the most part to yeade to the kings request, savinge this holy bishop, who ytterly refused to condiscend thervnto, and therafter earnestly required the lorde, and others of the Convocacion to consider and take good heed what miskies and inconveniences would ensowe to the whole church of Chriift, by this vnreaonable and vnseemly graunt made to a temporall prince, which neuer yet to this daie was once fo much as once demaunded before, neither can yt by any meanes or reaason, be in the power or rule of any temporall potentate. "And therafore" (said he) "if ye graunt to the kings vaine request in this matter, it feemeth to me to pretend an immenent and present daunger at hand: for what if he should shortly after chaunge his mind and exercife in deede the Supremacie over the church of this realme? or what if ye he shoule die, and then his succesor challenge the continewance of the fame? or what if the crowne of this realme should in time fall to an infant or a woman that shal still continewe and take the fame name vpon them? What shal we then doe? whom shal we serve vnto? or where shall we have remedie?" The kings Counfellors to that replyed & said, that the kinge had no such meaneing as he doubted, 1 and then alleadged againe his royall protestacion & oath made in the word of a kinge. "And further" (said they) "though the Supremacie were graunted to his Maiestie simply & abso-lutely accoringe to his demaund, yet it must needes be vnderstoode and taken, that he can have no further power or authoritie by it then quantum per legem dei licet, and then ye a temporall Prince can have no fuch authoritie and powre by gods law (as his Lordship (?) had there declared), what needeth the forecasting of all these doubtes?" Then at laft the Counsellors fell into disputacion amongethe Bishopps, of a temporall princes authoritie over the Clergie, but therto my lord of Rochester answered them so fullie, that they had no listre to deale that waie any further, for they were in deed but simply smatterers in DIVINITIE to speake before such a Divine as he was. And so they departed in great anger, shoving themselves openly in their owne lykenes, and saying that whofoever would refuse to condiscend to the kings demand herin, was not worthie to be accounted a true and loyinge subiect.

1 Fol. 64.
The Lords and other of the Convocacion seeing this kind of threatninge persuasion, besides many other false practises, and fearing the report of the Counsellors to be made to the Kinge (whom they knew & perceived to be all cruelly bent against the Clergie) grew at last to a conclusion, and so after fundrie daies argument in great striving and contention agreed in manner fully and wholly amongst them to condiscend to the kinges demand. That he should be supreme head of the church of England, and to credit his princely word so faithfully, and solemnly promised unto them.

My lord of Rochester perceiving this foden & haftie graunt only made for feare, and not vpon any iust ground, stood vp againe all angrie, and rebuked them for their pufillanimity in being fo lightly chaunged and easilly perfwaded. And beinge verie loath that any fuch graunt should passe from the Clergie thus absolutely, and yet by no meanes able to staie it for the feare that was amonge them, He then advised the Convocacion, that seeing the kinge, both by his owne mouth, and also by the fundrie speeches of his Orators, had faithfully promised, and solemnly sworn in the high word of a kinge; That his meaninge was to require no further then quantum per legem dei licet, and that by vertue thereof his purpose was not to intermeddle with any spiritual lawes, spiritual iurisdiction or government, more then all other his predisseffors had alwaies done before: yf it fo be that you are fully determined to graunt him his demaund (which I rather wish you to denie then graunt) yet for a more trewe and plaine exposition\(^2\) of your meaninge \(^3\) towards the kinge and all his posterritie, let these condicionall wordes be expressed in your graunt, quantum per legem dei licet, which is no otherwife (as the kinge and his counsellors say) then themselues meane. But then the Counsellors (who by that time were returned to the Convocacion howe for speed of their busines) hearing of my lord of Rochesterers words, cryed vpon them with open and continuall clamour to have the grant passe absolutely, and to credit the kings honor in givinge them fo folemne a protettacion and oath. But after this time no thinge could prevaile: for then the Clergie anfwered with their full

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1 Fol. 64, back.  
2 *Expression* written under exposition.  
3 Fol. 65.