

The Gallant Rights, Christian Priviledges, Solemn Institutions of the *SEA-GREEN ORDER*;

OR

The Martial Colours of the Three Grand *Machabean* Nobles, *Viz.*

- I. Captain-*Honesty*, of the Linage of *David*.
- II. Captain-*Justice*, of the Linage of *Solomon*.
- III. Captain-*Freedom*, of the Linage of *Nehemiah*.

Being all up now in Arms *contra Gentes*, for a good People and a good Parliament,
according to this their present DECLARATION.

The first Institution.

TO all true cordial English Souls inhabitant or dispersed through *Europe, Asia, Africa, and America*; To Jew and Gentile, Freeborn and Slave: Be it by these presents made known, published and declared; That we, the legitimate Princes of the Earth, *Justice, Freedom, and Honesty*, having for a time, times, and half a time, by the Tyranny of unjust Monarchs and Arbitrary Lords, been forcibly exiled, and from our Native Rights debarred; are now, at the time of the end, come down into the World to chastise Injustice, to settle Peace, and to re-assume the Scepter in our own hands, as our proper due, against Emperors, Kings, Armies, Councils, maugre Men and Devils; Commanding all other Princes to lay down their Scepters at our feet, and Greatness to come under the command of Goodness; for this is the first Fundamental Right of the *Sea-Green Order*.

Secondly, Be it next declared, That we intend to advance our Royal Standard, first in *England*, this present year of King Jesus 1648. and this by Commission from God our King, and the Parliament of Heaven, unalterably, uncontrollably, and have for that purpose made choise of the deep Seagreen for our Flag and Colours, and do hereby ordain and authorize it to be worn as the lively badg of Constancy, Sufferance and Valor in grain, the cognizance of Justice and the mark of Freedom and Deliverance.

Thirdly, Be it by us ordered, That whatsoever noble heart shall abhor the yoke of Prerogative pleasure, the Chains of Slavery, and Tyranny by Princes, the Agents and cruel Instruments of Princes: Whosoever shall detest the Arbitrary Power and Voyce Negative: Whosoever shall abominate the self will'd Pomp and Dominion of Lords temporal and spiritual; the jugling of bribed Judges, the devilish inextricable snares of the Law-Courts, and their petty fogging sitting Dogs, (Pleaders, Officers of Court, Attorneys, Solicitors, perjured Sergeants, Bayliffs, Undersheriffs,) with all their Quirks, Demurs, and Quillers: Whosoever is seeing and sensible of the late bloody plots, and still raging designs, of Antichristian Christians: Whosoever groans under the present Extortions, unequal Taxes, unjust Levies, inevitable Monopolies, new Charters, Plunders and Avarice of Committees, bondage of Prison under inhumane Gaolors, Oppression of Landlords, all Wardships, all Hardships; Let them, upon sight hereof, take up the Cross, and follow Christ their King; take up our Colours, and follow us their Leaders; and in so doing the *Sea-green* shall be the badg of their warrant and protection.

Fourthly, Be it hereby instituted, That every one so wearing our Colours in hatband, cuff, garment, hilt, bridle, mayn, or sail, in relation to Equity, Freedom and Honesty, shall from henceforth, according to our Noble Order, be intitled the free born Assistant of Justice, (but according to the Order of King *Charls*, Levellers,) his is new, ours is old.

Fifthly, Be it further instituted, That every Champion of the *Sea-green Order* shall vow a sacred vow, in all his prayers and endeavors, to level first the mountain of his own heart, pride, ambition, avarice, self-hopes, self ends, self revenge, for this is the true level of the internal Antichrist.

Sixthly, It is decreed, That every such Assistant of Justice shall fearlessly resolve, promise and assent to his utmost power, to level to the earth all the unequal knobbiness, --- and uneven risings -- of injustice, pomp, tyranny and oppression, as the very causes of this War and things abominated in the eyes of an angry God, Saints and Angels; be it in Prince, Peer, Prelate, Iudg, Magistrate, and that without difference or exception of Persons, Parties, Religions, Relations, Titles, Dignities, indifferently and indistinctly; for this is the Level of the external Antichrist: So help him Christ, and the three *Machabean Princes*.

Next, it is hereby concluded, that Honesty among the Levellers shall be counted for the best Policy, and Simplicity shall bear up the Buckler against a whole Junto of *Machavil*, and Politicks Woodbee.

Be it also hereby known to all the gallant common Souldiers, serving under the excellent *Fairfax*, and faithful *Crummel*, that however their Grandee Masters have ill repayed their labours, yet we their Captains have from time to time carefully inrolled their valor, sufferings, scorns, nakedness and losses in the Register of Equity, man by man; and do by these presents ingage our honors for a full requital, far above Indempnity with money, bayes, and thanks, according to the degrees of each mans desert in War; provided that the said Souldier go on as he hath begun, stand to our Colours, and appear at our Summons, according to the Rights of the *SEA-GREEN ORDER*.

Lastly, Be it enacted and declared, That whosoever shall jeer, baffle, or vilifie our Colours, or reproach the Wearer ----- shall be censured an Anti-Leveller, a Malignant Revolter, Grandee Creature, or Dammee Varlet, and to be registred by the *SEA-GREEN Scout* in the Roul of Justice and Revenge; but whoever shall constantly and habitually affect us, and our Colours, shall be admitted into our favor, whether gallant Cavalier, or valiant Reformadoe.

Ordered that this be read in the two Houses
twice a week, as also once a week in the Army,
and every Parish Church for a moneth.

Signed by
Captain Mordecai Love Right, Secretary
General to the three Machabean Princes,
and the noble State of Levellers



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