Commons House, Master of the Rolls, and to continue the Lord chief Justice *Bankes* chief Justice of the Court of Common-Pleas, and likewise to make Master Serjeant *Wilde* chief Paron of Your Court of Exchequer, and that Master Justice *Bacon* may be continued,

and Master Serjeant *Rolls*, and Master Serjeant *Atkins* made Justices of the Kings Bench; That Master Justice *Reeves*, and Master Justice *Foster* may be continued, and Master Serjeant *Pheasant* made one of the Justices of Your Court of Common Pleas; That Master Serjeant *Creswell*, Master *Samuel Browne*, and Master *John Paleston* may be Barons of the Exchequer; And that all these, and all the Judges of the same Courts for the time to come, may hold their places by Letters Patents under the Great Seal *Quam diu se bene gesserint*; And that the severall persons not before named, that do hold any of these places before mentioned, may be removed.

## IX.

That all such persons as have been put out of the Commissions of Peace, or *Oyer and Terminer*, or from being *Custodes Rotulorum*, since the first day of April 1642. (other then such as were put out by desire of both, or either of the Houses of Parliament) may again be put into those Commissions and Offices; and that such persons may be put out of those Commissions and Offices as shall be excepted against by both Houses of Parliament.

## X.

That Your Majestie will be pleased to passe the Bill now presented to Your Majestie, to vindicate and secure the Priviledges of Parliament from the ill consequence of the late President, in the charge and proceeding against the Lord *Kimbolton*, now Earl of *Manchester*, and the five Members of the House of Commons.

## XI.

That Your Majesties Royall assent may be given unto such Acts as shall be advised by both Houses of Parliament for the satisfiing and paying the Debts and Damages,



images, wherein the two Houses of Parliament have engaged the Publike Faith of the Kingdom.

## XII.

That Your Majestie will be pleased, according to a gracious Answer heretofore received from You, to enter into a more strict Alliance with the States of the United Provinces, and other Neighbour Princes and States of the Protestant Religion, for the defence and maintenance thereof against all Designes and Attempts of the Popish and Jesuiticall Faction to subvert and suppress it, whereby Your Subjects may hope to be free from the mischiefs which this Kingdom hath endured through the power which some of that Party have had in your Councells, and will be much Encouraged in a Parliamentary way for Your ayd and assistance, in restoring Your Royall Sister, and the Prince Elector to those Dignities and Dominions which belong unto them, and the relieving the other Protestant Princes who have suffered in the same cause.

## XIII.

That in the generall Pardon which Your Majestie hath been pleased to offer to your Subjects, all offences and misdemeanours committed before the tenth of *January* 1641. which have bin or shalbe questioned or proceeded against in Parliament upon complaint in the House of Commons before the tenth of *January* 1643, shall be Excepted (which offences and misdemeanours shall neverthelesse be taken and adjudged to be fully discharged against all other inferiour Courts; That likewise there shall be an Exception of all offences committed by any person or persons which hath or have had any hand or practice in

the Rebellion of *Ireland*, which hath or have given any counsell, assistance, or encouragement to the Rebels there, for the maintenance of that Rebellion, as likewise an Exception of *William* Earl of *Newcastle*, and *George* Lord *Digby*.

## XIIII.

That Your Majesty will be pleased to restore such Members of either House of Parliament to their severall places of services and employment out of which they have bin put since the beginning of this Parliament; That they may receive satisfaction and reparation for those places, and for the Profits which they have lost by such removalls, upon the petition of both Houses of Parliament; And that all others may be restored to their Offices and employments who have bin put out of the same upon any displeasure conceived against them for any assistance given to both Houses of Parliament; or obeying their Commands, or forbearing to leave their attendance upon the Parliament without licence, or for any other occasion arising from these unhappy differences betwixt Your Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, upon the like Petition of both houses.

*These things being granted and performed, as it hath alwaies been our hearty prayer, so shall we be enabled to make it our hopefull endeavour, That Your Majesty and Your People may enjoy the blessings of Peace, Truth and Justice; The Royalty and Greatnesse of Your Throne may be supported by the Loyall and Bountifull affections of Your People; their*  
*Liberties*

## III.

That whatsoever illegall Power hath been claymed and exercis'd by or over His Subjects, as Imprisoning their Persons without Law, Stopping their *Habeas Corpus*, and Imposing upon their estates without Act of Parliament, &c. either by both or either House, or any Committee of both or either, or by any Persons appointed by any of them, be disclaimed, and all such Persons so committed forthwith discharged.

## IV.

That as His Majesty will readily consent (having done so heretofore) to the execution of all Laws already made, and to any good Acts to be made for the suppressing of Popery, and for the firm settling of the Protestant Religion now Established by Law; So He desires that a good Bill may be framed for the better preserving the book of Common-Prayer from the Scorn and Violence of Brownists, Anabaptists and other Sectaries, with such Clauses for the ease of tender Consciencs as His Majesty hath formerly offered.

## V.

That all such persons as upon the Treaty shall be excepted out of the Generall Pardon, shall be tryed *Per Pares*, according to the usuall course and known Lawes of the Land, and that it be left to that, either to acquit or condemn them.

## VI.

And to the Intent this Treaty may not suffer interruption by any intervening accidents, that a cessation of arms and free trade for all His Majesties Subjects may be first agreed upon.

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**T**his offer and desire of His Majesty He hopes  
 will be so cheertully enteriained, that a speedy  
 and blessed Peace may be accomplished. If it shall be  
 rejected, or by insisting upon unreasonable Circum-  
 stances, be made impossible (which he hopes God in  
 His mercy to this Nation will not suffer) the guilt of  
 the Blood which will be shed, and the detolation  
 which must follow, will lie upon the heads of the Re-  
 fusers. However His Majesty is resolved, through  
 what Accidents soever He shall be compelled to reco-  
 ver his Rights, and with what prosperous, success  
 soever it shall please God to blesse Him, that by His  
 earnest constant Endeavours to propagate and pro-  
 mote the true Protestant Religion, and by His go-  
 verning according to the known Lawes of the Land,  
 and upholding the just Priviledges of Parliament  
 according to His frequent Protestations made before  
 Almighty God, which Hee will alwayes inviolably  
 observe, the world shall see that he hath undergone all  
 these difficulties and hazards for the Defence and  
 maintenance of those; The zealous Preservation of  
 which His Majesty well knows is the onely  
 foundation and means for the true  
 Happynesse of Him and  
 His people.

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