



Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses: Pairt 19

Walcome tae pairt nineteen o Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses. In this pairt we hear about a thrawn king that tried tae be Breetish, but tint his croun an his heid.

HOOSE O THE STEWART (haudin-gauin)

Chairles I The Martyr 1625-1649 Born 19 November 1600 at Dumfaurlin, in Fife, Chairles wis the second son o Jemie VI an Ann o Denmark. His faither haed become king o Ingland and Irland forby Scotland. Chairles's brither Prince Hendrie wis the heir appearant until Hendrie took typhoid fever in 1612 an dee'd at the age o 18. Sae it wis Chairles that becam king in 1625. Born a Scot, but reared a Soothron, he thocht o hisel as Breetish, an suitit naebody. Chairles haed a rare conceit o hisel an-aw. His faither haed threapit that aw kings wis appyntit bi God, an while a king shuid respect the laws o the land, he, the king, answer tae naebody but God alane. Sae ony cheil that wis agin the king, wis agin God. Thay cryed this the divine richt o kings. Pridfae Chairles swallied this creed hail an hit becam the doundrag o his life.

On 13 Juin 1625 Chairles wis mairried oot the kirk o Caunterberry on Hendretta Mary o Fraunce. She had been born 26 November 1609 at Pairis, an wis the dochter o Hendrie IV o Fraunce an Mary o Medici. His mairrage til a Catholic princess fleggit the mair kirk-reekit Protestants an steert causay clash agin the king whan it wis jaloused he dealt wi his subjects in sleekit weys. In 1625 Chairles lat it be kent that he wis awa tae revoke aw grants o croun lands gain back tae 1540, sae fowk wad hae tae pey oot tae keep them, an tak back kirk lands that haed been convertit tae lordships. For Chairles the maiter o releegion wis gey simple. He wad tak back kirk lands that the nobles, lairds an ithers haed taen ower, foond new bishopries, an gie thir lands back tae the bishops. An throu the bishops, the king's authority wad be restored ower the kirk. In thir same years, Chairles ettled at upstaunin taxation, upliftit ilka fower or five year, instead o the ane-aff grants the estates o Scotland haed for ordnar gien. The fowk that the king lippent on maist, the nobles an the merchants, grew fykie at the king's ploys, but he wadna tak a telling. Noo his faither's Breetish practic stertit tae unfankle. In 1630 the Privy Cooncil in Embra decreed that fae noo on aw offeecial documents shuid evite the uiss o the term Great Britain, an the kingly style Chairles I king o Scotland, Ingland, Fraunce an Irland be used instead. The Scots merchants an politeecians haed been fasht wi the king's ettle at a common fisheries policy for Scotland an Ingland whaurby the Scots felt thair richts wis smooored unner the name o Britain.

In Juin 1633 Chairles cam tae Scotland tae be crount and made a gang-roond the castles an kingly hooses o Dumfaurlin, Faulklan, Lithgae an Stirlin. He wis crount oot the king's chaipel at Halyrood abbey on 18 Juin conform til Anglican

rites an makkin uiss o a roary flumgumerry that frichtit the minds o the Presbyterians. He noo threapit on the uiss o the Inglis prayer buik for Scotland, an the Five Airticles o Perth that his faither haed been cannie eneuch tae lea alane. The Embra pairlament wis tuithy, but Chairles turnt a deif lug tae the memmers an sut throu the sessions takkin tent tae the names o thaim that votit agin his novations. Lord Balmairnie, that haed taen a haun in pittin a peteetion agin the king's policy, wis pit on trial for treason tae fleg the lave o the nobles. In 1634 Chairles decreed that the kirk shuid draw up a liturgy grundit on the Inglis ane, an his buik o canons, that kythed in 1636, made nae mention o kirk sessions, presbyteries or general assemliies. An Chairles wantit Embra made an aircbishopsry, wi Saunt Geels as the heich kirk. He haed awready appyntit Aircbishop John Spottiswood o Saunt Aundraes as chauncellor in 1635 but the nobles steert the common fowk wi crack aboot paipish rites. On 23 July 1637 the new prayer buik wis read for the first time, at Saunt Geels kirk, bi the dean. Aw a sudden a shouer o buiks, stools an Bibles cam fleein at the dean fae aw weys as fowk, maistly weemen, cursed an skirled. An affa stramash brak oot an gairds haed tae chase them, but the stramash held-gauin ootby. Peteetions agin the prayer buik noo won at the Privy Cooncil fae sindry fowk.



In 1637 twa men brocht the peteetioners thegither. The first wis Alisaunder Henderson meenister o Leuchars, skeely in political trokin an versant in the Presbyterian tradeetion. In 1638 he wad be electit moderator o the kirk assembly an in 1639 meenister o Saunt Geels. Syne he wad tak pairt in ambassadries in the comin years. The ither wis Airchibald Johnstoun o Warriston, an advocate that wad become a lord o the coort o session in 1641, but he cuidna see by his releegion an wis driven near gyte wi it. The twa o them wrate the National Covenant, a lang screive that set oot the sindry acts uphauin the reformed releegion in Scotland an threapit that the king's novations shuid be set aside til free general assemliies an pairlaments wis held. On 28 Februar 1638 mony o the nobles an lairds o Scotland pit thair hauns tae the Covenant at the Greyfreears kirk in Embra an gree'd tae fend ane anither an thair releegion agin ony faes. The meenisters o the kirk an the

burgesses follaed an doobles o the Covenant wis sent til aw the airts.

In thae days Scotland haed mony airmies serrin ootland. Atween 1626-1629 Scots haed focht for Denmark-Norrowa. Unner Field Mairshall Alisaunder Lesslie an ithers thay focht for Swaiden fae 1628 until 1648, an mair Scots airmies focht in the Unitit Provinces o the Netherlands atween 1618 an 1648. Awthegither Scotland haed about 61,000 men serrin in airmies ootland throu the years 1618-1648 either bi license o the Privy Council in Embra or ithergaits. The Covenant wis taen furth o Scotland tae thir airmies an Scots communities, for thaim tae sign, while siller an wappons, an sodgers an-aw, wis brocht hame. King Chairles wis ettlin tae invade Scotland fae Ingland an Irland an pit the Covenanters doun. In parteelclar, Ranald MacDonell erle o Antrim, that's kinred haed been turnt oot o Kintyre wi the Campbells, offert tae invade the wast on behauf o the king an tak back the auld MacDonell lands. In the hairst o 1638 the new erle o Argyll wis Airchibald Campbell, kent as skellie Airchie. He wis a pawkie cheil that wad use the Covenant tae forder the maucht o his faimly an his ain poseetion at the croun o the causay. Wi baith sides bodin in fear o weir, the general assembly o the kirk forgaithert at Glesca heich kirk in November an Dezember 1638 an elided the king's buik o canons, the Five Airticles, an cryed doun the office o bishops.

Bi noo Field Mairshall Alisaunder Lesslie had won hame an wis appyntit heid o the Covenanter airmies. But ae cheil that wisna cantie wi aw this haunling wis George Gordon Markiss o Huntly. He wis maister o the north whaur mony fowk wis either Episcopal, or even Catholic, an the toun o Aiberdeen luewarm tae the hail stoushie ower the prayer buik. In Aprile 1639 Lesslie, alang wi Jeems Graham erle o Montrose, gaed north an claucht Aiberdeen. Huntly an his eldest loun George lord Gordon wis taen an brocht sooth til Embra, but anither loun o Huntly's, Jeems lord Abyne, gaihert the Huntly kin an follaers. In Mey Ogilvy o Banff drave the Covenanters oot o Turra in a shairp fecht kent sensyne as 'The Trot o Turra' but Montrose maircht men til Aiberdeen an focht for the toun wi Abyne atween 14-19 Juin. Abyne held the Brig o Dee, but Montrose breenged at it until he gart them skail. At the same time King Chairles's men haed invadit the Borders, but fund Lesslie wi his army at Duns Law an gied backs. The twa sides cryed birlie for a wee an King Chairles gaed about raisin anither army. While he wis daein this the Covenanters unner Montrose lichtit on Ingland in August 1640, defait the Inglis at Newburn Foord, maircht intae Newcastle, an usurpit the north o Ingland. The war naething the king cuid dae but mak a peace an bring the sae-cryed Bishops' Weirs til an end. He cawed his Inglis pairlament an a treaty o peace wis made wi Scotland on 10 August 1641, cryed the Treaty o Lunnon. For King Chairles it wis bemeanin, haein tae confirm the acts o the Scots pairlament that noo cryed doun his releegious an ither policies. He wis in Scotland again fae August til November 1641 an sut throu a pairlament that haed been cawed athoot his say, an even makkin Argyll a markiss tae win his freenship.

Hooanever, Jeems Graham erle o Montrose thocht that the Covenanters haed gane ower faur an took the rue. It wis weel seen that Airchibald o Argyll wis forderin his ain ends sae Montrose heidit a pairty agin Argyll an offert his help tae the king. The weir that the Covenanters haed steert noo spreid ithergaits. In 1641 the war a rising agin the Inglis an Scots sattlers in Irland, that's news oxtert

back hame wi the ordnar tales o bairns on pikes. Sae the follaein year the Scots pairlament sent 11,000 sodgers ower til Ulster. The pairlament that the Chairles ane haed cawed in England, for tae mak peace wi Scotland, lowsed aw kin-kind o threaps an hatrent agin the king an in 1642 weir brak oot atween him an his subjects in England. Baith sides noo sent ambassadries tae Scotland for help. The Covenanters jaloused that alliance wi the Inglis pairlament wad be the best wey tae bell the kingly baudrons. In September 1643 the Covenanters and the Inglis pairlament gree'd a treaty cryed the Solemn League an Covenant. The reformed releeigion wad be upheld in Scotland, the Inglis wad mak England Presbyterian for the lend o a Scots army, an thay wad wirk for a political yoking o the twa kinriks that wad suit the baith. Sae in Januar 1644 an army o 20,000 Scots heidit bi Alisaunder an Dauvit Lesslie gaed intil England. Syne, at the fecht o Marston Muir, on 2 July, Dauvit Lesslie led a breenge that brak the king's army an Chairles tint the north o England.

Tae draw the Covenanters oot o England, an aiblins brek thair haud ower Scotland, King Chairles haed appyntit Montrose the heid o his army. Montrose jyned wi Alisaunder MacDonell, a kinsman o the erle o Antrim, an blattert an blootert the hatit markiss o Argyll. Ding dang the airmies o the Covenant fell. In September 1644 Montrose took Perth efter the fecht at Tippermuir an sackit Aiberdeen, won the fecht at Fyvie in October, an in the Dezember gart Argyll flee fae his ain hame at Inverera. He defait Argyll at Innerlochy in Februar 1645, but haed tae gie backs whan the Covenanters unner Baillie surprised him at Dundee in Aprile, an he fled in the Heilans. Hooanever, Montrose cam back wi mair men an brak the Covenanters in three fechts, at Auldearn (9 Mey), Aaford (2 July) an Kilseyth (15 August). Montrose haed Scotland awmaist in his aucht, but aince his army stertit tae traipse hame, til Aiberdeenshire an Kintyre, he wis scrimp o airms. On 13 September 1645 Dauvit Lesslie fund him at Philiphauch by Selkirk an gied Montrose a sair defait that he never got abuin.

Chairles wis lossin the weir in England an randert tae the Scots army at Newark in Mey 1646. In Juin he ordert his army heids in Scotland, Huntly an Montrose, tae gie ower an skail thair men. The Covenantit army took Chairles tae Newcastle an lang political trokin gaed on atween the Scots an the Inglis. The govrenment in



Embura wis feart that bringin Chairles intae Scotland wad steer up trouble, sae

they gied him tae the Inglis pairlament in return for the siller Ingland wis auchtin for airmy pey, in Januar 1647. But mony Scots soon took the rue. In the simmer o 1647 the Inglis airmy cowpit the state an took Chairles a presonar. Sleekit tae the hinnerend, Chairles played fowk aff agin ane anither, an in Dezember 1647 made a league in hidlins wi a puckle Scots nobles heidit bi Jeems duik o Hamilton. They wad send an airmy tae free an uphaud the king. In return Chairles gree'd he wad whiles bide in Scotland, try oot Presbyterianism on Ingland for three year, an mak a third o the coort an privy cooncil in Ingland Scots. The sae-cryed Engager airmy invadit Ingland in July 1648, but its heids hae nae clear ettles, an it wis defait at Preston (17-19 August) bi the Inglis general Oliver Crumell. Aboot 2000 wis killt an gey near 9000 taen presonar. It wis noo the turn o the kirk-reekit zealots o Ayrshire an Lanark – cryed the Whiggamores – tae cowp the state. They maircht on Embra, chased the comatee o estates, an took ower, pittin Argyll at thair heid. A screed o acts wis passt in Januar 1649 bannin fae office awbody that haed taen pairt in the Engagement or haed aince gien uphaud tae Montrose. A when fowk in Ingland, led bi General Crumell, noo socht the life o the king as a bluidy tirran an pit him on trial. On 30 Januar 1649 Chairles wis heidit at Whitehaw palace. It wis a cauld morning, but Chairles pit on twa sarks sae he wadna chitter an look feart. He wis burried in St George's chaipel, in Windsor, Ingland. His wife, Queen Hendretta Mary, haed fled tae Fraunce in 1644 an she dee'd at Colombe by Pairis on 10 September 1669.

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