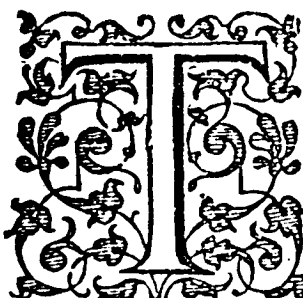




THE FIRST DAYES Conference.


 He day appointed was, as by his *Majesties* Proclamation we all know, Thursday the 12. of January, on which there met at *Hampton Court*, by 9. of the Clocke, all the Bishops and Deanes, summoned by letters, namely, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Bishops of *London*, *Durham*, *Winchester*, *Worcester*, *S. Davids*, *Chichester*, *Carlell* and *Peterborow*: the Deanes of the *Chappell*, *Christ-Church*, *Worcester*, *Westminster*, *Paules*, *Chester*, *Windsor*; with Doctor,

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Field, and *Doctor King*, Archdeacon of *Nottingham* : who , though the night before, they heard a rumor that it was deferred till the 14. day , yet according to the first summons , thought it their dutie to offer themselues to the Kinges presence, which they did : at which time it pleased
» his Highnes to signifie vnto the Bishops,
» that the day hauing preuented, or decei-
» ued him, he would haue them returne on
» Saturday next following : On vvhich day, all the Deanes and Doctors , attending my Lordes the Bishops into the Presence-Chamber , there wee found sitting vpon a forme, *D. Reynoldes*, *D. Sparkes*; *M. Knewstubs*, and *M. Chaderton* , Agentes for the Millene Plaintiffes. The Bishoppes entring the Priuy-Chamber , stayed there, till commaundement came from his Ma^{tie} iestie that none of any sort should bee present , but onely the Lordes of the Priuie-Councill , and the Bishoppes vvith five Deanes, viz. of the *Chappell*, *Westminster*,
Powles,

before the Kings Maieſty. 3

Powles, *Westcheſter*, *Salisbury*, who beeing called in, the doore was cloſe ſhut by my Lord Chamberlaine.

After a while, his excellent Maieſtie came in, and hauing paſſed a fewe pleaſant gratulations with ſome of the Lords, he ſate downe in his chaire, remoued forward from the cloth of State a prettie diſtance; where, beginning with a moſt „ graue and princely declaration of his ge- „ nerall drift in calling this aſſembly, no „ nouell deuife, but according to the exam- „ ple of all Chriſtian Princes, who, in the „ commencement of their raigne, vſually „ take the firſt courſe for the eſta bliſhing of „ the Church, both for doctrine and policie, „ to which the verie Heathens themſelues „ had relation in their prouerbe, *A Ioue* „ *Principium*, and particularly, in this land „ King *Henry* the eight, toward the ende of „ his raigne; after him King *Edward* the 6- „ who altered more, after him *Queene* *Mari* „ *rie*, who reuerſed all; and the laſt *Queene* „ of „

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» of famous memory, so his highnesse ad-
» ded (for it is worth the noting, that his
» Maiestie neuer remembreth her, but with
» some honourable addition) who setled
» it as now it standeth: wherein, hee sayd,
» that he vvas happier then they, in this, be-
» cause they were faine to alter all thinges
» they found established, but he saw yet, no
» cause so much to alter, and chaunge any
» thing, as to confirme that which he found
» well setled already: which state, as it see-
» med, so affected his royal hart, that it plea-
» sed him both to enter into a gratulation
» to almightie God, (at which wordes hee
» put off his hat) for bringing him into the
» promised land, where Religion was pure-
» ly professed; where he sate among graue,
» learned and reuerend men; not, as before,
» else where, a King without state, without
» honor, without order; where beardlesse
» boyes would braue him to his face: and
» to assure vs, that he called not this assem-
» bly for any Innouation, acknowledging
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