

Northen Counties, who were oppressed with two great Armies, living upon free Quarter, and raising Money for their Necessities: One of those Armies were *Englishmen*, who were to repel the *Scotch* Army, who had invaded those parts; and tho' the King himself was to have none of the Money to be raised by these Subsidies, but it was to be applied for the Relief of those who had suffered by these Armies, yet the Commons would not pass it, till the King had passed the Triennial Bill, by which the Sheriffs were impowered to issue out Precepts, to chose Members of Parliament, in Case the King should fail to issue out his Writs in due time.

Afterwards he passed that Act. which tied up his own Hands, and that was, *That he should not prorogue, adjourn or dissolve the Parliament without their Consent*; and having adjourned them for a time, went into *Scotland* to quiet the Commotions there.

During his Absence, the Fears and Jealousies of a *Papish* Party still continuing, the Commons drew up a *Remonstrance* of the State of the Nation, which was brought into the House upon the first meeting after the said Adjournment, and was passed by a small Majority of Votes, the Debate lasting from three in the Afternoon till ten the next Morning.

This *Remonstrance* contained a Repetition of all the past Grievances, tho' some of them had been already redressed by the Petition of Right and other Acts of Parliament; it was afterwards delivered to the King, and it was certainly believed by the People, because it came from their Representatives.

Soon afterwards, several Informations were presented to the House, of Plots and Conspiracies against the State; as for Instance, that the *Papists* and *Malignants*