

Early Modern English Prose Selections: Directions in Historical Corpus Linguistics¹

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1. Introduction

Since the compilation of the Lancaster-Oslo/Bergen Corpus of British English (LOB) and the Brown Corpus (Brown) in the 1960s, there has been great progress in the field of English corpus linguistics. English language studies based upon electronic corpora have now been fully established. There are a number of English corpora available, both historical and contemporary, while still more are in preparation. While researchers are now able to benefit from these language resources, it is also time to survey the history of corpus linguistics to the present day and to consider which directions will be available in the future in this field.

One of the clear directions observed in the past several decades is that of making corpora as voluminous as possible. LOB and Brown may have been epoch-making when they were compiled in the last century, but corpora of one million words are now considered to be too small for many types of linguistic analyses. On the other hand, there are now corpora of enormous size, like the British National Corpus (BNC) (more than 100 million words) and the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) (more than 410 million words).² The second feature observed in the past several decades is that of enabling corpora to assist linguistic analyses as much as possible, most notably by supplying tags to

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2 This corpus, compiled by Mark Davies at Brigham Young University, is freely available at: <<http://www.americancorpus.org/>> (4 February 2011). Compiling corpora in web format is another recent tendency, although I do not further this issue in the present paper, since it is essentially a matter of how to supply materials.

the raw data. Automatic part-of-speech tagging has now become almost standard in the compilation of corpora of contemporary English, while some efforts have been made for this purpose in the compilation of historical corpora, as the Penn-Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Middle English illustrates. Obviously, the existence of spelling variants is the problem in the tagging of historical corpora, especially in the tagging of Old and Middle English texts, and the problem remains even after some form of normalization has been performed (cf. Markus 2000, 2002).

The progress of corpus linguistics as hitherto described has certainly enhanced the usability of resources available to linguists and contributed to the progress of English language studies in general. I have fully benefited from this, and the publication of some of my research has been possible thanks to the availability of electronic corpora for public use (e.g. Iyeiri 2002). At the same time, however, I do feel that researchers are now in a position to reconsider how English corpus linguistics could evolve in the years to come.

One of the major differences between several decades ago and the present day is the limited existence of electronic texts in the past and the enormous existence of them today. In the past, digitizing texts itself was a major time-consuming work, whereas today there are simply voluminous texts available in digitized form in various places. By utilizing readily-available resources, it is fairly easy to compile custom-built corpora for different research purposes, although supplying these resources freely to the public may be restricted when corpora are constructed in this manner. The obvious advantage in the compilation of corpora in this way is that researchers are now free to choose whatever they like to investigate. In fact, one of the primary problems in the use of publicly-supplied corpora has been that research could be conducted only within the framework of the texts included in the corpora and within the framework of their structure. As a result, research results could on occasions be monotonous. By using the enormous amount of electronic resources available in the world, researchers are released

from this problem, while conducting corpus linguistics is still possible. The time has perhaps returned to the pre-computer age when researchers selected materials to investigate in their own way, but now one sees a renewed form where researchers are able to select materials to investigate in their own way from electronic sources. The building of corpora has again become the work of individual scholars as well as that of institutions.

I am confident that the use of publicly-supplied corpora will continue to be a major aspect in corpus linguistics and that researchers will continue to benefit from them. Paradoxically, however, additional materials privately collected, which may not always be voluminous, can supplement the research based upon large corpora publicly available, since the investigation of different materials almost always provides new insights into linguistic analyses. In the following discussion, I would like to demonstrate the building of a self-compiled corpus and describe what I call Early Modern English Prose Selections (EMEPS). I have compiled it by using Early English Books Online (EEBO).³

Finally, I am aware that I am not permitted to re-distribute EMEPS, since it is a collection of texts which are stored in a commercial database. I hereby certify as an authorized user of EEBO that I will use the materials for my research purposes only.

2. Early Modern English Prose Selections (EMEPS)

EMEPS (ver. 1) covers the period 1500-1700 and consists for the moment of eight different sections, each of which includes approximately one million words. In total the collection consists of approximately eight million words.⁴ The texts included are

³ For details of Early English Books Online, see <<http://eebo.chadwyck.com/home>> (27 September 2010).

⁴ In counting the number of words, I have excluded headers, contents, indices, advertisements, etc.

essentially prose works, although those containing a very small amount of verse are on occasions included.⁵ The following tables display the structure of the collection:

1. *A*-texts

Files	Dates	Number of texts	Approximate size
A16th-1	1501-1550	43	1,007,800 words
A16th-2	1551-1600	53	1,002,400 words
A17th-1	1601-1650	95	1,002,200 words
A17th-2	1650-1700	75	1,001,200 words

2. *B*-texts

Files	Dates	Number of texts	Approximate size
B16h-1	1501-1550	39	1,009,600 words
B16th-2	1551-1600	34	1,003,300 words
B17th-1	1601-1650	39	1,004,600 words
B17th-2	1650-1700	43	1,007,400 words

The collection has been classified into *A*-texts and *B*-texts. This is to make the collection more useable for multiple linguistic purposes. The frequencies of function words are inclined to be much larger than those of content words, and therefore it may be more appropriate to use *A*-texts only or *B*-texts only in the analysis of the former. By contrast, analyses based upon content words may require a larger volume of resources, and here the exploration of both *A*-texts and *B*-texts would be more appropriate.

As discussed in the Introduction, there is an increasing tendency to make corpora voluminous, which is most typically observed in the compilation of some Present-day English corpora like BNC (100 million words) and COCA (more than 410 million words). Turning to historical English corpora, however, the size still tends to be fairly small, especially in the case of earlier English. The Helsinki Corpus consists of only 1.6 million words, and this is a corpus which covers a long span of periods, from Old English to early Modern English. ICAMET, which is a

⁵ This refers to cases in which prose works on occasions include a few lines of verse at the beginning of the text or in the middle of the text, etc. For the list of the texts included in EMEPS, see the Appendix.

full text corpus of Middle English prose, comprises around six million words, and this covers the entire period of Middle English.⁶ Furthermore, the early Modern English period provides the Corpus of Early English Correspondence, which includes 2.7 million words. In contrast to these, the collection of eight million words for the period 1500-1700 in EMEPS is a major increase, though it may not be ideal yet. The pilot study in the following section is to assess the effectiveness of the size of EMEPS.

Collecting this amount of material has been possible, simply because two often presupposed concepts in the compilation of corpora have been ignored: tagging and divisions into genres.⁷ I have given priority to the size of the collection over the balance of different genres included in it. Spellings are still inconsistent during the early Modern English period, which makes tagging difficult, though not impossible. I have no objection to the idea of tagging texts in general so long as they are trustworthy, but I have simply given priority to the size of the corpus instead of spending time on supplying tags to the text.

The matter of genres, by contrast, requires some explanation. I have constantly been skeptical about the availability of corpora with ideal genre divisions. Especially in historical corpora, the issue of genres can be problematic, since different genres have different natures depending upon different ages. Biber, Connor, and Upton (2007: 8) define the term genre in the following manner: “the term genre has been used to refer to a culturally recognized ‘message type’ with a conventional internal structure, such as an affidavit, a biology research article, or a business memo”. In other words, the concepts and boundaries of genres can easily fluctuate between different ages, especially when society is transitive. Raumolin-Brunberg (1988: 150), for example, points out the changing nature of scientific

⁶ For some details of this corpus, see Markus (1999).

⁷ Where to place emphasis in the self-compilation of corpora differs depending upon different research purposes. In the context of writing dictionaries, for example, Prinsloo (2009: 203) considers that genres and annotations are both essential.

writings in the early Modern English period by saying:

In the 16th century, the language of science was still Latin, and the so-called scientific writing that was produced in English in that period resembled more our modern textbooks for schools than our scientific writing. It was only during the latter half of the 17th century, with the foundation of the Royal Society, that scientific writing in English in the modern sense of the term was introduced.

Likewise, Claridge (2000) expresses the difficulties she faced in the compilation of the Lampeter Corpus of Early Modern English Tracts (1640-1740), in respect of genres. She states, for example: “Religion and politics are intimately intertwined in the era in question, and this is reflected in the texts; many of them deal with both issues at once or with one of them under the guise of the other” (p. 11). She also says: “The domain ECONOMY is not to be understood as ‘economics’, whose beginning as an (academic) discipline can be traced to Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations* (1776), but it represents the great mass of writing on that topic existing before, which is best characterized as ‘economic nationalism’” (p. 14). The materials included in EMEPS certainly present the same kind of difficulties.

For these reasons, I have always wondered if it is indeed wise to be obsessed with dividing historical corpora into different genres, especially when the sizes of the corpora are not necessarily large, though genre divisions are now regarded almost as standard in building corpora. The division of small corpora would simply make genre-based analyses unreliable, since different genres end up providing only a small number of relevant examples. I have come across a number of cases where analyses lead to unexpected results which are supplied with some form of “explanations”. For example, Smitterberg’s (2008: 280) investigation of CONCE (A Corpus of Nineteenth-century English) yields an unexpected feature

of Debate, which is followed by his statement: “Part of the explanation may lie in the shift in the dominant mode of speech representation in the debates, from indirect speech in period 1 to direct speech in period 3.... Another possibility is that the genre norms for the speeches themselves changed during the course of the century ...”.

In view of this, I would find it more realistic or even more practical simply to place more emphasis upon collecting a larger number of texts and using the resultant corpus as a reference corpus against which to analyze individual authors, individual journals, etc. Since voluminous materials are more reliable statistically, reference corpora would help clarify the overall features in the development of English, while at the same time they could also function as a control in genre and stylistic analyses when used side by side with materials of individual authors, individual journals, etc. I have reached this conclusion after investigating the quotations of the *OED*, which have turned out to be useful resources for linguistic analyses, perhaps due to their sheer volume, though they are known to be skewed in the direction of literary materials (Schäfer 1980: 13, Iyeiri 2010: 197-198). In terms of genre balance, the *OED* is not at all ideal, but its usability for linguistic research is enormous.

Although EMEPS has been compiled on this principle, this does not necessarily mean that I have collected materials without taking into consideration the balance of texts. I have simply placed more emphasis upon size than upon genres. Thus, minimum care has certainly been taken to avoid collecting materials only from limited text types. For instance, the early Modern English period provides a large number of religious writings, which also tend to be lengthy, so that unless care is taken, one could easily include too much religious material. I have made efforts to collect texts of other types wherever possible. The following section is a pilot study, which will show whether this policy of collecting texts is justifiable.

3. The syntactic development of the verb *forbid* from 1500 to 1700: a pilot study

3.1. Preliminary remarks

As a pilot study to test the usability of EMEPS, I would like to investigate the syntactic development of the verb *forbid* from 1500 to 1700, by using the entire collection, i.e. “A16th-1”, “A16th-2”, “A17th-1”, “A17th-2”, “B16th-1”, “B16th-2”, “B17th-1”, and “B17th-2”. I have chosen to analyze this verb, as I already have fairly substantial data of this verb based upon my previous research (see Iyeiri 2003, 2010), which may be used for comparison’s sake.

3.2. The size of EMEPS

EMEPS provides around 1,200 examples of the verb *forbid*, of which I would like to concentrate upon those which include some forms of complements—most typically *that*-clauses (including the ellipsis of *that*), *to*-infinitives, and gerunds (with or without the preposition *from*). The relevant examples in EMEPS number around 450 in all. This is not a small number considering the fact that the Helsinki Corpus, which covers the period from Old English to early Modern English, provides only 48 examples of *forbid* followed by the aforementioned complements. The quotations of the *Oxford English Dictionary* (2nd edition) (*OED*) include 505 examples of *forbid* followed by the three types of complements mentioned above, but again they spread from the Old English period through to the present day. When the target of analysis is confined to the 16th and 17th centuries, even the *OED*, which Iyeiri (2010: 197-198) considers to be fully usable as a historical corpus, presents only 181 examples of *forbid* followed by the three types of complements.⁸ Hence, EMEPS is clearly qualified as a resource for linguistic analyses, at least from the perspective of its size. In what follows, I will conduct further detailed research into the behaviour of *forbid* in EMEPS to confirm this point.

8 It is relevant to state here that Mair (2001: 608) also takes the view that the *OED* is useful as a

3.3. The complementation patterns of *forbid*

The term “complement” in the following discussion is used for subordinate clauses and non-finite clause-like forms which function as a core and essential argument for the verbs concerned (cf. Hamawand 2002: 1-2, Fanego 2004a: 322-324, and Dixon 2006: 15). As mentioned above, the discussion here is particularly concerned with the relationship among the three complementation types of *that*-clauses (including the elliptical use of *that*), *to*-infinitives, and gerunds with or without prepositions.⁹

According to Iyeiri (2010: 7-10), a number of English verbs experienced a shift of complements from *that*-clauses to *to*-infinitives from late Middle English to early Modern English, which she names “the first complement shift”. Its occurrence is most probably due to the decline of the subjunctive in the history of English.¹⁰ The verb *forbid*, which in Present-day English is usually followed by *to*-infinitives, is not an exception in this respect, as it was commonly followed by *that*-clauses up until the end of the Middle English period (see Iyeiri 2010: 31-34). This is consistent with the tendency observed in EMEPS, which provides a larger number of relevant examples than the *OED* as far as the 16th and 17th centuries are concerned. In Figure 1, which displays the relationship among *that*-clauses, *to*-infinitives, and gerunds, I have excluded the examples of *God forbid*, as it is a fixed

historical corpus in comparison with other historical corpora available to us.

9 I will use the term “gerund” in the traditional sense and cover examples fairly generously, even including nominal gerunds prefaced by the definite article *the*, which is often the case in earlier English. See Tajima (1985), Fanego (2004b: 7), and Fischer and van der Wurff (2006: 178-179), among others, for the nominal features of the gerund in earlier days. I will not include, however, the present participle form with *-ing*, although I am aware that some studies are critical about making a distinction between gerunds and participles. Quirk, Greenbaum, Leech, and Svartvik (1985: § 17.54), for example, state: “we do not find it useful to distinguish a gerund from a present participle”. See also Huddleston and Pullum (2002: 80-83), who employ the term “gerund-participle” to cover both for the same reason.

10 See also Los (2005) for the relationship between the decline of the subjunctive and the rise of *to*-infinitives in English.

expression and is followed by *that*-clauses even today:

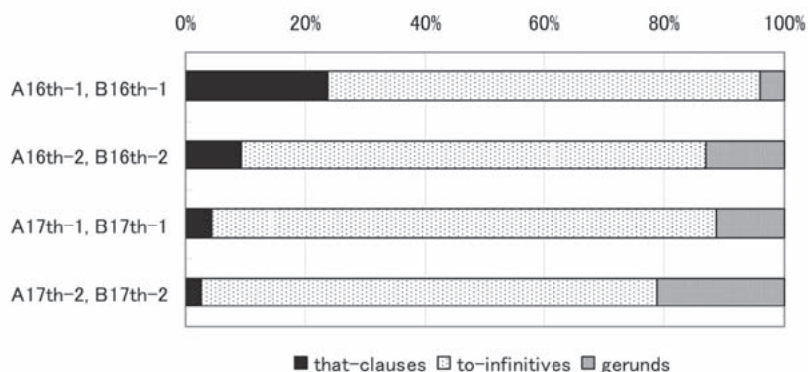


Figure 1. *That*-clauses (including the ellipsis of *that*), *to*-infinitives, and gerunds, used as complements of the verb *forbid* in EMEPS (%)

Some illustrative examples follow:

- (1) he *forbad that* none might sel his daughters or sisters, except that being married, they were fou~d in adultery. (1585, Nicholas Nicholay Daulphinois, *The Nauigations*)¹¹
- (2) As lykewyse god did not *forbid* a man *to ask* his own agayne by order of lawe. (1572, Wilson Thomas, *A Discourse*)
- (3) These Scriptures that *forbid* Womens *teaching* and *speaking* in the Church, do intend only that they should not be the Mouth of the Church, as in Prayer and Doctrine, &c. (1791, Benjamin Keach, *The Breach Repaired in God's Worship*)

As the above figure shows, the use of *that*-clauses was not uncommon in the first

¹¹ The examples in the present paper are quoted from EMEPS and ultimately from EEBO. The italics in the quotations are mine.

half of the 16th century, when it accounted for more than 20 percent of the relevant examples, whereas it underwent a notable decline in the two hundred years up to end of the 17th century, when it became restricted to about 2.5 percent. On the other hand, Figure 1 also shows that the verb *forbid* sees the rise of gerunds side by side with the predominant use of *to*-infinitives. Iyeiri (2010: 7-8) notes the shift of complements from *to*-infinitives to gerunds in later Modern English and gives the appellation “the second complement shift”. Thus, both the first and second complement shifts are fairly clearly observed in the historical development of the complementation patterns of *forbid* in EMEPS.

Incidentally, the second complement shift, namely the shift from *to*-infinitives to gerunds, is considered to often display the later phase where gerunds are increasingly accompanied by the preposition *from* (see Iyeiri 2010: 191). This is also illustrated by EMEPS, as three examples of “*from* + gerund” are attested in the sixteen examples of gerunds in the second half of the 17th century. The following is one of them:

- (4) Nevertheless I have not absolutely *forbid* all Company *from coming* to your Haunted Chambers, partly because the Calamities of the Families were such as required the Assistance of many Friends ... (1700, Robert Celef, *More Wonders of the Invisible World*)

By contrast, the texts from 1500 to 1650 include 27 examples of gerunds in total, of which only one illustrates the possible occurrence of the preposition *from*:

- (5) hee would *forbidde* all men *for speaking* vnto them, and *from keeping* them companie ... (1593, Richard Bancroft, *Daungerous Positions and Proceedings Published and Practised within the Iland of Brytaine*)

Here the gerund is first accompanied by *for* and then by *from*.

All in all, the result of the analysis based upon EMEPS is largely consistent with the contention by Iyeiri (2010), which is essentially based upon the quotations in the *OED*, despite the difference in the nature of texts collected in EMEPS and the *OED*. The *OED* is known to have a fairly strong tendency to quote examples from literary works (see Schäfer 1980: 13), and this imbalance is unavoidable as its use as a historical corpus was not intended in its original form. By contrast, some attention has been paid to the balance of text types in the compilation of EMEPS, although in practice it contains a fairly substantial amount of religious writings which were simply very common during the early Modern English period (see Section 2 above).

3.4. Some additional comments

Finally, the present section provides some additional comments on the historical development of *forbid*, especially in respect of the occurrence of expletive negation in the complement. Iyeiri (2003: 152-155, 2010: 35-42) clarifies that expletive negation as illustrated by the following example is fundamentally absent in the complement of *God forbid*, whereas it is a fairly common feature of *that*-clauses of the ordinary type:

- (6) but I forbid thee that thou teach *not* besides Lawe. (1592, Adam Hill, *The Defence of the Article*)

See also:

- (7) *God forbid*, that I should say that I eate the very naturall body and bloud of Christ ... (1615, Lady Jane Grey, *The Life, Death and Actions of the Most Chast, Learned, and Religious Lladay, the Lady Iane Gray*)

The contrast is indeed evidenced in the data of EMEPS. As Iyeiri (2003: 152-155, 2010: 35-42) concentrates upon translations of the Bible in English, which provide more examples of *God forbid* than *forbid* of the other types, however, she does not reveal how persistent the phenomenon of expletive negation was in *that*-clauses of the ordinary type. Here, EMEPS shows that it was encountered well into the middle of the 17th century in English. The period 1500-1650 provides 43 examples of *that*-clauses of the ordinary type, of which 25 include expletive negation. Only in the second half of the 17th century is the decline of expletive negation noticeable, though relevant examples (i.e. examples of *that*-clauses) are not numerous in any case in the data under analysis. The period 1651-1700 provides two relevant examples, neither of which displays the phenomenon.

As expected, the phenomenon of expletive negation is not a feature of the fixed form *God forbid* in EMEPS, either. It gives 58 examples of this fixed form followed by *that*-clauses in the entire period from 1500 to 1700, and there are only a few anomalous examples with expletive negation, as in:

- (8) God forbid, that I should *not* both sweare and covenant to maintaine them
... (1648, David Jenkins, *A Looking-glasse for the Parliament*)

As Iyeiri (2010) discusses, the ordinary use of *forbid* and the fixed form *God forbid* were about to merge during the early Modern English period, and this is how one observes some anomalous examples like (8) in this period. Expletive negation on occasions appears after *God forbid*, which in principle does not display this phenomenon. The above is simply one example of this case. Similarly, the following example where *God forbid* is followed by the *to*-infinitive is also anomalous, and it is perhaps another example to illustrate the fact that the ordinary use of *forbid* and the fixed form *God forbid* were becoming similar at this time:

- (9) God forbid me *to ioye* but in the crosse of our lorde Iesu Christe. (1530, William Thorpe, *The Examinacion of Master William Thorpe*)

As hitherto discussed, the evidence provided by EMEPS is consistent with the argument by Iyeiri (2010), which is essentially based upon the quotations of the *OED*. In fact, EMEPS has provided some additional rare and anomalous examples to help confirm previous studies. Hence, it is safe to conclude that this pilot study demonstrates that EMEPS functions as a reliable resource for linguistic analyses.

4 . Conclusions

I have hitherto discussed some recent trends in corpus linguistics, reporting at the same time the compilation of EMEPS in my project. The pilot study above has shown that the size of eight million words is large enough to provide some convincing results in research into the development of English, although the usability of this material is dependent upon the linguistic themes to be investigated. Further research into this collection is certainly called for to ascertain the potency of self-compiled corpora of this kind. The list of the texts included in EMEPS is given in the appendix.

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Appendix: List of the texts in EMEPS

A-texts

A16th-1: Early 16th century (approximately 1,007,800 words)

Kempe, Margery. 1501. *Here begynneth a shorte treatyse of contemplacyon taught by our lorde Jhesu cryste, or taken out of the boke of Margerie kempe of lyn[n]*.¹² 2,000 words.

Watson, Henry. 1510. *The gospelles of dystaues*. 15,800 words.

Hilton, Walter. 1516. *Here begynneth the kalendre of the newe legende of Englande*. 96,000 words.

Velthoven, Adrian. 1520. *The p[ro]nostication of maister Adrian of arte and medicine doctour moost expert maister and excelle[n]t in astronomy*. 400 words.

Thorpe, William. 1530. *The examinacion of Master William Thorpe preste accused of heresy before Thomas Arundell, Archebishop of Ca[n]terbury, the yere of ower Lord MCCCC. and seuen*. 34,600 words.

Rastell, John. 1530. *The pastyme of people*. 74,300 words.

Barlow, William. 1531. *A dyaloge describing the originall grou[n]d of these Lutheran faccyons, and many of theyr abusys, compyled by syr wylliam Barlow chanon*. 20,600 words.

Fisher, John. 1532. *Here after ensueth two fruytfull sermons, made [and] compyled by the ryght Reuerende father in god Iohn Fyssher, Doctour of Dyuynyte and Bysshop of Rochester*. 14,700 words.

Pedersen, Christiern. 1533. *The richt vay to the kingdome of heuine is techit heir in the x co[m]mandis of God, and in the creid, and Pater noster, in the quhilk al christine me[n] sal find al thing [th]at is neidful and requirit to onderstand to the saluation of the saul*. 42,000 words.

¹² I have inherited the square brackets in this list from the EEBO transcription.

Gardynare, Germen. 1534. *A letter of a yonge gentylman named mayster Germen Gardynare, wryten to a frend of his, wherin men may se the demeanour [and] heresy of Ioh[a]n Fryth late burned, [and] also the dyspycyo[n]s [and] reasonynge vpon the same, had betwene the same mayster Germen and hym.* 12,400 words.

Valla, Lorenzo. 1534. *A treatyse of the donation or gyfte and endowme[n]t of possessyons, gyuen and graunted vnto Syluester pope of Rhome.* 57,000 words.

Joye, George. 1535. *An apolgye made by George Ioye to satisfye (if it maye be) w. Tindale to purge & defende himself ageinst many sclanderouse lyes fayned vpon [hi]m in Tindals vncharitable a[n]d vnsobere pystle so well worthye to be prefixed for the reader to induce him into the vnderstanding of hys new Testame[n]t diligently corrected & printed in the yeare of oure lorde.* 19,000 words.

Alesius, Alexander. 1538. *A treatise concernynge generall councilles, the byshoppes of Rome, and the clergy.* 8,500 words.

Fitzherbert, John. 1540. *The boke of husbandry.* 38,400 words.

Elyot, Thomas. 1541. *The image of gouernance compiled of the actes and sentences notable, of the moste noble Emperour Alexander Seuerus, late translated out of Greke into Englyshe, by syr Thomas Eliot knight, in the fauour of nobylitie.* 61,000 words.

Joye, George. 1541. *The defence of the mariage of preistes agenst Steuen Gardiner bisshop of Wynchester, Wylliam Repse bisshop of Norwiche, and agenst all the bisshops and preistes of that false popissh secte, with a confutacion of their vnaduysed vowes vnaduysedly dissined: whereby they haue so wykedly separated them whom God cowpled in lawfull mariage.* 9,900 words.

Fiennes, Nathaniel. 1543. *Articles of impeachment and accusation, exhibited in*

Parliament against Colonell Nathaniel Fiennes touching his dishonorable surrender of the city and castle of Bristoll, by Clement Walker and William Prynne, Esquires: together with a letter from Mr. Prynne to Colonell Fiennes. 3,200 words.

Cousin, Gilbert. 1543. *Of the office of servavntes, a boke made in Latine by one Gilbertus Cognatus and newly Englyshed.* 5,400 words.

Chrysostom, John, Saint. 1544. *An homilie of Saint John Chrysostome vpon that saying of Saint Paul, Brethern, I wold not haue you ignorant, what is becom of those that slepe, to the end ye lament not, &c.* 6,100 words.

Bale, John. 1544. *A brefe chronycle concernynge the examinacyon and death of the blessed martyr of Christ syr Iohan Oldecastell the lorde Cobham, collected togyther by Iohan Bale.* 25,100 words.

Walshe, Edward. 1545. *The office and duety in fightyng for our country.* 5,200 words.

Petrus, Ravennas. 1545. *The art of memory, that otherwyse is called the Phenix.* 4,100 words.

Geminus, Thomas. 1546. *A table instructiue whan and how a man may conyngly let bloude of all the necessary veynes of mans body very profitable for all chirurgeons and barbers.* 1,400 words.

Jonas, Justus. 1546. *The true historie of the Christen departynge of the reuere[n]de ma[n] D. Martyne Luther, collected by Iustus Ionas, Michael Celius, and Ioannes Aurifaber whych were present therat, & translated into Englysh by Iohan Bale.* 11,800 words.

Gardiner, Stephen. 1546. *A declaration of suche true articles as George Ioye hath gone about to confute as false.* 56,500 words.

Fish, Simon. 1546. *A supplication of the poore commons: Whereunto is added the supplication of beggers.* 15,300 words.

Harrison, James. 1547. *An exhortacion to the Scottes to conforme them selves to*

the honorable, expedie[n]t, and godly vnion, betwene the twoo realmes of Englande and Scotlande. 14,700 words.

Langton, Christopher. 1547. *A uery brefe treatise, ordrely declaring the pri[n]cipal partes of phisick that is to saye: thynges natural, thynges not naturall, thynges agaynst nature.* 23,800 words.

Nicolls, Philip. 1548. *The copie of a letter sente to one maister Chrispyne chanon of Exceter for that he denied ye scripture to be the touche stone or trial of al other doctrines whereunto is added an appologie and a bulworke, in defe[n]ce of the same letter.* 13,500 words.

Marguerite, Queen. 1548. *A godly medytacyon of the christen sowle, concerninge a loue towardes God and hys Christe, compyled in frenche by lady Margarete quene of Nauerre, and aptely translated into Englysh by the ryght vertuose lady Elyzabeth doughter to our late souerayne Kynge Henri the viij.* 19,400 words.

Cranmer, Thomas. 1548. *Catechismus, that is to say, a shorte instruction into Christian religion for the synguler commoditie and profyte of childre[n] and yong people.* 71,600 words.

Latimer, Hugh. 1548. *A notable sermo[n] of ye reuerende father Maister Hughe Latemer whiche he preached in ye Shrouds at paules church in Londo[n], on the xviii. daye of Ianuary.* 8,000 words.

Patten, William. 1548. *The expedicion into Scotla[n]de of the most woorthely fortunate prince Edward, Duke of Soomerset, vncler vnto our most noble souereign lord ye ki[n]ges Maiestie Edvvard the VI. gouernour of hys hyghnes persone, and protectour of hys graces realmes, dominions [and] subiectes made in the first yere of his Maiesties most prosperous reign, and set out by way of diarie, by W. Patten Londoner.* 37,600 words.

Rich, Richard. 1548. *An Admonicion or warnyng to all the Kynges Maiesties justices of peace in the name of the Lorde Protector and the rest of the*

Kynges Maiesties counsaill spoken in the Sterre Chamber. 1,400 words.

Osiander, Andreas. 1548. *The coniectures of the ende of the worlde, translated by George Ioye.* 23,200 words.

Mardeley, John. 1548. *Here beginneth a necessarie instruction for all couetous ryche men to beholde [and] learne what perel [and] daunger they be brought into, yf they haue theyr consolacion in theyr daungerous and myserable Mammon, made by Ihon Mardeley Clerke of the Kynges maiesties mynte in southwarke.* 8,000 words.

Melanchthon, Philipp. 1548. *A waying and considering of the Interim by the honourworthy and highly learned Phillip Melancthon: Tra[n]slated into Englyshe by Iohn Rogers.* 6,800 words.

Hart, Henry. 1549. *A consultorie for all Christians.* 15,200 words.

Thomas, William. 1549. *The vanitee of this world.* 12,400 words.

Joye, George. 1549. *A contrarye (to a certayne manis) consultacion: that adulterers ought to be punyshed wyth deathe wyth the solucions of his argumentes for the contrarye.* 20,100 words.

Leland, John. 1549. *The laboryouse iourney [and] serche of Iohan Leylande, for Englandes antiquitees geuen of hym as a newe yeares gyfte to Kynge Henry the viij. in the xxxviij. yeare of his reygne, with declaracyons enlarged.* 17,900 words.

Lever, Thomas. 1550. *A fruitfull sermon made in Poules church at London in the shroudes, the seconde daye of February by Thomas Leuer.* 10,600 words.

Cranmer, Thomas. 1550. *A defence of the true and catholike doctrine of the sacrament of the body and bloud of our sauour Christ with a confutacion of sundry errors concernyng the same, grounded and stablished vpon Goddes holy woorde, [and] approued by ye consent of the moste auncient doctors of the Church.* 62,900 words.

A16th-2: Late 16th century (approximately 1,002,400 words)

Caius, John. 1552. *A boke, or counseill against the disease commonly called the sweate, or sweatyng sicknesse*. 13,200 words.

Gardiner, Stephen. 1553. *The communication betwene my Lord Chauncelor and iudge Hales being among other iudges to take his oth in VVestminster hall*. 800 words.

Ridley, Nicholas. 1555. *A brief declaracion of the Lordes Supper, written by the syngular learned man, and most constaunt martir of Iesus Christ, Nicholas Ridley Bishop of London prisoner in Oxforde*. 15,700 words.

Walker, Gilbert. 1555. *A manifest detection of the moste vyle and detestable vse of diceplay, and other practises lyke the same a myrrour very necessary for all yonge gentilmen [and] others sodenly enabled by worldly abu[n]dace [sic], to loke in*. 11,900 words.

Lacy, John. 1560. *Wyl bucke his testament*. 4,100 words.

Rainolde, Richard. 1563. *A booke called the Foundacion of rhetorike because all other partes of rhetorike are grounded thereupon, euery parte sette forthe in an oracion vpon questions, verie profitable to bee knowen and redde*. 43,100 words.

Harding, Thomas. 1565. *A briefe answere of Thomas Harding Doctor of Diuinitie touching certaine vntruthes with which Maister Iohn Iuell charged him in his late sermon at Paules Crosse the VIII of Iuly, anno 1565*. 3,600 words.

Maplet, John. 1567. *A greene forest, or A naturall historie vwherein may bee seene first the most sufferaigne vertues in all the whole kinde of stones & mettals, next of plants, as of herbes, trees, [and] shrubs, lastly of brute beastes, foules, fishes, creeping wormes [and] serpents, and that alphabetically: so that a table shall not neede*. 48,500 words.

Edwardes, Roger. 1570. *A boke of very Godly psalmes and prayers dedicated to the Lady Letice Vicountesse of Hereforde*. 23,900 words.

- Norton, Thomas. 1570. *An addition declaratorie to the bulles, with a searching of the maze Scene [sic] and allowed.* 2,100 words.
- Emsley, Dennis. 1570. *An answere in action to a Portingale pearle, called a pearle for a prince Geuen by a laye man in a legacie, vvhich legacie he desireth to se executed before his death.* 8,000 words.
- Church of England, Diocese of London. 1571. *Articles to be enquired of in the visitation of the Dioces of London, by the reuerende father in God, Edwyn Bishop of London.* 4,000 words.
- Knell, Thomas. 1571. *A declaration of such tempestious, and outragious fluddes, as hath been in diuers places of England.* 5,200 words.
- Wilson, Thomas. 1572. *A discourse vppon vsurye by vvaye of dialogue and oracions, for the better varietye, and more delite of all those, that shall reade thys treatise.* 83,600 words.
- Laneham, Robert. 1575. *A letter whearin part of the entertainment vntoo the Queenz Maiesty at Killingwoorth Castl in Warwik sheer in this soomerz progress 1575 is signified, from a freend officer attendant in coourt vntoo hiz freend a citizen and merchaunt of London.* 18,200 words.
- Hake, Edward. 1575. *A commemoration of the most prosperous and peaceable raigne of our gracious and deere soueraigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, Fraunce and Irelande, Queene &c.* 7,100 words.
- Parker, Matthew. 1575. *Articles to be enquired of within the dioces of Winchester, in the Metropolitall visitation of the most reuerend father in Christ, Matthew by the providence of God, Archbyshop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Metropolitan.* 4,000 words.
- Hall, Arthur. 1576. *A letter sent by F. A. touchyng the proceedings in a priuate quarell and vnkindnesse betweene Arthur Hall, and Melchisedech Mallerie gentleman, to his very friende L. B. being in Italie: VVith an admonition to the father of F. A. to him being a burgesse of the Parliament, for his better*

behaviour therein. 43,800 words.

Danyel, John. 1576. *Jehovah a free pardon, vvith many graces therein conteyned, graunted to all Christians by our most holy and reuerent father God almightie, the principal high priest and bishoppe in heauen and earth, first written in the Spanish tounge, and there published by a Spaniard vnknowne, (yet as it seemeth) the seruante of our sayde Holy Father; and now translated into the mother English tounge, by Iohn Danyel of Clements Inne.* 10,000 words.

Nicholas, Thomas. 1577. *The strange and marueilous newes lately come from the great kingdome of Chyna which adioyneth to the East Indya: Translated out of the Castlyn tongue, by T. N.* 1,600 words.

Openshaw, Robert. 1579. *Short questions and answeares, conteyning the summe of Christian religion.* 6,400 words.

Gates, Geoffrey. 1579. *The defence of militarie profession wherein is eloquently shewed the due commendation of martiall prowesse, and plainly prooued how necessary the exercise of armes is for this our age.* 19,400 words.

Salter, Thomas. 1579. *A mirrhor mete for all mothers, matrones, and maidens, intituled the Mirrhor of Modestie no lesse profitable and pleasant, then necessarie to bee read and practiced.* 11,800 words.

Knight, Edward. 1580. *The triall of truth wherein are discouered three greate enemies vnto mankinde, as pride, priuate grudge, and priuate gaine.* 32,100 words.

Madox, Richard. 1581. *A learned and a godly sermon, to be read of all men, but especially for all marryners, captaynes and passengers, which trauell the seas, preached by Iohn Madoxe, maister of arte, and fellow of All soules in Oxforde, at Waymouth and Melcombe regis, a porte in the countrie of Dorsett, the 3. day of October, in the yeere of our Lord.* 5,600 words.

Allen, William. 1581. *An apologie and true declaration of the institution and*

endeuours of the tvvo English colleges, the one in Rome, the other novv resident in Rhemes against certaine sinister informations giuen vp against the same. 36,100 words.

Ellyot, George. 1581. *A very true report of the apprehension and taking of that arche Papist Edmond Campion the Pope his right hand with three other lewd Iesuite priests, and diuers other laie people, most seditious persons of like sort: Containing also a controulment of a most vntrue former booke set out by one A. M. alias Anthonie Munday, concerning the same, as is to be proued and iustified by George Ellyot one of the ordinary yeomen of her Maiesties chamber.* 4,800 words.

Fetherston, Christopher. 1582. *A dialogue agaynst light, lewde, and lasciuious dauncing wherin are refuted all those reasons, which the common people vse to bring in defence thereof.* 15,600 words.

Pigg, Oliver. 1582. *A comfortable treatise vpon the latter part of the fourth chapter of the first Epistle of Saint Peter, from the twelfe verse to the ende.* 19,200 words.

Udall, John. 1584. *Amendment of life three sermons, vpon Actes 2. verses 37. 38. conteining the true effect of the worde of God, in the conuersion of the godly: and the maner how it changeth their harts, and reformeth their liues, which is the true vvorke of regeneration.* 20,400 words.

Dyer, Edward. 1585. *The prayse of nothing.* 9,400 words.

Parry, William. 1585. *A true and plaine declaration of the horrible treasons, practised by William Parry the traitor, against the Queenes Maiestie, the maner of his arraignment, conuiction and execution, together with the copies of sundry letters of his and others, tending to diuers purposes, for the proofes of his treasons: Also an addition not impertinent thereunto, containing a short collection of his birth, education and course of life.* 18,700 words.

Nicolay, Nicolas. 1585. *The nauigations, peregrinations and voyages, made into Turkie by Nicholas Nicholay Daulphinois, Lord of Arfeuille, chamberlaine and geographer ordinarie to the King of Fraunce conteining sundry singularities which the author hath there seene and obserued: deuided into foure bookes, with threescore figures, naturally set forth as well of men as women, according to the diuersitie of nations, their port, intreatie, apparrell, lawes, religion and maner of liuing, aswel in time of warre as peace, with diuers faire and memorable histories, happened in our time.* 78,500 words.

Baley, Walter. 1585. *A discourse of the medicine called mithridatium declaring the firste beginninge, the temperament, the noble vertues, and the true vse of the same: compiled rather for those which are to vse it, then for the learned.* 14,000 words.

Newton, Thomas. 1586. *The olde mans dietarie: A worke no lesse learned then necessary for the preseruacion of olde persons in perfect health and soundnesse.* 8,100 words.

Rankins, William. 1588. *The English ape, the Italian imitation, the footesteppes of Fraunce vvherein is explained, the wilfull blindnesse of subtile mischiefe, the striuing for starres, the catching of mooneshine: and the secrete found of many hollow hearts.* 10,100 words.

Fenner, Thomas. 1589. *The copie of a letter sent from sea by a gentleman who was employed in discouerie on the coast of Spaine by appointment of the generals of our English fleete, to a worshipfull friend of his: Aduertising him of such things as he came to knowledge of in the same discouerie.* 900 words.

Ocland, Christopher. 1589. *The fountaine and vvelspring of all variance, sedition, and deadlie hate vvherein is declared at large, the opinion of the famous diuine Hiperius, and the consent of the doctors from S. Peter the Apostle his time, and the primitiue Church in order to this age.* 15,600 words.

Hariot, Thomas. 1590. *A briefe and true report of the new found land of Virginia of the commodities and of the nature and manners of the naturall inhabitants.*

19,700 words.

Tarlton, Richard. 1590. *Tarltons newes out of purgatorie.* 18,600 words.

Fenner, Dudley. 1590. *A short and profitable treatise, of lavvfull and vnlavvfull recreations and of the right vse and abuse of those that are lavvefull.* 5,000 words.

Fisher, William. 1592. *A godly sermon preached at Paules Crosse the 31. day of October 1591.* 14,000 words.

Nash, Thomas. 1592. *Strange newes, of the intercepting certaine letters, and a conuoy of verses, as they were going priuilie to victuall the Low Countries.* 25,300 words.

Bancroft, Richard. 1593. *Daungerous positions and proceedings published and practised within the iland of Brytaine, vnder pretence of reformation, and for the presbiteriall discipline.* 61,700 words.

Davis, John. 1595. *The vvorldes hydrographical discription.* 11,000 words.

Redman, William. 1595. *Orders for the redresse of abuse in diet, by her Maiesties expresse pleasure, and absolute commandement to be obserued in the time of this scarsitie and dearth, both by the ministers, and others of the laitie of the realme, within this dioces of Norwich.* 700 words.

Barley, William. 1596. *The deligtful [sic] history of Celestina the faire: Daughter to the king of Thessalie Shewing how she was inchaunted by the three fairies.* 84,500 words.

Norden, John. 1596. *Nordens preparatiue to his Speculum Britanniae: Intended a reconciliation of sundrie propositions by diuers person tendred, concerning the same.* 5,500 words.

Gibbon, Charles. 1596. *A watch-vvorde for warre.* 17,000 words.

Fenton, Roger. 1599. *An ansvvere to VVilliam Alablaster [sic] his motiues.* 18,300

words.

Aray, Martin. 1599. *The discoverie and confutation of a tragical fiction deuysed and played by Edward Squyer yeoman soldiar, hanged at Tyburne the 23. of Nouemb. 1598: Wherein the argument and fable is, that he should be sent from Spaine by William Walpole Iesuit, to poyson the Queen and Earle of Essex, but the meaning and moralization therof was, to make odious the Iesuites, and by them all Catholiques.* 9,600 words.

Aylett, Robert. 1600. *A briefe chronologie of the holie scriptures as plaine and easie as may be, according to the extent of the seuerall historicall bookes thereof.* 20,300 words.

Marescot, Michel. 1599. *A true discourse, vpon the matter of Martha Brossier of Romorantin pretended to be possessed by a deuill: Translated out of French into English, by Abraham Hartvvel.* 12,100 words.

A17th-1: Early 17th century (approximately 1,002,200 words)

Mansell, Robert. 1602. *A true report of the seruice done vpon certaine gallies passing through the narrow seas written to the Lord high Admirall of England, by Sir Robert Mansel knight, admirall of her maiesties forces in that place.* 3,800 words.

Nicholson, Samuel. 1602. *A sermon, called Gods new yeeres-guift sent vnto England.* 6,900 words.

Marbecke, Roger. 1602. *A defence of tabacco vvith a friendly answer to the late printed booke called Worke for chimney-sweepers, &c.* 20,800 words.

Thayre, Thomas. 1603. *A treatise of the pestilence vvherein is shewed all the causes thereof, with most assured preseruatiues against all infection: and lastly is taught the true and perfect cure of the pestilence, by most excellent and approued medicines.* 21,400 words.

Field, Richard. 1604. *A learned sermon preached before the King at VVhitehall, on*

Friday the 16 of March. 7,300 words.

Dee, John. 1604. *To the Kings most excellent Maiestie.* 600 words.

Hamond, Thomas. 1605. *The late commotion of certaine papists in Herefordshire: Occasioned by the death of one Alice Wellington, a recusant, who was buried after the popish maner, in the towne of Allens-Moore, neere Hereford, vpon Tuesday in Whitsun weeke last past.* 5,800 words.

Virginia Company of London. 1609. *For the plantation in Virginia: Or Nova Britannia.* 300 words.

Owen, Thomas. 1610. *A letter of a Catholike man beyond the seas, written to his friend in England including another of Peter Coton priest, of the Society of Iesus, to the Queene Regent of France, translated out of French into English; touching the imputation of the death of Henry the IIII, late K. of France, to priests, Iesuites, or Catholicke doctrine.* 8,900 words.

Fowler, John. 1612. *A shield of defence against the arrowes of schisme shot abroad by Iean de L'escluse in his advertisment against Mr. Brightman.* 20,000 words.

Rainolds, John. 1613. *A letter of Dr. Reinolds to his friend, concerning his aduice for the studie of diuinitie.* 2,400 words.

Harcourt, Robert. 1613. *A relation of a voyage to Guiana Describing the climat, scituation, fertilitie, prouisions and commodities of that country, containing seuen prouinces, and other signiories within that territory: together, with the manners, customes, behauiors, and dispositions of the people.* 25,600 words.

Niccols, Richard. 1613. *A day-starre for darke-wandring soules shewing the light, by a Christian controuersie, or briefly and plainely setting forth the mysterie of our saluation: Diuided into principles, obiections, and answeres.* 13,600 words.

Carier, Benjamin. 1614. *A treatise, vvritten by M. doctor Carier, vvherein hee*

layeth downe sundry learned and pithy considerations by which he was moued, to forsake the Protestant congregation, and to betake himselfe to the Catholke Apostolike Roman Church: Agreeing verbatim with the written copye, addressed by the sayd doctor to the King his most excellent Maiestie. 17,000 words.

Walker, John. 1616. *The English pharise, or religious ape.* 19,300 words.

Jackson, Thomas. 1617. *Nazareth and Bethlehem, or, Israels portion in the sonne of Iesse: And, mankindes comfort from the weaker sexe.* 20,200 words.

Sala, Angelus. 1618. *Opiologia: or, A treatise concerning the nature, properties, true preparation and safe vse and administration of opium for the comfort and ease of all such persons as are inwardly afflicted with any extreame grieffe, or languishing paine, especially such as depriue the body of all naturall rest, and can be cured by no other meanes or medicine whatsoever.* 20,900 words.

King, John. 1619. *A sermon of publicke thanks-giuing for the happie recouerie of his Maiestie from his late dangerous sicknesse preached at Pauls-Crosse the 11. of Aprill, 1619.* 11,400 words.

Cartwright, Francis. 1621. *The life, confession, and heartie repentance of Francis Cartwright, Gentleman for his bloudie sinne in killing of one Master Storr, Master of Arts, and minister of Market Rason in Lincolnshire.* 9,000 words.

Rawlins, John. 1622. *The famous and wonderfull recoverie of a ship of Bristoll, called the Exchange, from the Turkish Pirates of Argier.* 9,700 words.

Featley, Daniel. 1623. *The Fisher caught in his owne net.* 6,600 words.

Camden, William. 1624. *The historie of the life and death of Mary Stuart Queene of Scotland.* 78,700 words.

Darcie, Grace, Lady. 1624. *To the honorable assembly of the Commons House in Parliament the humble petition of Dame Grace Darcie, widow, mother, and one of the committes of the body and lands of Edward Darcie, Esquire, His*

Maiesties warde. 900 words.

Reynolds, John. 1624. *Votivae Angliae: or The desires and vvishes of England Contayned in a patheticall discourse, presented to the King on New-yeares Day last*. 10,800 words.

Deane, Edmund. 1626. *Spadacrene Anglica or, the English spavv-fountaine: Being a briefe treatise of the acide, or tart fountaine in the forest of Knaresborow, in the west-riding of Yorkshire*. 10,100 words.

Cary, Walter. 1626. *The present state of England expressed in this paradox, our fathers were very rich with little, and wee poore with much*. 5,100 words.

Overbury, Thomas. 1626. *Sir Thomas Ouerbury his obseruations in his trauailes vpon the state of the Xvii. Prouinces as they stood anno Dom. 1609: The treatie of peace being then on foote*. 6,700 words.

Hampton, William. 1627. *A proclamation of vvarre from the Lord of Hosts, or Englands warning by Israels ruine shewing the miseries like to ensue vpon vs by reason of sinne and securitie: Deliuered in a sermon at Pauls Crosse Iuly the 23. 1626 by William Hampton Master of arts, and preacher of Gods word*. 13,400 words.

Cameron, John. 1628. *A tract of the soueraigne iudge of controuersies in matters of religion*. 16,000 words.

Wadsworth, James. 1630. *Further obseruations of the English Spanish pilgrime, concerning Spaine being a second part of his former booke, and containing these particulars*. 10,900 words.

Farewell, Christopher. 1633. *An East-India colation, or a discourse of travels set forth in sundry obseruations, briefe and delightfull; collected by the author in a voyage he made unto the East-Indies, of almost foure yeares continuance*. 16,000 words.

Austin, William. 1637. *Haec homo wherein the excellency of the creation of woman is described, by way of an essay*. 23,400 words.

Bastwick, John. 1637. *The answer of John Bastvvick, Doctor of Phisicke, to the information of Sir Iohn Bancks Knight, Atturney universall.* 29,600 words.

Calderwood, David. 1638. *An ansvvere to M. I. Forbes of Corse, his peaceable warning.* 11,300 words.

Vincent, Philip. 1638. *The lamentations of Germany wherein, as in a glasse, we may behold her miserable condition, and reade the woefull effects of sinne.* 12,900 words.

Hamond, Walter. 1640. *A paradox Prooving that the inhabitants of the isle called Madagascar, or St. Laurence, (in temporall things) are the happiest people in the world.* 8,200 words.

Knight, Francis. 1640. *A relation of seaven yeares slaverie under the Turkes of Argeire, suffered by an English captive merchant wherein is also contained all memorable passages, fights, and accidents, which happined in that citie, and at sea with their shippes and gallies during that time: Together with a description of the sufferings of the miserable captives under that mercilesse tyrannie.* 22,000 words.

Habington, William. 1641. *Observations vpon historie by W. H., Esq.* 12,400 words.

Cademan, Thomas. 1641. *The Earle of Bedfords passage to the highest court of Parliament May the ninth, 1641 about tenne a clocke in the morning observed by his Lordships physitian Doctor Cademan.* 900 words.

Harcourt, Simon. 1641. *A letter sent from Sr. Simon Harcourt, to a worthy member of the House of Commons: VVith a true relation of the proceedings of the English army, under his command, to this present March.* 2,600 words.

Fannant, Thomas. 1641. *A trve relation of that memorable Parliament which wrought wonders begun at Westminster, in the tenth yeare of the reigne of K. Richard the second: whereunto is added an abstract of those memorable matters, before and since the said kings reigne, done by Parliament.* 11,200 words.

Edwards, Thomas. 1641. *Reasons against the independant government of particular congregations: as also against the toleration of such churches to be erected in this kingdome.* 22,900 words.

Hampden, John. 1641. *A discreet and learned speech, spoken in the Parliament, on Wednesday, the 4 of January, 1641, by Mr. Hampden, Burgesse for Buckingham concerning the accusation of high treason, preferred by His Majesty, against himselfe, the Lord Kimbolton, Sr. Arthur Haslerig, Mr. Pym, Mr. Strowd, Mr. Hollis, worthy members of the House of Commons: therein worthily declaring the difference betwixt a good subject and a bad, and referring his own triall to the iudgement of that honourable assembly.* 1,400 words.

Fenner, William. 1641. *The riches of grace, a treatise shewing the value and excellency of a gracious spirit by comparing it with the nature and spirits of wicked and ungodly men, which desire not the wayes of the Lord Jesus.* 14,000 words.

Fenn, Humphrey. 1641. *The last vvill and testament, with the profession of the faith of Humfrey Fen, sometimes pastor of one of the churches of Coventry, but cast out by the High Commission for labouring in a peaceable way the reformation of our discipline.* 1,500 words.

Walker, Henry. 1641. *The churches purity, or, The difference betweene the churches frame in darke times and her settlement in the purest times.* 4,300 words.

Finch, Edward. 1641. *An ansvver to the articles preferd against Edvvard Finch, vicar of Christ church by some of the parishioners of the same whereunto is added a just and modest reply to a most scurrilous, scandalous and malicious pamphlet, as by the title may appeare, of an uncertaine author.* 7,000 words.

Eliot, John. 1641. *Sir Iohn Eliot his grave and learned speech spoken in the high court of Parliament desiring an orderlie proceeding in matters of religion*

and that it may not be onely disputed of but firmly established as it ought to be: expressing the misprision and errour whereby. 1,500 words.

Hall, George. 1641. *Two sermons by Geo. Hall.* 11,700 words.

Baker, Richard. 1641. *An apologie for lay-mens writing in divinity with a short meditation upon the fall of Lucifer.* 14,200 words.

Naunton, Robert. 1641. *Fragmenta regalia, or, Observations on the late Queen Elizabeth, her times and favorits written by Sir Robert Naunton.* 18,600 words.

Newton, William. 1642. *The copy of a letter written by Mr. William Newton, one of the gentlemen ushers unto the Lady Elizabeth, unto his brother Francis Newton, Esq. one of the foure squires of the body to his Maiestie.* 4,000 words.

Essex, Robert Devereux. 1642. *The copy of a letter sent from His Excellencie Robert, Earle of Essex, to Mr. Pym, a member of the House of Commons.* 1,700 words.

Gardiner, Thomas. 1642. *Articles of impeachment by the Commons assembled in Parliament, in the name of themselves and all the commons in England.* 1,800 words.

Hamblet, John. 1642. *A famous and joyfull victory obtained by the Earl of Stamfords forces neere Stratford in Northampton-shire, against Prince Robert his forces, who assaulted them at one of the clock at night where they were billeted, declaring the manner of the fight, and how the Earl of Stamfords forces took 50. of them prisoners, putting the rest to flight.* 900 words.

Felton, Edmond. 1642. *To the right honorable the knights, citizens, and burgesses of the House of Commons assembled in Parliament the humble petition of Edmond Felton, Gent.* 2,000 words.

Essex, Robert Devereux. 1642. *New propositions propounded by the Earle of*

Pembrook, the Earle of Northumberland, the Earle of Essex, and the Earle of Holland; to the lord major, aldermen, and common councell of the city in Guild Hall, on Saturday being the 11 day of June, 1642. 1,000 words.

Felton, William. 1642. *The examination and confession of Captaine Lilbourne and Captaine Viviers who were taken at Brainford by His Majesties forces, and had their triall at Oxford on Saturday the tenth of this instant December, before the Lord Heath, and other lords of His Maiesties privy councell being present.* 1,800 words.

Hales, John. 1642. *A tract concerning schism and schismaticqves wherein is briefly discovered the originall causes of all schisme written by a learned and judicious divine; together with certain animadversions upon some passages thereof.* 11,000 words.

Davis, Chaplain. 1642. *Hosanna before the bishops preached to them when they were come to the tower.* 1,600 words.

Taylor, John. 1642. *The anatomy of the separatists, alias, Brownists the factious brethren in these times, wherein this seditious sect is fairely dissected, and perspicuously discovered to the view of world.* 3,000 words.

Carleton, George. 1642. *Bp Carletons testimonie concerning the Presbyterian discipline in the Low-Countries, and Episcopall government here in England: VVherein is briefly discovered the novelty of the one, and antiquity of the other; with a short taste of the inconveniences that attend the new plat-forme, where that is set up in the roome of the old primitive government.* 1,000 words.

Hall, William. 1642. *A sermon preached at St. Bartholomevvs the lesse in London, on the xxvii. day of March 1642: being the day of the inauguration of our soveraigne lord King Charles.* 7,800 words.

Garraway, Henry. 1642. *A speech made by Alderman Garroway, at a common-hall on Tuesday the 17. of January upon occasion of a speech delivered there*

the Friday before, by Mr. Pym, at the reading of His Majesties answer to the late petition. 4,700 words.

Ferne, Henry. 1642. *The resolving of conscience upon this question whether upon such a supposition or case as is now usually made (the King will not discharge his trust, but is bent or seduced to subvert religion, laws, and liberties) subjects may take arms and resist, and whether that case be now.* 17,000 words.

Reynolds, Edward. 1642. *Evgenia's teares for Great Brittaines distractions, or, Some slender observations reflecting on those sad times.* 13,200 words.

William Cavendish. 1643. *The answer of His Excellency the Earle of Newcastle, to a late declaration of the Lord Fairefax dated the 8. of June, 1643.* 4,300 words.

Ellis, Thomas. 1643. *Valour crowned, or A relation of the valiant proceedings of the Parliament forces in the closse at Lichfield, against Prince Ruperts.* 1,500 words.

Nutt, Thomas. 1643. *The humble request of certain Christians reproachfully called Anabaptists who onely desire to owne, imbrace, professe and maintain the pure truths of God in the hatred of all errorrs, as namely universall redemption.* 800 words.

Fenwicke, John. 1643. *Christ ruling in midst of His enemies, or, Some first fruits of the churches deliverance budding forth out of the crosse and sufferings and some remarkable deliverances of a twentie yeeres sufferer, and now a Souldier of Jesus Christ.* 11,100 words.

Hardy, John. 1644. *The last proceedings of the Scots, being a report by a messenger sent from the English Commissioners at Sunderland, with letters to the Lord Wharton, Sir Henry Vain, &c.* 1,200 words.

Hardwick, Humphrey. 1644. *The difficvltty of sions deliverance and reformation: together with the activitie which her friends should manifest during the*

time that her cause is in agitation. 11,100 words.

Walwyn, William. 1644. *The compassionate Samaritane unbinding the conscience, and powring oyle into the wounds which have beene made upon the separation, recommending their future welfare to the serious thoughts and carefull endeavours of all who love the peace and unity of Commonwealths men, or desire the unanimous prosecution of the common enemy, or who follow our Saviours rule, to doe unto others what they would have others doe unto them.* 1,700 words.

Palmer, Thomas. 1644. *The saints support in these sad times delivered in a sermon at Tiverton in Devonshire, in the time his excellencies army raised for King and Parliament quartered there.* 26,900 words.

Laud, William. 1645. *A commemoration of King Charles his inauguration, or, a sermon preached at Pauls Crosse by William Laud.* 10,200 words.

Winthrop, John. 1645. *A declaration of former passages and proceedings betwixt the English and the Narrowgansets, with their confederates wherein the grounds and justice of the ensuing warre are opened and cleared.* 2,800 words.

Goodwin, Thomas. 1645. *A Copy of a remonstrance lately delivered in to the assembly by Thomas Goodwin, Ierem. Burroughs, William Greenhill, William Bridge, Philip Nie, Sidrach Simson, and William Carter declaring the grounds and reasons of their declining to bring into the assembly their modell of church-government.* 2,400 words.

Vicars, John. 1645. *To his reverend and much respected good friend, Mr. John Goodwin: be these I pray presented.* 3,700 words.

Gaule, John. 1646. *Select cases of conscience touching vvitches and vvitchcrafts.* 22,000 words.

Terry, Edward. 1646. *Pseudeleutheria, or Lawlesse liberty.* 19,000 words.

Eaton, Samuel. 1647. *A just apologie for the church of Duckenfield in Cheshire*

against certain slanderous reports received by Mr. Edwards his overmuch credulite of what may tend to the reproach of those that differ from himselfe in judgement (though but concerning matters meerly of externall order, and things of inferior ally to the substantiall doctrines of faith, and manners) rashly and without further examination of the truth of them, (together with an overplus of his own censures, and uncharitable animadversions) divulged by himselfe in a late book of his, intituled The third part of Gangraena. 9,500 words.

Ellyson, John. 1647. *Hereticks, sectaries, and schismaticks, discovered to be the Antichrist yet remaining and the great enemies of the peace of this kingdome.* 12,900 words.

Okey, John. 1648. *A true and particular relation of the late victory obtained by Colonel Horton & Colonel Okey, against the VVelsh forces under Major Generall Langhorn expressed in a letter from Colonel Okey to a friend of his in London.* 1,000 words.

Elsing, Christopher. 1648. *The testimony of severall eminent commanders, late of the army, commanded by the Lord Inchequin, commander of the Parliament forces in Munster sent by Vice Admirall Crowther to the Parliament at Westminster.* 1,100 words.

Carlisle, James Hay, Earl. 1648. *A declaration by James Earl of Carlile, Lord of the Caribee Islands, or province of Carliola.* 500 words.

Jenkins, David. 1648. *A looking-glasse for the Parliament.* 21,800 words.

Gayer, John. 1648. *To the right honorable the Lords assembled in Parliament the humble petition of Sir John Gayer knight and alderman of London.* 500 words.

Cary, Mary. 1648. *The resurrection of the witnesses and Englands fall from (the mystical Babylon) Rome clearly demonstrated to be accomplished, whereby great encouragement is administred to all saints, but especially to the*

saints in England, in the handling of a part of the eleventh chapter of the Revelation. 45,800 words.

Potter, William. 1649. *Truths right-side tvrned upwards, or, Armies vindication against an aspersion of rebellion and tyrannie cast upon them in several books, whereof one subscribed by divers ministers in the province of London, another by Mr. Geree, &c: not onely cleering the case of the armie to be just, but retorting the force of the arguments of their opposers upon themselves.* 3,500 words.

Gery, William. 1649. *Abuses discovered, whereby the creditors are meerly cheated the officers of law, and goalers are unjustly inriched, and the poor debter and their families tyrannically destroyed.* 1,500 words.

Reading, John. 1649. *Little Benjamin or truth discovering error: being a clear and full answer unto the letter, subscribed by 47 ministers of the province of London, and presented to his Excellency, January 18. 1648.* 6,900 words.

Thompson, William. 1649. *Englands standard advanced in Oxfordshire, or, a declaration from Mr. VVil. Thompson, and the oppressed people of this nation, now under his conduct in the said county.* 4,400 words.

Ellis, Edward. 1649. *A sudden and cloudy messenger, with glimpses of great joy to the Israel of God declaring the hastning of that day of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in his saints, tending to a deliverance from spiritual and temporal captivity.* 12,700 words.

Baron, Robert. 1649. *An apologie for Paris for rejecting of Juno and Pallas, and presenting of Ate's golden ball to Venus with a discussion of the reasons that might induce him to favour either of the three: occasioned by a private discourse, wherein the Trojans judgment was carped at by some and defended.* 14,900 words.

Heydon, Christopher. 1650. *An astrological discourse with mathematical demonstrations proving the powerful and harmonical influence of the*

planets and fixed stars upon elementary bodies in justification of the validity of astrology: together with an astrological judgment upon the great conjunction of Saturn & Jupiter, 1603. 22,300 words.

A17th-2: Late 17th century (approximately 1,001,200 words)

Jenner, Thomas. 1651. *London's blame, if not its shame: manifested by the great neglect of the fishery, which affordeth to our neighbor nation yearly, the revenue of many millions, which they take up at our doors, whilst with the sluggard, we fold our hands in our bosoms and will not stretch them forth to our mouths.* 4,500 words.

Love, Christopher. 1651. *The strange and wonderful predictions of Mr. Christopher Love, minister of the Gospel at Laurence Jury, London who was beheaded on Tower-hill, in the time of Oliver Cromwell's government of England.* 20,300 words.

Norwood, Robert, Captain. 1652. *The case and trial of Capt. Robert Norwood, now prisoner in New-gate, truly and impartially stated, and published for satisfaction of my allied friends, and very many others desirous thereof.* 9,400 words.

Elmeston, John. 1652. *An essay for the discovery and discouraging of the new sprung schism raised and maintained by Mr Simon Henden of Bennenden in Kent: Exhibited in some passages of writing which have gone between Mr John Elmeston of Cranebroke, and the same M. Henden.* 17,100 words.

Hanchett, Edward. 1654. *To the right honourable the High Court of Parliament: The humble petition of Edward Hanchett, usher of the late Court of Wards and Liveries.* 400 words.

Vernon, Samuel. 1654. *A brief relation of the strange and unnatural practices of Wessel Goodwin, Mehetabell Jones the wife of Edward Jones, and Elizabeth Pigeon the wife of John Pigeon.* 13,100 words.

City of London (England), Lord Mayor. 1654. *By the mayor: To the aldermen of the ward of [blank]*. 900 words.

Sales, Sir. 1655. *Theophania, or, Severall modern histories represented by way of romance and politickly discours'd upon*. 74,700 words.

Hammond, John. 1655. *Hammond versus Heamans, or, An answer to an audacious pamphlet, published by an impudent and ridiculous fellow, named Roger Heamans, calling himself Commander of the Ship Golden Lion wherein he endeavours by lies and holy expressions, to colour over his murthers and treacheries committed in the Province of Maryland, to the utter ruine of that flourishing plantation: having a great sum sold himself to proceed in those cruelties, it being altogether answered out of the abstract of credible oaths taken here in England*. 5,200 words.

Feversham, George. 1655. *Sir George Sondes his plaine narrative to the vworld, of all passages upon the death of his tvvo sonnes*. 20,400 words.

Gargill, Anne. 1656. *A warning to all the vworld by Anne Gargill*. 1,300 words.

Osborne, Francis. 1656. *Politicall reflections upon the government of the Turks*. 37,600 words.

Hannam, Richard. 1656. *The speech and confession of Mr. Richard Hannam on Tuesday last in the rounds of Smithfield, being the 17. of this instant June immediately before his great and fatall leap from off the ladder: together with a true and perfect description of his life and death; his several rambles, figaries, exploits, and designs, performed in most parts of Europe; especially upon the king of Scots, the queen of Sweden, the kings of France, Spain, and Denmark, the high and mighty States of Holland, the great Turk, and the pope of Rome*. 900 words.

King, Philip. 1656. *The surfeit to ABC*. 7,600 words.

Vilvain, Robert. 1656. *A short survey of our Julian English yeare with the definition, deviation, dimension and manner of reformation*. 1,000 words.

Hutchins, Anthony. 1657. *Caines bloody race known by their fruits, or, A true declaration of the innocent sufferings of the servants of the living God, by the magistrates, priests and people in the city of Westchester, who lives in a profession of God, Christ, and the Scriptures, as their forefathers did, who slew the prophets, persecuted Christ and the apostles, as is declared in the scriptures of truth, &c.* 16,600 words.

Eeds, Judith. 1659. *A warning to all the inhabitants of the earth where this shall come, but especially to those that are called magistrates or rulers, and so pretend to bear a sword of justice for the punishment of evil-doers.* 2,700 words.

Danvers, John. 1660. *The royal oake, or, An historicall description of the royal progresse, wonderful travels, miraculous escapes, and strange accidents of His Sacred Majesty Charles the II, third monarch of Great Britain wherein is observable and worth publique view.* 2,400 words.

Bagshaw, Edward. 1660. *A just vindication of the questioned part of the reading of Edward Bagshaw, Esq; an apprentice of the common law.* 15,900 words.

Edmonds, Hugh. 1661. *The censors censured, in a brief discourse to which is adjoynd the authors letter to an anti-episcopal minister concerning the government of the church: written in the year 1651, but not printed till now.* 3,500 words.

Dawson, Richard. 1661. *The humble addresse and remonstrance of Richard Dawson gentleman, now prisoner in the Fleet to the Right Honourable Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled.* 12,500 words.

Faithorne, William. 1662. *The art of graveing and etching wherein is exprest the true way of graueing in copper: allso the manner & method of that famous Callot & Mr. Bosse in their seuerall ways of etching.* 13,500 words.

Hall, Edmund. 1664. *A sermon preached at Stanton-Harcourt Church in the county of Oxford, at the funerall of the Honourable the Lady Ann Harcourt, who*

- deceased Aug. 23, 1664, together with her funerall speech.* 15,600 words.
- Neville, Henry. 1668. *The Isle of Pines, or, A late discovery of a fourth island near Terra Australis Incognita by Henry Cornelius van Sloetten.* 10,400 words.
- Raleigh, Carew. 1669. *A brief relation of Sr. Walter Raleigh's troubles, with the taking away of the lands and castle of Sherborne in Dorset from him and his heires, being his indubitable inheritance.* 2,200 words.
- Hallywell, Henry. 1671. *A discourse of the excellency of Christianity.* 18,700 words.
- Savile, Henry. 1672. *A True relation of the engagement of His Majesties fleet under the command of His Royal Highness with the Dutch fleet, May 28, 1672 in a letter from H. S. Esquire, on board His Royal Highness, to the Earl of Arlington, principal secretary of state.* 1,900 words.
- Eachard, John. 1672. *The grounds & occasions of the contempt of the clergy and religion enquired into in a letter written to R. L.* 27,700 words.
- Tanner, Thomas. 1674. *A call to the Shulamite, or to the scattered and divided members of the church delivered and published upon occasion by Thomas Tanner.* 11,000 words.
- Earle, John. 1675. *The character of a tavern with a brief draught of a drawer.* 1,200 words.
- Fell, Lydia. 1676. *A testimony and warning given forth in the love of truth and is for the governour, magistrates & people inhabiting on the island of Barbadoes, which is a call to turn to the Lord.* 2,900 words.
- Barclay, Robert. 1676. *The anarchy of the Ranters and other libertines, the hierarchy of the Romanists, and other pretended churches, equally refused and refuted in a two-fold apology for the church and people of God called in derision Quakers: wherein they are vindicated from those that accuse them of disorder and confusion on the one hand, and from such as calumniate them with tyranny and imposition on the other.* 30,400 words.
- Calder, Robert. 1677. *A letter to a non-conformist minister of the kirk shewing the*

nullity of the Presbyterian mission or authority to preach the Gospel. 5,500 words.

Howard, Edward. 1677. *A memorial delivered to His Majesty by the Honourable Edward Howard and Bernard Howard of Norfolk, the 16th day of November, 1676, of what they demand from their brother the Right Honourable Henry, Earl Marshall of England wiith [sic] the grounds and reasons of and for their said demands.* 7,300 words.

Armstrong, John. 1677. *The souls worth and danger, or a discourse exciting and directing to the due care of its eternal salvation upon the words of our blessed saviour.* 16,900 words.

Travers, Rebecca. 1677. *The work of God in a dying maid being a short account of the dealings of the Lord with one Susannah Whitrow, about the age of fifteen years, and daughter of Robert Whitrow, inhabiting in Covent-garden in the county of Middlesex, together with her experimental confessions to the power and work of the Lord God, both in judgments and mercy to her soul.* 7,200 words.

Patchet, Francis. 1678. *Living words through a dying man being a melodious song of the mercies and judgments of the Lord, sung by a disciple of Christ on his dying bed, when the pangs of death were upon his outward man.* 4,000 words.

Addison, Lancelot. 1679. *The life and death of Mahumed, the author of the Turkish religion being an account of his tribe, parents, birth, name, education, marriages, filthiness of life, Alcoran, first proselytes, wars, doctrines, miracles, advancement, &c.* 29,600 words.

Harby, Thomas. 1679. *The key of sacred scripture, and, leading to it first, an answer to some objections given to the author, by a person of great learning and piety: wherein many mistakes, by which most professors wound themselves, and strengthen the hands of the church's adversaries,*

are clearly discovered, and the more invincible weapons of truth inviolable (tending effectually to refel errors, and reform manners) are tendred to them. 15,900 words.

Davies, James. 1679. *A sermon on Psal. CXIX, v. 57 shewing wherein the good man's portion and dependence consists.* 9,500 words.

Tel-Troth, Tom. 1680. *A letter to the Earl of Shaftsbury this 9th of July, 1680 from Tom Tell-Troth, a downright Englishman.* 2,600 words.

Yarranton, Andrew. 1680. *England's improvements justified; and the author thereof, Captain Y. vindicated from the scandals in a paper called a Coffee-house dialogue: With some animadversions upon his popish designs therein contained.* 2,800 words.

Garbrand, John. 1680. *The grand inquest, or, a full and perfect answer to several reasons, by which it is pretended His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, may be proved to be a Roman-Catholick.* 2,900 words.

Whitehead, Anne. 1680. *An epistle for true love, unity, and order in the Church of Christ, against the spirit of discord, disorder and confusion &c. recommended to friends in truth, chiefly for the sake of the weak and unstable minded.* 5,400 words.

Ussher, James. 1681. *Bishop Ushers second prophesie which he delivered to his daughter on his sick-bed wherein is contained divers prophetick sayings for the years 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, which were by him predicted for the said years.* 900 words.

Campion, Robert. 1681. *The case between the Right Honourable City of London, and Robert Campion Represented to publick view, after sixteen years private sad sufferings, and attendance, early and late, upon the several Lord Mayors, aldermen, and common-councels, without relief.* 1,900 words.

Barne, Miles. 1682. *A discourse concerning the nature of Christ's Kingdom with relation to the kingdoms of this world in two sermons preach'd at St. Maries*

- before the University of Cambridge by Miles Barne.* 12,700 words.
- Calamy, Benjamin. 1683. *A discourse about a scrupulous conscience preached at the parish-church of St. Mary Aldermanbury, London.* 14,300 words.
- Baron, William. 1683. *Demetrius and the crafts-men: a sermon preach'd at the Berkshire assizes held in Abingdon, August the 7th, 1683 by William Baron.* 6,700 words.
- Assheton, William. 1683. *The cry of royal innocent blood heard and answered being a true and impartial account of Gods extraordinary and signal judgments upon regicides: with an historical relation of the deposing, murdering, and assassinating of several kings of England, Scotland, France, &c.* 28,200 words.
- Newbery, William. 1685. *A letter to Dr. Fowler vicar of St. Giles Cripplegate in answer to his late vindictory preface by William Newbery & William Edmwnds.* 3,700 words.
- York, Anne Hyde. 1686. *The Church of England truly represented according to Dr. Heylins history of the Reformation: in justification of Her Royal Highness the late Dutchess [sic] of Yorks paper.* 4,900 words.
- Halley, Edmond. 1687. *May it please the King's most excellent Majesty.* 4,000 words.
- Kennett, White. 1689. *A dialogue between two friends occasioned by the late revolution of affairs, and the oath of allegiance by W. K.* 12,000 words.
- Jeffreys, George Jeffreys, Baron. 1689. *The Argument of the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench concerning the great case of monopolies, between the East-India Company, plaintiff, and Thomas Sandys, defendant wherein their patent for trading to the East-Indies, exclusive of all others, is adjudged good.* 18,600 words.
- Hall, Timothy. 1689. *A sermon preached at Mercers-Chappel, on the 13th of January, 1688/9 by Timothy lord bishop of Oxford.* 12,400 words.
- Atkyns, Robert. 1689. *An enquiry into the power of dispensing with penal statutes.*

34,500 words.

Brown, Thomas. 1691. *Wit for money, or, Poet Stutter a dialogue between Smith, Johnson, and Poet Stutter*. 13,100 words.

Nye, Stephen. 1691. *An answer to Dr. Wallis's three letters concerning the Doctrine of the Trinity*. 7,400 words.

Wake, William. 1692. *A brief history of several plots contrived, and rebellions raised by the papists against the lives and dignities of sovereign princes, since the reformation: Taken from faithfull historians*. 34,900 words.

Gallaway, William. 1692. *A sermon preached before the general and officers in the King's chappel at Portsmouth on Sunday July 24, 1692: being the day before they embarqu'd for the descent upon France*. 6,000 words.

Basset, William. 1693. *An answer to the Brief history of the Unitarians, called also Socinians by William Basset*. 32,200 words.

Ellis, Clement. 1694. *The Christian hearer's first lesson: a sermon preached at St. Mary's Church in Nottingham on Thursday, Octob. the 4th, 1694*. 9,300 words.

Day, Henry. 1694. *A thanksgiving-sermon preach'd at Sutton in Surrey, April the 16th, 1696 being the national thanksgiving day for His Majesty's most happy preservation from the most detestable assassination, in order to a French invasion*. 5,100 words.

Eizat, Edward. 1695. *Apollo mathematicus, or, The art of curing diseases by the mathematicks according to the principles of Dr. Pitcairn: a work both profitable and pleasant, and never published in English before*. 29,800 words.

Halley, George. 1695. *A sermon preached in the Cathedral & Metropolitall Church of St. Peter in York, on Sunday, Novemb. 17. 1695 by George Halley*. 6,200 words.

Ferguson, Robert. 1696. *A dialogue between Sir Roger - and Mr. Rob. Ferg- in Newgate relating to the plot*. 3,200 words.

Temple, Richard. 1696. *Some short remarks upon Mr. Lock's book in answer to Mr. Lounds, and several other books and pamphlets concerning coin*. 1,600 words.

Astell, Mary. 1696. *An essay in defence of the female sex in which are inserted the characters of a pedant, a squire, a beau, a virtuoso, a poetaster, a city-critick, &c. : in a letter to a lady*. 29,700 words.

Edwards, John. 1697. *Brief remarks upon Mr. Whiston's New theory of the earth and upon an other gentleman's objections against some passages in a discourse of the existence and providence of God, relating to the Copernican hypothesis*. 13,900 words.

Emes, Thomas. 1698. *A dialogue between alkali and acid containing divers philosophical and medicinal considerations*. 55,500 words.

Keill, John. 1698. *An examination of Dr. Burnet's Theory of the earth together with some remarks on Mr. Whiston's New theory of the earth*. 43,800 words.

Fairfax, Thomas. 1699. *Short memorials of Thomas Lord Fairfax written by himself*. 18,100 words.

Gander, Joseph. 1699. *A vindication of a national-fishery*. 14,200 words.

Dunton, John. 1700. *The case of John Dunton, citizen of London with respect to his mother-in-law, Madam Jane Nicholas, of St. Albans, and her only child, Sarah Dunton*. 9,300 words.

B-texts

B16th-1: Early 16th century (Approximately 1,009,600 words)

De Gruytrode, Jacobus. 1506. *The mirroure of golde for the synfull soule*. 27,000 words.

De Henley, Walter. 1508. *Boke of husbandry*. 7,300 words.

Joannes Jacobi. 1509. *Here begynneth a treatyse agaynst pestele[n]ce [and] of ye infirmits*. 3,500 words.

Brant, Sebastian. 1509. *The shyppe of fooles*. 87,500 words.

Simon, anchorite of London Wall. 1514. *The fruyte of redemcyon*. 12,200 words.

Benedict, Saint, Abbot of Monte Cassino. 1517. *Here begynneth the rule of seynt Benet*. 28,300 words.

Ryckes, John. 1525. *The ymage of loue Here foloweth a goostly pamphlete or mater co[m]pendyously extract of holy scripture, and doctours of ye chyrche, called ye ymage of loue, very necessary for all vertuous persones to loke vpon*. 14,300 words.

Erasmus, Desiderius. 1526. *A deuoute treatise vpon the Pater noster, made fyrst in latyn by the moost famous doctour mayster Erasmus Roterodamus, and tourned in to englisshe by a yong vertuous and well lerned gentylwoman of xix. yere of age*. 11,400 words.

Paynell, Thomas. 1529. *The assaute and co[n]quest of heuen tra[n]slated out of frenche into englishe by Thomas Paynel*. 11,500 words.

Ullerston, Richard. 1530. *A compendious olde treatyse, shewynge howe that we oughte to haue ye scripture in Englysshe*. 4,600 words.

Fox, Edward. 1531. *The determinations of the moste famous and mooste excellent vniuersities of Italy and Fraunce, that it is so vnlefull for a man to marie his brothers wyfe, that the pope hath no power to dispence therewith*. 59,700 words.

Plutarch. 1531. *Howe one may take profite of his enmyes, translated out of Plutarche*. 6,000 words.

Frith, John. 1533. *A boke made by Iohn Frith prisoner in the tower of London*. 49,100 words.

Hamilton, Patrick. 1534. *Dyuers frutful gatherynges of scripture and declarynge of fayth and workes of the lawe*. 4,700 words.

Bonde, William. 1534. *A deuoute epystle of treaty for them that ben tymorouse and fearefull in conscience*. 14,900 words.

Whitford, Richard. 1535. *A boke newly translated out of Latyn in to Englysshe, called The folowing of Christe with the Golden epistel of saynt Barnard.* 79,300 words.

Lupset, Thomas. 1535. *An exhortation to yonge men perswading them to walke in the pathe way that leadeth to honeste and goodnes: writen to a frend of his by Thomas Lupsete Londoner.* 11,500 words.

Starkey, Thomas. 1536. *A preface to the Kynges hyghnes.* 42,300 words.

Bugenhagen, Johann. 1536. *A compe[n]dious letter which Jhon Pomerane curate of the congregation at Wittenberge sent to the faythfull christen congregation in Englande.* 1,500 words.

Von Hutten, Ulrich. 1536. *Of the vwood called guaiacum that healeth the Frenche pockes, and also healeth the goute in the feete, the stoone, the palsey, lepre, dropsy, fallynge euyl, and other dyseases.* 33,300 words.

Sturm, Johannes. 1538. *The epistle that Iohan Sturmius, a man of great lerninge and iugement, sent to the Cardynalles and prelates that were chosen and appointed by the Bysshop of Rome, to serche out the abuses of the church: Translated into englysshe by Rychard Morysine.* 12,900 words.

Longland, John. 1538. *A sermonde made before the kynge his maiestye at grenewiche, vpon good frydaye: The yere of our Lorde God.* 26,500 words.

Taverner, Richard. 1539. *A catechisme or institution of the christen religion: Newely set forthe by Richard Tauerner.* 14,400 words.

Morison, Richard, Sir. 1539. *An exhortation to styrre all Englyshe men to the defence of theyr countreye.* 10,900 words.

Agrippa von Nettesheim, Heinrich Cornelius. 1542. *A treatise of the nobilitie and excellencye of vvoman kynde, translated out of Latine into englysshe by Daud Clapam.* 12,900 words.

Brinkelow, Henry. 1542. *The complaynt of Roderyck Mors, somtyme a gray fryre, vnto the parliament howse of Ingland his natural cuntry for the redresse of*

certain wicked lawes, euel customs ad [sic] cruell decreys. 22,800 words.

Erasmus, Desiderius. 1545. *A very pleasaunt [and] fruitful diologe called the Epicure, made by that famous clerke Erasmus of Roterodame, newly translated.* 11,100 words.

Vergil, Polydore. 1546. *An abridgement of the notable woorke of Polidore Vergile conteignyng the deuisers and firste finders out as well of artes, ministeries, feactes & ciuill ordinaunces, as of rites, and ceremonies, commo[n]ly vsed in the churche.* 58,500 words.

Boorde, Andrew. 1547. *A compendyoue regyment or a dyetary of healthe made in Mountpyllyer, by Andrewe Boorde of physycke doctour, newly corrected and imprynted with dyuers addycions dedycated to the armypotent Prynce and valyent Lorde Thomas Duke of Northfolke.* 18,500 words.

Hooper, John. 1547. *An answer vnto my lord of wynthesters [sic] booke intytlyd a detection of the deuyls sophistrye wherwith he robith the vnlernyd people of the trew byleef in the moost blessyd sacrament of the aulter made by Johann Hoper.* 47,900 words.

Lambert, John. 1548. *A treatyse made by Johan Lambert vnto kynge Henry the viij. concerynge hys opynyon in the sacrame[n]t of the aultre as they call it, or supper of the lorde as the scripture nameth it.* 12,500 words.

Gilby, Anthony. 1548. *An ansver to the deuillish detection of Stephane Gardiner, Bishoppe of Wynchester published to the intent that such as be desirous of the truth should not be seduced by hys errours, nor the blind [et] obstinate excused by ignorance Compiled by A. G.* 102,300 words.

Hegendorph, Christoph. 1548. *Domestycal or housholde sermons for a godly housholder, to his children and famyly, compiled by the godlye learned man Christopher Hegendorffyne, doctor, moste necessarye for all faythfull householders: nowe fyrste translated oute of laten into Englysshe.* 16,200 words.

Bodrigan, Nicholas. 1548. *An epitome of the title that the Kynges Maiestie of Englande, hath to the souereigntie of Scotlande continued vpon the auncient writers of both nacions, from the beginnyng.* 13,800 words.

Hegendorph, Christoph. 1549. *The seconde parte of the Domesticall or housholde sermons for a godly housholder, to his childre[n] and familie: compyled by the godly learned man Christopher Hegendorffine, doctor most necessarye for all faythefull housholders, now first translated out of laten in to English by Henry Reginalde.* 11,700 words.

Bucer, Martin. 1549. *The gratulation of the mooste famous clerke M. Martin Bucer a man of no lesse learninge and lyterature, then godlye studie and example of lyuing, vnto the churche of Englande for the restitution of Christes religion.* 29,700 words.

Cicero, Marcus Tullius. 1550. *The booke of freendship of Marcus Tullie Cicero.* 17,000 words.

Wimbleton, Thomas. 1550. *A sermon no lesse frutefull then famous made in the yeare of oure lord god m.CCC.lxxxviii.* 12,300 words.

Brenz, Johannes. 1550. *A verye fruitful exposition vpon the syxte chapter of Saynte Iohn diuided into x. homelies or sermons: written in Latin by the ryghte excellent clarke Master Iohn Brencius, [and] tra[n]slated into English by Richard Shirrye, Londoner.* 47,800 words.

B16th-2: Late 16th century (Approximately 1,003,300 words)

Cancellar, James. 1556. *The pathe of obedience, compiled by Iames Cancellar, one of the Quenes Maiesties moste honourable chapel.* 8,600 words.

Cranmer, Thomas. 1556. *The copy of certain lettres sent to the Quene, and also to doctour Martin and doctour Storye, by the most reuerende father in God, Thomas Cranmer Archebishop of Cantorburye from prison in Oxeforde: who (after long and most greuouse strayt emprisoning and cruell handlyng)*

most constauntly and willingly suffred martirdome ther, for the true testimonie of Christ, in Marche. 6,500 words.

Berners, Juliana. 1556. *The booke of hauking, huntyng and fysshynge, with all the properties and medecynes that are necessary to be kept.* 28,900 words.

Nowell, Alexander. 1565. *A reproufe, written by Alexander Nowell, of a booke entituled A proufe of certayne articles in religion denied by M. Iuell.* 88,000 words.

Granger, Timothy. 1568. *A moste true and marueilous straunge wonder, the lyke hath seldom ben seene, of XVII monstrous fishes, taken in Suffolke, at Downham brydge, within a myle of Ipswiche.* 1,200 words.

Batman, Stephen. 1569. *A christall glasse of christian reformation wherein the godly maye beholde the coloured abuses vsed in this our present tyme.* 36,100 words.

Eden, Richard. 1572. *A briefe collection and compendious extract of the strau[n]ge and memorable things, gathered oute of the cosmographie of Sebastian Munster: Where in is made a playne descrypsion of diuerse and straunge lavves rites, manners, and properties of sundry nacio[n]s, and a short reporte of straunge histories of diuerse men, and of the nature and properties of certayne fovvles, fishes, beastes, monsters, and sundrie countries and places.* 37,500 words.

Bradford, John. 1574. *Two notable sermons, made by that worthy martyr of Christ Maister Iohn Bradford, the one of repentance, and the other of the Lordes supper neuer before imprinted.* 29,100 words.

Hooker, John. 1575. *The order and vsage of the keeping of a parlement in England, and the description of tholde and ancient cittie of Fxcester [sic].* 28,900 words.

Brasbridge, Thomas. 1578. *The poore mans ieuuel, that is to say, a treatise of the pestilence unto the which is annexed a declaration of the vertues of the*

heerbs Carduus Benedictus, and angelica, which are very medicinabl[e], both against the plague, and also against many other diseases. 10,900 words.

Rogers, John. 1579. *An answere vnto a wicked & infamous libel made by Christopher Vitel, one of the chiefe English elders of the pretended Family of Loue maintaining their doctrine, & carpingly answeringe to certaine pointes of a boke called the displaing of the Fam: Aunswered by I. Rogers.* 36,500 words.

Blandie, William. 1581. *The castle, or picture of pollicy shewing forth most liuely, the face, body and partes of a commonwealth, the duety quality, profession of a perfect and absolute souldiar, the martiall feates encounters and skirmishes lately done by our English nation, vnder the conduct of the most noble and famous Gentleman M. Iohn Noris Generall of the Army of the states in Friseland: The names of many worthy and famous gentlemen which liue and haue this present yeare 1580 ended theyr liues in that land most honorably.* 21,200 words.

Hill, Thomas. 1581. *A briefe and pleasaunt treatise, intituled, Naturall and artificiall conclusions: written first by sundrie scholers of the Vniuersitie of Padua in Italie, at the instant request of one Barthelmewe a Tuscan: and now Englished by Thomas Hill Londoned, as well for the commoditie of sundrie artificers, as for the matters of pleasure, to recreate wittes at vacant tymes.* 10,900 words.

Saxey, Samuel. 1583. *A straunge and wonderfull example of the iudgement of almighty God shewed vpon two adulterous persons in London, in the parish of S. Brydes, in Fleetestreete, this thurde of Februarie 1583: Set forth for a memorable example before our eyes, both to make vs remember the frailty of this life, and to call vs vnto repentance.* 5,200 words.

Nowell, Alexander. 1583. *A true report of the disputation or rather priuate conference had in the Tower of London, with Ed. Campion Iesuite, the last*

of August 1581: Set downe by the reuerend learned men them selues that dealt therein. 83,400 words.

Rainolds, John. 1584. *A sermon vpon part of the prophetie of Obadiah touching the destruction, as of Idumaeans, so of Papists; and meanes whereby it must be wrought: preached at Saint Maries in Oxford by Iohn Rainoldes, on the 28. of October last 1584.* 6,900 words.

Bullein, William. 1585. *A briefe and short discourse of the vertue and operation of balsame with an instruction for those that haue their health to preserue the same: VWhereunto is added Doctor Bullins diet for health.* 1,800 words.

Mote, Humphrey. 1585. *The Primrose of London with her valiant aduenture on the Spanish coast, beeing of the burthen of 150. Tunne: Declaring the maner how 97. Spanyards came aboard the same ship, the course of the skirmish, and how by their valiancie they discomfited them.* 2,000 words.

Crowley, Robert. 1586. *Fryer Iohn Frauncis of Nigeon in Fraunce.* 61,300 words.

Case, John. 1586. *The praise of musicke wherein besides the antiquitie, dignitie, delectation, & vse thereof in ciuill matters, is also declared the sober and lawfull vse of the same in the congregation and church of God.* 32,500 words.

Crompton, Richard. 1587. *A short declaration of the ende of traytors, and false conspirators against the state & of the duetie of subiectes to theyr soueraigne gouernour: and wythall, howe necessarie, lawes and execution of iustice are, for the preseruacion of the prince and common wealth.* 15,000 words.

Wither, George. 1588. *A view of the marginal notes of the popish Testament, translated into English by the English fugitiue papists resiant at Rhemes in France.* 122,000 words.

Bigges, Walter. 1589. *A summarie and true discourse of Sir Frances Drakes VWest Indian voyage wherein were taken, the townes of Saint Jago, Sancto Domingo, Cartagena & Saint Augustine.* 12,600 words.

- Helwys, Edward. 1589. *A maruell, deciphered*. 5,400 words.
- Jeninges, Edward. 1590. *A briefe discouery of the damages that happen to this realme by disordered and vnlawfull diet*. 9,400 words.
- Smythe, John, Sir. 1590. *Certain discourses, vwritten by Sir Iohn Smythe, Knight: concerning the formes and effects of diuers sorts of weapons, and other verie important matters militarie, greatlie mistaken by diuers of our men of warre in these daies*. 41,800 words.
- Hacket, Roger. 1591. *A sermon needfull for theese [sic] times wherein is shewed, the insolencies of Naash King of Ammon, against the men of Iabesh Gilead, and the succors of Saule, and his people sent for their reliefe*. 12,500 words.
- Garrard, William. 1591. *The arte of vvarre: Beeing the onely rare booke of myllitarie profession, drawne out of all our late and forraine seruices, by William Garrard Gentleman, who serued the King of Spayne in his warres fourteene yeeres, and died anno Domini 1587*. 130,100 words.
- Cottesford, Samuel. 1591. *A treatise against traitors: Meete for all faithfull subiects in these dangerous days*. 24,200 words.
- Bilbrough, John. 1591. *The taking of the royall galley of Naunts in Brittain, from the Spanyards and Leaguers, with the releasement of 153 galley slaues, that were in her by Iohn Bilbrough, prentice of London, in Nouember last*. 2,000 words.
- Hill, Adam. 1592. *The defence of the article: Christ descended into Hell*. 50,800 words.
- Chute, Anthony. 1593. *Remonstrances, to the Duke de Mayne lieu-tenaunt generall of the estate and crowne of Fraunce: Wherein, by way of information, are discouered diuers priuities, concerning the proceedings and affayres of that Duke, and his associates*. 9,000 words.
- Playfere, Thomas. 1595. *A most excellent and heauenly sermon vpon the 23. chapter of the Gospell by Saint Luke*. 17,200 words.

Constable, Henry. 1600. *Discoverye of a counterfecte conference helde at a counterfecte place, by counterfecte travellers, for thadvancement of a counteerfecte tytyle, and invented, printed, and published by one (person) that dare not avovve his name.* 13,900 words.

B17th-1: Early 17th century (Approximately 1,004,600 words)

Nepos, Cornelius. 1602. *The liues of Epaminondas, of Philip of Macedon, of Dionysius the Elder, and of Octavius Caesar Augustus, collected out of good authors: Also the liues of nine excellent chieftaines of warre, taken out of Latine from Emylius Probus, by S. G. S.* 115,400 words.

Dallington, Robert. 1605. *A suruey of the great dukes state of Tuscany in the yeare of our Lord 1596.* 27,700 words.

Buckeridge, John. 1606. *A sermon preached at Hampton Court before the Kings Maiestie, on Tuesday the 23. of September, anno 1606.* 8,700 words.

Blackwell, George. 1607. *Mr. George Blackvvel, (made by Pope Clement 8. Arch-priest of England) his answeres vpon sundry his examinations together, with his approbation and taking of the Oath of allegiance: and his letter written to his assistants, and brethren, moouing them not onely to take the said Oath, but to aduise all Romish Catholikes so to doe.* 5,800 words.

Haren, Jean. 1610. *The repentance of Iohn Haren priest and his returne to the Church of God; publickly by him recited in the French Church at Wezell, in the presence of the senate, conposed of the ministers and the people assembled togeather vpon the 7. day of March, Anno 1610: Likewise, the recantation of Martine Bartox, at Rochell, sometimes Doctor of Diuinitie in Spaine, vicar prouinciall and visitor of the order of the holy Trinitie for the redemption of prisoners in the Kingdomes and Crowne of Arragon.* 21,100 words.

Vaughan, William. 1612. *Approved directions for health, both naturall and artificiall*

- deriued from the best physitians as well moderne as auncient.* 27,000 words.
- Grey, Jane, Lady. 1615. *The life, death and actions of the most chaste, learned, and religious lady, the Lady Iane Gray, daughter to the Duke of Suffolke.* 7,500 words.
- Gainsford, Thomas. 1616. *The historie of Trebizond in foure bookes.* 86,800 words.
- Teellinck, Willem. 1621. *Pauls complaint against his naturall corruption: With the meanes how to bee delivered from the power of the same.* 19,200 words.
- Cleaver, Robert. 1621. *A godly forme of houshold government for the ordering of priuate families, according to the direction of Gods word: wherunto is adioyned in a more particular manner, the seuerall duties of the husband towards his wife, and the wiues dutie towards her husband, the parents dutie towards their children, and the childrens towards their parents, the maisters dutie towards his seruants, and also the seruants duty towards their maisters, first gathered by R. C.; and now newly perused, amended and augmented by Iohn Dod and Robert Cleuer.* 98,200 words.
- Wood, William. 1623. *Considerations vpon the treaty of marriage between England and Spain.* 3,600 words.
- Kendricke, John. 1625. *The last will and testament of Mr. Iohn Kendricke late citizen and draper of London vvho departed this life the 30. day of December, anno, 1624: Full of notable workes of charity, worthy of lasting memory and imitation.* 8,200 words.
- Carpenter, Nathanael. 1629. *Achitophel, or, the picture of a wicked politician Diuided into three parts.* 24,100 words.
- Bruton, William. 1638. *Newes from the East-Indies; or, a voyage to Bengalla, one of the greatest kingdomes under the high and mighty prince Pedesha Shassallem, usually called the Great Mogull With the state and magnificence of the court of Malcandy, kept by the nabob viceroy, or vice-king under the aforesayd monarch: also their detestable religion, mad and foppish rites,*

and ceremonies, and wicked sacrifices and impious customes used in those parts. 9,600 words.

Ball, John. 1640. *A friendly triall of the grounds tending to separation.* 98,700 words.

Ames, William. 1641. *An analytically exposition of both the epistles of the Apostle Peter illustrated by doctrines out of every text and applied by their uses for a further progresse in holinesse.* 93,200 words.

Pym, John. 1641. *The speech or declaration of John Pymm, Esquire, to the Lords of the upper House, upon the delivery of the Articles of the Commons assembled in Parliament, against VVilliam Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, in maintenance of their accusation, whereby he stands charged of high treason.* 4,400 words.

Parliament, England and Wales. 1642. *The declaration or remonstrance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled with divers depositions and letters thereunto annexed.* 20,600 words.

Ashton, Ralph. 1642. *Severall letters from the committees in severall counties to the honourable William Lenthall Esquire, speaker of the House of Commons, read in both Houses of Parliament, June 27, 1642.* 3,800 words.

Curzon, John. 1642. *The Humble petition of divers, barronets, knights, esquires, gentlemen, ministers, freeholders and others of the county of Derby to the number of seven thousand seventy and seven presented to the honourable, the knights, citizens and burgesses of the House of Commons by Gods goodnesse assembled and his gracious good providence hitherto preserved in Parliament.* 900 words.

Cartwright, William. 1643. *The game at chesse: A metaphoricall discourse shewing the present estate of this kingdome.* 1,700 words.

Hutchinson, John. 1643. *A discovery of the trecherous attempts of the cavaliers to have procured the betraying of Nottingham Castle into their hands.* 2,400 words.

- Browne, Edward. 1643. *A compendious and patheticall retractation for book-making very usefull for these distracted times*. 2,600 words.
- Bilson, Thomas. 1643. *A discourse upon questions in debate between the King and Parliament*. 7,600 words.
- Urquhart, Thomas. 1645. *The trissotetras: or, a most exquisite table for resolving all manner of triangles, whether plaine or sphericall, rectangular or obliquangular, with greater facility, then ever hitherto hath been practiced*. 42,200 words.
- Overton, Richard. 1645. *Martin's echo: or A remonstrance, from His Holinesse reverend young Martin Mar-Priest, responsorie to the late sacred synoddicall decretall, in all humility presented to the reverend, pious, and grave consideration of the right reverend father in God, the vniversall bishop of our soules, his superlative holinesse Sir Symon Synod*. 8,200 words.
- Bridges, John, Colonel. 1645. *A letter from Collonell Bridges governer of Warwick Castle to a freind [sic] of his in London, dated the 20 of Aprill 1645: Wherein is sett forth a great victory obtained by the said collonell against Prince Maurice his armie on the 17 of this instant Aprill*. 1,000 words.
- Graunt, John, of Bucklersbury. 1645. *Christians liberty to the Lords table, discovered by eight arguments, therby proving, that the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord, doth as well teach to grace, as strengthen and confirm grace, and so is common, as well to the outward Christian as to the inward Christian: occasioned by the contrary doctrine, taught by a strange minister in Woolchurch, on the 29th of June last*. 9,400 words.
- Cooke, Francis, of Cambridge. 1646. *The old proverbe, as good be a knave, as amongst knaves (though Committee men) is debated, and concluded to be false, by Francis Cooke, and Thomas Gualter, as they were riding between London and Cambridge, and conferring upon this proverb, and many other things usefull for all to know, but more especially for some in authority*.

11,100 words.

Killigrew, William. 1647. *An answer to such objections as were made by some commoners of Lincoln-shire and presented to both houses at the first sitting of this Parliament against Robert, Earle of Lindesey, and his participants concerning the draining of those fenns which lye between Lincolne, Berne, & Boston*. 4,000 words.

March, John. 1647. *Actions for slaunder, or, a methodicall collection under certain grounds and heads of what words are actionable in the law and what not a treatise of very great use and consequence to all men, especially in these times wherein actions for slaunder are more common and do much more abound then in times past, and when the malice of men so much increases, well may their tongue want a directory: to which is added awards or arbitrements methodified under severall grounds and heads collected out of our year-books and other private authentick authorities*. 48,200 words.

Hancock, John. 1648. *The declaration of lieutenant-generall Cromwell concerning his present design and engagement against Col. Poyer and his adherents in South Wales, and his resolution and protestation thereupon: Delivered at the head of each regiment upon Munday last, being the 8. of this instant May, at a randevvouz neer the city of Gloucester*. 1,200 words.

Hare, John. 1648. *Englands proper and onely way to an establishment in honour, freedome, peace and happinesse: Or, The Normane yoke once more uncased, and the necessity, justice, and present seasonableness of breaking it in pieces demonstrated, in eight most plain and true propositions with their proofs*. 2,900 words.

Cowling, Nicholas. 1648. *A word to the LII London ministers shevving that the most zealous professors of religion in all ages have been the greatest persecutors of Christ and his most spirituall members, illustrated and proved*. 4,200 words.

Winstanley, Gerrard. 1649. *The breaking of the day of God wherein, four things are manifested*. 40,000 words.

Richardson, Samuel. 1649. *An ansvver to the London ministers letter: from them to his Excellency & his Counsel of VVar; as also an answer to John Gerees book, entituled, Might overcomming right*. 86,500 words.

Ambrose, Isaac. 1650. *The doctrine & directions but more especially the practice and behavior of a man in the act of the nevv birth: A treatise by way of appendix to the former*. 31,200 words.

Bush, Rice. 1650. *The poor mans friend, or A narrative of what progresse many worthy citi- [sic] of London have made in that godly work of providing for the poor*. 9,600 words.

Bromwich, Isaac. 1650. *The spoiles of the forest of Deane asserted in answer to a scurrilous libell lately set forth to blast the justice and proceedings of some commissioners of Parliament in that behalfe*. 6,100 words.

B17th-2: Late 17th century (Approximately 1,007,400 words)

Bower, Edmund. 1653. *Doctor Lamb revived, or, VVitchcraft condemn'd in Anne Bodenham a servant of his, who was arraigned and executed the lent assizes last at Salisbury, before the right honourable the Lord Chief Baron Wild, judge of the assise*. 18,000 words.

Fergusson, James. 1656. *A brief exposition of the Epistles of Paul to the Philippians and Colossians by James Fergusson*. 94,800 words

Clayton, Anne. 1660. *A letter to the king*. 1,000 words.

Argyll, Archibald Campbell. 1661. *Instructions to a son by Archibald, late Marquis of Argyle*. 19,100 words.

Drake, William. 1661. *The Long Parliament revived, or, An act for continuation, and the not dissolving the Long parliament (call'd by King Charles the First in the year 1640) but by an act of Parliament with undeniable reasons*

- deduced from the said act to prove that that Parliament is not yet dissolved; also Mr. William Prin his five arguments fully answered, whereby he endeavours to prove it to be dissolved by the Kings death &c.* 8,100 words.
- Sturghion, John. 1661. *A plea for tolleration of opinions and perswasions in matters of religion, differing from the Church of England.* 5,200 words.
- Cotton, Priscilla. 1661. *A visitation of love unto all people.* 1,200 words.
- Griffith, Hugh. 1661. *Mr. Croftons case soberly considered, plainly stated, and humbly submitted to the consideration of just and prudent men made publique to silence clamor, correct mistake, and acquit him from the charge of high treason vrged by Tho. Tomkins, fellow of All-Souls, Oxon. and others in their frivolous, scurillous and invective pamphlets.* 9,300 words.
- Gawler, Francis. 1663. *The children of Abrahams faith who are blessed, being found in Abraham's practise of burying their dead in their own purchased burying places, are not to be reproved: but therein are justified in the sight of God, and the practice of holy men in former ages.* 2,800 words.
- Laney, Benjamin. 1669. *Five sermons, preached before His Majesty at Whitehall, published severally by command, and now printed together, tending all to give satisfaction in certain points to such who have thereupon endeavoured to unsettle the state and government of the church by B. Lord Bishop of Ely.* 40,200 words.
- Hackett, Thomas. 1672. *A sermon preached at the spittle upon Tuesday in Easter-Week, anno dom. 1672.* 11,700 words.
- Newton, George. 1672. *A sermon preached at the funeral of Mr. Joseph Aleine by George Newton.* 10,100 words.
- Cleadow, Thomas. 1674. *A serious and brief discourse touching the Sabbath-Day intended to decide and determine all controversies respecting that subject.* 4,000 words.
- Addison, Lancelot. 1675. *The present state of the Jews (more particularly relating*

to those in Barbary) wherein is contained an exact account of their customs, secular and religious: to which is annexed a summary discourse of the Misna, Talmud, and Gemara. 56,400 words.

Cole, William. 1675. *Legal and other reasons (with all humility) presented to His most Excellent Majesty, King Charles II. and to both his Honorable Houses of Parliament, why the subjects of England, should not be imprisoned for debt or damages, or any thing thereunto relating.* 5,900 words.

Cook, Moses. 1676. *The manner of raising, ordering, and improving forrest-trees also, how to plant, make and keep woods, walks, avenues, lawns, hedges, &c.* 93,900 words.

Powell, Thomas. 1676. *The beauty, vigour and strength of youth bespoke for God in a sermon lately preached to young men.* 13,200 words.

Alleine, William. 1679. *The mystery of the temple and city described in the nine last chapters of Ezekiel unfolded.* 88,600 words.

Smith, Francis. 1680. *An impartial account of the tryal of Francis Smith upon an information brought against him for printing and publishing a late book commonly known by the name of Tom Ticklefoot, &c.* 2,500 words.

Boys, William. 1680. *The narrative of Mr. William Boys, citizen of London faithfully relating what came to his knowledge concerning the late horrid Popish plot, and the death of Sir Edmund-Bury Godfrey, by his acquaintance with, and attendance upon Mr. Miles.* 10,000 words.

Creswell, Lady. 1680. *A letter from the Lady Creswell to Madam C., the midwife, on the publishing her late vindication, &c. also, a whip for impudence, or, a lashing repartee to the snarling midwives matchless rogue, being an answer to the rayling libel.* 2,500 words.

Brinley, John. 1680. *A discovery of the impostures of witches and astrologers by John Brinley.* 18,700 words.

Whitaker, Edward. 1681. *A letter from Mr. Edward Whitaker to the Protestant*

joyner upon his bill being sent to Oxford letter. 1,000 words.

Sadler, John. 1682. *Rights of the kingdom, or, Customs of our ancestors touching the duty, power, election, or succession of our Kings and Parliaments, our true liberty, due allegiance, three estates, their legislative power, original, judicial, and executive, with the militia freely discussed through the British, Saxon, Norman laws and histories, with an occasional discourse of great changes yet expected in the world.* 68,000 words.

Clifford, William. 1682. *The power of kings, particularly the British monarchy asserted and vindicated, in a sermon preached at Wakefield in the county of York, Sunday, October the 30th, 1681 by William Clifford.* 8,000 words.

Bryantson, John. 1683. *The mutations of the seas: or, a manifest reason given for all the mutations observed in the seas.* 12,800 words.

Gaunt, Elizabeth. 1685. *Mrs Elizabeth Gaunt's Last speech who was burnt at London, Oct. 23. 1685. as it was written by her own hand, & delivered to Capt. Richardson keeper of Newgate.* 1,100 words.

Fysh, Thomas. 1685. *A sermon preached upon the 29th of May, in the parish-church of St. Margaret in Lyn-Regis in Norfolk, in a great presence by Tho. Fysh.* 8,700 words.

Care, Henry. 1687. *A modest enquiry, whether St. Peter were ever at Rome, and bishop of that church? wherein, I. the arguments of Cardinall Bellarmine and others, for the affirmative are considered, II. some considerations taken notice of that render the negative highly probable.* 37,600 words.

Jameson, William. 1689. *Verus Patroclus, or, the weapons of Quakerism, the weakness of Quakerism being a discourse, wherein the choicest arguments for their chief tenets are enervat, and their best defences annihilat.* 77,500 words.

Keach, Benjamin. 1691. *The breach repaired in God's worship, or, singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, proved to be an holy ordinance of Jesus Christ*

with an answer to all objections. 66,500 words.

Kettlewell, John. 1691. *Christianity, a doctrine of the cross, or, Passive obedience, under any pretended invasion of legal rights and liberties.* 35,400 words.

Easton, Thomas. 1692. *A sermon preach'd at the funeral of John Melford.* 9,800 words.

Hallet, Joseph. 1693. *Christ's ascension into heaven asserted and practically improved in several sermons.* 20,900 words.

Temple, William. 1693. *An essay upon taxes, calculated for the present juncture of affairs in England.* 5,800 words.

Crosfeild, Robert. 1693. *England's glory reviv'd, demonstrated in several propositions shewing an easie and speedy method for fully manning the Royal Navy with saylers, without charge or obstruction to trade.* 10,900 words.

Young, Edward. 1694. *The great advertisement, that a religious life is the best way to present happiness in two sermons preach'd at White-hall, the 1st on Sunday, April the 15th, the 2d on Sunday, Apr. 22, 1694.* 11,700 words.

Bufford, Samuel. 1696. *A discourse against unequal marriages viz, against old persons marrying with young, against persons marrying without the parents or friends consent, against persons marrying without their own consent.* 16,200 words.

Collins, Richard. 1698. *The cause of England's misery, or, A brief account of the corrupt practice of the law humbly offer'd to the consideration of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled.* 4,600 words.

Field, John. 1699. *An apology for the people called Quakers, and an appeal to the inhabitants of Norfolk and Suffolk, or whom else it may concern.* 4,200 words.

Byrne, Gerrald. 1699. *Several instances of the wrongs and oppressions by Q's and R's, suffered by the sailers of the English navy from the beginning of the*

late war most humbly presented to the fountain of justice, the Parliament of England. 3,000 words.

Calef, Robert. 1700. *More wonders of the invisible world, or, the wonders of the invisible world display'd in five parts.* 84,000 words.

Colepepyr, Robert. 1700. *A new method of Robert Colepepyr, Gent, for speedy and effectual preservation of the navigation on the River Thames and to repair the water-breach in to Havering and Dagenham levels in Essex.* 2,500 words.