



DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ACTION AGAINST A RECUSANT.¹

BEE it knowne unto all men by these presents That whereas I Richard Ayre gentleman have heertofore That is to saye within six monethes last past have prosecuted and fyled an originall writt in the Kinges Majesties Courte of Comon Pleçe at Westminster against Sir Arthure Gray Knight upon the statute of the three and twentyeth yeare of Queene Elizabeth inacted for the conformity of Popish recusants upon which originall I have not proceeded to any other proces: Now I the said Richard Ayre for many reasons and consideracions me thereunto movinge have remised released acquitted exonerated and discharged And by these presents doe remise release acquite exonerate and discharge the said Sir Arthure Gray of and from the said originall accion sute and Informacion: And doe hereby promise and undertake to proceede noe further therein But suffer the same to be discontinued and to be of none effect against the said Sir Arthure Graye. In witness wherof I the said Richard Ayre have hereunto put my hand and seale the fowerteenth day of February in the fowerth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Defendor of the Fayth &c.—Richard Ayre (L.S.) Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of ROBERT ANDERSON—ROBT: ANDERSON—WILLIA. THORNTON.

In dorso: A declaration to proceed no further upon a Stattute against Recusants maid the 23rd yeare of Queen Elizabeth.

¹ Copy from Greenwich Hospital, among Mr. Fenwick's Radclyffe collections.