

The COMMISSIONERS having proposed Questions to Sir Edmund Jennings; to which they Desired his Answer.

He Reply'd,

BEfore I can give Answer to the Questions Propos'd, I Desire to be satisfied in these Queries.

I. Whether for a Man to declare his Opinion or Resolution out of Parliament, to Endeavour the Repeal of the Laws, made for the Security of the King and Government, be not an Endeavouring the Alteration of the Government?

II. Whether to Endeavour an Alteration in the Government, be not Criminal?

III. Whether there lies any Obligation upon a Man to give his Answer in Manner and Form Propos'd?

The Commissioners not giving Satisfaction to Sir Edmund's Queries, he told them, He did not think fit to give any Answer to theirs, under his Hand; But, by way of Discourse, he would tell them his Opinion, which was to this Effect.

I. I cannot say how I should Vote if I should be a Member of Parliament, because I would Inform my Judgment as well as I could, upon the Arguments and Debates I should hear in the House.

II. I am of Opinion at present, that some Penal Laws may be Repeal'd; but the Tests not to be Repeal'd, because they were made for the Security of the Government, and the Preservation of the Reform'd Religion, according to the Doctrine of the Church of England: And no Man can think this a Time to Repeal such, but such as desire to Settle Popery in the Nation.

III. I will Endeavour the Election of such Members to serve in Parliament, as I conceive will be Loyal and Faithful to the King and Government; and will Endeavour the Preservation of the Reform'd Religion, and will Promote the true Interest of the Nation.

IV. If his Majesties Declaration of Indulgence, be according to Law, it will Support it self; If it be not according to Law, it is not in my Power to Support it.

V. I will live Peaceably with all Men, that will live Peaceably with Me.

