

that God hath lately wrought for this Church and Kingdom, in the first place to settle and secure therein the true Protestant religion, according to the truth of God's word, as it hath of a long time been professed within this land; as also the government of Christ's Church within this Nation, agreeable to the word of God, and most conducive to the advancement of true piety and godliness, and the establishing of peace and tranquillity within this realm,—they, by these presents, ratify and establish the *Confession of Faith* now read in their presence, and voted and approved by them, as the public and avowed Confession of this Church, containing the sum and substance of the Doctrine of the Reformed Churches (which Confession of Faith is subjoined to this present Act), as also they do establish, ratify, and confirm the Presbyterian Church Government and Discipline; that is to say, the Government of the Church by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, ratified and established by the 114 Act Ja. VI., Parl. 12, Anno 1592, entitled Ratification of the Liberty of the Kirk, &c., and thereafter received by the general consent of this nation, to be the only Government of Christ's Church within this kingdom; reviving, renewing, and confirming the same in the whole heads thereof, except that part of it relating to Patronages, which is hereafter to be taken into consideration.

*A List of the Divines who met in the Assembly at Westminster, 1643.*

Dr. William Twisse of Newbury, *Prolocutor*.

Dr. Cornelius Burgess of Waterford.

John White of Dorchester, *Assessors*.

Dr. William Gouge of Blackfriars, London.