

selves to the Points, limited in the Statute of H. 7. c. 1. which
 impowered the Great Officers of the Crown, and other Great
 Men, to proceed, and punish some particular Offences; "but
 " had undertaken to punish, where no Law did warrant, and
 " to make Decrees for Things, having no such Authority; and
 " to inflict heavier Punishment than by any Law was warranted:
 " That the Proceedings, Censures, and Decrees, of that Court,
 " had been found by Experience, to be an intolerable Burthen
 " to the Subject, and the Means to introduce an arbitrary
 " Power and Government: That the Council-Table, had of
 " late Times, assumed to it self, a Power to intermeddle in
 " civil Causes, and Matters only of private Interest, between
 " Party and Party, and had *adventured* to determine of the
 " Estates, and Liberties of the Subject, contrary to the *Laws*
 " *of the Land*, and the *Rights and Priviledges* of the Subject".
 The Court of Star-chamber was entirely dissolved, as were
 several other Courts; and the following, ample, Parliamentary
 Declaration made: "Be it enacted and declared, by Authority
 " of this present Parliament, that neither his Majesty, nor the
 " Privy-Council, *have*, or *ought* to have, any Jurisdiction,
 " Power, or Authority, by *English* Bill, Petition, Articles, Li-
 " bel, or any other arbitrary way whatsoever, to examine, or
 " draw into Question, determine, or dispose of, the Lands,
 " Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, or Chattles, of any of
 " the Subjects of this Kingdom; but that the same, ought to be
 " tryed, and determined, in the ordinary Courts of Justice, and
 " by the ordinary Course of the Law". * Great Officers trans-
 gressing this Law, are liable to severe Penalties.

THE Preamble to the Habeas Corpus Act, shews, what
 Shifts, and Evasions, were used, to elude the Force of the Laws,
 that were instituted, to secure the Subject's Liberty; the Words

(*) 16 Car. c. 10.