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SOLEMNE LEAGUE AND COVENANT,

REFORMATION,

Defence of Religion, The Honour and Happinesse of the Kino, and the Peace and Safety of the three Kingdomes

Scotland, England, and Ireland.

Jer. 50.5. Come, let us joyn our selves to the Lord in a perpetuall Covenant, that shall not be forgotten.

Prov. 25.5. Take away the wicked from before the King, and his Throne shall be established in righteousnesse.

2. Chron. 15.15. And all sustain rejoyced at the Oath, for they had sworn with all their heart; and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave. them rest round pouts

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Sest. XIV. August 17.1643.

The Generall Assemblies Approbation of the draught of the League and Covenant presented to them.

Committee, appointed by them to joyn with the Committee of the Honourable Convention of Estates, and the Commissioners of the Honourable Houses of the Parliament of England, for bringing the Kingdomes to a more near conjunction and Union, received from the aforesaid Committees, the Covenant after-mentioned, as the refult of their consultations: And having taken the same, as a matter of so publick concernment and of so deep importance doth require, unto their gravest consideration, Did with all their hearts, and with the beginnings of the feelings of that joy which they did finde in so great measure upon the renovation of the Nationall Covenant of this Kirk and Kingdome, All with one voice approve and embrace the same, as the most powerfull meane, by the blessing of GOD, for settling and preserving the true Protestant Religion, with perfect Peace in his Majesties Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations, and for establishing his Majesties throne to all ages and generations. And therefore

with their best affections recommend the same to the Honourable Convention of Estates, that being examined and approved by them, it may be fent with all diligence to the Kingdom of England, That being received and approven there, the same may be with publick humiliation, and all Religious and answerable solemnity, sworn and subscribed by all true Professours of the Reformed Religion, and all his Majesties good Subjects in both Kingdomes.

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The Convention of Estates their Appro-bation of the draught of the League and Covenant aforesaid, 17. August 1643.

He Noblemen, Commissioners of Shires and Burrowes now conveened, having received the Covenant abovementioned from their Committee, as the result of their consultations with a Committee of the Generall Assembly,

& the Commissioners from both Houses of the Parliament of England; And having taken that Covenant unto their gravest consideration, Did with all their hearts and great expressions of joy and unanimitie approve and embrace the same, as the most powerfull meane, by the blessing of GOD, for settling and preserving the true Protestant Religion, with a perfect Peace in all his Majesties Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations, and for establishing his Majesties throne

to all ages. And being very confident that their Brethren in the Kingdome of England will heartily receive and approve the famin; Therefore according to the earnest recommendation of that venerable Assembly of this Kirk now met, thinks it most necessary for the good ends aforesaid, that it be sent into that Kingdome with all diligence, That being received & approved by their brethren there, the same may be with all Religious folemnities fworn, and subscribed by all true Professours of the Reformed Religion, and all his Majeflies good Subjects in both Kingdomes.

Arch. Primerose, Cler. Com.

Edinburgh 11. Octob. 1643.

Ordinance for the solemne receiving, swearing, and subscribing of the League and Covenant.

He Commissioners of the Generall Assembly, having received from their Brethren sent unto the Kingdome of England, the solemne League and Covenant under-written, as it was approven by the Honourable Houses of the

Parliament of England, and the Assembly of Divines in that Kingdome, and solemnly sworn and subscribed there. After due examination thereof, did all in one voice most heartily receive and embrace the same, as agreeing with the draught, unanimoufly & chearfully approven and embraced by the late General Assembly,

and Convention of Estates, As the most powerfull meane by the bleffing of GOD, for fettling and preferving the true Protestant Religion with perfect peace in his Majesties Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations, and for establishing his Majesties throne to all ages and generations: And therefore according to the power given to them by the said Assembly, Ordaine this solemne League and Covenant to be with publick humiliation, and all Religious solemniries received, sworn, and subscribed by all Ministers and Profesiours within this Kirk; And, that this may be universally performed, It is also ordained that this League and Covenant be forthwith printed, and that the printed Copies, bound with some clean sheets of Paper be sent unto the Ministery, And that every Minister upon the first Lords Day, after the same shall come to his hands, read and explaine it, and by exhortation prepare the People to the swearing and subscribing thereof solemnly, the Lords day next immediatly following. And it is further Ordained that Presbyteries take account of the performance hereof in their feveral bounds, and that they proceed with the censures of the Kirk, against all such as shall refuse, or shift to swear and subscribe this League and Covenant, as enemies to the preservation and propagation of Religion, And that they notifie their names, and make particular report of their own diligence hereintill, to this Commission, ortheir Moderator, or Clerk to be delivered so them. And the Commissioners think it very convenient, for good example, and the better encouragement of others, that this Covenant be solemnly sworn, and subscribed by themselves now present, before the Congregation, in the East Kirk upon Friday Friday next the 13. of this instant, after Sermon and exhortation to be made by Master Robert Douglas Moderator; And that the Commissioners of the Convention of Estates now in Town, and the Commissioners from the Parliament of England, and the Divines of that Kingdome here present, be earnestly desired to joyne with them in this solemne and Religious Action.

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## At Edinburgh the 12. of October, 1643.

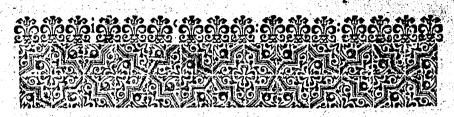
He Commissioners of the Convention of Estates, having received from the Commissioners of the Generall Assembly, the solemne League and Covenant under-written, approven and solemnly sworn and subscribed, in the

Kingdome of England. And having taken the same to their serious consideration, do unanimously and chearfully receive and embrace it, as agreeing with that draught, approven by the late Convention of Estates and Generall Assembly. And therefore ordains the same to be with all Religious solemnities sworn and subscribed by all his Majesties Subjects of this Kingdome: And that under the pain to such as shall postpone or refuse, to be esteemed and punished as enemies to Religion, his Majesties Honour, & Peace of thir Kingdoms; And to have their goods and rents confiscate for the use of the publick, and that they shall not bruik nor enjoy any benefite, place nor office within this Kingdome. And als ordains all Sheriss, Stuarts, and others

Committees in the severall Shires, To be a sisting to Ministers and Presbyteries, in procuring reall obedience hereunto. And that with all diligence they make report to the Committee of Estates, of the names of all such persons, as shall postpone or resule, to the essect course may be taken with them as aforesaid. And that they may be cited to answer to the next Parliament, as enemies to Religion, King and Kingdomes, and to receive what surther punishment his Majestie and Parliament shall instict upon them. And surther ordains thir presents to be printed with the former Act of the Estates, and published at the Market Crosses of the head Burrowes of this Kingdome; Wherethrough none pretend ignorance of the same.

Arch. Primerose, Cler. Com.

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## SOLEMNE LEAGUE

## COVENANT

For REFORMATION, and Defence of Religion, The Honour and Happinesse of the King, and the Peace and Sasetie of the three Kingdomes of Scotland, England, and Ireland.



Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgesses, Ministers of the Gospel, and Commons of all forts in the Kingdomes of Scotland, England, and Ireland, by the providence of GOD living under one King, and being of one reformed Religion, Ha-

ving before our eyes the Glory of GOD, and the advancement of the Kingdome of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the honour and happinesse of the Kings

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)2) Majestie and his Posterity, and the true publicke Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the Kingdomes, wherein every ones private condition is included; And calling to minde the treacherous and bloody plots, conspiracies, attempts, and practices of the enemies of GOD, against the true Religion, and Professours thereof in all places, especially in these three Kingdomes ever since the Reformation of Religion and how much their rage, power and presumption are of late, and at this time increased and exercised; whereof the deplorable state of the Church and Kingdome of Ireland, the distressed estate of the Church and Kingdome of England, and the dangerous estate of the Church and Kingdome of Scotland are present and publick testimonies; We have now at last (after other means of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and our Religion from utter ruine and destruction, according to the commendable practice of these Kingdomes in former times, and the example of GODS People in other Nations, After mature deliberation, resolved and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemne League and Covenant. Wherein we all subscribe, and each one of us for himself, with our hands listed up to the most high GOD doe Swear:

Hat we shall sincerely, really and constantly through the Grace of GOD, endeavour in our severall places and callings, the preservation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of Scotland in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, against our common Enemies, The Reformation of Religion in the Kingdomes of England and Ireland.

Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, according to the Word of GOD, and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of GOD in the three Kingdomes, to the nearest conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Churchgovernment, Directory for Worship and Catechizing; That we and our Posterity after us, may as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of persons, endeavour the Extirpation of Popery, Prelacy (that is, Church governement, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and allother Ecclesiasticals Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Herefie, Schisme, Prophanenesse, and what soever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the power of Godlinesse, Lest we pertake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues; And that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the three Kingdomes.

3. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and constancie, in our severall vocations endeavour with our
estates and lives mutually to preserve the Rights and
Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the
Kingdomes, And to preserve and defend the Kings
Majesties Person and Authority, in the Preservation
and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the
Kingdomes; That the world may bear witnesse with
our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that we have no
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thoughts or intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatnesse.

discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendiaties, Malignants, or evil instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdomes from another, or making any faction, or parties amongst the people contrating any faction, or parties amongst the people contrating the League and Covenant, That they may be brought to publick triall, and receive condigne punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deferve, or the supream Judicatories of both Kingdomes respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

between these Kingdomes, denyed in sormer times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of GOD granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and setled by both Parliaments, We shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavour that they may remain conjoyned in a sirme Peace and Union to all Posterity, And that Justice may be done upon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

6. We shall also according to our places and callings in this Common cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdomes, assist and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof, And shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, per-

fwasion or terrour, to be divided and withdrawn from this blessed Union and conjunction; whither to make desection to the contrary part, or to give our selves to a detestable indifferency, or neutrality in this cause, which so much concerneth the glory of GOD, the good of the Kingdomes, and honour of the King; But shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly continue therein, against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power, against all Lets and Impediments what soever; And, what we are not able our selves to suppresse or overcome, we shall reveale and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed: All which we shall do as in the sight of GOD.

And because these Kingdomes are guilty of many sins, and provocations against GOD, and his Son Jesus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof, We professe and declare before GOD and the world, our unfained desire to be humbled for our own fins, & for the fins of these Kingdomes, especially that we have not, as we ought, valued the inesteemable benefite of the Gospel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Christ in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the causes of other sins and transgressions so much abounding amongst us, And our true and unfained purpose, desire, & endeavour for our selves, & all others under our power and charge, both in publick & in private, in all duties we owe to GOD and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation; That the Lord may turn away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches

Churches and Kingdomes in truth and peace. And this Covenant wee make in the presence of Almight y God the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, As we shall answer at that great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed; Most humbly beseeching the Lord, to strengthen us by his Holy Spirit for this end, and to blesse our desires and proceedings with such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his people, and encouragement to other Christian Churches groning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichristian Tyrannie, to joyne in the same, or like Association and Covenant, To the glory of GOD, the enlargment of the Kingdome of Jesus Christ, and the peace and tranquillity of Christian Kingdomes, and Common wealths.

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