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‘It is often assumed that these inadequacies made the collapse of the early Stuart monarchy inevitable. This is not necessarily so. Other contemporary monarchies suffered from similar weaknesses, and, far from collapsing, grew in strength. Moreover, as has been seen the deficiencies of the early Stuart Monarchy were a source of political unity between it and its leading subjects, who had a vested interest in maintaining the constitutional status quo’.

Barry Coward, *The Stuart Age: England 1603-1714*, 4th ed., (Routledge, 2012), p.82.



‘The King of England never had enough money to make ends meet, dependent as he was on a financial system that was a relic of creaking antiquity and dangerous inadequacy....The country as a whole, and the peerage in particular, was undertaxed’.

S.J. Houston, *James I*, 2nd ed. (Routledge, 2014), p.13.