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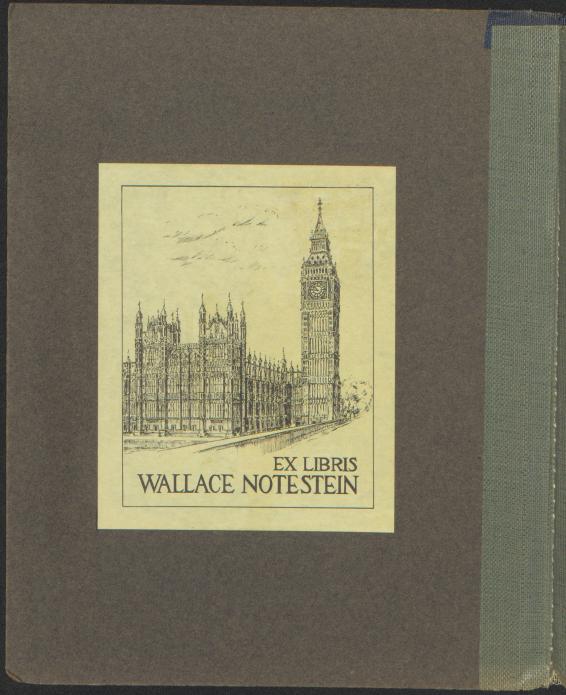
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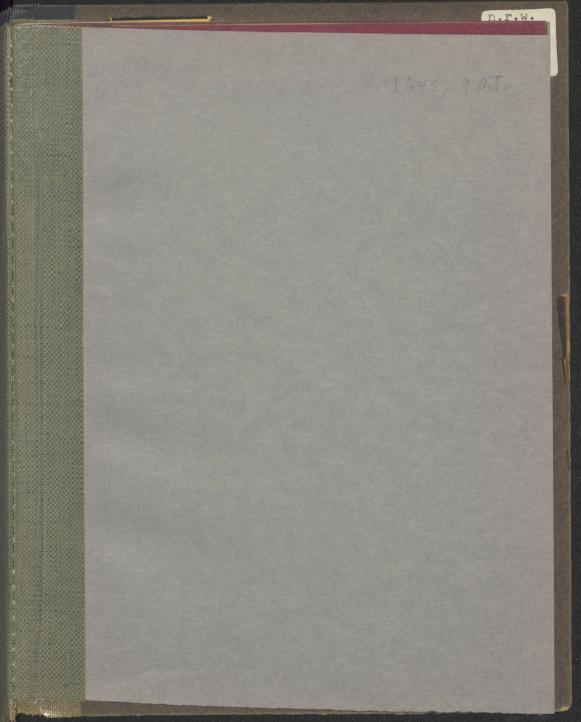
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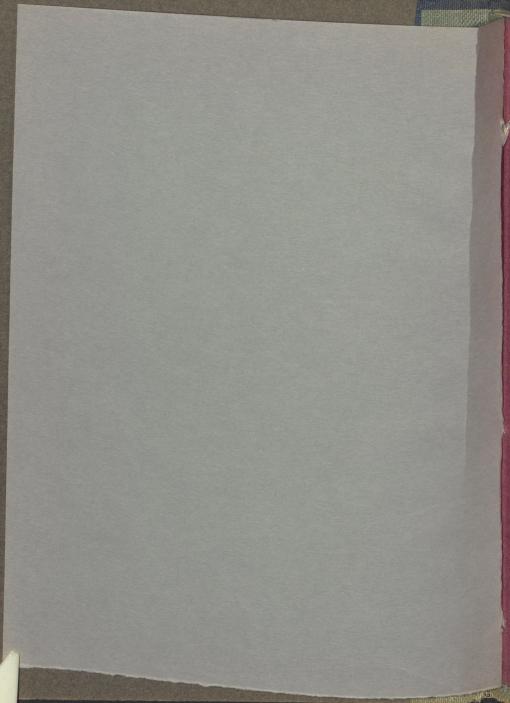
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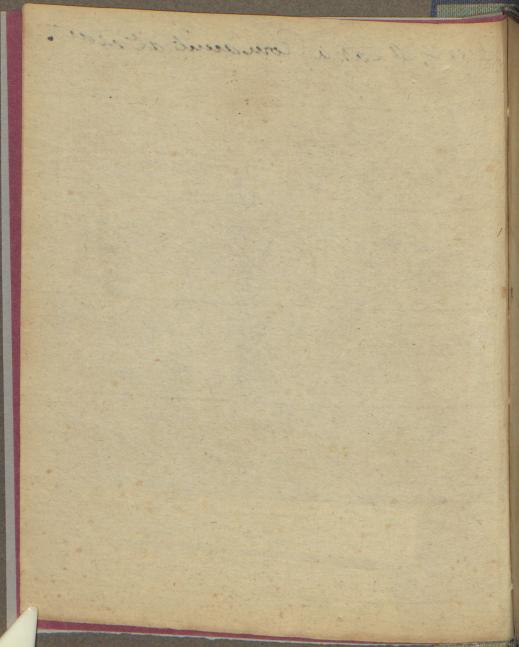


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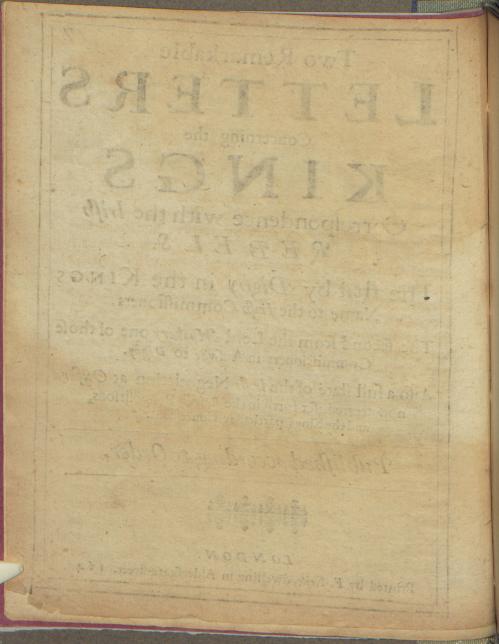
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My Lords and Gentlemen:

Is Majefty having long expected a conclusion of a happie peace within your Kingdom, and his Affairs having highly fuffered by the failing of his Expectations from thence, cannot choose but wonder what the cause is of it : calling to mind those fair professions and promises which you made unto him, when you were imployed here as Agents. And knowing well what power and Infructions he hath long fince given my Lord Lieutenant to comply with you for your fatisfaction. (as farre forth, as with Reafon or Honor his Majefty could in civill things, or with Prudence, or Conference in mutters of Religion) and in the latter, as to the utmost of what, for any world y confideration, he will ever be induced to) to did he conceive nothing leffe, then (what you declared unto him) you were perfwaded the Catholicks would be latisfied withall: Nay ought not in their own Interest to feek more in the prefent condition, his Majefty was in, left further conceffions might (by confirming former feandals caft upon his Majefty in matters of Religion) fo alien te the hearts of his faithfull and loyal adherents, to make them abandon him : which as it would draw inevitable ruine, fo were you rightly apprehensive that when the () should by that means have prevailed here, that must foon after b ing a certain deftruction upon your felves. What the change of Principles or Refolutions are, his Majefty knows not : but he finds by the not concluding of a Peace, there, that your party (it feems) is not, fati fied with the utmost that his Majefty can grant in Matters of Religion, that is, the taking away of the penall Laws against Roman-Catholicks A a

tholicks within that Kingdom. And his Majeftic here hears that you infift upon the demands of Churches, for the publick exercife of Religion, which is the occasion that His Majefty hath commanded me to write thus frankly unto you, and to tell you, that he cannot beleeve it poffible, that Rational and prudent men (had there been no Propositions made to the contrary) can infift upon that which must needs be fo destructive to his Majefty at present, and to your felves in the confequences of his ruine (that is) inevitably to be made a prey to the () of these Kingdoms, or to a forraigne Nation. Wherfore my Lords, and Gentlemen, to difabute you, I am commanded by his Majestie to declare unto you, that were the Conditions of his Affairs much, more desperate, then they are, he would never redeem them by any concession of fo much wrong both to his Honor, and Confcience. It is for the defence of his Religion principal. ly, that he hath undergone the extremities of war here. And he would never Redcem his Crown by ratifying that there. So that to deal clearly with you, as you may be happie your felves, and be happie instruments of his Majellies restoring, if you would be contented with Reason, and give him that speedie Assistance, which you well may : so if nothing will content you but what must wound his Honor and Confcience, you must expect, how soever his Condition is, and how detestable soever the () of his Kingdom are to him, he will in that point joyn with them, the Scots, or with any of the Protestant Religion, rather then do the least A&, that may hazard that Religion, in which, and for which, he will live, and die. Having faid thus much by his Majefties command, I have no more to adde, but that I shall think my felfvery happy if this take any such effect, as may tend to the peace of that Kingdom, and make me

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Your Affectionate humble Servant, GEO: DIGBIE,

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My Lord,

TTTE have here received your last of this July instant, wherby we understand the Kings utmost resolution concerning the free use of our Religion in this Kingdom. What publick Answer will be returned to it, I cannot tell as yet : but I in the mean time hold it my dutie to pre-acquaint your Lordship with the inclinations of the people, and the very first motions, which are likely to sway the judgements, and resolutions of our wisest Patriots. This I hope your Lordship will accept of as an argument of my affection to your self, and make use of as a point of zeal to his Majesties service. My Lord, tis great matter of amazement to the vulgar amongst us, to hear, That His Majestie does principally undergo these extremities of warre for defence of the Protestant Profession : and that He will rather forfeit His Crown, then ratifie the Catholick Faith in Ireland, or do any the least all that might hazard that Religion, in which, and for which, He is prepared to live, and die. If His Majestie had infisted onely upon maximes of Honor, or publick utility (though they do not hold either of them really valid in this case) things would have been far more eafily digested : but when Pleas of Conscience are so much preffed, divers that pretend to much reason here feem to be exceedingly fcandaliz'd. For as for matter of utilitie, His Majestie (it should seem) has waighd strictly in the scoles, as well all his Catholicks in Ireland and elsewhere, as that part of Protestants which adheres to Him in England, and Scotland : and that party of Protestants in value (as He diffinguishes) overpoizes the Catholicks: This is a thing that makes them wonder at his fcoles, or fuspect his eyes, and senses. For tis supposed here to be out of all question, that if the King did not declare himself so pendulous, and equilibrious betwixt Catholicks, and Protestants, those supplies which He would receive from Catholicks would far out-vie all those of the, Protestants, and put the difference beyond all further dispute. Next, they take to heart matter of Honor, and how (fay they) can He expect more Honor in the eyes of a poore part of Protestants by being foyled and kept in miferie, as He now is; then in

the eyes of all the chief Countreys of Europe by prevailing, and over-bearing those wretched Round-heads which He now fo much profeses to detest? You will fay, his faith is more strongly ingaged in Honor to those Protestants which now follow Him to protect them, then to the Queen to defend those of her profession: If this be so, we have not been kindly dealt withall, for either the King has profest more to the Queen, or the Queen (which has some influence upon his Honor) has profest more to us then was jult for her to do in the Kings name. But the laft, and chiefest confideration is the confideration of Confcience : and this as was faid before perplexes most of all, and begets the most untoward interpretations. For (fay the people) these pretences of conscience are either feined, or unfeined in His Majerije if they be unfeined, then how shall our fide ever trust him? If Confeience will not permit Him to grant us Churches now in his greatell conflictations though to redeem his Grown, what will He grant us when he has no further ule of us at all ? And if for State reasons, not known to all the world, He can now fo treat millions of that Religion, which is fo precious to Him; How can He want the like pretexts to oppresse whom He effeems hereticall in fo high a degree, when the face of things shall change ?

Again, if these Pleas of Conscience be feined: what fide can ever truth him at all? Tissafer for us to live under a King that is of an y Religion which may limit and bind his conficience with some certain Laws, what loever they be, then to serve a Master that either has no Religion, or no such Religion as can hold his conficience in any subjection: Tis probable the Protestants themselves will agree to this, as well as Papists.

My Lord, the Irifh have hitherto generally beleeved the King to be a Roman-Catholick in his heart, and only confirained to diffemble the fame, and fo the main current of his actions here have affired them : but now these professions made fo fanctimoniously at fuch a time of exigence, as this, give fironger affurance of the contrarie : and yet neither fo can they be freed from all doubts and fluctuations. For (fay they) can that conficience, which checks away all penall Laws, and allowing other great immunities, inffer fuch thip wrack at our demands of Churches for the free exercise

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of our Religion? we fhould deal unfaithfully with our felves if we fhould not acknowledge that the King in his Conceffions already by granting us fuch a fhare in the Legiflative, Military, and Judiciall power, and by taking away former penalties has conditionded to as much, as can truly conduce to the propagation of our Religion : that which we request further is but for the more cafe, or pomp, or better accommodation of such as professe our Religion. This therfore creates the more intricacy in the case; and makes the matter more irreconcileable, when we behold that the complemental or ornamental part is abjured fo folemnly as repugnant to conscience, and yet the more substantiall, virtuall part is agreed to without reluctance. Thus as our doubts, fo our fears multiply, for we well know, that if the King bonn fide have fo high an efteem of his own Religion, He must have as low a one of ours; and the consequence will be, when the tye of a promise shall hereaster come into competition with fuch an effeen, when it shall be difputed whether the Kings ingagement to us do in fome degree empeach, or hazard the Protestant Profession, or no ; and if it do, then whether fuch an ingagement be refeindible, or no : a Proteftant Cafuist will eafily unloofe his Conscience.

But the King threatens to joyn with the Scots, &c. how odious foever, if we accept not of his Propositions without further debate. Surely (my Lord) if the King does joyn with the Scots, &c. this Kingdom hopes to be otherwise protected; and if it were wholly exposed to the mercy of the Protestants, yet it fees not how it has merited to be cut off from all reconciliation, more then the King and his Oxford party has: nay it prefumes very far, that it shall give a better account for its pursuing its natural interests, then fuch, as have been more unnaturall, can.

In the last place (my Lord) wheras you seem to wonder at the Irifk, as changed from their former aimes, and us that were Commillioners, as transported beyond our former promises, and expressions. The Answer will be very ready. For had we received leffe fatisfaction in due feason, before we had expended so much blood, time, and treasure in this warre, it had been equivalent to a greater proportion now given us or had that been of grace given, which the Sword has by its own dint gained, a charge of imgratitude might have been laid upon us, if we had further ex-

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tended our demands. But Ishall not need to inlarge upon this Subject, or to represent things otherwise to your Lordship then a Letter will permit; if Ishould, I should seem to out-run your Lordships nimbler apprehension, or to utter my own conceits instead of the speeches of the people. I am more asraid of prolixity, and therfore heartily withing your Lordship may make good use of these Avisoes, for the better mollifying of his Majestie, I kisse your hands, and assume the honour to list my felf,

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CIR, Ihave gotten Copies of two Letters, not yet divulged, O which I here fend you, as worthy of your perufall. The first from Digly to the Rebels is true, and authentick; the other I fufpece to be counterfeited, but fo as it comes very neer to truth. Out of both you will find what diffance there is, and what has caufed it, betwixt the King and his good Catholick Subjects of Ireland. They, as well as we of England, and Scotland, are liable to viciffitudes in the Kings favour, according to turns of his endleffe defignes; They were monstrous, prodigious, unparalell'd Traytors; They are now loving, loyall, good Subjects : but if they make not hafte to cut throats here, as well as they have done in Ireland, they may probably ere-long change their style again for that which we have now, and perhaps we may be relieved to that which they have now. There's nothing impoffible to a Proclamation dated at Oxford, if Montroffe, do not hinder it. Neither of these Letters difcover any thing to me: I alwayes apprehended what I here find; this onely I wonder at: The King full takes no notice of that which is the Rebels true End, and Intent: nor do the Rebels of that which the King fhoots at. Yet tis impossible that the King should think the Irif cordially devoted either to the defending of Protestantifmer or inlarging of Prerogative cand tis improbable nows they thould think the King to be in Arms for introducing of Popery, or establishing their old Tanistry , and other barbarous customes. cuftomes. Both having contrary intentions, the King thinks to outwit the Irith, and this the Irith cannot be ignorant of the Irith think as far to overreach the King, and the King cannot but fuspect the fame : yet fill in debates both proceed, and alledge other matter, whileft in the mayn, they feem to make a merriment both in deceiving, and in being voluntarily deceived. This it is to forfake the beaten road of policie, and to wander in the blind mazes of fubtility, or rather perfidie : after all that fea of Procellant blood which it has coll the King to comply with Papills, now he is driven to a new confultation, whether it be lafer for him to comply any longer with them, or to joyn again with their opposites. The condition of the Irith Papifts also is but little better: for they to ingratiate with the King have committed most exectable massacre upon the Irish Protestants, yet now at last they begin to find, that they have no more affurance of the King then we had. The Lord help us, and difabuse all that erre, and recall every one into the right path; further I will not foreitall your judgment. I am yours to command, A. B. cothole of the tayer is marile, have been level and dimoled to public

Pofiscript. Sir, I have fince thought good to fend yan also copies of the Rebels late Propositicepted about six months fince, and I celeive the King bath fince condiscended to much more, for it bath been his fortune alwayes hitherto to be as humble a suitor to the Rebels for good tearms, as we have been to him.

The Propositions of the Roman-Catholicks of Ireland, humbly prefented to his Sacred MAJESTIE, in pursuance of their Remonstrance of grievances, and to be annexed to the faid REMONSTRANCE.

^{1.} That all Acts made against the professor of the Roman Catholike faith, whereby any restraint, penalty, or incapacity may be laid upon any Roman Catholick within the Kingdom of Ireland may be repealed, and the faid Catholiques to be allowed the freedome of the Roman Catholike Religion. ²⁴ That your Majesty be pleased to call a free Parliament in the faid Kingdome, to be held and continued as in the faid Remonstrance is expresented. And the Statute of the tenth year of King Henry the Seventh, cal-

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Forafmuch Dread Soveraign, as the wayes of our addreffes unto your Majefty, for apt remedies unto our grievances were hitherto debarred us, but now at length through your benigne grace and favour laid open: We do humbly prefent these in pursuance of the said Remonstrances which granted, your said subjects are ready to contribute, the ten thousand men as in their Remonstrance is specified towards the suppressing of the unnaturall rebellion now in this Kingdom, and will further expose their lives and fortunes to ferve your Majelty, as occasion shall require.

indifferent Committee of Derle Houfes for all commodities:

1. THat an Act be passed this next Parliament, prohibiting that neither the Lord Deputy, Lord Chancellor, Lord High Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Chancellor, or any of the Barons of the Exchequer, Privy-Councell, or Judges of the foure Courts, be Farmours of your Majeflies customes.

2. That an A& of Parliament may passe in Ireland against all Monopolice, such as was enacted in England 21. year of King James, with a further clause for repealing of all Grants of Monopolics in Ireland.

3. That the Court of Caffle-Chamber in Ireland having been an opprefion to the fubjects, and there being other remedies for the offences queftioned in that Court by the common Law, and Statutes of their Realm, be taken away; or otherwife limited, as both Houfes thall think fit. 4. That two Acts lately paffed in Ireland, one prohibiting the plowing with horfes by the tayle, and the other prohibiting the burning of Oates in fraw, may be repealed.

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11. That an A& be paffed in the next Parliament declaratory, That the Parliament of Ireland is a free Parliament of it felf; independant of and not fubordinate to the Parliament of England, and that the fubje&s of Ireland are immediately fubje&t to your Majefty, as in night of your Crown. And that the Members of the faid Parliament of Ireland, and all other the fubje&ts of Ireland are independant, and no way to be ordered or concluded by the Parliament of England, and are onely to be ordered and governed within that Kingdome by your Majefty, and fuch Governours as are or fhall be there appointed; and by the Parliament of that Kingdome, according to the lawes of the land.

12. That the affumed power or jurifdiction in the Councell-Board of determining all manner of caufes be limited to matter of State, and all Patents, effates, and Grants, illegally and extrajudicially avoyded there or elfewhere, be left in state as before; and the parties grieved their heirs or affignes till legall eviction.

13. That the statutes of the eleventh, twelfth, or thirteenth year of Q. Elizabeth concerning staple commodities be repealed referring unto his Majesty lawfull and just poundage, and a book of rates to be setled by an indifferent Committee of both Houses for all commodities.

14. That inafmuch as the long continuance of the chief Governor or Governors of that Kingdom in that place of fo great eminence & power, hath been a principall occation that much tyranny and opprefion hath, been exercised upon the subjects of that Kingdom; That your Majefty will be pleafed to continue such Governours hereafter but for three years. And that none once imployed therein, be appointed for the fame again, untill the expiration of byears next after the end of the faid 3ycers. And that an Act passe to difinable such Governour or Governours during their government, directly, or indirectly; in use, trust, or otherwise to make any manner of purchase, or acquisition of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within that Kingdom, other then from your Majefty; your Heirs or Successor.

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5. That it may pleafe your Majelty to give order, that uponprefenting the names of three perfons of quality in each County by your fuppliants, to your chief Governor or Governors, their Patents be paffed to fuch of those, so to be prefented respectively to be Sheriffes in each County, as to be chief Governor or Governors, shall seem meet to make choice of for that purpose.

6. That one or more Agents from that Kingdom may be admitted ftill to attend his Majelty for his Information of the Affairs of that Kingdom. And that as a teltimony of his Majelties favour, fome of the Nobles and others of quality of that Kingdom, may be imployed about your Majefties perfon.

7. Forafmuch as divers of the Scotch Nation, and ethers in Irelands do not obey the prefent Ceffation, and many of them having of late taken the Covenant proposed by the Members of the Parliament at Westminster, now in Arms against your Majesty, it is therfore humbly defired, that such as disobey the faid Ceffation, or have taken the faid Covenant, be by his Majesties appointment proclaimed Traitors in Ireland, and profecuted accordingly by your Majesties authority. And that such Counties or Corporations as have not submitted to the now Ceffation of Arms in that Kingdom, according to your Majesties Commission, be not admitted to make any return to the Parliament.

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8. Forafmuch as fince the late Commotion in that Kingdom, fome perfons of quality of his Majellies Romane Catholick subjects dyed, or were killed, and their estates by means thereof became wast, and useless. That therfore for the better enabling of that partie to serve your Majeky. It is humbly defired, that the Wardship of their heires, and the management of their estates, be granted to such as shal be accountable to the faid heires for the profit of those lands, whereby their lands may be of some use to the common-wealth, in their contributions to his Majellies fervice.

9. Forasmuch as fundrie persons estated in that Kingdom have either actually raifed Armes in this Kingdom against your Majellie, or have otherwife adhered to the malignant party now in Arms against your Majellie, that therfore it may please your Majellie to give way to the impeachment, and Attainder of those, and of such Officers whose names we shall here represent to your Majellie by way of Bill in Parliament, wherby they may receive condigne punishment for their offences, and your Majestie take advantage of the forfeiture of their estates, And in the interim those posses to remain in the hands wherein they are at present. 10. For a function and the interiment of the second part of the second part

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your Majeltie in the fourth yeer of your Reign, and lately upon humble init made to your Majellie by a Committee of both Houles of the Parliament of that Kingdom, Order was given by your Majellie for nedreffes of feverall guievances: It is therfore humblie defired that for fo many of those as are not expressed in the now Propositions prefented to your Majellie (whereof both Houles in the next cultuing Parliament shall defire the benefit of your Majellies said former directions for redreffes) that the fame be afforded them.

11. That the Office of Admirallin that Kingdom be fetled, independant of none but your Majestie, whereby Maritine Causes may be determined there without driving Merchants or others to appeal, or seek Justice elsewhere in those Causes.

Concerning any thing in Religion, His Maj fies Anfiver is,

I. Hat as the Laws against those of the Romifb Religion within that His Kingdom of Ireland, have never been executed with any rigor or feverity ; So if fuch his Subjects fhall by their returning to their dutie and loyaltie, merit His Majeflies favour, and protection, they shall not for the future have caule to complain, that leffe moderation is used towards them, then hath been in the most favourable of Queen E: and King James his times. Provided, that under pretence of Confcience, they do not itir up Sedition, but live quietly and peaceably according to their Allegiance. 2. Touching the calling a free Parliament (by which His Majeffie supposes the Proposers intend a new Parliament) His Majestie faies that he could with that all the particulars might be fully agreed on, and ratified this Parliament; His Majeftie well understanding, That his Protestant Subjects may be in far greater danger in a new Parliament, then the Propofers and their partie can be in this ; His Majestie being willing to give them any fecuritie that can be defired against their apprehensions. Howfoever fince fome objections and doubts are raifed of the legall continuance of this Parliament fince the death of the Lord Deputie Wansford, and by the late arrivall of his Majeflies Commission after the day of meeting, upon the Prorogation (though those doubts may be eafily folved) his Majeffie is content to call a new Parliament, upon Condition that all partie culars be first agreed on, and the Acts to be passed be first transmitted, according to cultome (for his Majeftie will by no means confent to the fufpenfion of Poynings Act) and the Propofers giving his Majeftic fecurity, that there shall be no attempt in that Parliament to passe any other Act then what is agreed on and first transmitted, or to bring any other preju-

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dice to any of His Majefiles Protestant Subjects there.

3. His Majeftie neither can nor will declare Acts in themfelves lawfull to be void, but is well content that neither the Propofers nor their partie, thall fuffer any prejudice by any Acts or Ordinances paffed fince the time in that Proposition mentioned by reafon of this commotion, and for that end, thall give his full concurrence.

4. The matters of the fourth and fifth, and fixteenth Propofitions are to be difgefted into an Act of Oblivion, in which his Majefty will admit any claufes to inlarge his mercy, but will not by declaring indicaments legally taken, and regularly profecuted to be void, give any countenance to, or make any excutes for the prefent Rebellion, which would be a great prejudice to truth, and the future fecurity of that Kingdome. And therefore his Majefty is contented to grant a full and generall Pardon to all perfons whatfoever, within that his Kingdom: (Except) For all Treafons, Rebellions, or other crimes whatfoever, growing and arifing from, or by reafon of the faid Rebellion : And will likewife give his confent to fuch an Act of Oblivion, as fhall be prepared and transmitted to him by the advice of his Lord Lievtenant, and Councell of Ireland, who are fitteft to confider in what flate debts are to be left, and particular Actions and Remedies to be waved. In which his Majefty for the peace of the Kingdome, will be content to releafe what concernes himfelte.

6. When all other things shall be agreed on, and faithfully executed on the parts of the Proposers, his Majesty (excepting a just acknowledgement of his bounty, as well knowing that he parts with very much, to which he hath a legall and undoubted title) Is content to release and acquit his right to all such lands in the Counties mentioned (except in the Counties of Kilkenny and Wickloe, upon the termes formerly affented to by his Majesty, in his answer to the grievances in the 17 year of his raign, and will confent to such an Act of Limitations as is defired.

7. When all other things that be concluded, his Majerty will confent to an Act for the taking away any incapacity, as Natives either to Lands or Offices, if any fuch there be. And will willingly confent to the erecting an Inne of Court, Vniverfity, or Free-schooles; provided that they be governed by such Statutes, Rules, and Orders, as his Majesty shall approve, and agreeable to the custome of this Kingdome.

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8. Such of his Majellies subjects of the Romish Religion within that Kingdome, as shall manifest their duty and affection to his Majelty, shall receive such marks of his Majesties favour in Offices and places of trust, as shall manifest his Majesties good acceptance and regard of them.

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9. His Majelty will take care that his good subjects of that Kingdome, shall not be oppressed by his Court of Wards; And if oppressions of that kind have been upon good and due information. His Majelty will cause Justice to be done for the time pass, and for the future will prevent the like by instructions; But for the taking away of that Court, his Majelty can make no answer, till the particulars for his satisfaction, be set down and presented to him.

10- His Majelly confented as farre as is fit for him in this point, in his answer to the 25th grievance in the 17th yeare of his Raign, the which he is still willing shall be enacted, looking forward still to five yeares, to begin after the peace concluded.

11. His Majefty conceives the fubftance of this Proposition (which concernes the fundamentall rights of both Kingdomes) fit to be referred to the free debate and exposulation of the two Parliaments, when it shall please God that they may freely and fately fit. His Maje ty being fo equally concerned in the prviledges of either, that he will take care to the utmost of his power that they shall both contain themselves within their proper limits, His Majetty being the Head, and equally interreffed in the Rights of both Parliaments.

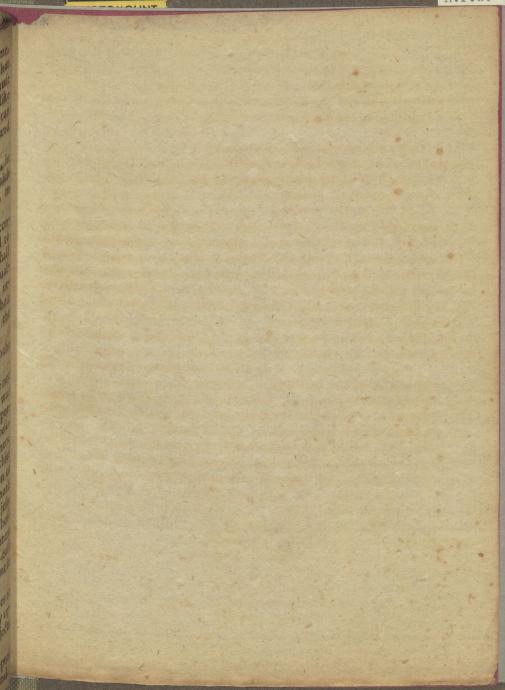
122. This is sufficiently provided for in his Majesties Answer to the tenth grievance; which he is content shall passe.

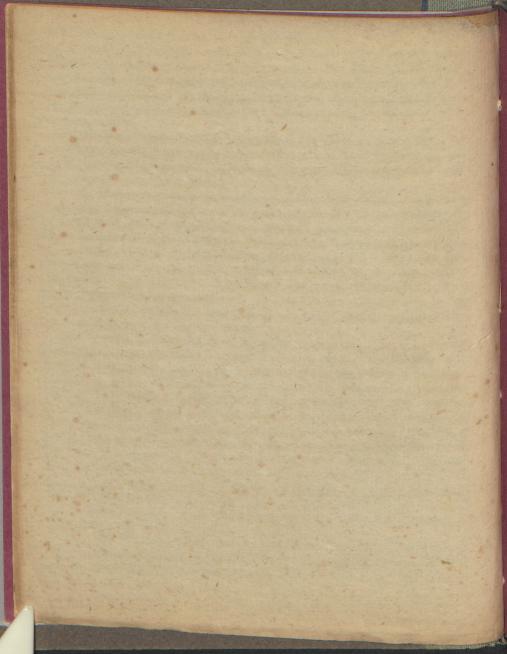
13. Since it appeares by long experience, that their Lawes have not produced that good effect, for which they were made: His Majefty was gracioully pleafed by his late Graces, that those Statutes fhould be repealed, fave onely for Wools, and Wool-fells; and will observe the fame refolution. And a book of Rates shall be fetled by ind afferent Commissioners.

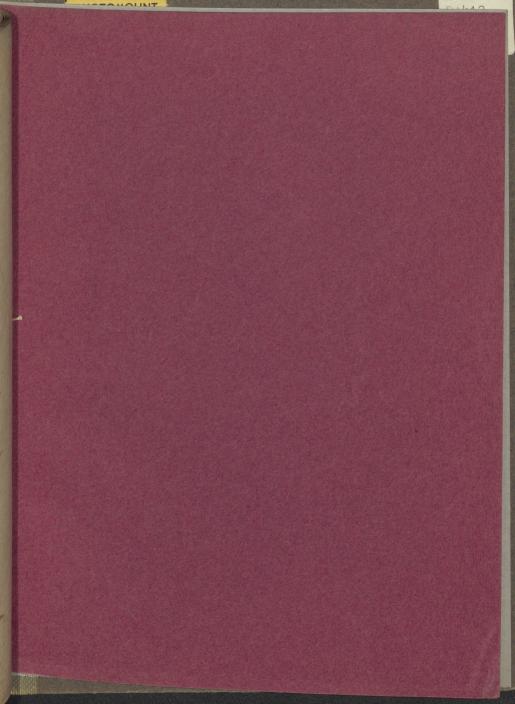
14. His Majefty doth not admit that the long continuance of the chief Governours of the Kingdome in that place, hath been an occasion of much tyranny and opprefion, or that any tyranny and opprefion hath been exercifed upon his fubjects of that Kingdome: However his Majefty will take care that fuch Governours fhall not continue longer in those places, then he fhall find for the good of his people there. And is content that they shall be inhibited to make any purchase (other then by Lease for the provision of their houses) during the time of their government in fuch manner as is defired.

15. This Proposition is to be explained, and some particular wayes to be proposed to his Majefly, for the doing hereof. And this his Majefly upon due confideration of the safety and security of his Protestant subjects, will return his Answer.

16. Answered the 4th and 5th. Such perfons who shall be excepted out of the act of oblivion, shall be tryed by the known law is of the land.



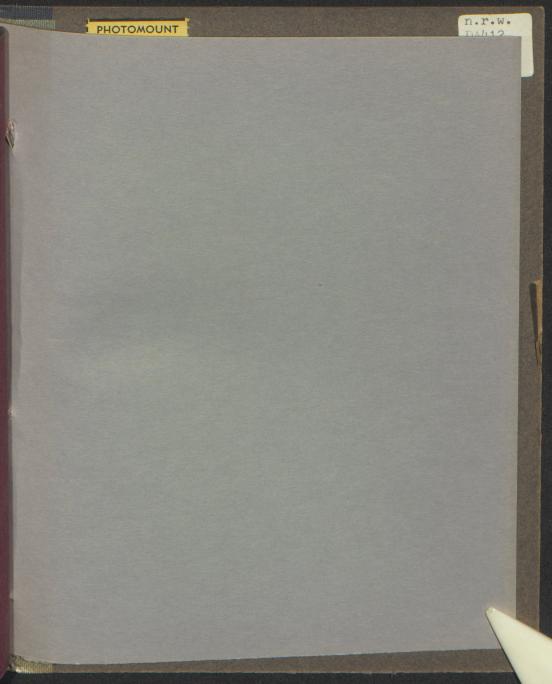


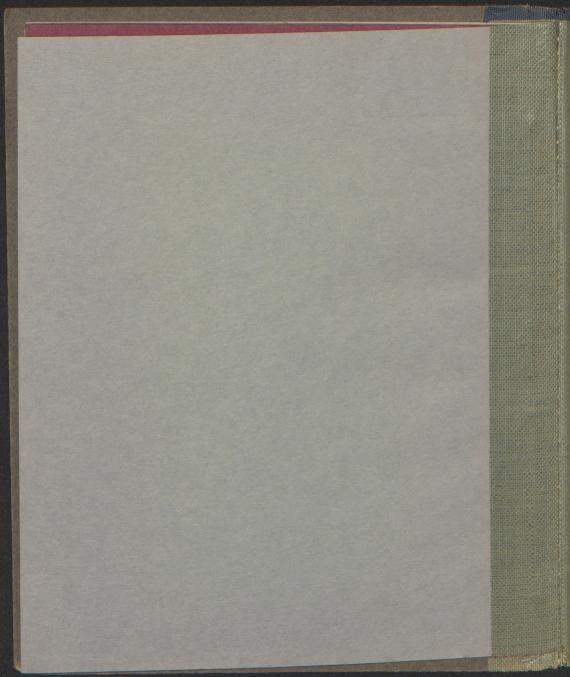




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