

possessed all the liberty, both civil and religious, of which they found themselves bereaved in their native country. But their enemies were unwilling that they should anywhere enjoy ease and contentment, and dreading, perhaps, the dangerous consequences of so disaffected a colony, prevailed on the king to issue a proclamation debarring these devotees access even to those inhospitable deserts. Eight ships lying in the Thames, and ready to sail, were detained by order of the council; and in these were embarked John Hambden, John Pym, and Oliver Cromwell, who had resolved forever to abandon their native country and fly to the other extremity of the globe, where they might enjoy lectures or discourses of any length or form which pleased them. The king had afterward full leisure to repent this exercise of his authority.

“The bishop of Norwich, by rigorously insisting on uniformity, had banished many industrious tradesmen from that city and driven them into Holland. The Dutch began to be more intent on commerce than on orthodoxy; and thought that the knowledge of useful arts, and obedience to the laws, formed a good citizen, though attended with errors in subjects in which it is not allowable for human nature to expect any positive truth or certainty.”