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## <u>Pride's Purge Explained</u>



In 1648, the English Civil War was reaching a pivotal		The conflict
between the King and Parlic	ament had divided the country. Col	onellea
a decisive action known as F	Pride's Purge, targeting members	of who
were sympathetic to the Kii	ng. This event drastically altered t	he of
Parliament, leaving only th	e radicals, known as the Rump Par	iament.
The	_ Parliament was now free to pur	sue more extreme measures
	without opposition. In January 1649, they made a historic	
decision to put the King on	This was	an unprecedented move, as no
English monarch had ever b	een tried by his own subjects befo	re. The trial led to the
of	the King, which sent shockwaves t	through the monarchy across
Europe.		
The aftermath of Pride's _	saw the es	tablishment of a republic, known
as the Commonwealth. This	new government faced many	, including
dissent from royalists and	economic hardships. However, it m	arked a significant shift towards
more	principles, at least in theory.	
The Army played a crucial r	ole in supporting the actions of th	ne Rump Parliament. Without
their	, Pride's Purge might not have	peen successful. The Army's
influence grew, and eventua	lly, Oliver	rose to prominence, later
becoming the Lord Protecto	or.	
The effects of Pride's Purge	were felt for many	It not only changed
the political landscape but (	also influenced the perception of $\_$	and
governance in England. The	event highlighted the growing pow	ver of the military in political
affairs and set a	for future actions (	igainst the monarchy.
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execution King prece	edent Pride composition m	oment backing Cromwell