

# The Fall of the British Monarchies 1637-1642

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**The Bishops' Wars: Charles I's Campaigns against Scotland, 1638-1640.** By MARK CHARLES FISSEL. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994. Pp. xv+336. \$69.95.

**Going to the Wars: The Experience of the British Civil Wars, 1638-1651.** By CHARLES CARLTON. London: Routledge, 1992. Pp. xii+428.

**Henry's Wars and Shakespeare's Laws: Perspectives on the Law of War in the Later Middle Ages.** By THEODORE MERON. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993. Pp. xi+237.

Since S. R. Gardiner wrote his ten-volume *History of England from the Accession of James I to the Outbreak of the Civil War, 1603-1642* (1883-84), Charles I's failure in his two wars with Scotland in 1639 and 1640 has usually been interpreted as a damning indictment of the system of nonparliamentary government that he attempted to impose on his three kingdoms. Personal rule may have worked when the country was at peace, but the threat of war brutally exposed the shaky foundations on which the king's personal tyranny had been erected. Within the past decade two magisterial studies have challenged this view. Conrad Russell has underlined the contrast between the first and second Bishops' Wars. The war of 1639 was not opposed by a united nation, nor did the king lose any battles. In June 1639, when he decided to make peace at Berwick, Charles I was still at the head of a paid and undefeated army.<sup>1</sup> According to Kevin Sharpe, the key to Charles's defeat in the second Bishops' War was "the strategic failure to fortify Newcastle." Following their victory over the English infantry at Newburn, the Covenanters were in no good position. Desperately short of victuals, they would have had no recourse but to disband had Newcastle held out for another twenty-four hours.<sup>2</sup>

Mark Fissel's tight monograph on the Bishops' Wars steers us back toward the older interpretation. Combining shrewd accounts of military strategy, maneuver, and supply, Fissel demonstrates the close interplay between battlefield events and the political and ecclesiastical policies of King Charles I. Charles occupies the center of the stage, and his inability to crush Scotland is the story of his inability to manage government. He blundered geopolitically by imagining that he could, with the stroke of

<sup>1</sup> Conrad Russell, *The Fall of the British Monarchies, 1637-1642* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991), p. 78.

<sup>2</sup> Kevin Sharpe, *The Personal Rule of Charles I* (New Haven, Conn., and London: Yale University Press, 1992), pp. 894-95.

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