

Henry Parker and the English Civil War: The Political Thought of the Public's 'Privado'; 9780521521314; Michael Mendle; Cambridge University Press, 2003; 2003; 228 pages

"...the book is to be commended as an indispensable guide to the life and thought of the first great apologist for the doctrine of parliamentary absolutism." *The American Journal of Legal History*. Book Description. From the Back Cover. Henry Parker and the English civil war is the first full study in fifty years of the author of the most celebrated political tract of the early years of the English civil war, *Observations upon Some of His Majesties Late Answers and Expresses*. Professor Mendle situates each of Parker's significant tracts in its polemical, intellectual, and political context. He also views Parker's literary work in the light of his career as privado, or intimate adviser, to leading figures of the parliamentary leadership. The English Civil War (1642-1651) was a series of civil wars and political machinations between Parliamentarians ("Roundheads") and Royalists ("Cavaliers"), mainly over the manner of England's governance and issues of religious freedom. It was part of the wider Wars of the Three Kingdoms. The first (1642-1646) and second (1648-1649) wars pitted the supporters of King Charles I against the supporters of the Long Parliament, while the third (1649-1651) saw fighting between supporters of King Charles II. The public's privado: The ship money case and The Case of Shipmony Religio laid Observations and the political theory of the emergency. The Observer observed "Vaine Confidence in the Law": the Observer responds Diverse urgent emergent considerations Disputable and visible politics Conclusion: contrary points of war. 1 32 51 70 90 111 137 160 180. Appendix: The writings of Henry Parker Index. 191 197. IX. PREFACE. A very fine scholar of early modern political thought once told me- after I had begun this project- about the "curse of Parker." As these words are written, I am not yet its victim. But my own lively sense of the difficulties facing other students of Parker, actual and prospective, has shaped this volume. Parker's demonstration of the link between climate change and worldwide catastrophe 350 years ago stands as an extraordinary historical achievement. And the contemporary implications of his study are equally important: are we at all prepared today for the catastrophes that climate change could bring tomorrow?. View. Show abstract. Henry Parker and the English Civil War: The Political Thought of the Public's "Privado", by Michael December 1996. Canadian Journal of History. Michael Finlayson. Read more. Article. Politics, Religion and the English Civil War. February 1976. The American Historical Review. Caroline Robbins. Michael Mendle. Henry Parker and the English Civil War: The Political Thought of the Public's "Privado". Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995. xx + 204 pp. £35.00, cloth, ISBN 978-0-521-48227-1. Reviewed by Glenn Burgess Published on H-Albion (March, 1997). Henry Parker has long been recognized as the most original and hard-headed of the propagandists who defended the legitimacy of parliament's war with Charles I during the first Civil War. Until now, that recognition has not won for Parker's writings the close attention that they deserve. Michael Mendle