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OF THE
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Assembled in Parliament.

Together with Rules and Directions
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The Lords Supper

In cases of Ignorance and Scandall.

Also the names of such Ministers and
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within the Province of LONDON.

Die Lunæ 20. Octob. 1645.

Ordered by the LORDS Assembled in Parliaments
That the Ordinance, Rules, and Directions concerning
Suspension from the Lords Supper, with the names of the
Ministers and others to try the Elders, be forthwith printed and
published.

Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

LONDON,
Printed for *John Wright* at the Kings Head in
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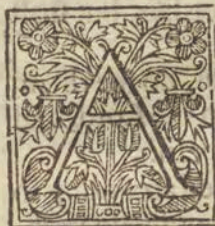
THe Lords and Commons considering the wonderfull providence of God in calling them to this great and difficult worke of reforming and purging his Church and people, his guidance and manifest protection of them in it, doe acknowledge that never any of his servants since the foundation of the world had more high & strong engagements heartily and sincerely to endeavour the compleat establishment of Purity and Unity in the Church of God then they have; they do there-

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fore require all *Ministers and Elders*,
that they be carefull to walke with
understanding in the House of God, that by
Example, Exhortations, and Admonitions,
they endeavour to build up the people of the
Lord in love, that with Humility and Meek-
nesse of spirit they adorne their holy Profes-
sion, and win soules to the love of the Truth.
That they be diligent and faithfull in the
Worke, as those that must give an accompt:
And where grosse Ignorance or notorious
Scandall shall appeare, for the remedy there-
of, and to prevent the evils that may come
thereby, The Lords and Commons doe Or-
daine, and it is hereby Ordained, That the
severall Elderships respectively within their
respective Bounds and Limits, have power
to suspend from the Sacrament of the Lords
Supper all Ignorant and Scandalous persons
within the Rules hereafter following, and
according to the said Rules and Directions.

Rules



RULES and DIRECTIONS concerning suspension from the *Sacrament* of the *Lords Supper, in cases of Ignorance.*



1. If such persons who shall be admitted to the Sacrament of the Lords Supper ought to know that there is a God, that there is but one ever-living and true God, maker of Heaven and Earth, and Governour of all things; That this only true God, is the God whom we worship; that this God is but one, yet three distinct Persons, the Father, Son, and holy Ghost, all equally God.

2 That God created man after his own Image, in knowledge, righteousnesse, and true holinesse; That by one man sin entred into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned; That thereby they are all dead in trespasses and sins, and are by nature the children of wrath, and so lyable to eternall death, the wages of every sin.

3 That there is but one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also over all, God blessed for ever, neither is there salvation in any other; That he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and borne of the Virgin *Mary*; That he dyed upon the crosse to save his people from their sins, That he rose againe the third day from the dead, ascended into Heaven, sits at the right hand

hand of God, and makes continuall intercession for us, of whose fulness we receive all grace necessary to salvation.

4 That Christ and his benefits are applyed onely by faith; That faith is the gift of God, and that we have it not of our selves, but it is wrought in us by the Word and Spirit of God.

That faith is that grace whereby we beleewe and trust in Christ for remission of sins and life everlasting, according to the promise of the Gospel, that whosoever believes not on the Son of God, shall not see life, but shall perish eternally.

That they who truly repent of their sins, do see them, sorrow for them, and turne from them, to the Lord, and that except men repent they shall surely perish.

That a godly life is conscionably ordered according to the Word of God, in Holinesse and Righteousnesse, without which no man shall see God.

That the Sacraments are Seales of the Covenant of Grace in the blood of Christ: That the Sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lords Supper, that the outward Elements in the Lords Supper are Bread and Wine, and do signifie the Body and Blood of Christ Crucified, which the worthy receiver by faith doth partake of in this Sacrament, which Christ hath likewise ordained for the remembrance of his death, that whosoever eats and drinks unworthily, is guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord, and therefore that every one is to examine him selfe, lest he eat and drink judgement to him selfe, not discerning the Lords Body.

That the soules of the faithfull after death doe immediately live with Christ in blessednesse, and that the soules of the wicked doe immediately goe into Hell torments. That there shall be a Resurrection of the Bodies, both of the

the just and unjust at the last Day, at which time all shall appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ, to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether it be good or evill: And that the righteous shall go into life eternall, and the wicked into everlasting punishment.

And it is further ordained by the Lords and Commons, that those who have a competent measure of understanding concerning the matters contained in these Articles shall not be kept back from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper for Ignorance; And that the Examination and judgement of such persons as shall for their ignorance of the aforesaid points of Religion not be admitted to the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, is to be in the power of the Eldership of every Congregation.

Rules and Directions concerning Suspension from the Sacrament of the Lords

Supper, in cases of Scandall.

THe severall and respective Elderships shall have power to suspend from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper all scandalous persons hereafter mentioned, appearing to be such upon just prooffe thereof made, in such manner as is by this present Ordinance hereafter appointed, and not otherwise, untill it be otherwise declared by both Houses of Parliament how notoriously scandalous Persons, other then such as are herein expressed, shall be kept from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper: That is to say; All persons that shall blasphemously speak or write any thing of God, his holy Word, or Sacraments. An Incestuous person. An Adulterer. A Fornicator. A Drunkard. A prophane swearer or curser. One that hath taken away the life of any Person maliciously. All worshippers of
Images,

Images, Crosses, Crucifixes, of Reliques; all that shall make any Images of the Trinity, or of any Person thereof. All Religious worshipers of Saints, Angels, or any meeere Creature. Any person that shall professe himselfe not to be in charity with his Neighbour. Any Person that shall challenge any other person by Word, Message, or Writing, to fight, or that shall accept such challenge and agree thereto. Any Person that shall knowingly carry any such challenge by word, message, or writing. Any person that shall upon the Lords Day use any Dancing, playing at Dice, or Cards, or any other Game; Masking, Wake, Shooting, Bowling, playing at Foot-ball, or Stool-ball, Wrestling, or that shall make, or resort unto any Playes, Interludes, Fencing, Bul-baiting, or Beare-baiting, or that shall use Hawking, Hunting, or Coursing, Fishing, or Fowling, or that shall publicly expose any Wares to sale, otherwise then as is provided by an Ordinance of Parliament of the 6. of *April*. 1644. Any person that shall travell on the Lords Day without reasonable cause. Any Person that keepeth a known Stewes or Brothel-house, or that shall solícite the chastity of any person for himselfe or any other. Any person, Father or Mother, that shall consent to the marriage of their childe to a Papist, or any person that shall marry a Papist. Any person that shall repaire for any advice unto any Witch, Wizard, or Fortune-teller. Any person that shall assault his Parents, or any Magistrate, Minister, or Elder in the execution of his Office. Any person that shall be legally attainted of Barretry, Forgery, Extortion, or Bribery. And the severall and respective Elderships shall have power likewise to suspend from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper all Ministers that shall be duely proved to be guilty of any of the crimes aforesaid, from giving or receiving the *Sacrament* of the Lords Supper.

And it is further ordained by the Lords and Commons, That the Eldership of every Congregation shall have power to examine any person complained of for any matter of scandall aforesaid, and upon confession of the party before the Eldership to have committed such an offence, to suspend any such person from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. The Eldership of every Congregation shall examine upon oath such witnesses as shall be produced before them, either for the acquitting or condemning of the party accused of any of the scandalous crimes aforesaid, not capitall. The Eldership of every Congregation shall judge the matter of scandall aforesaid, being not capitall, upon the testimony of two credible witnesses, at the least. Satisfaction shall be given to the Eldership of every Congregation by sufficient manifestation of the Offenders repentance before a person lawfully convicted of such matters of scandall as aforesaid, and thereupon suspended from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper be admitted thereunto. If any person suspended from the Lords Supper shall finde himselfe grieved with the proceedings before the Eldership of any Congregation, he shall have liberty to appeale to the Classicall Eldership, and from thence to the Proviaciall Assembly, from thence to the Nationall, and from thence to the Parliament. And be it further ordained by the Lords and Commons, That the severall and respective Elderships in their severall respective proceedings shall observe these ensuings cautions.

Caution 1. That cognizance and examination of any capitall offence shall be by the Magistrate thereunto appointed by the Law of the Kingdome, who if he shall commit the party questioned to prison, or secure him or her by baile, he shall there of make a certificate unto

the Eldership of the Congregation where he or she did last reside, or to any other neighbouring Eldership, who shall thereupon have power to suspend the party from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

2 The Presbtery or Eldership shall not have cognizance of any thing wherein any matter of payment, contract, or demand is concerned or of any matter of conveyance, title, interest, or property, in Lands or Goods.

3 No use shall be made of any confession or prooffe made before the Eldership at any triall at Law of any person for any offence.

And it is further ordained, that the Members of both Houses that now are members of the assembly of divines or any seven of them be a standing Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to consider of causes of suspension from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, not contained in this Ordinance; unto which Committee any Eldership shall present such causes, to the end that the Parliament, if need require, may heare and determine the same. That if any other notorious and scandalous sinnes besides those nominated in this Ordinance, which may be conceived to be a cause to suspend from the Lords Supper shall be certified to any Classis either from any Congregationall Eldership, or otherwise, which the said Classis shall thinke fit, to present to the standing Committee of Parliament. That the said Classis shall present the same to the said Committee, to the end that the Parliament if need require may heare and determine the same.

Die Veneris 26. Sept. 1646.

A List of the names of such Persons as shall be, and are hereby Ordeyned to be Tryers and Judges of the Integrity and Ability of such as are to be chosen Elders in the Twelve Classis within the Province of *London*, and of the dueness of their Election, according to such Rules and Directions as have formerly passed both Houses in that behalfe

The first Classis

Ministers.

DOCTOR *William Gouge* of Black-Friers.
 Mr. *George Walker* of John Evangelist.
 Mr. *Lazarus Seaman* of Alhallowes in Breadstreet.

Others.

Mr. *Richard Brown* Esquire of Black-Friers.
 Mr. *Richard Turner* Senior of Austins Parish.
 Mr. *William Kendall* of Alhallowes in Breadstreet.
John Clarke Doctor of Phisick of Martins Ludgate.
 Mr. *Tho. Steines* of Mildred Breadstreet.
 Mr. *Christopher Merideth* of Faiths.

The second Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *William Reyner* of John Baptists.
 Mr. *Charles Of-spring* of Antholins.
 Mr. *William Thomas* of Pancras Soperlane.

Others.

- Mr. *Alex. Jones* of John Baptists.
Mr. *Ralph Triplet* of Nicholas Cole-Abby.
Mr. *Thomas Coffin* of Michael Royall.
Mr. *James Hayes* of Bennet Sheerhogge.
Mr. *John Cock* of James Garlickhith.
Mr. *Philip Owen* of Mary Magdalins Old Fishstreet.
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The third Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *Humphrey Chambers* of Stephens Walbrook.
Mr. *John Rawlinson* of Mary Abchurch.
Mr. *John Cardell* of Alhallowes Lumbardstreet.

Others.

- Mr. *John Warner* Alderman, of Stephens Walbrooke.
Mr. *Robert Sweet* of Mary Wolnoth.
Mr. *Michael Herring* of Mary Woolchurch.
Mr. *Richard Young* of Alhallowes Lumbardstreete.
Mr. *Richard Warner* of Mary Abchurch.
Mr. *Robert Meade* of Laurence Pountney.
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The fourth Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *John Lee* of Mary on the Hill.
Mr. *Ioseph Carill* of Magnus.
M. *Fulk Bellers* of Michael Cornehill.

Others.

- Mr. *James Bunce* Alderman, of Bennet Grace church.
Mr. *Edward Hooker* of Mary on the Hill.
Mr. *John Bellamy* of Michael Cornehill.
Mr. *John Gase* of Andrew in Hubbert.
Mr. *John Hatler* of Magnes.
Mr. *William Bramwitch* of Peters Cornehill.

The fifth Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *John Conant* of Botolph Aldersgate.
Mr. *Anthony Tuckney* of Michael at Corne, alias Querne.
Mr. *Simon Afse* of Brides.

Others.

- Sir *John Wollastone* Knight, of Iohn Zacharies.
Mr. *Edward Honeywood* of Michael at Corne, alias Querne.
Mr. *William Hart* of Christchurch.
Mr. *John Iohnsen* of Botolph Aldersgate.
Mr. *Richard Flood* of Peters Cheape.
Mr. *John Sherman* of Anne Aldersgate.
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The sixth Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *Edmund Calamy* of Mary Aldermanbury.
Mr. *John Arrowsmith* of Martins Iremongerlane.
Mr. *Arthur Iackson* of Michael Woodstreete.

Others.

- Mr. *Walter Boothbey* of Mary Aldermanbury.
Mr. *William Webb* of Martins Iremongerlane.
Mr. *William Bisby* of Laurence Jury.
Mr. *Thomas Bregstwell.* } Giles Cripplegate.
Mr. *Robert Manwaring.* }
Mr. *Laurence Brinley* of Mary Magdalens Milkstreete.
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The seventh Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *Robert Harris* of Botolph Bishopsgate.
Mr. *Samuel Clarke* of Bennet Fynk.
Mr. *Charles Newton,* } of Michael Basinshaw.
Mr. *Leonard Cooke.* }

Others

Others.

- Mr. *Christopher Packe*, of Michael Basingshaw.
 Mr. *James Russell* of Stephens Coleman-street.
 Mr. *William Williamson*, of Christophers.
 Mr. *Robert Launt*, of Peters poore.
 Mr. *James Story* of Bennet Fynk.
 Mr. *Samuel Harsnet*, of Bartholomew Exchange.
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The eight Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *William Spurstow*, of Hackney.
 Mr. *Thomas Porter*, of Katherine Creed-Church.
 Mr. *Elidad Blackwell*, of Andrew Undershaft.

Others.

- Sir *David Watkins*, Knight. } of Andrew Undershaft.
 Mr. *John Smith*. }
 Mr. *George Clarke* of Hackney.
 Mr. *Richard Shute*, of Cree-church.
 Mr. *Alexander Bence*, of Algate.
 Mr. *Thomas Hutchins*, of Hellens.
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The ninth Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *Thomas Clandon*, of Alhollowes Barking.
 Mr. *Thomas Valentine*, of Mary Whitchurch.
 Mr. *Thomas Carter*, of Olaves Hart-street.

Others.

- Sir *Edward Harrington* Knight of Olaves Hart-street.
 Mr. *Francis West*, Lievtenant of the Tower.
 Mr. *Edmund Trench*, of Alhallowes Staining.
 Mr. *Maurice Thompston* } of Dunstans East.
 Mr. *Stafford Clare* }
 Mr. *Salomon Smith*, of Katherine Tower.

The tenth Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *Thomas Gataker*, of Rotherhithe.
Mr. *Jeremy Whitaker*, of Mary Magdalen Bermonsey.
Mr. *Samuel Bolton*, of Mary Overy.

Others.

- Mr. *Thomas Hudson*, of Georges Southwarke.
Mr. *George Snelling*,
Mr. *Robert Haughton*, } of Olaves Southwarke.
Mr. *George Thompson*, }
Mr. *Daniel Santon*, of Mary Overy.
Mr. *Henry Helmer*, of Mary Magdalen Bermonsey.

The eleventh Classis.

Ministers.

- Mr. *Harbert Palmer*, of New Church Westminster.
Mr. *Richard Vines*, of Clements Danes.
Mr. *Henry Cornish*, of Giles in the fields.
Mr. *Cawdry*, of Martins in the fields.
Mr. *Gibson*, of Margarets Westminster.

Others.

- Sir *William Ashton*.
Mr. *John Packer*.
Mr. *Thomas Fauconbridg* }
Mr. *Laurence Swetnam*. } of Westminster.
Mr. *John Briham*.
Mr. *George Pryn*.
Mr. *Edward Martin*. }
Mr. *James Prince*, } of Clement Danes.
Mr. *Silvanus Taylor*, }
Mr. *Walter Biggs*, of Giles in the fields.
Mr. *Edward Carter*, of Covent Garden.

The twelfth Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Obadiah Sedeswick*, of Andrewes Holborne.
 Mr. *Immanuel Bourne*, of Sepulchres.
 Mr. *Andrew Perne*, of Dunstons West.

Others.

Mr. *Roger Drake*, Dr. of Phisick, } of Andrewes Holborn.
 Mr. *William Iesop*, }
 Mr. *Thomas Smith*, } of Sepulchres.
 Mr. *Nathaniel Camfield*, }
 Mr. *William Ball*, } of Dunstons West.
 Mr. *Francis Allen*, }

Resolved by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled :

That in all these twelve Classes, that which shall be done by the major part of the Triers that be present, (not being under the number of seven in each Classis) shall be esteemed as the act of all the Triers of that Classis.

Resolved, &c.

That the Peeres and assistants of the house of Peeres shall be Triers within that Classis whereof the Parish wherein they live is a part.

Resolved, &c.

That all the Members of the house of Commons shall be Triers within that Classis whereof the parish wherein they live is a part.

Die Martis, 14. Octob. 1645.

OrdereD by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That Dr. *William Gouge*, *Andrew Perne* Minister of Dunstons West, *Samuel Browne* Esquire, *Edmund Prideaux* Esquire, *William Ellys* Esquire, *William Prynne* Esquire, shall be Tryers and Judges of such persons as shall be chosen to be Elders for the Classis of the two Serjants Innes.

FINIS.