

“tented them, chose to their behoof in Parliament, such  
“persons as they thought best-affected to the publick good,  
“and some, indeed, men of wisdom and integrity; the  
“rest, (to be sure, the greater part,) whom wealth, or  
“ample possessions, or bold and active ambition, (rather  
“than merit) had commended to the same place.

“But, when once the superficial zeal and popular fumes  
“that acted [or actuated] their new magistracy, were cool.  
“ed and spent in them, straight every one betook himself  
“(setting the commonwealth behind, and his private  
“ends before), to do as his own Profit, or Ambition, led  
“him. Then was Justice delayed, and soon after de-  
“nied: spight and favour determined all: hence Faction,  
“thence Treachery, both at home and in the field: every  
“where Wrong, and Oppression: foul and horrid deeds  
“committed daily, or maintained, in secret, or in open.  
“Some, who had been called from shops and ware-  
“houses, without other merit, to sit in supreme Coun-  
“cils and Committees, (as their breeding was) fell to  
“huckster the commonwealth. Others did thereafter  
“as men could sooth and humour them best; so he  
“who would give most, or, under covert of hypocritical  
“zeal, insinuate basest, enjoyed unworthily the rewards  
“of Learning and Fidelity; or escaped the punishment of  
“his crimes and misdeeds. Their votes and ordinances,  
“(which, men looked, should have contained the re-  
“pealing of bad laws, and the immediate constitution  
“of better,) resounded with nothing else, but new im-  
“positions, taxes, excises; yearly, monthly, weekly.  
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