

NEW GALLOWAY.

and idleneſſe, that may as eaſilie bee great, by ſuch honeſt and honourable endevoures.

But yet let vs come a litle nearer vnto our ſelves; and ſee the diſtreſſes aſwell amongſt the great, as the ſmall, throughout the whole Kingdome: and what increaſe there is of debts amongſt vs in theſe dayes, never heard of before amongſt our Predeceſſoures, wee ſhall finde, that if wee followe not ſome other induſtrious manner of waye, to relieve them, then by menaging, in whatſome-ever, and beſt forme wee can, our revenues, that they ſhall never bee relieved.

There are three thinges that troubleth our eſtates that wee cannot live as our Predeceſſoures did before vs: Firſt, the prodigalitie, both in our ſelves, our ſervants, and our houſes. Secondlie, wee have not ſuch occaſions, and vſes at home for the Brethren, and ſecond ſonnes of our houſes to get them preferment as of old. Thirdlie, that vniuerſall plague of Cautionarie, throughout the whole Kingdome, whereby their is ſuch a generall intercoure of diſtreſſe, each one for another, as all are linked into it: which all in following out ſuch honorable, and honeſt indevoures abroad might bee remedied. I ſpeake not of the favoured Courteour, nor of the fortunate Stateſ-man, for they have their owne bleſſinges from GOD, and favour of their Maſter in their ſeverall places: but vnto ſuch, my noble friends, and Countrie-gentlemen, ſuch as my ſelfe is, and ſo diſtreſſed as I am; and ſpeaking out of mine owne experience; proteſting that cautionarie hath beene vnto me; vpon mine honour, and credite, the value of an Hundreth thouſand pounds; which any imployment abroad, either in the ſervice of my King, or my Countrie, might haue ſpared vnto me, and bettered the eſtate of mine Houſe. Neither doe I ſpeake ſo farre of my ſelfe, for want of abilitie to doe mine owne buſineſſe, which I praife GOD is knowne