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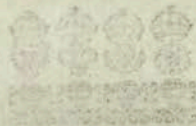
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TO THE KINGS
MOST EXCELLENT
MAJESTIE,

The humble Petition of the LORDS and
COMMONS assembled in
PARLIAMENT.

Most gracious Sovereign,

He present Evils and
Calamities wherwith
your Kingdoms are
most miserably in-
tangled, the imminent dangers
which threaten your Royall
Person, and all your People,
have caused us your most
faith-

faithfull and obedient Subjects,
 the Lords and Commons in this
 present Parliament, with thank-
 fulnesse to entertain, and with all
 earnestnesse of affection and en-
 deavour to pursue the gracious
 Proposition and Direction which
 not long since we have received
 from your Majestie: And we
 have thereupon taken into our
 most serious consideration the
 wayes and means of securing the
 safety of your Royall Person,
 Preserving the Honour and Au-
 thority of your Crown, Remo-
 ving all Jealousies betwixt your
 Majestie and your People, Sup-
 pressing the Rebellion in *Ireland*,
 Preventing the Fears and Dan-
 gers in this Kingdom, and the
 mischievous

mischievous Designes of those
 who are Enemies to the Peace of
 it. And that we may with more
 Comfort and Security accomplish
 our duties herein, we most hum-
 bly beseech your Majestie, That
 you will be pleased forthwith to
 put the Tower of *London*, and all
 other Forts, and the whole *Mi-*
litia of the Kingdom, into the
 hands of such Persons as shall be
 recommended unto your Maje-
 stie by both Houses of Parlia-
 ment, which they assure them-
 selves will be a hopefull entrance
 into those Courses, which
 (through Gods blessing) shall be
 effectuall for the removing all
 diffidence and mis-apprehension
 betwixt your Majestie and your
 People,

People, and for Establishing and
Enlarging the Honour, Great-
nesse, and Power of your Maje-
stie and Royall Posterity, and for
the restoring and confirming the
Peace and Happinesse of your
loyall Subjects in all your Domi-
nions.

And to this our most necessary
Petition, we in all humility ex-
pect your Majesties speedy and
gracious Answer, the great Di-
stractions and Distempers of the
Kingdom not admitting any de-
lay.

TO
People



TO
THE KINGS MOST
 Excellent MAJESTIE

The humble Petition of the Lords and
 Commons now assembled
 in Parliament

Sheweth,

THat whereas your
 Majestie by a Mes-
 sage sent to both
 Houses of Parlia-
 ment, signified an Apprehension
 of some Treasonable matter to
 have been committed by the
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Lord *Kymbolton*, Master *Hollis*,
 Sir *Arthur Haslerig*, Master *Pym*,
 Master *Hampden*, and Master
Strode; and thereby declared your
 Majesties intention to proceed
 against them in an unquestionable
 way: VVe the Lords and Com-
 mons in this present Parliament
 assembled, did make our humble
 Petition to your Majestie, to be-
 seech your Majestie to give di-
 rections that Your Parliament
 might be informed before Tues-
 day then next ensuing, what
 proof there was against them, that
 accordingly there might be a Le-
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 ing against them, whereby they
 might be brought to condigne pu-
 nishment

nishment, if guilty; or discharged from so heavy an Accusation, if innocent: And whereas your Majestie was graciously pleased in Answer to that Petition, to expresse Your good approbation of the desire of both Houses, for the speedy proceeding against the Persons in that Petition mentioned; yet your Majestie gave no other satisfaction to their desire then this, That your Majestie held it necessary, lest a new mistake should breed more delayes, that it should be resolved, whether your Majestie were bound, in respect of Priviledges, to proceed against them by impeachment in that Parliament, or to

be left at liberty to preferre an In-
 dictment at the Common Law, in
 the usuall way, or to have Your
 choice of either; and we finding
 still, that there is no Legall and
 Parliamentarie proceedings a-
 gainst them, and that they still
 lie under the burden of that
 high Charge, We think it our
 duty once again to beseech your
 Majestie to give directions, that
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 ed before Friday next, what
 proof there is against them, that
 accordingly they may be called to
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 doubted Right and Priviledge of
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HIS MAJESTIES
ANSWER

To two Petitions of the LORDS and
COMMONS, delivered
Febr. 2. 1641.



His Majesty having
well considered of
the two severall Pe-
titions, presented
unto him on Wed-
nesday the second
of this moneth, from both Houses of
Parliament, and being desirous to
expresse

expresse how willing He is to apply a
 remedy, not onely to your Dangers,
 but even to your Doubts and Fears;
 He therefore, to that Petition which
 concerns the Forts and Militia of
 this Kingdom, returns this answer;
 That when He shall know the ex-
 tent of Power which is intended to
 be established in those persons, whom
 you desire to be the Commanders of
 the Militia in the severall Countie's;
 And likewise to what time it shall be
 limited, that no power shall be ex-
 ecuted by His Majestie alone, with-
 out the advice of Parliament;

Then He will declare, That (for
 the securing you from all Dangers,
 or Fealousies of any) His Majestie
 will be content to put in all the pla-
 ces both of Forts and Militia in
 the

the severall Counties, such persons as both the Houses of Parliament shall either approve, or recommend unto Him, so that you declare before unto His Majestie, the names of the persons whom you approve or recommend: unlesse such persons shall be named, against whom He shall have just and unquestionable exceptions.

To the other Petition concerning the members of either House, His Majestie returns this Answer, That as He once conceived that He had ground enough to accuse them, so now His Majestie finds as good cause wholly to desert any prosecution of them.

And for a further testimony of His Majesties reall Intention to-

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wards all His loving Subjects, (some of whom happily may be involved in some unknowing and unwilling Errors) For the better composing and settling of all Fears and Fealousies of what kinde soever, His Majestie is ready to grant as free and generall a Pardon for the full contentment of all His loving Subjects, as shall by the approbation of both Houses of Parliament be thought convenient for that purpose.

His



¶ His MAJESTIES Consent
for the Princesse *Maries*
going to HOLLAND,

And Her Majestie to accompany
Her thither.



His Majestie being ve-
ry much pressed by the
States Ambassadors to
send the Princesse his
Daughter immediately into Hol-
land: And being likewise earnestly
desired by his Royall Consort the
Queen to give her Majestie leave

to accompany her Daughter thither, hath thought fit to consent to both desires, and to make this his Majesties Consent, and her Majesties Resolution known to his Parliament.

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to Holland immediately
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by her Majesty
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to





Her Majesties Answer to a
Message of both Houses.

The Queen having received a Message from both Houses of Parliament by the Earl of Newport and the Lord Seymore, intimating unto her, that she had been told that the House of Commons had an intention to accuse her of high Treason, and that Articles to that purpose had been shewed unto her, Returns this Answer,

That there was a generall report of an Accusation intended against

her, but she never saw any Articles in writing, and having no certain Authoꝝ either for the one or for the other, she gave little credit thereunto, and much lesse now being assured from the House of Commons that never any such thing came into their thoughts.

For Will she beleve they would lay an Asperſion upon her, who hath ever been very unapt so far to misconſter the Actions of any one person, and much more the proceedings of Parliament, and shall at all times with a happy understanding between the King and his people.

FINIS.

