

**Perfecting Parliament:
Constitutional Reform, Liberalism,
and the Rise of Western Democracy**

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[The] members of parliament had been recalled, so far as the government was concerned, for **one reason and one reason alone: money ...**

In the end the members of parliament accepted the king' assurances and decided to "proceed notwithstanding." They **now wanted confirmation of the adequacy of their offer, and also a more concrete set of proposals outlining what the king might surrender in return**

Rabb (1998: 140, 149) on Sir Edwin Sandys and the great contract of 1610.

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