

Illegal Reversal of the Covenants

- The <u>Corporation Act</u> (1661) This first of the four statutes which made up the Clarendon Code required all municipal officials to take Anglican communion, and formally reject the <u>Solemn League and Covenant</u> of 1643. The effect of this act was to exclude <u>nonconformists</u> from public office. This legislation was rescinded in 1828.
- The Act of Uniformity 1662 This second statute made use of the Book of Common Prayer compulsory in religious service. Upwards of 2000 clergy refused to comply with this act, and were forced to resign their livings.
- The <u>Conventicle Act (1664)</u> This act forbade conventicles (a meeting for unauthorized worship) of more than 5 people who were not members of the same household. The purpose was to prevent <u>dissenting</u> religious groups from meeting.
- The <u>Five Mile Act</u> (1665) This final act of the Clarendon Code was aimed at Nonconformist ministers, who were forbidden from coming within five miles of incorporated towns or the place of their former livings. They were also forbidden to teach in schools. This act was not rescinded until 1812.



