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(1603-1625 : James I)



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Excellent Maiestie.

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¶ By the King.

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Having so parti-  
cularly descended  
into the considera-  
tion of our Estate,  
(respecting Trea-  
sure, and Reve-  
nue,) as we finde it full of difficul-  
ty to reduce the same, to the termes  
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*that are to be wished, by any such sudden or certaine meanes, as will not require some length of Time, and change of former Customes, both in the maner of our Expence, and of our Bountie; Wee haue thought it one of the best parts of the Care, not onely to resolue with our selues, to decline from all maner of Expence that shall not bee necessary for the safetie of Our Crowne, and honour of that Estate and dignitie (which no King can suffer to fall, but hee must run into contempt both abroad and at home) but also to take such further course as may make knowne to Our Seruants and Subiects; that although it is farre from Our intention to stop all liberalitie from Our*

*well*



well deseruing Seruants. Yet Wee  
 meane not in respect of the vaine or  
 vnnecessary Expence, of any pri-  
 uate man (or vpon false suggestion of  
 former seruices) to be drawen either  
 by the mediation of friends, or by  
 the importunitie of any partie in ne-  
 cessitie, so farre to respect or commi-  
 serate others, as to cast Our Selues  
 and our Posteritie into those wants  
 or streights, which may driue Vs to  
 lay burdens on Our People, to whom  
 Wee desire to endeere Our Selues by  
 all the Princely offices of Favour  
 and Protection which any earthly  
 King can affoord vnto his Subiects.  
 And therefore as We doe on the one  
 part expressely forbid all Our Ser-  
 uants and Subiects (of what condi-  
 tion

tion soeuer they be ) to propound or offer any Suites to Us, by which Our People in generall may be impoueri- shed or oppressed: So on the other part We doe likewise expressely forbid all persons whatsoeuer, to presume to presse Us, for any thing that may either turne to the diminution of Our Reuenew and settled Receipts, or lay more charge vpon Our Ordinarie, vpon paine to be helde and reputed in either of those two kindes, as persons vnworthy to enioy Our Fauour or Presence for euer. In which consideration, because Wee know not whether We may vnawares, or vpon multiplictie of businesse, chance to passe any Graunt or Warrant, contrary to the Order set downe herein :  
 Wee

*Wee doe not onely forbid all persons whatsoeuer, (either Officer or others) to receiue any such Petitions, or Warrants, as shalbe of those natures that are forbidden in the schedule hereunto annexed (vpon that perill which is due to such presumption) but Wee doe forbid our Secretarie of Estate, the keeper of Our priuie Seale, and Our Chancelour of England, to seale any such Graunt or Warrant, before they haue enformed Us particulerly, and receiued a new signification of Our pleasure by a new Warrant vnder Our hand. And because We haue obserued also, that the swiftnesse in preparing Warrants before the Suites be mooued, (a course con-*

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