the King ſaid unto Nathan the Prophet, See now, I dwell in a Houſe of Cedar, but the Ark of God dwelleth within Curtains. I ſay, if this *Pſalm* was compoſed by *David*, it probably relates to this Part of his Life: Which is alſo the Opinion of the moſt Excellent Paraphraſt abovemention'd. And if it does relate to this Part of *David*'s Life, it is moſt admirably applied to the Service of this Day by our Excellently Pious and Learned Metropolitan. From whom I may be ſaid to take it, as a Theme ſuitable, and well agreeing to our preſent Purpoſe this Day; wherein we are called upon by our preſent Good and Gracious Sovereign, (who is, GOD be praiſed for it, now made King over us by the ſame Divine Providence, and much after the ſame Manner as *David* was over *Iſrael*) to return our Thanks to Almighty God, together with him, for his Quiet and Peaceable Acceſſion to the Throne of theſe Kingdoms.

I ſhall therefore conſider the Words of my Text, as expreſs'd by *David*; and as relating to that Part of his Story; and ſhall apply both to our preſent Buſineſs.

As for the Part of *David*'s Story to which this *Pſalm* relates; if we conſider it a little, we ſhall find it not diſagreeable, in many of its Circumſtances, from that of His Preſent Majeſty, ſet over us much in the ſame Manner as *David* was over *Iſrael*.

The Story of *Saul*, the firſt King of *Iſrael*, and *David*'s immediate Predeceſſor, is well known; How from a Private Station he was Choſen of God, and Anointed to be King of his Choſen People, by his Holy Prophet. And after that, How he was rejected from being King, both he and his Poſterity, becauſe he had rejected the Word of the Lord, and did not utterly deſtroy the *Amalekites*, as he was expreſly Commanded to do, 1 *Sam.* 15. *Verſes* 23, and 26. *Wherefore the Lord rent the Kingdom of Iſrael from him*—

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