

“ Not to reckon the offices, gifts, and preferments be-
“ stowed and shared among themselves: they in the
“ meanwhile, who were ever faithfullest to this cause,
“ and freely aided them in person, or with their sub-
“ stance, when they durst not compel either, slighted
“ and bereaved, after, of their just debts by greedy se-
“ questrations, were tossed up and down, after miserable
“ attendance, from one Committee to another with peti-
“ tions in their hands; yet either missed the obtaining of
“ their suit, or, though it were at length granted, (mere
“ shame and reason oft-times extorting from them at
“ least a show of justice) yet by their sequestrators and
“ sub-committees abroad, (men for the most part of in-
“ satiable hands, and noted disloyalty,) those orders
“ were commonly disobeyed: which for certain durst
“ not have been, without secret compliance, if not com-
“ pact, with some superiors able to bear them out.
“ Thus were their friends confiscate in their enemies,
“ while they forfeited their debtors to the State, as they
“ called it, but indeed to the ravening seizure of innu-
“ merable thieves in office: yet were withall no less
“ burthened in all extraordinary assessments and op-
“ pressions, than those whom they took to be disaffect-
“ ed: nor were we happier creditors to what we called
“ the State, than to them who were sequestered as the
“ State’s enemies.

“ For that faith which ought to have been kept as
“ sacred and inviolable as any thing holy, “ the Publick
“ Faith,” (after infinite sums received, and all the
“ wealth