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ANSWER  
OF

Both Houses of PARLIAMENT,  
Presented to His Maiestie at *York*  
the ninth of *May*, 1642.

To two Messages sent to them from his Maiestie,  
concerning *Sir John Hothams* Refusall to  
give His Maiesty Entrance into  
His Towne of *Hull*.

WITH  
His Maiesties Reply thereunto.

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*Published by His Maiesties Command.*

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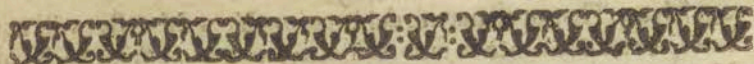
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The most humble ANSWER

Of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, to two Messages from Your Sacred Majestie, concernifig Sir

*John Hothams* Refusal to give your Majestie

Entrance into the Town of *Hull*.

**Y**our Majestie may be pleased to understand, That we Your great Councell, finding manifold Evidences of the wicked Counsell and Practises of some in neer trust and authority about You to put the Kingdom into a combustion, by drawing Your Majesty into places of Strength, remote from your Parliament. and by exciting Your people to commotions, under pretence of serving Your Majestie against your Parliament; Lest this malignant Party, by the advantage of the Towne and Magazine of *Hull*, should be enabled to go thorow with their mischievous intentions, Did (in discharge of the great Trust that lies upon us, and by that power which in cases of this nature resides in us) command the Town of *Hull* to bee secured by Garrison of the adjoyning Train Bands, under the Government of Sir *John Hotham*, requiring him to keepe the same from the service of Your Majestie and the Kingdom. wherein we have done nothing contrary to Your Royall Sovereignty in that Towne, or Legall Propriety in the Magazine.

Upou Consideration of Sir *John Hothams* proceedings at Your Majesties being there, we have upon very good Grounds adjudged, That he could not discharge the trust upon which, nor make good the End for which he was placed in the Guard of that Towne and Magazine, if he had let in Your Majestie, with such Counsellours and Company as then were about You.

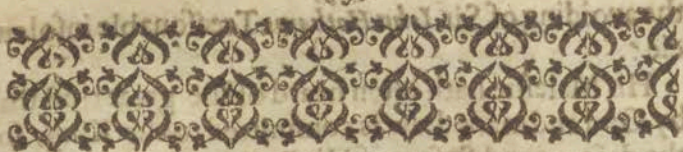
Wherefore upon full Resolution of both Houses, we have declared Sir *John Hotham* to be clear from that odious Crime of Treason, and have Avowed, That he hath therein done nothing, but in obedience to the Commands of both Houses of Parliament, assuring

our selves. That upon mature deliberation, Your Majesty will not Interpret his obedience to such Authority, to be an affront to Your Majesty, or to be of that nature as to require any Justice to be done upon him, or satisfaction to be made to your Majesty : But that you will see just cause of joyning with Your Parliament, in Preserving and securing the peace of the Kingdom, suppressing this wicked and malignant Party, who by false colours and pretensions of maintaining Your Majesties Prerogative against the Parliament (wherein they fully agree with the Rebels in *Ireland*) have been the causes of all our distempers and dangers.

For prevention whereof, we know no better remedy, then sending the *Militia* of the Kingdome according to the Bill which we have sent Your Majesty, without any intention of deserting or declining the validity or observance of that Ordinance, which past both Houses upon Your Majesties former refusall. But we will still hold that Ordinance to be effectually by the Laws of this Kingdom.

And we shall be exceeding glad, if your Majesty by approving these our just, dutifull, and necessary proceedings, shall be pleased to entertain such Counsell, as we assure our selves (by Gods blessing) will prove very advantageous for the Honour and great esse of Your Majesty, the safety and peace of your People; amongst which we know no more likely to produce such good effects, then a Declaration from Your Majesty of Your purpose to lay aside all thoughts of going into *Ireland* and to make a speedy return into these parts, to be near Your Parliament. Which as it is our most humble desire and earnest Petition, so shall it be seconded with our most dutifull care for the safety of Your Royall Person, and constant prayers, that it may prove Honorable and successful in the happiness of Your Majesty, and all your Kingdoms.

His



## His Majesties Reply.

To the Answer of both Houses of Parliament,  
Presented to his Maiestie the 9th of *May*, to two Mes-  
sages sent to them from His Maiestie concerning

*Sir John Hothams* refusall to give His Ma-  
iestie Entrance into His  
Towne of *Hull*.

**H**is Maiestie was in good hope, that the reason  
why you so long deferred your Answer to His  
Messages concerning *Hull*, was, That you  
might the better give Him satisfaction therein, which  
now adds the more to His Astonishment, finding this  
Answer (after so long Advise ment) to bee of that na-  
ture, which cannot but rather increase, then diminish  
the present distractions; if constantly adhered unto by  
the Parliament. Was it not too much that his Maie-  
sties Towne of *Hull* had a Garison put into it, to the  
great charge of the Countrey, and inconvenience to  
the poore Inhabitants, without His Majesties consent  
and Approbation, under colour at that time of For-  
eigne Invasion, and apprehensions of the Popish  
parts; but now the Reasons thereof must be enlarged  
with a scandall to His Maiestie and His faithfull ser-  
vants, onely to bring in the more specious pretext for  
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the avoiding of Sir *John Hothams* Treasonable insolencie?

His Maiestie hath often heard of the great trust that by God and mans Law is committed to the King, for the defence and Safety of His People, but as yet hath never understood what trust or power is committed to either or both Houses of Parliament without the King; they being summoned to Counsell and Advise the King; but by what Law or Authority they possess themselves of His Maiesties proper right and inheritance He is confident, that they have not, so they cannot shew.

His Maiestie hitherto hath not given the least interpretation to publike Iustice; but you rather then suffer one of your Members to come to so much as to a Legall Triall for the highest crime, will make use of an Order of Parliament to Countenance Treason, by declaring him free from that guilt which all former Ages never accounted other, and that without so much as enquiring the opinion of the Iudges: for His Maiestie is confident that you would have mentioned their opinion if you had asked the same.

Therefore His Majestie expects, That upon further and better consideration of the great and necessary consequence of the Businesse of *HULL*, and seriously weighing how much this doth concerne the Peace and quiet of the Kingdome, you will (without further instance from His Maiestie) give him full and speedy Iustice against Sir *John Hotham*: And he leaves all His good People to thinke, what hope of Iustice there is left for them, when you shall refuse or delay to give your owne Sovereign satisfaction: And (as his  
 Maiestie

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Maiestie hath already said) till this be done He will in-  
tend no Businesse whatsoever, other then that of *Ire-*  
*land.*

And His Maiestie likewise expects, That in the way  
you have expressed in this your Answer, you will not  
put the *Militia* in Execution, untill you can shew Him  
by what Law you have Authoritie to doe the same  
without His consent: Or, if you doe, He is confident,  
That He shall finde much more Obedience according  
to Law, then you against Law: And His Maiestie  
shall esteem all those that shall obey you therein, to  
be disturbers of the Peace of the Kingdome, and in due  
time call them Legally to a strict account for the same.

As for *Ireland*, His Maiesty referres you to His for-  
mer Answer.

And lastly, concerning His Return, He never heard,  
That the slandering of a *KING'S* Government, and His  
faithfull Servants, The refusing of Him Iustice in a case  
of Treason; Add the seeking to take away His un-  
doubted and Legall Authority; Under the pretence  
of putting the Kingdome into a Posture of Defence:  
were Arguments to induce a *KING* to comenear, or  
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That He shall make much more Obedience according  
to Law, then you against Law. And His Majesty  
shall esteem all those that shall obey you therein, to  
be disturbers of the Peace of the Kingdom, and in due  
time call them legally to a strict account for the same.  
As for words, His Majesty returns you to His for-  
mer Answer.

And lastly, concerning His Return, He never heard,  
That the handling of a Kings Government, and His  
faithfull servants, The retaining of Him Justice in some  
of Treason; Add the seeking to take away His un-  
deputed and Legal Authority; Under the pretence  
of putting the Kingdom into a Posture of Defence,  
were Arguments to induce a King to commence, or  
speaken to His PARLIAMENT.

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