

humbly acknowledge the just Proceedings of this Honourable House against me, and the just Sentence and Judgment passed upon me for my great Offence. And I do, from the bottom of my Heart, crave Pardon of God, the King, and this Honourable House, and the Commonwealth in general, and those worthy Persons adjudged to be reflected upon by me in particular, for these great Offences and Crimes.

But the *Vicar* of *St. Giles's* was not the only Man that preached this Doctrine; for the Year before, one *Dr. Sibbörpe*, preaching an *Affize-Sermon* at *Northampton*, on *Rom. 13. 7.* affirmed, That the King alone made the Laws, and that nothing could excuse from the active Obedience to his Commands, but what is against the Law of God and Nature; and that the King had power to lay *Poll-Money* upon his Subjects Heads.

This Sermon was printed with the Title of *Apostolical Obedience*; but *Archbishop Abbot* refused to license it, because this Doctrine was contrary to Law; for which the Court did not thank him, for it was supposed one of the chief Causes of his Suspension; but it was licensed by *Bishop Laud*, after some Passages concerning the Prophanation of the Sabbath, and Toleration of Popery were expunged; but this Man, tho' he lived many Years afterwards, and even to the King's Return, was never prefer'd any higher than to the Parsonage of *Brackly*, and another Living in the County of *Northampton*.

The Truth is, 'tis the High Court of Parliament, that only can hinder the Subject from being given up as a Prey to the Arbitrary Pleasure, not only of the Prince, if he should attempt it, but (which is ten times worse) to the unreasonable Passions and Lusts of Favourites, chief Ministers, and Women; when otherwise instead of a Monarch (who, as