

ful supplies the pannage of *England* would afford other Countries, what rich returns to it self, if it were not slic'd out into Male and Female fripperies: and what a multitude of mis-employ'd hands, might be better improv'd in some more manly Manufactures for the Publick Weal: it is not easily credible, what may be said of the Preterpluralities of Taylors in *London*: I have heard an honest man say, that not long since there were numbered between *Temple-bar* and *Charing-Cross*, eight thousand of that Trade: let it be conjectured by that proportion how many there are in and about *London*, and in all *England*, they will appear to be very numerous. If the Parliament would please to mend Women, which their Husbands dare not do, there need not so many men to make and mend as there are. I hope the present doleful estate of the Realm, will perswade more strongly to some considerate course herein, than I now can.

Knew I how to bring it in, I would speak a word to long Hair, whereof I will say no more but this: if God proves not such a Barbor to it as he threatens, unless it be amended, *Isai. 7. 20.* before the Peace of the State and Church be well settled, then let my Prophesie be scorned, as a sound mind scorns the riot of that sin, and more it needs not. If those who are tearmed Rattle-heads and Impuritans, would take up a Resolution to begin in moderation of hair, to the just reproach of those that are called Puritans and Round-heads; I would honour their manliness, as much as the others godliness, so long as I knew what man or honour meant: if neither can find a Barbors shop, let them turn in, to *Psal. 68. 21. Jer. 7. 29. 1 Cor. 11. 14.* If it be thought no wisdom in men to distinguish themselves in the field by the Scissors, let it be thought no Injustice in God, not to distinguish them by the Sword. I had rather God should know me by my sobriety, than mine enemy not know me by my vanity. He is ill kept, that is kept by his own sin. A short promise, is a far safer guard than a long lock: it is an ill distinction which God is loth to look at, and his Angels cannot know his Saints by. Though it be not the mark of the Beast, yet it may be the mark of a beast prepared to slaughter. I am sure men use not to wear such Manes; I am also sure Souldiers use to wear other Marklets or Notadoes in time of battel.

HAVING done with the upper part of my work, I would now with all humble willingness set on the best piece of Soul-leather I have, did I not fear I should break my All, which though it may be a right old English blade, yet it is but little and weak. I should esteem it the best piece of workmanship my Cobling hand ever wrought, if it would please Him whose work
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