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Agreed upon by the ARCHBISHOPS and BISHOPS of both Provinces, and the whole Clergy, in the Convocation holden at London in the Year 1562, for avoiding of Diversities of Opinions, and for establishing of Consent touching True Religion. Reprinted by His Majesty's commandment; with his Royal Declaration prefixed thereunto.

His Majesty's DECLARATION.

BEING by God's Ordinance, according to our just Title, Defender of the Faith, and Supreme Governor of the Church, within these our Dominions, We hold it most agreeable to this our Kingly Office, and Our own religious Zeal, to conserve and maintain the Church committed to our charge, in unity of true Religion, and in the bond of Peace; and not to suffer unnecessary Disputations, Altercations, or Questions to be raised, which may nourish Faction both in the Church and Common-wealth. We have therefore, upon mature deliberation, and with the advice of so many of our Bishops as might conveniently be called together, thought fit to make this Declaration following:

That the Articles of the Church of England (which have been allowed and authorized heretofore, and which our Clergy generally have subscribed unto) do contain the true Doctrine of the Church of England, agreeable to God's Word: which we do therefore ratify and confirm; requiring all our loving Subjects to continue in the uniform profession thereof, and prohibiting the least difference from the said Articles; which to that end We command to be new printed, and this Our Declaration to be published therewith.

That we are Supreme Governor of the Church of England: And that if any difference arise about the external policy, concerning the Injunctions, Canons, and other Constitutions whatsoever thereto belonging, the Clergy in their Convocation is to order and settle them, having first obtained leave under Our Broad Seal so to do; and We approving their said Ordinances and Constitutions, provided that none be made contrary to the Laws and Customs of the Land.

That out of our Princely Care, that the Churchmen may do the work which is proper unto them, the Bishops and Clergy from time to time in convocation, upon their humble desire shall have Licence under our Broad Seal to deliberate of, and