Timeline

1629-1640: Charles I Personal Rule

13 April 1640-5 May 1640: Short Parliament

Dissolved by Charles

1640-1648: Long Parliament

Army’s Pride’s Purge

1648-1653: Rump Parliament

Dissolution of Rump Parl. By Cromwell and army


In absence of more radicals, moderates organized dissolution meeting.


3 September 1654: First Protectorate Parliament assembled under Instrument of Government

Oliver Cromwell dissolved Parliament

September 1656: Second Protectorate Parliament assembles (called during rule of Major-Generals under urgent need to raise finances to continue Anglo-Spanish war and maintain system of military government at home)

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Feb 1657: The Humble Petition and Advice offered to Parl – constitutional document drawn up by group of MPs under which Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell was offered the Crown.

Army against idea of Cromwell receiving crown