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MR. PRAISE-GOD BAREBONE,

*LEATHER SELLER.*

Leader of the Republican Parliament.

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# A WORD

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FANATICS, PURITANS, AND SECTARIES;

OR,

## NEW PREACHERS NEW!

GREEN the Felt-maker, SPENCER the Horse-rubber, QUARTER-TERMINE the Brewer's Clarke, with some few others, that are mighty Sticklers in this new kind of talking Trade, which many ignorant Coxcombes call Preaching.

Whereunto is added the last Tumult in Fleet-street, raised by the disorderly preachment, pratings, and prating of

**MR. BAREBONES THE LEATHER SELLER,**

And Mr. GREENE the Felt-maker, on Sunday last the 19th of December 1641.

WITH

An Authentic Portraitt and Memoir

OF

**MR. PRAISE GOD BAREBONE,**

THE FANATIS LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARLIAMENT,  
DENOMINATED AFTER HIM.

**BAREBONES PARLIAMENT.**



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### MR. PRAISE-GOD BAREBONE.\*

**I**T is very probable the real surname of this enthusiastic, and furious fanatic, was Barbon; a very ancient and honourable family of that name having been settled for many generations in the

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\* There were three brothers of this family, each of whom had a sentence for his name, viz. "Praise-God Barebone."—"Christ-came-into-the-world-to-save Barebone." And, "If-Christ-had-not-died,-thou-hadst-been-damned Barebone;" some are said to have omitted the former part of the sentence, and to have called him only Damn'd Barebone.—It was usual for the pretended saints at this time, to change their names from Henry, Edward, Anthony, William, which they regarded as heathenish, into others more sanctified and godly: even the New Testament names, James, Andrew, John, Peter, were not held in such regard as those borrowed from the Old Testament, Hezekiah, Habakkuk,



neighbourhood of Soho, after some of whom, the open space next Gerrard Street, Newport Market, so late as the reign of George the Second, was recognized by the name of Barbon Square. This

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Joshua, Zerobabel: Sometimes, a whole godly sentence was adopted as a name. Here are the names of a Jury, said to be enclosed in the County of Sussex about this period.

*Accepted Trepnor, of Noesham.*

*Redeemed Compton, of Battle.*

*Faint not Hewitt, of Hatfield.*

*Make Peace Heston, of Hare.*

*God reward Smart, of Five-Hurst.*

*Stand fast on High Stringer, of Crowhurst.*

*Earth Adams, of Worbleton.*

*Called Lower, of the same.*

*Kill Six Pimpie, of Witham.*

*Return Spelman, of Walling.*

*Be Faithful Joiner, of Britling.*

*Fly Debate Roberts, of the same.*

*Fight the good fight of Faith White, of Emer.*

*More Fruit Fowler, of East Hadley.*

*Hope for Bending, of the same.*

*Graceful Harding, of Lewes.*

*Weep not Billing, of the same.*

*Meek Brewer, of Okeham.*

"Cromwell," says Cleveland, "hath beat up his drums clean through the Old Testament.—The Muster-master has no other list than the first chapter of St. Matthew."

Praise-God, was by occupation a leather-seller, and resided in Fleet Street, where he carried on a prosperous trade, became a member of the Parliament assembled by Cromwell; and was one of the most active, if not the most able, of that assembly, which took its denomination from him, of BAREBONE'S PARLIAMENT.

When Monk came to London, with a view of restoring the King, and was intent upon the re-admission of the secluded members, this man appeared at the head of a numerous rabble of fanatics, which was alarming even to that intrepid general. A petition was presented by their leader to the parliament, for the exclusion of the King and Royal Family; Monk, who knew the popularity of Barebone, was obliged, to make a general muster of his army, and wrote a letter to the parliament, in which he expostulated with them for giving too much countenance to that furious zealot and his adherents; this produced the desired

effect, in answer to his letter, Monk received the resolves of the House, that the gates of the City of London and the portcullises be destroyed, and that he be ordered to put the said votes in execution: this was on the 9th of February, 1659; and the General lost not a moment, but promptly obeyed the instructions given: this panic-struck Barebone and the whole of his party. The latest memorial we find recorded of this worthy, is by Bulstrode Whitelock, who informs us that on the 31st of March, 1659, Mr. Praise-God Barebone signed an engagement to the Council of State, not to act any thing in disturbance of the peace.

On the turning out of the *Rump*, the wits of the time made many odes and ballads on the occasion. Praise-God Barebone and his coadjutors, are particularly noticed in the following verses :