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BROXTOWE HALL

From the original painting by SAMUEL PARROTT, by courtesy of the Corporation of Nottingham.
Heare o King, and dispease not of 
counsel of your poore, and let their 
complaints come before thee. 
The King is a mortall man, a not God 
therefore hath no power over y'immortall 
soules of his suibects, to make lames 
ordinances for them, and to set spirituall 
Lords over them. 
If the king have authority to make 
spirituall Lords & lames, then he is 
an immortall God, and not a mortall 
man. 
O King, be not seduced by deceivers 
to sin so against God whom thou 
oughtest to obey, nor against thy 
poore suibects, who ought and will 
obey thee in all things with body 
life and goods, or else let their lives 
be taken from y'earth. 

God save y'King. 

Spittlefield 
mare London. 

Tho. Helwys.
of the mystery of iniquity.

But these Lords Bo. Cannot in anie wise endure one, that both faithfully seek for reformation, because such are only adversaries to their kingdoms. Wee still pray our lovd the King that they may be free from suspect, for having anie thoughtes of provoking enmity against them of the dissolute religion, in regard of their profession, if they be true and faithful subjectes to the King for we do freely profess, that our lovd the King hath no more power over their consciences then over ours, and that is none at all: for our lovd the King is but an earthly King, and he hath no authority as a King but in earthly causes, and if the Kings people be obedient & true subjectes, obeying all humane lawes made by the King, our lovd the King can require no more: for mens religion to God, is between God and themselves; the King shall not answer for it, neither may the King be judged between God and man. Let them be persecuted, Turks, Jews, or what soeuer it appertaynes not to the earthly power to punish them in the least measure. This is made evident to our lovd the King by the scriptures. When Paul was brought before Gallio, the pride of Achaia, and accused of the Jews for persuading men to worship God contrap to the law, Gallio said unto the Jews, if it were a matter of wronge or an evil deed, ye Jews, I would according to right mainteyne you, if he drave them from the judgment seat Act. 18. 12, 17. shewing them that matters of wrong and evil deeds, which were bethwixt man & man appertayned onely to the judgments seat, and not questions of religion. The like is shewed by the Twne cizke of Ephesus in Act. 19. 38, 19. And further Paul being in the same case accused of maine things Act. 24. in the 25. chap. he appeaeth to Ce-sars judgment seat, where he saith he ought to be judged,
London, 1620

Simplified from a map in the Guildhall Library.
The discovery of a London Monster
called, the Black Dog of Newgate:
profitable for all Readers to take heed by.

Vide, Leges, Causa.
Time bringeth all things to light.

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