

PARLIAMENT OF ENGLAND



1649

An Act

declaring England to be a Commonwealth

[19th May 1649]

BE IT DECLARED and enacted by this present Parliament and by the Authoritie of the same:—

Sole section

That the People of England and of all the Dominions and Territoryes thereunto belonging are and shall be and are hereby constituted, made, established, and confirmed to be a Commonwealth and free State And shall from henceforth be Governed as a Commonwealth and Free State by the supreame Authoritie of this Nation, the Representatives of the People in Parliament and by such as they shall appoint and constitute as Officers and Ministers under them for the good of the People and that without any King or House of Lords.

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