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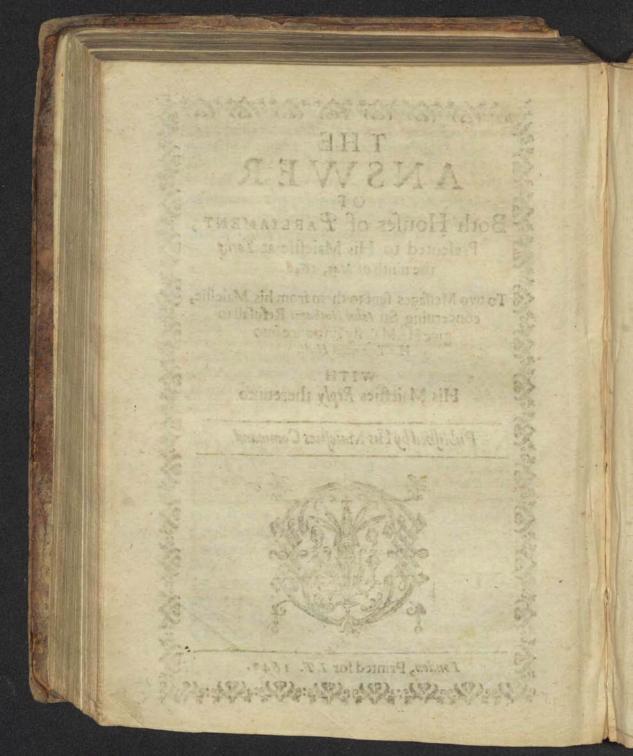
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Published by His Maiesties Command.



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The most humble ANSWYER Of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, to two Meffages from Your Sacred Majeftie, concernifig Sir John Hethams Refulall to give your Majeftie Entrance into the Town of Hall.

Our Majeftie may be pleased to understand, That we Your great Councell, finding manifold Evidences of the wicked Counfells and Practifes of lome in neer truft and authority about You to put the Kingdom into a combustion, by drawing Your Majefty into places of Strength, remote from your Parliament, and by exciting Your people to commotions, under pretence of lerving Your Majeftie against your Parliament; Lest this malignant Party, by the advantage of the Towne and Magazine of Hull, fhould be enabled to go thorow with their milchievous intentions. Did (in difcharge of the great Truft that lies upon us, and by that power which in cafes of this nature relides in us)command the Town of Hull to bee fecured by Garrison of the adjoyning Train Bands, under the Government of Sir John Hothams, requiring him to keepe the fame from the fervice of Your Majeffie and the Kingdom, wherein we have done nothing contrary to Your Royall Soveraignty in that Towne, or Legall Propriety in the Magazine.

Upour Confideration of Sir John Hothams proceedings at Your Mujefties being there, we have upon very good Grounds adjudged, That he could not discharge the trust upon which, nor make good the End for which he was placed in the Guard of that Towne and Magazine, if he had let in Your Majeftie, with fuch Counfellours and Company as then were about You.

Wherefore upon full Retolution of both Houfes, we have declared Sir John Hotham to be clear from that odious Crime of Treafon, and have Avowed, That he hath therein done nothing, but in obedience to the Commands of both Houfes of Parliament, affuring our our feives. That upon mature dehberation, Your Majelly will not Interpret his obedience to fath Asthormy, to be an afficient to Your Majelly, or to be of that nature as to require any Juffice to be done upon him, or facilitation to be made to your Majelty : But that you will fee juft caule of joyning with Your Parliament, in Preferring and fecuring the peace of the Kingdom, fupprelling this wicked and malignane Party, who by faile colours and preceditous of maintaining Your Majelties Pierogative against the Parliament (wherein they fully agree with the Rebels in Ireland) have been the caules of all our diffempers and dangers.

For prevention whereof, we know no better remedy, then feeling the *Militia* of the Kingdome according to the Bill which we have fent Your Majefty, without any intention of deferting or declining the validity or observance of that Ordinance, which paft both Houfes upon Your Majeftics former refulall · But we will full hold that Ordinance to be effectuall by the Laws of this Kingdom.

And we thall be exceeding glad. if your Majelty by approving thele out juft, dutitull, and neceffary proceedings, thall be pelaled to entertain fuch Counfell, as we affure our telves (by G ds bleffing) will prove very advantagious for the Honour and great effe of Your Majelty, the fatery and pelge of your People's amonght which we know no more likely to produce fuch good effects, then a Declaration from Your Matelty of Your purple to lay ande all thoughts of going into *Ireland* a d to make a fpeedy return into thele parts, to be neer Your Parliament. Which as it is on melt humble define and earnelt Perition, fo thall it be feconded with our most dutifull care for the fatery of Your Royall Perfon, and conthant prayers, that it may prove Honorable and fuccesfull in the happineffe of Your Majelty, and all your Kingdoms.

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ferone of your Members to come to fo much as to a Is Maieftie was in good hope, that the reafon why you to long deferred your Answer to His Meffages concerning Hull, was, That you might the beter give Him latistaction therein, which now adds the more to His Aftonifhment, finding this Answer (after fo long Advisement) to bee of that nature, which cannot but rather increase, then diminifh the prefent distractions, if constantly adhered unto by the Parliament. Was it not too much that his Maiefties Towne of Hull had a Garifon put into it, to the great charge of the Countrey, and inconvenience to the poore Inhabitants, without His Maichies confent and Approbation, under colour at that time of Forseigne Invation, and apprehentions of the Popilh pairs; but now the Reafons thereof must be inlarged with a feandall to His Maieflie and His faithfulldervants, onely to bring in the more fpecious pretext for the Maidlic

(4) the avoiding of Sir John Hoshams Treafonable infolencie :

His Maieftie hath often heard of the great truft that by God and mans Law is committed to the King, for the defence and Safety of His People, but as yet hath never underftood what truft or power is committed to either or both Houfes of Parliament without the King; they being furmoned to Counfell and Advife the King; but by what Law or Authority they poffeffe them felves of His Maiefties proper right and inheritane He is confident, that they have not, fo they cannot fhew.

His Maieftichitherto hath not given the leaft interpretation to publike Iuftice; but you rather then fuffer one of your Membersto come to fo much as to a Legall Triall for the higheft crime, will make use of an Order of Parliament to Countenance Treason, by declaring him free from that guilt which all former Ages never accounted other, and that without so much as enquiring the opinion of the Iudges: for His Maieftie is confident that you would have mentioned their opinion if you had asked the fame.

Therefore His Majeftic expects, That upon further and better confideration of the great and neceffary confequence of the Bufineffe of HVLL, and ferioufly weighing how much this doth concerne the Peace and quiet of the Kingdome, you will (without further infrance from His Maieftie) give him full and fpeedy luffice againft Sir *lobn Hotham*: And he leaves all His good People to thinke, what hope of luffice there is left for them, when you fhall refvse or delay to give your owne Sovereign fatisfaction: And (as his odd Maieftic (5) Maiestie hath already faid) till this be done He will intend no Businesse whatsoever, other then that of Ireland.

And His Maiestie likewise expects, That in the way you have expressed in this your Answer, you will not put the *Militia* in Execution, untill you can shew Him by what Law you have Authoritie to doe the same without His consent: Or, if you doe, He is consident, That He shall finde much more Obedience according to Law, then you against Law: And His Maiestie shall effect all those that shall obey you therein, to be disfurbers of the Peace of the Kingdome, and in due time call them Legally to a strict account for the same.

As for Ireland, His Maiesty referres you to His former Answer.

And laftly, concerning His Return, He never heard, That the flandering of a KINGS Government, and His faithfull Servants, The refufing of Him Iuftice in acafe of Treafons. Add the feeking to take away His undoubted and Legall Authority; Under the pretence of putting the Kingdome into a Pofture of Detence? were Arguments to induce a KING to comonear, or heatken to His PARLIAMENT.

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