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-- A summary of Oliver Cromwell



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Civil Government an Ordinance of God

Many also felt that the Christmas festivities had simply become too drunken and debauched. They focussed particularly on control of the army, reduction of the armed forces and to remove the authority to enact Ordinances when Parliament was not in session. Bonds had to be paid to secure their good behaviour and that of their servants.

Cromwell, the Act of Grace. May 5, 1654

The Protectorate is important in other ways. They also hoped it might lessen the chances of the country being ruled by the military again.

One of the ruins that Cromwell knocked about a bit

Colonel to contract for arms to the value of £5,000. Please consider upgrading your browser software or enabling style sheets CSS if you are able to do so.

The House of Lords and Ordinances, 1641

In response, Cromwell made it clear that he wished government to consist of a single person and a parliament, for there to be no perpetuation of parliaments, for there to be liberty of conscience and for the Militia to be controlled by the protector, council of state and parliament. Whereas in the ceremony in 1653, the military Lambert had played a key role, it was now the Humble Petition which had more influence.

Republican Opposition to Cromwell & the Protectorate

What was one reason that Cromwell had a difficult time getting the support of the landed gentry? Fifty-nine of the commissioners, who had sat in judgement upon King Charles at his trial, had put their signatures and seals to the death warrant. But his deepening irritation with its self-serving and sloth in developing long-term solutions led him to lose patience in April 1653 and to use military force to disband the Parliament and to establish a 'parliament of saints', the 140 godliest men Cromwell could find whose task it was to devise a constitution that would reflect gospel

values and would teach the people the responsibilities of freedom - how to turn from the things of the flesh to those of the spirit. We hope you enjoy the Community! This brought him into conflict with those in Parliament who wanted to replace the old Church of England, with a new 'Presbyterian' Church based on the teachings of Calvin and the experience of Geneva and Scotland, but also with more radical voices that wanted a much more democratic system of government - the right of all adult males to vote, for example.

1656

Very little in terms of the introduction of the ban, being more concerned with the war at the time. Prall, *The Agitation for Law Reform during the Puritan Revolution* The Hague 1966.

Cromwell's Ordinances: The Early Legislation of the Protectorate

By keeping the Army out of political matters, and delegating as little power as possible, the Rump signalled a desire to maintain itself and its political authority in the long-term. In the meantime, they also put together an alternative constitution, with the offer of the crown to Cromwell at its heart, and this was presented to parliament on 23 February 1657.

The Cromwell Museum

In 1645 it brought in A Directory for the Public Worship of God. Ordinance 16 August 1644, and 16 September 1644. He had championed religious liberty, the principle of the accountability of rulers to the people and these proved a great inspiration to nineteenth-century non-conformists and liberals.

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