

Watchmen, and under Christ your Salvation, I know no deadlier Symptom of a dying People than to undervalue godly Ministers, whosoever despiseth them shall certainly be despised of God and man at one time or other.

A most humble heel-piece.
T O T H E
Most Honourable Head-piece
T H E
Parliament of *England*.

I Might excuse my self in Part, with a speech *Lycurgus* used in the like exigent of State, *senectute fio audacior, publica necessitate loquacior*, but it much better becomes me with all lowliness and uprightness, wherein I have failed to pray pardon on both my knees, which I most humbly and willingly do; only, before I rise, I crave leave to present this six-fold Petition.

That you would be pleased,

To preserve the Sacred reputation of Parliaments, or, we shall have no Common-wealth.

To uphold the due estimation of good Ministers, else, we shall have no Church.

To heal the sad dislocation of our Head, throughly, perfectly, or, we shall have no King.

To oppugne the bold violation of divine Truths, else we shall have no God.

To proceed with what zeal you began, or what you began can come to little end.

To expedite work with what speed you safely may, else ignorant people will fear they shall have no end at all.

He that is great in Counsel, and Wonderful in Working, guide and help you in all things, that doing all things in Him, by Him, and for Him, you may do all things like Him.

So be it.
