

## S E S S I O N E C U N D A.

Anno Regni G U L I E L M I &amp; M A R I E primo.

C A P. I. (35.)

An Act for a Grant to their Majesties of an Aid of two Shillings in the Pound for one Year. EXP.

C A P. II. (36.)

An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and securing the Succession of the Crown.

**W**HEREAS the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, assembled at Newmynster, lawfully, fully, and freely representing all the Estates of the People of this Realm, did upon the thirteenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-eight, present unto their Majesties, then called and known by the Names and Style of William and Mary, Prince and Princess of Orange, being present in their proper Persons, a certain Declaration in Writing, made by the said Lords and Commons, in the Words following: viz.

**W**HEREAS the late King James the Second, by the Assistance of divers evil Counsellors, Judges, and Ministers employed by him, did endeavour to subvert and extirpate the Protestant Religion, and the Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom.

1. By affording and exercising a Power of dispensing with and suspending of Laws, and the Execution of Laws, without Consent of Parliament.
  2. By committing and prosecuting divers worthy Prelates, for humbly petitioning to be excused from concurring to the said abus'd Power.
  3. By issuing and causing to be executed a Commission under the Great Seal for erecting a Court called, *The Court of Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes*.
  4. By levying Money for and to the Use of the Crown, by Pretence of Prerogative, for other Time, and in other manner, than the same was granted by Parliament.
  5. By raising and keeping a Standing Army within the Kingdom in Time of Peace, without Consent of Parliament, and quartering Soldiers contrary to Law.
  6. By causing several good Subjects, being Protestants, to be disarmed, at the same Time when Papists were both armed and employed, contrary to Law.
  7. By violating the Freedom of Election of Members to serve in Parliament.
  8. By Prosecutions in the Court of King's Bench, for Matters and Causes cognizable only in Parliament, and by divers other arbitrary and illegal Courses.
  9. And whereas of late Years, partial, corrupt, and unqualified Persons, have been returned and served on Juries in Trials, and particularly divers Jurors in Trials for High Treason, which were not Freeholders.
  10. And excessive Bail hath been required of Persons committed in criminal Causes, to elude the Benefit of the Laws made for the Liberty of the Subjects.
  11. And excessive Fines have been imposed; and illegal and cruel Punishments inflicted.
  12. And several Grants and Promises made of Fines and Forfeitures, before any Conviction or Judgement against the Persons, upon whom the same were to be levied.
- All which are openly and directly contrary to the known Laws and Statutes, and Freedom of this Realm.