

Prisons. All New laws and all laws for Repealing and alter-
 ring old ones, should be first and origi- nally Moved propos-
 ed or Introduced either in the house of Lords, or in the house
 of Common by the Members thereof, and by no other per-
 sons, nor in any other place; except General Pardon
 which are Most proper to Move from and be conceived
 and framed by the Crown, pardons being not pro-
 perly New laws, but a Relocation of the Old ones. It
 is the privilege of Each house, to Adjourn or Prorogue
 themselves. But when adjournments are in order to a
 Rescess for some time, adjournments are usually Made
 in the lords house by the Lord Chancellor or keeper in
 the Kings Name to what other day the King pleases.
 And in the house of Common, the Speaker upon Notice given,
 that it is the Kings pleasure that house should Adjourn,
 doth say, with the Assent of the house, that house is adjourn-
 ed.

When the Kings pleasure is to prorogue or Dissolve
 the Parliament, his Majesty commonly comes in Person
 with his Crown on his head, and sends the black rod for
 all the house of Common to come to the Bar of the lords
 house. And his Majesty in presence of both houses sig-
 nifies his Answer to each bill that hath been Voted
 and pass by them. The Clerk of the Crown reads the bills
 of every bill, and as he reads the Clerk of the Parliament
 according to his Instructions from the King, who
 hath before Maturely Considered it, pronounceth the
 Royal Assent or Answer. If it be a public or General
 bill concerning the Government, the Answer is
 Le roy le veut, i.e. the King will the same thing as
 the lords and Common do will. If a private bill, the
 Answer is soit comme il est Desire. If it be a bill for
 Monies or aids given to his Majesty, the Answer is,
 le roy remercie ses loyaux Sujets, Neupt de leur Bonvolonté
 & Missi le soit. i.e. the King thanks his faithfull
 Subjects. When a bill for the Kings General par-
 don is pass by his Majesty, the Answer is thus, les
 prières sergentes & communiés en ce parlement sont
 les An non de leur vol d'êtres Sujets Remercient tout
 leur

humblement Votre Majesté et prient Dieu vous donner en
 toute bonne Vie & long. If a bill is offered, which the King
 likes not, then the Answer is, le Roy S'avisera, which is
 taken for an Absolute Denial in a More Civil way, and
 that bill is wholly Null. For the parliament retains
 in the Making of laws the Custody of their Ancestors,
 who after the Norman Conquest were generally settled
 in the french tongue. I don't think it was ever Decided
 to what Acts the King May or May not say his Assent,
 when his Majesty and the parliament do not agree. bid.
 After the Kings Answer to each bill signified in Manner
 aforesaid, his Majesty usually Makes a speech, and some-
 times the Lord Chancellor another. Then the Lord Chan-
 cellor by the special Command of the King, pronoun-
 ceth the parliament prorogued or Dissolved. The King
 only can Dissolve the parliament in person, or by
 Representation. The Kings power to prorogue and Dis-
 solve the parliament was never called in Question.
 But before the time of King James the first of Scotland
 and first of Britain, I believe no King had ever thought
 of Adjourning the Parliament. King James was the first
 that did it. The Common Complained of it as a breach
 of their privileges; but not finding the lords inclined
 to dispute this power with the King, they were forced
 to give away, tho they foresaw the ill Consequences of
 the Kings being able to Adjourn the house. For there
 by it is in his power, to put a stop to all the debates
 of either house by Adjourning them when ever they had
 a Mind to take into Consideration any Matters Displeas-
 ing to him, Chapman hist. of England Vol. 10 Book 19
 pag. 204.

When the Parliament is only Adjourned, that
 doth not Make a session, but all things continue in
 the same state they were in before the Adjournment
 to the Next Meeting, and may be Resumed. By a
 prorogation of the Parliament, that session of it is
 at an End. the such bills as pass in either house or
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