

when time serv'd, *so thankless an Office* it is to be a *State Martyr*, as to the gratitude of men, but) by *Gods goodness* to him, he liv'd to be *Sheriff of London*, and a *worshipfull Alderman* thereof; but his *Judges* in the *Star-Chamber* (many of them) did not come to the *Grave in Peace*; but went out of the *World* as naked as they came into it, stript of all before they were bereav'd of *Life*; yet the *Lord Treasurer Weston* dyed of his fair death, flying beyond *Sea*, and withall he dyed a *professed* (as before he was vilely suspected, and taken upon suspicion for a *Malquerade*) *Papist*.

Tant. *Tou Whiggs* thought him a *Covert-papist*, or a *Protestant in Malquerade*, when he was so *prefer'd* at *Court* from *Chancellor of the Exchequer*, to be the *great Lord Treasurer*.

Whigg. He was a *Creature of Buckingham's* making, and *Bishop Laud's* *Confirming*.

Tant. *Do Bishops confirm* *Lord Treasurers*?

Whigg. Sometimes, as well as *turn Lord Treasurers* themselves, as they used to be.

Tant. The *worst of the Disciples* carried the *Bag*.

Whigg. That *Rule* holds not always true.

Tant. But if the *said Treasurer* did *Dye* a *profest* *Papist*, that looks not well on our side.

Tory. Nor can it *faresly* be deny'd; and the *Commons* were so sensible of it, that they agreed upon this *entuing* *Petition* to his *Majesty* concerning *Reculants*, (long before *Weston* grew so high) in these words:

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

2 Cr. 1. "YOUR Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, do with great Comfort remember the many Testimonies which your Majesty hath given of your Sincerity and Zeal for the true Religion Established in this Kingdom, and in particular, your gracious Answer to both Houses of Parliament at Oxford, upon their Petition concerning the Causes and Remedies of the Increase of Popery, that your Majesty thought fit and would give Order to Remove from all Places of Authority and Government, all such Persons as are either Popish Reculants, or according to direction of former Acts of State justly to be suspected, which was then Presented as a great and principal Cause of that Mischief; but not having received so full redress herein as may conduce to the Peace of this Church, and safety of this Regal State, they hold it their Duty once more to resort to your Sacred Majesty, humbly to Inform you, that upon Examination they find the Persons underwritten to be either Reculants, Papists, or justly suspected according to the former Acts of State, who now do, or since the Sitting of the Parliament did remain in places of Government, and Authority and Trust in your several Counties of this your Realm of England, and Dominion of Wales.

The Right Honourable Francis Earl of Rutland, Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln, Rutland, Northampton, Nottingham, and a Commissioner of the Peace, and of Oyer and Terminer in the County of York, and Justice of Oyer from Trent Northwards; and also against his Deputy Justice in Oyer from Trent northwards; the right Honourable Viscount Dunbar, Deputy Lieutenant in the East riding of Yorkshire, his Wife and Mother, and the greatest part of his Family being Popish Reculants; also against William Lord Eure, a convict Popish Reculant, and in Commission for the Sewers; Henry Lord Abergavenny, John Lord Tenham, Henry Lord Morley, John Lord Mordaunt, John Lord St. John of Basing, Captain of Lidley Castle in Com. Southampton; Em. Lord

Scroop,

Scroop, Lord President of his Majesties Council in the North, Lord Lieutenant of the County and City of York, and of Kingston upon Hull; Anthony Viscount Mountague in Commission of the Sewers; Sir William Wray Knight, Deputy Lieutenant, Colonel to a Regiment, his Wife a Reculant; Sir Edward Mulgrave, Sir Thomas Lumpley, Justices of Peace and quorum; Sir Thomas Savage Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace, his Wife and Children Reculants; Sir Richard Egerton a Non-communicant; Thomas Savage Esquire, a Deputy Lieutenant a Reculant, and his Wife Indicted and Presented; William Whitmore, Sir Hugh Beeton, Sir William Massy, Sir William Courtny Knight, Vice-warden of the Stantery, and Deputy Lieutenant, a Popish Reculant; Sir Thomas Ridley, Sir Ralph Conyers, James Lawson Esquire, Sir John Shelley Knight and Baronet, a Popish Reculant; William Scot Esquire, a Reculant, John Finch Esquire, not convicted, but comes not to Church; Sir William Mullineux, Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace, his Wife a Reculant; Sir Richard Houghon Knight, Deputy Lieutenant, Sir William Norris Captain of the General Forces, and Justice of Peace, a Reculant; Sir Gilbert Ireland Justice of Peace, a Reculant; James Anderson Esquire, Justice of Peace, and one of his Majesties Receivers; Edward Rigby Esquire, Clerk of the Crown, Justice of Peace, himself a good Communicant, but his Wife and Daughter Popish Reculants; Edward E—, Robert Warren Clerk, a Justice of the Peace, justly suspected for five Reasons there mentioned, Sir Henry Compton Knight, Deputy Lieutenant, Justice of the Peace, and Commissioner for the Sewers; Sir John Shelly Knight and Baronet, himself and his Lady Reculants; Sir John Gage a Popish Reculant, with a vast number more of Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Sewers, either Papists or justly suspected.

"Wherefore they humbly beseech your Majesty not to suffer your loving Subjects to continue any longer discouraged by the apparent fence of that Increase both in number and power, which by the Favour and Countenance of such like ill affected Governours accreth to the Popish Party; but that according to your own Willdom, Goodness and Piety, (whereof they rest assured) you will be graciously pleased to Command that Answer of your Majesties to be effectually observed, and the Parties above named, and all such others to be put out of such Commissions and Places of Authority where in they now are in your Majesties Realm of England, Contrary to the Acts and Laws of State in that behalf.

Tant. Those last words were Pungent.

Tory. Not prevalent surely, for the Parliament was soon after Dissolved, and the House of Commons having Intimation of their intended Dissolution made what hast they could to perfect a Remonstrance or Declaration against the Duke of Buckingham, and concerning Tunnage and Poundage, taken by the King since his Fathers death without consent in Parliament, and which were never payable (they say in their Remonstrance) to any of his Majesties Ancestors, but only by a special Act of Parliament, and ought not to be levied without such an Act.

Tant. And did the King go on Collecting and taking Tunnage and Poundage notwithstanding?

Tory. Yes, he said he could not want it and sent them a former Message, that if He had not a timely supply, He would betake himself to New Councils.

Tant. New Councils, what were they?

Tory. The Commons in their said Remonstrance often with thoughtful Hearts remember the words— New-Councils, repeating, and Repeating them as if they were somewhat against the old Parliamentary Councils and courle of this Kingdom; and they Order'd every Member of the House to have a Copy of the said Remonstrance, for they had not time to Present it to his Gracious Majesty, but were Dissolv'd, though the Lords also prepared a Petition to stay the Kings purpose in Dissolving the Parliament, sending Viscount Mandevill, Earl of Manchester, Lord President of his Majesties Council, the Earls of Pembroke, Carlisle, and Holland, to entreat his Majesty to give Audience to the whole Houle of Peers.

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