



THE MOST HONOURABLE

And high Court of Parliament.

The humble Petition of the Gentlemen and other of the Inhabitants of the
County of Cornwall.

Having seene and heard the many (though scarce divers) Petitions to this Honourable Assembly by the Inhabitants of divers Counties and Cities of this Land, as also Corporations, Companies, and Trades, some against Bishops, some against the Common Prayer, and all against such judiciall, and things super-elementary to the Region of their capacity of judging, and matters only belonging to the Iudicature of this grave Synod, which seemes either to distrust, or direct, or both, your great wisedomes; Wee therefore the Gentlemen and other the Inhabitants of *Cornwall*, with as many hearts, though not hands, with as many good-wills though not persons, not in imitation, but rather by provocation, and necessity, in these times, to shew our good minded affections, doe humbly prostrate the utmost of our service to your feet. In which (or rather after which) we take leave humbly to beg,

That you will be pleased to bend your auxiliary and good affections to the redresse of the distresse of the miserable Protestants in *Ireland*. To gaine whose good, prosperity, peace, and tranquility, to preserve the Sovereignty of that Land to our Royall King, and to maintaine his and this Kingdomes honour, We shall willingly lay downe our lives and fortunes.

That you will be pleased to continue your great respect, dutifull love, and true obedience, to our Royall Sovereigne, by maintaining his just, and no way antilegall Prerogative.

That you will be pleased to put the Lawes in due execution against all Iesuities, Seminaries, Papists and Recusants.

That you will be pleased to looke upon the other side, and duely weighing the actions (or rather factious) of some, (whom most men call Citizens) to scourge their irregular and disorderly schisme and hereticall Sects, into right paths of serving God, to frequent his House, and to pray as well as heare, to allow order, and obey conformity, to reverence Learning, and bow to Authority, to be under a discipline, and live in order.

That you will be pleased to maintaine and establish the ancient fundamentall and most venerable Lawes, Order and Discipline, both of our Church and Common-wealth, to continue the reverend Office, and punish the offending persons of Bishops, to have in high account, and eternize (as farre as in you lyes) the Divine and excellent forme of Common-prayer, to correct brain-forg'd doctrine, by your exemplary precepts strike a reverence of Gods House into every mans breast.

That you will be pleased to intimate to the people your honourable and wise intentions concerning Divine Service, lest while you hold your peace, some rejecting it in part, others altogether, they vainly conceive you countenance them.

Lastly, (not to trouble your great affaires any longer) That you will be pleased to take into your sage consideration, those scandalous and ill-affected Pamphlets, which flye abroad in such swarmes, as are able to cloud the pure ayre of truth, and present a darke ignorance to those who have not the two wings of Iustice and knowledge to fly above them.

Now to polish this our worke with a smooth demonstration of our modest intents, that the tinctures which in introduction fell on the fore-mentioned presents, may slide without a staine from this; Wee doe in all humility declare, that neither distrust of your intentions, nor opinion of any of our counsels worthy your eares ever tainted our thoughts, but that we have still been, and are confident, that this most wise Synod hath ever thought fit, resolv'd, and will confirme into action, what we now humbly request, therefore this our present, not so much a Petition, as a prayer of willing and thankfull hearts for the hop'd sequell, is onely to shew our true intentions and good will towards his gracious Majestic, and this high Court, as Instruments of the peace of our soules and bodies, for which wee are unanimously, and immutably resolv'd to spend our dearest blood.

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