

better were it, for men to make an end with him in time, than put him to make such an end with them as he there intends.

Political Reformation he seems to call for now *indigitanter*. When he beholds Christian Kingdoms and States unsound in their foundations, illineal in their superstructures, unjust in their administrations; he kicks them in pieces with the foot of his Indignation: But when Religious Statesmen frame and build by the level and plummet of his wisdom, then People may say as his Servants of old, *Look upon Zion the City of our Solemnities; Your eyes shall see it a quiet Habitation, a Tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken*, Isai. 33. 20. Neither by civil Commotions nor foreign Invasions. When the cords of a State are exquisitely tight, and the stakes firmly pitched, such a Tent though but a Tent shall not easily flutter or fall: But *if the Tacklings be so loose, that the main Mast cannot stand steady, nor the Sail be well spread; then may the lame take and divide a great prey*, ver. 23. If Religion, Laws, Liberties, and foreign Federacies be slight; the strength of strong men shall be weakness, and the weakness of the weak victorious.

Pura politeja ne unum admittit solæcismulum, neque valet, præscriptio in politicis aut moralibus. It may maintain a bright conjecture, against a rusty Truth: a legible possession, against an obliterate Claim: an inconvenience, against a convenience; where no clear remedy may be had: but never any thing that is formally sinful, or materially mischievous. When rotten States are soundly mended from head to foot, proportions duly admeasured, Justice justly dispenced; then shall Rulers and Subjects have peace with God and themselves: but till then, the gayest Kingdoms shall be but ruffling scuffling, removing and commoving hovels. For *England*, however the upper Stories are shroadly shattered; yet the foundations and frame being good or mendable by the Architects now at work, there is good hope, when Peace is settled, People will dwell more wind-tight and water-tight than formerly, I earnestly wish our Mr. Builders to remember, that punctuality in Divinity and Politie, is but regularity; that what is amiss in the mould, will misfashion the prosult: and that if this market be slipt, things may grow as dear as ever they were. Most expert Gentlemen, be intreated at length to set our Head right on our Shoulders, that we may once look upwards and go forwards like proper English-men.

God will also have Ecclesiastical Reformation now, or nothing: And here he stands not upon Kings, Parliaments or Assemblies, but upon his own Terms. I fear He will have all dross
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