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# REMARKUES

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## New Project

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### Association :

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*In a Letter to a Friend.*

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SIR;

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YOU would have me give you the fence of the Town, together with my own Private Thoughts upon the Subject of your Last. The *Former* would be *Tedious* and *Extravagant*, in a Case where People, either through *Passion*, or *Interest*, are so Extremely divided. And the *Latter* (with Submission) would be as *Unsafe*: But I shall, however, Gratifie your Curiosity in as full, and as Particular an Answer to the Summ of your Demands, as the Quality of the Matter in question, and the Compass of a Letter will conveniently bear.

You are so far in the Right; as that the Paper you speak of, is said, by some, to be the *Project* of a Bill for an *Association*; And grounded upon the *Precedent* of an *Association* 27 Eliz. It is said further, that it is no more then what was mov'd in the last *Westminster Parliament*; and only a *short Draught*, or *Scheme* of an *Association*, for a *General Defence* against a *Popish King*. But on the other hand, It is cry'd out against as the *Instrument* of a *Treasonous Conspiracy* against his *Majesty*, and the *Government*, under the Countenance of a *Religious Association*.

Thus far, Sir, you are rightly Enform'd, as to the Business of Ordinary *Conjecture*, and *Discourse*; but your Intelligence afterwards runs a little too large; for the Paper was barely found in my Lords Closet; And any man may have Papers perhaps in his Possession that he does not approve of. How far the Members of that Parliament (which is the next Point) will find themselves concern'd in Honour to search farther into this Affair, I am not able to Divine.

It will be both for your Ease and mine, to Consult, and Compare the Pieces themselves, and to see how far this *Late Draught* of *Association* agrees with the *Ends*, and *Intent* of the *Former*: And after that, to Examine it's *Consistency* with it *Self*: To which purpose I shall (in their due place) lay both the *Associations* before you, with such Notes upon, and concerning them, as may serve in some measure to Explain the Matter in hand: And therein I shall speak to the several Points of your Letter, as they fall in my way. The Words of the *Former* are as follows.

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The Paper which was Seized in the E. of *Shaftsbury's* Closet by *Francis Gwin* Esquire, One of the Clerks of His Majesties Privy Council, and Read November 24. 1681. at the *Old-Baily*, before His Majesties Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer.

1. **V**V E the Knights, &c. finding to the grief of our hearts, the Popish Priests and Jesuits with the Papists, and their Adherents and Abettors have for several years last past pursued a most pernicious and hellish Plot, to root out the true Protestant Religion as a pestilent Heresie, to take away the Life of our Gracious King, to subvert our Laws and Liberties, & to set up Arbitrary Power and Popery.

2. And it being Notorious that they have been highly encouraged by the Countenance and Protection given and procured for them by J. D. of Y. and by their expectations of his succeeding to the Crown, and that through crafty Popish Councils his Designs have so far prevailed that he hath created many and great Dependents upon him by his bestowing Offices and Preferments both in Church and State.

*City and Country.*] Here's an *Anathema* pronounc'd already against all Men under that Qualification, and the *Invalditing of the Kings Witnesses* is One Condition of the Sentence; which does most Expressly conclude all the *Present Defamers of the Kings Witnesses* under the same Condemnation.

This way of Exposing the Kings Loyal Subjects of the *English Communion*, under the Notion of *Papists*, (or in truth, beyond them,) and that, not only in *Libellous Papers*, but in some *Councils* also, is too notorious to need any Instances to confirm it; And what's the drift of these practices, but under a *General Scandal*, to *Stigmatize* that Party that will not Close with the *Faction*, and to set them up as a Mark to the Fury of the *Rabble*? And this is only a *Preparatory* toward a greater Work that is to follow; and whosoever is not wilfully Blind, cannot but see the Design to be all of a Thrid.

From this Aversion toward a sort of people (in general) represented under such a Character; the next Step is the *Naming of Particular Persons*, the *Discriminating of Parties*; the Computing of *Numbers*, & *Interests*, and so from *Listing*, to Pass on into *Associations*, and *Levies*. Let not this be taken for a Trivial Speculation upon the Common Methods, and Preliminaries to *Rebellion*: for I have heard, (and I do as firmly believe it, as a Man can believe any thing that he never saw) that there is Extant a Calculation upon all the Counties of *England* and *Wales*, *Alphabeticallly Digested*; Dividing the Men of Interest, and Consideration, in each Respective County into *Two Columns*, One against another: The *One* under the Title of *Worthy Men*; and the *Other*, of Men *Unworthy* (to be *Hang'd*, that is) Ranging the *Country Party* (as they call it) under the *Former*, and the *Court-Party* under the *Other*: Which appears, (as I am assur'd) by the Transporting of Names from One to the Other, as any Man is found to Change his Side and Opinion. By the Benefit of this Roll, 'tis not above a *Week*, or *Ten Days Work* to take a *Mustter* of the *Nation*; To *Communicate Orders*; To know whom to *Impeach*, and whom to *Trust*; and they that have *Money* shall never want *Evidence*. There is a Wonderful Correspondence betwixt the Tendency of *this List*, and the *Paper of Association*; betwixt the Dictates of the *Factionous Pamphlets*, and the matter of *Fact*, in *Evidence*, and it were little less then a *Miracle*, if all this should come by chance.

**N**OTE, That the Stile of the *First* Clause, in these Words, [*We the Knights, &c.*] Imports an Act of the *Commons*, Exclusive of the *Lords*; and *Rege Inconsulto*: The Dread and Danger of the *Popish Plot*, is made the *Inducement* to it: The *Papists Adherents* and *Abettors*, ranged with the *Papists themselves*; and joyned in the same Design of *Murdering the King, &c.*

In the *Second* Clause, his R. H. falls under the same Accusation; and the Government, Effectually, put into his hands, toward the Gaining of his Ends. Now the meaning of *Adherents*, and *Abettors*, is Expounded by the Author of *Smith's Queries* upon the *Duke's Bill*, where he says that [*the Pleaders for a Popish Successor, ought to be Esteem'd no other then Betrayers of their King and Country, Renegado's from their Religion, (if ever Protestants at all) and the worst of Papists; and so to be dealt with all in*

3. It appearing also to us, That by his Influence Mercenary Forces have been levied and kept on Foot for his secret Designs contrary to our Laws; the Officers thereof having been named and appointed by him, to the apparent hazard of His Majesties Person, our Religion and Government, if the danger had not been timely foreseen by several Parliaments, and part of those Forces with great difficulty, caused by them to be Disbanded at the Kingdoms great Expence: And it being Evident, that notwithstanding all the continual endeavours of the Parliament to deliver his Majesty from the Councils, and out of the Power of the said D. yet his Interest in the Ministry of State and others have been so prevalent, That Parliaments have been unreasonably Prorogued, and Dissolved when they have been in hot pursuit of the Popish Conspiracies, and ill Ministers of State their Assistants.

4. And that the said D. in order to reduce all into his own Power hath procured the Garrisons, the Army and Ammunition, and all the power of the Seas and Souldiery, and Lands belonging to these Three Kingdoms to be put into the hands of his Party and their Adherents, even in opposition to the Advice and Order of the last Parliament.

5. And as we considering with heavy Hearts how greatly the Strength, Reputation and Creature of the Kingdom both at Sea and Land is Wasted and Consumed, and lost by the intricate expensive management of these Wicked destructive Designs; and finding the same Councils after exemplary Justice upon some of the Conspirators, to be still pursued with the utmost devilish malice, and desire of Revenge; whereby His Majesty is in continual hazard of being Murdered to make way for the said D's Advancement to the Crown, and the whole Kingdom in such case is destitute of all security of their Religion, Laws, Estates and Liberty, sad experience in the Case, Queen Mary having proved the wisest Laws to be of little force to keep out Popery and Tyranny under a Popish Prince.

6. We have therefore endeavoured in a Parliamentary-way by a Bill for the purpose to Bar and Exclude the said Duke from the Succession to the Crown, and to Banish him for ever out of these Kingdoms of England and Ireland. But the first Means of the King and Kingdoms Safety being utterly rejected, and we left almost in Despair of obtaining any real and effectual security, and knowing our selves to be intrusted to Advise and Act for the preservation of His Majesty and the Kingdom, and being persuaded in our Consciences that the Dangers aforesaid are so eminent and pressing, that there ought to be no delay of the best means that are in our power to secure the Kingdom against them. We have thought fit to propose to all true Protestants an Union amongst themselves by solemn and sacred promise of Mutual Defence and Assistance in the preservation of the true Protestant Religion, His Majesties Person and Royal State and our Laws, Liberties and Properties, and we hold it our bounden Duty to joyn our selves for the same intent in a Declaration of our United Affections and Resolutions in the Form insuing.

In the Third and Fourth Clauses, the Kings Guards are Pronounc'd to be Contrary to Law; The Officers chosen by the Duke, Subservient to his Designs, and Dangerous to his Majesties Person, &c. The King himself Charg'd with following Popish Counoels, Unreasonable Prorogations, and Dissolutions, in favour of Popish Conspirators, and Ill Ministers of State, their Assistants; The Garrisons, Army, and Ammunition in the hands of the Dukes Party, and their Adherents.

It is not my Work to amplifie upon these Falshoods, and Slanders, in this place; so that I shall proceed.

The Fifth Clause Deplores the sad Estate of the King and Nation, by reason of the same Council. And after this Remonstrance upon the whole matter, [We the Knights, &c.] come to a point, in that which follows: That is to say,

6ly. The King will not agree to Barr and Exclude the Duke in a Parliamentary-way; and therefore we'll enter into a League, and Invite the Kings Subjects to Joyn with us in a Vow of Mutual Defence and Assistance (in an Un-Parliamentary-way) to the Intent of a Declaration in the Form Ensuing.

Now put all together, and the summ of it, in short, is this. There's a Plot upon the Kings Life, &c. The Duke is in't; and prefers Ministers of State, Officers Civil and Military, for his purpose; Prorogues and Dissolves Parliaments, Saves the Popish Lords; makes the King a Cypher; and therefore since he will not agree to Exclude and Banish his Bro-

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ther by Act of Parliament, [The the Knights, &c.] will joyu wish all True Protestants in a Sacred Promise to Destroy him, and his Adherents, without exception to His Majesty himself, who for Refusing to Exclude his Royal Brother, is declared to be one of the Party. To what Ends, and Purposes, will be seen in the Association it self.

# The Association.

**I. A. B.** Do in the presence of God solemnly, Promise, Vow, and Protest to maintain and defend to the utmost of my Power, with my Person and Estate, the true Protestant Religion against Popery and all Popish Superstition, Idolatry, or Innovation, and all those who do or shall endeavour to spread or advance it within this Kingdom.

I will also as far as in me lies maintain and defend His Majesties Royal Person and Estate; as also the power and priviledge of Parliaments, the lawful Rights and Liberties of the Subject, against all Incroachments and Usurpation of Arbitrary power whatsoever, and endeavour intirely to Disband all such Mercenary Forces as, we have reason to believe, were raised to advance it, and are still kept up in and about the City of London, to the great Amazement and Terror of all the good people of the Land.

Moreover **J. D. of P.** having publickly professed and owned the Popish Religion, and notoriously given Life and Birth to the Damnable and Hellish Plots of the Papists against His Majesties person, the Protestant Religion, and the Government of this Kingdom. Will never consent that the said **J. D. of P.** or any other, who is or hath been a papist, or any ways adher'd to the papists in their wicked Designs be admitted to the Succession of the Crown of England, But by all lawful means and by force of Arms, if need so require, according to my Abilities, will oppose him, and endeavour to Subdue, Erpell and Destroy him if he come into England, or the Dominions thereof; and seek by force to set up his pretended Title, and all such as shall Adhere unto him, or raise any War, Tumult, or Sedition for him, or by his Command, as publique Enemies of our Laws, Religion and Countrey.

To this end we and every one of us whose hands are here under-written, do most willingly bind our selves and every one of us unto the other joyntly and severally, in the Bond of one firm and loyal Society or Association, and do promise and vow before God, That with our joynt and particular Forces we will oppose and pursue unto Destruction all such as upon any Title whatsoever shall oppose the Just and Righteous ends of this Association, and Maintain, Protect and Defend all such as shall enter into it in the just performance of the true intent and meaning of it. And lest this Just and pious Work should be any ways obstructed or hindered for want of Discipline and Conduct, or any evil minded persons under pretence of raising Forces for the service of this Association, should attempt or commit Disorders, we will follow such Orders as we shall from time to time receive from this present Parliament, whilst it shall be sitting, or the Major part of the Members of both Houses subscribing this Association: when it shall be prorogued or Dissolved, and obey such Officers as shall by them be set over us in the severall Countreys, Cities, and Burroughs until the next meeting of this or another Parliament, and will then shew the same Obedience and Submission unto it, and those who shall be of it.

Neither will we for any respect of persons or Causes, or for Fear, or Reward, separate our selves from this Association, or fail in the Prosecution thereof during our Lives upon pain of being by the rest of us prosecuted, and suppressed as Perjur'd persons, and publick Enemies to God, the King, and our Native Countrey.

To which Pains and Punishments we do voluntarily submit our selves, and every one of us without benefit of any Colour or Pretence to excuse us.

In Witness of all which Premisses to be Inviolably kept, we do to this present Writing put our Hands and Seals, and shall be most ready to accept and admit any others hereafter into this Society and Association.

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**T**His Form of Association is only the *Covenant Reviv'd*, with the *same Licencē, Limitations, Reserves, and Equivocations*; and to the very *same End and Purpose*: And all *Schismatiques, and Heretiques* whatsoever, *Taken, and Invited* into the *Combination*, under the Colour of preserving the *True Protestant Religion*, (the *Papists* only excepted,) The *Guards* to be *Disbanded*, as *Illegal*; His *R. H.* to be *Expell'd or Depos'd*; and all his *Adherents* (even the *King himself*) to be *destroy'd by Force of Arms*. That is to say, The *King* is to be allow'd no other *Ministers, Magistrates, Officers*, but what the *Associates* shall vouchsafe to afford him, and he himself likewise upon his *Good Behaviour*, under the pain of an *Immediate Insurrection, Tumult, and Revolt*.

Being engaged by this *Vow, Promise, Protestation*, (or what what else you please) to a *downright Rebellion*, (unless the *King* will deliver up his *Crown* without *Striking a Stroke* for't) the *Oath* is carry'd on, even to the *Manner, and Method*, by which the *Nation* is to be Govern'd, after such *Violence* Acted upon the person, and *Authority* of the *King*: And this *Confederacy* is Extended even to the *Devolving* of the *Sovereign Power* upon the *House of Commons, Sitting the Parliament*; and upon the *Major part of the Members of both Houses, Subscribing this Association*, after the *Prorogation or Dissolution* thereof: And they never to *Recede*, upon any *Consideration* whatsoever. So that here's a *King Depos'd, a Monarchy Destroy'd; a Common-wealth Erected; a Free People Enslav'd*; and all in a *Trice*, by the help of this *Pious Union* if ever it should come to take *Effect*: And in *Conclusion* the *Supreme Power Vested* in the *Two Houses to Perpetuity*. This is the *Fairest Construction* that can be made on't, for tho' the *Paper* calls it the *Present Parliament*, in a *Complement*, 'tis only the *House of Commons*, in *Effect*.

Now look back upon the whole, and take notice how *Frivolous* all those *Colours, and Pretensions* are, that have been produced, either in *Favour or Excuse* of this *Paper*. [*Wie the Knights*] do *Declare, and Swear*, that what we cannot *Compass* in a *Parliamentary-way*, We will *endeavour to bring about by force of Arms*. Here's the very *Constitution of Parliaments* overthrown at a *Dash*: and pursuant to this *Resolution*, so many *Members* that were *Chosen, and Entrusted* to serve their *Countrys*, and (as much as in them lay) to uphold and maintain the *Laws of the Land, and the Liberties* of the people, have now propounded to set up themselves by this project, without either *King, or House of Lords*; as a *Standing Committee*, and to Exercise an *Arbitrary Power* over their *Fellow-Subjects*, to the *Subversion of the Common Rights*, and in *Dehiance of the Fundamental Privileges of King, Parliaments, and People*. So much for the pretended project of a *BILL*.

Now to this *Scheme of an Association for a Defence against a Popish King*. The *Paper* begins with *Exclamations* against a *Popish Plot*, and concludes in an *Oath of Conspiracy* against a *Protestant Prince*. It begins with a pretended *Tenderness for Religion*, and ends in a *peremptory Sentence and Determination of State*. For fear of a *Popish King*, here's a *Certain Provision* that we shall have *no King at all*; and under pretext of *Opposing an Arbitrary Power* in the *Crown*, here's an *Expedient offer'd* (as for the *Avoidance of it*;) by *Swearing Allegiance to the Unlimited will and pleasure of a Committee of Disbanded Members of our own Fellow Subjects*.

But this is no more, they say, then was propounded, and Debated in the *House of Commons*. There was an *Address* of the *Commons*, ('tis true) bearing date *May 10. 1679*. [*That His Majesty would be graciously pleased to give Order for raising the Militia, and keeping of it up for some certain time,*] and the *Lords* were afterwards reminded of it: To which (as I remember) His *Majesties Answer* was, That he would not part with it, so much as for an *hour*; But here was no *Associating* to take possession of it by *Force*, in case it should be refused.

It is True likewise, that the *Commons, December 15. 1680. Pass'd a Vote* that a *Bill* should be brought in for an *Association of all His Majesties Protestant Subjects, &c.* And that upon the *One and Twentieth* of the same Month, they presented an *Address* to the *King*, desiring therein, That his *Majesty would be Graciously pleased to assent to an Act, whereby His Majesties Protestant Subjects might be Enabled* to Associate themselves for the *Defence of his Person, &c.* Which very Word [*Enabled*] Imports a *Concession, and Acknowledgment* that without the *Kings Passing* such a *Bill*, they had no *Right* to *Authorize* such a *Combination*.

But that which has misled people into a *Mistake*, so *Derogatory* to the *Honour* of the *House of Commons*, I presume may be this. There were several *Questions* put by the *Foreman of the Jury*; First to *Mr. Gwin*; and afterwards to *Mr. Secretary Jenkins*, that carryed some sort of *Countenance*, as if *This Association* had been *Debated*, and *This very Paper*,

per, Read in the House of Commons. 'T is a short Passage and I'll recite it, as you will find it in the Printed proceedings, Pag. 34.

*Foreman.* Don't you know, Sir, there was a Discourse in the *Parliament* of an *Association*?

*Mr. Gwin.* Sir I was not of the last Parliament, I know nothing of it.

*Foreman.* You have not heard then that there was such a Thing in *Parliament* concerning an *Association*?

*Mr. Gwin.* I have heard of an *Association* Talk'd of.

*Foreman.* *Mr. Secretary*, I would ask you some Questions, If you did not know of a Debate in Parliament of an *Association*?

*Mr. Secretary.* I was not present at the Debate; but there was a Talk in Town of an *Association*.

*Foreman.* Did not you hear of it in *Parliament*?

*Mr. Secretary.* Indeed there was an answer to a Message from the House of *Commons* that had something in it that did strongly imply an *Association*; but *This particular Association* I do not remember to have heard propos'd.

*Foreman.* Don't you remember in the House of *Commons* Sir, it was read, upon Occasion of that Bill?

*Mr. Secretary.* I heard such a thing spoken of; but at the Reading of it I was not present, to the best of my remembrance.

I know nothing to the contrary, but that the *form* of this *Vow* and *protestation*, (meaning the *Three first Clauses* of it) might possibly be read in the *House*; But to imagine, that the *Honorable House of Commons* would ever have endur'd the Starting of a Project to over-turn the very *Foundations* of *Government*, were to do them the greatest Indignity in the world. The late *Usurpers* themselves were half way through the Rebellion, before they arriv'd at that degree of Boldness. If any man should Interpret these *Glancing Interrogatories* in such manner as to take this Project for an Act of the House; The *Jesuits* themselves could not have done the *Popish Plot* a greater piece of service, then the promoting of such an Error as might create a Jealousie of *Treason* within those Walls: But on the other side there may be *Scandals Taken* as well as *Given*.

If it were not for Tiring of you out, I could shew ye the *Originals*, both of this *Draught* and *Design*, and Trace the very *Footsteps* of our *Reforming Hero's*, from his Majesties most *Dutiful and Loyal Subjects* with their Outcry of *Plots* and *Popery*, and *Eyes and Hands lifted up unto the Lord in a Holy Covenant*; to the *severing of his Majesties Sacred Head from his Body*, upon a *Scaffold*; But it is too *Capious* a Theme, and there needs no more then *Dipping* any where in the Records of the Late Times to *Famish* the *Parallel*.

There remains yet another Abuse to be Clear'd, wherein they Impose upon the people, that *this Association* is founded upon the *same Grounds* and *Considerations* with that of the 27th. of the *Queen*. You will better judge whether it be so or no, upon a view of the *Instrument* it self, and some few Remarques thereupon.

## The *Instrument*, or Writing of *Association*, that the *Protestants of England* enter'd into, 27 *Eliz.*

As much as Almighty God hath Ordained Kings, Queens, and Princes, to have Dominion and Rule over all their Subjects, and to preserve them in the Possession and Observation of the true Christian Religion, according to his holy word and Commandment: And in like sort, that all Subjects should Love, Fear, and Obey their Sovereign Princes, being Kings or Queens, to the utmost of their power; at all times to withstand, pursue, and suppress all manner of Persons that shall by any means intend and attempt any thing dangerous or hurtful to the Honour, States, or Persons of their Sovereigns.

Therefore we whose Names are or shall be subscribed to this Writing, being Natural Born Subjects of this Realm of England, and having so Gracious a Lady, our Sovereign Elizabeth, by the Ordinance of God, our most rightful Queen, Reigning over us these many Years with great felicity, to our inestimable Comfort: And finding lately by divers Depositions, Confessions, and sundry Advertisements



tifements out of Forreign parts from credible Persons, well known to her Majesties Council and to divers others; That for the furtherance and advancement of some pretended Title to the Crown, it hath been manifested that the Life of our Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, hath been most dangerously expos'd to the peril of her Person; if Almighty God her perpetual Defender, of his mercy had not revealed and withstood the same. By whose Life, we and all other her Majesties True and Loyal Subjects, do enjoy an inestimable benefit of peace in this Land; do for the Reasons and Causes before alledged, not only acknowledge our selves most justly bound with our Lives and Goods for her defence, in her safety, to persecute, suppress, and withstand all such Intenders and all other her Enemies, of what Nation, Condition, and Degree whatsoever they shall be, or by what Council or Title they shall pretend to be her Enemies, or to attempt any harm upon her Person; but do further think it our bounden Duties for the great benefit of Peace, and Wealth, and Godly Government, we have more plentifully received these many Years, under her Majesties Government, than any of our Forefathers have done in any longer time of any other Progenitors, Kings of this Realm.

Do declare, and by this Writing make manifest, our bounden Duties to our said Sovereign Lady for her safety. And to that end, We, and every of us, First Calling to Witness the Name of Almighty God, do Voluntarily and most Willingly bind our selves, every one of us to the other, joyntly and severally in the Band of one Firm and Loyal Society. And do hereby Vow and Promise by the MAJESTY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, That with our whole Powers, Bodies, Lives, and Goods, and with our Children and Servants, We, and every of us, will faithfully serve and humbly obey our said Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, against all States, Dignities, and Earthly powers whatsoever; and will as well with our joynt and particular Forces during our Lives withstand, offend, and pursue, as well by force of Arms, as by all other means of Revenge; all manner of persons of what state soever they shall be, and their Abettors, that shall attempt any Act, Council, or Consent to any thing that shall tend to the harm of her Majesties Royal person, and will never desist from all manner of forcible pursuit against such persons, to the utter Extermination of them, their Counsellors, Aiders, and Abettors.

And if any such wicked Attempt against her most Royal Person, shall be taken in hand and procured, whereby any that have, may, or shall pretend Title to come to this Crown, by the untimely death of her Majesty so wickedly procured (which God for his Mercy sake forbid) may be avenged; We do not only bind our selves both joyntly and severally never to Allow, Accept, or Favour any such pretended Successor, by whom, or for whom any such detestable Act shall be Attempted or Committed, as unworthy of all Government in any Christian Realm or Civil State.

But do also further Vow and Protest as we are most bound, and that in the presence of the Eternal and Everlasting God, to Prosecute such Person and persons to Death with our joynt or particular Forces, and to ask the utmost Revenge upon them that by any means we or any of us can devise and do, or cause to be devised and done for their utter Overthrow and Extirpation.

And to the better Corroboration of this our Loyal Band and Association, We do also Testifie by this Writing, that we do Confirm the Contents hereof by our Oaths corporally taken upon the Holy Evangelist, with this express Condition; that no one of us shall for any respect of persons or Causes, or for Fear or Reward, separate our selves from this ASSOCIATION, or fail in the prosecution thereof, during our Lives, upon pain of being by the rest of us persecuted, and suppress as perjur'd persons, and publick Enemies to God, our Queen, and to our Native Country. To which punishment and pains we do voluntarily submit our selves, and every of us, without benefit of any colour and pretence.

In Witness of all which Promises to be indissolubly kept, we do to this Writing put our Hands and Seals; and shall be most ready to accept and admit any others hereafter, to this Society and Association.



You may now be pleased to Compare *this Association* with the *other*, which pretends (Effectually) to Write after *this Copy*. You have in *this*, an *Ample* and a *Solemn Acknowledgement* of *Sovereign Power* in the *Queen*, and *Indispensible Obedience* in the *Subject*. But in the *other* not only a *Disclaimer* of the *Kings Authority*, and the *Subjects Duty*, unless his Majesty will Comply with whatsoever his people shall Impose upon him) but a *Total Abdication* of his *Imperial Power*; And a *Vow of Conspiracy* to Oppose him by *Force*; and set up an Inconsiderable part of the people, *Masters* of the *Government*.

You have here an *Association* to defend the *Queen* against any *Pretendents* whatsoever upon a *False Title*. The *other* is a *Conspiracy* for the Destruction, even of the *present King*, because he will not Consent to the *Dispossessing* his *Brother* of a *Just*, and *Legal Title*, both before *God* and *Man*. *This Engagement* Extends only to a *Remote Prospect* of Injury to the *Crown*, with a Resolution to Employ *Violence* when the *Occasion requires* it, and not before: But the *other* is a *Confederacy* to offer *Violence* to the *Crown* themselves; and to *Embroider* the *Nation* forthwith in a *Civil War*, upon a *pretended Fear* of *Danger* at a *Distance*. This is a *Combination* against the *Queens Enemies*, with her *Royal Approbation*, and *Consent*. The *Other* is a *Confederacy* against the *Kings Brother*, and his *Friend*, and against his Majesties *approbation* and *Consent*. The *one* (in short) is for a *Submission* to a *Lawful Authority*; The *other* for the *Final and Irreparable Extirpation* of it. To Conclude; Whoever lays both Ends together of this *Late Association*, will find, that it *begins* in the Name of *God*, for the *Preservation* of *Religion*, and *ends* in the *Devils Name* with the *Total Extinction* of *King* and *Government*.

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THE END.

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