

b) "A dictatorship of the generals naked & unashamed". Using your own knowledge and the evidence of these sources, explain how far you would agree with this interpretation of government during the Protectorate.

Key theme Argument: Role of army in Protectorate

Positive role in Protectorate

1. = basis for political settlement (Lambert/ Council Grandees)
2. Internal security (eg Penruddocks)
3. External security (eg Ireland/Scotland controlled; Stuart return prevented)
4. Army used to enforce unpopular policy: MG's & godly change
5. Some MG's begin to work with landed groups; do positive work in their regions.

Negative role

1. Army itself = obstacle to a long term political settlement
  - a. Probs with funding create friction with Parl (esp 1stPP)
  - b. Resistance to Humble Petition
  - c. Post Oliver involvement
  
2. Dislike of Army leads to general unpopularity of regime:
  - a. Disliked by MP's: Standing Army requires taxation = unpopular with MP's & taxpayers; constant threat to their position by fact that they empower Cr to be able to close them.
  - b. MG's & rel change
  - c. Taxation remains high to pay for army

ie army is an obstacle to heal & settle, but provide stability for Cr to conduct his main interest, rel change.

**Agree ie Protectorate was an army dictatorship**

Source 2

- Lamberts dominance (Group: also shown in S4 "army dominance")
- Army garrisons kept (Group: also shown in S1 "hatred of standing army by county gentry")

Source 1

- MG direct control of areas (**But** Some MG's did work well with local groups)

Source 5

- Army used for godly ref rather than needs of heal & settle (Group: also shown in S2)

Source 4

- Supports contemporary view of army dominance
- High army pay means high taxes imposed on country

**Disagree ie Protectorate was not a military dictatorship**

Source 1

- Possibility that Cr was moving towards a more civilian regime

Source 3

- IofG did contain checks 7 balance on both Council & Cr
- Some MG's did work well with local groups

OK only arguments:

- MG's eventually closed down by Parl
- Crown rejected by reasons other than Army opp
- Army opp silenced after 2ndPP

**OK support: for you to match from notes!**

