

without Consent of Parliament, and quartering Soldiers contrary to Law. By causing several good Subjects, being Protestants, to be disarmed at the same time, when Papists were both armed and employed, contrary to Law. By violating the Freedom of Election of Members to serve in Parliament. By Prosecutions in the Court of King's-Bench, for Matters and Causes cognizable only in Parliament; and by divers other Arbitrary Illegal Courses.

And whereas of late Years, partial, corrupt and unqualified Persons, have been returned and served on Juries in Trials, and particularly divers Jurors in Trials for High Treason, which were not Freeholders. And excessive Bail hath been required of Persons committed in Criminal Cases, to elude the Benefit of the Laws made for the Liberty of the Subjects: And excessive Fines have been imposed; and illegal and cruel Punishments inflicted: And several Grants and Promises made of Fines and Forfeitures, before any Conviction or Judgment against the Persons upon whom the same were to be levied. All which are utterly and directly contrary to the known Laws, and Statutes, and Freedom of this Realm. And whereas the said late King James the Second, having Abdicated the Government, and the Throne being thereby vacant, His Highness the Prince of Orange (whom it hath pleased Almighty God to make the Glorious Instrument of delivering this Kingdom from Popery and Arbitrary Power) did (by the Advice of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and divers principal Persons of the Commons) cause Letters to be written to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, being Protestants; and other Letters to the several Counties, Cities, Universities, Boroughs, and Cinque-Ports, for the choosing of such Persons to represent them, as were of right to be sent to Parliament, to meet and sit at Westminster, upon the two and twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand six hundred eighty and eight, in order to