

**An Answer to Certain Arguments (Raised From Supposed  
Antiquity, and Practice), by Some Members of the  
Lower House of Parliament to Prove that Ecclesiastical  
Laws Ought to be Enacted by Temporal Men (1606?)**

Sir Robert Cotton

**Other manuscript witnesses**

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- British Library, Egerton MS 3378, ff. 10r–14r
- British Library, Cotton MS Titus F IV, ff. 170r–173v
- British Library, Hargrave MS 225, ff. 240r–248v
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- Woburn Abbey, MS 4E-60, ff. 231–227

**Seventeenth-century print exemplars**

- Robert Cotton, *Cottoni Posthuma* (1651), pp. 201–217
- Robert Cotton, *Cottoni Posthuma* (1672), pp. 203–217
- Robert Cotton, *Cottoni Posthuma* (1679), pp. 203–217

**Selected Criticism**

- Marc L. Schwarz, "'Twenty-Four Arguments': Sir Robert Cotton Confronts the Catholics and the Church of England", *Albion*, 8/1 (1976), 35–49

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