The First Dayes Conference.

He day appointed was, as by his Maiesties 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, Field,
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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 duty to offer themselves to the Kinges presence, which they did: at which time it pleased his Highnes to signifie unto the Bishops, that the day having prevented, or deceived him, he would have them returne on Saturday next following: On which day, all the Deanes and Doctors, attending my Lordes the Bishops into the Presence-Chamber, there wee found sitting upon a forme, D. Reynolds, D. Sparkes, M. Knewstubs, and M. Chaderton, Agentes for the Millene Plaintiffes. The Bishoppes entering the Priuie-Chamber, stayed there, till commaundement came from his Maiestie that none of any sort should bee present, but onely the Lordes of the Priuie-Councell, and the Bishoppes with sive Deanes, viz. of the Chappell, Westminster, Powles,
before the Kings Maiestie.

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

After a while, his excellent Maiestie came in, and having passed a fewe pleasant gratulationes with some of the Lords, he sate downe in his chaire, removed forward from the cloth of State a prettie distance; where, beginning with a most grave and princely declaration of his general drift in calling this assembly, no novell devise, but according to the example of all Christian Princes, who, in the commencement of their raigne, usually take the first course for the establishing of the Church, both for doctrine and policie, to which the verie Heathens themselves had relation in their proverbe, A Ioue Principium, and particularly, in this land, King Henry the eight, toward the ende of his raigne; after him King Edward the 6th, who altered more, after him Queene Mary, who reversed all; and the last Queene,
of famous memory, so his highness added (for it is worth the noting, that his Maicstie never remembreth her, but with some honourable addition) who setled it as now it standeth: wherein, hee sayd, that he was happier then they, in this, because they were faine to alter all things they found establisshed, 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 seemed, so affected his royal hart, that it pleased 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 purely professed; where he late among grave, 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 Innovation, acknowledging the