

Declaration mentioned in the Act of 14 *Car.2.* for Uniformity of publick Prayers, &c. and shall not take and subscribe the Oath following;

Preachers.

' I *A. B.* do swear, That it is not lawful upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the King: And that I do abhor that Traiterous Position of taking Arms by his Authority against his Person, or against those that are Commissionated by him, in pursuance of such Government either in Church or State.

' And all such persons who shall take upon them to Preach in any unlawful Assembly, Conventicle or Meeting, under colour or pretence of any Exercise of Religion, contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom; shall not at any time after the 24th of *March*, 1665. unless in passing upon the Road come or be within five miles of any City or Town Corporate, or Borough that sends Burgeses to the Parliament, within *England*, *Wales*, or Town of *Barwick upon Tweed*, or within five miles of any Parish, Town or Place wherein he or they have, since the Act of Oblivion, been Parson, Vicar, Curate, Stipendary or Lecturer, or taken upon them to Preach in any unlawful Assembly, Conventicle or Meeting, under colour or pretence of any Exercise of Religion, contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, before he or they have taken and subscribed the said Oath before the Justices of the Peace at their Quarter Sessions, to be holden at the Division next to the Corporation, City or Borough, Parish, Place, or Town, in open Court (which the said Justices are impowred to administer) upon forfeiture for every such Offence of the sum of Forty pound, one third part thereof to his Majesty and his Successors, the other third part to the Poor of the Parish where the offence is committed, the other third part to the person that will sue for the same by Action of Debt, Plaint, Bill, or Information, in any Court of Record at *Westminster*, or before any Justices of Assize, Oyer and Terminer, or Gaol-delivery, Justices of the Countie Palatine of *Chesster*, *Lancaster*, or *Durham*, great Sessions in *Wales*, or Justices of the Peace in their Quarter Sessions; no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law herein to be allowed.

' It shall not be lawful for any person or persons restrained from coming to any City or Town Corporate, Borough, Parish, Town or Place, as aforesaid; or for any other person or persons who shall not first take and subscribe the said Oath, and shall not frequent Divine Service established by the Law of this Kingdom, and carry him or her self reverently there, to teach any pullick or private School, or take any Borders or Tablers to be taught or instructed by him or her self, or any other, upon pain of forfeiture of Forty pound for every Offence, to be recovered and distributed as aforesaid.

' And any two Justices of the Peace in their respective County, upon Oath to them of any Offence against this Act, (which Oath they are impowred to administer) may commit the Offender for Six months without Bail; unless before such Commitment he shall before the said Justices of the Peace swear and subscribe the said Oath and Declaration.

' Provided, That Appearance to any Subpœna, Warrant or Process, whereby personal Appearance is required, shall not be construed an Offence within this Act.

5. 3. ' There was an Act made 16 *Car.2.c.6.* Touching the suppressing Seditious Conventicles, but the same being Temporary is expired, as by the same Act appeareth.

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