amongst divers other things they have
inserted this falce seditions and malicious
clause in these words followinge, Wee doe not
read of a greater persecution or higher in
dignitie done upon Gods people in anie
Nation professinge the ghospell then in
this our Island, meaninge thereby this yor
Maties Kingdome of England especially since
the death of Queene Elizabeth. And in
that p^r face or Epistle and booke doe terme
the reverend Prelates and Ps^ps of this land
men of blood, enemies to God and the Estate,
and the Prelacie they call Antichristian
and Satannicall Prelacie, and thereby
endeavour to stirr upp the Readers yor Maties
loveinge sub^ts especiallie the house of
Parliam^t, to whom the same was cheiflie
dedicated to hate the Prelacie, and by all
meanes to destroye and roote them out
and the booke it selfe is intituled thus
A Decade of grievances p^r sented and proved
to the right hono^ble and right Court of
Parliam^t and beginneth thus Right hono^ble
and high Senators yo^u are not unacquainted,
And endeth thus high must yo^u soare but
glorie gives the wings nor lower attempt
a starr-like glorie brings the bodie of

wth booke is stuffed wth manie falce
malicious and insufferable slaunders of and
aga^t the reverend Ps^ps and the Prelacie,
and namlie and particulerlie in the third page
of that booke the said Alexander Leighton
and his Confederates the authors thereof
affirme positivelie that this is the mayne
and Master sinne of this land wth is esta=
=blished by a lawe to maintaine and continewe
the Ps^ps and doe thereby endeavour to intro=
=duce and stirr upp a paritie and by necessary
consequence a suddaine Confusion in this
flourishinge Church In the seaventh page
of that booke they affirme that all Ministers
should have voyces in Councell both deliberative
and decisive and to bringe a severe contempt
and hatred upon these grave learned and
reverend Prelates In the thirtie fift
page of the booke they terme the Ps^ps
of this land Ravens and Pye=maggotts w^th
prey upon the Estate And the said Alexander
Leighton and other the Confederates afore=
=said to shewe theire pride and obstinacie
aga^t the disciplinge of the Church of England
In the threescore and tenth page of that
booke they have inserted these unreverend