Account of Proceedings in Parliament (1628)

Transcript

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At [th]e Parl[iament] begun Jan[uary] [th]e 1628

[*Left margin:* J{a}n 21] ~~The first thing insisted vpon was what Innovations~~ Their first walk into publiq[e] affairs was ~~to be~~ like good husbands to see if ther fences were firme for the Last P[arliament] having made a gallant hedge between Royal Prerog[ative] & Pop[ular] Liberty their first care was to see ~~wheth~~ what incroach ments had been made vpon it & appointed a Com[m]ittee to to view the scathes who gave account that not onely several irruptions and gapps had been made therein but also that it had been new printed with such an additio[n] as ~~was dis~~ would gangrene the hole masse if not prevented. This inquisition taking notice of the vndue ~~enfer~~ extorting Ton[n]age & Poundage vrged his M[ajesty] to declare himself to the house Jun[e] 24 that those levyes were not made as filing them vp vpon the score of his just Rights but onely as the products of his instant exigents disavowing vtterly any legal capa-city in him to impose them without Parl[iament] concessio[n] & withal desiring they would {hush} all {dolates} relating ^{to} them by a {present condescension} and that since he had disclaimed the right it might be a motive to obs teme the favour. Their next walke was into Religion which was p[re]sented ~~obst~~ in a very lapsing & tottering condition that Popery while the lawes were layd to sleep began to repullulate & grow a fresh That Papists were not onely tolerated but countenanced & graced That Armmianisme which is but parboyld Popery began to domineere notwithstanding it was declared against by the Lambeth Articles which were sent by K[ing] James to the Synod of Dort and to Ireland as the doctrine of [th]e Church of England that the faitors of that ipinion rode safe vnder the lee of Royal favour, wheras [th]e sound and {oathedon} were vnder inglorious disdein the Constat of this was that Mr Montague a man complained against in open P[arliament] was not withstanding $^{\text{by the sollicitasio[n] of \{nol\}}}$ both pardoned his preceding errour, but advanced fines to the see of Chichester. And that Dr Mannering who was sensured also for high misdomeanours had reingratiated himself and obteined his Pardon & ~~that there~~

For Constat of Recusants p[re]vailing it was proved ~~that~~ That in D~~ublin~~[th]e City of Dublin there were lately erected 13 houses (peculiar to Jesuites & Friers) more in number then there are Protestant Churches.

That in Scotland they have lately been very insolent & turbulent

That in $^{\text{some countyes of}}$ England they are multiplyd to the product some thousands of families now then in Q[ueen] El[izabeth] her time

[*Right margin:* Putet by their m[ar]k & c.] That in Clarkenwel there was a discovery of a Colledge of ~~it~~ Jesui tes & Preists whereof 10 were apprehended & 3 were endited for Preists $^{(\{\text{and the rest of Preminm[en]t}\})}$ whereof one was condemned and though direct treason was proved against them & one condemned yet the night before Excecution he was repreived by $^{\text{warrant}}$~~th Order~~ from the (~~R{???} who {???} an order for~~$^{\text{Lord Ch[ief] Iustice hide who said he}}$ ~~the Council table~~ did it by order fro[m] his Maj[es]ty

The maine breach into [th]e Subjects Liberty was by divers Customers who seased several M[e]rchants goods for Ton[n]age & p[oun]dage vpon which the Custom[e]rs were questioned and the K[ing] resigned vp the interest in them other ways then of free gift (though his warrant for the {???} of the sayes {} expressly they are a Principal Revenue of o[u]r crown) but to indemnify the Customers who he avowed acted onely by his com[m]and he requested the Parl[iament] woud compare the difference by some expedi-ent of honour to him and saftey to them. But the house stood so stiff to the maintenance of their own rights as K[ing] much {incensed} wished to ~~aj~~ adjorn.

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In religion they complained of several abuses ~~Great complaints being exhibeted~~ some relating to ~~against the spreading~~ 1. ~~of~~ Arminianisme then ~~of~~ Popery. For Arminianisme it was complained that not withstanding the Resolution of the ArchBis[hop] of C[anterbury] & other Reverend & learned ~~princes~~ Byshops & divines assembled at Lambeth 1595 on purpose to declare their opinions concerning the some of the 39 Articles in those Particulars vnto which ~~Articles~~ the ArchB[ishop] of York & all his Prov[ince] did agree. , ~~That notwithstanding~~ the suffrage of our Brition ~~Divines sent by K[ing] J[ames] to the Synod at Dort. And published by com[m]and That notwithstandin~~ the / That notwithstanding those Articles of Lambeth were sent by K[ing] James first to the Synod at Dort ~~by King James~~ as the Doctrine of our ch[urch] and ~~there~~ asserted by the suffrage of our British divines, And again to the Convocation in Ireland there to be inserted amongst the Articles of the Religion establist there. That notwithstanding several ~~de~~ Recantations Censures formaly enjoyned and inflicted vpon the spreaders of that doctrine yet the maintainers of these points did dare to publish both by the presse & pulpit their {tenets}~~P~~[2]/ they were not onely sheltered under the Lee of Royal favour but by the power & prevalence of the Byshops of Winchester & London advanced /1/ some~~they were pardoned~~ formerly censured in open Parliament as Mountague Cozen, Manwaring, & Sibthorpe ~~were~~ had by the procuremeant & {collinitative} of Note Bysh[op] of Winch[ester] & the Earle of Dorcest obtenied their pardons under the great Seal ~~and others were~~ and those very men with others not only &c. to the great disanimation of the tru p[ro]fesors. The Complaints referring to Oblique Popery were ~~judacises~~ ~~the obtruting of~~ the uncontrouled preaching of several points ~~thereof~~ warninge; that was by Mountague, Cozens & [th]e B[ishop] of Gloucester, the {endeviour} obtruding of divers superstitious ceremonies by the Prelates as warring of Altars and placing the holy table Altarwise the {~~L___ing~~ dopping & cringing} towards it the standing up at Gloria Patri things not enjoyned by any authoritqe act of State Relating to Popery direct. The extraordinary fructification both in Ireland and Engl[and] thereof, that in Dublin the ~~chri~~ Metroperlis of Ireland where lately all resorted to Church now there were erected more houses for Masse preists & Friers to officiat in than there were Parochial churches, that in some Counties of Engl[and] where there were few or none during Q[ueen] Eliz[abeth] her time there were now above 2000. That ~~they~~ there was a Colledge of Jesuits erected at Clerk-enwell who had there a Chappell and Library and other Roomes of necessaary accomodation with houshold vtensills ~~of~~ marked with {+ S}. and as by their bookes of accoumpt appeared had in revenue 300l {&} an allowed them by the subscription if diverse

Recusants ~~subscribers~~ That 10 of these were apprehended and indited 3 of Treason the rest of {Pre???} And that although plain treason was Proved against them at the Sessions yet by the artiface of the [2] L[ord] chief Justices Hide & Richard [suppassing our Kings evedence] nothing was done against [them], onely one was con-demned and the day before Execution was repreived by a warrant from th[e] Ch[ief] Justice Hide: That the ~~great~~ resort to {M???} at Som[erset] house was so great so frequent so openly connived at and the penal[ity if]{state???} through his M[ajesty] if over great indulgence so dispenced with as amounted in [the]~~able~~ totel to litle lesse then in toleratio[n].

[*Left margin:* virtue onely ~~quan~~ quantifyes nobility and gives it its dimensions A lea[r]nd man but no good scholler {???}]

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