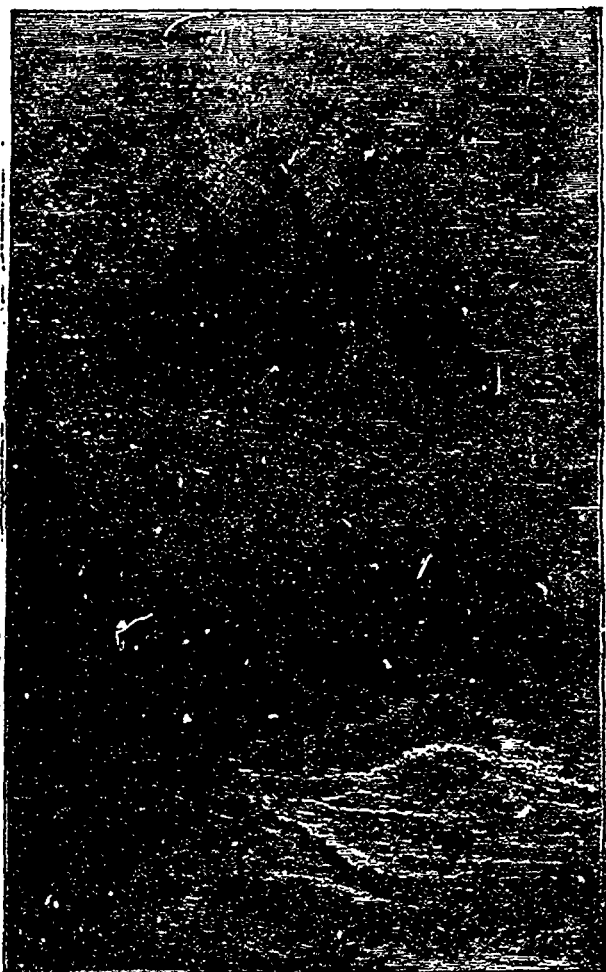


no right to punish men for mere opinion's sake. This doctrine of "soul liberty" did not meet with favour from the authorities. As a consequence of his advocacy of this and other views, held to be erroneous, Roger Williams, in order to save himself from



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being forcibly shipped back to England, fled to the woods. This was in the depth of winter, and the forests were then trackless wastes, traversed by no roads, except the Indian trails, and inhabited only by savage Indian tribes. With no guidance but his pocket-compass and the stars of heaven, the exile for