

And this afternoon the two Houses accordingly attended his Majesty severally in the Banqueting House with the said Addresses and Votes.

*The Bill for settling the Revenue on his Majesty for his Life,* was this day Read the first time; and is to be Read again on Monday next.

Edinburgh, May 9. Yesterday there passed two Acts in Parliament; The one declaring, *That whereas the obstinacy of the Fanatical Party, notwithstanding all the Laws formerly made against them, do persevere to keep their House and Field Conventicles, which are the Nurseries and Rendezvous of Rebellion, Therefore his Majesty with consent of his Estates in Parliament, Doth Statute and Ordain that all such as shall hereafter Proceed at such Fanatical House or Field Conventicles, as also such as shall be present as Hearers at Field Conventicles, shall be punished by death and Confiscation of their Goods.*

The other declaring, *That the giving or taking of the National Covenant as explained in the year 1638, or of the League and Covenant, so commonly called, or writing in defence thereof, or owning of them as lawful or obligatory on themselves or others, shall infer the Crime and Pains of Treason.*

Edinburgh, May, 13.

This day the Parliament passed the following Act.

*An Act and Offer of a new Supply to His Majesty.*

THE Estates of Parliament calling to mind the many great Blessings they have and do enjoy under the protection of the Royal Government, and especially by the many deliverances from the rebellious Insurrections and designs of Fanatical Fraytors, from whom they could expect no less than confusion in Religion. Oppression in their Estates, and Cruelty against their Persons and Families; And that the Terror of His Majesties Forces hath been very instrumental for procuring our present security: But considering that not only these Enemies continue their inveterate hatred against King and People, but that their frequent disappointments have heightened their malice to despair; And that the present Forces may be too few to undergo all the Fatigue which His Majesties Service, or the protection of the Country doth require; And to demonstrate to all Seditious men that this Nation is resolved to bestow all they have in the Kings Service, rather than to be exposed to the least of their Insult; Do therefore for themselves and the Nation represented by them, make a hearty and dutiful offer to His Majesty of Two hundred and fifteen thousand pounds yearly, payable at two Terms, viz. Whitsonday and Merismas each year, beginning at Whitsonday next 1685. and so forth termly, and that over and besides the five Months Cesse already imposed on this Kingdom by the third Act of the Parliament 1681. whereby there will be four Months Cesse payable at each Term hereafter, beginning at Whitsonday next 1685. And as a farther Evidence of their entire affection to the Sacred Person of his present Majesty, they humbly and heartily offer a continuation and prorogation of the said four Months Cesse termly from the said Term of Whitsonday 1685. inclusive, during all the Terms of His Majesties life time, which God Almighty long preserve, that being the greatest of our earthly wishes, as it is the chief of our Temporal Felicity and Glory.

Edinburgh May 18. The late Earl of Argyle, and with him some other Rebels having in *Ireland* made provision of Arms and Ammunition, Set Sail from the *Ulye* on Saturday the 24 Instant in three small Ships. On the 5th he appeared before *Orkeney*, where having sent his Secretary and Chirurgion on shore, they were immediately seized by the Inhabitants of that Island, and are sending hither with all diligence to the Privy Council. From thence he sailed for the West Coast of *Scotland*, and arri-

ved the 13th Instant at *Dunstaffnage* in *Lorne* (a ruinous Castle which formerly did belong to himself) and put a Garrison therein. The Highlanders, and all His Majesties Forces on the Confines of that Country, are marching with all possible diligence for suppressing these Rebels; Who have emitted two Traiterous Declarations, whereof the first (a very long one) is entituled thus:

*The Declaration and Apology of the Protestant People, that is, Of the Noblemen, Barons, Gentlemen, Burgesses and Commons of all sorts now in Arms within the Kingdom of Scotland, with the Concurrence of the True and Faithful Pastors, and of several Gentlemen of the English Nation joyned with them in the same Cause, &c.*

BY which they impudently and irreligiously set forth the Great advantages the Protestant Religion both at home and abroad, had by the Success of the horrid Rebellion against King Charles the First, which Success they now impudently ascribe to the Blessing of God upon the Goodness of their Cause; They cry up the Loyalty of the Scotch Covenanters, who after they had delivered up the Father to be barbarously and inhumanly Murdered by their Brethren in England, had yet admitted of the Son to Reign upon certain Terms and Conditions (absolutely inconsistent with Monarchy) by which they pretend to prove that all that was done by his late Majesty since his happy Restauration, was *Ungrate, Illegal, Arbitrary, and Tyrannical*; And that all the Oaths imposed by Law since the rescinding of the Solemn League and Covenant have been *Perjury* and the Government it self a *continued Apostasy*. And they accuse the Parliaments of both Kingdoms for rescinding the *pernicious Laws* made during the Rebellion, and those of *Scotland* in particular, for making of Laws by which Protestant Blood (as they pretend) is shed, whereof they give for instance the late Marquis of *Argyle* Condemned in Parliament; and also for turning out the Nonconformist Ministers; They accuse the Government of putting men to death contrary to Law; and *desolating the Churches, changing the Ordinances of God to the inventions of men*; conniving at *Rapists*; keeping up of standing Forces, which they call the *Band* of Civil Government; They declare against the Kings *Supremacy*; And all the Wars against the States General of the United Provinces. The Execution of those Miscreants, who make it their Profession and Practice to Murder Loyal Subjects upon the pretence of Religion; and the Torture of *Spence* and *Carstares*, by whom was made so great a discovery of the late horrid Conspiracy; As also the Forfeiture of the late Earl of *Argyle*. They likewise declare against the Enquiries that were made into the Rebellion at *Borowel Bridge* by the late Circuit Courts, all which (so necessary for the Peace and quiet of these Kingdoms) they call *Tyranny and Paper twisted together*. They declare against his present Majesty, (whom they call *Famous Duke of York*) his Ascension to the Throne, as being *Excluded from it by the Commons of England*. They declare likewise against the present House of Commons as *Packed and Caballed and returned by Fraud and Injustice*. For all which pretended reasons they declare that they totally