Katherine Chidley was the first woman to take up her pen in the political and religious crisis of the mid seventeenth century. Her pamphlets urge parliament to take vigorous action against the royalists on behalf of the parliament. In a series of pamphlets she urges parliament to resist all attempts at conciliation or compromise, and to 'stand firm and steady' in the fight against the king. Katherine Chidley's activities were part of a larger movement of political and religious dissent that emerged during the English Civil War. This movement was characterized by a rejection of the established church and a commitment to principles of liberty and equality. Katherine Chidley was one of the most active and prominent figures in this movement, and her contributions to the cause of political and religious freedom remain an inspiration to this day.