Whereas some men have thought and reported it to be very great negligence in us for that we have so long kept back from you [this,] being so profitable a work for you, namely fythe maister J[ohnne] Dawes had translated it and delivered it into our handes more than a tweluemoneth past: you shall understande for our excuse in that behalfe, that we could not wel imprinte it soner. For we have ben by diverse necessarie causes constrained with our earnest entreatance to procure an other frede or oures to translate it whole again. This translation, we trust, you shall well allow. For it hath not only ben faithfully done by the translator himself, but also hath ben wholly perused by such men, whose ingement and credit al the godly learned in Englande well knowe I estheme. But since it is now come forth, we pray you accept it, and see it. If any faultes have passed us by oversight, we beseche you let us have your patience, as you have had our diligence.

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