

slipping-knot, which a Child may undoe, much more a King. It stands not with our Queens honour to wear an Apron, much less her Husband, in the strings; that were to insnare both him and her self in many unsafeties. I never heard our King was Effeminate: to be a little Uxorious personally, is vertuous vice in Oeconomics; but Royally, a vitious vertue in Politicks. To speak English, Books and Tongues tell us, I wish they tell us true, that the Error of these Wars on our Kings part, proceeds only from ill Counsellours.

Ill Counsellours, are very ill Gamesters; if they see their own stake a losing, they will play away King, Queen, Bishops, Knights, Rooks, Pawns, and all, before they will turn up the board; they that play for lusts, will play away themselves, and not leave themselves so much as a heart to repent; and then there is no Market left but Hell; if the case be thus, it is to no end to look for any end, till one side make an end of the other.

*They that at stake their Crowns and Honours set,
Play lasting games, if Lust or Guilt do bet.*

Cessation.

IF God would vouchsafe to give his Majesties Religion and Reason, power to fling his Wills head over the Wall, in matter of Composition, and his Subjects strength to throw their lusts after it, Arms would be soon laid down, and Peace soon taken up. They that are not at Peace with God, are not at Peace with themselves, whatever they think; and they that are not at Peace with themselves, cannot be at Peace with others, if occasion provokes, be their nature never so good.

So far as I can conjecture, the chief impediment to a general & mutual Cessation of Armes, is, a despair of mutual and general forgiveness. If ever *England* had need of a general Jubile in Heaven and Earth, it is now. Our King and Parliament have been at great strife, who should obtain most Justice: if they would now strive, who should shew most Mercy, it would bear well throughout the World. Here also my speech must be twofold and blind-fold. It is now nine Months and more since the last credible News was acted: it is possible by this, the Parliament may be at the Kings Mercy? Did I say a Kings Mercy? what can I say more? no man on earth, can shew more mercy than a King, nor shall need more, when he comes to give an Account of his Kingdom: nor did ever any Parliament merit more mercy than this, for they never sinned, that I know, I mean against the Common and Statute Law of *England*: it is pity they who have given so many general pardons, should want one now.

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