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One of the complaints James VI of Scotland and I of England had about presbyterian church government was that its courts took no account of rank. Lecturing John Reynolds, president of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, at the Hampton Court Conference in 1604, he warned, "if you aim at a Scottish presbytery, it agreeth as well with monarchy as God and the Devil! Then Jack and Tom and Will and Dick shall meet and censure me and my council."¹ In this, the king saw ample opportunity for sedition. To him, elders and presbyters were unwelcome interlopers in the affairs of their betters.

James was recalling his experience in his native realm, where an independently-governed Reformed church had developed in the period 1560-96, over which the king had felt compelled to regain control, through a revival of episcopacy, in the late 1590s and thereafter. "Jack and Tom and Will and Dick" represented the lay elders and deacons, theoretically chosen more for their Godliness than social status, who controlled parish kirk sessions (consistories), disciplining sinners, ordering them to perform public acts of repentance, and excommunicating the most recalcitrant. In the early 1580s,

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1. This comes from the tirade which ended with the declaration "no bishop, no king." Cited in Caroline Bingham: *James I of England* (London, 1981), 37f.

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