

House was in uproar and was "inclined to have Mr Dell called to the Bar and make his recognition". Hampden intervened saying: "The words are not to be conceived by him alone but by some man else. If explained he may excuse himself, but it lies still on the members.....in respect he was never here before. If he by the vote of the House be satisfied in his judgement that he was mistaken, he may declare so and ask for forgiveness".²⁵

So Dell was saved by Hampden 'who stood by his friend' ; he made his apology from the floor of the House and Pym ' took his acknowledgement of sorrow'.

On 29th April Sir Walter Earle listed the grievances relating to Religion, such as the position of the altar and bowing to it, setting up of images and crucifixes, and a lack of competent preachers. Sir Robert Harley said "All our ancestors suffered for these words 'Hoc est Corpus Meum' and are we not brought almost to idolatry in bowing to that?"

Hampden said "These complaints arise not from ourselves but from petitions from all parts. Many have scruples [about attending Laudian services], many [like him] go to churches other than their parish church; it is fit to complain [about this, but we should] never assent to decline [to go to the parish church]. We should not dispute it by what authority it is done, but as [it is] done [it should be] put to the question".²⁶

Mr Pym advised "not to be afraid to call crimes, crimes if they were so: and the House may proceed against any person hereafter if any be found guilty or criminal ... if we were faint in this place, we should discourage all others."²⁷