



His Majesties Speech to the Committee,
the 9th of March, 1641. when they presented the
Declaration of both Houses of Parliament at *New-market*.



Am confident that you expect not I should give you a speedy Answer to this strange and unexpected Declaration; And I am sorry (in the Distraction of this Kingdom) you should think this Way of Adresse to be more convenient, then that proposed by my Message of the 20th of January last to both Houses.

As concerning the grounds of your Fears and Jealousies, I will take time to answer particularly, and doubt not but I shall do it to the satisfaction of all the World. God, in his good time,

will, I hope, discover the secrets and bottoms of all Plots and Treasons; and then I shall stand right in the eyes of all my People. In the mean time, I must tell you, That I rather expected a Vindication for the Imputation laid on me in Master Pims Speech, then that any more generall Rumours and Discourses should get credit with you.

For my Fears and Doubts, I did not think they should have been thought so groundlesse or triball, while so many Seditious Pamphlets and Sermons are looked upon, and so great Tumults are remembred, unpunished, uninquired into: I still confesse my Fears, and call God to witnesse, That they are greater for the true Protestant Profession, my People and Laws, then for my own Rights or Safety; though I must tell you, I conceive that none of these are free from danger.

What would you have: Have I violated your Laws: Have I denied to passe any one Bill for the ease and securitie of my Subjects: I do not ask you what you have done for Me.

Have any of my People been transport with Fears and Apprehensions: I have offered as free and generall a Pardon, as your selves can devise. All this considered, There is a Judgement from Heaven upon this Nation, if these Distractions continue.

God so deal with Me and Mine, as all my Thoughts and Intentions are upright for the maintenance of the true Protestant Profession, and for the Observation and Preservation of the Laws of this Land: And, I hope, God will blesse and assist those Laws for my Preservation.

As for the Additionall Declaration, you are to expect an Answer to it, when you shall receive the Answer to the Declaration it self.