

## *Why did people want the king back in 1646?*

### Case study 1: Effects of war, 1642-45 - Source 2

#### An order published by Parliament about the city of Lincoln, 18 February 1642

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#### What is this source?

This is a Parliamentary Ordinance.

An ordinance was a law passed by Parliament that was not approved by the king. During the Civil War all new laws passed by Parliament were Ordinances.

#### What's the background to this source?

Lincoln was controlled by Parliament in the Civil War, even though there were many supporters of the king in the city and in the county of Lincolnshire. County Committees ran areas controlled by Parliament.

These Committees were made up of men loyal to Parliament. Their job was to control their area and also to help Parliament's war effort by supplying Parliamentary forces with food and equipment. This source comes from the early part of 1643 when people were beginning to feel the impact of the war. Both sides were desperate to find food, supplies and arms for their armies.

#### It's worth knowing that ...

As the war went on the County Committees got tougher and tougher. They demanded more taxes, supplies, horses and so on for the war, and not just from Royalist supporters. As a result, they became increasingly unpopular.

County Committees usually singled out known Royalists in their area for harsh treatment, such as more taxes. Committee members were often Puritans, so they were also on the lookout for people who seemed to be sympathetic towards Catholics.

## Your turn: What can we learn from this source?

1. Who was criticised in this source?
2. Who was to carry out Parliament's commands?
3. Study the notes that support this source. What can you find out about County Committees?
4. How does this source help to explain why many people were supporting Charles in 1646?



## Source 2

Whereas divers desperate and ill disposed  
persons in the County of Lincoln, Cittie of  
Lincolne, and County of the same Hand Co, and  
now are in Actuall Warre, and Rebellion ag<sup>st</sup>  
the Parliament and Kingdome: & of divers Countie  
voluntarily contributed their Swords, Money,  
Food, or plate, and entered into an Association  
for the maintenance, and continuance of this  
unnaturall Warre and Civile Contention  
It is therefore ordered, established and  
ordained by the Lords and Commons in  
Parliament That the Comittes nominated  
by both Houses of Parliament for the County  
of Lincoln, Cittie of Lincoln, and County  
of the same, or any foure of them respectively  
shall have full power and Authority and  
are hereby authorized to receive, receive,  
and take all Rents, Money, w<sup>ch</sup> is, Armes,  
Food and plate of every sort of persons so in  
Actuall Warre, or in Association ag<sup>st</sup> the  
Parliament.