But by this Means *David* was kept out of the Kingdom of *Iſrael* for Seven Years and Six Months; and by *Abner*'s Management *Iſhboſheth*'s Unjuſt Hereditary Title made good in the Kingdom of *Iſrael* for ſo long. During which Time, there was War between the Houſe of *David* and the Houſe of *Saul*.

But at laſt *David*'s righteous Cauſe prevailed, and *Abner* himſelf pulled down the Pretender, which he himſelf had ſet up. Upon which, *all the Elders of Iſrael* (2 Sam. 5. 3.) *came to the King to Hebron; and King David made a League with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David King over Iſrael*, as the Men of *Judah* for their Part, (2 *Sam.* 2. 4.) and the Prophet *Samuel* by God's Appointment, had done before, (1 *Sam.* 16. 13.)

Thus then by the Providence of God *David* was put in Poſſeſſion, both of the Kingdom of *Judah*, and the Kingdom of *Iſrael*: To which, one may venture to ſay, He had the beſt Title that ever any Prince had to any Throne. He had the greateſt Merit, as being a Man and a King too after God's own Heart. He was anointed both by the People, and the Prophet of the Lord. Thus too at laſt was *David* happy in the peaceful Poſſeſſion of his Rightful Kingdoms; and the People of *Iſrael* and *Judah* bleſſed in ſo Wiſe, ſo Merciful, ſo Valiant, ſo Juſt, ſo Holy a King.

'Twas with good Reaſon therefore that *David* compoſed the *Pſalm* from whence I have my Text, for the Uſe of his People. Both he and his People would have been unthankful to God, and unworthy of ſo great a Bleſſing, if they had not rejoiced in giving Praiſe to God for that Operation of his Hand.

And ſo ſhall we too, my Brethren, unleſs we return our hearty Thanks to Almighty God, for the greater Bleſſing he has vouchſafed us, by placing his Majeſty, that now reigns over us, Quietly and Securely upon the Throne of theſe Realms. *David* and his People were

thankful