



The *LAWS* and *ACTS* made in the first  
PARLIAMENT of our most High and Dread  
Sovereign, *CHARLES* the Second, by the  
Grace of *G O D*, King of Scotland, England,  
France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

Begun at Edinburgh, the first day of January, 1661.

I.  
*ACT* concerning the President and Oath of  
Parliament.



Orasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty *G O D*, to compassionat the troubles and confusions of this Kingdom, by returning the Kings most excellent *Majesty* to the exercise of that Royal Government, under which, and its excellent constitution, this Kingdom hath for many ages enjoyed so much happiness, peace and plenty. And it being upon good and important considerations, an inviolable practice in this Government before these troubles, that the person nominate by *His Majesty*, to be His Chancellor within this Kingdom, did of right, and as due to his place, preside in all meetings of Parliament and other publick Judicatories of the Kingdom, where he was present for the time. And *His Majesty* now considering the great advantages, do accrefs to the publick good of His Subjects, by the due observance of such ancient and well grounded Customs and  
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Constitutions