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THE PREFACE.

The wonderful silence of the godly and zealous preachers, the learned men and of grave judgment, now in exile, that they do not admonish the inhabitants of "greate Britanny" how abominable before GOD is the Empire or Rule of Wicked Woman, yea, of a traitress and bastard .... 3
This is contrary to the examples of the ancient prophets .... 4
I am assured that GOD hath revealed unto some in this our age, that it is 5
more than a monster in nature that a Woman shall reign and have empire above Man .... 5

ANSWERS TO THE OBJECTIONS

Why no such doctrine ought to be published in these our dangerous days.
(a) It may seem to tend to sedition .... 5
(b) It shall be dangerous not only to the writer or publisher, but to all as shall read the 6
writings, or favour this truth spoken .... 6
(c) It shall not amend the chief offenders, because
1. It shall never come to their ears .... 7
2. They will not be admonished .... 7

If any think that the Empire of Women is not of such importance that for the surpressing of 6
the same any man is bound to hazard his life: I answer, that to suppress it, is in the hand of
GOD alone; but to utter the impiety and abomination of the same, I say, it is the duty of
every true messenger of GOD to whom the truth is revealed in that behalf .... 6

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THE DECLARATION.

The Proposition. To promote a Woman to bear rule, superiority, dominion or empire above any realm, nation or city is
A. Repugnant to nature.
B. Contumely to GOD.
C. The subversion of good order, of all equity and justice. .... 11

A. Men illuminated only by the light of nature have seen and determined that it is a thing most repugnant to nature, that Women rule and govern over men .... 12-15
B. 1. Woman in her greatest perfection was made to serve and obey man, not to rule and command him .... 15
2. After the fall, she was made subject to man by the irrevocable sentence of GOD.
   In which sentence there are two parts.
   (a) A dolour, anguish and pain as oft as ever she shall be a mother .... 15
   (b) A subjection of her self, her appetites and will to her husband and his will.
   From the former part of this maladiction can neither art, nobility, policy nor law made
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