

PREFACE

It is not a little surprising, when one considers the amount of attention that has been bestowed on Milton's poetry, that his prose tracts, with a very few exceptions, have lain so neglected in recent times. The present edition is an attempt to remedy this neglect, so far as one of these treasures is concerned. Others, it is hoped, will follow; indeed, *The Ready and Easy Way to establish a Free Commonwealth* has already been taken in hand.

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