and gave it to a Neighbour of his, that was better than him, v. 28. And accordingly, we find the Prophet *Samuel* ſent in the 16th Chapter, to anoint *David*, again from a private Station, King over *Iſrael*, during the Life of *Saul*; and which was accordingly performed at the 13th Verſe. Upon which the Spirit of the Lord came upon *David*, in an extraordinary Manner; and he increaſed in Favour both with God and Man.

For upon his killing *Goliah* of *Gath*, which was followed by the entire Rout of the Army of the *Philiſtines*, he obtained the Favour of *Saul* himſelf ſo far, as to have the Promiſe of one of his Daughters in Marriage; and in all things behaved himſelf ſo wiſely, that he gained ſo far upon the People, by preſerving them and their Country from their inveterate and powerful Enemy the *Philiſtines*; *That it came to paſs, as they came, when David returned from the Slaughter of the Philiſtines, that the Women came out of all the Cities of Iſrael, ſinging and dancing to meet King Saul with Tabrets and Harps, and with Inſtruments of Muſick; that the Women anſwer'd one another as they play'd, and ſaid, Saul hath ſlain his Thouſands, and David his Ten Thouſands,* 1 Sam. 18. v. 6, 7.

From which Day forward, *Saul*, being wrath and much diſpleaſed at the Saying of the Women, and perceiving that *David* was deſigned his Succeſſor, as well by the Voice of the People, as by the Appointment and Unction of God himſelf, eyed *David*, v. 8, and 9. we may be ſure with an envious Eye. He was afraid of him, becauſe the Lord was with him, and the People loved him. He ſtrove to kill him firſt by a Javelin from his own hand. He removed him from his Perſon and Preſence: And from being over all the Men of War, he made him Captain over only a Thouſand. In which Station, he behaved himſelf with ſo much Courage and Conduct, that all *Iſrael* and *Judah* continued ſtill to love him; nay, rather loved him more, becauſe he went in and out before them, v. 16.