

an answer agreeable to his Honour, and the Safety of the People, and would not deny them any thing, but such which would alter the fundamental Laws; and that having already granted more than any King before him, that encouraged them to ask more than any Subjects ever had done.

However if they would let him know the Grounds of their Jealousies and Fears, he would apply proportionable Remedies, protesting that the Preservation of the Peace, and the Laws and Liberties of his Subjects should be always his greatest Care, exhorting them that they would not be transported with Fears of impossible Dangers, but that they would pursue his Proposals in his written Message to them; which by the Blessing of God might compose these Distractions.

It was some time before the Commons made any Reply; for as yet the Lords did not join with them in Petitioning for the Militia; but the Bishops having been insulted by the Mob in coming to the House, the Archbishop of *York* presented a Petition to the King, and to the Peers, sign'd by himself and eleven other Bishops, setting forth their Right to sit in Parliament, and demanding the King's Protection, but so long as they were threatened and insulted, they would not attend the Service of the House, and therefore they protested against all Proceedings there in their Absence.

Soon afterwards at a Conference desired by the Lords with the House of Commons, the Lord Keeper told them, that this Petition and Protestation of the twelve Bishops was against the fundamental Privileges and Beings of Parliaments; and thereupon the Bishops were voted guilty of High Treason, and committed to the Black Rod, and afterwards to the *Tower*, and there they remained