

state here, when they make two every where else in all Kingdoms founded upon the same *Gothick* Constitutions as *England* is: Therefore it was a great Improvidence in King *Car. 1.* who in his Message to the Parliament from *York*, dated 17 June 1642. reckoned himself one of the three Estates, and a Member of the House of Peers, when it seems very plain that he presides over them.

And to make this matter a little more evident we have several Instances in our Parliament Rolls, who these three Estates are (*viz.*)

After the Funerals of *H. 5.* were performed, the three Estates did assemble and declared his Son *H. 6.* then an Infant, to be his Heir and their King.

The Petition tendered to *Richard Duke of Gloucester*, to accept the Crown, runs in the Name of the three Estates, (*viz.*) by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons assembled in this Parliament, and by Authority of the same, he was declared King.

So in the Statute 1 *Eliz. cap. 3.* 'tis expressly said, that the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in that Parliament assembled, did represent the three Estates of this Realm, and did recognize the Queen to be their lawful Sovereign.

And my Lord *Coke* in his 4 *Instit.* published by order of the *Long Parliament*, doth expressly affirm that the Parliament consists of the Head and Body, (*viz.*) That the King is the Head, and that the Body are the three Estates, (*i. e.*) the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons; in which words we have not only the Opinion of that Oracle of the Law; but of that Parliament by whose order his Book was published.