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able,and whether by Fine and mutilation of Members,imprisonment, losse, and forfeiture of goods,or otherwise, and which of them.

VI.

In what Cases the Lord Deputie, or other chiefe Governors of this Kingdome & Counsell,may punish by Fine, imprisonment, Mutilation of Members, Pillory , or otherwise, they may sentence any to such the same,or the like punishment, for infringening the commands of any Proclamation, or Monopolie, and what punishment doe they incurre,that do vote for the same.

VII.

Of what force is an Act of state or Proclamation in this Kingdome to bind the liberty, goods,possessions,or inheritance of the natives thereof, whether they or any of them can alter the common Law, or the infringers of them lose their Goods,Chattels, or Leases,or forfeit the same by infringing any such Act of State or Proclamation,or both, and what punishment doe the sworne *Judges* of the Law, that are privie Counsellors, incurre that vote for such Act and execution of it.

VIII.

Whether the subjects of this Kingdome be subject to the Marshall Law, and whether any man in time of peace, no enemy being in the fields, with displayed can be sentéced to Death, if so, by whom, and in what cases, if not, what punishment do they incurre that in time of peace, execute Marshall Law.

IX.

Whether voluntary Oathes taken freely before *Arbitrators*, or others for affirmance, or disaffirmance of any thing, or for the true performance of any thing, be punishable in the *Castle-Chamber*, or in any other *Court*, and why and wherefore.

X.

Why, and by what Law, and upon what Rule of policie is it, that none is admitted to reducement in the Castle-chamber, untill hee confesse the offence for which hee is censured, when as *Re vera* he might be innocent therof, though subordined *proofes or circumstances*, might induce him to be censured.

XI.

Whether the Judges of the Kings Bench, and by what law, doe or can deny, the copies of Indictments, of Fellony, or Treason to the parties

ties accuſed of Treaſon, contrary to the ſtatute of 42. *Edw.* 3.

XII.

Whether the ſtatute of *Baltinglaſe* take from the Subjects, out-lawed for Treaſon, *though erroniouſly*, the benefit of his *Writ of Error*, and how, and by what meanes, that blind clauſe not *warranted*, by the body of that Act came to be inſerted, and by what Law is it countenanced to the diminution of the liberty of the ſubject.

XIII.

What power have the *Barons* and the Court of *Exchequer*, to raiſe the reſpite of homage *Arbitrarily* to what value they pleaſe, and to what value they may raiſe it, and by what Law they may diſtinguiſh betweene reſpite of homage, upon the diverſities of the true value of the Fees, when as all Eſcuage is the ſame for great and ſmall Fees, and the apportionable by *Parliament*.

XIIII.

Whether it's cenſurable in the ſubjects of this Kingdome, to repaire into *England* to appeale to his Majeſty for *Redreſſe* of *Injuries*, or for others their *accuſers*, if ſo, why, and in what condition of *perſons*, and by what Law.

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XV.

Whether *Deanes* and other *Dignitaries* of *Cathedrall Churches*, be properly *de mero jure donative*, by this King, or not *elective or collative*, if so, why; and by what Law; and whether the confirmation of a Deane *de facto* of the Bishops Grantee be good, and valid in the Law, or no, if not, by what Law.

XVI.

Whether the issuing of *Quo Warranto's* against *Burroughes*, that antiently, and recently sent Burgesses to the Parliament, to shew cause why they sent Burgesses to the Parliament be legall.

CAPTAIN

To ſo great a modell with neate and provident husbandry they intend no leſſe then ſutable furniture (which allowed pride) diſdaine to cloath it with any other, but with what by his Majeſties favour they had procured out of his owne ſtore; *I* meane thoſe great and large priviledges, which by ſeverall acts of royall favor have bin diſpenſed, annexed, nay hypoſtatically united, to the ſame Priviledges are the ſoule, by which we move the Sinues and Nerues, by which we are compacted, they are thē, by which we breath. Priviledges for their birth allyed to the Kings Prerogative, for their antiquity ſacred, for their ſtrength ſo re-intrenched by cōmon law, fortified by ſtatutes, inſconſed by precedents of all times, that no man ever attempted their violation with impunity, ſo that now and then it may be truly ſaid, The Kings houſe is all glorious within. *If we which are Heires to their lawes, as unto their lands, will ſtrive to make no addition to the rich inventurie of thoſe priviledges they have bequeathed unto us, yet with united ſpirits, let us all leaſt prevent the dilapidation, nay the diminution of the leaſt of them.*

This preſent occaſion of debating Mr. *Fitz-Gerralds* petition exhibited to this honorable houſe, ſets before us bleſſings and curſings, and is the firſt leafe (as we may terme it) of the houſe of commons Almanack, not made to

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ſerve for one, but for many yeares, and calculated to ſerve indifferently for all latitudes, in which, our carriage makes this and all ſucceeding dayes but ſevill and working dayes, or otherwiſe imprints this day and our priviledges in a conſpicuous, plauſive rubrique to poſterity; whileſt the Palladium was in *Troy*, neither the power nor the long ſiege of the *Grecians*, could prevaile againſt it, whileſt *Minoes* purple lockes curled from their native roots, *Creete* was unvanquiſhed. The Morall of theſe (*affictions*) emphatically preach and teach us this *Doctrine*, that the ſafety, pregnancy, glory, and ſtrength of this houſe, is but only ſent us upon this condition, whileſt we keepe, preſerve, and defend our liberties, our rights, our priviledges unbetrayed, unſuppreſſed, and uncontrolled: if any more allyed to the corruptiõs of our own diſtempers, then challenging an intereſt in us by a legitimate birth, could involve this grave and great aſſembly, in ſuch epidemicall liturgie, as directly to ſnore, *or at leſt to wink whileſt our priviledges cloathed in a purple robe of glory (like a word never to be recalled) eſcape from among us, I ſay if ungratefull, I ſhould cut off the inheritance of theſe immunities entailed upon us, and confirmed as a monumentall portion upon this younger brother of ſtate, this Houſe of Cõmons what can ne expect, but that our Fathers Ghoſts apparelled with indignation*, ſhould appear unto

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us with this or the liking branding phraſe. 'Moſt vngrateſull and vnfortunate poſterity. *O ætas parentum pejor Avis*; better had it bin for you not to live then to out-live your owne infamie. If there had beene a neceſſity, you ſhould involve your ſelves in a general-guilt, the election ought to have beene of ſuch a one as might have dyed with your ſelves; but this like originall ſinne, binds your poſterity to ſigh for a redemption. Did we bequeath unto you thoſe faire ornaments to be ſtolne or ſnatched from you? Oh, where, where was your vigilancy and boldneſſe to preſent ſo diſaſterous and fatall a conſequence. Did wee with no better ſucceſſe of imitation by your labour, and even unto hoarſeneſſe contend in the Parliament held 39. *Hen.* 6. as Prophecying your weakeneſſe, leave you a record to build upon? Where we admitted and priviledged one *Walter Clarke* a Burgeſſe of *Chepengham*, though at that time in execution *ad ſect. Reg.* Did we for this purpoſe recommend unto you *Ferrars* caſe and our proceedings againſt the diſturbers of his right? Did wee for this purpoſe recommend unto you *Belgraves* caſe 43. of the Queene. *Who notwithſtanding he procured his election in Wincheſter by colluſion*, yet *Mangre* the great oppoſition raiſed by the Earle of *Huntington* upon the ſight of the Sheriffes returne (a ſuffi-

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