

The Poor Man's Petition (1603)

Transcript

Norfolk Record Office, AYL/186, f. [1r]

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The poore mans petition to the king

- 1 Good king lett there bee an Vniformitie in true Religion without any disturbance of papist or puritane.
- 2 Good king lett good preechers be well p[ro]vided for, and without any bribeing come to their livinges.
- 3 Good king lett poore souldiers be paid their wages, while they be imploied, and well p[ro]vided for when they arr maimed:
- 4 Good king lett there not be such greatt delaies, and craftie p[ro]ceedings in lawe, and lette lawyers haue moderate fees; a pockes take the covetous attorney and merciles lawyer.
- 5 Good king lett poore suters be heard quicklie, and with speed dispatched favourablee.
- 6 Good king lett no man haue more offices then one, especiallie in the Court or towching the lawe.
- 7 Good king cutt of theis paultrie licences, and all monopolies, fie vppon all close biting knverie./
- 8 Good king suffer not great ordinance to be caried out of the Real{m} to the enemies as it hath bin, a plague vppon all covetous griping treasurers./
- 9 Good king lett ordinarie causes be determined in the ordinarie court, and lett not the Chancerie be made a com[m]on shifting place to p[ro]longe causes for private gayne.
- 10 Good king looke to the takers, and officers of the house, and to their exceeding fees, that pill and gueld the princelie allowance.
- 11 Good king lett vs not be oppressed with so many impositions, p[ro]wlinges, and payments.
- 12 Good king make not Lo[rd] of good Lincolne Duke of Shoreditche for he is a etc
- 13 Good king make not sir Walter Wralie earle of Pancridge, for he is a etc.
- 14 Good king love vs, and wee will love thee, and will spend our harts bloud for thee etc.

A libell throwne about the Court. in anno. D[omi]ni 1603.

Other manuscript witnesses

- All Souls College, MS 155, f. 5v
- British Library, Additional MS 22601, ff. 10v–11v
- British Library, Harley MS 3787, f. 181r
- British Library, Lansdowne MS 160, ff. 228/230r, 232r–v
- British Library, Additional MS 29607, f. 17r
- Hampshire Record Office, 44M69/L39/107
- Somerset Archives, DD\BK/9/3/2c
- St John's College, MS K.56, item 3, ir
- St John's College, MS K.56, item 4, ir
- The National Archives, SP 14/1, /28A
- The National Archives, SP 14/1, /28B

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<https://mpese.ac.uk/t/PoorMansPetition1603v2.html>